



Lewistown United Methodist Church

(LUMC - A Christian Community of Love, Unity, Morality and Compassion)

Our Vision Statement – *To more fully understand God's word and His will in our lives and to become more aware of His amazing grace so that we may better serve God and our neighbors!!*

SPIRIT WATCH

MAY 2020

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Pastor's Page

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How is it with your soul? I hope you are regularly checking in with your soul, because far too often we find ourselves adrift. We need check ups with God, times of prayer that have nothing to do with praying for others, giving thanks for what we have or attending worship. While all those things are necessary and important, God just wants to hear from you about you.

Moses and the Israelites wandered the desert for 40 years. An entire generation was unable to cross over into the promised land because they thought they knew better than God. At every turn, they defied or questioned the words and deeds of God, and so they were punished. Yet when that time was over, God kept his promise and allowed the Israelites, led by Joshua, to cross into the land God had decreed as theirs.

I'm sure that it feels as though we are in the desert right now. There are so many unanswered questions and worries that we are feeling lost and uncertain. Of course, there is the matter of health and keeping everyone safe. There is also the matter of economic wellness, and the state of the nation. The leaders of our states and the nation are struggling to keep Americans alive while not allowing the economy to tank, and it is difficult. What is the right thing to do? It is hard to tell, because not everyone has pure motives. Not everyone is in the same circumstance, and not everyone has the same needs.

Where are you in this wilderness? Are you in need of anything? If so, have you named it in prayer? If the Israelites sojourn in the desert teaches us anything, it is that God will give us what we need when we ask. He does not give us all that we want, and prayers are not always answered in the way we hope, but we are heard and answered. God wants us to TRUST him, because we are known completely, what we need, how we are best able to flourish and how we need to help others.

So, trust in the Lord, share your life with Him, ask for what you need, and listen to what He says. It isn't easy, but it is worthwhile. We will be led through this wilderness into something wonderful on the other side! May it be so!

In Christ's love and Peace,

Pastor Katy

WORSHIP LEADERS – SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

<u>May</u>	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
3	Sharon Carson	Brenda Poston	Bobby Miller	Ken/Marilyn Oland
10	James Gray	Joyce Anthony	Bobby Miller	Ken/Marilyn Oland
17	Janet Schiemd	Mary Lou Stanley	Bobby Miller	Ken/Marilyn Oland
24	Taylor Pecynski/ Jack Smith/Natalie Gray (CW & Prayer)	Kenzie McNamara	Sam Smith	Mason McNamara & Coleman Ricketts
31	Barbara Summers	Mick Harley	Bobby Miller	Ken/Marilyn Oland

<u>June</u>	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
7	Joann Mossburg	Pat Schemm	Bobby Miller	Gail Boggs & Karen Mount
14	Pat Harley	Candy Flowers	Bobby Miller	Gail Boggs & Karen Mount
21	Dawn Mossburg	Charles Wachter	Bobby Miller	Gail Boggs & Karen Mount
28	Jack Smith/Kenzie McNamara/Coleman Ricketts	Mason McNamara	Natalie Gray	Taylor Pecynski/Sam Smith

If you are unable to assist on the date assigned, please call one of the following as soon as possible: Pat Harley 301-694-7413; Mary Frances Bostian 301-271-7573; Ruby Eagle 301-898-7888

Sunday School Teachers: May 3/**TBD**; May 10/**TBD**; May 17/**TBD**; May 31/**TBD**
June 7/**TBD**; June 14/**TBD**; June 21/**TBD**; June 28/**TBD**



May 3	In Memory of KassiBelle Offenbacker (Connie Grimes' granddaughter)
May 4	In Honor of Rusty and Katy Mossburg 25th Anniversary
May 10	In Memory of Jesse McNamara (Pastor Katy's son)
May 31	In Memory of Dwayne Anthony (Joyce Anthony's son)

Let us PRAY

We give THANKS and PRAISE for our Lord and Savior who paid a debt He did not owe because we owed a debt we could not pay. Please pray with us for the following as well as for additional people who are on your mind and in your heart!

