

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...

March 2026 Devotional

WALKING THE WAY TOGETHER



“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me.” -Matthew 16:24

March often feels like a season in between.

Winter has not fully released its grip, yet spring is clearly on the way. The days grow longer, the earth begins to stir, and signs of new life quietly appear. Spiritually, March places us firmly on the road of Lent—a journey marked not by hurry, but by intention.

Lent is not a season of punishment or spiritual gloom. In the United Methodist tradition, Lent is a gift of grace—a time set apart to examine our lives honestly and to rediscover who we are and whose we are. John Wesley encouraged believers to use seasons like this for holy reflection, trusting that God’s grace meets us not only in joy, but also in self-examination and repentance.

Jesus’ invitation to “take up the cross” is not about seeking suffering for its own sake. It is about choosing a way of life shaped by love, humility, and trust in God. During Lent, we are invited to notice what distracts us from following Christ fully. What habits dull our compassion? What fears keep us from loving boldly? What voices compete with God’s call? At the same time, Lent reminds us that we do not walk this road alone. United Methodists believe deeply in connectional faith—that discipleship is lived out together. We pray together, worship together, serve together, and support one another as we grow in grace. Even when the journey feels challenging, we are surrounded by the faithful presence of God and the community of Christ.

March’s quiet persistence mirrors the spiritual work of Lent. Transformation rarely happens all at once. More often, it comes through daily practices—prayer that softens our hearts, scripture that reorients our priorities, generosity that loosens our grip on what we cling to, and acts of mercy that reflect Christ’s love.

As we walk through March toward the hope of Easter, may we trust that God is at work beneath the surface. The cross is not the end of the story. New life is already taking shape. May this season draw us closer to Christ, deepen our love for one another, and prepare us to celebrate the joy that is coming.

Prayer: Gracious God, as we journey the Centen road this month, give us courage to look honestly at our lives and trust your grace to meet us there. Strip away what keeps us from following you fully, and strengthen us to walk in love, humility, and hope. Guide us as individuals and as a church, that together we may grow in faith and reflect the light of Christ to the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

**FIFTEENTH STREET / DONATION /
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES - WORSHIP SCHEDULE MARCH, 2026**

March 1, 2026 Second Sunday In Lent
Holy Communion For Manor Hill Charge
Scripture Lessons – Genesis 12:1-4a NRSV; Psalm 121 NRSV;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 NRSV; John 3:1-17 NRSV
Sermon – “Our Journey Of Faith: Comfort vs. Complacency”

March 8, 2026 Third Sunday In Lent
Holy Communion For Donation / 15th Street Churches
Scripture Lessons – Exodus 17:1-7 NRSV; Psalm 95 NRSV;
Romans 5:1-11 NRSV; John 4:5-42 NRSV
Sermon – “Companion For Our Journey”

March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday In Lent
Scripture Lessons – I Samuel 16:1-13 NRSV; Psalm 23 NRSV;
Ephesians 5:8-14 NRSV; John 9:1-41 NRSV
Sermon – “A Journey Of Grace”

March 22, 2026 Fifth Sunday In Lent
Scripture Lessons – Ezekiel 37:1-14 NRSV; Psalm 130 NRSV;
Romans 8:6-11 NRSV; John 11:1-45 NRSV
Sermon – “The Road We Travel”

March 29, 2026 Palm / Passion Sunday – Combined Service With All 5 Churches At Wesley Chapel
Scripture Lessons – Liturgy of the Palms: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 NRSV;
Matthew 21:1-11 NRSV
Scripture Lessons – Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a NRSV; Psalm 31:9-16 NRSV;
Philippians 2:5-11 NRSV; Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 NRSV
Sermon: “Holy Week Journey”

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

Flavors available are: Chocolate – Chocolate Peanut Butter – Chocolate Walnut – Peanut Butter.
If interested in ordering, please sign up on the designated sheets located in each of our churches.

The deadline for ordering is WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH. Pick up and/or delivery will be on
Wednesday, March 18th at their location on Shadyside Avenue.

If delivery is your option, please be in touch with our contact person, Kathy Amman for details.

Dear Church Family,
Please forgive my late note, but I did not want to let more time pass without expressing my heartfelt thanks for the wonderful Christmas gifts. I was so blessed by your generosity. Also, thank you for the delicious meals, the many prayers, cards, phone calls, and thoughtful messages during my knee replacement recovery. Your kindness meant so much to me during a time when I truly needed encouragement and support. The food was such a blessing, the calls lifted my spirits on difficult days, and your prayers gave me comfort and strength throughout my healing process.
I am deeply thankful for each of you and for the love you have shown.
With heartfelt appreciation, *Pastor Barb*

JANUARY, 2026 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>	\$11,917.72	\$11,917.72				
<u>CURRENT EXPENSES</u>			\$22,969.92	\$22,969.92		
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<u>BENEVOLENCE INCOME</u>	\$405.48	\$405.48				
<u>BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES</u>			\$50.48	\$50.48		
					\$355.00	\$0.00
<u>TRUSTEE INCOME</u>	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00				
<u>TRUSTEE EXPENSES</u>			\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00		
					\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>COMBINED INCOME</u>	\$13,663.20	\$13,663.20				
<u>COMBINED EXPENSES</u>			\$24,360.40	\$24,360.40		

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

March 15, 2026 Camp Sunday
(This offering is a resource for those who wish to take part in the Conference camping program.)

