

June 2024



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WELLSBORO

The Messenger June, 2024



Everyone is invited to come to the Graduation Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, June 2th in Epworth Hall following the worship service. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. Beverages will be provided.



We will be celebrating **Father's Day** in our church on Sunday, June 9, since we do not have a church service in our sanctuary on Sunday, June 16



On Sunday, June 16th at 10:30 a.m. we will join our Christian brothers and sisters for the **Laurel Festival Union Church Service on The Green**. Our own Pastor Liz Jackson will deliver the sermon. **Hot dogs and chips will be served after the worship service!**

We will not have a church service at the United Methodist Church of Wellsboro on June 16th.

Dear Friends,

June is a time of celebration. So many high school seniors celebrate their graduation and the end of a rather large chapter in their lives. Students of any grade celebrate the end of another school year. There are many weddings that take place in June, marking the end of that time of singleness. With each chapter that closes, a new one opens, filled with possibilities. Graduations lead to new adventures into adulthood, of future employment, or continued education. It is the start of something new. Weddings start a new life of husband and wife together. A new family is formed. And as spring fades away to summer, we enter a new season as well. The question becomes – what are we going to do with this new beginning of ours?

Too often, we get so busy with life that we just keep plugging along. We rarely get time to slow down and really consider what is coming next for us. We don't take time to consider what God may have in store for us, especially when we're no longer on the precipice of one of those major life changes. But that doesn't mean we still don't need to take time to discern what is next for us.

As we enter into this new season, let's slow down together and see where God might be calling us. I think about where God is calling us as a church family. We are called to make disciples, to share the love of God with those around us. There are many ways that the church is doing this. Is there a ministry that God is calling you to be a part of in the church? I think about where God is calling each of us in our own families. Is this a new season of intentionality in relationships, a time to slow down and enjoy family more, or something else. Where is God calling you in your family life?

But God's calling does not just stop there. I think about our individual calling. This might be lived out in our paid work or in our volunteering. Is there something new that God is calling you to start? Is there learning that you are being called to? Is there a new project or a change that God is calling you toward? Whatever it is, know that God is with you. When you feel unsure which direction to go, take time to pray. Ask God to show you the way. Find the direction where you can use the gifts God has given you, where you can bring God honor and glory, and where you can share God with others.

I just love the hymn, "Sent Forth by God's Blessing." That is what I want to leave you with as you slow down and reflect on where God is calling you in this next season. *With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.*

In His Service,
Pastor Liz Jackson

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Liturgist	Date	Church Fellowship Schedule
June 2	Diane Colton	June 2	Graduation Fellowship Dinner Pat Newruck, Brenda Coder, Barbara Williard
June 9	Bill Carson	June 9	Trudi Dibble, & Marie Weaver
June 16	Laurel Festival Union Church Service on the Green - No service will be held in our church.		
June 23	Hymn Sing	June 23	Cathy Mack & Sam Erdo
June 30	Todd Crumb	June 30	Louise & Terry Borneman
Media Ministry	Dave Bowen	Contact Numbers: Altar Flowers: Church Office, 570-724-1968 Church Fellowship: Bev McKnight, 570-724-4582	



Thank you to all who made the spring salads a great success. Whether it was prayers, making dressing, bottling dressing, cutting meat, getting sald orders, peeling eggs or carrots, on the line, or delivering salads—no job is insignificant. They all count! Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Cheryl

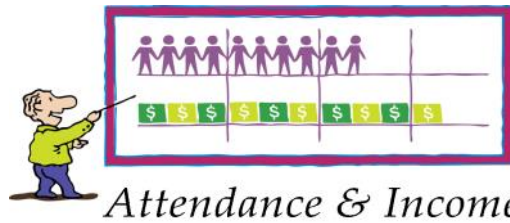


Thank you! Thanks for food
 Thank you! all the help and donations for the luncheons, the DS's celebration, and the Rummage and Bake Sale. . We are a great team!



