

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

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FROM THE PASTOR....
DECEMBER DEVOTIONAL



*“For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” -Luke 2:11*



As we come to the close of another year, we pause to reflect on God's faithfulness and the blessings He has poured out upon our church family. This last year has brought about many changes within our churches and has had many dealing with health issues, deaths of loved ones, weddings, new babies, and the list could continue, I am sure.

My favorite time of year is Christmas. I love this season, the expectation. I love to decorate and unfortunately this year my decorating was minimal. I was disappointed, but in all reality, this season reminded me and reminds all of us that Christmas is not simply about lights, gifts, or traditions—it is about the greatest gift ever given, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amid the busyness, may we remember the words of Luke 2:11: *“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.”* His birth is the reason we celebrate, and His presence is the hope that carries us into the new year.

I thank each of you, for your prayers, service, and fellowship throughout 2025. Thank you for being flexible and stepping up to keep our churches moving forward. May your homes be filled with peace, joy, and the love of Christ this Christmas. And, as we step into the new year, let us continue to shine His light in our community and beyond.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!
Pastor Barb

Believe



-Cookie Walk Events In December To Keep In Mind-

Annual Christmas Cookie Trail – Faith UMC

Saturday – December 13th – 9:00 a.m.

Soups, sandwiches and an assortment of cookies, sold by the pound, will be available.

Before the sale, orders will be taken for Raisin Filled Cookies at \$15.00 per dozen. There are order forms placed at each church.



Cookie Walk / Soup Sale / Used Book Sale

15th Street UM Church

Saturday – December 13th – 9:00 a.m.
Cookies – \$10.00 box; Soup – \$9.00 a quart

Cookie Walk – Westminster Woods
Monday – December 8th – 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.



**FIFTEENTH STREET / DONATION /
MANOR HILL CHARGE (ENNISVILLE – FAITH – WESLEY CHAPEL)
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES - WORSHIP SCHEDULE DECEMBER, 2025**



December 7, 2025

Second Sunday Of Advent

Holy Communion For Manor Hill Charge

Scripture Lessons – Isaiah 11:1-10 NRSV; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 NRSV;
Romans 15:4-13 NRSV; Matthew 3:1-12 NRSV

Sermon – “Once Upon A Time”

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday Of Advent

Holy Communion For Donation / 15th Street Churches

Scripture Lessons – Isaiah 35:1-10 NRSV; Psalm 146:5-10 NRSV;
Luke 1:46b-55 NRSV; James 5:7-10 NRSV;
Matthew 11:2-11 NRSV

Sermon – “Rejoice Sunday”

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

Scripture Lessons – Isaiah 7:10-16 NRSV; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 NRSV;
Romans 1:1-7 NRSV; Matthew 1:18-25 NRSV

Sermon – “Long Night”

December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve Service

Holy Communion

Scripture Lessons – Isaiah 9:2-7 NRSV; Psalm 96 NRSV;
Titus 2:11-14 NRSV; Luke 2:1-20 NRSV

Sermon – “Welcome The Christ Child”



December 28, 2025

First Sunday After Christmas Day

Scripture Lessons – Isaiah 63:7-9 NRSV; Psalm 148 NRSV;
Hebrews 2:10-18 NRSV; Matthew 2:13-23 NRSV

Sermon – “The Good, The Bad and the Ugly”



