

The **General Conference of The United Methodist Church** will meet from **April 23 through May 3** in Charlotte, NC. General Conference sets policies and goals for the entire denomination, and is the only group that can officially speak for the entire denomination. A number of controversial issues will be decided at General Conference this year. Please keep General Conference in your prayers as they seek God’s guidance for The United Methodist Church.

PRAYERS NEEDED: Every week our Susquehanna Annual Conference requests prayer for churches within the Annual Conference, as well as partner churches in Sierra Leone and our Conference camps. During the week of March 31, 2024 through April 6, 2024 please pray for Wenksville UMC, Biglerville; Lincoln Chapel UMC, Laurelton; Grove Memorial UMC, Lewistown; Calvary Harrisburg UMC, Harrisburg; Bell Memorial UMC, Njala - Sierra Leone; First Blossburg, Blossburg; Shavertown UMC, Shavertown; Wagner UMC, McClure; Shirleysburg UMC, Shirleysburg; St Andrews Valley View UMC, Valley View; Kunkle UMC, Dallas; Wesley Forest Camp & Retreat Center, Weikert.

Did you know that we have a **Prayer Room** at Gettysburg UMC? It’s located in the basement of the church. As you go from fellowship hall toward the front (High St. side) of the church it’s located on your left. The Prayer Room is open for prayer by individuals and small groups whenever the church is open.

The **Clothing Closet** is in need of Men’s, Ladies’, and Boys’ **underwear**. Men need knit boxer briefs in sizes XL, Lg, Sm. and Med. Ladies’ underwear (briefs only) are needed in sizes 5, 9 and 10. Also needed are women’s socks. Boys’ sizes 6-8, 10-12, 14-16 and size 18 are needed in knit boxer briefs. The volunteers thank you so much for all of the response they have received in the past and acknowledge that they could not provide this service to the community without your generous donations. There will be a basket/box in the lobby for your donations. Thank you.

NOTE: Please take your flowers home to enjoy after the service today. Thank you.



March 31, 2024

Gettysburg United Methodist Church

Weekly Vision

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Serving in Ministry Today

Rev. Rick Smith, Pastor
Rev. Charles Slaybaugh, Pastor Emeritus
Sharon Brown, Director of Music
John Day, Organist/Pianist
Fred Myers, Head Usher

The beautiful **flowers** on the altar today are sponsored by
Mary Truscott
in memory of her husband, Rodney Truscott.

The **bulletins** today are presented by
Tim and Frances Williams
and are in celebration of our risen Christ!

The beautiful **palm trees** today are sponsored by Dr. Jan Towers in memory of
her parents, Rev. John and Martha Ford,
and in memory of her husband, Dr. Barry Towers.

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored the colorful and lovely **Easter flowers**
on our altar this morning! What a festive and joyful sight it is to behold.

We will celebrate **Holy Communion** next Sunday, April 7. We practice open
Communion; everyone is welcome to join us in receiving the sacrament next
week.

Are you interested in helping to **prepare and/or serve Holy Communion** every
month? Preparation involves getting the bread and grape juice ready and
arranging it on the altar before the service begins. Serving involves handing the
bread and/or cup to people as they come forward during the service. Training is
provided for both preparing and serving Communion. If you think you may be
interested in either preparing or serving communion please contact Jan Berkey.

THIS WEEK AT GETTYSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MPR – Multi-Purpose Room FH – Fellowship Hall	
Monday, April 1, 2024	<i>(Trustees rescheduled to Monday, April 8)</i> 7:00 p.m. – Closed AA Meeting – (FH/MPR)
Tuesday, April 2, 2024	<i>Fun fact: April 2 is National Reconciliation Day!</i>
Wednesday, April 3, 2024	10:00 a.m. – Bible Study – (MPR) 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Clothing Closet
Thursday, April 4, 2024	9:30 a.m. – Bible Study (MPR) 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Clothing Closet 2:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday, April 5, 2024	Church Office closed 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Clothing Closet
Saturday, April 6, 2024	7:00 p.m. – Closed AA Meeting – FH/MPR
Sunday, April 7, 2024	10:30 a.m. – Worship Service – Second Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion

News about current events and happenings in The United Methodist Church may be found at umnews.org/en. You may also subscribe to a daily or weekly email summary of UMC news by following the “UMNEWS-SUBSCRIPTION” link on the website. This is a good source of up-to-date information about what is happening in our denomination.

Adams County **Church Women United** will meet on Wednesday, April 3, 11:30 a.m. at Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Rd. Their guest speaker will be Abby Avery from Adams County SPCA. Bring a bagged lunch; desserts and beverages will be provided. A special welcome to newcomers!



Hospitalizations:
If you have need of pastoral care, please call the church office for Pastor Rick Smith.

Pastor Smith can be reached at 717-334-3032 (church) or 717-420-2681 (home). Pastor’s email is Pastor@gettysburgumc.org.

Prayer concerns for church members in Nursing Homes:
Carl Steager (Transitions), Butch Carter (Lorien-Columbia MD).

Prayer concerns for church members with limited mobility:
Raymond Koenig, Betty Schulteis, June Spencer, Pat Eppstein, and Ruth Anna Polley.

