

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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March, 2024

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Sunday – March 31st – 10:45 a.m.
15th Street UM Church
Sermon Title: “CHRIST HAS RISEN INDEED”
Holy Communion

Following the service, there will be
an Easter egg hunt on the lawn.



Donation UM Church
Sunrise Service
March 31st – 7:00 a.m.
Sermon Title: “He Is Risen”
Holy Communion

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.



March 29th – 7:00 p.m.
15th Street UM Church
Sermon – “King Jesus”

*But He was wounded for our
transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;
the chastisement of our peace was upon Him;
and by His stripes we are healed. -Isaiah 53:3 KJV*

Palm / Passion Sunday
March 24th – 9:15 a.m. / 10:45 a.m.
-Sermon-

From “Hosanna” To “Crucify Him”

**And the crowds that went
before him and that followed him
shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”**

-Matthew 21:9 RSV



15th Street UM Church
Sermon Title – “Mandate”
**Holy Communion will be
offered during the service.**

March 28th – 7:00 p.m.



HOLY WEEK

Community Cross Walk / Good Friday Services – 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. – Friday, March 29th
At noon, the Community Good Friday services will begin at the Abbey Reformed United Church of Christ - 515 Sixth Street
and move through seven downtown Huntingdon Churches. At the time of this printing, the schedule for the
participating churches and pastors had not yet been announced. If you are in the area, please join others
who will be making the journey from church to church for these very meaningful services.

From the Pastor...,
March Devotional



"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"
Matthew 28:18-20 NRSV

We are in the midst of our Lenten journey. As I write this, I am thinking about the word disciples, or discipleship. Discipleship is a word that gets thrown around a lot at church. Often, people think making disciples is a specific call or spiritual gift, that is only meant for pastors, missionaries and "super-Christians". Well, this kind of thinking is wrong. Discipleship is not intended for only a select few to carry out. Christ's mandate to make disciples is meant for every one of His followers.

"Disciple" comes from the Greek word that means, "to learn". Historically, the word recognizes a pupil-teacher relationship. Jesus poured Himself into twelve young men by teaching. He spent intimate relational time with them, and then sent them out to proclaim the gospel and do good works. Jesus literally staked His whole ministry on these twelve young men. He was quietly equipping the saints so that they could lead the multitudes.

As we study the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and examine the practical ministry models of Jesus, we can conclude that discipleship is: Pouring into others, training them in Word, in Relationships, and in Ministry, so that they might develop as healthy believers who can walk by faith, share their faith and multiply their faith. So what does this all mean for you and for me? The Great Commission is one command - Make Disciples! It goes on to tell us how we are supposed to do that - Go, Baptize, and Teach.

GO - This is understood as a non-negotiable. Jesus is telling all those who recognize His lordship that wherever and however you go, make disciples.

BAPTIZE - Jesus is describing the symbolic gesture of being initiated into His fold. The focus is witnessing.

TEACH - Jesus wants us to teach disciples all that He commanded. By teaching what Jesus taught, the church becomes an extension of His ministry. It's equipping people to obey all that Jesus commanded.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



As we continue this Lenten journey, how are we becoming disciples of Jesus Christ? Are we studying His word? Do we share Jesus with others wherever we go? How are we pouring ourselves into others so that they may see Jesus? Are we inviting others to turn to Jesus or turn away from Jesus by our attitudes and actions?

" 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' "

Matthew 22:36-40 NRSV

Blessings on the journey and Happy Easter!
Barb Servello, Pastor



15TH STREET UM CHURCH - EASTER FLOWERS

Below is an order form giving you the opportunity to purchase flower(s) for Easter Sunday morning, March 31st.
This year, again, they are being purchased from Riverside Greenhouse in Mattawana.
The cost per plant is \$9.50. Deadline For Ordering Is MONDAY, MARCH 11TH.

NAME: _____ NUMBER OF PLANTS DESIRED: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

FIFTEENTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE MARCH, 2024

March 3, 2024	<p>Third Sunday In Lent Holy Communion Scripture Lessons – Exodus 20:1-17 NRSV; Psalm 19 NRSV; I Corinthians 1:18-25 NRSV; John 2:13-22 NRSV Sermon Series – “Worship”</p>
March 10, 2024	<p>Fourth Sunday In Lent UMCOR Sunday Scripture Lessons – Numbers 21:4-9 NRSV; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 NRSV; Ephesians 2:1-10 NRSV; John 3:14-21 NRSV Sermon Series – “Love And Light”</p>
March 17, 2024	<p>Fifth Sunday In Lent Scripture Lessons – Jeremiah 31:31-34 NRSV; Psalm 51:1-12 NRSV; Hebrews 5:5-10 NRSV; John 12:20-33 NRSV Sermon Series – “You Want To See Jesus? Look Up!”</p>
March 24, 2024	<p>Palm / Passion Sunday Scripture Lessons – Palm Sunday Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 NRSV; Mark 11:1-11 NRSV; Scripture Lessons – Passion Sunday Isaiah 50:4-9a NRSV; Psalm 31:9-16 NRSV; Philippians 2:5-11 NRSV; Mark 14:1 - 15:47 NRSV Sermon: From “Hosanna” To “Crucify Him”</p>
March 28, 2024	<p>Maundy Thursday Service / Holy Communion Scripture Lessons – Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 NRSV; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 NRSV; I Corinthians 11:23-26 NRSV; John 13:1-17, 31b-35 NRSV Sermon: “Mandate”</p>
March 29, 2024	<p>Good Friday Service Scripture Lessons – Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 NRSV; Psalm 22 NRSV; Hebrews 10:16-25 NRSV; John 18:1 - 19:42 NRSV Sermon: “King Jesus”</p>
March 31, 2024	<p>Easter Sunrise Service – Donation United Methodist Church Holy Communion Scripture Lesson – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 NRSV; Acts 10:34-43 NRSV; I Corinthians 15:1-11 NRSV; Mark 16:1-8 NRSV Sermon: “He Is Risen”</p>
March 31, 2024	<p>Easter Sunday Holy Communion Scripture Lessons – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 NRSV; Acts 10:34-43 NRSV; I Corinthians 15:1-11 NRSV; John 20:1-18 NRSV Sermon: “Christ Has Risen Indeed”</p>



JANUARY, 2024 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>JANUARY</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>PLUS</u>	<u>MINUS</u>
<u>CURRENT INCOME</u>	\$19,094.49	\$19,094.49				
<u>CURRENT EXPENSES</u>			\$16,589.84	\$16,589.84		
					\$2,504.65	
<u>BENEVOLENCE INCOME</u>	\$477.48	\$477.48				
<u>BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES</u>			\$422.48	\$422.48		
					\$55.00	\$0.00
<u>TRUSTEE INCOME</u>	\$584.00	\$584.00				
<u>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</u>			\$584.00	\$584.00		
					\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>COMBINED INCOME</u>	\$20,155.97	\$20,155.97				
<u>COMBINED EXPENSES</u>			\$17,596.32	\$17,596.32		

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

- March 10, 2024 UMCOR (One Great Hour Of Sharing)
(This is a multi-denominational offering received once a year. You can join other United Methodists worldwide by giving to support humanitarian aid from UMCOR.)
- March 17, 2024 Camp Sunday
(This offering is a resource for those who wish to take part in the Conference camping program.)
- March 24, 2024 Forum Fuel Assistance

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY

- Annie Maize \$ 5.48
Blanket Sunday \$ 25.00
Ham 'n Cheese Sandwiches \$ 250.00
Human Relations \$ 11.00
World Hunger \$ 131.00



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HAM 'N CHEESE SANDWICH SALE

For those from 15th Street UM Church who ordered Ham 'n Cheese Sandwiches the end of February, pick up day for you is Friday, March 1st, from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

AND..., looking at March, there is another sale scheduled for Friday, March 22nd. Donation Church will be making and assembling them on Thursday afternoon, March 21st, at 4:00, with pick up for 15th Street Church orders on Friday, March 22nd, from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

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NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Friends - ..., As we begin a new year, we are excited about what God has planned and look forward to seeing the ways He will work it all out for our good and His glory. Thank you for your donation and may God bless you richly in return for showing your confidence in us and joining us in upholding the sanctity of LIFE!
Sincerely, 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 thank you for your generous donation to our organization. We assure you this donation will be used to benefit our clients. Thank You. Meals On Wheels

-EVENTS TO REMEMBER-

**HAM 'N CHEESE SANDWICH ORDERS FOR PICK UP
AT 15TH STREET UMC**
Friday, March 1st – 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

SWIM TEAM BANQUET – 15TH STREET UMC
Saturday, March 2nd – 6:00 p.m.
Prepared / Served By The Twentieth
Century Men's S.S. Class

HOLY COMMUNION – DONATION / 15TH STREET UM CHURCHES
Sunday, March 3rd – 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS
Sunday, March 10th
**BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS *AHEAD* BEFORE GOING
TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT.**

"THE CHOSEN" – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UMC
Tuesday, March 12th – 6:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING – DONATION UMC
Monday, March 18th – 6:00 p.m.

"THE CHOSEN" – BIBLE STUDY – 15TH STREET UMC
Tuesday, March 19th – 6:00 p.m.

MAKING HAM 'N CHEESE SANDWICHES – DONATION UMC
Thursday, March 21st – 4:00 p.m.

HAM 'N CHEESE SANDWICH PICK-UP FOR 15TH STREET UMC
Friday, March 22nd – 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

**MUSIC! MUSIC! MUSIC! COMMUNITY CHOIR
PARTICIPATING IN PRIDE**
Saturday, March 23rd – 4:00 p.m.

PASSION / PALM SUNDAY
DONATION / 15TH STREET UM CHURCHES
Sunday, March 24th – 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH
Tuesday, March 26th – 6:30 p.m.