Deadline Reminder

Please note that articles, news and schedules for the July/August issue of the Messenger are needed in the Church Office by Thursday, June 20th.



Date	10:30 Worship	Sunday School	Church Income (May 1-31, 2024)	
			Funding Ministry Income	\$16,105
May 5	53	7	Other Income	\$ 150
May 12	75	13	Total Income	\$16,255
May 19	73	7	Funding Ministry (Budget) (4 Sundays)	\$17,335
May 26	66	7		
Average Attendance Year to Date	67	9		

June Anniversaries

- 5 - Tom & Karen Reasinger
- 14 - Dave & Tricia Krick
- 23 - Shawn & Ellen Bryant

- 23 - Terry & Louise Borneman (50th)
- 24 - Aric & Renee Root
- 25 - Andy & Sarah Meyer

June Birthdays

- 1 - Joseph Paxson
- 2 - Vickie Christian
- 5 - Teresa Marshall
- 7 - Barbara Hines
- 10 - Phyllis Harman (Happy 98th)
- 10 - Ruth Rawson
- 12 - Alyssa Hoffman
- 14 - Patricia Burns
- 15 - Jean Kerr
- 18 - Aggie Bailey
- 20 - James Bailey
- 21 - Marjorie Wetherbee

- 22 - Renee Root
- 23 - Timothy Huck
- 23 - Valerie E. Bechtel
- 23 - Doreen Rymell
- 28 - Heidi Jo Pier
- 28—Loretta (Sam) Erdo
- 29 - Noah Colton
- 30 - Sarah Ritchey



**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 Rogers Malcolm, MD
E6 Conner Snyder



From June 1 – August 31, we will be reading the book of Psalms together as a church. Each day, you will be reading a chapter or two (sometimes just part of a chapter), as we explore together what God is showing us in the Psalms. Below are the readings for the month of June. The Journey Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 10am, will be discussing the Psalms read each week. Other groups are in the process of forming. Look for information in the bulletin. If you are interested in leading a group, please see Pastor Liz. Booklets for all the summer's readings are available at church, with discussion questions. Below you will find the readings for June.

June 1 – Psalm 1-2

June 2 – Psalm 3-4

June 3 – Psalm 5-6

June 4 – Psalm 7-8

June 5 – Psalm 9

June 6 – Psalm 10

June 7 – Psalm 11-12

June 8 – Psalm 13-14

June 9 – Psalm 15-16

June 10 – Psalm 17

June 11 – Psalm 18:1-24

June 12 – Psalm 18:25-50

June 13 – Psalm 19-20

June 14 – Psalm 21

June 15 – Psalm 22

June 16 – Psalm 23-24

June 17 – Psalm 25

June 18 – Psalm 26-27

June 19 – Psalm 28-29

June 20 – Psalm 30-31

June 21 – Psalm 32-33

June 22 – Psalm 34

June 23 – Psalm 35-36

June 24 – Psalm 37

June 25 – Psalm 38-39

June 26 – Psalm 40-41

June 27 – Psalm 42-43

June 28 – Psalm 44-45

June 29 – Psalm 46-47

June 30 – Psalm 48-49

Questions for Discussion:

1. What themes do you notice in the psalms?
2. What insight do you gain about God's character?
3. How do you see these psalms as an act of worship?
4. How do the imagery and metaphors in these psalms teach us about God?
5. How are the righteous and wicked portrayed? What is their relationship?
6. What kind of response do these psalms point you to?
7. Reflect on the emotions expressed in these psalms. How can you relate to them in your own life?
8. Do you see Jesus reflected in these psalms? How do the psalms point you to Jesus?
9. Are any of these psalms difficult to hear in this moment of your life?
10. How does the imagery in these psalms bring you comfort?
11. Is there a psalm or a verse that spoke to you this week? In what way?
12. How do these psalms inspire you to draw closer to God?
13. How can you apply these principles to your daily life?
14. What lessons can you learn from these psalms?
15. If you wrote a psalm today, what would it say about your life, faith, and your relationship with God and others?

