

MARCH 2024

THE GOOD WORD

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February was packed and March will be an equally busy month at Taylorsville. Holy Week and Easter will be here before you know it. And even though this week the weather is promising spring-like conditions, we want that pleasant weather to stick around for the Easter egg hunt and the Easter Sunrise Service.

Looking ahead to April, we have an exceptional performance on April 20th from a gospel group called Ernie Couch and Revival singers. An offering will be collected for their performance. So spread the word.

If you missed the last potluck lunch, you missed some good food and conversation. I want to thank Cindy for reporting about the Cooperative Parish Summit she attended last month. As a result, we will start a vision team, and we already have three persons interested in getting involved. I hope some of you might consider joining our team, if so drop us an email or give us a phone call.

We also announced that we plan to order a new sign for the front of the church. This will be an electronic sign that we can digitally change from inside the church. You are welcome to donate to support this improvement to our outreach and image; thank you.

These were just some highlights of the activities in Taylorsville church, but remember our purpose as a church. In all this busyness in these coming weeks and months, it's easy to lose ourselves in the activities and forget to connect with the one who motivates us to act. We can become so busy preparing for Easter that we forget this season is about the passion of Christ and the Way of the Cross.

Remember the story of Mary and Martha. Martha was busy preparing the house to receive Jesus, but Mary wanted to meet Jesus in person and hear him teach. Both personalities belong in life and church, but we should never neglect our connection with Jesus.

So, as part of our preparations for everything we are doing or are about to do, don't forget to stop and pray. Pray for each other; pray for a heart formed for God. Pray for your church, for your family, and each other. And most importantly, meditate on the Cross and what it means to you. Never let yourself become so busy that you can't see where Jesus is leading us.

Pastor Josh



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

20	Jeff and Debra Taylor
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If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed in the Newsletter, please let the office know.

Cemetery Clean-Up

Cindy will be clearing the cemetery this **Saturday, March 2** of all leftover Christmas Holiday decorations in preparation for spring.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS
March Sam Grimes, Debra Taylor

READER
March Dee Haines

Let Office know if you can help

Men's breakfast

All Men are Welcome!
Saturday, Mar. 2, - 9:00 AM

Going to Buttersburg Inn in Union Bridge, MD

Contact John with questions

Newsletter DEADLINE

April
Newsletter Deadline is:
March 26

New on-line giving through our website. Go to: <https://taylorsvilleumc.org/>

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Prayers

- Carol's sister, Laura, prayers for healing after a fall and hospitalization
- Josh's mom, Debbie, cancer, starting treatment plan soon
- Taylor's daughter, Michelle, blood pressure issues
- Taylor's neighbor-healing prayers from brain surgery
- Prayers for Anna's healing from ankle surgery
- Vivian's great-grandson, Landen healing prayers
- Debra's brother, Jeff, diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, pray new medication will help
- Chris's cousin serving overseas in Navy
- Storms, disasters in our world
- Pray for the homeless
- Linda Cole, continued prayers for healing
- Pastor Josh's family friend, Gail Sickle has bone cancer
- Sue's cousin, Steve-started new chemotherapy for pancreas cancer
- Sharon's niece, Jackie Eyer-surgery
- Carol's step-daughter, doing well, pray for healing
- Bonnie's great niece, Micah-leukemia
- Prayers for homeless near and far
- Those that are sick with COVID and other illnesses
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Taylorsville UMC
- The United Methodist Church
- Pray for our Country and World Peace
- Prayers for Ukraine
- Prayers for Israel
- For those in assisted living facilities, and employees. Our members in assisted living are Bud Kibbe, Hagerstown, Betty Carey-Lorien, Taneytown,

Joys

- Easter
- Birthdays, Anniversaries
- Monty and our Choir
- Warmer weather



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.

Prayers for Service Persons

Sean Grimes
(U S Navy-Tampa)
Thank you for your service Sean!!

**HE IS
RISEN!**

May you feel Christ's
love in your heart &
be filled with

his peace & Joy this Easter Day...
And always!!



Friends of Taylorsville UM Church,

Words cannot express how much we appreciate your cards, donations to the Church, and support during the passing of our Mother. Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare for the service and those who helped with the luncheon and brought food. Thank you to Pastor Josh for his visits and support.

