



## *THE GOOD WORD*

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*March 2020*

### **Invitation to Fast**

The season of Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. Since at least as early as the second century, it has been a time for candidates for baptism, and more recently confirmation, to prepare. For those who have already gone through those rites of initiation, it is also a time of penitence. Part of the preparation has included some form of fasting since at least as early as the third century. In the beginning, the rules were very strict: One meal a day, in the evening, with no meat, fish, eggs, or butter allowed. (That's why we eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday – we're not supposed to have eggs or butter, or the sausage or eggs, again until Easter.) The Eastern church is still quite strict about fasting rules, and also restricts the use of wine, oil, and dairy products. Most Western churches have relaxed our rules on fasting (though Roman Catholics still have some firm rules).

But what is the *reason* for fasting? Christians are not the only people who fast during holy seasons. Our Jewish and Muslim siblings also fast during certain days or seasons such as Yom Kippur or Ramadan. In each case, the abstaining from food and other worldly things (be they technology, work, marital relations, or other distractions) allows us time to focus on prayer and meditation, drawing us ever closer to God.

Today many people find it difficult to fast from food for a variety of reasons (though, it was never meant to be easy). If you have a medical condition which makes it unsafe for you to fast all day (sunrise to sunset) you can try a modified fast, where you only abstain from certain types of food. And, really make it a sacrifice – it's about more than giving up chocolate or starting a new diet. It's about giving up something that will remind you every time that you think about it that you should spend time with God instead. For some, this might be coffee or beer, or even whole food groups like meat. (That's why so many churches have fish fries during Lent.) Or, if food isn't something you think much about, I invite you to give up something that you do care more about, like Facebook or your favorite TV program or gossiping or some other habit that you have which is focused on the world and instead use that time to focus on God.

Another alternative to fasting is to start something new instead of giving something up. For example, you could start volunteering at a local homeless shelter once a week or start giving an extra \$10/week to your favorite charity. Or, if you don't currently attend Adult Sunday School, now might be a great time to start.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Elsie Cox	15	Steve Iden
5	John Bennett	18	Karl Petro
8	Joey Martin	24	Bonnie Petro
10	Lew Wimmer	29	Joe Martin
12	Billy Shankle	30	Sam Grimes
13	John Eaton, Sr.		

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

20	Jeff and Debra Taylor	25	Ray and Candy McConchie
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**If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed in the Newsletter, please let the office know.**



**Prayers for Service Persons**  
 Sean Grimes (U S Navy-Bahrain)

# Prayer List

*Lifting Our Hearts In...  
 Praise*

- Megan Hardesty - can breath & taste food
- Richard debt free
- Julie's friends married - Rev. & Mrs. Wells
- Good Men's Breakfast in February
- Birth of great-granddaughter, Chloe Lynn, for Dee
- 2 month old Eve Walker is home from hospital
- Feed My Sheep a blessing
- Teresa Leyh - bike ride in June
- Garth thankful for pizza
- Blessings that come from the death of a loved one

*Prayer*

- Rhonda & Chandler safe after dog attack
- Eileen Fries dad, Tom, in hospital
- June Maring - ER, but home doing well
- Sandy's sister, Gail, has shingles
- Bob & Sharon Wilson - need our prayers
- Gorsuch's grandson, Bennett, surgery 3/24
- Dan Wilcox - cancer
- Lisa's co-worker finished chemo, almost done radiation
- Lisa Twilley-- doing medical trial
- Susan Grimes-breast cancer-started radiation
- Corona virus
- Family of Dan Harman
- People and wildlife in Australia
- Puerto Rico earthquakes
- The United Methodist Church
- Our nation and leaders
- Brad Winkler-chemo
- Christine-pancreatic cancer
- J.D. Iden & Rev. Bud Kibbe at Lorien
- Pray for our church
- Amy, friend of Kathy Cinnamon
- Healing: Cindy Watts, Linda Lochstampfor's sister, Marlene better
- Wanda Haddaway
- Bob & Phyllis Herbig
- John Hortie
- The Landerholm Family (missionaries in Unalaska)



**APRIL** Newsletter  
Deadline is:  
**March 23rd**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**  
**11am**

**USHERS/GREETERS**

- March - Steve Iden, Hearl Wright
- April - Steve & Maria Novick

**READER**

- March - Dee Haines
- April - Steve Iden

See Jean Knill if you are interested in being an Usher/Greeter at 11:00 AM.

