THE UNITED MESSENGER

FIFTEENTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DONATION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MANOR HILL CHARGE – ENNISVILLE; FAITH; WESLEY CHAPEL

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY – WEDNESDAY, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

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October, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR...,
OCTOBER DEVOTIONAL, 2026





"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...," – Philippians 2:5

Often we hear people say, "I have a mind to." They are thinking about doing something. For some it might be leaving work early. For others, it could be speaking their mind to someone who has hurt them. For some it may just be whether or not to go up to bed for the night. When we have mind to, we have the thought or inclination to do something.

St. Paul says that we should have the same mind that was in Jesus. To let our minds think and act as Jesus did. A mind that humbled itself in love for God, to not live as God in our world, but emptied himself of this power and life to be human. He did this to the point where, to show grace in God, He was obedient to death in the most horrible way on the cross. He died this humble love for you and me that we might know the saving grace of God and find that saving grace in faith that has a mind to be Christ-like in our daily lives in humility, sacrifice, obedience, and love in Him. In Jesus, we see the very Savior who comes not in tyrannical power to lord over us in fear, but a Savior humbled by love to be love and teach us to live in His love as those who follow His way, be of His mind, and walk in His example as followers of Christ in our world.

We must have the same mind to be like Jesus. Not to live as the world does in fear, and greed, and apathy, and violence, hopelessness, and tyranny, but in humble love that follows Christ each day. To seek to empty ourselves of all that calls us away from following Jesus and living a life that exalts Jesus as Lord in our hearts and lives as we live a faith where every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord. Living humbly is by loving the people in our world, whether we like them or not, agree with them or not, or care for them or not. We are to be in the same mind of love in Jesus with all our world and to be humbly living this love with everyone regardless of our feelings for them. Ours is to be the same mind. The mind of grace in God and love in Christ that shows in how we care for our world.

Have this same mind that was in Jesus by having a mind to love and be love in Jesus in our world as you humble your life and give yourself to Christ in ways that shows His humble life lived in your life daily.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Jim



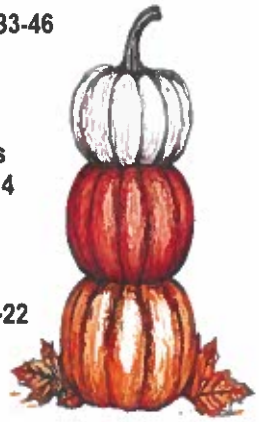
Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, October 14th, Pastor House will be offering a Bible Study for our Parish. These studies will be every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m., at Wesley Chapel and 6:30 p.m., at 15th Street UMC. You can choose which site and time you would like to come and participate. The study will be on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. Please bring a Bible, notebook, pen or pencil and join in on this learning opportunity.



FIFTEENTH STREET / DONATION / MANOR HILL CHARGE (ENNISVILLE – FAITH – WESLEY CHAPEL) UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES - WORSHIP SCHEDULE OCTOBER, 2026

October 4, 2026 — Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Holy Communion For Manor Hill Charge
Scripture Lessons – Philippines 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
Sermon: "Pressing On To Gain Christ"



October 11, 2026 — Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Communion For Donation / 15th Street Churches
Scripture Lessons – Philippines 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
Sermon: "There Is Room For Us All"

October 18, 2026 — Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture Lessons – Exodus 33:12-23; Matthew 22:15-22
Sermon: "We Can All Find Favor With God"

October 25, 2026 — Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture Lessons – I Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46
Sermon: "Love Is The Key"

15th Street United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

October 5 Ron Yoder
October 5 Jeremiah Zeek
October 7 Pat Beck
October 8 Sharon Hendricks
October 10 Aiden Streightiff
October 15 Charles T. Streightiff
October 20 Michael Sellers
October 23 Debbie Cramer

happy birthday

Donation United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

October 1 Jesse McCool
October 11 Tom Workinger
October 22 Jacob Edwards

happy anniversary

Ennisville United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAY

October 29 Jessica Couch

ANNIVERSARY

October 31 Elwood and Alberta Keller

Faith United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

October 1 Jane Ayers
October 4 Emily Hammond
October 6 Regan Wilson
October 20 Rose Huntsman
October 25 Cheryl Robertson

ANNIVERSARY

October 16 Jay and Sarah Cook

FAITH UM CHURCH WILL BE RINGING BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY
ACE Hardware - Saturday, December 5th - 10:00 a.m.-??? – Have You Signed Up? please call Mary, (814) 424-0351.