We continue to give PRAISE for and ask BLESSINGS upon: first responders and warriors of every type who continue to help fight this war on COVID-19, including but not limited to: medical and scientific ‘experts’, medical personnel and support staff, law enforcement, military, transportation, pharmaceutical, manufacturing companies, retail business and their workers, teachers, auto mechanics, carry-out restaurants, trash collectors, caregivers, parents/grandparents/students etc. and for our clergy who continue to encourage us through the Word of God! We also give THANKS for technology that has made it possible for so many to work from home and to stay ‘connected’ through new and different ways.

Current Prayer Needs: Shirley Lantz/Family, Brenda Dinkle-Wright, Loberta/Harold Staley, Marilyn Oland, Pastor Katy/Family, Sylvia Hudson, Betty McBride, Brenda Leo, Nowaczyk Family, Charlotte Baudrau, Richard/Brenda Titman, Patsy Korrel, Frank Carpenter, Ruby Eagle, Casey Welty, Stewart Family, Jeremy Titman, John Carpenter, Michael Carpenter, **Eloise Smith’s grandmother, Larry Close**, our local, state, national and world leaders who are faced with difficult decisions during this evolving Pandemic, ALL who have been exposed to the Coronavirus and ALL who are being adversely impacted by this Pandemic in so many ways (exposure, diagnosis, loss/reduced income, lonely, homeless, business closures, depression/stressed, altered schedules, etc.),

On-Going Prayer Needs: Doris Ashenfelter, Pam Bolin, Barbara Cofer, Jim Cofer, Larry Eby, Rosie Goodsell, Gloriam Green, Ruthie McKinney, Kathleen Millander, Janice Nixon, Adam Nowaczyk, Katharyn Rentzell, Millie Romsburg, Jannette Shulthies, Hazel Settle, Michelle Showe, Bob Steele, Donald Stull, Elmer Titman, Kitty White, Kyle Wood and Harvey Young

Military Prayer Needs: All those continuing to serve around the globe to insure our freedom, those called into action as a result of the Pandemic, and those close to our church family (Derek Miller, Brandon Deener, SPC Nick Subryan, Michael Offenbacher, Margaret Trujillo, Brian Sinkule, Trevor & Austin Baudrau)

Condolences to Friends/Families of: Harry Eugene Linton, Donald Hudson, Ruth Epling-Smith, Carl Thayer, Sr., Debbie Compton, Margaret Reed, Richard “Dickie” Hawker, Charles Angell, Ruth Sayler, Joe Welty, Marion Carmack, **Tom Price, Garnetta Morgan, Thelma Ramsburg** and all others who have passed during this Pandemic for which an appropriate “Good Bye” has not been possible.

Bold = Added this week.

Names under Current Prayer Needs and Condolences are removed after four weeks – please inform us of any that you wish to be left on longer or moved to On-Going.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

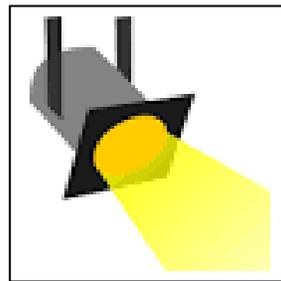
Romans 15:13

Saintly Spotlight



May 2020

Tom Boggs



Let's take a moment to recognize some of the many ways that Tom contributes to our church:

- Always willing to lend a hand when needed
- Mows the lawn and keeps up the grounds
- Serves regularly as an usher
- Is a true family man
- Is an avid bowler
- Supports Gail in her multiple ministries
- Always there with a kind word
- Has a wonderful sense of humor

Tom is a quiet helper, never looking for recognition or fanfare. He is willing to help with repairs, upkeep and social events. He has good advice and is honest in his feedback. Even when he has personal things going on, he steps up when needed, and reminds us what it means to not let the right hand know what the left is doing.

Thank You Tom!

Each month, we will feature one of our saints who go above and beyond in serving this church and our family. If there is someone you know who deserves a spotlight, please email Pastor Katy pastor.katym@gmail.com

Ask the Pastor...

Do you have questions about anything in the Bible? Is there something you would like to hear a sermon about, or just have answered? Is there a hymn or worship song you want to hear? Send an email or give Pastor Katy a call – she will be delighted to address any questions to the best of her knowledge, and to play uplifting music as well!

What's Been Happening While the Church Building has been Closed??

