

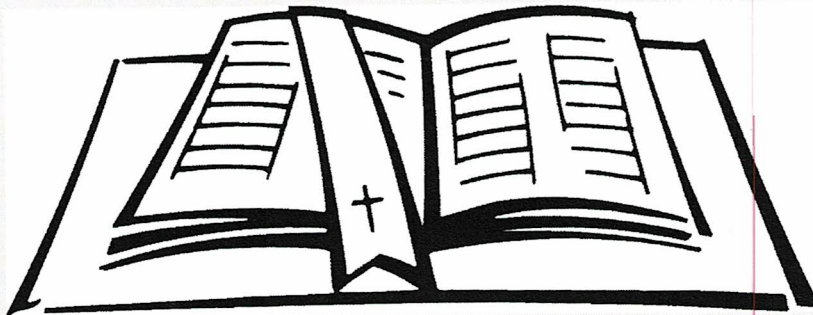
United Women in Faith
Northern Wilds District

Spiritual Enrichment Day

March 29, 2025 - 9:30 - 1:00 p.m.

United Methodist Church of Wellsboro
36 Main Street, Wellsboro PA
with Light Luncheon Following Meeting

Welcome Home
“Can We Extend Grace to Ourselves”
LUKE 15:11-32 STUDY



PRESENTER - Pastor Elizabeth Jackson
United Methodist Church of Wellsboro

Free Will offering for the Neighborhood Center in Harrisburg

Please RSVP to: (call or text)
Maryann Fisher, 570-439-3373
Email: makugelmann@yahoo.com



2025

Bible Reading Challenge

It is never too late to jump in and start reading the Bible. When we start reading the Bible and take some time each day with God, we will grow in our faith. Our eyes will open up to the wonderful ways that God is at work in the world. Start today, and see how God is moving in this world. Challenge booklets are still available outside the office

March 1 – Matthew 19
March 2 – Genesis 39
March 3 – Genesis 40
March 4 – Matthew 20
March 5 – Genesis 41
March 6 – Genesis 42
March 7 – Matthew 21
March 8 – Genesis 43
March 9 – Genesis 44
March 10 – Matthew 22
March 11 – Genesis 45
March 12 – Genesis 46
March 13 – Matthew 23
March 14 – Genesis 47
March 15 – Genesis 48
March 16 – Matthew 24

March 17 – Genesis 49
March 18 – Genesis 50
March 19 – Matthew 25
March 20 – Psalm 6-7
March 21 – Psalm 8-9
March 22 – Psalm 10-12
March 23 – Proverbs 2
March 24 – Matthew 26
March 25 – Exodus 1
March 26 – Exodus 2
March 27 – Matthew 27
March 28 – Exodus 3
March 29 – Exodus 4
March 30 – Matthew 28
March 31 – Exodus 5

Get More Out of Reading the Bible

Meet with Pastor Liz on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:30pm in the Sunday School Room to discuss the Bible readings, have any pressing questions you have answered, and grow in your faith with others. See you March 9th and 23rd.

Dear Friends,

While on vacation this past month, my family and I were immersed into the history of the very beginnings of our country, getting a glimpse at colonial life. One of my favorite stops was getting to see Jamestown. It amazes me how they have been uncovering artifacts from the time of the first settlers and have learned so much about what life was like for them. Taking that trip at the beginning of February was a true blessing because we practically had the entire place to ourselves. This was really evident in Jamestown, where we got to spend 30 minutes talking to a man who had learned about his Powhatan Indian heritage and was able to share it with visitors who came. He answered all our questions about the tools and resources they had, what their life was like, and how the different tribes interacted.

This man didn't just share information he had memorized from a book. He shared from his lived experiences as well. This man had taken time to live as his ancestors did for a period of time without the modern conveniences of the day. That was how he was able to share so easily. He didn't only read about it – he put his learning into action.

