

# 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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January 2024

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Happy New Year!

### *From the Pastor..., January Devotional*

Happy New Year!

You may read this before January 1st or maybe after, either way Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As we begin this new year, I have been searching my soul to see whether I am fulfilling the mission of the church.

Do you know the mission of the United Methodist Church? According to our Book of Discipline (pages 93-96,) the mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

*The Process for Carrying Out Our Mission (pg. 94)—*

We make disciples as we:

- proclaim the gospel, seek, welcome, and gather persons into the body of Christ;
- lead persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;
- nurture persons in Christian living through worship, the sacraments, spiritual disciplines, and other means of grace, such as Wesley's Christian conferencing;
- send persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed, being and becoming a compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel; and
- continue the mission of seeking, welcoming and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ.

John Wesley, Phillip Otterbein, Jacob Albright, and our other spiritual forebears understood this mission in this way. Whenever United Methodism has had a clear sense of mission, God has used our Church to save persons, heal relationships, transform social structures, and spread scriptural holiness, thereby changing the world. In order to be truly alive, we embrace Jesus' mandate to love God and to love our neighbor and to make disciples of all peoples.

After reading this, I can see where I do not live up to the expectation of our Discipline.

How about you? We can only answer for ourselves and at some point we will stand before God and answer for our actions or lack of actions.

Long before I became a Pastor, I became a member of the United Methodist Church. I was twelve years old, and I didn't really understand it all. I bet some of you can relate. As I got older and became more involved, I would occasionally look at those vows and I would pray that I was understanding better and living more into those vows. As a Pastor, I continue to look at those vows and wonder what I could do differently to live into them.

Here are the vows we agreed to follow:

- To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of our sin;
- To accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression;
- To confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord;
- To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world;
- To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in my power to strengthen its ministries;
- To faithfully participate in its ministries by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness;
- To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

After reading these I come to realize these are not easy, but we have to work at it diligently.

As we start this new year, let us renew these vows and dedicate ourselves to these vows and to serving God as disciples of Jesus Christ so we can go into the world and make new disciples for Jesus Christ and for the transformation of the world.

In Luke 10:27, Matthew 22:36-40, and Mark 12:28-31 we are basically told: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." I believe when we live into this statement by Jesus, we get very close to being his disciple.

Blessings in this new year!

Pastor Barb



## FIFTEENTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE JANUARY 2024

January 7, 2024

Epiphany / Baptism Of Our Lord Sunday

Scripture Lessons – Isaiah 60:1-6 NRSV; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 NRSV;  
Ephesians 3:1-12 NRSV; Matthew 2:1-12 NRSV

Sermon – “Wise Men”

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Human Relations Sunday

Scripture Lessons – I Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) NRSV;  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 NRSV;  
I Corinthians 6:12-20 NRSV; John 1:43-51 NRSV

Sermon – “Are You Listening?”

January 21, 2024

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture Lessons – Jonah 3:1-5, 10 NRSV; Psalm 62:5-12 NRSV;  
I Corinthians 7:29-31 NRSV; Mark 1:14-20 NRSV

Sermon – Debbie Lear, Certified Lay Speaker (Pastor Barb and Jack Are On Vacation)

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Scripture Lessons – Deuteronomy 18:15-20 NRSV; Psalm 111 NRSV;  
I Corinthians 8:1-13 NRSV; Mark 1:21-28 NRSV

Sermon – Speaker To be Announced (Pastor Barb and Jack Are On Vacation)



Sympathy is extended to the family of

*Cleo Mann,*

who entered life triumphant on  
Thursday, December 7, 2023.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to her family.