- Events To Remember -

Twentieth Century Men's Class Serving Football Team
Friday, October 2nd – 2:30 p.m.

Charge Conference – First UM Church, Huntingdon
Saturday, October 3rd – 10:00 a.m.

Coffee / Fellowship Time – Faith UM Church
Sunday, October 4th – 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

World Communion Sunday – Manor Hill UM Churches
Wesley Chapel – 8:30 a.m.;
Ennisville – 9:45 a.m.; Faith – 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, October 4th

Trustee Meeting
Monday, October 5th – 3:30 p.m.

Holy Communion – Donation / 15th Street UM Churches
Sunday, October 11th – 9:15 a.m.; 10:45 a.m.

Church Picnic – Donation UMC – Greenwood Furnace
Sunday, October 11th – 1:00 p.m.

Endowment Committee Meeting – 15th Street UM Church
Monday, October 12th – 3:30 p.m.

United Methodist Men's Meeting – Wesley Chapel
Monday, October 12th – 5:00 p.m.

Community Meal – Faith UM Church
Tuesday, October 13th – 12:00 p.m. (see detailed announcement)

Church Council Meeting – Ennisville UM Church
Tuesday, October 13th – 1:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Faith UM Church
Tuesday, October 13th – 2:30 p.m.

Bible Study With Pastor House (see detailed announcement)
Wednesday, October 14th
Wesley Chapel – 3:00 p.m.; 15th Street UMC – 6:30 p.m.

Making Ham 'n Cheese Sandwiches – Donation UMC
Thursday, October 15th – 3:00 p.m.

Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Sale
Pick-up For 15th Street Orders
Friday, October 16th – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Coffee / Fellowship Time – Wesley Chapel
Sunday, October 18th – 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Rise Against Hunger Packaging Event
McConnellstown UM Church
Sunday, October 18th – 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Administrative Council – Donation UM Church
Monday, October 19th – 1:00 p.m.

Bible Study With Pastor House (see detailed announcement)
Wednesday, October 21st
Wesley Chapel – 3:00 p.m.; 15th Street UMC – 6:30 p.m.

Twentieth Century Men's Class Serving Football Team
Friday, October 23rd – 2:30 p.m.

Bible Study With Pastor House (see detailed announcement)
Wednesday, October 28th
Wesley Chapel – 3:00 p.m.; 15th Street UMC – 6:30 p.m.

Donation Church Preparing / Serving Soup Kitchen
Thursday, October 29th – 4:00 p.m.

Soup Sale – 15th Street UM Church
Saturday, October 31st

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MONDAYS
6:45 p.m. – Music! Music! Music! Community Choir

WEDNESDAYS
Bell Choir – 5:45 p.m.; Chancel Choir – 6:30 p.m.

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Methodist Men's Meeting - Monday – October 12th – 5:00 p.m.
Men from ALL five churches are urged to attend. Location: Wesley Chapel UM Church

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As printed above, the meal packaging event is being held Sunday, October 18th, at the McConnellstown UMC. It begins at 1:00 p.m. and runs until 3:00 p.m. Fifteen thousand meal bags are being assembled, with approximately 75 people needed as volunteers. If you are willing/able to assist, please consider volunteering for this mission endeavor.

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November..., in the 15th Street UM Church Social Room, there is another book sale being planned.
DATES: Thursday, November 12th – Friday, November 13th – Saturday, November 14th. Times to be announced...,

AUGUST, 2026
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

					INCOME VS EXPENSE	
	ACTUAL INCOME		ACTUAL EXPENSES		YEAR TO DATE	
		YEAR		YEAR		
	AUGUST	TO DATE	AUGUST	TO DATE	PLUS	MINUS
CURRENT INCOME	$19,047.65	$146,748.74				
CURRENT EXPENSES			$18,695.26	$158,394.39		
						-$11,645.65
BENEVOLENCE INCOME	$275.00	$3,321.26				
BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES			$160.00	$1,896.26		
					$1,425.00	
TRUSTEE INCOME	$455.00	$6,985.75				
TRUSTEE EXPENSES			$455.00	$6,985.75		
					$0.00	$0.00
COMBINED INCOME	$19,777.65	$157,055.75				
COMBINED EXPENSES			$19,310.26	$167,276.40		

The actual CURRENT income figure of $19,047.65 for August, 2026, reflects a withdrawal amount of $1,300.00 from the BERNICE CREMER ENDOWMENT to compensate for the declining income to assist with everyday operating expenses for the church.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR AUGUST

Christian Education	$ 25.00
Forum Fuel	$ 35.00
Huntingdon Fire Company (Lunch Bunch)	$ 100.00

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Donation UM Church — Church Picnic
Sunday, October 11th
1:00 p.m. – Greenwood Furnace
Meat, rolls, beverages, and table service provided.
You are asked to bring a covered dish to share.

