

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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April, 2025

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Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!



Sunday – April 20th – 10:45 a.m.
15th Street United Methodist Church
Holy Communion

Sermon Title: "Christ Is Risen"
Following the service, there will be
an Easter egg hunt on the lawn.

Donation United Methodist Church
April 20th – 7:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

Easter

Sunrise Service

Sermon Title: "What Is So Special About Easter?"

Following the service, for those who are attending,
there will be breakfast served in the social room.

When breakfast is over, there will be an Easter
egg hunt for all children who are attending.



"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold your king
is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a
donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of
burden.'" -Matthews 21:5

So they took branches of palm trees and went
out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed
is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
even the King of Israel!" -John 12:13



15th Street UM Church – April 17th – 7:00 p.m.
Sermon Title: "New Commandment"
Holy Communion will be offered during the service.



COMMUNITY CROSS WALK AND GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – APRIL 18TH – 12:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

Everyone is invited to attend the Community Good Friday services which will begin at the
Abbey Reformed United Church of Christ, located at 515 Sixth Street and move through
seven downtown Huntingdon Churches. At the time of this printing, the complete
schedule with the churches and pastors participating had not yet been made available.
If you are in the area, please join with others who will be making the journey from
church to church for these very meaningful services.



The soldiers
wove a crown
of thorns and
put it on his
head, and they
dressed him in
a purple robe.
– John 19:2



Easter Cantata, "Written In Red", arr. Sterling, Kirkland, Krogstad, Holck, will be presented by the 15th Street
Chancel Choir on Sunday, April 27th, at 10:45 a.m. You are invited to attend this musical presentation.

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FIFTEENTH STREET / DONATION UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH, 2025

April 6, 2025	<p>Fifth Sunday Of Lent Scripture Lessons – Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126 / Psalm 119:9-16; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8 Sermon: “Laughter In Church?”</p>
April 13, 2025	<p>Palm / Passion Sunday Scripture Lessons – Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-16 Scripture Lessons – Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56; Luke 23:1-49 Sermon: “Backseat People”</p>
April 17, 2025	<p>Maundy Thursday Service / Holy Communion Scripture Lessons – Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35 Sermon: “New Commandment”</p>
April 20, 2025	<p>Easter Sunrise Service / Holy Communion – Donation UM Church Scripture Lessons – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; I Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18 Sermon: “What Is So Special About Easter?”</p>
April 20, 2025	<p>Easter Sunday / Holy Communion Scripture Lessons – Acts 10:34-43; I Corinthians 15:19-26; Mark 16:1-8 Sermon: “Christ Is Risen!”</p>
April 27, 2025	<p>Second Sunday Of Easter – Donation UM Church Scripture Lessons – Psalm 118:14-29; Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31 Sermon: “Jesus Appears”</p> <p>Second Sunday Of Easter – 15th Street UM Church Cantata: “Written In Red”, arr. Sterling, Kirkland, Krogstad, Holck</p>



EVENTS TO REMEMBER

HOLY COMMUNION – DONATION / 15TH STREET UM CHURCHES
Sunday, April 6th – 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

TRUSTEE MEETING
Monday, April 7th – 6:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY – “BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD”, BY RALPH F. WILSON
Monday, April 7th – 6:30 p.m. – 15th Street UMC

LUNCH BUNCH MEETING – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH
Thursday, April 10th – 6:30 p.m.

PASSION / PALM SUNDAY – DONATION / 15TH STREET UM CHURCHES
Sunday, April 13th – 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY – “BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD”, BY RALPH F. WILSON
Monday, April 14th – 6:30 p.m. – 15th Street UMC

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH
Holy Communion
Thursday, April 17th – 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES (DOWNTOWN HUNTINGDON)
Friday, April 18th – 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

SUNRISE SERVICE – DONATION UM CHURCH
Sunday, April 20th – 7:00 a.m. – Holy Communion
Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.; Easter Egg Hunt: 8:30 a.m.

EASTER CELEBRATION – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH
Sunday, April 20th – 10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion
Easter Egg Hunt will follow the service.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING – DONATION UM CHURCH
Monday, April 21st – 6:00 p.m.

DONATION CHURCH PREPARING / SERVING SOUP KITCHEN
Thursday, April 24th – 4:00 p.m.

EASTER CANTATA – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH
Sunday, April 27th – “Written In Red” – 10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Bell Choir: 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir: 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
EXCEPTION: Monday, April 14th - NO Choirs Wednesday, April 16th.

MONDAYS

Community Choir – 6:45 p.m. – Begins Monday, April 21st.

From the Pastor...

April Devotional

"After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you.' So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. 'Greetings,' he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'" -Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV)

As we step into April, a month that brings both the celebration of new life and the remembrance of Christ's resurrection, we are invited to reflect on the incredible gift that Easter represents for us all. Easter is the ultimate declaration of God's faithfulness and power over death and despair. It is a season where the United Methodist Church invites us to embrace resurrection not only as a historical event but as a present and living reality in our lives today.

The two women, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, were the first witnesses of the resurrection. Their journey to the tomb was one of sorrow and mourning, yet what they encountered transformed their grief into joy. The angel's message, "He has risen, just as he said," is a reminder that God's promises are faithful and true. The message of Easter is that death does not have the final word — life, in Christ, does.