Your support has been a great comfort to us as our Church family was always important to Mom.

Love,
The family of June Maring



EASTER: THE STORY OF REDEMPTION

(A Message from Your Choir)

Easter and Lent are momentous times in the year for Christians everywhere in our world. The season presents occasions for just about every emotion in the human spectrum. Just as Christmas seems to be most characterized by joy, Easter goes much further and deeper with our emotions, and prods our minds and hearts fully about our Christian experience. Easter when fully experienced answers the all-important question in our lives: “What’s it all about anyhow?” And if one knows Christ Jesus fully, that question is easily answered. The answer for anyone includes the assurance of a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

It is this whole issue of the resurrection that permeates our Easter experience. Easter each year renews our hope, emphasizes the promises we hold so dear, and shows us that while death has some finality in this life, death as a Christian moves us very assuredly into a new life in glory with Christ Jesus and all the saints.

We are reminded regularly of the power of faith and the importance of the resurrection. In the early 1700s, Samuel Wesley, father of John Wesley, wrote some very powerful words and poetic lyrics. The following lyrics came to be published in John Wesley’s hymnbook “A Collection of Psalms and Hymns” in the year 1737.

Behold the Savior of mankind nailed to the shameful tree;
How vast the love that Him inclined to bleed and die for thee!
Hark how He groans, while nature shakes, and earth’s strong pillars bend!
The temple’s veil in sunder breaks, the solid marbles rend.

‘Tis done! The precious ransom’s paid! “Receive My soul!”, He cries;
See where He bows His sacred head! He bows His head and dies!
But soon He’ll break death’s envious chain and in full glory shine.
O Lamb of God, was ever pain, was ever love like Thine?

These few simple lines aptly summarize what it’s all about in our Christian life.

Our Choir will sing of His love, sacrifice and resurrection on Easter Sunday morning, March 31. All are encouraged to come and hear the beautiful lyrics as we present, “Easter: The Story of Redemption.”

Monty Skelton

Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles this **March**

March 3, 2024: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Communion Sunday

I Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22
Sermon Title: "A God Priority"

March 10, 2024: 4th Sunday of Lent, UMCOR Sunday

Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21
Sermon Title: "Come Into the Light"

March 17, 2024: 5th Sunday of Lent, St. Patrick's Day

Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33
Sermon Title: "Know the Lord"

March 24, 2024: Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 11:1-11
Sermon Title: "Blessed, but it was Already Late"

March 28, 2024: Holy Thursday, Communion

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10) 11-14, John 13:1-17, 31-35
Sermon Title: "Remember This Day"

March 29, 2024: Good Friday

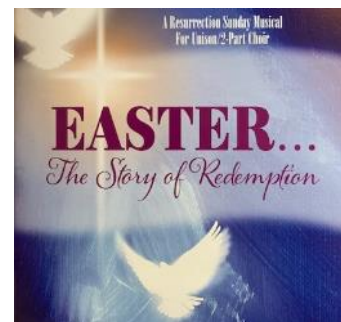
Hebrews 10:16-25, John 18:1-19, 42
Sermon Title: "This is the Covenant"

March 31, 2024: Easter Sunrise Service (front lawn)

Mark 16:1-8
Sermon Title: "Looking for Jesus"

March 31, 2024: Easter Service, Cantata

Acts 10:33-43, John 20:1-18
Sermon Title: "Don't Weep, Understand Now"





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

Contact: Dee Haines

The spring quarter involves Examining Our Faith. The expression “the faith” refers to the beliefs and paradigms distinct to followers of Jesus. The most central belief and the key to the faith itself is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Without Jesus’ death and resurrection, our faith would be in vain. Following the faith consists of being filled with Christ and indwelt by God’s Spirit. The apostle Paul encourages believers to practice self-examination regarding the presence of Christ in their lives, and whether or not they are in the faith. The point of this self-examination is not to win an argument or to fill oneself with pride. Instead, it aims to build up the body of Christ, which is the church.

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

Adult Sunday School Class 8:50 a.m.-Ed. Bldg. Contacts: Steve Novick/Jeff Taylor

Group meets in the house at 8:55AM. Zoom is available if you cannot meet in person.

