



Open Road Adventure: We're asking everyone to pray our Open Road Prayer every day and to listen and be open for God's response. Please take a copy of the prayer from the table in the church lobby (next to the chocolate). The prayer is: **"God, please break through and open doors to new hopes and possibilities for our church and in our own lives. We will surrender and faithfully follow Christ onto the open road adventure of your new and unknown future. Your will be done. Amen!"**

We would **love** to hear how God is speaking to you and working in your life in response to the **Open Road (Breakthrough) Prayer**. There are forms on the table in the lobby you can use to share. Think about these questions: "The **Open Road prayer** has had _____." "As a result of the Open Road Prayer, I feel God is leading us/me to _____." "Suggestions I have for this initiative or prayer are _____."



We will hold a healing service following our regular service on the last Sunday of every other month. Our next healing service will be **May 25**. Anyone who wishes to receive anointing and prayer for healing may stay for this special service after the regular service is completed. "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5:14-16)



If you would like to receive **prayers for healing** following any Sunday worship service, please contact Pastor Rick. We will pray for you following the service even if no regular healing service is scheduled that week.



April 13, 2025

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
Tim and Frances Williams, Greeters

The **bulletins** this morning are presented by
Dick Deaner
in honor of the Deaner children.

The **flowers** on the altar this morning are sponsored by
Dick Deaner
and are dedicated to the glory of God.

The beautiful **palm trees** today are sponsored by Dr. Jan Towers in memory of her parents, Rev. John and Martha Ford, and in memory of her husband, Dr. Barry Towers.

NEW OPPORTUNITY: A Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at **9:00 a.m.** in the Prayer Room (downstairs toward the front of the church). We pray for the needs of our world and nation, of our community, and of our church (including personal needs). Both spoken and silent prayer are welcome. Please join us on Wednesday mornings for a refreshing time of prayer.

A **Community Good Friday Service** will be held on April 18 at **12:00 noon** at Trinity United Church of Christ, which is located at 60 E. High St. in Gettysburg. The theme of the service is "Service of Shadows", and it is sponsored by the Gettysburg Area Ministerium. Parking is available at the church, or you may park here (at GUMC) and walk approximately 2 blocks to the church.

THIS WEEK AT GETTYSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MPR – Multi-Purpose Room FH – Fellowship Hall YR – Youth Room PR – Prayer Room	
Monday, April 14, 2025	10:00 a.m. – Missions Committee (MPR) 7:00 p.m. – Closed AA Meeting – (FH/MPR)
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	<i>Today is National Purple Up Day – This day was selected during the month of the Military Child. This opportunity to honor children of families from all branches of military lets them know that they are recognized and appreciated in society.</i>
Wednesday, April 16, 2025	9:00 a.m. – Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room) 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study 11:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. – Clothing Closet
 Thursday, April 17, 2025	9:30 a.m. – Bible Study (MPR) 11:00 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. - Clothing Closet 2:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m. – Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service with Communion
 Friday, April 18, 2025	12:00 noon: Community Good Friday Service at Trinity UCC 7:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service at GUMC
Saturday, April 19, 2025	7:00 p.m. – Closed AA Meeting – FH/MPR
Sunday, April 20, 2025 	Easter  7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service at Battlefield Amphitheater  10:30 a.m. – Easter Sunday Worship Service



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 Senior Living and Care Facilities:

Carolyn Dillman (Transitions), Carl Steager (Transitions), Butch Carter (Lorien-Columbia MD), Hope Powell (Paramount Senior Living, Fayetteville), Patricia Eppstein (Paramount Senior Living, Fayetteville).

Prayer concerns for church members with limited mobility:

Betty Schulteis, June Spencer, Raymond Koenig and Ruth Anna Polley.

