

# THE UNITED MESSENGER

## FIFTEENTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## DONATION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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From The Pastor...

April Devotional

Spring has sprung (officially on March 19, 2024). Holy Week and Easter is almost behind us as I write this message to you. I want you to think about this question – If the churches doors were to close tomorrow or the building was destroyed (heaven forbid), would the community miss you?

April means planning for the summer kids program (Summer Lunch Bunch) and for 15th Street UMC's 150th Anniversary Celebration. Donation UM Church celebrated their 150th Anniversary in 2021. You have been in your community serving God's people for a long time. Can you believe it? In this era when everything is throw away, you are still trying to make a difference. December, 1874, The West Huntingdon Methodist Sunday School was organized? Did you know that in 150 years the church has gone through numerous name changes? Do you know how many Pastors have served this church and Donation?

Do you know what the future holds? Well, I guess this last question may sound somewhat funny to you because none of us know what the future holds, but I can tell you that some things need to change if the church is going to be around in the next 10, 25, 50, 100 or another 150 years. Churches can't continue to do what they did 25, 50, 75+ years ago and expect to grow and thrive. I am not sure what the actual answer is for either one of your churches to help you grow and be a light in the community. Both churches are currently trying to figure out how to draw new people to the church. First, you need to be talking about what excites you about your church family. Why do you attend? If someone asked you why you go to church can you even tell them something other than "because... I always have, or because that's what I am supposed to do." Is it because you go out into the community and do things for others? Donation members donate to local or regional charities every month. They prepare a meal every other month for Home Town Hearts (Soup Kitchen). They provide gifts at Christmas and Easter to local nursing homes for their residents. At Christmas, they give fruit baskets to shut-ins and community members. They sell ham & cheese sandwiches to help cover the rising cost of "Rise Against Hunger". 15th Street has the Holiday Shopping Spree/Used Book Sale event, of which, proceeds from the kitchen go to Donation toward "Rise Against Hunger". Part of the book sale proceeds help to support the Summer Lunch Bunch Program. You support the "Heifer Project" through "Come to the Stable". The Men's Sunday School class provides meals to the HAHS football team for away games. You support Blanket Sunday, Human Relations Sunday, World Hunger Sunday, and other conference offerings, as well as, the Forum Fuel Assistance program. Both churches support the Food Pantry. You are doing great things in the community. Everything that is done is to help those less fortunate. That's what the church is "called to do".

<sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, "The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." <sup>31</sup>The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these."

—Mark 12:29-31 NRSV

So what is next? Many of you don't want to think about it. However, you also know that you really do need to think about what the next faithful steps are in serving the Lord and this community. I pray you can continue to serve the community far into the future and that God will provide the people and the resources needed. Amen.

Pastor Barb





## FIFTEENTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE APRIL, 2024

- April 7, 2024      Second Sunday Of Easter  
Scripture Lessons – Psalm 133; Acts 4:32-35;  
I John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31  
Sermon: “How Are You Living?”
- April 14, 2024      Third Sunday Of Easter  
Scripture Lessons – Psalm 4; Acts 3:12-19;  
I John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48  
Sermon: “How Are You Living In Hope?”
- April 21, 2024      Fourth Sunday Of Easter  
Scripture Lessons – Psalm 23; Acts 4:5-12;  
I John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18  
Sermon: “How Does God’s Love Abide In Us?”
- April 28, 2024      Fifth Sunday Of Easter  
Scripture Lessons – Psalm 22:25-31; Acts 8:26-40;  
I John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8  
Sermon: “I Am The Vine, You Are The Branches”



### 15th Street United Methodist Church

#### BIRTHDAYS

- |                      |                         |                           |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| April 2 Linda Fryer  | April 9 Lucenda Holland | April 17 Beverly Lightner |
| April 3 Nancy Salter | April 10 Rick Reed      | April 25 Grace Peters     |
| April 4 Bob Glenn    |                         |                           |

#### ANNIVERSARY

- April 23 Dan and Norene Greenleaf

### Donation United Methodist Church

#### BIRTHDAYS

- April 20 Robert Leamer      April 22 Nevin Bickle

#### ANNIVERSARY

- April 20 Darrell and Amy Stickler



#### CANCER CARE MINISTRY

You don't have to feel alone. Come and find support with those who are experiencing what you are going through.

McConnellstown First Church Of The Nazarene – 5851 Newtown Avenue – Huntingdon, PA;

3rd Sunday Of Each Month – 4:30 p.m. – Church Fellowship Hall

For More Information – call (814) 643-7171 or (814) 386-7573.



## FEBRUARY, 2024 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>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>FENRUARY</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>PLUS</u>	<u>MINUS</u>
<u>CURRENT INCOME</u>	\$29,431.25	\$48,525.74				
<u>CURRENT EXPENSES</u>			\$17,048.73	\$33,638.57		
					\$14,887.17	
<u>BENEVOLENCE INCOME</u>	\$206.00	\$683.48				
<u>BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES</u>			\$166.00	\$588.48		
					\$95.00	\$0.00
<u>TRUSTEE INCOME</u>	\$238.00	\$822.00				
<u>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</u>			\$238.00	\$822.00		
					\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>COMBINED INCOME</u>	\$29,875.25	\$50,031.22				
<u>COMBINED EXPENSES</u>			\$17,452.73	\$35,049.05		

The actual CURRENT Income Figure of \$29,431.25 for February, 2024, reflects a deposit of \$19,277.55 from our investments with the United Methodist Foundaton of PA.