DONATION CHURCH PREPARING / SERVING SOUP KITCHEN
Thursday, March 28th – 4:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH
Holy Communion
Thursday, March 28th – 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
(DOWNTOWN HUNTINGDON)
Friday, March 29th – 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH
Friday, March 29th – 7:00 p.m.

SUNRISE SERVICE – DONATION UM CHURCH
Sunday, March 31st – 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, March 31st – Holy Communion
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m., Worship – 10:45 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt will follow the service.

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Chancel Choir 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Bell Choir 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
**with exception of Wednesday, March 27th,
THEY WILL BE MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 25TH,
due to Holy Week.**

15th Street United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

March 2 Carol Yoder	March 11 Lena Whitesel
March 3 Chuck Streightiff	March 14 Beth Querry
March 8 Trudy McElwain	March 17 David Fryer
March 9 Tina Laird	March 22 Donna Isenberg
March 10 Bob Mohler	March 24 Chad Isett
March 30 Matthew Sellers	

Birthdays

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Donation United Methodist Church

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March 13 Betty Leamer	March 20 James Bickle
March 19 John Moyer	March 28 Penny Frew



Sympathy Is Extended To The Families Of:

J. Colleen Trimer
who entered life triumphant on
Friday, January 26, 2024.



Daniel Aurandt
who entered life triumphant on
Saturday, February 3, 2024.



Betty Norris
who entered life triumphant on
Wednesday, February 14, 2024.



Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 10th.

SPRING AHEAD..., Turn Your Clocks Ahead One Hour Before Going To Bed On SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH.



As mentioned, there is going to be an Easter egg hunt on Sunday, March 31st,
following the morning worship service at 15th Street UM Church. We are
asking for donations of wrapped candy to be brought to the church.
A basket designed for this purpose will be in the Educational Unit.



Our local Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary is having their annual Fudge Sale. The cost is \$12.00 a pound.

Flavors available are: Chocolate – Chocolate Peanut Butter – Chocolate Walnut – Peanut Butter.

If you would be interested in ordering directly from them, their telephone number is (814) 643-1430.

There are order forms at both churches, also, if you would prefer to place an order that way.

The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, March 6th with delivery or pick up on Tuesday, March 19th.



Celebration Of The
15th Street United Methodist Church



The facilitators at 15th Street UM Church met several weeks ago and are interested in recruiting help
from the congregation in planning this event. If you are interested in participating and
assisting with this celebration, please reach out to Pastor Barb. Not much at this
point has been discussed, so it is definitely in the beginning stages.

Dates, upcoming meetings and many details need to be openly discussed.

As more details become available, we will certainly share with you in
your weekly bulletin as well as in upcoming newsletters.



DONATION UM CHURCH – EASTER FLOWERS

If you are interested in ordering Easter flowers to be placed at the front of the sanctuary on Easter Sunday
morning for the sunrise service, please see Erin McCool or sign up on the designated
sheet on the table in the church vestibule.





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The Numbers of HOPE

MARCH 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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 Item – Cereal</p>					<p>9:30 a.m.- 1 11:00 a.m. Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Pick-up For 15th Street Orders</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. 2 Swim Team Banquet At 15th Street UMC Twentieth Century Men's S.S. Class Preparing/Serving</p>
<p>Holy 3 Communion 9:15 a.m. Donation UMC 10:45 a.m. 15th Street UMC</p>	4	5	<p>6:30 p.m. 6 Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir</p>	7	8	<p>Spring 9  ahead one hour before going to bed.</p>
10	11	<p>6:00 p.m. 12 "The Chosen" Bible Study 15th Street UMC</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. 13 Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir</p>	14	15	16
17	<p>6:00 p.m. 18 Administrative Council Meeting Donation UMC</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. 19 "The Chosen" Bible Study 15th Street UMC</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. 20 Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. 21 Making Ham 'n Cheese Sandwiches at Donation UMC</p>	<p>9:30 a.m. – 22 11:00 a.m. Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Pick-up For 15th Street UMC</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. 23 Music! Music! Music! Community Choir Performing At PRIDE</p>
<p>Passion / Palm 24 Sunday 9:15 a.m. Donation UMC 10:45 a.m. 15th Street UMC </p>	<p>6:30 p.m. 25 Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. 26 Church Council Meeting – 15th Street UMC</p>	27	<p>4:00 p.m. 28 Donation Serving/Preparing At The Soup Kitchen 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service Holy Communion 15th Street UMC</p>	<p>Good Friday 29 Services 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Downtown Huntingdon (walk) 7:00 p.m.  15th Street UMC</p>	30
<p>Donation UMC 31 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:00 a.m. Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 15th Street UMC 10:45 a.m. Easter Celebration 12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt</p>						

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