

APRIL 2025

THE GOOD WORD

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As we enter Holy Week, we will end Lent's preparation and fasting this April. Holy week is an opportunity for us to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It's a chance to renew and deepen our faith and relationship with God. Here is a little preview of what to expect.

Beginning with Palm Sunday, we will commemorate the triumphal entry into Jerusalem with Jesus. This Sunday, sometimes called Passion Sunday, starts us on the story of Jesus' passionate journey to the cross and Easter. As a part of our Palm/Passion Sunday celebration this year, we will also have our cantata, which will musically reflect many of the events of Jesus' passion. Afterward, we look forward to refreshments and the children's Easter egg hunt.

During the week, we have two special services: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Maundy or Holy Thursday is when we remember Jesus' last supper and arrest. And Good Friday is when we remember his trial and death on the cross. This year, we will use the Stations of the Cross to guide us through the Good Friday narrative. Good Friday may seem like a misnomer as it preserves the darkest moments of Jesus' passion, but it is in Christ's death that we pass through into his resurrection and salvation joy.

Easter once again arrives with a Sunrise Service on the church lawn for all you early risers and a regular timed service celebrating the resurrection of Christ and the rebirth of joy in God's saving life. Join us as we give voice to the joy of Jesus when we say the Easter proclamation Christ is risen!

I hope you can join us for all or some of these service opportunities as we discover the grace revealed in Jesus' passion—a passion that demonstrates his commitment to God's will and the gift of salvation in Jesus' name. 'Christ is Risen Indeed!'

I Peter 1:3 NIV

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Pastor Josh



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5 Steve Novick
5 Ray McConchie
16 Scott Jones

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

15 Gary and Sheri Maring
25 Steve and Sharon Iden

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed in the Newsletter, please let the office know.

Praise Jam Mic Night

All Ages Welcome
Saturday, April 5
6:30 to 8:00PM

**Bring Vocals, Instruments,
Jokes, Skits**

Share Your Talents!

Lite Refreshments Served

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS

April - Riita Jones & Anna Grimes

READER

April - Steve Iden

Let Office know if you can help

May 2025

Deadline is:

April 24th



Saturday, April 5 ~ 9AM

Bob Evans

**206 Malcolm Dr.
Westminster, MD**

**Let Steve or Hearl know if
you are coming.**



**Instant potato packages
Kidney & Black beans
Feminine napkins**

**The Net will take any non-perishable items.*

2025 Bazaar Date is
November 15th

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Karl's cousin, Frannie Colantonio-Reed, passed away
- Family of Charles Ridgley who passed away
- Family of Helen King who passed away
- Dave Frazier's sister, Ruth passed away
- Prayers for Finn for school, meds adjustment
- Vivian's friend, Barb Conaway has cancer
- Cindy Watts needs prayer - gall bladder issues
- Cindy's Harris' friend, Phil Anderson-liver cancer
- Pray we can keep God as our focus in all we do
- Pray we can be kinder, gentler, loving people
- Lisa Twilley doing chemo and radiation, pray this helps her
- Pray for government workers and their jobs
- Pray for our military
- Debra Gillen—issues with feet and legs
- Bea Wright is going to live with son in Hagerstown, pray for smooth transition
- Organizations that are being shut down, like World Vision that need donations
- Pray for country, leadership, democracy
- Chris waiting to hear outcome from hearing, still in a lot of pain
- Persons that suffer with seasonal depression
- Sarah requests prayers for health
- Joe Martin-needs prayers
- COVID, pray for people who have it & are suffering
- Uncle Jerry needs prayers for cancer
- Chris's cousin serving overseas in Navy
- Pray for the homeless near and far
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Taylorsville UMC
- The United Methodist Church
- Pray for our World, Peace, Enemies
- For those in assisted living facilities, and employees. Our member in assisted living is Betty Carey-Lorien, Taneytown

**Joys**

- Easter - celebrating our risen Lord!
- Congratulations to John Bennett who retired

Prayers for Service Persons

Austin Flagler (Coast Guard)
Sean Grimes (U S Navy-Tampa)

Thank you for your service!!

We want to keep our prayer list as up to date as possible. Please let the office know if there is a prayer request that we have missed or one we need to take off the list. Thank you for your help with this.

Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles**APRIL****April 6, 2025****5th Sunday of Lent, Communion Sunday**

Philippians 3:4-14, John 12:1-8

Sermon Title: "Offensive Reconciliation "

April 13, 2025**Palm Sunday, Cantata**

Isaiah 50:4-9, Luke 19:28-40

Sermon Title: "The Stones Would Shout "

April 17, 2025**Maundy Thursday, Communion**

Exodus 12:1-14, John 13:1-17, 31-35

Sermon Title: "The Lamb"

April 18, 2025**Good Friday**

John 18:1-19:42, Hebrews 10:16-25

Sermon Title: "Hold Fast"

April 20, 2025**Sunrise Service Easter Sunday**

Luke 24:1-12

Sermon Title: "Why do we look for him here?"

April 20, 2025**Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18

Sermon Title: "I Have Seen the Lord"

April 27, 2025**Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 5:27-32, Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

Sermon Title: "The Doors Were Shut"

***Easter Candy Orders can be picked up
after church on April 6th or April 13th.***



HOLY WEEK



Palm
Sunday

10:00AM Service with Cantata
Potluck after church
Easter Egg Hunt for Kids



Maundy
Thursday

7:00PM Service
Communion



Good
Friday

5:00-7:00 PM Stations
of the Cross
7:00PM Service



Easter
Sunday

6:30AM Sunrise Service-
Light Breakfast
10:00 Easter Service



APRIL 13th

**Donations of candy
to fill the eggs
would be appreciat-
ed. Please bring in
to church by April
6th.**

EASTER FLOWERS

Please help me to decorate the front of the church for Easter. Purchase an Easter flower at your favorite store or florist. Then leave it in the church kitchen **during Holy Week**. There will be stickers and a pen to mark your plant with your name. If you would like to dedicate the plant in honor or memory of someone, there will be a form to do so in the back of the church. This list will appear in the bulletin on Easter morning. After Easter service, feel free to take your flower home and enjoy it.

I plan to arrange the flowers **Saturday, April 19th**, in the morning. Please let me know if you would like to help.

Gail Leyh



EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION

Please complete the order form below for each flower you are placing in the sanctuary for Easter.

Name _____ Phone _____

In Memory of _____ Kind _____

In Honor of _____ Kind _____

In Appreciation of _____ Kind _____

*For Questions, please contact Gail Leyh



May 17, 2025

We need: Baked goods - Susan Maring
Items for Sale - Sue Leppert
Invite your friends - US

We have: Spaces for rent - Dee Haines
\$20 each
\$5 each tables (8ft)

Adult Sunday School Class in Basement Fellowship Hall ~ 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Dee



In April we return to the New Testament texts that explore the significance of Jesus' sacrifice. The book of Hebrews contrasts the annual sacrifices of the Law of Moses – a law that is “a shadow of the good things that are coming” – with Jesus' once for all sacrifice. In the epistles of John, the author describes the love of God revealed by his sending of his Son “as an atoning sacrifice for our sins”. Christ's resurrection on the third day confirms his sacrifice on the cross. We also examine the details surrounding Christ's death and resurrection as told by the Gospel of Matthew. Christ is the glorious Lamb who was slain and whose blood has “purchased” us for God. Therefore, even in the throne room of Heaven, the glorious Lamb is declared “worthy”!

We meet at 9 on Sunday mornings in the social hall. We invite you to join us.

Adult Sunday School Class 8:50 a.m. - Education Building

Contacts: Steve Novick/Jeff Taylor

We are now meeting in the education building (house by the church). Since we now have WiFi in the building our Zoom meeting capabilities are much improved.

We will be putting aside Hebrews for the Lenten season and starting a companion study for the weeks of Lent. We will return to Hebrews after this study.

We will still be looking at Jewish temple theology, regarding how these ideas relate to Jesus' actions in the Temple during his last days in Jerusalem. This temple actions eventually resulted in Jesus' crucifixion by the Romans on Good Friday.

The material for this study will be provided in the form of video podcasts on YouTube as well as study notes that will be available on my blog site.

The YouTube link to the Temple theology playlist is below:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7DIs6XYAIzZAcVUVu3ol7b2gvqrE8T4h>

It has three podcast videos that we will spend about two weeks on.