As Christians, it is important for us to read the Bible. It is the way for us to understand who God is and what God expects from us. But the Christian life doesn't stop with reading scripture. We are called to put that reading into action. We are called to allow what we know and learn about God to impact the way we interact with the world around us. We aren't a Christian just from reading the Bible. We are a Christian when we put what we read into action. We need to put it into practice.

James warns us about such behavior. James 1:22-24 says, "Don't fool yourself into thinking you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. *Act* on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like." (MSG) Don't let this happen from you. Study God, know God inside and out, spend time with God, and allow that to change the way you live, change your actions. Let your time spent with God be evident to those around you, so that you can easily share with others the good news you have!


In His Service,
Pastor Liz Jackson

Are you thinking about joining the church?

Have you been considering joining the church? Do you want to know what it means to be a member? Well, you're in luck. The last Sunday of every month following the service, grab a snack and meet with Pastor Liz to learn more about membership in the church. We will meet in Pastor Liz's office. There is no need to sign up, just come out

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Salad Sale



at the United Methodist Church of Wellsboro is being planned for Wednesday, March 19th

Order Deadline: Tuesday, March 11



United Women in Faith

Saturday, March 1st at 11:00 a.m.

Bring your Bible and share some of your favorite passages. A time of sharing and discussion.



Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 8th for the return to Daylight

Freezer Ministry

If you are at home cooking and have a bit extra, why not put aside a small container to bring to church for the Freezer Ministry? Whether it's soup, stew, chili, muffins, cookies, or whatever, it's good to share a meal with someone in your church family who does not drive, is sick, alone, or for any other reason.

Here's how it works:

The locked freezer and supply cabinet are in the nursery. To donate a dish, label with contents & date-use sign in sheet provided

To take a meal to someone--use sign out sheet

Containers, labels, & markers are available if needed

Contact Sam Erdo (570) 730-7129, Cheryl Seely, or Karen Huck to locate freezer key or make suggestions

Periodically, volunteers will meet to cook and keep the freezer stocked. These dates will be announced in church.

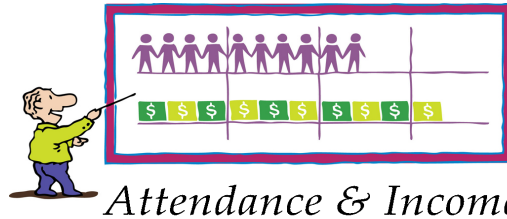


The March Loose Change collection for Missions will take place on Sunday, March 9.

The collection will be given to **UMCOR**

Newsletter DEADLINE

A reminder that articles, news and schedules for the April Messenger are needed in the Church office by Thursday, March 20.



Date	Worship	Sunday School	Church Income (Feb. 1 - Feb. 28, 2025)	
February 2	72	11	Funding Ministry Income	\$12,948.
February 9	61	7	Other Income	\$450
February 16	64	7	Total Income	\$13,398
February 23	80	9		
Average Attendance 2025 Year to Date	67	11	2025 Funding Ministry (Budget) (4 Sundays)	\$18,912

March Birthdays

- 1 - Gilbert Acorn
- 2 - Caitlin Auman Gunnells
- 10 - Connor J. Calvin
- 12 - Bridgett McIntyre
- 14 - Shirley Spencer
- 15 - Abigail Colton
- 17 - Karen Blackwell
- 17 - Mark Burgett
- 17 - Wyatt M. Wood
- 25 - David Huck
- 26 - John C. Calvin
- 30 - Todd Crumb



**Spring begins
March 20th!!!!**

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

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

- S/Sgt. Matthew Enderle
- CSSN Michael R. Lesko
- Ensign Ryan A. Proveaux
- Major Regan E. Rogers Malcolm, M.D
- E6 Conner Snyder



DATE	Liturgist	CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
March 2	Jean Dutchess	Betty & Rowan Reist
March 9	Todd Crumbr	Joyce Wilson & Julie Wetherbee
March 16	Ann Serva	Barb & Tom Auman
March 23	Terry Borneman	Jim & Kim Zapert
March 30	Jim Paxson	Karen Blackwell & Ann Serva
<p>Media Ministry: Dave Bowen</p>	<p>Contact Numbers: Altar Flowers: Church Office, 570-724-1968 Church Fellowship: Bev McKnight, 570-724-4582</p>	<p>Please notify the Church Office if you are exchanging Sundays with someone on the fellowship schedule, so the names can be listed correctly in the bulletin.</p>

Worship Opportunities during Lent & Easter

Besides the opportunity to worship at the Lenten Services at noon on Wednesday’s beginning March 5, here are some other worship experiences to consider.