Podcast News from Jeff Taylor

The **TaylorsvilleUMC** webpage now has a section dedicated to podcasts produced by our church.

This page can be reached through the following link: <https://taylorsvilleumc.org/podcasts>
It also has a menu item at the top of the home page. <https://taylorsvilleumc.org>

On it you will find three different playlists. A playlist is a group of podcasts related by subject matter.

You simply click on the displayed video to access all videos in the playlist.

The first playlist is a collection of Pastor Josh’s weekly sermons called “Just Preach Jesus”.

The second is a collection of our 9:00 am *Sunday school* class discussions currently centered on Jewish/Christian Reflections on the Lord’s Prayer.

The third is a collection of podcasts by me on various topics regarding religion, theology, and history.

A fourth playlist was added early in March that contains the six Lenten study Zoom sessions for the Easter season.

These podcasts are not just for members of our church but are designed to appeal to the wider community.

So please feel free to talk about them and share the links with anyone you feel may be interested.

This is all part of **TaylorsvilleUMC**’s plan to grow our on-line congregation.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

We collected \$552.00 from donations.



March Challenge to Help Mt. Airy Net

TUMC will be collecting can goods for Mt. Airy Net. We would like to collect between 100 to 150 canned goods. The collection will go on for the whole month of March. Items needed: jelly; cereals; pancake mix & syrups; pasta & sauces; Jello; pudding; Lunchables; canned: fruit, meat, tuna, mixed vegetables; paper towels; body wash; shampoo; feminine items. Also canned food for cats and dogs. Thank you for supporting this challenge.

Soup and Apple Dumpling Fundraiser

The total profit from our soup and apple dumpling fundraiser is **\$1,240.45**. This amount includes all donations, sales and expenses have already been deducted. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.



We still have a few quarts of frozen chili and chicken noodle soup available for sale and a few apple dumplings.

Thank you,
Susan

Taylorsville United Methodist Church Fundraiser Easter egg Order Form (each egg is 4 oz)



Name _____		Phone # _____
Peanut Butter	Milk Chocolate _____	@ \$3.50 each = \$ _____
Peanut Butter	Dark Chocolate _____	@ \$3.50 each = \$ _____
Coconut	Milk Chocolate _____	@ \$3.50 each = \$ _____
Coconut	Dark Chocolate _____	@ \$3.50 each = \$ _____
Vanilla	Milk Chocolate _____	@ \$3.50 each = \$ _____
Vanilla	Dark Chocolate _____	@ \$3.50 each = \$ _____
Chocolate	Milk Chocolate _____	@ \$3.50 each = \$ _____
Chocolate	Dark Chocolate _____	@ \$3.50 each = \$ _____
		Total \$ _____

Order deadline is **March 12, 2024**. Checks can be made payable to TUMC. The eggs can be picked up on **March 24, 2024**.

Sunday, March 24th, Palm Sunday



after service



after potluck

**We need donations of small candies to fill the eggs.
See Cindy or Sheri if you can help.**



LIVE FROM NASHVILLE, TN!

ERNIE COUCH & REVIVAL

Saturday, April 20th – 7:00PM
Taylorsville United Methodist Church
4356 Ridge Rd, Mt. Airy, MD 21771

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

Invite your friends and family



2024

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



TAYLORSVILLE UMC

Mt. Airy Net
Collecting: March
Mission Challenge

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Mission Giving Sunday 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	4	5 6:30PM Fast Track Study	6 6:30PM Choir	7	8	9 Move your clocks forward
10 UMCOR Sunday 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	11	12 6:30PM Fast Track Study	13 6:30PM Choir	14	15	16
17 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	18	19 6:30PM Fast Track Study	20 6:30PM Choir	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website Potluck/Egg Hunt	25 Newsletter Deadline	26 6:30PM Fast Track Study	27 6:30PM Choir	28 7PM Holy Thursday Service	29 7PM Good Friday	30
31 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service-Breakfast 10:00AM Worship-Cantata Facebook live/website			Easter Candy Orders Due March 12	Look for March UWIF Meeting Details in Tidbits	Next Council Meeting is April 15	Save the Date: April 20th - Couch Gospel Concert

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Our Mission of Purpose

We of Taylorville 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.taylorvilleumc.org



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

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