

THE UNITED MESSENGER

FIFTEENTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DONATION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M., TUESDAY AND THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

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May, 2023

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May Devotional

From The Pastor...,

As I sit and think about the month of May, I think of new life. This year our flowers are already in bloom. But, the trees are still budding and other flowers and shrubs will bloom as spring and summer go on. I love this time of year. I love to sit on the front porch of the parsonage in the early morning and drink my cups of tea. I love to watch cars drive by (usually way too fast) and I love to greet people as they walk by wondering who they are and where they are going and what their lives are like. Some have animals, some have kids and or strollers and others I can tell are college students.

As many of you know, there is a big swing on the one side of the front porch and on the other side we have always had some lounge chairs for Jack and me but it was never very inviting for people to come and sit with us. So this year, we bought some actual lawn / porch furniture. There is a couch and two chairs and a table. It is going to be more inviting for people to come and sit and talk. I am blessed to also have a back porch and a yard that is inviting for children and adults to come play or sit and chat. I am looking forward to doing some back porch concerts where we can gather and see old friends and make new friends.

I remember as a kid our front porch was a gathering spot. There was a glider on the front porch. We loved to sit on the glider and swing back and forth. Games were played on the front porch or conversations and even music was made on our front porch. I loved our front porch. I think a lot of people have gotten away from sitting on their front porches like we did in years past.

Sometimes I wish churches had front porches. I wonder how inviting the churches front porches would be? Would there be furniture to invite people to come and sit and chat or would they be empty and not very welcoming?

The United Methodist Church of years past does not look like the UMC of right now and as the UMC right now is going through a transition it will not look the same in the future. I believe God is doing a new thing. The question is, "Are we going to have front porches or pews that will be welcoming to everyone or are we going to exclude those who do not fit in to our front porches of yesteryear?" I pray that our churches will always be welcoming to the stranger who enters our buildings or sits on our front porches, as Jesus is with us. He is always ready to welcome us to sit and chat with him anytime and anywhere in all situations. May God bless your porches or gathering spaces at home and at the church and may we always show the love of Jesus to all.

Pastor Barb



Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Sale – Cost: \$3.50

Donation UMC will be making the sandwiches on Thursday, May 4th - 4:00 p.m.

15th Street UMC can pick theirs up on Thursday, May 4th - 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. OR Friday, May 5th - 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

For 15th Street orders, please put your payment in the offering plate, designated for sandwiches, or pay Miriam in the church office in order that payments are received accurately. Payment should be made **BEFORE** pick up, if possible.

There are sign-ups sheets available at both churches. Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, May 3rd.

FIFTEENTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE MAY 2023

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| May 7, 2023 | Fifth Sunday Of Easter
Holy Communion
Scripture Lessons – Acts 7:55-60; I Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14
Sermon: “Living Rocks” |  |
| May 14, 2023 | Sixth Sunday Of Easter
Mother's Day
Scripture Lessons – Acts 17:22-31; I Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21
Sermon: “Show Me” |  |
| May 21, 2023 | Seventh Sunday Of Easter
Ascension Of The Lord
Scripture Lessons – Acts 1:1-14; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 24:44-53
Sermon: “Casting Your Cares” | |
| May 28, 2023 | Pentecost Sunday (wear red)
Scripture Lessons – Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23
Sermon: “He Breathed On Them” |  |

15th Street United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Orvis Wagner	May 5 Mike Knott	May 7 Kris Conlon
May 11 Juliana Zeek	May 17 Christopher Mort	
May 21 Kathy Amman	May 26 Neil Barben	May 27 Debbie Drake

ANNIVERSARIES

May 19 Deborah Cramer and Tim Riley May 21 Steve and Amy Merritts

Donation United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

May 4 Deloris Houck	May 8 Walter Edwards
May 12 Freddie Schelcher	May 26 Amy Stickler

ANNIVERSARIES

May 5 Robert and Betty Leamer

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR BOTH DONATION AND 15TH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

BLUEBERRY SALE – 10# BOX (approximately 13 1/2 pints) – \$32.00
(sponsored by Altoona District Mission Central HUB)

Orders will be accepted through **SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH.**

Order Forms: Donation UMC – located on the table in the vestibule

15th Street UMC – located on the radiator at the back of the sanctuary

Delivery Date: Thursday, July 6th-TBD. **Both Churches, Please Make Checks Payable To: 15th Street UM Church.**

Sympathy Is Extended To The
JANE MCCOOL FAMILY.