15th Street United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

December 1 Anna Mary Kenyon
December 1 Craig Liska

December 10 Cindy Knott
December 22 Virginia Cramer

December 28 Paula Mohler

ANNIVERSARIES

December 22 Bill and Peggy Hoffman December 22 Howard and Beverly Reitenbaugh

Donation United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

December 16 Erin McCool

December 16 Susan McCool

December 31 Emily Bickle

ANNIVERSARY

December 24 Rick and Amy Johns

Happy birthday

Happy anniversary

OCTOBER, 2025 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

						INCOME VS EXPENSE	
		ACTUAL INCOME		ACTUAL EXPENSES		YEAR TO DATE	
		YEAR		YEAR			
		OCTOBER	TO DATE	OCTOBER	TO DATE	PLUS	MINUS
<u>CURRENT INCOME</u>		\$14,182.71	\$196,423.78				
<u>CURRENT EXPENSES</u>				\$18,103.60	\$179,266.82		
						\$17,156.96	
<u>BENEVOLENCE INCOME</u>		\$1,142.48	\$5,889.72				
<u>BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES</u>				\$832.48	\$3,029.72		
						\$2,860.00	
<u>TRUSTEE INCOME</u>		\$1,575.00	\$10,920.00				
<u>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</u>				\$1,575.00	\$10,920.00		
						\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>COMBINED INCOME</u>		\$16,900.19	\$213,233.50				
<u>COMBINED EXPENSES</u>				\$20,511.08	\$193,216.54		

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

December 7, 2025 Advent Offering – (An offering received to assist with current expenses.)

December 14, 2025 Christmas Offering – Benevolent Homes of the UMC (This is a collection received to help provide loving care to children and senior citizens who otherwise may be alone and without proper care or shelter.)

December 21, 2025 Forum Fuel Assistance – (Assisting aid to those in our community that are in need.)

December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve Offering (Celebrating the birth of Jesus into the world.)

Special Offerings for October

Annie Maize	\$ 5.48
Ham 'n Cheese Sandwiches	\$ 302.00
UM Student Day	\$ 25.00
World Communion	\$ 25.00
World Hunger	\$ 25.00
<u>ANONYMOUS GIVER</u>	
Crossroads Pregnancy	\$150.00
Huntingdon House	\$150.00
Shelter Services, Inc.	\$150.00

REPORT FROM THE USED BOOK SALE EVENT

NOVEMBER 13TH, 14TH, 15TH, 2025

\$1,259.00

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Ennisville United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAY

December 27 Sue Powell Whitfield



Faith United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

December 5 Beverly Peters	December 26 Aiden Snyder	December 10 Mike and Heather Wilson
December 24 Alice Metz	December 27 TJ Coffman	

ANNIVERSARY

happy anniversary

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAY

December 26 Barbara Hawbaker

happy birthday

- Events To Remember -

CHURCH COUNCIL – 15TH STREET CHURCH
 Tuesday, December 2nd – 6:30 p.m.

BELL RINGING AT ACE HARDWARE (15TH STREET UMC)
 Tuesday, December 2nd – 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

BELL RINGING AT ACE HARDWARE (15TH STREET UMC)
 Wednesday, December 3rd – 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION / MANOR HILL UM CHURCHES
 Wesley Chapel – 8:45 a.m.;
 Ennisville – 9:45 a.m.; Wesley Chapel – 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday, December 7th

CHRISTMAS DINNER / MANOR HILL UM CHURCHES
AT FAITH UM CHURCH
 Sunday, December 7th – 12:00 p.m.

DEADLINE FOR BRINGING IN CHRISTMAS CARDS
15TH STREET UM CHURCH
 Sunday, December 7th

TRUSTEE MEETING – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH
 Monday, December 8th – 3:30 p.m.

METHODIST MEN'S MEETING – WESLEY CHAPEL UM CHURCH
 Monday, December 8th – 5:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – FAITH UM CHURCH
 Tuesday, December 9th – 6:30 p.m.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
ENNISVILLE – FAITH – WESLEY CHAPEL UM CHURCHES
 Wednesday, December 10th – 6:00 p.m.
 Location: Wesley Chapel UM Church

COOKIE WALK / SOUP SALE / USED BOOK SALE
15TH STREET UM CHURCH
 Saturday, December 13th – 9:00 a.m. (see announcement – front page)

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE TRAIL – FAITH UM CHURCH
 Saturday, December 13th – 9:00 a.m. (see announcement – front page)

