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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September, 2026

FROM THE PASTOR - REV. JAMES C. HOUSE

SEPTEMBER DEVOTIONAL

As we begin our time together, I thought that I might introduce myself to you. I am glad to be appointed as your pastor, and my hope is that we can work in ministry for Jesus to build our churches so that we are seeking to bring the Good News of Jesus to our community, our neighborhood, and our world.

But, first, a little bit about me. I was born in Nesopeck, PA but grew up in the City of Altoona where my father was a pastor in the 70's. I graduated from Northeastern York High School in Manchester PA, received my Bachelor's Degree from Lycoming College in Williamsport PA, and my Masters of Divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary in Lancaster, PA.

I have been an active pastor in the former Central PA Conference and, now, Susquehanna Conference for 38 years. I have a certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Center for Spiritual Formation and have done 2 units of Clinical Pastoral Education both at York Hospital and at Geisinger.

I have a great love for scripture and for preaching and teaching God's Word. I find that our center is in the Word and, from that center, we work our way out to know and love and live for God. I also love to connect with people, in the church and in the community, so we can get to know one another. I think it is important that we know each other and connect with one another so we can grow together.

Personally, I am a Penn State and Pittsburgh Steeler fan. I love all kinds of music. If you come into the office, at any given time I am there, music is always playing. I love to sing, do word games and watch a good movie now and then. I love humor [if you haven't guessed by now] and love to laugh {my wife calls me the King of the Dad Jokes} and both Ange and Kim groan at my humor. But, most of all, I love to be with my family and spend time with them.

I am married to Ange whom I met at Lycoming College. We have been together for 44 years and this October, married for 40 years. She is a great cook, a wonderful mother, and my best friend! She and I have two daughters. Kimberlin, whom many of you have met, is 38 and has worked various retail jobs in places where we have served in Central and NE PA, and Jezika, who is 35, is married to Rick, our wonderful son-in-law. Jezi works for an airplane parts company. They live in Emmaus, PA with Milo, the Corgi and Rayme, the cat. We, also, have furry babies. Our dog is [hold on to your hats] Prince Fotcher Theodore Spencer, a Yorkie-Poo and official watch dog. Our cat is [again, hold on to your hats] General C.J. Aloysius who is really in charge of the house! That's our family! We hope to get to know you, too. I hope this helps you to know me, Ange, Kim, Jezi and Rick a bit better.

Again, it really is my privilege to be your pastor. I hope we can grow together, connect with each other, our neighbors, and communities to bring the Good News of Jesus to everyone!



Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Jim

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES - WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER, 2026

September 6, 2026 **Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
Holy Communion – Manor Hill Charge
Scripture Lessons – Romans 13:6-14; Matthew 18:15-20
Sermon: "Being A Child Of Christ"

September 13, 2026 **Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
Holy Communion – Donation / 15th Street Churches
Scripture Lessons – Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
Sermon: "To Forgive Is Divine"

September 20, 2026 **Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**
Scripture Lessons – Philippians 1:27-30; Matthew 20:1-16
Sermon: "A Life Worthy Of Jesus"

September 27, 2026 **Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**
Scripture Lessons – Exodus 17:1-7; Matthew 21:23-27
Sermon: "Who Do You Trust?"

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15th Street United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday

September 1	Connie Mateer	September 14	Rachael Walters
September 2	Renee Lucas	September 21	Howard Reitenbaugh
September 2	Sean Weaver	September 23	Amy Merritts
September 5	Dessie Zeek	September 25	Kevin Weaver
September 7	Lainey Walters	September 26	Polly Streightiff
September 9	Irene Grissinger	September 27	Bill Speck
September 14	Fred Querry	September 30	Anna Campopiano

Happy Anniversary

Donation United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

September 1	Tilda Thomas	September 27	Amy Johns
September 8	Sandi Dysard	September 30	Nancy Hoffmaster

ANNIVERSARIES

September 12 Freddie and Chassidy Schleicher September 16 Randy and Patti Larson

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Our Sincere Sympathy Is Extended To Renee Lucas and The Family
In The Passing Of Her Loved One and Our Friend,
TONY DESTADIO.
He entered life triumphant on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.
His friendship, dedication, commitment, and involvement
in our church family will never be forgotten.

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JULY, 2026
FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	ACTUAL INCOME		ACTUAL EXPENSES		YEAR TO DATE	
		YEAR		YEAR		
	JULY	TO DATE	JULY	TO DATE	PLUS	MINUS
CURRENT INCOME	$13,618.61	$127,701.09				
CURRENT EXPENSES			$22,206.19	$139,699.13		
						-$11,998.04
BENEVOLENCE INCOME	$500.42	$3,046.26				
BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES			$70.42	$1,736.26		
					$1,310.00	
TRUSTEE INCOME	$1,425.00	$6,530.75				
TRUSTEE EXPENSES			$1,425.00	$6,530.75		
					$0.00	$0.00
COMBINED INCOME	$15,544.03	$137,278.10				
COMBINED EXPENSES			$23,701.61	$147,966.14		

Special Offerings For July

Annie Maize	$ 5.42
Forum Fuel	$ 25.00
World Hunger	$ 40.00

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 13, 2026 Christian Education Sunday
(This offering will go to help support our Conference Camping Programs.