We, too, are invited to experience this life in Christ. Just as the women encountered the risen Lord on their way, we are encouraged to continue in our walk of faith, knowing that Christ goes ahead of us. The risen Christ is not just a figure of the past; he is a living presence who empowers and strengthens us for every challenge we face. Our journey, like theirs, is one of both fear and joy, because the promise of resurrection touches every corner of our lives.

Reflect on the power of the resurrection: In this season of Easter, ask yourself: What does the resurrection mean for me? How does the reality of Christ's victory over death shape the way I live today? Spend time in prayer, thanking God for the gift of new life and asking for the strength to live in the power of resurrection every day.

Embrace the hope of new beginnings: Easter marks the dawn of a new creation. Are there areas in your life where you need to experience new life and hope? Is there something that needs to be resurrected within you—maybe a dream, a relationship, or a passion that has laid dormant? Allow the Easter story to inspire you to embrace God's renewing work in your life.

Share the Good News: The women were instructed to go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus had risen. In the same way, we are called to share the good news of Easter with others. Is there someone in your life who needs to hear about the hope of resurrection? Take time this month to offer encouragement, share your faith, or invite someone to church to experience the Easter message.

Prayer: Risen Christ, we celebrate Your victory over death, Your power to transform sorrow into joy, and Your promise of eternal life. May we, like the women at the tomb, be filled with awe and wonder at Your resurrection. Help us to live in the light of this new life, and may we share Your love and hope with the world around us. We pray that Your resurrection will bring new life to all that is broken, and that we will continue to walk in faith and joy as we follow You. Amen.

Blessings,
Pastor Barb



Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Sale - Sponsored by the Donation UMC - \$4.00 each

Sandwiches are being made on Thursday, April 10th, 4:00 p.m., at the Donation UMC.

Pickup orders for 15th Street UMC will be Friday morning, April 11th, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

If interested in ordering, please call the church office, 814 643-3690, or sign up on the designated sheets at 15th Street UM Church / Donation UM Church. Deadline For Ordering Is Sunday, April 6th.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FEBRUARY, 2025

					<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>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>PLUS</u>	<u>MINUS</u>
<u>CURRENT INCOME</u>	\$27,132.94	\$50,334.23				
<u>CURRENT EXPENSES</u>			\$18,719.07	\$39,643.81		
					\$10,690.42	
<u>BENEVOLENCE INCOME</u>	\$162.00	\$352.46				
<u>BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES</u>			\$142.00	\$232.46		
					\$120.00	\$0.00
<u>TRUSTEE INCOME</u>	\$524.00	\$888.00				
<u>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</u>			\$524.00	\$888.00		
					\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>COMBINED INCOME</u>	\$27,818.94	\$51,574.69				
<u>COMBINED EXPENSES</u>			\$19,385.07	\$40,764.27		

The actual **CURRENT** income figure of \$27,132.94 for February reflects a final distribution from the **JOHN POWELL ESTATE** in the amount of \$15,896.65 with the United Methodist Foundation of PA.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

- April 6, 2025 **World Hunger**
(This offering is received to help resource food pantries / food banks throughout the world, United States, and locally.)
- April 13, 2025 **Native American Awareness Sunday**
(This collection is received to help resource the Native American Missional Annual Conference in Oklahoma.)
- April 20, 2025 **Organ Fund**
(This special offering pays minor repairs and tuning for the church organ and piano.)

Special Offerings For February

- Blanket Sunday \$ 30.00
Sandwiches-Donation UMC \$ 112.00



15th Street United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

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

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- April 23 Dan and Norene Greenleaf

Donation United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

- April 20 Robert Learner April 22 Nevin Bickle

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- April 20 Darrell and Amy Stickler

Standing Stone UM Church (previously 12th Street UMC) Is Sponsoring A
Chicken BBQ Dinner – \$12.50 – Thursday, May 8th – 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
MENU: half a chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, applesauce, roll and brownie.
Drive-thru Pick-up At McConnellstown UM Church.

If interested to obtaining a ticket, see Pastor Barb. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 27th.



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 – Kidney Beans		1	2 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	3	4	5
Holy Communion 6 9:15 a.m. Donation UMC 10:45 a.m. 15th Street UMC	6:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 15th Street UMC Library Room	8	9 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	10 4:00 p.m. Making Ham 'n Cheese Sandwiches At Donation UMC 6:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch Meeting	11 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Pick-up 15th Street UMC	12
13 	14 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 15th Street UMC Library Room	15	16	17 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service Holy Communion 15th Street UMC	18 Good Friday Services 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Downtown Huntingdon (walk)	19
Donation UMC 20 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service Holy Communion 8:00 a.m. Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 15th Street UMC 10:45 a.m. Easter Celebration Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt	21 6:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting Donation UMC 6:45 p.m. Music! Music! Music! Community Choir Begins	22	23 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	24 4:00 p.m. Donation UMC Preparing/ Serving Soup Kitchen	25	26
10:45 a.m. Cantata: "Written In Red" 15th Street UMC	27 6:45 p.m. Music! Music! Music! Community Choir	28	29 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	30		

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