

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...

February Devotional – Love That Leads Us to the Cross

“God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.” -Romans 5:8

Valentine's Day and the season of Lent do not often appear together on the calendar, yet when they do, they invite us into a deeper reflection on what love truly means.

Valentine's Day celebrates affection, romance, and connection. Cards and chocolates remind us that love is something to be expressed, shared, and received. These gestures are joyful and good—but they are also fleeting. Flowers fade. Candy disappears. Even our best expressions of love can fall short.

Then comes Lent...

Lent does not begin with hearts and roses, but with ashes and honest truth. We hear the words, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Lent invites us to face our limitations, our brokenness, and our deep need for grace.

At first glance, Valentine's Day and Lent seem like opposites. One feels light and celebratory; the other quiet and reflective. Yet at their core, they speak of the same thing: love. Lent reminds us that love is not just a feeling—it is a commitment. It is a journey that leads us to the cross. God's love is not proven by grand gestures or sweet words, but by presence, sacrifice, and faithfulness. As John Wesley preached, love is shown most clearly in action—through works of mercy and works of piety.

As we enter Lent, we are invited to examine how we love. Not just whom we love easily, but whom we struggle to love. Not just how we receive love, but how we give it away. Lent asks us to practice love in concrete ways: prayer that reshapes our hearts, fasting that loosens our grip on excess, and generosity that reflects Christ's self-giving love.

Valentine's Day reminds us that love is worth celebrating. Lent reminds us that love is worth following—even when it leads us into sacrifice and change.

This season, may we move beyond sentimental love to holy love—the kind that transforms us, draws us closer to Christ, and sends us out to love the world God so dearly loves.

Prayer: Loving God, thank you for the gift of love in all its forms. As we begin the season of Lent, teach us to love as Christ loves—with humility, courage, and grace. Strip away what distracts us from you, and shape our hearts to reflect your mercy. May our lives become living expressions of your love, offered freely for the sake of the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Soup-er Bowl Sunday
February 8th

Sunday, February 8th, at the Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, CA, two teams (unknown yet at the time of printing) will each be vying for the championship title as they compete in Super Bowl LX.

Meanwhile, at Faith UM Church, following the morning worship service, a Soup-er Bowl Sunday luncheon is planned consisting of tailgate food, sandwiches and desserts for you to enjoy.

That Sunday is, also, a time when you are encouraged to bring soup related items for the Food Pantry. Soup, crackers, nonperishable food items, and even monetary donations are accepted.

So, mark your calendar, plan to join Faith for worship and enjoy lunch as they celebrate Soup-er Bowl Sunday and support our local Huntingdon Food Pantry.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES - WORSHIP SCHEDULE FEBRUARY, 2026**

February 1, 2026 Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany
Holy Communion For Manor Hill Charge
Scripture Lessons – Micah 6:1-8 NRSV; Psalm 15 NRSV;
I Corinthians 1:18-31 NRSV; Matthew 5:1-12 NRSV
Sermon – “What Is Good?” 

 February 8, 2026 Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany
Holy Communion For Donation / 15th Street Churches
Scripture Lessons – Isaiah 58:1-12 NRSV; Psalm 112:1-9 NRSV;
I Corinthians 2:1-16 NRSV; Matthew 5:13-20 NRSV
Sermon – “Call To Action”

February 15, 2026 Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday
Scripture Lessons – Exodus 24:12-18 NRSV; Psalm 2 NRSV;
II Peter 1:16-21 NRSV; Matthew 17:1-9 NRSV
Sermon – “We Hate To Wait” 

February 22, 2026 First Sunday In Lent
Scripture Lessons – Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 NRSV; Psalm 32 NRSV;
Romans 5:12-19 NRSV; Matthew 4:1-11 NRSV
Sermon – “The Journey Ahead”