### 15th Street United Methodist Church

#### BIRTHDAYS

January 1 Robert Mort

January 5 Gina Sellers

January 21 Dianne Barben

January 25 Bill Hoffman

January 28 Jim Decker

January 29 Maya Weaver

#### ANNIVERSARIES

January 20 Randy and Valerie Rennell     January 31 David and Linda Fryer

### Donation United Methodist Church

#### BIRTHDAYS

January 9 Crystal Workinger

January 16 Randy Larson

January 19 Roy McCool

January 24 Barry Lear

January 27 Ellie McCool





## NOVEMBER, 2023 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>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>PLUS</u>	<u>MINUS</u>
<u>CURRENT INCOME</u>	\$13,967.28	\$193,655.92				
<u>CURRENT EXPENSES</u>			\$16,887.72	\$190,034.79		
					\$3,621.13	
<u>BENEVOLENCE INCOME</u>	\$3,557.80	\$9,651.04				
<u>BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES</u>			\$3,604.38	\$8,988.62		
					\$662.40	\$0.00
<u>TRUSTEE INCOME</u>	\$369.00	\$8,940.00				
<u>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</u>			\$369.00	\$8,940.00		
					\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>COMBINED INCOME</u>	\$17,894.08	\$212,246.96				
<u>COMBINED EXPENSES</u>			\$20,861.10	\$207,963.41		

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

- January 7, 2024    Organ Fund  
(This special offering pays minor repairs and tuning for the church organ and piano.)
- January 14, 2024    World Hunger  
(This special offering is received to help resource food pantries and food banks throughout the world, United States and locally.)
- January 21, 2024    Human Relations Day  
(This special offering strengthens outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico and encourages social justice and work with at-risk youth.)

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Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Sale – Sponsored by the Donation UMC  
Donation UMC – Assembling day is Thursday, January 11th – 4:00 p.m. – Help Is Appreciated.  
Sign up sheet is on the table in the vestibule at the church.

15th Street UMC – Pick Up Day: Friday, January 12th – 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

There is a sign up sheet on the radiator at the back of the sanctuary. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, January 7th.

Cost Is \$4.00.

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### FOOD BANK NEED

Cream Of Mushroom Soup

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## - Events To Remember -

<p><b>HOLY COMMUNION – DONATION / 15TH STREET UM CHURCHES</b> Sunday, January 7th – 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>TRUSTEE RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH</b> Sunday, January 7th – 12:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>"THE CHOSEN" – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH</b> Tuesday, January 9th – 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MAKING HAM 'N CHEESE SANDWICHES – DONATION UMC</b> Thursday, January 11th – 4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HAM 'N CHEESE SANDWICH SALE PICK-UP FOR 15TH STREET UM CHURCH ORDERS</b> Friday, January 12th – 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>UN-DECORATE THE CHURCH – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH</b> Saturday, January 13th – 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>FINANCE / ENDOWMENT MEETING</b> Monday, January 15th – 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – DONATION UM CHURCH</b> Monday, January 15th – 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>"THE CHOSEN" – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH</b> Tuesday, January 16th – 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>CHURCH COUNCIL – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH</b> Tuesday, January 23rd – 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>DONATION UM CHURCH PREPARING / SERVING SOUP KITCHEN</b> Thursday, January 25th – 4:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Chancel Choir                      Bell Choir</b></p> <p><b>Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.    Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.</b></p>
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**Pastor Barb and Jack will be leaving on vacation Thursday, January 18th. She will be back in the office on Thursday, February 1st.**

**In case of an emergency, Pastors Jackie Claybaugh and Kym Eichelberger will be covering for her.**

**Pastor Jackie's phone number is 814 381-1856 and Kym's phone numbers are 814 515-8151 / 814 667-3436.**

**Debbie Lear, Certified Lay Speaker (Donation UMC) will be preaching at both churches (Donation/15th Street) on Sunday, January 21st.**

Debbie will, also, be preaching at Donation UMC on Sunday, January 28th.

A speaker for Sunday, January 28th, has not yet been secured for 15th Street UMC.

## NOTES OF THANKS

**15th Street / Donation UMC – Many thanks for the fruit basket, cards, and gifts received during this holiday season. Your thoughtfulness is very appreciated. Pastor Barb**

15th Street Church – The monetary Christmas gift received this year was very much appreciated. Amy Merritts

15th Street Church – Thank you for the gift of money from the church. Shirley McBrayer

**Church Family – Thanks for the monetary Christmas gift this year. Chuck Streightiff**

15th Street Church Family – The monetary gift given this year for Christmas was certainly appreciated. Miriam Fetzer

Donation Church - Thank you for the delicious fruit basket. Your thoughtfulness is always much appreciated. Miriam Fetzer

looking several months ahead...

