

May 5, 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  
Vic Reale, Greeter

The **flowers** on the altar today are sponsored by  
Bob and Jan Berkey  
in celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

The **bulletins** this morning are sponsored by  
Vic Reale  
in memory of his wife, Norma Sue Reale.

We celebrate the Sacrament of **Holy Communion** this morning. We practice open Communion—everyone is welcome to join us in receiving the Sacrament. Worshipers will have the opportunity to come forward to receive the bread and the cup served from a tray (if you have difficulty coming forward the elements will be brought to you in your pew). Prepackaged communion elements (the same as we had been using) continue to be available for those who prefer to use them.



Our next **Dinner @ 6** will be held on **Tuesday, May 14.**

Interested in **filmmaking**? Join in a short summer project with **Barts Centenary UMC** in Littlestown 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.



THIS WEEK AT GETTYSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MPR – Multi-Purpose Room FH – Fellowship Hall	
Monday, May 6, 2024	9:00 a.m. – 12 noon – PEO (MPR) 2:00 p.m. – Trustees (MPR) 7:00 p.m. – Closed AA Meeting – (FH/MPR)
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	<i>Today is National Teachers Day! Have you had a teacher who made a significant difference in your life? Remember them this day. We also have some teachers in our congregation. Please recognize them when you see them!</i>
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	10:00 a.m. – Bible Study – (MPR) 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Clothing Closet
Thursday, May 9, 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 10, 2024	11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Clothing Closet
Saturday, May 11, 2024	7:00 p.m. – Closed AA Meeting – FH/MPR
<b>Sunday, May 12, 2024</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. – Worship Service – Seventh Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day</b>



A very nice **compliment** from Jeannette Smith and Andrew Chapo (her son) 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**.”*



**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.

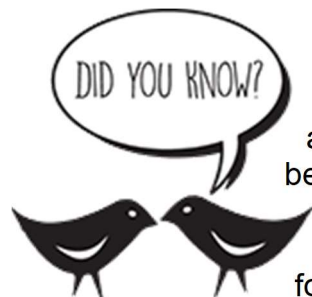
**Prayer concerns for church members in Nursing Homes:**  
Carl Steager (Transitions), Butch Carter (Lorien-Columbia MD).

**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.



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
5/12/2024	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.

**NOTICE:** In the next few weeks, Cathy will be putting together a listing for additions and changes to your 2023 directory (printed in November). If you have had any changes and would like them published, please let us know. If you would **not** like your information (address, phone number and email address) added, please let us know. It will be mailed out with the June newsletter for you to add to your directory. Thank you for keeping us apprised of your information!



You can support the Adams Rescue Mission on Friday, June 7 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Gettysburg Academy almost next door at 66-68 West High Street! This will be an outside t “black tie” event. Tickets can be purchased online at [adamsrescuemission.org](https://adamsrescuemission.org). This is a silent auction. The Academy will be open at 5:30 p.m. to browse the items up for auction. The live auction begins at 6:30 p.m. This auction features one-of-a-kind “upcycled” art pieces. There will be food, soft drinks etc. available for purchase. All proceeds from the sale of the items and the food and drinks will go to the Mission. Come as you are! Your ticket includes receiving a bidding number to bid on your favorite items, a black tie for you to wear if you would like. There will also be local gift certificates and items available. Sounds like a lot of fun! Parking will be available on our GUMC parking lot.



Wednesday, May 8 there will be a Spring Walk at the Outlets at Gettysburg. Time is 1:00 p.m. This will be a walk around the outlets and down a scenic road to the White Run Water facility. Check-in at the gazebo. Walk is relatively flat on sidewalks and roadways.





“Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. wants to especially thank Gettysburg United Methodist Church members for helping with a very successful winter season. Dozens of volunteers from our church prepared casseroles for two weeks, dozens donated food and supplies and several members volunteered to stay overnight with the homeless.


THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Close to 100 different individuals were provided shelter for a period of weeks or months. 11 different churches in our community prepared and served thousands of breakfasts and most importantly showed empathy and kindness to others that really needed it at this low point in their lives. Please know that although C.A.R.E.S. has some paid staff, we were created by our local churches and exist because of your prayers, support and volunteerism. God bless you all!”

*With sincere thanks from the C.A.R.E.S. board of directors.*

### Gettysburg Cares


Thanks Our Volunteers!

Shelter Overnight Volunteers




328 Volunteers ~ 168 Nights

Breakfast Prep Volunteers



1489 Breakfast Served  
467 Volunteers




Together  
We Do Make A Difference

Supporting Churches

St. James Lutheran Church  
First Baptist Church  
Freedom Valley Church  
Trinity United Church of Christ  
Christ Lutheran Church


Gettysburg Presbyterian Church  
Prince of Peace Episcopal Church  
Foursquare Church  
United Methodist Church  
Gettysburg Church of the Brethren  
Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church

Caring Volunteers



130 Loads of Blankets Laundered  
48 Volunteers  
To Volunteer contact  
director@gettysburgcares.org

Community Support



Town & Campus Hair Care  
North Gettysburg Laundry Center  
Gary Owen's Irish Pub  
Ernie's Texas Lunch

The **General Conference of The United Methodist Church** met 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 were decided at General Conference this year. The Susquehanna Conference delegation is hosting two post-General Conference webinars to share the most important takeaways from General Conference and answer questions that you may have. You **MUST** register to receive the webinar link. Feel free to register individually or as a congregation! These webinars are scheduled for:

Thursday May 16 (7 – 8 pm) [REGISTER](https://susumc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_n-M6-jQYT0a2I1-4nZX79w#/registration)  
[https://susumc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_n-M6-jQYT0a2I1-4nZX79w#/registration](https://susumc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_n-M6-jQYT0a2I1-4nZX79w#/registration)

Tuesday May 21 (12 – 1pm) [REGISTER](https://susumc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pY2rpSe_SVOot1LWdVIQ4A#/registration)  
[https://susumc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_pY2rpSe\\_SVOot1LWdVIQ4A#/registration](https://susumc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pY2rpSe_SVOot1LWdVIQ4A#/registration)

Note: If you have specific questions regarding General Conference, please submit them using the "Questions & Comments" field in the registration form.

Current General Conference information and updates may be found on our Annual Conference website at <https://susumc.org/gc/>.

**News** about current events and happenings in The United Methodist Church may be found at [umnews.org/en](https://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 **May 5, 2024 through May 11, 2024** please pray for First UMC, Old Forge; First UMC, Mansfield; Salem Hillcrest UMC, Blairs Mills; New Hope UMC, Bellefonte; Longstown UMC, York; Charlton UMC, Harrisburg; Trucksville UMC, Trucksville; Tivoli UMC, Hughesville; Breezewood UMC, Breezewood; Freeburg UMC, Freeburg.

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.