Weekly prayer concerns for members and friends:
Family and friends of Walter Smith, Jeannette Smith, Judy Kartz, John Day, Hope Powell, Eugene “Cory” Corwell, Bill Woolston, Meghan McGeary, Ken Skruseth, Sally Crist, Pastor Chuck Slaybaugh, Imogene Hunt, Diane Moore, Jan Towers, Tom and Pat Kellam, Carolyn Dillman, Carolyn Mintmier, Doug Rollender, Patrick Spatz, Darlene Marlow, Health Care Workers and Staff, Steve Spatz, Linda Tawny, Nita Gross, Debbie Harmon, Rev. Erin Voss, Mary Fleming, John and Barbara Michaelleski, and all unspoken requests.

Pastoral Prayers this week: Please remember that if you do not wish to publicly express your prayer concerns, you may use the PRAYER PILLAR in the back of the Sanctuary for your requests.

Our Prayer Chain: The Gettysburg Congregation is pleased to offer a “Prayer Chain,” in addition to our Sunday Prayers. To express a “prayer chain request” you may either call Sue Ressler at (717) 357-0983, or the church office (717-334-3032). All matters are kept in confidence. Such prayers are welcome for members and non-members alike.



1ST ANNUAL GETTYSBURG WOMEN'S RETREAT!!!!!!

How often do you **really** notice the beauty of the world around you? How often do you find yourself dwelling on the negative things in the world rather than the

positive? How often do you spend your time with friends discussing how terrible everything is instead of sharing the blessings of your life? If you are like most people, you will say that you spend far too much time with the negative and far too little time with the positive and the beautiful. Our upcoming women's retreat is a time to really think about and to discuss this situation with friends you already know and perhaps with new friends you haven't met yet. It will be a time of fellowship, fun, study, meditation and worship.

The retreat will be led by Rev. Nancy Davis and will run from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Saturday April 27 at the church. All women of Gettysburg UMC are invited to attend and are encouraged to invite a friend or family member (mother, sister, daughter, etc.) to attend also.

Registration begins on March 17 and ends on April 14. You may register by filling out the form below and putting it in the offering plate, or by e-mailing Nancy at nancyeunicedavis52@gmail.com. If you would like to purchase the provided **lunch** (\$5) of a large deli sandwich, bag of chips and a cookie, please indicate below. You may also opt to bring your own bagged lunch. If you are purchasing a lunch, please bring the money or check to Cathy Libera or Cindy Toussaint or in the offering plate on Sunday (noted for Women's retreat lunch).

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend a day with other women considering the beauty of God's world and how we can truly learn to appreciate it. Hope to see you there!



I would like to register for the 1st Annual Gettysburg UMC Women's Retreat to be held on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

I would like to purchase the provided lunch (\$5) _____

I will bring my own lunch _____

Habitat for Humanity Workers and Contact Person Needed!

Over the past, several people from our church have participated a couple times a year, volunteering on a work day for the current Adams Co. Habitat for Humanity build. Our numbers have dwindled, along with a person designated to represent the church to receive and pass on communication about possible work dates. Our church would usually participate in the Blitz Build, which is a larger team effort at the beginning of a new home. In addition, our church is asked to provide a few workers on a given Saturday to help the ongoing work crew and provide refreshments for that one day a year. We no longer have such a person willing to do this very limited communication task as the church contact person.

The next Blitz Build will be held on April 4th – 6th and April 11th – 13th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers are welcome to participate on any of those days at 41 Craftway Drive, Littlestown PA 17340.

Until we have a facilitator, contact Benjy Conover, the Volunteer Coordinator at (717) 357-1139, if you will be able to help on one of those "blitz days" If you are willing to be our designated facilitator/contact person, please tell Pastor Rick. Thank you for your help in supporting this worthwhile organization!





The Local **CROP Hunger Walk is Back!** After several years, this significant event that brings together compassionate individuals of all ages across the United States to combat hunger will be held here in Gettysburg at the Lutheran Seminary, starting at the Pavilion (next to the YWCA on 909 Fairfield Rd.) on Sunday, April 28 at 1:00 p.m. Unlike years past, the walk will only be about 1.1 miles around the historic Seminary.

This movement, which has been going strong for 55 years, aims to provide life-saving support, emergency food, and resources to those in need and promote peace. Additionally, it focuses on empowering families by providing seeds, tools, farm animals and programs that enable them to feed themselves in the future.

No one in the world should be hungry. That's why the Gettysburg Hunger Walk is more than just a gathering of people in a place. We're part of a movement, taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our community who need them – and supporting programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world. Twenty-five percent of funds raised (25%) will go to the following local charities: SCAAP food pantry will receive 15%, the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen 5% and Ruth's Harvest 5%.

If you wish to register and/or donate for this year's Crop Walk, you can do so online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/gettysburgpa> or you can sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board if you plan to walk. To make donations you can also leave a check in the offering plate or at the church office before April 28th. Make checks out to Church World Service (or CWS) – Crop Walk.



Please join us in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and the funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others.

If you have any questions, please contact **Lynn Cairns** at (717) 334-4193.

