

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.

Current General Conference information and updates may be found on our Annual Conference website at <https://susumc.org/gc/> . General Conference is meeting from April 23 through May 3, 2024.

**News** about current events and happenings in The United Methodist Church may be found at [umnews.org/en](http://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.

**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 April 28, 2024 through May 4, 2024 please pray for Mt Olivet Delta UMC, Fawn Grove; Mill Hall UMC, Mill Hall; Little Cove UMC, Mercersburg; Holy Trinity UMC, Troy; Hastings UMC, Hastings - Sierra Leone; Beaver Memorial UMC, Lewisburg; Alderson UMC, Harveys Lake; Roseglen UMC, Duncannon; Woodycrest UMC, State College; Grace UMC, Mechanicsburg; Pleasant Mount UMC, Pleasant Mount; Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center, Waynesboro.



We are looking for volunteers to help redesign and update our **church website**. If you are interested in helping and/or providing input, please contact Pastor Rick. No technical expertise is required.

Interested in filmmaking? Join in a short summer project with Barts Centenary UMC to see how we can learn and use video for faith. Contact [tcartwright@susumc.org](mailto:tcartwright@susumc.org) to sign up for the film crew. The dates and times in June will be coordinated with everyone's schedules.



## Gettysburg United Methodist Church

# Weekly Vision

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### Serving in Ministry Today

Rev. Rick Smith, Pastor  
Rev. Nancy Davis, Guest Pastor  
Rev. Charles Slaybaugh, Pastor Emeritus  
Sharon Brown, Director of Music  
John Day, Organist/Pianist  
Fred Myers, Head Usher  
Tim and Frances Williams, Greeters

The **flowers** on the altar today are sponsored by  
Tim Williams  
in celebration of Frances and Charlie’s (their puppy!) birthday!

The **bulletins** this morning are sponsored by  
Tim and Frances Williams  
in memory of Tim’s parents, Gordon and Theresa Williams.

We thank the women from yesterday’s retreat for leading our worship service this morning. Special thanks to Rev. Nancy Davis for preaching. The retreat organizing committee for the service and the retreat along with Nancy was Sharon Brown, Betsy Speer, Karen Glassick, Jennifer Aldrich and Julie McGeary.

A very nice **compliment** from Jeannette Smith and Andrew Chappo regarding the celebration of life for Walter Smith: *“Thank you for a wonderful job on the funeral meal. It was wonderful to see friends serving the meal and making sure all people got to spend time together. You are truly a **loving congregation.**”*

We will celebrate **Holy Communion** next Sunday, May 5. We practice open Communion; everyone is welcome to join us in receiving the sacrament next week.

<b>THIS WEEK AT GETTYSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> MPR – Multi-Purpose Room FH – Fellowship Hall	
Monday, April 29, 2024	7:00 p.m. – Closed AA Meeting – (FH/MPR)
Tuesday, April 30, 2024	<i>Fun fact: On this day, April 30, 1952, Mr. Potato Head became the first toy advertised on TV?</i>
Wednesday, May 1, 2024	10:00 a.m. – Bible Study – (MPR) 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Clothing Closet
Thursday, May 2, 2024	9:30 a.m. – Bible Study 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, May 3, 2024	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Clothing Closet
Saturday, May 4, 2024	7:00 p.m. – Closed AA Meeting – FH/MPR
<b>Sunday, May 5, 2024</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. – Worship Service – Sixth Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion.</b>

The St. Matthew Lutheran Church Concert Series will present Benjamin Boellner, Minister of Music and Organist at St. Matthew, in concert today Sunday, April 28, at 4:00 p.m. The church is located at **30 W. Chestnut St., Hanover, PA**. Tickets are **NOT** required for admission. A free-will offering will be taken. The doors will open at 3:30, and there will be a reception following the program. The St. Matthew **Austin pipe organ with 14,470 pipes is one of the ten largest pipe organs in the world.**



**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:**

Kerri Speranza, Marti Reed (Clothing Closet volunteer), Family and friends of Roxey Lewis, Joyce Maitland, Family and friends of Walter Smith, Jeannette Smith, Judy Kartoz, John Day, Hope Powell, Eugene "Cory" Corwell, Bill Woolston, Meghan McGear, 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.



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.) **today** Sunday, April 28 at 1:00 p.m. Unlike years past, the walk will only be about 1.1 miles around the historic Seminary.

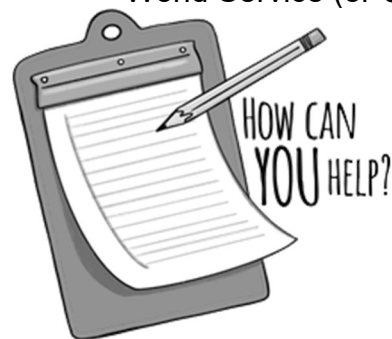
This movement, which has been going strong for 55 years, aims to provide life-saving support, emergency food, and resources to those in need and promote peace. Additionally, it focuses on empowering families by providing seeds, tools, farm animals and programs that enable them to feed themselves in the 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.



Did you know that Easter is not just one Sunday, but is a season of seven Sundays? The Season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and ends on Pentecost Sunday, fifty days later. Our theme this Easter Season is "Gifts of the Risen Lord" and includes the following:

DATE	SCRIPTURES	TITLE	SUNDAY
5/5/2024	John 11:17-27; 1 Corinthians 15:35-58	The Gift of Life	Sixth Sunday of Easter
5/12/2024	John 3:11-17; Romans 12:9-18	The Gift of Love	Seventh Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)
5/19/2024	Acts 2:1-21; John 16:4-15	The Gift of the Spirit	Pentecost Sunday

We have a **Prayer Room** at Gettysburg UMC! It's located in the basement of the church. As you go from the 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.

**Thank you** to all who have already donated the items needed for the Clothing Closet. The **Clothing Closet** still has an **urgent need** for 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. Note that these items **only** go to those in desperate need and have received vouchers for free clothing. Underwear is NOT sold. The volunteers thank you for 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 is a basket/box in the lobby for your donations.