March 15, 2026 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 \$ 5.48
Human Relations \$ 10.00
World Hunger \$ 35.00



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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.

Given the many worthy organizations that could benefit from your philanthropy, we are so grateful that you chose to give to Huntingdon House! 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.

On behalf of the board, staff, and all those we serve at Huntingdon House, I want to extend my heartfelt "Thank You!" for your generous support.

Gratefully, Artamarie Barclay-HH Board President

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- 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, March 1st</p> <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS Sunday, March 8th BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS <i>AHEAD</i> BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT, MARCH 7TH.</p> <p>HOLY COMMUNION – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH DONATION / 15TH STREET UM CHURCHES Sunday, March 8th – 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>METHODIST MEN'S MEETING – WESLEY CHAPEL UMC Monday, March 9th – 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>SUMMER LUNCH BUNCH MEETING – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH Monday, March 9th – 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – ENNISVILLE UM CHURCH Tuesday, March 10th – 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – FAITH UM CHURCH Tuesday, March 10th – 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING ENNISVILLE – FAITH – WESLEY CHAPEL UM CHURCHES Wednesday, March 11th – 6:00 p.m. Location: Wesley Chapel UM Church</p> <p>SOUP SALE – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH Saturday, March 14th</p> <p>FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL LADIES / GIRLS – 9:00 A.M. Stone Valley Bible Church – 13543 Greenwood Road Huntingdon PA (Route 305, East of McAlevys Fort)</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – DONATION UM CHURCH Monday, March 16th – 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHURCH COUNCIL – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH Tuesday, March 24th – 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>DONATION CHURCH PREPARING / SERVING SOUP KITCHEN Thursday, March 26th – 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>PALM / PASSION SUNDAY – MARCH 29TH – TBA Combined Service With All 5 Churches At Wesley Chapel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WEDNESDAYS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bell Choir - 5:45 p.m. Chancel Choir - 6:30 p.m.</p>
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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

Donation United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

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

Faith United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

March 1 Mary Corcelius	March 12 Jim Ayers	March 12 Willis Gardner
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Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

March 1 Marie DeVinney	March 17 Patty Stever
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happy anniversary

happy birthday

HUB YEAR END 2025

We offer another year of Praise and thanksgiving to God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. The Mission Central HUB Altoona an extension of Mission Central in Mechanicsburg has another year of working here and around the world. We are continuing to experience new and exciting things this year.

We are in our 18th year in 2025 of helping to support all those that have experienced disasters, poverty or homelessness. The HUB had 757 volunteers, and 2,102.9 volunteer hours this past year. Without these dedicated volunteers the HUB could not possibly exist. Some of our kits that are prepared and shipped from our HUB go through Mission Central in Mechanicsburg and then onto UMCOR or distributed directly from Mission Central. Throughout the 18 years we have distributed to over 600 ministries locally. We are distributing to shelters, nursing homes, churches, the food kitchen, homeless ministries, schools, church programs, backyard ministries and more. We again were able to help "Sowing Seeds in Belize" through helping fill a container that will be sent by Eric and Cindy Noel; we sent care kits, activity kits, jean quilts, jeans, homeless mats, and more. We were also able to help the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh homeless ministries.

We welcomed some new regular volunteers this year at the HUB. These volunteers have embraced what we do with love and determination to help wherever they can. We started making the homeless mats on a loom and some of the ladies are doing a beautiful job and are tweaking the procedure more and more. They also started making bags that can be used on walkers. The first of these were given to the VA home. They were so appreciative and ask for more if we had them. We will also give to nursing homes.

Our kits and other supplies were shipped to Mission Central twice this year. Our volunteers have made up 148 cleaning buckets, 1,560 care kits, 1,350 activity kits, 166 *revised* baby care kits (distributed only from our HUB area) and 73 nonstandard hygiene kits and 53 nonstandard activity kits. We also distributed 104 sleep mats, and 186 jean quilts. In addition, there were multiple quantities of 51 different items with multiple quantities. These kits and 350 plus misc. items have accumulated an estimated value of \$66,733. The total from 2024 was \$1,053,601.00 with our 2025 totals added we have made contributions of \$1,120,334.00.

Even though Mission Central isn't collecting the baby care kits, we are continuing these kits because of the dedicated volunteers that love to make the beautiful baby sweaters. We revamped the kits to exclude cloth diapers and are distributing them locally to ministries that help families in need. We also give them to different ministries that are working with mothers to be. 166 *revised* baby care kits were distributed locally.