- Pastor Katy continues to tackle technology to find new ways for us to worship together and to stay connected. We are so thankful that our “church” continues even though the “building” is closed.
- More people seem to be “attending” church – just look at the number of views of on-line services – PRAISE GOD!!! Many of us are watching multiple services each week.
- People are calling (and hearing from) people more often – just sharing friendly voices and well wishes.
- People are helping others – picking up groceries, making masks, random acts of kindness, etc.
- People have responded to requests to help others help others – material, thread, etc.
- “Thinking of You” bags are being distributed on behalf of LUMC.
- Our custodian, Natoshia Marten, is doing some much need spring cleaning at the church – cleaning and sanitizing all woodworking, etc. Our facilities will be fresh/clean for our return (which we hope will be SOON).
- Concerns regarding the potential of mold in the church have been alleviated -- Odale has had the air professionally tested. The test of inside air resulted in a very acceptable level while the outside air levels were higher and varied which is expected. However, we agreed that now was a good time to have the duct work cleaned and disinfected – completed.
- Tom has been doing a great job of keeping the grass mowed/trimmed – even on cold/windy days!
- Odale and his little band of helpers (Coleman & Brady Ricketts, along with Grandma Gail) have been weeding the flower beds and they are looking great.
- Alan and Joann continue to insure that payroll and all other bills are paid.
- WE ARE PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER!!! WE ARE TOGETHER WHILE SEPARATED!!

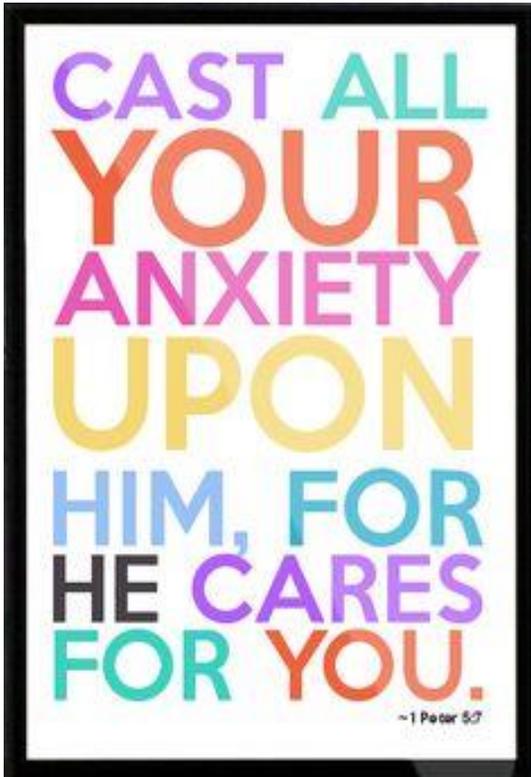
Special “THANKS” to all for all you are doing!

Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6

Coming together is a
BEGINNING
Keeping together is
PROGRESS
Working together is
SUCCESS
Henry Ford



Children's & Family Ministry



I hope this newsletter finds you well and staying healthy! I'm sending my most sincere prayers to be with you and your family during this difficult time.

I would like to thank everyone that had signed up to help with or give a donation towards the Bunny Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt. Sadly, we had to cancel this, along with several other God Squad events, due to the COVID-19 rules that have been put in place.

If you need anything please don't hesitate to reach out! I am TRULY missing my LUMC kids and I will be impatiently waiting until we can meet up again! 😊

****VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE****- I will be updating our Facebook page as needed however, at this time it has been discussed that we will postpone our VBS from June into late July/early August. **I will be hosting a ZOOM meeting on FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020 @ 6pm for those who would like to join me in discussing how we can move forward with VBS!** I hope to see some of your smiling faces and I will send out more information via email in the next few days!

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2020

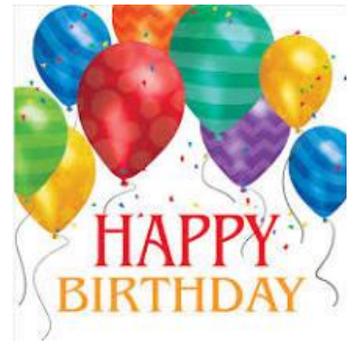
****GOD SQUAD IS ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER**

NOTICE**



"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." -Psalm 139:14

Happy Birthday!!!