Jane entered life triumphant on Friday, April 7, 2023.

Please continue to keep the family in prayer for comfort in this time of loss.

happy birthday

happy anniversary

MARCH, 2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

					<u>INCOME VS EXPENSE</u>	
	<u>ACTUAL INCOME</u>		<u>ACTUAL EXPENSES</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	
		<u>YEAR</u>		<u>YEAR</u>		
	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>PLUS</u>	<u>MINUS</u>
<u>CURRENT INCOME</u>	\$11,862.76	\$50,679.85				
<u>CURRENT EXPENSES</u>			\$19,689.80	\$56,417.19		
						-\$5,737.34
<u>BENEVOLENCE INCOME</u>	\$1,117.50	\$2,459.48				
<u>BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES</u>			\$1,262.50	\$2,355.48		
					\$104.00	
<u>TRUSTEE INCOME</u>	\$589.00	\$2,001.00				
<u>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</u>			\$589.00	\$2,001.00		
					\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>COMBINED INCOME</u>	\$13,569.26	\$55,140.33				
<u>COMBINED EXPENSES</u>			\$21,541.30	\$60,773.67		

Special Offerings for March

Blanket Sunday	\$ 15.00
Food Bank Renovations	\$ 100.00
Forum Fuel Assistance	\$ 143.00
Huntingdon Fire Company	\$ 250.00
Mission Central-Earthquakes	\$ 250.00
UMCOR (ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING)	\$ 134.00
Sandwich Sale For Donation	\$ 370.50

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

May 7, 2023	Cash Day (This is a collection received to help cover rising heating and cooling utilities.)
May 14, 2023	Peace With Justice Sunday (Funds used from this offering will go to programs that teach resolution of conflict to all ages.)

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DONATION AND 15TH STREET UM CHURCHES

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN - CROSSROADS PREGNANCY CENTER - IT TAKES A COMMUNITY

It is almost time for our annual baby bottle campaign to start – Mother's Day, May 14th through Father's Day, June 18th.

CPR provides baby bottles to participating churches. This is their single largest fundraiser. They receive NO government funding for their work while providing counseling, care, medical exams, and support to women, men and teenagers who find themselves uncertain about what to do or where to go for support. So, pick up your bottle on Mother's Day Sunday and join us in this campaign. You have 3 ways to give - Fill A Bottle; Mail A Check (424 Washington Street-Huntingdon, PA 16652); or Give Online At www.cpcforlife.org/baby-bottle-boomerang.

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looking into june...

Best Of The Blest (music Sunday) – 15th Street UMC – Sunday, June 4th – 10:45 a.m.

Fun In The Sun – Donation U/M Church – Sunday, June 4th – 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

food (free) – fun – children's activities – fellowship – bring your lawn chair – entertainment

SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH PROGRAM – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH

will be starting on Wednesday, June 7th and continuing through Wednesday, August 9th, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Interested in helping? call Pastor Barb-814 312-0913.

-EVENTS TO REMEMBER-

RETIRED TEACHER'S BANQUET – 15TH STREET UMC
 Wednesday, May 3rd – 12:00 p.m. – Church Social Room
 Prepared / Served By The Twentieth Century Men's S.S. Class

MAKING HAM 'N CHEESE SANDWICHES – DONATION UMC
 Thursday, May 4th – 4:00 p.m.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
 Thursday, May 4th – 6:30 p.m.

HAM 'N CHEESE SANDWICH PICK-UP FOR 15TH STREET UMC
 Thursday, May 4th – 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. or
 Friday, May 5th – 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

MOTHER / DAUGHTER DAY BANQUET – 15TH STREET UMC
 Friday, May 5th – 6:00 p.m.
 Prepared / Served By The Twentieth Century Men's S.S. Class

"THE CHOSEN" – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UMC
 Saturday, May 6th – 9:00 a.m.