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

- April 7, 2024 World Hunger  
(This offering is received to help resource food pantries / food banks throughout the world, United States, and locally.)
- April 14, 2024 Native American Awareness Sunday  
(This collection is received to help resource the Native American Missional Annual Conference in Oklahoma.)
- April 21, 2024 Organ Fund  
(This special offering pays minor repairs and tuning for the church organ and piano.)

Special Offerings For February  
Blanket Sunday \$ 166.00

Celebration Of The  
15th Street United Methodist Church

150  
YEARS

A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 4th, at 2:00 p.m., to discuss plans for the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the 15th Street UMC this fall. There is much planning and organizing to be done. As plans and details are discussed, more information will be in upcoming United Messengers and weekly bulletins.





## EVENTS TO REMEMBER

### TRUSTEE MEETING

Monday, April 1st – 6:00 p.m.

### CHURCH COUNCIL

15TH STREET UM CHURCH

Tuesday, April 2nd – 6:30 p.m.

### 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FOR 15TH STREET UMC

Thursday, April 4th – 2:00 p.m.

### SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH MEETING

Monday, April 8th – 6:00 p.m.

### “THE CHOSEN” – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UMC

Tuesday, April 9th – 6:00 p.m.

### ENDOWMENT MEETING

15TH STREET UM CHURCH – LIBRARY/CONFERENCE ROOM

Monday, April 15th – 3:30 p.m.

### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

DONATION UM CHURCH

Monday, April 15th – 6:00 p.m.

### “THE CHOSEN” – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UMC

Tuesday, April 16th – 6:00 p.m.

### “THE CHOSEN” – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UMC

Tuesday, April 23rd – 6:00 p.m.

### “THE CHOSEN” – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UMC

Tuesday, April 30th – 6:00 p.m.



Due To Shirley McBrayer having shoulder surgery on Wednesday, April 3rd, there will be no Chancel Choir or Bell Choir rehearsals the entire month of May.



Every Easter, we give the congregations the offer to purchase Easter flowers for their respective sanctuaries. Listed below is the names of individuals who participated this year to place flowers in memory or honor their loved ones.

### EASTER FLOWER LIST

#### 15TH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

##### FROM:

Kathy Amman  
Dan Greenleaf  
Robert Jessell  
Mike and Cindy Knott  
Tina and Richard Laird  
Trudy McElwain



Shirley Scott  
Pete Sellers  
Jack and Pastor Barb Servello

Twentieth Century Men's S.S. Class

##### IN MEMORY OF:

Loved Ones  
Linda Bathurst, Debrah Oswald  
Virginia “Ginny” Jessell  
Our Parents  
Erin “Odie” Boyd  
Ben McElwain; Spud and Minnie Bellucci;  
Roy and Roma McElwain;  
Tommy Ruddy (great grandson)  
Tim Scott (son)  
Barbara Sellers  
Thomas and Lillian Pentland;  
Jack and Sandy Servello  
Class Members

##### FROM:

Kathy Amman  
Mike and Cindy Knott  
Shirley Scott  
Pete Sellers  
Jack and Pastor Barb Servello

##### IN HONOR OF:

My Family  
Children; Grandchildren  
Trina Beeler (daughter); Tom Scott (son)  
Children; Grandchildren  
Richie and Brittney Servello



### EASTER FLOWER LIST

#### DONATION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

##### FROM:

Sonny Bickle  
Bob and Sandy Dysard  
Frank and Penny Frew  
Randy and Patty Larson  
Robert and Betty Leamer  
Barry and Debbie Lear



Pat McCool  
Roy and Erin McCool  
Jack and Pastor Barb Servello  
Christine Baker Shuck  
Bill and Tilda Thomas  
Dylan and Brooke Wentzel

##### IN MEMORY OF:

Mary Ann Bickle  
Our Family Members  
Church Members  
Couch Family  
Our Parents  
Jennie Mayes;  
Robert and Betty Lear  
McCool Family  
Beth Ann Herrold  
Our Family  
John Shuck  
Our Family  
John Shuck





# April

# 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	6:00 p.m. 1 Trustee Meeting	6:30 p.m. 2 Church Council Meeting 15th Street UMC	3	2:00 p.m. 4 150th Anniversary Celebration Meeting	5	6
7	6:00 p.m. 8 Summer Lunch Bunch Meeting	6:00 p.m. 9 "The Chosen" Bible Study 15th Street UMC	10	11	12	13
14	3:30 p.m. 15 Endowment Meeting  6:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting Donation UMC	6:00 p.m. 16 "The Chosen" Bible Study 15th Street UMC	17	18	19	20
21	22	6:00 p.m. 23 "The Chosen" Bible Study 15th Street UMC	24	25	26	27
28	29	6:00 p.m. 30 "The Chosen" Bible Study 15th Street UMC		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 Food Bank – Canned Peaches		

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