MARCH 2026

THE GOOD WORD
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As we approach March, I pray that this month will offer better weather than the previous one. The February snow has been a challenge for many of us. March worship is taken up with Lenten observances. Lent, as we know, is the season that leads directly into Holy Week and Easter. Narratively, we are following along with Jesus as he heads toward Jerusalem and the Cross. Some of us may have taken up practices for Lent, such as fasting, prayer, Bible study, charity work, or something else. If you have taken up a Lenten practice, it's a good way to help you and others better connect with the life of Christ in these forty days. Suppose you haven't started one; it's never too late to try. But even if you don't, just following along with the Lenten journey in church is a good way to connect your story with Christ's.

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." ~ 2 Chronicles 7:14

This year, as holy week approaches, we plan to partner with some of our hub churches and join them for our Holy Week observances. This past February, we hosted other churches for Ash Wednesday, and it was a joy to see our worship increase with friends from other congregations. We will learn more as they prepare to host us.

This March will also mark the start of our Hub confirmation class. If you know of any young persons interested in deepening their faith and confirming it, please let Pastor Josh know of their interest.

Pastor Josh

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5	John Bennett	18	Karl Petro
10	Lew Wimmer	24	Bonnie Petro
13	John Eaton	29	Joe Martin
15	Stephen Iden	30	Sam Grimes

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

20	Jeff and Debra Taylor
25	Ray and Candy McConchie

Men's Breakfast ~ All Men Are Welcome

March 7 at 9:00 AM

Bob Evans
206 Malcolm Dr., Westminster, MD

Let Steve know if you are coming.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS
March - Sheri Maring & Sharon Franklin
April - Hearl & Sandy Wright

READER
March - Stephen Iden
April - Dee Haines

Let Office know if you can help

March 23rd is APRIL

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March Needs:

Jelly, Cereal, Toothpaste, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels

Easter Flowers:

Again this Easter, Gail is asking for church members to bring in flowers for the altar. Any flower or plant can be used. Please bring them to the church by **Saturday, April 4th**, so they can be arranged. After the Easter Service, plan to take the flowers home. If you would like to dedicate your plant in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Anna at the church office email. (taylorsvilleumcmd@gmail.com)

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- John Eaton-trouble breathing, heart issues
- Audrey - continued healing
- Josh's mom - healing to feel better & stronger
- Front line workers that remove snow
- John's friend, Sam has terminal brain tumor
- Pray for our country and world events
- Pray that our hearts and minds continue to be followers of Christ
- Sharon's friend, Barbara-in rehab, needs prayer
- Cindy Watts needs prayer-health issues
- Stacey - needs prayer for breast cancer
- Sue Leppert's Uncle Dale, is recovering from infection, needs continued prayers
- Pray for our democracy, government and leaders
- Pray for those without jobs
- People with colds, flu and Covid
- Pray we keep God as our focus in all we do
- Pray for country, leadership, democracy, military
- Chris has improved pain & functioning
- Persons that suffer with seasonal depression
- Joe Martin-needs prayers
- 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.

Joys

- Audrey and her family were back at church
- UMWI filled 69 Easter Baskets for Shepherd's Staff
- Signs of spring

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

March

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent, Communion
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17
Sermon Title: "A Spirited Conversation"

March 8, 2026
Third Sunday of Lent
Exodus 17:1-7, John 4:5-42
Sermon Title: "Is the Lord with us or not?"

March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41
Sermon Title: "Knowing and not Knowing"

March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 11:1-45
Sermon Title: "Speak Words of Life"

March 29, 2026
Palm Passion Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-9, Matthew 21:1-11
Sermon Title: "Stand in the Court Together"

Spring Ahead……..March 7th

With Grateful Hearts — Thank You, Taylorsville UMC

Since becoming a charge together in July 2025, we at Zion UMC of Shipley have been deeply blessed by our partnership with Taylorsville UMC. In just a short time, you have welcomed us with open arms, open hearts, and a true spirit of Christian fellowship.

