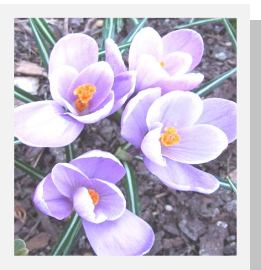




# April 2025



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WELLSBORO

## The Messenger April, 2025



### *Spring Fellowship Dinner following worship on April 6.*

Please bring dish to share and your own table service.



### Cross Carrying Walk for JESUS

Will occur on Good Friday, April 18, 2025 at 10 AM. We will congregate at the Wellsboro Chamber In front of the big old American Elm tree at 9:50 AM. The walk & cross carrying will begin at the corner of the Green at 287 & Main Street. We will walk down 287 toward Pearl Street. Then down Pearl Street to the Episcopal Church. We will stop momentarily at the church for a short (Prayer, Devotional , Song or Meditation). We will then go to Charles Street and walk to Main Street, turn left on Main Street to Norris Street, where at the cross walk we will cross Main Street to the Presbyterian Church and once again stop momentarily for a short (PDSM). From here we will walk down Main Street to the United Methodist Church at Queen Street. We will finish here and again have a short (PDSM). We will sing songs along the way and take turns carrying the Cross in a Walk for JESUS! The entire walk is on the sidewalks of each street! Everyone should be courteous of pedestrians and stay to the outside of the sidewalk but not in the street. If you hope to be a cross carrier I would recommend gloves since it is a wooden cross (splinters).



### **United Women in Faith Tea Party**

Women of all ages are invited to a Tea Party, Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in Epworth Hall. Please come and bring a friend as this will be a time to fellowship and celebrate each other while sharing tea, or another beverage of your choice, finger foods and desserts. This will also be an opportunity for smiles and laughter as we share our afternoon together. We hope you come and join us!

Dear Friends,

While on a morning walk with my dog, Bingo, he is energetic and excited to see and experience all the world has to offer that day. He notices every bird and squirrel. Every person we pass, he thinks they want to be his friend. Every dog is noticed from at least two blocks away, and he whines and whimpers, telling me he wants to go play with his new friend. But seeing as I walk Bingo first thing in the morning, I am still tired. I am not always aware of everything that is around me. But one morning it was different.

We had gotten up extra early so I could get an early start to the day. The sun was just starting the rise, painting the sky in beautiful shades of color. The moon was still visible and bright, made brilliant in the colors of the sunrise. I took notice of the flowers popping up through the hard winter soil, showing that spring had come at last. I saw bright green blades of grass popping up in the midst of the brown grass of winter. I noticed the patterns in the bark of the tree that looked different that day. I listened and heard the beautiful sound the wind chimes made at a house down the street. Bingo was not the only one alert that day.

Too often, we are quick to go from one thing to another. We have another meeting or appointment to get to, we are on a time schedule, and we keep pushing through as if on autopilot. We miss the beauty around us. We miss the ways that God is showing up in our world – whether that be in the beauty of nature or in the people around us. If we don't open our eyes, we will miss it all!

As Easter approaches, I encourage you to take a moment and reflect on where God is showing up. Instead of bouncing off to the next thing, take a moment to breathe and see what God is up to. Whether that be in the beauty of nature, the grocery store checkout, at an extra long meeting, or even in the waiting room at the doctor's office. God is everywhere. We just need to open our eyes.

May our prayer be like that of Psalm 119:18 (MSG), "Open my eyes so I can see what you show me of your miracle-wonders." Are you ready for what God will show you?

In His Service,  
Pastor Liz Jackson

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### **ALL ARE INVITED**

On Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 3PM Flowers will be placed on the cross for the Celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. On Easter there will be additional flowers available to be placed on the Cross at the Easter Sunrise Service or before the regular service. Flowers from home are also welcome.