All the notes for the Temple theology study can be found on my blog at this link.

<https://jeffs-blog.notion.site/Jewish-Temple-Theology-Notes-15dc26412748804ab02fdcebf723d724>

We welcome anyone to join our group.

2025 Endowment Fund Update

Yes, TUMC still has a Permanent Endowment Fund! The Fund was established to support the long-term financial needs of our mission and special project activities. Since its inception more than twelve years ago, the Fund has provided the Missions Committee with financial assistance equaling \$15,700! Because we only use the Fund's earnings when providing this support, its continuing growth will ensure that we can support our missions programs and special project activities in the years to come.

If you would like to consider making a donation to this Fund, or would like additional information about the Fund, please contact the Church Office. Donations not only provide potential tax savings, but also the personal satisfaction of helping to make a difference in the lives of the men, women and children who are the recipients of our missions programs and special projects.

Brochures describing both the Fund and the ways in which to make a Legacy Gift are available at the back of the church.

We still have spaces open for this class.



You are invited
to a **Spring Kids Baking Class!**

What: Spring Kids Baking Class
Learn basic cooking skills.
Take an item home to your family!

Who: Any kids ages 5-12

When: April 11th, 2025
6:00-7:30pm

Where: Taylorsville United Methodist Church

Cost: FREE!

RSVP: Email taylorsvilleumcmd@gmail.com



**Mt. Airy IHOP & Taylorsville United
Methodist Church**

Thursday, April 24th, from 6:00am – 8:00pm

FUNDRAISER Flyer

Please present this to your server

IHOP will donate a portion of the money paid for meals to Taylorsville United Methodist Church.

**This flyer must be attached to the restaurant's
receipt to get credit**



LIVE FROM NASHVILLE, TN!



Saturday, May 3rd - Concert at 7:00PM
Hot/cold sandwiches/desserts for sale 5:00-6:30PM
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4356 Ridge Rd, Mt. Airy, MD 21771

FOLLOW ERNIE COUCH & REVIVAL ON YOUR FAVORITE DIGITAL OR SOCIAL MEDIA SITE!

51 EASTER BASKETS FOR SHEPHERD'S STAFF



United
Women
in Faith

Westminster Rescue Mission News

WRM has purchased a farm (with sheep and other animals) in the Westminster area to house women who are recovering from alcohol and other substances. For the first time, their children will also be included to live with their mothers and also be able to receive counseling. This was made possible by a government grant of over one million dollars.

To help with costs, WRM Ladies Auxiliary, will hold their annual "Tea" on **Saturday, May 10th** from 10:30AM till 1:00PM. This year the Tea will be held at St. Stephen's Reformed Episcopal Church, 2275 Liberty Rd. in Eldersburg. We were running out of space last year. The cost is \$20. Come hear our speaker, Stephanie Halley, CEO WRM, talk about her journey to help others and how the mission saved lives and brought families together.

For tickets contact the church office.

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND FOOD WHILE SUPPORTING
the ADDICTION HEALING CENTER at WESTMINSTER RESCUE MISSION



W R M L A ANNUAL TEA FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY | MAY 10 | 10:30-1:00

ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2275 LIBERTY ROAD | ELDERSBURG, MD