We will be collecting  
**peanut butter & jelly**  
in **March** for



(The Net will take any items you are willing to donate.)

Please leave items in the basket in the back of the Sanctuary.



**Saturday,**  
**March 7th**

Join the Men for Breakfast  
Leaving the church at 8:30am  
Going to Buttersburg Inn in  
Union Bridge, MD

Did you know our church has a Facebook page?

Just search Taylorsville United Methodist Church to see posts about our church.

We live-stream our sermons, so if you miss a Sunday just go to Facebook to listen.



**You can give to Taylorsville electronically.....**

No need to bring a checkbook every week. If you would like to give your tithe or gifts through on-line banking, please set-up your automatic payment through your bank to:

**4356 Ridge Road**

**Mount Airy, MD 21771**

*If you need more information, please contact the church office. The church no longer has a Post Office Box.*

Adult Sunday School



**Class at 9:50am—Social Hall**

The studies for the spring quarter, which begins in March, are on the topic "Justice and the Prophets." The March lessons are drawn from the writings of Amos, Micah, Habakkuk, and Malachi. These four books make up one-third of the 12 Old Testament books that we call the Minor Prophets. The word minor has nothing to do with their degree of importance; rather, the term highlights the length of the books, all of which are shorter than those described as major.

Amos calls his hearers to accountability, Habakkuk prays for justice and points out the consequences for injustice, Micah argues against corruption while Malachi speaks about delinquent leadership.

Join us as we study these lessons. We meet in the social hall at 9:50 am.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

**Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m.**

**in the Education Building**

**We're still studying the Names of**

**God as seen in the Scriptures.**

**Romans 11:36 "To Him alone, our**

**Jehovah-jireh, our El Shaddai, be the glory forever"**



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**Fellowship gathering**

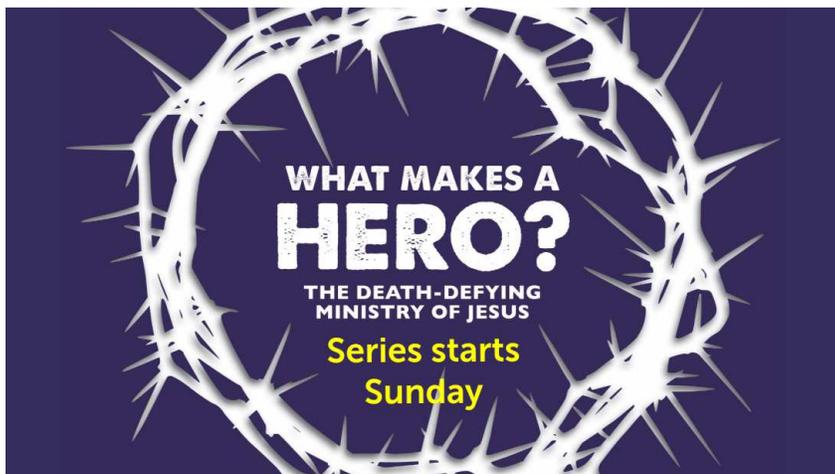
**Thursday March 26th 7:00 p.m.**

**Come for an evening of Fellowship,**

**Sharing, Meditation and refreshments.**

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## Join us for the Lenten Sermon Series



- March 1: Good, Evil, and God
- March 8: Right, Wrong, and Holy
- March 15: Us, Them, and the Body of Christ
- March 22: Have, Have-Not, and the Kingdom of God
- March 29: Old, New, and Covenant
- April 5 (Palm Sunday): Life & Death
- April 12 (Easter): Resurrection



### Mission Moment

Taylorsville's mission committee has lots of updates to share. First of all, we have changed our name and our approach. We are now the **Mission Team**. The name change reflects our new approach to sharing the work, not only among team members, but also with our church family. As we continue some on-going mission projects and look at starting some new short-term or long-term commitments, we need team players. When we share our gifts as a team, when the whole body of Christ works together, we can accomplish a great deal.

We also have new leadership. Vivian Overholtzer has stepped into the position of chair, which means this will be her last year running the pancake supper.