Altoona District HUB  
is sponsoring a BUS TRIP to see,

**“DANIEL”**

at Sight and Sound in Lancaster, on Thursday, April 4, 2024. Cost: \$170.00 includes transportation, meal and show ticket. The bus will be picking up interested travelers that day in the parking lot behind Wendy's. For more information, questions, or to obtain tickets, see or call Carol Yoder. 814 627-0584.

## FIFTEENTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### CHURCH COUNCIL 2024 (names in nomination for the underlined positions)

Chairperson	Renee Lucas
Pastor	Barbara A. Servello
Lay Leader	
Lay Member to Annual Conference	<u>Anna Spangler</u> (Donation UMC)
Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference	<u>Sue Reed</u> (15th Street UMC)
Church Treasurer (Paid Position)	Amy Merritts
Council Secretary	Pauline Streightiff
Committee on Staff/Pastor Relations Chairperson	Mike Sellers
Board of Trustees	
Committee on Finance Chairperson	Randy Rennell
Committee on Memorial and Honor Gifts Representative	Beth Query
Endowment Chairperson	David (Pete) Sellers
Facilitators	Frank Campopiano
	Mike Knott
	Cindy Knott

### COMMITTEES

#### Staff/Parish Relations – Mike Sellers, Chairperson

Lay Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
Debbie Lear

#### Class of 2024

David Fryer

#### Class of 2025

Sue Stratton

#### Class of 2026

Randy Rennell

#### Board of Trustees – \_\_\_\_\_, Chairperson

#### Class of 2024

Rick Reed

Neil Barben

Mike Knott

#### Class of 2025

Sue Reed

Lucenda Holland

Keith Black

#### Class of 2026

Robert Glenny

Bill Speck

Carol Yoder

#### Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) – Barbara A. Servello, Chairperson

#### Class of 2024

Karen Mort

Sue Reed

Fred Query

#### Class of 2025

Pat Beck

Susie Black

Amy Merritts

#### Class of 2026

Chris Query

Sharon Hendricks

Paula Mohler

#### Committee on Finance – Randy Rennell, Chairperson

Renee Lucas

Miriam Fetzner

Lay Leader

Anna Spangler

Mike Sellers

Amy Merritts

Scarlett Speck

Chairperson of Church Council

Financial Secretary

Lay Member To Annual Conference (Donation UMC)

Chairperson Staff Parish Committee

Trustee Representative

Treasurer

Member At Large – 2024



Memorial and Honor Committee – Beth Query, Treasurer  
Class of 2024  
Sue Glenn  
Class of 2025  
Trudy McElwain

Class of 2026  
Connie Mateer

Endowment Fund Committee – David (Pete) Sellers, Chairperson  
Renee Lucas  
Chairperson of Church Council  
Lay Leader  
Randy Rennell  
Chairperson of Finance  
Bill Speck  
Trustee Representative  
Bob Mohler  
Member At Large  
Carol Yoder  
Member At Large  
Fred Query  
Member At Large

Forum of Churches Representative  
Chris Query



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Administrative Council Chairperson  
Pastor  
Recording Secretary  
Lay Member to Annual Conference  
Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference  
Church Treasurer  
Lay Leader  
Board of Trustees Chairperson  
Nurture and Membership Chairperson  
Mission Co-Chairpersons  
  
Nominations  
Staff/Parish Relations  
  
Trustees

Debbie Lear  
Barbara A. Servello  
Erin McCool  
Anna Spangler (Donation UMC)  
Sue Reed (15th Street UMC)  
Nora Moore  
Debbie Lear  
Nevin Bickle  
  
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Anna Spangler  
Hutch Moore  
Pat McCool  
Debbie Lear – 2024  
Erin McCool – 2025  
Sandi Dysard – 2026  
Randy Larson  
Barry Lear