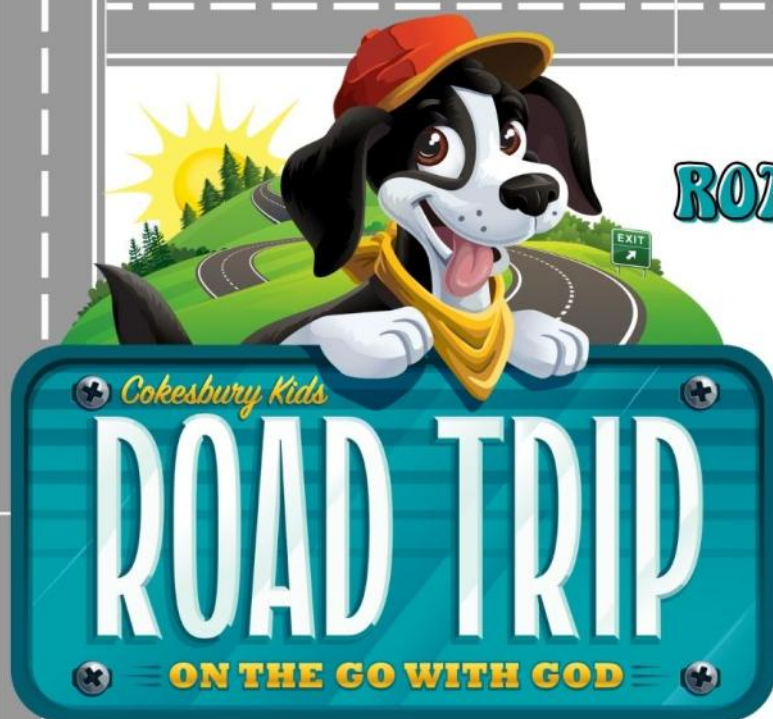
TICKETS

\$20 PER PERSON OR
\$160 FOR A TABLE OF 8
CHECKS PAYABLE TO WRMLA
C/O FAITH FAMILY CHURCH
4150 SYKESVILLE RD
FINKSBURG, MD 21048



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Join us on a
ROAD TRIP with God at
Vacation Bible Camp
to discover God's
goodness and
presence everywhere
**ON THE GO WITH
GOD!**

Who: Children of all ages

Dates: June 23rd-26th, 2025

Time: 5:45-6:15pm- Light meal for families

6:15-8:00pm- Music, story, games, & crafts

Where: Taylorsville United Methodist Church

4356 Ridge Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771

To register, visit www.myvbs.org/taylorsville
or scan the QR code!





Office Hours
M, W, TH
9:00AM-2:30PM



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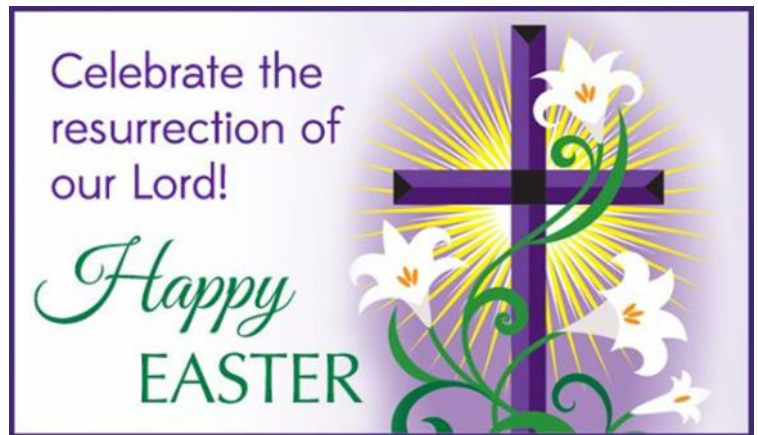
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--|---|--|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 7:00PM Lent Bible Study | 4 | 5 9:00AM Men's Breakfast 6:30PM Mic Night |
| 6 Communion 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website | 7 | 8 | 9 6:30PM Choir | 10 | 11 6:00PM Kids Baking Class | 12 |
| 13 Palm Sunday/Potluck/ Egg Hunt 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website | 14 | 15 | 16 6:30PM Choir | 17 7:00PM Maundy Thursday | 18 5:00-7:00PM Stations of the Cross 7PM Good Friday Service | 19 Contact Gail to help arrange Easter flowers |
| 20 Easter-6:30 Sunrise- light breakfast, 10AM Service 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- | 21 | 22 | 23 6:30PM Choir | 24 7:00PM UWIF Newsletter Deadline | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website | 28 7:00PM Council | 29 7:00PM Vision Meeting | 30 6:30PM Choir | Candy Order Pick-up: April 6 or April 13 | Looking Ahead: May 3 rd - 7PM Ernie Couch Concert | May 17th-Church Yard Sale |



Our Mission of Purpose

We of Taylorsville UMC are a community of faith who believe in Jesus Christ and who value Bible study, prayer, mission and growing in discipleship. We will connect with our unchurched neighbors through small groups that present opportunities to share our faith and worship God together.

We're on the Web!
www.taylorsvilleumc.org



**HOPE TO SEE YOU IN
CHURCH THIS MONTH**

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