# April 2025

Date	Church Fellowship Schedule	Date	Liturgist
April 6	Spring Fellowship Dinner Sheila & Craig Fields	April 6	Bev McKnight
April 13	Sarah, Annie & Bill Shoffler	April 13	Karen Blackwell.
April 20	<b>Easter</b>	April 20	Terry Borneman
April 27	Sydna Shabloski & Bev McKnight	April 27	Diane Colton
		<b>Contact Numbers:</b> Altar Flowers: Church Office, 570-724-1968 Church Fellowship: Bev McKnight, 570-724-4582 Media Ministry: Dave Bowen	

*Thank You!*

THANK YOU so much to TOM AUMAN for building shelves and helping with cleaning up the basement storage area! This made everything so much nicer! We really appreciate Tom's willingness and expertise in doing this.

Thank You,  
United Women in Faith

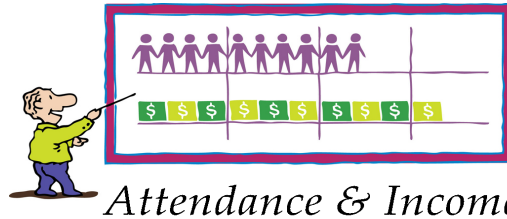
"I want to **thank everyone** who sent cards to me and my family following the death of my daughter, Karen. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated during that difficult time."

Pauline Dively

## Bible Reading Challenge

Each day, we are afforded the opportunity to spend time in God's word. Even if you haven't picked up your Bible in a long time, today is a great day to start. Take some time each day and see what God's word is teaching you. You might be surprised how your faith grows as you spend more time with God.

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| April 1 – Exodus 6   | April 16 - Exodus 16 |
| April 2 – Romans 1   | April 17 – Romans 6  |
| April 3 – Exodus 7   | April 18 – Exodus 17 |
| April 4 – Exodus 8   | April 19 – Exodus 18 |
| April 5 – Romans 2   | April 20 - Romans 7  |
| April 6 – Exodus 9   | April 21 – Exodus 19 |
| April 7 – Exodus 10  | April 22 – Exodus 20 |
| April 8 – Romans 3   | April 23 – Romans 8  |
| April 9 – Exodus 11  | April 24 – Exodus 21 |
| April 10 – Exodus 12 | April 25 – Exodus 22 |
| April 11 – Romans 4  | April 26 – Romans 9  |
| April 12 – Exodus 13 | April 27 – Exodus 23 |
| April 13 – Exodus 14 | April 28 – Exodus 24 |
| April 14 – Romans 5  | April 29 – Romans 10 |
| April 15 – Exodus 15 | April 30 – Exodus 25 |



Date	10:30 Worship	Sunday School	Church Income (Mar. 2 - Mar. 23, 2025)	
March 2	72	12		
March 9	74	13	Funding Ministry Income	\$13,091
March 16	83	10	Other Income	\$875
March 23	86	11	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$13,966</b>
<b>Average Attendance Year to Date</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>13</b>	<i>Funding Ministry (Budget) Need - 4 Sundays</i>	\$18,912

**ANNIVERSARIES**

23 - David & Kathy Kennedy



**BIRTHDAYS**

3-Joan Tease

6-Ruth Dinnison (98)-2025

7-Sharon Allison

11-Ellen Bryant

14-Dave Bowen

17-Lori Copp

19-Kimberly Zapert

24-Patti Henneman



The April Loose Change Sunday collection for Missions will be April 13th. for Mission Central.



A reminder that articles & news for the May Messenger are needed in the Church Office by Monday, April 21st.

**PRAY FOR OUR  
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MILITARY**

Please remember those serving in the military service in your prayers.

S/Sgt. Matthew Enderle  
 CSSN Michael R. Lesko  
 SR Ryan A. Proveaux  
 Major Regan Malcolm, MD  
 E6 Conner Snyder

## Celebrate Recovery Starting in Wellsboro

Life is often overwhelming, presenting challenges that seem insurmountable at the time. Vineyard Church of Wellsboro plans to offer a recovery program called Celebrate Recovery. This program aims to help individuals make thoughtful decisions and find support for change through the power of Jesus Christ. This program is planning to launch in September 2025. Vineyard Church is seeking dedicated individuals from the community who would be willing to participate in facilitating this program. The program offers various roles for lay persons. Support and training will be provided. If you are interested in assisting or participating in this new community outreach program, please attend the introductory meeting to learn how you can help. The meeting will be held at the Vineyard Church on Saturday, April 12, 2025. Registration starts at 8:30am, and the program begins at 9am, concluding at 12pm. A variety of breakfast pastries will be available. To RSVP and for questions, please call the Vineyard Church at 570-723-8035.