Your encouragement, cooperation, and willingness to offer help in every way have not gone unnoticed. We have felt your support in both the big moments and the quiet, everyday ways that truly matter. It has touched our hearts more than words can fully express.

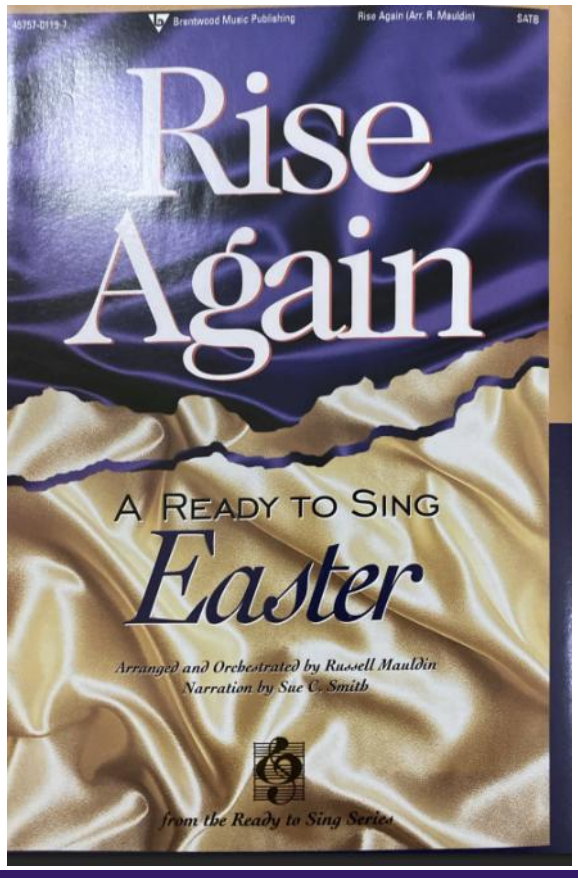
God has indeed blessed Zion through Taylorsville.
As we journey forward together, we see this shared ministry as seeds being planted — and now, as spring begins to blossom around us, we trust that our united efforts will bloom into something beautiful for God's Kingdom.

With sincere gratitude and joy,
Your friends at Zion UMC of Shipley

Easter Cantata:

Join us Sunday, March 29 for the Cantata during worship. The choir has been working hard on the music.

Also, that same day at 3:00PM the Hub choir will be presenting an Easter Cantata at St. Paul UMC, 200 Main St, New Windsor, MD 21776. Our own Cindy Harris and Vivian Overholtzer are in this choir.



Adult Sunday School Class in Basement Fellowship Hall ~ 8:45 a.m.
Contact: Dee Haines

During the spring quarter (March, April, May) we are looking at **Social Teachings of the Church**. In March, we explore the relationship between God's people and their neighbors inside and outside the church, beginning with the Israelites' exile in Babylon and Daniel's exercise of faith in a hostile environment. The lessons continue, teaching that Christian love is not simply an intellectual exercise but an intentional action. For example, God's people love others when they care for the poor, welcome others in Christ, and look forward to days of peace. Jesus' teaching breaks social expectations as he invites his followers to extend their hands to all people, not flinching at anyone who might grasp them in return.

We meet on Sunday mornings at 8:45 in the church social room. We invite you to join us.

Adult Sunday School Class in Education Building ~ 8:45 a.m.
Contact: Jeff Taylor, Steve Novick

This class meets in the house at 8:45 for SS. They are presently taking a closer look at Job.

Confirmation class begins **March 8th** and runs through **May 2nd**, with the confirmation ceremony on **Pentecost Sunday, May 24th** at your home church. This year, the confirmation class will be a combined class with the other churches of our Hub: St Paul, Stone Chapel, Zion, Taylorsville, and Linganore. Each church will take turns hosting. We will also have a field trip to the Strawbridge Shrine in New Windsor.

If you know, or are a young person interested in learning, growing, and confirming your faith, let Pastor Josh know as soon as possible. We will provide you with a new Bible and Bible tabs. Bring yourself and your curiosity.