- Events To Remember -

<p>HOLY COMMUNION MANOR HILL UM CHURCHES Wesley Chapel – 8:45 a.m.; Ennisville – 9:45 a.m.; Wesley Chapel – 11:00 a.m. Sunday, February 1st</p> <p>TRUSTEE MEETING – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH Monday, February 2nd – 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>FUNDRAISING MEETING Tuesday, February 3rd – 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HOLY COMMUNION – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH DONATION / 15TH STREET UM CHURCHES Sunday, February 8th – 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>SOUP-ER BOWL LUNCHEON – FAITH UM CHURCH Sunday, February 8th – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>ENDOWMENT MEETING – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH Monday, February 9th – 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>METHODIST MEN’S MEETING – WESLEY CHAPEL UMC Monday, February 9th – 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – DONATION UM CHURCH Monday, February 16th – 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>MANOR HILL UM MEN SAUSAGE / SCRAPPLE SALE Deadline for ordering is Sunday, February 15th. Delivery or pick-up is Saturday, February 21st. (SEE DETAILED ANNOUNCEMENT ON NEXT PAGE)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Bell Choir Chancel Choir Wednesdays - 5:45 p.m. Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p>
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DECEMBER, 2025 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>DECEMBER</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>PLUS</u>	<u>MINUS</u>
<u>CURRENT INCOME</u>	\$15,709.36	\$233,369.82				
<u>CURRENT EXPENSES</u>			\$19,060.01	\$215,134.71		
					\$18,235.11	
<u>BENEVOLENCE INCOME</u>	\$1,666.00	\$7,851.72				
<u>BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES</u>			\$4,717.45	\$7,851.72		
					\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>TRUSTEE INCOME</u>	\$2,307.84	\$14,124.84				
<u>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</u>			\$2,307.84	\$14,124.84		
					\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>COMBINED INCOME</u>	\$19,683.32	\$255,346.38				
<u>COMBINED EXPENSES</u>			\$26,084.85	\$237,111.27		

The actual **CURRENT** income figure of \$15,709.36 for December, 2025, reflects \$4,366.63 interest
Accrued from several Merrill Lynch Accounts. An interest accrued figure of \$1,337.84
from the E.M. Foster Account is reflected in the income and withdrawal figure of the Trustees.

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SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

- February 1, 2026 **Cash Day**
This offering helps cover heating and cooling utilities.
- February 15, 2026 **Blanket Sunday**
Your gift enables Church World Service to provide blankets for people in times of emergency, war, natural disaster or famine.

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Printed under Events To Remember on the previous page, Manor Hill UM Men are, again, this year having their annual Sausage / Scrapple Sale. The Sausage is sold in 3 pound bags, \$13.00 a bag. Scrapple is sold in a 2 pound block for \$6.00. If interested in ordering, there are sign-up sheets located at each church or you may call Pastor Barb at (814) 312-0913. Ordering deadline is Sunday, February 15th. Delivery / pick-up is Saturday, February 21st.

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CONFERENCE OFFERINGS RECEIVED FROM 15TH STREET UMC FOR 2025

Benevolent Home/Christmas	\$70.00	Blanket Sunday	\$55.00
Camp Sunday	\$45.00	Christian Education Sunday	\$40.00
Forum Of Churches	\$150.00	Golden Cross/Benevolent	\$35.00
Human Relations	\$10.00	Native Amer. Awareness	\$35.00
One Great Hour Sharing	\$85.00	Peace With Justice	\$45.00
Rural Life	\$35.00	UM Student Day	\$45.00
World Communion	\$50.00	World Hunger	\$240.00

LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS BENEFITTING FROM BENEVOLENT FUNDS RECEIVED THROUGHOUT THE 2025 CALENDAR YEAR

15TH STREET UMC CHURCH CHAMP

- Crossroads Pregnancy
- Forum Of Churches
- Habitat For Humanity
- Huntingdon County Drop-In
- Huntingdon County Humane Society
- Huntingdon Food Pantry
- Huntingdon House
- Meals On Wheels

RAISEtown Care Connect (PRIDE) Shelter Services, Inc.

DONATION UMC CHURCH
supports a local organization of their choice
every month contributing at least \$200.00.

