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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September, 2024

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Come Celebrate With Us!

15th Street United Methodist Church 1500 Moore Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652

150th Anniversary Celebration Weekend September 14-15, 2024

Saturday, September 14, 2024

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

(meat and beverages provided..., just bring your favorite side dish to share)

Music, fellowship, games, and fun on the front lawn...

bring your lawn chair!

Tours available throughout the church.

Sunday, September 15, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Refreshments and music on the front lawn. Tours available throughout the church.

<u>10:30 a.m. – Noon</u>

Morning Worship Service in our beautiful sanctuary to include guest speakers.

Noon

Spaghetti Dinner in the Social Room of the church.

For planning purposes, if you wish to join us, please call the church office at 814-643-3690, or email meth15st@verizon.net.



SEPTEMBER DEVOTIONAL

Here we are the end of summer! Can you believe we are two-thirds of the way through 2024? Where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday we were celebrating Memorial Day and the beginning of summer and here it is Labor Day.

We spent ten weeks planting seeds in over forty-five children, ages 5-14, during our Summer Lunch Bunch program. Now we are making final preparations for our 150th anniversary celebration.

In the 1870's, the trustees of 1st Methodist Church had a vision that a church was needed in the growing west end of Huntingdon, Huntingdon only went as far as 13th Street at the time, but Rev. G.L.S. Baker built our first building. It was erected west of 14th Street, and so was the start of 15th Street Methodist. On December 6, 1874, West Huntingdon Methodist Sunday School was started, and as they say, the rest is history, but is it? What transpired over the next 150 years is quite impressive, (you can read more in the commemorative book that will be made available for the anniversary celebration.)

Today, though we ask the question, "What will happen in the next few years? Will we still be a presence in our community? What needs to happen for us to be around another 25, 50, 75 or even 1 year from now?"

Donation celebrated their 150th year anniversary two years ago. We are all trying to figure out how to keep the church alive so that we may continue to serve the community. It is no secret that our members are aging. Many struggle to get out if they are not in nursing facilities.

The structures we are in that we call our church is just a building, but the church is all of you. You are the backbone, the heart and soul of 15th Street and Donation United Methodist Churches. Pastors come and go, but you folks are the church. So after the celebration is over, where do we go from there?

Let us be in prayer as to what God wants for our churches today and into the future! Let us work together to find ways we can continue to serve. None of us know what the future holds, but I can say this, it is going to take all of us working together to find ways to serve and grow so that down the road someone will look back on the history of these two churches and say, "wow they are still serving God and their communities after all these years!"

Pastor Barb



15th Street United Methodist Church

BIRTHDAYS

September 1 Connie Mateer September 15 Kelly Young September 2 Renee Lucas September 21 Howard Reitenbaugh September 2 Sean Weaver September 23 Amy Merritts September 5 Dessie Zeek September 25 Kevin Weaver September 7 Ginny Mansberger September 26 Polly Streightiff September 27 Jack Servello September 9 Irene Grissinger September 14 Fred Querry September 27 Bill Speck birthde September 14 Rachael Walters September 30 Anna Campopiano Donation United Methodist Church BIRTHDAYS

September 1 Tilda Thomas September 27 Amy Johns September 8 Sandi Dysard September 30 Nancy Hoffmaster

ANNIVERSARIES

September 12 Freddie and Chassidy Schleicher September 16 Randy and Patti Larson

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FIFTEENTH STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2024

September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Lessons – Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sermon: "Song Of Songs"

September 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Lessons – Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125;

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: "Decision Making 101"

September 15, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

150th Anniversary Service

September 22, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Lessons - Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12;

Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: "Lady Wisdom"

September 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Lessons – Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Psalm 124;

James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Sermon: "Listen, Notice, Act"

JULY, 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	ACTUAL INCOME		ACTUAL EXPENSES		YEAR TO DATE	
		YEAR		YEAR		
	JULY	TO DATE	<u>JULY</u>	TO DATE	<u>PLUS</u>	MINUS
CURRENT INCOME	\$10,729.00	\$135,970.87				
CURRENT EXPENSES			\$16,925.17	\$136,196.22		
						-\$225.35
BENEVOLENCE INCOME	\$131.40	\$3,303.28				
BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES			\$76.40	\$2,784.28		
					\$519.00	
TRUSTEE INCOME	\$695.50	\$5,293.00				
TRUSTEE EXPENSES			\$695.50	\$5,293.00		
					\$0.00	\$0.00
COMBINED INCOME	\$11,555.90	\$144,567.15				
COMBINED EXPENSES			\$17,697.07	\$144,273.50		

Special Offerings For July

Annie Maize \$ 5.40 Forum Fuel \$ 25.00 World Hunger \$ 46.00 SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

September 8, 2024 Christian Education Sunday
(This offering will go to help support

our Conference Camping Programs.

