

# 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, 2025

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*From the Pastor...*

March Devotional



*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." – Psalm 51:10*

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L As we journey through the season of Lent, we are invited into a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. These 40 days leading to Easter are not just about giving something up, but about opening ourselves to God's transforming grace. Lent is a sacred invitation to let go of distractions and draw closer to God, seeking a deeper relationship with Christ.

E In the United Methodist tradition, we embrace Lent as a season of preparation. We remember the sacrifice of Jesus and consider how we, too, are called to live lives of humility, service, and love. Fasting, prayer, scripture reading, and acts of compassion can help us focus our hearts and minds on God's purpose for us.

N This month, let us reflect on the ways God is calling you to grow spiritually. What does Lent mean to you personally? How can you create space for God in your daily life during this season? How can you encourage others in your community to walk faithfully through Lent? What burdens might you need to release to create space for God's presence? What spiritual practices could deepen your walk with Christ?

Lent is also a communal journey. Just as Jesus walked alongside His disciples, we walk together as the body of Christ. Encourage one another, pray for one another, and extend grace as we move toward the hope of Easter morning. Let this be a season where we, as United Methodists, embrace our connectional faith, knowing that God is creating in each of us a clean heart and renewing our spirits to reflect His love more fully.

T PRAYER...

Gracious God, thank You for the gift of this Lenten season. Help us to slow down, listen to Your voice, and be transformed by Your grace. Cleanse our hearts and renew our spirits as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. May our journey draw us closer to You and to one another. Amen.



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**WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE**

March 5, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.  
15th Street UM Church



**Sympathy**

is extended to the Moore Family in the recent passing of

**STEVEN MOORE.**

Steve entered life triumphant on Monday, February 17, 2025.

Prayer is appreciated for Nora, his wife, and the family during this time.

**Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 9th.**

**SPRING AHEAD..., Turn Your Clocks Ahead One Hour Before Going To Bed On SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH.**

# FIFTEENTH STREET / DONATION UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH, 2025

March 2, 2025	Transfiguration Of the Lord Holy Communion Scripture Lessons – Exodus 34:29-35 NRSV; Psalm 99 NRSV; II Corinthians 3:12-4:2 NRSV; Luke 9:28-43 NRSV Sermon: "Transfiguration"
March 5, 2025	Ash Wednesday Service Scripture Lessons – Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 NRSV; Isaiah 58:1-12 NRSV; Psalm 51:1-17 NRSV; II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 NRSV; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 NRSV Sermon: "Ash Wednesday"
March 9, 2025	First Sunday In Lent Scripture Lessons – Deuteronomy 26:1-11 NRSV; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 NRSV; Romans 10:8b-13 NRSV; Luke 4:1-13 NRSV Sermon: "Observing Lent"
March 16, 2025	Second Sunday In Lent Scripture Lessons – Genesis 15:1-2, 17-18 NRSV; Psalm 27 NRSV; Philippians 3:17-4:1 NRSV; Luke 13:31-35 NRSV; Luke 9:28-36 NRSV Sermon: "Faith vs Doubt"
March 23, 2025	Third Sunday In Lent Scripture Lessons – Isaiah 55:1-9 NRSV; Psalm 63:1-8 NRSV; I Corinthians 10:1-13 NRSV; Luke 13:1-9 NRSV Sermon: "To What Do You Cling?"
March 30, 2025	Fourth Sunday In Lent Scripture Lessons – Joshua 5:9-12 NRSV; Psalm 32 NRSV; II Corinthians 5:16-21 NRSV; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 NRSV Sermon: "Behind Closed Doors"

### 15th Street United Methodist Church

#### BIRTHDAYS

March 2 Carol Yoder	March 11 Lena Whitesel
March 3 Chuck Streightiff	March 14 Beth Query
March 8 Trudy McElwain	March 22 Donna Isenberg
March 9 Tina Laird	March 24 Chad Isett
March 10 Bob Mohler	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



## JANUARY, 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>JANUARY</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>PLUS</u>	<u>MINUS</u>
<u>CURRENT INCOME</u>	\$23,201.29	\$23,201.29				
<u>CURRENT EXPENSES</u>			\$20,924.74	\$20,924.74		
					\$2,276.55	
<u>BENEVOLENCE INCOME</u>	\$190.46	\$190.46				
<u>BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES</u>			\$90.46	\$90.46		
					\$100.00	\$0.00
<u>TRUSTEE INCOME</u>	\$364.00	\$364.00				
<u>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</u>			\$364.00	\$364.00		
					\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>COMBINED INCOME</u>	\$23,755.75	\$23,755.75				
<u>COMBINED EXPENSES</u>			\$21,379.20	\$21,379.20		

The actual CURRENT income figure of \$23,201.29 for January, 2025, includes a withdrawal amount of \$10,000.00 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 MARCH

- March 16, 2025 Camp Sunday  
(This offering is a resource for those who wish to take part in the Conference camping program.)
- March 23, 2025 Forum Fuel Assistance
- March 30, 2025 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.)