MANOR HILL UMC CHARGE

likewise faithfully supports Charitable Organizations throughout the year. Without knowing them all, the Wide Ruins Navajo Mission School is definitely one that was supported in September, "In The Spirit" was supported in December and our local Food Pantry was supported from monies received at the Christmas Eve service at Ennisville UMC.

15th Street United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

February 1 Marcus Stratton February 10 Louise Mateer
February 2 Mike Sellers February 16 Pastor Barb Servello
February 2 Jared Zeek February 22 Jean Feagley

ANNIVERSARY

February 9 Mike and Cindy Knott February 14 Bob and Sue Glenny
February 23 Richard and Tina Laird

Donation United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

February 4 Bill Thomas February 11 Nora Moore

ANNIVERSARY

February 26 Tom and Crystal Workinger

Faith United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

February 6 Joanie Hutchison February 9 Ken Robertson February 14 Chet Wilson

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church

ANNIVERSARY

February 23 David and Patricia Ritter

happy anniversary

happy birthday

NOTES OF THANKS FROM OUR LOCAL BENEVOLENT CHARITIES

Dear Friends – John 1:5 says, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” This is our theme verse for 2026. We want to shine the light of Jesus in the lives of the clients He will lead to us in this new year. Our mission is to offer help, hope, and healing in Jesus’ name and uphold the sanctity of life by providing education, medical services, practical assistance, and on-going support. Your donation helps us to achieve this goal.

May the Lord bless you throughout 2026, and we look forward to seeing the light of His love make a difference in the clients we meet. With a grateful heart, Cindy Mansberger-Executive Director-Crossroads Pregnancy Center

15th Street UM Church – On behalf of the “M.O.W.” Board, clients, cooks, and drivers, we would like to extend a most gracious thank you for your donation to our organization. We assure you this donation will be used to benefit our clients. Thank You. Meals On Wheels

Dear Friends – We are continually blessed by our community and our church families who have been there in a supportive role. We thank you for your generous gift. We know we may be challenged in the weeks to come. But we continue to look to the best Source of our supply, our Lord and Savior for strength and guidance. He has gotten us this far and I’m sure He will continue to be there in the coming days. Thank you all and may God continue to bless you. Sincerely, Jean Feagley-Director

Dear 15th Street United Methodist Church –

Thank you for your generous donation. We are grateful for your kind-heartedness and support during these challenging times and appreciate you coming alongside us in an effort to help the homeless, both inside and outside our shelter. With your help, we can continue to aid and assist those in desperate need. Thank you for all you do and contribute.

Blessings to you, Scott Allen-site Coordinator; Jane E. Neff-Executive Director (Lewistown Shelter Service, Inc.)

FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HOLY COMMUNION / 8:45 a.m. Wesley Chapel UMC 9:45 a.m. Ennisville UMC 11:00 a.m. Faith UMC	3:30 p.m. 2 Trustee Meeting	6:00 p.m. 3 Fundraising Meeting	5:45 p.m. 4 Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	5	6	7
HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 a.m. Donation UMC 10:45 a.m. 15th Street UMC 12:00 p.m. Soup-er Bowl Luncheon At Faith UMC	3:30 p.m. 9 Endowment Meeting 5:00 p.m. Methodist Men's Meeting At Wesley Chapel UM Church	10	5:45 p.m. 11 Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	12	13	14
15	1:00 p.m. 16 Administrative Council Meeting Donation UMC	17	5:45 p.m. 18 Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	19	20	21 Manor Hill UM Men Sausage/Scrapple Sale – Pick-up Day
22	23	24	5:45 p.m. 25 Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	26	27	28

Manor Hill Charge
 Wesley Chapel UMC–8:45 a.m.;
 Ennisville UMC–9:45 a.m.;
 Faith UMC–11:00 a.m.

Donation UMC
 9:15 a.m.-Worship
 15th Street UMC
 9:30 a.m.-Sunday School; 10:45 a.m.-Worship

Blanket Sunday contributions,
 for Church World Services,
 will be observed all month.

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