HOLY COMMUNION – DONATION / 15TH STREET UM CHURCHES
 Sunday, May 7th – 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

CIVIC DINNER – SALVATION ARMY – SMITHFIELD FIRE COMPANY
 Thursday, May 11th – 5:00 p.m.

"THE CHOSEN" – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UMC
 Saturday, May 13th – 9:00 a.m.

LADIES SPRING BANQUET – DONATION UM CHURCH
 Open To Donation and 15th Street UMC Ladies
 Saturday, May 13th – 5:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – DONATION UM CHURCH
 Monday, May 15th – 6:00 p.m.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE – WILLIAMSPORT
 Wednesday, May 17th – Saturday, May 20th

CHURCH COUNCIL – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH
 Tuesday, May 23rd – 6:30 p.m.

DONATION CHURCH PREPARING / SERVING SOUP KITCHEN
 Thursday, May 25th – 4:00 p.m.

"THE CHOSEN" – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UMC
 Saturday, May 27th – 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Chancel Choir 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.;
 Bell Choir 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

MONDAYS

6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. – Music! Music! Music! Community Choir
 (No Music! Music! Music!, Monday, May 29th)

when May / June approaches, we think of graduation..., If there are any graduates, (high school-college-trade school) who are attendees, members or children of members of the 15th Street or Donation UMC, please let us know by contacting the church office, 643-3690 or emailing Miriam, secretary15@verizon.net with details.



Donation UMC is in need of several positions to be filled. If you or anyone you may know would be interested or would want additional information on the positions listed below, please see or contact Debbie Lear, (814) 251-2133.

1. Pianist - Hired Position
2. Custodian - Hired Position





Mother/Daughter Banquet – Friday, May 5th
 6:00 p.m.-15th Street UMC (social room)
 20th Century Men's S.S. Class will be preparing and serving. If planning to attend, please sign up on the sheet located on the radiator at the back of the church sanctuary.

Spring Banquets



Ladies Spring Banquet (for Donation and 15th Street UMC)
 Donation UMC (social room)-Saturday, May 13th-5:00 p.m.
 meat, beverages and table settings will be provided;
 just bring a covered dish / dessert to share.
 15th Street UMC Ladies – if planning to attend, please call Debbie Lear at (814) 251-2133.

MAY **2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	6:45 p.m. Community Choir		12:00 p.m. Retired Teacher's Banquet - Men's S.S. Class Serving 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir	4:00 p.m. Donation UMC Making Ham 'n Cheese Sandwiches 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Pick-up For 15th Street Orders 6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Meeting	9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Pick-up For 15th Street Orders 6:00 p.m. Mother's Day Banquet 15th Street UMC (social room) Men's S.S. Class Serving	9:00 a.m. The "CHOSEN" Bible Study 15th Street UMC
Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Donation UMC 10:45 a.m. 15th Street UMC	6:45 p.m. Community Choir		6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir	5:00 p.m. Civic Dinner Salvation Army Smithfield Fire Company		9:00 a.m. The "CHOSEN" Bible Study 15th Street UMC 5:00 p.m. Ladies Spring Banquet Donation UMC (social room) -for Donation and 15th Street UMC Ladies-
	6:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting Donation UMC 6:45 p.m. Community Choir		6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir			NO Bible Study
Annual Conference-Williamsport						
	6:45 p.m. Community Choir	6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting 15th Street UMC	6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir	4:00 p.m. Donation UMC Preparing/Serving Soup Kitchen		9:00 a.m. The "CHOSEN" Bible Study 15th Street UMC
28 No Community Choir 	29 No Community Choir	6:45 p.m. Community Choir		Food Bank Monetary Donations	15th Street UM Church 9:30 a.m.-Sunday School 10:45 a.m.-Worship Donation UM Church 9:15 a.m.-Worship 10:45 a.m.-Sunday School	

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