Weekly prayer concerns for members and friends:

Cory Corwell (Clothing Closet manager), Linda Tawny, Francis Tawney (Linda's husband), Mary Fleming, Emma Libera, Anna McMaster (Clothing Closet volunteer), Hunter (Nancy and Kurt Kramer's 8 yr. old grandson), Sandy Sullivan, Steve Weatherbee, Bill Aldrich, Bob Kiehl, Marty Reed (Clothing Closet volunteer after stroke), Leslie Stein (Jan Stein's daughter), Jack Lewis, Jeannette Green Cool (Jean Green's daughter), Steve Clapsaddle, Tim Richmond, Sarah Bland (Nancy Kiehl's niece), Jeannette Smith, John Day, Bill Woolston, Ken Skruseth, Pastor Chuck Slaybaugh, Imogene Hunt, Diane Moore, Jan Towers (Genesis), Pat Kellam, Carolyn Mintmier, Doug Rollender, Patrick Spatz, Darlene Marlow, Health Care Workers and Staff, Steve Spatz, Debbie Harmon, Rev. Erin Voss, 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.

PRAYERS ENCOURAGED: 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 April 13, 2025 through April 19, 2025 please pray for First Shickshinny UMC, Shickshinny; Moosic UMC, Moosic; Mapleton Trinity UMC, Mapleton Depot; Salona UMC, Mill Hall; Calvary Waymart UMC, Waymart; Otterbein Emigsville UMC, Emigsville; Doylesburg UMC, Doylesburg; Larryville UMC, Larryville; Reward UMC, Millerstown Mill Creek UMC, Mill Creek

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

Sunday, April 13: 10:30 a.m. Palm/Passion Sunday Service at **GUMC**

Thursday, April 17: 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Communion Service at **GUMC**

Friday, April 18: 12:00 noon Community Good Friday Service at **Trinity UCC**

Easter Sunday, April 20: 7:00 p.m.: Good Friday Service at **GUMC**
7:00 a.m.: Sunrise Service at the **Battlefield Amphitheater**
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service at **GUMC**

News about current events and happenings in The United Methodist Church may be found at 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 reliable source of up-to-date information about what is happening in our denomination.



We have a **Prayer Room** at Gettysburg UMC. It's located in the lower level 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.

Volunteers are needed for our Clothing Closet! The Clothing Closet, which is located downstairs next to the Fellowship Hall, is looking for people to help on a regular basis with their vital ministry. They are open Wed., Thu., and Fri. from 11:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. You can volunteer for one or several days. Please contact the church office (717 334-3032) if you think you may be interested. The need for volunteers has grown due to recent illnesses and injuries of 3 of their volunteers.

Our **Mission Can** offering next Sunday is designated for offerings that will be received at Annual Conference in May. Your gifts will be divided among the **BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY FUND, THE CUP OF WATER FUND,** and the **PREACHER'S AID SOCIETY.**

- The **Building the Beloved Community Fund** was begun at the October 2020 Annual Conference. This fund is used to help the Susquehanna Conference to: promote diversity, build race relations, dismantle racism, connect churches to their neighbors, and support cross-racial appointments.
- The **Cup of Water Fund** is for the Susquehanna Conference to help members of our congregations when they are struggling financially. Laypersons in dire need can talk to their pastor who will confidentially talk to the District Superintendent. Through this fund our laity can find some needed financial help. This fund depends on your offering at the annual conference.
- The **Preachers' Aid Society of Central Pennsylvania** – Serving the Susquehanna Conference has been in ministry for 156 years. Its mission is to provide emergency assistance grants to pastors and their families. The Society is supported by membership donations. In 2024, support was received from 173 clergy, 44 laity and 8 churches. Assistance is available to any pastor or widow/widower of a pastor or assistance for a family member living in a pastor's household.

Please give generously as God leads.

The **Refugee Resettlement Partnership (RRP)** of Gettysburg invites members of our partnership churches and friends to celebrate dreams realized and dreams to come! Meet our Afghan families and volunteers as we celebrate three years! Join us for prayer, Afghan cultural displays, mini-presentations, and refreshments. The RRP seeks continuing support of these high-achieving families through a cooperative fund-raising campaign called “Up We Go!” Sharing costs and dreams, we will enable these families and their children to invest in their future by raising funds for their education and healthcare costs as they continue to become independent, contributing members of our community. Come and meet these families at the kick-off celebration on Saturday, **May 3, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., at St. James Lutheran Church.**