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SOMETHING NEW AND EXCITING IS HAPPENIN'...,
COMMUNITY MEAL AT FAITH UMC
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH – 12:00 P.M.

With the closure of Couch's Convenience Store where local folks went for meals and companionship, Faith UM Church is going to sponsor a meal once a month for any and all who would be interested in attending. September was their first month to reach out with this new ministry provided by the church. It was well attended with plans for more involvement locally as the word gets out. So..., as mentioned in the bulletins, be a committee of one and spread the word around.

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SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October 4, 2026	World Communion Sunday (The offering is received for assisting racial and ethnic minority persons pursing various ministry avenues.)
October 18, 2026	Organ Fund (This offering pays for minor repairs and tuning of the church organ and piano.)
October 25, 2026	Cash Day (This is a collection received to help cover rising heating and cooling utilities.)

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Donation UMC - Ham 'n Cheese Sandwiches - $4.00 each
FIRST FOR THE SEASON...,
Sandwiches are being made Thursday afternoon, October 15th, 3:00, at the Donation UMC. Pickup orders for 15th Street UMC will be Friday, October 16th, 10:00 a.m.-noon, (at 15th Street UM Church). If planning to order, please sign up on the designated sheets located at the churches or call Debbie Lear, 814 251-2133. Ordering Deadline: Sunday, October 11th.

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SOUP SALE FUNDRAISER FOR 15TH STREET UMC
Saturday, October 31st
Soup varieties will be: Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef, and Ham 'n Bean. Cost: $10.00 a quart.
Deadline for ordering is Saturday, October 24th.
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Manor Hill Charge Wesley Chapel UMC–8:30 a.m.; Ennisville UMC–9:45 a.m.; Faith UMC–11:00 a.m. 15th Street UMC 9:30 a.m.-Sunday School; 10:45 a.m.-Worship Donation UMC 9:15 a.m.-Worship				1	2 2:30 p.m. Twentieth Century Men's S.S. Class Serving The Football Team	3 10:00 a.m. Charge Conference First UM Church Huntingdon ALL Members Are Urged To Attend.
4 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY Wesley Chapel UMC 8:30 a.m. Ennisville UMC 9:45 a.m. Faith UMC Coffee/Fellowship 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.	5 3:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting 6:45 p.m. Community Choir	6	7 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	8	9	10
11 HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 a.m. Donation UMC 10:45 a.m. 15th Street UMC 1:00 p.m. Donation UMC Annual Church Picnic At Greenwood Furnace	12 3:30 p.m. Endowment Committee 5:00 p.m. United Methodist Men's Meeting – Held At Wesley Chapel All Men Welcome! 6:45 p.m. Community Choir	13 12:00 p.m. Community Meal Faith UMC (see detailed announcement) 1:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting Ennisville UMC 2:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting Faith UMC	14 Bible Study With Pastor House 3:00 p.m. Wesley Chapel 6:30 p.m. 15th Street UMC 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	15 3:00 p.m. Making Ham 'n Cheese Sandwiches At Donation UMC	16 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Pick-up At 15th Street UMC	17
18 Wesley Chapel UMC Coffee / Fellowship 8:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Rise Against Hunger Packaging McConnellstown UM Church	19 1:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting Donation Church 6:45 p.m. Community Choir	20	21 Bible Study With Pastor House 3:00 p.m. Wesley Chapel 6:30 p.m. 15th Street UMC 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	22	23 2:30 p.m. Twentieth Century Men's S.S. Class Serving The Football Team	24
25	26 6:45 p.m. Community Choir	27	28 Bible Study With Pastor House 3:00 p.m. Wesley Chapel 6:30 p.m. 15th Street UMC 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	29 4:00 p.m. Donation UMC Preparing/ Serving Soup Kitchen Lutheran Church	30	31 Soup Sale 15th Street UMC (see detailed announcement)

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