

MARCH 2025

THE GOOD WORD

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Lent arrives later this year than in previous years. You may wonder why Lent and Easter sometimes happen during different months. Easter is not set to a fixed date on the calendar but rather is fixed to the lunar calendar. That means the new spring moon tells us when to set the date for Easter and Lent. This might not make much sense to modern people, but before modern calendars, people often set dates and times by the sun and the moon. Some traditions don't change quickly.

As you might have heard me say, Lent is a time of preparation. It is a time to prepare for the events of Holy Week and Christ's Passion and Resurrection. It was traditionally a time to receive new members in the church and a time to restore repentant people to fullness and healing.

Before we enter Lent, we must indulge a little with the Pancake Supper. I look forward to seeing you all as we have breakfast for dinner. It's a fun and filling way to prepare for the forty days of Lent. Then, we begin with Ash Wednesday. If you can't make it to our evening service, you can come during the day hours to receive the ashes from 10AM until Noon.

However, now is a good time to ask yourself how you will practice preparing for Christ's passion in your Lenten journey. Traditionally, we Christians have fasted, prayed, and studied. We are offering a Lenten study called the Wesley Challenge this year. This study asks us to consider the ways we connect with God in our lives. You can join a group study or use it as your devotional study.

This year, I have considered a different kind of fast for myself. I may fast from social media this year. It is hard because sometimes I may have to post or read something important for work or family, but I know I don't need to be "doom scrolling" as much as I do. The point of a fast isn't only self-improvement, but to ask how this activity affects my relationship with God. What activities draw you closer to your faith in Christ, and what activity draws you away from that faith? Ask yourself these questions as you consider how you will walk the Lenten journey this year.

Matthew 6:16-18 NIV

16 "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Pastor Josh



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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| 20 | Jeff and Debra Taylor |
| 25 | Ray and Candy McConchie |

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



**Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup,
Canned Meats & Vegetables,
Shampoo & Conditioner,
Soap, Body Wash, Toothbrush,
Toothpaste, Diapers, Pet
Food**

*The Net will take any non-perishable items.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS

March - Scott & Ritta Jones

READER

March - Anna Grimes

Let Office know if you can help

**APRIL
2025**

**Deadline is:
March 24th**



**Saturday, March 1
9AM**

**Bob Evans
206 Malcolm Dr.
Westminster, MD**

Let Steve or Hearl know if
you are coming.

Stay Tuned for Information on the following events:

1. Church Yard Sale
2. Church Clean-up Day
3. Easter Egg Hunt/Potluck
4. VBC Planning Meeting
5. Ernie Couch Concert

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Prayers for newborn, Jaxson-on oxygen
- John Eaton in Carroll Hospital-pray Drs. can diagnose his breathing and walking issues
- Jean Knill is in Lorien for rehab
- Lisa Twilley doing chemo/radiation, pray this helps her
- Cindy Watts is having heart issues
- Pray for government workers and their jobs
- Pray for our military
- Debra Gillen—issues with feet and legs
- Bea Wright is still in Lorien, but going to live with son in Hagerstown, pray for smooth transition
- Pray for our democracy
- Pray that we can be a kinder, gentler people
- Organizations that are being shut down like World Vision that need donations
- Pray for astronauts
- Pray for country and new Leadership
- 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
- Rhonda Berg-needs prayer
- Children and the challenges they face
- COVID, pray for people who have it & are suffering
- Uncle Jerry needs prayers for cancer
- Debra's brother, Jeff, with pulmonary fibrosis,
- 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 Country and Leaders
- Pray for our World, Peace, Enemies
- For those in assisted living facilities, and employees. Our member in assisted living is Betty Carey-Lorien, Taneystown

**Joys**

- Emily Smith & William Wagner welcomed new baby, Jaxson, brother to Brianna and Logan
- Warmer weather

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 2, 2025****Transfiguration Sunday,
Communion Sunday**

Exodus 34:29-35, Luke 9:28-43

Sermon Title: "Hidden Transformation "

March 5, 2025**Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17. Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Sermon Title: "Return to Start "

March 9, 2025**First Sunday of Lent**

Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

Sermon Title: "Heart and Voice "

March 16, 2025**Second Sunday of Lent**

Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

Sermon Title: "The Fox and the Hen "

March 23, 2025**Third Sunday of Lent**

Isaiah 55:1-9, Luke 13:1-9

Sermon Title: "Keep Watering the Thirsty "

March 30, 2025**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

2nd Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sermon Title: "The Ministry of Reconciliation"





Tuesday, March 4th
5:00 to 7:00PM

Free-will offering accepted
 for Mission Projects and Mt.
 Airy Net

Little Food Pantry: Have you seen the red box out in front of our church? It is a Little Food Pantry. Scout, Savannah Atwell made it for her Eagle Scout Project. It is for the community on a give and take basis. If you see that the pantry is in need of items feel free to leave some non-perishable items. Please share with anyone that you may know who could use some items.



Our children's Sunday School begins in the church sanctuary with our parents. Immediately following the children's message, the children and their teachers will exit the church and go to the Education Building (red brick house) next door.

Our activities for March include the following:

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| Lent | Prayer cross craft |
| St Patrick's day | Proverbs 3:27 |
| The butterfly gospel | |

CHILDREN'S
Sunday School

Weather permitting, we will visit the playground following our lesson. Hope to see you there!

Ms. Maria and Miss Emily

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

Contact: Dee



The themes of worship, sacrifices, and offerings run through the Scriptures. Grasping the sacrifices and offerings of the old covenant is essential to our understanding of the New Testament's presentation of Christ's sacrifice. This quarter will explore sacrifice and worship in the Old Testament and what the New Testament has to say about sacrifice and worship under the new covenant.