All the kits we complete here at our HUB are listed on our webpage missioncentralaltoonahub.weebly.com and on our Facebook page we list our current needs. This year was exciting because we got to see our kits and miscellaneous items going straight from our warehouse to people here in our area Blair, Bedford and Huntingdon. We continue to help local schools with clothes, blankets, socks, underwear and miscellaneous hygiene items and more. This year we added two new schools. We also help the animal shelters.

Along with a local group from 4th Street Church of God crocheting homeless mats and St. Patrick's Church donating loom mats; still other individuals are making them and dropping them off. We are now making mats here on a "loom" as mentioned above. We have a really nice inventory of plastic grocery bags so that when the local grocery stores decide to do away with them we should be set for a long time. A local convenience/gas store donated a case of their plastic bags. Some volunteers are cutting bags at home.

Our annual July fundraiser of blueberries was again a success. Even with more groups selling blueberries we still did well. This fundraiser netted us \$9,596.00 because of our loyal supporters. This fundraiser is really important because it pay utilities and rent.

We also participated in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser. We netted over \$809.00. Here again more and more nonprofits are doing this fundraiser.

In 2025 we sponsored a bus trip to see the show "Noah" at Sight and Sound Theater as a fundraiser for our HUB. We netted \$547.59. Since this was not a new show we only had one bus. We will be sponsoring a trip April 9, 2026 to see the new show JOSHUA.

Most of our volunteers have signed up for the RSVP (retired senior volunteer program) and were treated with a very nice luncheon and several very nice gifts. Jay Fornwalt, FUMC Hollidaysburg, was chosen the Volunteer of the Year at the luncheon for all the hours he put in at the HUB. We donated two of the "jean" quilts for door prizes at the luncheon.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all our dedicated financial supporters, communicators, board members and last but not least our volunteers. We are so blessed to have such dedication week in and week out.

We pray God will continue to bless His work through us. With the help of our churches and contributors we will strive to help here, there, and everywhere He directs us.

Again we thank all those that support us. We ask for your prayers so that we can continue His work.

Respectfully,
Marti Shiffler, Secretary

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. -Hebrews 13:16 RSV

The HUB still need cleaning buckets supplies:

Laundry Detergent - Household Cleaner - Insect Repellent or Wipes - Air Fresheners-NO Aerosole
Scouring Pads-NO SOS / Brillo - Clothes Line at least 50' to 100'

Dear Shelter Supports,

On behalf of the Huntingdon County Humane Society, I would like to thank you for your recent donation.

Your support helps us to continue our mission to care for abused, abandoned and unwanted animals in our area 365 days a year. As we do not receive and federal, state or local funding, all donations make a difference in the lives of these animals.

Through generosity such as yours, we are able to move forward in our quest to find happy homes for all the animals in our care.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely, Lisa Boland
HCHS Shelter Manager

**Good
Morning**

FREE BREAKFAST

**Meet
for
Breakfast**

Inviting ALL ladies and girls – Saturday, March 14th – 9:00
Stone Valley Bible Church – 13543 Greenwood Road – Huntingdon PA (Route 305, East of McAlevys Fort)
This invitation is extended to Wesley Chapel, Faith, Ennisville, Donation, and 15th Street UM Churches.
In case of bad weather, additional information, or questions, please contact Joan Weaver (814) 667- 3717.

MARCH



2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>HOLY 1 COMMUNION / 8:45 a.m. Wesley Chapel UMC 9:45 a.m. Ennisville UMC 11:00 a.m. Faith UMC</p>	2	3	<p>5:45 p.m. 4 Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	5	6	<p>7 one hour before going to bed</p>
<p>HOLY 8 COMMUNION 9:15 a.m. Donation UMC 10:45 a.m. 15th Street UMC</p>	<p>5:00 p.m. 9 Methodist Men's Meeting At Wesley Chapel UM Church 6:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Bunch Meeting 15th Street UMC</p>	<p>1:00 p.m. 10 Church Council Ennisville UMC ===== 6:30 p.m. Church Council Faith UMC</p>	<p>5:45 p.m. 11 Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 6:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee Ennisville – Faith Wesley Chapel AT: Wesley Chapel</p>	12	13	<p>14 Soup Sale At 15th Street UM Church 9:00 a.m. FREE BREAKFAST For Ladies/Girls From Ennisville, Faith, Wesley Chapel, Donation, 15th Street UM Churches (see detailed announcement)</p>
15	<p>1:00 p.m. 16 Administrative Council Meeting Donation UMC</p>	17	<p>5:45 p.m. 18 Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	19	20	21
22	23	<p>6:30 p.m. 24 Church Council 15th Street UMC</p>	<p>5:45 p.m. 25 Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. 26 Donation UMC Preparing/Serving Soup Kitchen</p>	27	28
<p> 29 Combined Service At Wesley Chapel All 5 Churches Time To Be Announced</p>	30	31	<p>Manor Hill Charge Wesley Chapel UMC–8:45 a.m.; Ennisville UMC–9:45 a.m.; Faith UMC–11:00 a.m.</p>		<p>Donation UMC 9:15 a.m.-Worship 15th Street UMC 9:30 a.m.-Sunday School; 10:45 a.m.-Worship</p>	

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