

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...*  
January Devotional

*"See, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" -Isaiah 43:19 NRSV*

January arrives quietly. The decorations are put away, routines return, and the new year stretches before us—wide, unknown, and full of possibility. While the world rushes into resolutions and goals, the church pauses to remember a deeper truth: God is already at work, doing something new.

The beginning of a year invites reflection. We look back on joys and sorrows, victories and disappointments. Some of us step into January with hope and excitement; others carry grief, uncertainty, or weariness from the year behind us. Wherever we find ourselves, Scripture reminds us that God's faithfulness does not change with the calendar.

In the Methodist tradition, we believe God's grace meets us before we are ready (prevenient grace), walks with us as we grow (justifying grace), and continues to shape us throughout our lives (sanctifying grace). January is not about starting over alone—it is about stepping forward with God, trusting that the One who has carried us this far will continue to lead us.

The early weeks of the church year invite us to remember who Jesus is: revealed at Epiphany as the light of the world, proclaimed at His baptism as God's beloved Son, and made known through His teachings and healing. As disciples, we are reminded that following Christ is not about perfection, but about faithfulness—showing up, praying, serving, and loving in small, steady ways.

As you begin this new year, consider not only what you want to change, but how God might be calling you to grow. Where is God inviting you to trust more deeply? To forgive more freely? To serve more generously? To rest more faithfully?

May January be a time not of pressure, but of promise. The same God who guided Israel through the wilderness and raised Christ from the dead is present with us now. New beginnings are possible—not because we are strong, but because God is faithful.

Where do you sense God inviting you to begin—or begin again—this year?

*Prayer: Faithful God, Thank You for the gift of a new year. As we step into January, help us to trust Your leading and rest in Your grace. Open our eyes to the new things You are doing in our lives and in our church. Shape us into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, that we may love You and serve others in this year ahead. Amen.*

Happy New Year!  
Pastor Barb

**"New Beginnings, Faithful God"**



## NOVEMBER, 2025 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	<u>ACTUAL INCOME</u>		<u>ACTUAL EXPENSES</u>		<u>INCOME VS EXPENSE</u>	
		<u>YEAR</u>		<u>YEAR</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</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>	\$21,236.68	\$217,660.46				
<u>CURRENT EXPENSES</u>			\$16,807.88	\$196,074.70		
					\$21,585.76	
<u>BENEVOLENCE INCOME</u>	\$296.00	\$6,185.72				
<u>BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES</u>			\$105.00	\$3,134.72		
					\$3,051.00	\$0.00
<u>TRUSTEE INCOME</u>	\$897.00	\$11,817.00				
<u>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</u>			\$897.00	\$11,817.00		
					\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>COMBINED INCOME</u>	\$22,429.68	\$235,663.18				
<u>COMBINED EXPENSES</u>			\$17,809.88	\$211,026.42		

The actual CURRENT income figure of \$21,236.68 for November, 2025, includes a withdrawal amount of \$5,000.00 from the BERNICE CREMER ENDOWMENT to compensate for the declining income to assist with everyday operating expenses for the church.



### SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

- January 4, 2026    Organ Fund  
(This special offering pays minor repairs and tuning for the church organ and piano.)
  
- January 11, 2026    World Hunger  
(This special offering is received to help resource food pantries and food banks throughout the world, United States and locally.)
  
- January 18, 2026    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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looking several months ahead...,

**ALTOONA MISSION CENTRAL HUB**  
is sponsoring a **BUS TRIP** to see their new show,  
**“JOSHUA”**

at Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Cost: \$198.00 for adults; \$129.00 for children, 3-12. The price 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.

Deposit to reserve your seat, asap. Payment is due in full by February 26, 2026.



