

FEBRUARY 2025

THE GOOD WORD

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Usually, Lent starts in February, but not this year. Lent falls in March this year, leaving February with many other holidays and observances. Chief of which is Valentine's Day. I confess that Valentine's Day has not always been my favorite holiday. It can quickly become a Hallmark holiday for some of us, and if you don't have a special someone in your life, it feels somehow incomplete. But let's entertain the idea that Valentine's Day isn't reserved only for romantic love.

What if we remember that in our beliefs, there is a larger category of love that we can explore as we celebrate a month to honor and value love? Romantic love, family love, and love of country or community all have a place in our hearts. Let's also consider friendship as a type of love. We can also consider kindness and generosity as displays of love for others. We can also consider the way we treat ourselves as a form of love for the life we have. Be kind to yourself this month. Last, but not least, we must consider divine love-agape- as we count all the ways we can celebrate love this Valentine's Day or month.

Consider the many ways you can show your love. Not just to that special person, in your life but to show off that your life and heart are shaped by the love that God gives us all. A love wide enough to embrace the world. Consider volunteering in the community, acting generously and compassionately, and even giving a friendly handshake or a hug as ways to celebrate the gift of love this year.

May God bless us all with hearts prepared to love and be loved. Amen.

Colossians 3:14

"And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

Pastor Josh



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Ritta Jones	21 Amy Parrish
12 Roger Parrish	25 Bob Gillen
19 Tad Leyh	27 Emily Novick

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2 Sandy & Lee Wright
4 Joe & Lisa Martin

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



Love one
another
like I have
loved you.

JOHN 13:34

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS****USHERS/GREETERS**

February - Hearl & Sandy Wright

READER

February - Dee Haines

Let Office know if you can help

MARCH
2025

Deadline is:
February 24



After the holidays, the Net shelves are bare. Any non-perishable items accepted.



Saturday, February 1
9AM

Bob Evans
206 Malcolm Dr.
Westminster, MD

Let Steve or Hearl know if
you are coming.

Please keep the following in your prayers:**Prayer**

- Prayers for family of Margaret Huff who passed away
 - Prayers for family of Ron Reese who passed away
 - Cindy Watts' friend, Vince passed away, please pray
 - Cindy Watts' Aunt Paula, passed away, please pray
 - Ann Lawson - back pain, prayers to feel better
 - Bea Wright in Lorien for rehab
 - Glenda Harris doing well, continued prayers
 - Persons that suffer with seasonal depression
 - Sarah requests prayers for health
 - Joe Martin-continued prayers for healing
 - Rhonda Berg-home from hospital, needs prayer
 - Sheri's friend, Lisa Twilley, healing prayers
 - Children and the challenges they face
 - Bonnie's son's friend has brain cancer
 - Debbie Gillen, doing better
 - COVID, pray for people who have it & are suffering
 - Chris - pray for relief of his pain
 - Uncle Jerry needs prayers for cancer
 - Clearfield Bible Church, Westminster burned down, pray for this congregation
 - Debra's brother, Jeff, with pulmonary fibrosis,
 - Chris's cousin serving overseas in Navy
 - Pray for the homeless near and far
 - Bonnie's great-niece, Micah-leukemia
 - 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, Taneytown

**Joys**

- Austin Flagler graduating Coast Guard Boot Camp
- Cindy Watts is engaged
- Church made \$325 for J&P Fundraiser

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**FEBRUARY****February 2, 2025****Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Sunday,****Communion Sunday**

I Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30

Sermon Title: "Reflecting Face to Face "

February 9, 2025**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

I Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

Sermon Title: "Unclean, Untimely and Sinful:
Called Anyway "

February 16, 2025**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**

Jeremiah 17:5-10, Luke 6:17-26

Sermon Title: "Not Our Normal Beatitude."

February 23, 2025**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Luke 6:27-38

Sermon Title: "Don't Fret, the Plan is Love "

For God so lo **V** ed the world
that He g **A** ve
His on **L** y
begott **E** n
So **N**
T hat whosoever
believeth **I** n Him
should **N** ot perish
but have **E** verlasting life.

MUSIC NEWS...



I am very excited to fill the role of **Music Director** at Taylorsville UMC. I have been attending church at TUMC for over 55 years. If it were not for the church, I may have never learned to play the piano, which is the reason I enjoy playing for the Sunday services so much. I truly believe that the church gave me a gift at a very young age that I need to share with others. Forty-eight years ago, the newly hired pianist requested an upgrade to the old upright piano that was in the church. The church offered the old piano in the basement to anyone who was willing to pay to have it moved. It was big, heavy and very out of tune. My parents did just that and at the age of nine I began to take piano lessons from the church pianist, Betty Ann Whitfield. She patiently taught me for many years. Early in my training I began playing duets with her on Sunday mornings for the prelude. On my 12th birthday I had saved enough money to purchase a new piano for myself which served me well for many years. I recently gave that piano to my grandson, Levi who is now learning to play as well.

For those who don't know me well, I have been a nurse for nearly 40 years and currently work at Carroll Hospital as the Performance Improvement Coordinator in the Quality Department. I have a passion for animals, especially miniature horses and I love spending time with my grandchildren. I am excited to start working with the choir on the Easter cantata. Anyone who is interested in singing with us is welcome to join on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. If you can't make the commitment to every week, we would still love to have you join us for the cantata.

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

Contact: Dee



Our winter quarter ends in February with four lessons from the gospel of Matthew in which Jesus explains the nature and obligations of life in his kingdom. This manner of living consists of prayer marked with praise, petitions, and forgiveness. Life in this kingdom will not be marked with ease. In fact, citizens of this heavenly kingdom will inevitably face resistance in this world.

Life in the kingdom will often involve reorienting expectations. When a rich young ruler sought eternal life through his good deeds, Jesus pointed him toward a more profound understanding of kingdom living. More than anything, citizens of this heavenly kingdom are called to faithful obedience to the King, even in unexpected contexts.

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

Adult Sunday School Class 8:50 a.m.-Pastor Josh's Office

Contacts: Steve Novick/Jeff Taylor - The class is meeting in Pastor Josh's office. Check with Jeff or Steve on what topic they are discussing.



SAVE THE DATE:

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

Free-will offering
accepted

This coming Saturday, February 1st is another “**Praise Jam Mic Night**”. Come share your talent or just come support those that will share! Contact Amy Parrish if you have any questions.



Praise Jam Mic Nights



All Ages Welcome
1st Saturdays:
(Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5)
6:30 to 8:00PM

Bring Vocals, Instruments, Jokes, Skits ~ Share Your Talents!

Lite Refreshments Served



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Thursday, January 30th, sixteen women met for lunch at the Mt. Airy Inn. Delicious food and much fellowship was enjoyed. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 27th. All women are invited to join the group.

**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!**



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February


2025

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



TAYLORSVILLE UMC



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9AM Men's Breakfast 6:30PM Mic Night
2 Communion 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	3	4	5 6:30PM Choir	6	7	8
9 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	10 7:00PM Missions Meeting	11	12 6:30PM Choir	13	14 	15
16 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	17	18	19 6:30PM Choir	20	21	22
23 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	24 Newsletter Deadline	25 7:00PM Vision Meeting <small>26</small>	26 6:30PM Choir	27 7:00PM UWIF	28	Looking Ahead: Tues., March 4- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



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

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