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY

- Annie Maize \$ 5.46
- Blanket Sunday \$ 25.00
- Human Relations \$ 10.00
- World Hunger \$ 50.00



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Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Sale – Sponsored by the Donation UMC – \$4.00 each  
Sandwiches are being made on Thursday, March 13th, 4:00 p.m., at the Donation UMC.  
Pickup Orders for 15th Street UMC will be Friday morning, March 14th, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.  
If interested in ordering, please sign the designated sheet at each church.  
**DEADLINE FOR SIGNING UP IS SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH!**

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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 are interested in ordering, please call the Salvation Army at (814) 643-1430.  
The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, March 5th with pick up on  
Tuesday, March 18th or Wednesday, March 19th at their location on Shadyside Avenue.

## -EVENTS TO REMEMBER-

**HOLY COMMUNION – DONATION / 15TH STREET UM CHURCHES**  
 Sunday, March 2nd – 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 15TH STREET UMC**  
 Wednesday, March 5th – 7:00 p.m.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**  
 Sunday, March 9th  
**BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD BEFORE GOING  
 TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 8TH.**

**MAKING HAM 'N CHEESE SANDWICHES – DONATION UMC**  
 Thursday, March 13th – 4:00 p.m.

**HAM 'N CHEESE SANDWICH PICK-UP FOR 15TH STREET UMC**  
 Friday, March 14th – 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING – DONATION UMC**  
 Monday, March 17th – 6:00 p.m.

**CHURCH COUNCIL – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH**  
 Tuesday, March 25th – 6:30 p.m.

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Due to Ash Wednesday being on March 5th, the two Choirs are  
 rehearsing (*only that week*) on **MONDAY, MARCH 3RD.**

Remainder of month will be their usual schedule.

Bell Choir            5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir       6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

## **NOTES OF THANKS**

Dear Friends – We hope the holiday season was spent with family and friends, appreciating  
 all the many blessings our Lord has given over the past year and anticipating the  
 wonderful ways in which He will bless you in 2025 and beyond!

At Crossroads, we rejoice for the many blessings of 2024 and turn our attention to renewing our commitment  
 to our mission of providing hope, help, and healing in Jesus name. This year will mark 40 years of ministry!

Know that we cannot do what we do without you and your support, and we look forward  
 to sharing with you the impact in an even greater way in 2025!

With gratitude, 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

Dear Friends from the 15th Street UMC – We at the Huntingdon County Drop-In Center have received your generous  
 donation and wanted to personally thank you. You are truly making a difference and everyone at the Drop-In values your  
 tremendous support. Thank everyone there for your care and work to make Huntingdon a better place to call home.

Dear Friends – We would like to thank you for your donation to the Huntingdon Are Food Pantry.  
 All gifts we receive go to helping us combat hunger in our communities. Our new building has  
 been a blessing for the pantry and the families we serve...,  
 Thank you all and may God continue to bless you. Sincerely, Jean Feagley-Director

Dear 15th Street UMC –

Thank you for your recent gift.


You have done something remarkable. You have extended your generosity to others-even when you  
 knew they would probably never know. One of the greatest joys in life is knowing that you have  
 impacted the life of someone else positively. And you have! Because of your generosity, and the  
 generosity of others like you, we were able to offer critical services to over 300 victims and survivors  
 of domestic violence in Huntingdon County last year.

We are committed to honoring your investment and living out our mission by providing support to  
 victims and survivors of domestic violence, while working toward the elimination of domestic violence  
 through education and advocacy within the community. Gratefully, Artamarie Barclay-HH Board President

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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 – Peanut Butter</p>						1
<p>Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Donation UMC 10:45 a.m. 15th Street UMC</p>	<p>5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>		<p>7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - UMC</p>			<p>8</p>  <p>one hour before going to bed.</p>
9	10	11	<p>5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. Making Ham 'n Cheese Sandwiches At Donation UMC</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Ham 'n Cheese Sandwich Pick-up For 15th Street UMC</p>	15
16	<p>6:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting Donation UMC</p>	18	<p>5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	20	21	22
23	24	<p>6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting 15th Street UMC</p>	<p>5:45 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	27	28	29
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**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

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