March 29 - Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

9:45AM	**Worship Service & Cantata**
	Easter Egg Hunt after church
3:00PM	**Hub Choir Cantata - St. Paul UMC**

April 2 - Maundy Thursday

7:00PM	**Maundy Thursday Service**
	Taylorsville UMC

April 3 - Good Friday

Noon	**Service at St Paul UMC**
	200 Main St. New Windsor, MD 21776
7:00PM	**Good Friday Service at Taylorsville UMC**

April 5 - Easter

approx. 6:30AM	**Sonrise Service on the lawn**
	Lite breakfast after Sonrise Service
9:45 AM	**Service**

Discount Cards are in!!

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2026 Discount Card Fundraiser • EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2026

Ben Gue Gifts 2-4 S Main Street, Mount Airy, MD 10% off purchase	Cattails Country Florist 7627 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, MD 410-552-3900 10% off $25 purchase or more	Hahn's Pork and Beans Store 440 Hahn Road, Westminster, MD $5 off $20 purchase or more
Harvest Chicken 710 Lisbon Center Dr., Woodbine, MD 10% off purchase	JeannieBird Baking Company 42 W Main Street, Westminster, MD 10% off purchase (excludes gift card & alcohol)	Ledo Pizza- Westminster 10% off purchase DINE IN only

Maryland Mallet Restaurant 2830 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD 10% off purchase (excludes crabs, alcohol, taxes, & gratuity; cannot be combined with other offers, specials, or on holidays)	Mt. Airy Ace Hardware 1312 S Main Street, Mount Airy, MD $10 off $40 purchase or more	Mt. Airy Inn 1401 S Main Street, Mount Airy, MD $5 off $30 purchase or more
New York J&P Pizza 409 E Ridgeville Blvd., Mount Airy, MD $7 off $35 purchase or more	NL Nails 710 B Lisbon Center Dr., Woodbine, MD 10% off purchase (excludes waxing)	Olde Town Restaurant 206 S Main Street, Mount Airy, MD Free beverage with purchase of meal
Roy Rogers 6 Baltimore Blvd., Westminster, MD 15% off purchase	SK Gifts 214 Main St., Mt. Airy 15% off one item (excluding sale items)	Superfoods Café & Market 106 S Main Street, Mount Airy, MD 10% off purchase café menu
Wagner's Meats LLC – Mt. Airy Locker Co. 604 N Main Street, Mount Airy, MD $5 off $30 purchase or more	WhatADay Café LLC 5420 Klee Mill Road, Sykesville, MD 10% off purchase	Woodbine Inn 401 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, MD $5 off $30 purchase or more (excludes crabs)

Participant discounts listed are for regular priced items only, offer is not good with any other discount or coupons. One use per visit, per day only. Failure to comply with the rules stated may result in loss of card use. Taylorsville United Methodist Church is not responsible for loss of value due to closure of any business on the card.

See Sheri Maring to get yours.

Taylorsville United Methodist Church – Easter Egg Order Form

Name _____ Phone # _____

4 ounce eggs:

Peanut Butter	(4 ounce) Milk Chocolate	_____	@ $4.50 each =	$_____
Peanut Butter	(4 ounce) Dark Chocolate	_____	@ $4.50 each =	$_____
Coconut	(4 ounce) Milk Chocolate	_____	@ $4.50 each =	$_____
Coconut	(4 ounce) Dark Chocolate	_____	@ $4.50 each =	$_____
Vanilla	(4 ounce) Milk Chocolate	_____	@ $4.50 each =	$_____
Vanilla	(4 ounce) Dark Chocolate	_____	@ $4.50 each =	$_____
Chocolate	(4 ounce) Milk Chocolate	_____	@ $4.50 each =	$_____
Chocolate	(4 ounce) Dark Chocolate	_____	@ $4.50 each =	$_____

2 ounce eggs:

Peanut Butter	(2 ounce) Milk Chocolate	_____	@ $2.50 each =	$_____
Peanut Butter	(2 ounce) Dark Chocolate	_____	@ $2.50 each =	$_____
Coconut	(2 ounce) Milk Chocolate	_____	@ $2.50 each =	$_____
Coconut	(2 ounce) Dark Chocolate	_____	@ $2.50 each =	$_____
Vanilla	(2 ounce) Milk Chocolate	_____	@ $2.50 each =	$_____
Vanilla	(2 ounce) Dark Chocolate	_____	@ $2.50 each =	$_____
Chocolate	(2 ounce) Milk Chocolate	_____	@ $2.50 each =	$_____
Chocolate	(2 ounce) Dark Chocolate	_____	@ $2.50 each =	$_____
			Total	$_____

Order deadline is March 15, 2026. The eggs can be picked up on March 22 or March 29, 2026.

CONTACT SUE LEPPERT IF INTERESTED IN GOING.

2026 LADIES' AUXILIARY TEA

Supporting

WESTMINSTER RESCUE MISSION

Saturday, May 16

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Westminster Baptist Church

354 Crest Lane, Westminster, Maryland

FEATURING

sandwiches, scones, salad, pastries & tea

silent auction & craft tables, etc.

TICKETS

$25 per seat

To host a table for eight ($200) or purhcase tickets by check, contact Karen Ylimaki

karen.ylimaki1@gmail.com or 804-318-6485

Swing Into Spring!

With a

Drive-Thru "Soup 'n Sandwich" Sale

Saturday, March 21, 2026

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Orders accepted through Saturday, March 7, 2026

No drive-up or last-minute orders – Order early!

All items are pre-order only
for Drive-Thru Pick Up

Call or Text (443) 789-4599 to place an order

Payment by Exact Cash, Check, or Venmo

SOUPS

Sold By the Quart - $10.00 per Quart

_____ **Chicken Corn**

_____ **Chicken Noodle**

_____ **Chili**

_____ **Ham and Bean**

_____ **Split Pea with Ham**

_____ **Vegetarian Vegetable**

Verification Code:
4599

SANDWICH

$8.00 Per Sandwich

Featuring:

- **Thelma's All White Meat Chicken Salad**

(1/4 lb. Chicken Salad, Served on a Roll)

"COMBO" MEAL

$9.00 Per "Combo" Meal

Featuring:

- **Thelma's All White Meat Chicken Salad Sandwich**
- **Bag of Potato Chips**
- **Mary Lee's Brownie**

(Moist, Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Chips)

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Proceeds Benefit:

General Fund - Zion United Methodist Church of Shipley
2714-16 Old Washington Road
Westminster, MD 21157

United Women in Faith

68 baskets donated to Shepherd's Staff

The Shepherd's Staff's

EASTER basket drive

MARCH 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship-Facebook live/ website	**2 3:00PM Mission Mtg** **6:00 Caring Mtg** **6:30 Bazaar Mtg** **7:00 Council Mtg**	**3**	**4 6:30PM Choir**	**5 6:30PM Lenten Bible Study**	**6**	**7 9:00AM Men's Breakfast** **Zion-Soup/ Sandwich Orders**
8 Mission Sunday 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship-Facebook live/ website **Confirmation Starts**	**9**	**10**	**11 6:30PM Choir**	**12 6:30PM Lenten Bible Study**	**13**	**14**
15 Candy Orders Due 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship-Facebook live/ website	**16**	**17**	**18 6:30PM Choir**	**19 6:30PM Lenten Bible Study**	**20**	**21 10AM-1PM Zion-Soup/ Sandwich Order Pick up**
22 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship-Facebook live/ website **Candy Pick up**	**23** **Newsletter Deadline**	**24**	**25 6:30PM Choir**	**26 6:30PM Lenten Bible Study**	**27**	**28**
29 Palm Sunday 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship-Facebook live/ website **3:00PM-Hub Cantata - St. Paul UMC**	**30**	**31**	**Easter Candy Pick up after church the 22nd & 29th**	**Holy Week Activities on page 6**		

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Our Mission of Purpose

We seek to faithfully display God's love through our actions toward everyone in our community.

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HOPE TO SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS MONTH

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