February 2026

THE GOOD WORD
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Do you ever wonder who is in charge of what program or event at Taylorsville? Or do you remember being asked to serve on a committee but forgetting which one? That's okay, some committees don't meet that often. In either case, please take a look at this year's Lay leadership report on pages four and five. It lists all the returning and new officers of the Church.

Even if you don't serve on a committee, I encourage everyone to review this report to understand better the work that goes into running our Church. Some committees are essential to the day-to-day operations, such as finance and trustees, but others, such as nominations and staff parish relations, meet annually or quarterly. Others, like evangelism, are returning to action after a few years of needing some leadership.

This lists all the current and active committees of the Church, but there are many ways for people to help and get involved in church leadership. If you feel the desire to help with any of these ministries or committees, please reach out to the church office or the officers who chair them. Even if you don't want to lead but just help, you are welcome to participate as soon as you're ready and able.

Just remember that the Church isn't only the people you see leading worship on Sunday. It's all of us working together to share and support the ministry of faith in our community. We always have room for more people ready to help and lead our Church. And if you think there is a committee that isn't listed, but you would like to see it start up, you're welcome to let us know about your interest.

Pastor Josh

It takes many hands to lead the church.

FEBUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2	Lee and Sandy Wright
4	Joe and Lisa Martin

JOIN THE CHOIR

Easter is early this year.
Practice will start soon for the
Easter cantata.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS
February - Scott & Ritta Jones

READER
February - Anna Grimes
Let Office know if you can help

MT. AIRY NET

February Needs:
Jelly, Canned Fruit, Rice, Canned Lunches, Shampoo & Conditioner

March is: February 23rd

Men's Breakfast ~ All Men Are Welcome
February 7 at 9:00 AM

Bob Evans
206 Malcolm Dr., Westminster, MD

Let Steve or Hearl know if you are coming.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Front line workers that remove snow
- Family of Miss Elsie Cox who passed away
- John's friend, Sam has terminal brain tumor
- Pray for world events
- Sharon's friend, Barbara-in rehab, needs prayer
- John's father, Jack-skin cancer treatments
- Audrey - pray for continued healing from surgery
- Cindy Watts needs prayer-health issues
- Stacey - needs prayer for breast cancer
- Debra Gillen - pain, tired from treatments
- Bob Gillen - fell, knee hurts, pray for him
- Sue Leppert's Uncle Dale, is recovering from infection, needs continued prayers
- Joe Martin-needs prayers
- Pray that our hearts and minds continue to be followers of Christ
- 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
- 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

- Pastor Josh passed ordination exam
- Our Church Family
- Steve, Hearl, Scott, Sam for snow removal at church

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 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Communion
1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12
Sermon Title: "The Upside-Down Kingdom"

February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
1 Corinthians 2:1-16, Matthew 5:13-20
Sermon Title: "Foolishness and Wisdom, Salt and Light"

February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday
2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9
Sermon Title: "Up and Down Faith or Elevator Faith"

February 18, 2026
Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Sermon Title: "Practice Righteousness"

February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Matthew 4:1-11
Sermon Title: "Temptation"

Coming Soon….

The 2026 TUMC Discount Card

We hope to have the cards ready to sell by late February.

TAYLORSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LAY LEADERSHIP REPORT - 2026

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson: Cindy Harris
Evangelism Chair: Pastor Joshua Gillen
Congregational Care, Outreach and Fellowship - Chair: Gail Leyh
Lay Leader: Stephen Iden
Finance Chair: Dee Haines
Recording Secretary: Anna Grimes
Lay Leader to Annual Conference: Stephen Iden
Ex officio Member: Pastor Joshua Gillen

SPRC Chair: Sheri Maring
Trustees Chair: Steve Novick
Missions Chair: Vivian Overholtzer
Worship Chair: Pastor Joshua Gillen
Memorial Chair: Glenda Harris
Church Treasurer: Anna Grimes
Financial Secretary: Susan Maring
UWIF Representative: Maria Novick
Historian: Vivian Overholtzer
Children's Ministry: Maria Novick

TAYLORSVILLE CHURCH CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Lay Leader: Stephen Iden
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Stephen Iden
Recording Secretary for Charge Conference: Anna Grimes
Church Council Chairperson: Cindy Harris

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson**: Dee Haines**
Financial Secretary: Susan Maring
Lay Leader: Stephen Iden
Church Council Chair: Cindy Harris
SPRC Rep: Sheri Maring
Lay Member to Annual Conf: Stephen Iden