Huntingdon Fifteenth Street / Donation / Manor Hill Charge			
Budget For Church Fiscal Year January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026	85% of	15% of	1/2 of total
	remaining half	remaining half	budget amount
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	15th Street	Donation	Manor Hill
Pastor's Salary	\$ 23,919.15	\$ 4,221.03	\$ 28,140.15
Continuing Education	\$ 318.75	\$ 56.25	\$ 375.00
Travel Allowance	\$ 1,062.50	\$ 187.50	\$ 1,250.00
Health Insurance (\$21,015.00)	\$ 8,931.38	\$ 1,576.12	\$ 10,507.50
Pension	\$ 3,198.28	\$ 564.40	\$ 3,762.68
Social Security Offset	\$ 1,829.82	\$ 322.90	\$ 2,152.73
	\$ 39,259.88	\$ 6,928.20	\$ 46,188.06
<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	\$ 6,000.00
Custodian - Chuck Streightiff	\$ 10,720.04		
Nursery Attendant	\$ 1,860.00		
	\$ 34,599.12	\$ 1,267.76	\$ 6,000.00
<b>CONFERENCE SHARES OF MINISTRIES (Apportionments)</b>			
Conference Shares of Ministry Category 1 - Benevolence	\$ 4,509.12	\$ 678.32	
Conference Shares of Ministries Category II - Connectional Ministry	\$ 6,710.53	\$ 1,009.49	
Conference Shares of Ministries Category III - Clergy Support	\$ 7,225.28	\$ 1,086.92	
	\$ 18,444.93	\$ 2,774.73	
<b>LOCAL CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COST</b>			
Insurance	\$ TBD	\$ TBD	
Payroll and Church Portion	\$ 2,646.84	\$ 96.99	
Pension - Church Portion	\$ 342.30	\$ 38.03	
	\$ 2,989.14	\$ 135.02	
<b>PARSONAGE EXPENSES</b>			
	Donation	Manor Hill	
Electric (\$2,100.00)	\$13.13	\$ 87.50	\$ 892.50
Garbage (\$ 325.00)	\$ 2.03	\$ 13.55	\$ 138.13
Oil (\$3,300.00)	\$20.63	\$137.50	\$ 1,402.50
Sewer/Water (\$1,300.00)	\$ 8.13	\$ 54.17	\$ 552.50
Telephone-Cable-Internet (\$3,400.00)	\$21.25	\$141.67	\$ 1,445.00
Utilities Amount For 15th Street / Donation Church / Manor Hill Charge	\$ 4,430.63	\$ 781.87	\$ 5,212.50
<b>CHURCH UTILITIES</b>			
Electric	\$ 8,000.00		
Garbage	\$ 450.00		
Gas	\$ 10,000.00		
Sewer/Water	\$ 1,375.00		
Telephone	\$ 5,100.00		
	\$ 24,925.00		
<b>TOTAL (page 1)</b>	<b>\$ 124,648.70</b>	<b>\$ 11,887.58</b>	<b>\$ 57,400.56</b>

<b>OTHER LOCAL CHURCH EXPENSES</b>			
Cultivate & Nurture Ministry	\$ 550.00		
Discipleship Ministry	\$ 1,600.00		
Outreach Ministry	\$ 1,100.00		
Vacation Bible School	\$ 100.00		
Music Ministry	\$ 200.00		
Youth Ministry	\$ 100.00		
Funeral Dinners	\$ 500.00		
Office Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Postage	\$ 725.00		
Computer	\$ 300.00		
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00		
Stewardship	\$ 500.00		
Guest Minister	\$ 150.00		
Guest Organist	\$ 450.00		
Annual Conference Registration	\$ 340.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 400.00
Payroll Services	\$ 1,500.00		
	\$ 14,115.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 600.00
<b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 138,763.70</b>	<b>\$ 12,047.58</b>	<b>\$ 58,000.56</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCE EXPENDITURES</b>			
Conference Mission Offerings (75.00) (75.00) (75.00)	\$ 225.00		
Huntingdon Fire Department	\$ 250.00		
Huntingdon Forum of Churches	\$ 100.00		
<b>TOTAL BENEVOLENCE EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 575.00</b>		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 139,338.70</b>	<b>\$ 12,047.58</b>	<b>\$ 58,000.56</b>

**NOTE OF THANKS**

I want to wish all of you a wonderful holiday.  
 Thanks to all who sent me Christmas cards. Mary Gladfelter

Sympathy  
 is extended to the Ken and Cheryl Robertson family  
 in the recent passing of Cheryl's mother,  
 E. VIOLA JOHNS,  
 on Thursday, December 4, 2025.  
 She was an active member of Faith UMC.



Sympathy  
 is extended to the family of  
 WALTER H. HOUCK.  
 Walt passed away on  
 Wednesday, December 10, 2025.  
 He was a member of 15th Street UMC.

Prayers are appreciated for both families during their time of loss.



# January 2026

May the New Year bring you blessings in abundance of love, joy, health, peace and prosperity.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
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				1	2	3			
HOLY COMMUNION / 8:45 a.m. Wesley Chapel UMC 9:45 a.m. Ennisville UMC 11:00 a.m. Faith UMC 12:00 p.m. Trustee Re-organizational Meeting 15th Street UMC	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
			5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir				8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast/ Prayer / Devotions Ennisville / Faith / Wesley Chapel / 15th Street / Donation UM Churches At Stone Valley Bible Church		
HOLY COMMUNION 9:15 a.m. Donation UMC 10:45 a.m. 15th Street UMC	11	12	1:00 p.m. Church Council Ennisville UMC ===== 6:30 p.m. Church Council For Faith UMC	13	14	15	16	17	
			6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee Ennisville - Faith Wesley Chapel Location: Wesley Chapel 5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir						
18	6:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting Donation UMC	19	20	5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	21	22	23	24	
25		26	6:30 p.m. Church Council 15th Street UMC	27	5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	28	29	30	31

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