We wanted to update the church on the Advent donations so you know where the money that you gave ended up going. The Advent offering (envelopes on the Christmas tree) totaled \$445. The money was split evenly between four ministries: Feed My Sheep (local), UMCOR International disaster relief, UMCOR domestic disaster relief, and Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County (local).

This spring and summer there will be opportunities to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County as they open a ReStore in Westminster and begin building homes in Taneytown. We are also thinking about doing some other Second Saturday projects, so if you have any interest, please let a team member know.

Team members are Vivian, Cindy Thornton, Candy, Anna and Rev. Julie.

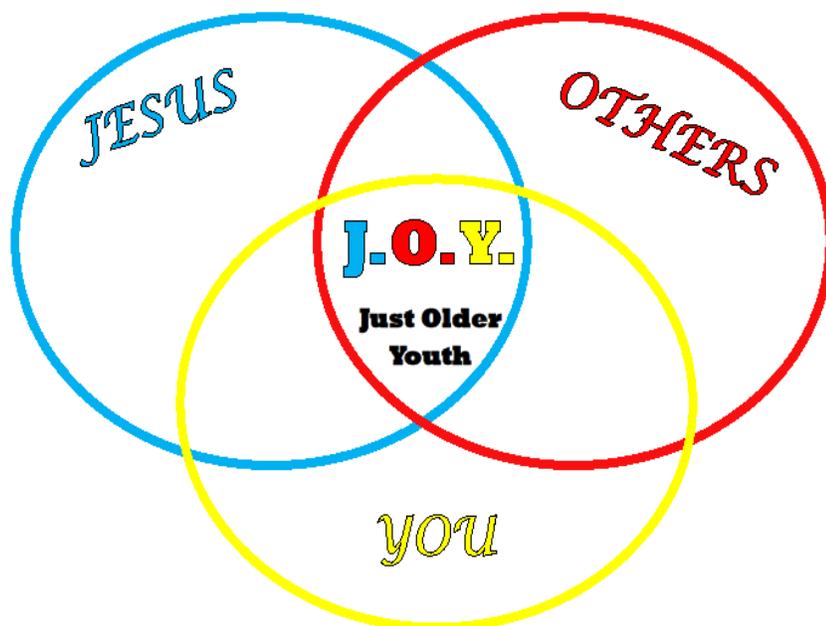
\* SHROVE TUESDAY \*

# PANCAKE SUPPER

We had a great turn out for Shrove Tuesday. We served about 70 people with 16 volunteers to help make this happen. We took in \$438.00 for Mission projects. Thank you to everyone that came out to eat, donated items and volunteered for this successful event.



big  
Thank  
You!



**...for the joy of the Lord  
is your strength.  
Nehemiah 8:10**

**Taylorsville United Methodist Church  
invites all "Older" Adults to experience**

**J.O.Y.**

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) is an Older Adult Ministry for men and women that strengthens one's love for Jesus, Others, and You.

At Taylorsville UMC on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at noon there is a JOY potluck luncheon, followed by a speaker or other activities.

The next luncheon is scheduled for **March 18**. Join us as we look forward with joy to the arrival of Spring and Easter!

For questions or if you would like to attend, please call the church office at **410-875-4101**.

*February J.O.Y.*



*We enjoy good food & fellowship at each meeting.*



*We made heart sun-catchers & signed cards that Stitch & a Prayer group made for the residents at the Meadows.*



## **Teresa Leyh's Bike Ride for AIDS**

From May 31st to June 6th, over 3,000 Cyclists, Roadies and Virtual Cyclists will be participating in AIDS/LifeCycle, a 545-mile bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles to raise funds for the life-saving services offered by San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Los Angeles LGBT Center. This year, I'll be one of them!

I'm sure you are wondering how I got involved in such a crazy, but amazing event, so here is my story:

The accounting firm I work for sends a group of approximately 100 people to participate in this event each year. I learned about the event during the Spring of 2019 and thought it sounded like a great event, mainly because you get to see California in an amazing way, but I never thought I would actually do it. However, in the fall, I found myself needing to do something impulsive and challenging and this event was the first thing that came to mind. I talked to a few people and learned that it was a 7 day, 545 mile bike ride along the coast of California during which you saw many beautiful parts of California, but you also had to sleep in a tent, buy your own plane ticket, and provide your own road bike. By this time I was really questioning whether I could do it; it seemed like a lot of money and a bigger challenge than I could handle. This is when I involved God in my decision: I made a deal that if I could find someone to borrow a bike from, I would go. That day I put a post on Facebook asking if anyone had a bike I could borrow, and not even an hour later, I had a message from the Condons saying that they had a bike that might work for me. Needless to say, the bike worked and I was signing up to go to California!