Church Treasurer: Anna Grimes
Trustees Rep: Steve Novick
Vice-Chair: Vivian Overholtzer
Ex officio member: Pastor Joshua Gillen

Members at Large (with vote): John Eaton, Melinda Bennett, Sue Leppert

STAFF/PASTORS/PARISH RELATIONS

Chair: Sheri Maring
Sue Leppert
Sharon Franklin
Melinda Bennett
Maria Novick
Ritta Jones
Jeff Taylor
Lay Leader to Annual Conference: Stephen Iden
Ex Officio Members: Stephen Iden (Lay Leader) and Joshua Gillen (Pastor)

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP

Cindy Harris
Sharon Franklin
Sheri Maring
Glenda Harris
Maria Novick
Vivian Overholtzer
Pastor is the Chairperson – Pastor Joshua Gillen
Lay Leader to Annual Conf: Stephen Iden
Ex officio Member: Lay Leader – Stephen Iden

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair: Steve Novick (2026) Vice Chair – Sandy Wright
Vivian Overholtzer
Sam Grimes
Sheri Maring
John Brodbeck
Gary Maring
Jeff Taylor
Member at Large: with vote – Hearl Wright

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Chair: Vacant
Pastor Joshua Gillen
Stephanie Brodbeck
Susan Maring
Sheri Maring

CONGREGATIONAL CARE, OUTREACH AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Chair: Gail Leyh
Pastor Joshua Gillen
Sheri Maring
Sue Leppert
Vivian Overholtzer
Debra Taylor
Susan Maring

TAYLORSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LAY LEADERSHIP REPORT - 2026 Continued

MEMBERSHIP Dee Haines Glenda Harris

MISSIONS TEAM
Chair: Vivian Overholtzer Cindy Harris Ritta Wilson
Treasurer: Sandy Wright Dona Wilson Pastor Joshua Gillen
Secretary: Anna Grimes

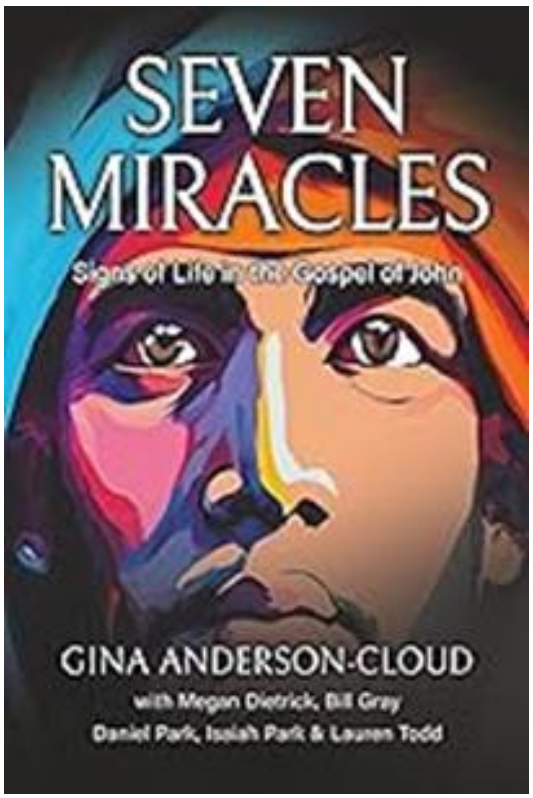
WORSHIP TEAM
Chair: Vacant Jeff Taylor – Tech Vivian Overholtzer
Gail Leyh Steve Novick – Tech
Stephen Iden (Lay Leader) Pastor Joshua Gillen

MEMORIALS COMMITTEE
Chair: Glenda Harris Cindy Harris Sharon Franklin Patricia Lentzner

ENDOWMENT
Chair: Ray McConchie Dee Haines Susan Maring Sue Leppert
Melinda Bennett

AUDIT COMMITTEE
Chair: Teresa Leyh

SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
Chair: Maria Novick Dee Haines Jeff Taylor Steve Novick



Join the Lenten Bible Study

Seven Miracles: Signs of Life in the Gospel of John

Thursday, February 19th, to April 2nd
6:30PM

Please Sign up on the sign-up sheet in back of the sanctuary by February 15th or call the office to let us know.