General Conference Report 2024

General Conference wrapped up on May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina, with over 750 delegates from around the world participating. More than 74,000 followed along online via the live stream. Each day began with worship as they met for the postponed 2000 General Conference. The delegates worked over two weeks to review the 1,099 petitions that had been submitted. History was made with several legislative actions.

In an effort to put all conferences on equal footing around the world, legislation was passed considering regionalization. This would restructure the denomination, allowing the different regions (Africa, Europe, Philippines, US) to make changes to best serve in mission and ministry where they are. This is a move from a US-centric denomination to a worldwide denomination. Because this is a constitutional amendment, it requires a 2/3 vote of all annual conferences. This voting will take place in 2025.

Another decision was to remove barriers for full LGBTQ+ inclusion in the life of the church. Language in the Book of Discipline was returned to a neutral stance, ensuring no group faces discrimination, while allowing space for diverse opinions. These changes also allow for annual conferences to ordain LGBTQ pastors. All pastors have the choice to perform same-sex marriages, and each church can set policies concerning same-sex marriages without consequence.

For the first time in nearly 50 years, the Social Principles have received a complete overhaul. This has been in the work since 2012, working on making the Social Principles succinct, theologically sound, and culturally relevant. These reflect official UM teachings on a wide range of topics, including advocating for human dignity, creation care, and standing against social ills.

In passing the budget, the base for Shares of Ministry calculations decreased to 2.6% (from 3.29%). This allows for more resources to remain in the local church to be used for missions and ministry helping to alleviate financial challenges. This adjusts the denominational budget to \$353 million. The budget was partly decreased by decreasing the amount of active bishops that are serving. For example, there are currently 7 bishops serving in the Northeastern Jurisdiction (where we are). This would change to 6 bishops.

Policies for disaffiliation were not adopted. However, the church is working to develop policies for reaffiliation for those churches or pastors who left or were asked to leave that wish to return.

Ordained deacons were also granted sacramental authority in their ministry settings. Previously, they were only allowed to perform the sacraments with the bishop's approval. Now, all deacons are able to administer the sacraments (baptism and communion).

Delegates also approved full communion with the Episcopal Church. This will allow for the sharing of clergy and recognition of sacramental rights. The Episcopal Church still needs to vote to approve this.

Bishop Tracy S. Malone, the resident bishop of the East Ohio Conference, is the first black woman in the history of the worldwide denomination to be elected present of the Council of Bishops.

If you have questions concerning any of the decisions about General Conference, please see Pastor Liz.

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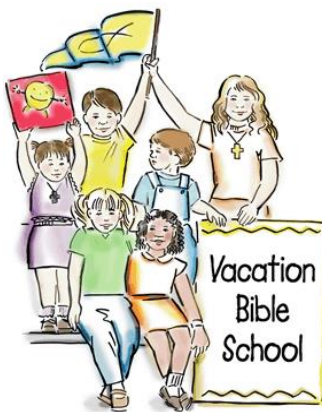
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The June 9 Loose Change Collection will be donated to UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief.



2024 Wellsboro Area Vacation Bible School for Pre-K thru 6th grade kids will be June 17-21, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., on the Green. The theme is Breaker Rock Beach.

Music, Games, Crafts, Snacks & Bible Stories!

Pre-Register at

<https://tinyurl.com/yuamarr> or check the Facebook page: Wellsboro Area VBS.

CONGRATULATING OUR GRADUATES

Emily Rose Connell is graduating from Wellsboro Area High School. Emily is a member of the Bocce Team and participated in the Culinary Arts program. Emily is planning on continuing at WAHS for 3 more years to enhance her long term learning.

Makenzie Jane Horn is graduating from Wellsboro Area High School. Makenzie is planning on getting a job and then attending college for anthropology. Mackenzie has not yet chosen a univeristy. She would like to take a break before beginning serious studies.

Nathaniel "Nate" Plunkett is graduating from Wellsboro Area High School and plans to attend Commonwealth Technical Institute