I signed up in November and have since started my training. I have been attending spin classes twice a week, have been working out at least 5 times a week to try to get my body in shape, and have created a training plan with ride length milestones over the next three months. I purchased my plane tickets, and through reward programs, I only spent \$12 on my flights! I still have a lot of training and preparation to do, but slowly, I am feeling more confident that I made the right impulsive decision. As a part of this event, I have a \$5,000 fundraising goal, which will go directly towards providing AIDS services. The services provided as a result of this event mean the world to those who receive them, and your support means the world to me. We're working together to make HIV/AIDS a thing of the past. Will you support me by making a donation and praying for me?

Please visit my fundraising page at: [https://actnow.tofighthiv.org/site/TR/Events/AIDSLifeCycleCenter?px=3570882&pg=personal&fr\\_id=2180](https://actnow.tofighthiv.org/site/TR/Events/AIDSLifeCycleCenter?px=3570882&pg=personal&fr_id=2180)

Also, if you are on Facebook and want to follow my personal progress with this event, search "Teresa's Bike Ride with AIDS LifeCycle" for my updates on my training!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 9:00 AM</b> Praise Service 9:50-10:50 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Service	<b>2 11:00 AM</b> Meadows Bible Study 1:00 PM Lenten Bible Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4 7:00 PM</b> SPRC	<b>5 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study</b>  7:00 PM Stitch & A Prayer	<b>6</b>	<b>7 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast-Buttersburg Inn</b> Move your clocks forward tonight
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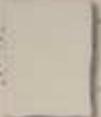
**Update on Kaitlyn Flagler's Recycle Project:**  
Collection is going great! She has until August 1st to collect 500 lbs. TUMC receives a bench made from recycled material if Kaitlyn reaches her goal.



**Reminder of what to collect:**



**What can be recycled?** *All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.*

 Grocery bags	 Bread bags	 Bubble wrap	 Dry cleaning bags	 Newspaper sleeves	 Ice bags	 Plastic shipping envelopes
 Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags	 Cereal bags	 Case overwrap	 Salt bags	 Pallet wrap & stretch film	 Wood pellet bags	 Produce bags

**News from Operation Christmas Child....**



Join us in praising God for the 8,950,144 shoebox gifts packed in the U.S. in 2019!

Together with all the shoeboxes collected globally, that's more than 10.6 million Gospel opportunities now on the way to children in more than 100 countries around the world!

Please pray with us:



**Every Child Receiving a Shoebox**  
to understand the Good News of the gospel and experience the Great Joy of God's love.



**Local Volunteers and Ministry Partners** who are delivering the shoeboxes in more than 100 countries around the world.



**The Greatest Journey Follow-up Discipleship** for those facilitating the program and for the hearts of the children participating.

**Community Opportunity**

The Shepherd's Staff's

# EASTER

## basket drive

Help us celebrate Easter by donating baskets to be given to children in Carroll County!  
Last year we collected and distributed 1,563 baskets and we need your help again.

If you or your group would like to make Easter baskets to donate,  
here are some ideas of items to include:

Coloring Books  
Christian Story Books  
Crayons  
Stickers  
Puzzles  
Crafts Kits  
Sports Balls

Small Toys  
Jump Ropes  
Bubbles  
Play Dough  
Games  
School Supplies  
Non-candy Snacks

Please mark gender and age.

We are collecting baskets for children ages 0-13 years old.  
Please use small baskets with a folding handle if possible.

Deliver finished baskets to The Shepherd's Staff  
at 30 Carroll Street, Westminster between

**Monday, March 2, 2020**  
**through Friday, March 27, 2020**

Hours of operation: M-T-F 10am-2pm and Thurs 3-7pm.  
410-857-5944 [info@shepstaff.org](mailto:info@shepstaff.org)



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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.



Worship Times:	
Praise Worship Service	9:00 am
Sunday School	9:50 am
Traditional Worship Service	11:00 am

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