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

February focuses on the church as the one body of Christ, spiritually gifted for ministry and mission. Each member is essential to the function of the body. Together, all parts work to build each other up for the edification and growth of the body that is the church.

Christ gave the church two rituals vital for its mission and witness. Baptism serves as the ritual entry to the life of faith and a way to follow the example of our Savior, who himself was baptized. The Lord's Supper invites us to a time of self-examination as we remember Christ's sacrifice and anticipate his bodily return. Through these rituals, the church receives spiritual nourishment and empowerment for its mission: calling people to repentance and proclaiming the reign of Christ "to the ends of the earth".

The church's mission flourishes when we obey God and proclaim the gospel and its transforming power. One way we can contribute to this mission is through our generosity and hospitality, reminiscent of the practices of the burgeoning first century church. When the church remembers and obediently follows its mission, we learn to love God and our neighbors, thus fulfilling the two greatest commands.

We meet on Sunday mornings at 8:45 in the social hall. 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 looking at and discussing the Gospel of John.

Upcoming Soup Sale for Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 8th, 2026

Taylorsville United Methodist Church - Souper Bowl Sale
Homemade Soup Order Form - Pick-up date is February 8, 2026

Name _____ Phone # _____

Chicken Noodle Quart	_____	@ $10.00 each	$_____
Chicken Noodle Pint	_____	@ $5.00 each	$_____
Chili Quart	_____	@ $12.00 each	$_____
Chili Pint	_____	@ $6.00 each	$_____
Ham and Bean Quart	_____	@ $10.00 each	$_____
Ham and Bean Pint	_____	@ $5.00 each	$_____
		Total	$_____

Order deadline is February 1, 2026.
Thank you for supporting our Church Fundraiser.

TAYLORSVILLE UNITED METHODIST
4356 RIDGE ROAD
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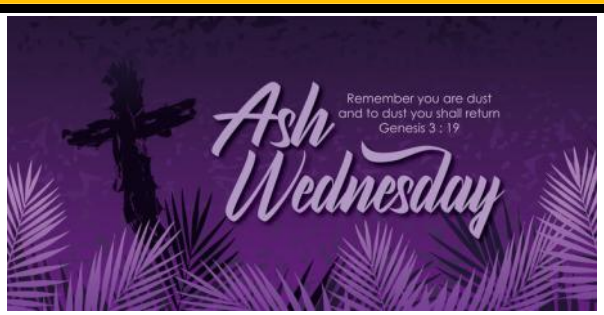
SHROVE TUESDAY

YUMMY PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, POTATO CASSEROLE, EGGS, APPLESAUCE, JUICE

FEBRUARY 17

5:00 TO 7:00PM

DONATIONS SUPPORT MISSION PROJECTS & MT. AIRY NET



Ash Wednesday, February 18th Pastor Josh will be at church **10:00AM to 2:00PM** for anyone that wants to receive Ashes. Just come in the front door and come up to the sanctuary. Then that night we are hosting the Hub churches for Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00PM.

United Women in Faith

February UWIF Meeting

Thursday, February 26th at 7:00PM

Bring items to help fill the baskets.

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
Christian Story Books
Crayons
Ear Buds
Bubbles
Craft Kits
Small Balls
Small Toiletries
Shower Puffs
Nail Polish

Card Games
Small Toys
Yo Yo's
Play Dough
Brain Teasers
Candy
Snacks
Baby Rattles
Baby Wipes
Teethers

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **Communion** 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship-Facebook live/ website **Soup Orders Due**	**2**	**3**	**4** **6:30PM Choir**	**5**	**6**	**7** **9:00AM Men's Breakfast**
8 **Mission Sunday** 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship-Facebook live/ website **Pick up Soup**	**9**	**10**	**11** **6:30PM Choir**	**12** **6:30PM** **Lent Bible Study**	**13**	**14**
15 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship-Facebook live/ website	**16**	**17** **5PM-7PM** **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**	**18** **7:00PM** **Ash Wednesday Service**	**19** **6:30PM** **Lent Bible Study**	**20**	**21**
22 8:45AM Sun. School 9:45AM Worship-Facebook live/ website	**23** ***Newsletter Deadline for March***	**24**	**25** **6:30PM Choir**	**26** **6:30PM Lent Bible Study** **7:00PM United Women in Faith**	**27**	**28**

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United Methodist Church

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Our Mission of Purpose

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

We're on the Web!
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HOPE TO SEE YOU IN CHURCH THIS MONTH

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