HOLY COMMUNION – DONATION / 15TH STREET UM CHURCHES
 Sunday, December 14th – 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

WRAPPING GIFTS FOR NURSING HOMES – DONATION UM CHURCH
 Sunday, December 14th – Following The Morning Worship Service

BLUE CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE
 Sunday, December 14th – 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Water Street Evangelical Church
 4062 Shaffersville Road – Alexandria, PA
 Hosted by the Petersburg Alexandria Ministerium

ASSEMBLING FRUIT BASKETS – DONATION UM CHURCH
 Date / Time To Be Announced

COME TO THE STABLE – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH
 Friday, December 19th – 6:30 p.m.

DONATION UM CHURCH – ADVENT DINNER/CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
 Sunday, December 21st
 Meal – 5:00 p.m.; Christmas Program – 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – ENNISVILLE UM CHURCH
HOLY COMMUNION
 Wednesday, December 24th – 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH
HOLY COMMUNION
 Wednesday, December 24th – 8:00 p.m.

SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH CHRISTMAS PARTY
15TH STREET UM CHURCH
 Wednesday, December 31st – 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Music! Music! Music!
 Community Choir
 Monday, December 1st – 6:45 p.m.
 Wednesday, December 3rd, 10th, 17th
 Monday, December 22nd
 Bell Choir – 5:45 p.m.;
 Chancel Choir – 6:30 p.m.

Elaine Coffman, Faith UMC, is asking that you each one please keep in mind their current outreach, "IN THE SPIRIT".
 Spaghetti and any other type of noodles are being collected for food boxes to be distributed in the local area.
 Ten children are, also, being sponsored by this outreach. For each child you sponsor, you are asked to
 buy 2 toys and 2 complete outfits. If interested in assisting with this local ministry or need
 additional information or clarification, please reach out to Elaine, (814) 441-3036.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Stone Church of the Brethren – 2025 Alternative Christmas Gift Bazaar
 Saturday, December 6th – 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall of the Church

Huntingdon Presbyterian Church is reviving the
 Festival of Song for the Christmas Season – Saturday, December 13th – 7:00 p.m.



December 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	6:30 p.m. 1 Community Choir	10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. 2 Bell Ringing At Ace Hardware (15th UM Church) 6:30 p.m. Church Council 15th Street UMC	10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. 3 Bell Ringing At Ace Hardware (15th UM Church) 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir		4	
HOLY 7 COMMUNION Wesley Chapel UMC Ennisville UMC Faith UMC 12:00 p.m.-Christmas Dinner At Faith UMC Manor Hill Charge 15th Street UMC Deadline For Bringing In Christmas Cards	3:30 p.m. 8 Trustee Meeting 5:00 p.m. Methodist Men's Meeting At Wesley Chapel UMC All Men Welcome!	6:30 p.m. 9 Church Council Meeting For Faith UMC	6:00 p.m. 10 Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting Ennisville - Faith Wesley Chapel Location: Wesley Chapel 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir		11	9:00 a.m. 13 Annual Christmas Cookie Trail – Faith UMC Soups, Sandwiches, & Cookies 9:00 a.m. 15th Street UMC Cookie Walk / Soup Sale / Used Book Sale
HOLY 14 COMMUNION Donation UMC 15th Street UMC Donation UMC Wrapping Gifts After Church For Nursing Homes 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Prayer Service Water Street Evangelical Church		15 	16 	5:45 p.m. 17 Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	18	6:30 p.m. 19 Come To The Stable 15th Street UMC
21 Donation UMC Advent Dinner/ Christmas Program 5:00 p.m.-Dinner 6:30 p.m.-Program	22	23	6:30 p.m. 24 Christmas Eve Service Ennisville UMC 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service 15th Street UMC	25 	26	
28	29	30	31 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Bunch Christmas Party 15th Street UMC Social Room		Manor Hill Charge Wesley Chapel UMC-8:45 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	

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