MEMBER-AT-LARGE  
Ruth Edwards

COMMUNION STEWARD  
Sandi Dysard

Huntingdon Fifteenth Street and Donation	86%	14%
Budget For Church Fiscal Year January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024	170 members	28 members
<b>CURRENT EXPENDITURES</b>	Fifteenth Street	Donation
Pastor's Salary	\$ 48,401.08	\$ 7,879.25
Continuing Education	\$ 936.11	\$ 152.39
Travel Allowance	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 350.00
Health Insurance	\$ 15,790.00	\$ 2,570.00
Pension	\$ 7,070.89	\$ 1,151.08
Social Security Offset	\$ 3,702.69	\$ 602.76
	\$ 78,050.77	\$ 12,705.48
<b>OTHER SALARIES AND WAGES</b>		
Organist/Choir Director - Shirley McBrayer	\$ 9,711.19	
Bell Choir Director - Shirley McBrayer	\$ 898.05	
Church/Financial Secretary - Miriam Fetzer	\$ 11,409.84	\$ 1,267.76
Church Treasurer - Amy Merritts	\$ 1,704.08	
Custodian - Chuck Streightiff	\$ 10,720.04	
Nursery Attendant	\$ 1,860.00	
<b>CONFERENCE SHARES OF MINISTRIES (Apportionments)</b>		
Conference Shares of Ministry Category 1 - Benevolence	\$ 4,671.27	\$ 693.58
Conference Shares of Ministries Category II - Connectional Ministry	\$ 6,951.86	\$ 1,032.19
Conference Shares of Ministries Category III - Clergy Support	\$ 7,485.12	\$ 1,111.37
<b>LOCAL CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COST</b>		
<b>Insurance - TBD</b>	\$ 14,103.00	\$ 2,866.00
Payroll and Church Portion	\$ 2,777.20	\$ 96.99
Pension - Church Portion (3% - Miriam - 15th Street/Donation)	\$ 342.30	\$ 38.03
<b>PARSONAGE EXPENSES</b>		
Electric	\$ 1,806.00	\$ 294.00
Garbage	\$ 237.00	\$ 38.00
Oil	\$ 2,580.00	\$ 420.00
Sewer/Water	\$ 1,075.00	\$ 175.00
Telephone	\$ 817.00	\$ 133.00
TV Cable	\$ 817.00	\$ 133.00
Internet	\$ 817.00	\$ 133.00
<b>CHURCH UTILITIES</b>		
Electric	\$ 8,000.00	
Garbage	\$ 350.00	
Gas	\$ 7,000.00	
Sewer/Water	\$ 1,375.00	
Telephone	\$ 4,000.00	
	\$ 179,558.72	\$ 21,137.40

<b>OTHER LOCAL CHURCH EXPENSES</b>		
Cultivate & Nurture Ministry	\$ 550.00	
Discipleship Ministry	\$ 1,800.00	
Outreach Ministry	\$ 1,400.00	
Vacation Bible School	\$ 300.00	
Music Ministry	\$ 200.00	
Youth Ministry	\$ 100.00	
Funeral Dinners	\$ 550.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 100.00
Postage	\$ 700.00	
Computer	\$ 300.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00	
Stewardship	\$ 500.00	
Guest Minister	\$ 150.00	
Guest Organist	\$ 450.00	
Annual Conference Registration	\$ 750.00	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 193,308.72</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCE EXPENDITURES</b>		
Altoona District Mission		
Epworth Manor		
Huntingdon Forum of Churches	\$ 100.00	
Habitat For Humanity		
Hospitality Fund		
House Of Care		
Huntingdon County Children's Services		
Huntingdon Community Center		
Huntingdon Fire Department	\$ 250.00	
Huntingdon House		
Meals On Wheels		
Missionary Support		
Neighborhood Center		
Ronald McDonald House		
United Methodist Children's Home		
Conference Mission Offerings (75.00) (75.00) (75.00)	\$ 225.00	
<b>TOTAL BENEVOLENCE EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 575.00</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 193,883.72</b>	<b>\$ 21,237.40</b>





### Pastor Barb And Jack On Vacation

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HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

JANUARY

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