Ash Wednesday Service—March 5, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service – April 17, 6:30 p.m. in Epworth Hall. Bring a dish to pass. Communion will be served.

Good Friday – April 18—Cross Walk for Jesus 10:00 a.m. meet in front of Chamber of Commerce.

7pm Service in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunrise Service – April 20, 6:30 a.m. outside in the back parking lot of the church. Communion will be served. Breakfast will be served immediately following the service.

Easter Service – April 20, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Communion will be served.

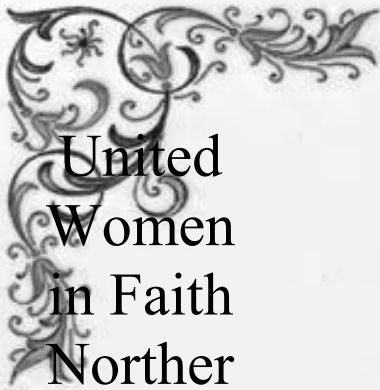


Wednesdays of Lent, at Noon, at the First Presbyterian Church.

Lunch Follows the Service.

Theme: “Jesus’ prayer for the church in the garden of Gethsemane”

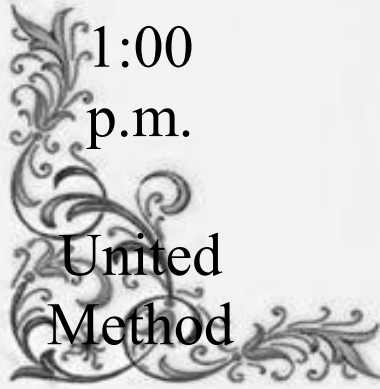
- March 5 John 17:1-5 , (Mike Birbecki)
- March 12 John 17:6-11 , (Kent Fowler)
- March 19 John 17:11-16 , (Jack Bialkowski)
- March 26 John 17:17-19 , (Brett Kennedy)
- April 2 John 17:20-23 , (Liz Jackson)
- April 9 John 17:24-26 , (Chris Osterbrock)



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THE MESSENGER— MARCH, 2025

Our Mission and Vision

The church is here to make disciples of Jesus Christ. That is our mission. The mission is what we do. The vision of UMC of Wellsboro is that we are a thriving congregation, **Giving, Praising, and Serving** in love for Christ. Our vision is what we aspire to do, what we are looking towards for the future. Each month, we will examine who we are and where we are going.

So far, we have looked at giving (our time, talents, serving, and financial gifts) as an expression of our love for God. In our giving, we bring honor to God. We also looking at praising as a lifestyle. We praise God everywhere we go. It is something that is done continually and doesn't end when we stop singing or praying.

This month, we're going to focus on serving. Matthew 25 provides a familiar parable of the sheep and the goats. Verse 35-40 say, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Serving is about caring for the needs around us. God has given each of us different talents, gifts, and abilities. It is through these that we serve God. We serve God both individually as well as together as a church. As a church, we have served places like the HUB, Seeds of Hope, Tioga County Homeless Initiative, Goodies for our Troops, Haven, and the Wellsboro Food Pantry – just to name a few.

When we serve, we are putting our love for God into visible acts to benefit those in need around us. Who is it that God may be calling you to serve? Or, have you noticed a need in our community that we can be reaching out to as a body of Christ? Together, we can serve God by meeting the needs of those around us in Christian love.