MAY

Robert Perry	1
Marcia Bell	1
Gary Bell	3
Elmer Titman	6
Edna Gray	8
Paul Stull	8
Betty Kent	13
Rusty Mossburg	15
Pastor Katy Mossburg	16
Alan Flowers	19
Cindy Grossnickle	20
Rosa Rippeon	20
Rosie Goodsell	21
Heidi Marten	21
Charles Fisher	23
Francia Stanley	24
Lindsey Stanley	27

The Positive Outlook of a Child.....

Driving home from work one day, I stopped to watch a local Little League baseball game. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was. "We're behind 14 to nothing." He answered, smiling. "Really", I said. "I have to say you don't look very discouraged." "Discouraged?" the boy asked with a puzzled look. "Why should we be discouraged??? We haven't been up to bat yet!"

(by Jack Canfield)

Church Chuckles..



Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, 'Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt.' Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said 'Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming.'

Prayer: Dear Lord, So far today, I think I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card. But.....I will be getting out of bed in a minute and I think that I will REALLY need your help then.

Question: What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible? Answer: Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also... probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Question: Why aren't chickens allowed in church? Answer: Because they use fowl language!

In a Detroit church one Sunday morning, a preacher invited anyone with special needs to come forward to be prayed over. Leroy got in line and said to the preacher "I need you to pray for help with my hearing." The preacher touched Leroy's ear with one hand and put the other on Leroy's head - he prayed and prayed and prayed and the congregation joined in with great enthusiasm. After a few minutes, the preacher removed his hands, stood back and asked Leroy, "How is your hearing now?" Leroy replied, "Well, I don't know - it ain't 'til Thursday!"

Church Signs:

- The best vitamin for a Christian is B1
- Try our Sundays - they are better than Baskin-Robbins
- This is a ch _ _ chWhat is missing?
- Aspire to Inspire before you Expire
- Where will you be sitting in eternity? Smoking or non-smoking?
- We are called to be witnesses.....not lawyers or judges
- The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us
- The best mathematical equation 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1 Psalm 23 Exodus 3:16-22, 4:18-20 1 Peter 2:13-17	2 Psalm 23 Ezekiel 34:1-16 Luke 15:1-7
3	4 Psalm 100 Ezekiel 34:17-23 1 Peter 5:1-5	5 Psalm 100 Ezekiel 34:23-31 Hebrews 13:20-21	6 Psalm 100 Jeremiah 23:1-8 Matthew 20:17-28	7 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 Genesis 12:1-3 Acts 6:8-15	8 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 Exodus 3:1-12 Acts 7:1-16	9 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 Jeremiah 26:20-24 John 8:48-59
10	11 Psalm 102:1-17 Exodus 13:17-22 Acts 7:17-40	12 Psalm 102:1-17 Proverbs 3:5-12 Acts 7:44-56	13 Psalm 102:1-17 Proverbs 3:13-18 John 8:31-38	14 Psalm 66:8-20 Genesis 6:5-22 Acts 27:1-12	15 Psalm 66:8-20 Genesis 7:1-24 Acts 27:13-38	16 Psalm 66:8-20 Genesis 8:13-19 John 14:27-29
17	18 Psalm 93 Genesis 9:8-17 Acts 27:39-44	19 Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 5:22-33 1 Peter 3:8-12	20 Psalm 93 Deuteronomy 31:1-13 John 16:16-24	21 Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53	22 Psalm 93 2 Kings 2:1-12 Ephesians 2:1-7	23 Psalm 93 2 Kings 2:13-15 John 8:21-30
24	25 Psalm 99 Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24 1 Peter 4:1-6	26 Psalm 99 Numbers 16:41-50 1 Peter 4:7-11	27 Psalm 99 1 Kings 8:54-65 John 3:31-36	28 Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 19:1-9a Acts 2:1-11	29 Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 19:16-25 Romans 8:14-17	30 Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 20:1-21 Matthew 5:1-12
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**LEWISTOWN UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

Pastor: Katy Mossburg
Dir. of Children & Family Ministry: Traci Gray
Office Administrator: Ruby Eagle
Custodian: Natoshia Marten
Organist: Mary Frances Bostian
Music Director: Pat Harley
Nursery Attendant: Lindsey Stanley
Ministers: Every One

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship: 9am
Fellowship on Selected Sundays: 10am
Children's Sunday School & Nursery Available