The HAHS football season has started which means the Twentieth Century Men's Sunday School Class will be serving up their first spaghetti meal on Friday, September 11th, at 2:30 p.m. in the social room. Players and coaches enjoy this annual tradition when they play their "away" games. The two next scheduled meals will be Friday, October 2nd and Friday, October 23rd. Depending on their season, there could possibly be one Friday, October 30th.

looking into November..., all details have not yet been finalized; however, there is going to be another book sale..., 15TH STREET UM CHURCH SOCIAL ROOM.

The dates are Thursday, November 12th – Friday, November 13th – Saturday, November 14th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Times will be printed in the October United Messenger.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AND

looking into December..., FAITH UM CHURCH ALREADY HAS THEIR DATE FOR SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING AT ACE HARDWARE

Saturday, December 5th – Beginning at 10:00 a.m. – To Get Signed Up, please call Mary, (814) 424-0351.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER WILL BE HERE SOON...,

REMINDER FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE:



FOR ALL ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS, ARTICLES OF INTEREST, ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER AND / OR WEEKLY BULLETINS, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (814) 643-3690 OR EMAIL MIRIAM AT secretary15@verizon.net. THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION FOR THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER IS THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH. BULLETIN INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK. WE WELCOME AND DESIRE TO HAVE ALL CHURCHES INVOLVED WITH COMMUNICATING, SO INFORMATION CAN BE SHARED.



Events To Remember

Holy Communion – Manor Hill UM Churches
Wesley Chapel – 8:30 a.m.;
Ennisville – 9:45 a.m.; Faith – 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 6th

Coffee / Fellowship Time – Faith UM Church
Sunday, September 6th – 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

9-11 Day of Remembrance – Smithfield Fire Hall
Sunday, September 6th – 3:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Ennisville UM Church
Tuesday, September 8th – 1:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Faith UM Church
Tuesday, September 8th – 6:30 p.m.

Twentieth Century Men's Class Serving Football Team
Friday, September 11th – 2:30 p.m.

Holy Communion – Donation / 15th Street UM Churches
Sunday, September 13th – 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

Endowment Meeting – 15th Street UM Church
Monday, September 14th – 3:30 p.m.

Methodist Men's Meeting – Wesley Chapel UMC
Monday, September 14th – 5:00 p.m.
Men From All Five Churches Are Invited To Attend.

Committee On Lay Leadership – 15th Street UM Church
Tuesday, September 15th – 4:00 p.m.

Coffee / Fellowship Time – Wesley Chapel UM Church
Sunday, September 20th – 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Administrative Council Meeting – Donation UM Church
Monday, September 21st – 1:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – 15th Street UM Church
Tuesday, September 22nd – 6:30 p.m.

Donation Church Preparing / Serving Soup Kitchen
Thursday, September 24th – 4:00 p.m.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 29th – 6:00 p.m.
All Five Churches
Ennisville – Faith – Wesley Chapel – 15th Street – Donation
Location: Wesley Chapel UM Church

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MONDAYS
6:45 p.m. – Music! Music! Music! Community Choir
no Community Choir
Monday, September 7th or Monday, September 14th

WEDNESDAYS
Bell Choir – To Be Announced When Rehearsals Begin
Chancel Choir – 6:30 p.m.
no Chancel Choir– Wednesday, September 9th

Charge Conference – Saturday, October 3rd – 10:00 a.m. – First Church, Mount Union
Charge Conference Is Open To All Church Members.

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happy anniversary

Ennisville United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

September 20 Judy Grove
September 25 Michael Croyle

Faith United Methodist Church

ANNIVERSARIES

September 6 Terry and Jonnie Hutchison
September 16 J.R. (Bob) and Beverly Peters
September 27 Jason and Becky McMahon

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAY

September 29 Billie Jo (BJ) Porter

happy birthday

Methodist Men's Meeting – Monday, September 14th – 5:00 p.m.
Men from ALL five churches are urged to attend these monthly meetings.
Location: Wesley Chapel UM Church.

SEPTEMBER - 2026

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.		1	6:30 p.m. 2 Chancel Choir	3	4	5
6 HOLY COMMUNION 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. ======= 3:00 p.m. 9-11 Day Of Remembrance Smithfield Fire Hall	No 7 Community Choir	1:00 p.m. 8 Church Council Meeting Ennisville UMC ======= 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting Faith UMC	9 NO Chancel Choir NO Bell Choir	10	2:30 p.m. 11 Twentieth Century Men's S.S. Class Serving The Football Team	12
13 HOLY COMMUNION Donation UMC 9:15 a.m. 15th Street UMC 10:45 a.m.	3:30 p.m. 14 Endowment Meeting 15th Street UMC 5:00 p.m. ALL UM Men's Meeting – Held At Wesley Chapel ======= No Community Choir	4:00 p.m. 15 Committee On Lay Leadership (Nominations) 15th Street UMC	5:45 p.m. 16 Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	17	18	19
20 Wesley Chapel UMC Coffee/Fellowship 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Worship 8:30 a.m.	1:00 p.m. 21 Administrative Council Meeting Donation UMC 6:45 p.m. Community Choir	6:30 p.m. 22 Church Council Meeting 15th Street UMC	5:45 p.m. 23 Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	4:00 p.m. 24 Donation UMC Preparing/Serving Soup Kitchen	25	26
27	6:45 p.m. 28 Community Choir	6:00 p.m. 29 Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting ALL 5 CHURCHES Location: Wesley Chapel	5:45 p.m. 30 Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir		15th Street UMC 9:30 a.m.-Sunday School 10:45 a.m.-Worship Donation UMC 9:15 a.m.-Worship 10:45 a.m.-Sunday School	

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SEPTEMBER

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