### CALLING ALL CAMPERS

The Susquehanna Conference has two camps that have lots of opportunities for all ages (Kindergarten through adult). Camp Penn (Waynesboro, PA) and Wesley Forest (Weikert, PA) are two great options. We also have a connection with Sky Lake (Windsor, NY) to attend as well. Check out [suscrm.org](http://suscrm.org) for more information about all the summer camp offerings this year.

The church will provide a **full scholarship** to a child who has never been to camp before. You do not need to be a member of the church to receive this. If you have a grandchild or neighbor in mind, please share with them. See Pastor Liz for information about the scholarship.

## Worship Opportunities during Lent & Easter

Midweek Lenten Services – 12pm at First Presbyterian Church (April 2, 9). Lunch will be provided after the service. This year, we will be looking at Jesus' prayer for the church in the garden of Gethsemane.

April 2 – John 17:20-23 (Liz Jackson)

April 9 – John 17:24-26

(Chris Osterbrock)

Maundy Thursday Service – 6:30pm in Epworth Hall. Bring a dish to pass. Communion will be served.

Good Friday Service – 7pm in the sanctuary.

Easter Sunrise Service – 6:30am outside. Meet in the back parking lot. Communion will be served. Breakfast will be served immediately following the service.

Easter Service – 10:30am in the sanctuary.

Communion will be served.

## Wellsboro Ministerium

We will be collecting laundry detergent, extra long twin sheets, and towels for Harbor Counseling. Please bring them to the church by Sunday, May 18. Place the items in the box outside Pastor Liz's office.

## Our Mission and Vision

Have you ever wondered why the church exists? It is far more than a place to hang out and enjoy good food. We can do that at any of the restaurants in town. The church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ. That is why every church exists. We are doing the kingdom work of God here on earth. At the UMC of Wellsboro, we are a thriving congregation, **Giving**, **Praising**, and **Serving** in love for Christ. This is the vision we have, where we are all giving, praising, and serving together. And helping others know how to do that as well.

It is important to know why we do what we do. When we lose sight of our 'why,' we lose our purpose, our focus, and our reason for being. When we know why we do what we do, what we are doing will have an even greater impact. Have you ever thought about why you come to this church? Take some time this month to figure out your why, so that you better live into the mission that God is calling you toward.

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### ROTARY LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Wellsboro Rotary is restarting the foreign student exchange program.. We have a student headed for Belgium in the fall. We will be getting one or two students here in Wellsboro. These students will live in local host family homes for about three months- then switch to another local family. The student(s) arrive in August 2025 and stay until June 2026. If you would consider becoming a host family please contact youth exchange officer Craig Devenport at [crd2864@ptd.net](mailto:crd2864@ptd.net) or call 570-971-2455. More information can also be obtained at [exchangestudent.org](http://exchangestudent.org).

### *Annual Spring Chorus Concert*

### *“Lift Up Your Voice”*

Wellsboro Men’s & Women’s Chorus’  
Wednesday Morning Musicals  
Saturday, April 26, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church of Wellsboro

### Administrative Council News

Council Members: Jim Paxson-Chairperson, Brenda Coder-SPRC, Craig Fields–Trustee , Sam Erdo-Finance, Lory Albin-Lay Leader, William Carson, Cathy Mack, Les Mengel, Seth Rogers, Karen Blackwell, Secretary. Karen Blackwell announced that she will be leaving the Office Secretary position at the end of June. Karen also expressed concerns about the office needing a new computer system. Keith Goehring has agreed to work with Karen to see what is needed. The 2024 Audit has been completed and submitted to the Conference. The AV Room beside the church office is in need of some housekeeping. There are some computers, printers, etc. that need to be checked out to see what kind of working order they are in. Brenda Coder and Sam Erdo will make a list of what is available. Organ Fund monies invested with the Conference over several years matured at the end of 2024. Those funds are now invested with Carson Consumer Finance Company which provides easier access if needed and a higher return. Any questions please contact Karen Blackwell.