March's lessons cover parts of Exodus and Leviticus that describe the system of sacrifices and offerings that created a holy people and a place for the presence of the Lord. On Mount Sinai, the Lord decreed to Moses that the Old Testament covenant people are "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation". The Lord gave the people specific instructions for constructing a sanctuary known as the tabernacle, which contained "the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place". In the tabernacle (and, later, the temple), burnt offerings, were presented to the Lord, following the instructions that he gave to the people.

Not only did the Lord consecrate specific places, but he also consecrated specific people for a particular service. For example, from among the people, priests were chosen and ordained to officiate at the altar.

We meet on Sunday mornings at nine 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.

The current study will address Jewish temple theology. We will then look at 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.

We welcome anyone to join our group.

Sunday, March 9th



bring a dish to share and fellowship with others

Taylorsville Cemetery Clean Up

Please remove all decorations from the cemetery that you wish to keep by **March 8th**. We will be cleaning the cemetery after that date.



Thank you!



For our March 27th meeting we will again be filling Easter baskets for children in Carroll County. Buy items to help fill a basket or fill a basket and bring it to the meeting. Contact Dee or Maria if you have questions.

The Shepherd's Staff's
EASTER
basket drive

Share Easter's message of hope with children of
 Carroll County by contributing to
The Shepherd's Staff's Easter Basket Program!
 If you or your group would like to help,
 here are some ideas of items to include:

Coloring Books
 Crayons
 Candy
 Bubbles
 Craft Kits
 Play Dough

Nail Polish
 Toiletries
 Shower Puffs
 Card Games
 Small Toys
 Yo-Yo's

Brain Teasers
 Snacks
 Baby Wipes
 Baby Rattles
 Teethers
 Christian Story Books

Please use small baskets or buckets with folding handles
 and tag with gender and age, for infants through teens.
 Call for an appointment to deliver finished baskets to our
 temporary location:

75 John Street, Westminster; rear-entrance

**March 10th, 2025
 through March 28th, 2025**

Hours of operation are M-T-F 10am-2pm and Thurs 1-5pm.
 410-857-5944 info@shepstaff.org

*Baskets will be distributed March 31st - April 18th, 2024
 (by appointment)*



**Mark Your Calendar! Our next restaurant fundraiser is
Ledo's in Mt Airy.**



RAISING FUNDS TASTES GREAT!

**Join us at *Ledo Pizza.* for a
FUNDRAISER to support
Taylorsville United Methodist Church**

Ledo Pizza: Ledo Mt. Airy
520 East Ridgeville Blvd
Mount Airy, MD 21771

When: Tuesday, March 11th, 2025
4 PM – 9 PM



Online Code: Fundraiser

(Please enter the code above into the Coupon/Fundraiser Code area on the Checkout page for the organization to receive credit for your order)

ONLINE - CARRYOUT - DINE-IN

**Bring in this flyer, show it on your phone,
enter the code for online orders, or just mention
you are here to support this fundraiser and 20%
the proceeds will be donated to the organization!**



Ledo Pizza.

ORDER.LEDOPIZZA.COM



Next Kids Baking Class is April 11



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



Taylorsville United Methodist Church Easter Egg Order Form (4 ounce each)

Name _____

Phone # _____



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| Peanut Butter | Milk Chocolate | _____ | @ \$4.00 each = \$_____ |
| Peanut Butter | Dark Chocolate | _____ | @ \$4.00 each = \$_____ |
| Coconut | Milk Chocolate | _____ | @ \$4.00 each = \$_____ |
| Coconut | Dark Chocolate | _____ | @ \$4.00 each = \$_____ |
| Vanilla | Milk Chocolate | _____ | @ \$4.00 each = \$_____ |
| Vanilla | Dark Chocolate | _____ | @ \$4.00 each = \$_____ |
| Chocolate | Milk Chocolate | _____ | @ \$4.00 each = \$_____ |
| Chocolate | Dark Chocolate | _____ | @ \$4.00 each = \$_____ |
| | | | Total \$_____ |

Order deadline is **March 30, 2025**. Checks can be made payable to TUMC.
The eggs can be picked up on **April 6 or April 13, 2025**.

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.

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



WRMLA 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



CONTACT

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MICHELEDOWNS4@GMAIL.COM
JUDY ANDREWS:
JAMUSIC53@YAHOO.COM

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, email slepp@comcast.net.

Sue Leppert




2025

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



TAYLORSVILLE UMC



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 9AM Men's Breakfast |
| 2 Communion 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website | 3 | 4 5 to 7PM Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper | 5 7:00PM Ash Wednes- day Service | 6 11:00-Noon or 7:00PM Lenten Study | 7 |  |
| 9 Mission Sunday/Potluck 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website | 10 7:00PM Council Meeting | 11 | 12 6:30PM Choir | 13 11:00-Noon or 7:00PM Lenten Study | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website | 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 6:30PM Choir | 20 11:00-Noon or 7:00PM Lenten Study | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website | 24 Newsletter Deadline | 25 7:00PM Vision Meeting | 26 6:30PM Choir | 27 11:00-Noon or 7:00PM Lenten Study 7PM UWIF | 28 | 29 |
| 30 Candy Egg Orders Due 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website | 31 | | | Looking Ahead: April 13 th - Potluck/ Easter Egg Hunt | May 3 th -Ernie Couch Concert | |



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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