Events To Remember

HOLY COMMUNION – DONATION / 15TH STREET UM CHURCHES Sunday, September 1st – 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH Thursday, September 5th – 6:00 p.m.

9-11 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE – SMITHFIELD FIRE HALL Sunday, September 8th – 3:00 p.m.

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, September 14th: 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 15th: 9:15 a.m.: Refreshments / Music

10:30 a.m.: Morning Worship Service 12:00 p.m.: Spaghetti Dinner

Additional Detailed Information On Front Page Of Newsletter

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL – DONATION UM CHURCH Monday, September 16th – 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL – 15TH STREET UM CHURCH Tuesday, September 17th – 6:30 p.m.

DONATION CHURCH PREPARING / SERVING SOUP KITCHEN Thursday, September 26th – 4:00 p.m.

MONDAYS

6:45 p.m. – Music! Music! Music! Community Choir no Community Choir on Monday, September 2nd or Chancel / Bell Choir on Wednesday, September 4th.

Chancel Choir – 6:45 p.m. WEDNESDAYS Bell Choir – 8:00 p.m.

SOME PRAYER POINTS FOR CHURCH GROWTH AND DISCIPLESHIP

Lord, please forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Lord, we only want to please you. Guide us in the way that we should go. -Galatians 5:16

Lord, we want more of you. Please help us grow in faith and discipleship.

Dear Lord of the harvest, we ask you to send out laborers from this congregation to your harvest. - Matthew 9:37-38

Holy Spirit, we ask that you touch the hearts of people in this neighborhood so that they can know, love and follow Jesus. Lord, please send people of all ages to this congregation for ministry.

Let souls be saved in your kingdom through this church. Let the new converts grow in discipleship through this church.

Let your kingdom be multiplied through the ministry of this congregation.

Every power causing division in this church, stop in the name of Jesus. Lord please contend with every enemy that is contending with this church's ministry. -Psalm 35

Holy Spirit, please bring revival to this congregation, community, the Altoona District, and the Susquehanna Conference of The United Methodist Church.

No weapon formed against this ministry will prosper. We are thankful that the gates of hell cannot prevail against this ministry. -Isaiah 54:17, Matthew 16:18

Lord, please bless the laity and clergy with strength and divine power to live as world changing disciples of Jesus Christ.

Lord, please keep your angels encamped about our pastors, laity, families, churches, and our campuses. We abide in the secret place of You, the Most High God, and thank you for divine protection. -Psalm 91

Huntingdon Area High School Football Season - 2024

The football season will be starting soon which means the Twentieth Century Men's Sunday School Class will be preparing and serving their famous spaghetti dinner for the players and coaches for all away games. Those particular games are scheduled for Friday, August 30th, September 6th, September 27th, and October 18th.



SEPTEMBER ~ 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Holy Communion 1 9:15 a.m. Donation UMC 10:45 a.m. 15th Street UMC	No 2 Community Choir	3	NO Chancel Choir NO Bell Choir	6:00 p.m. 5 Committee On Lay Leadership (Nominations)	2:30 p.m. 6 Twentieth Century Men's S.S. Class Serving The Football Team	. 7
3:00 p.m. 8 9-11 Day Of Remembrance Smithfield Fire Hall	6:45 p.m. 9 Community Choir	10	6:45 p.m. 11 Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir	12	13	150th 14 Anniversary Celebration Weekend 4:00 p.m7:00 p.m. (see front page for additional information)
9:00 a.m 10:15 a.m. refreshments/music 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service Noon Spaghetti Dinner in the Social Room	6:00 p.m. 16 Administrative Council Meeting Donation Church 6:45 p.m. Community Choir	6:00 p.m. 17 Church Council Meeting	6:45 p.m. 18 Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir	19	20	21
22	6:45 p.m. 23 Community Choir	24	6:45 p.m. 25 Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Bell Choir	26	2:30 p.m. 27 Twentieth Century Men's S.S. Class Serving The Football Team	28
29	6:45 p.m. 30 Community Choir		15th Street UM Church 9:30 a.mSunday School 10:45 a.mWorship Donation UM Church 9:15 a.mWorship 10:45 a.mSunday School		<u>food bank need</u> hand	FOR SEPTEMBER SDAP

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