



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

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Pastor’s Page

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Psalm 96:1-2 NRSV

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here we are, entering another month with more changes upon us, singing a new song. As we strive to re-enter society safely, we are going to be in worship in another new way. We have restrictions that will keep us from hugging and sharing fellowship, but we can be together in prayer and thanksgiving. As I struggle to figure out how to make this worship time safe and fulfilling, I am reminded of the early followers of Christ. They had to hide their gatherings in order to stay out of jail, and sometimes in order to stay alive, and I am humbled. In China, as well as other places around the world, Christians are persecuted, imprisoned and even put to death. When I remember that, I know that we are not experiencing problems, merely inconveniences. Thank you Jesus for our fortune!

There are still many things up in the air, such as when we can be in fellowship, but one thing is certain and that is my appointment for the next year is right here at Lewistown, as well as Catoctin Furnace UMC. I am thankful for this blessing, and I ask for prayers for their congregation as they deal with a new pastor they don’t get to meet ahead of time. They are struggling with how to bid farewell to a pastor that has been with them for nine years. We will figure it out, but prayer is always helpful.

Sing unto the Lord a new song! Allow His mercies to be our focus as we worship together, either in person or online or by mail. God provides, we need only be willing to receive. Where two or more people come together, IN ANY WAY, that is church. Church hasn’t ever stopped, nor will it. Our God is MIGHTY, and we are the people of God! May it always be so.

In Christ’s love and Peace,

Pastor Katy

Let us PRAY

We give THANKS and PRAISE for our Lord and Savior who is with us always. 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, 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. We pray for a SAFE re-opening of our churches, communities and world and ask God’s guidance for each person as he/she determines what is right and safe for him/her.

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling invites us to join her at noon every day to pray the Lord's Prayer.

JOYS: Birth of Grace Gloriae Green (Gloriae's great-granddaughter) on May 5 – 8lbs. 13 oz; Confirmation that Pastor Katy will remain with us for at least another year AND that she is also being appointed to Catoctin United Methodist Church, effective July 1, 2020.

Current Prayer Needs: Pastor Katy/Family, Ruby Eagle, Stewart Family, Eloise Smith's Grandmother, Melissa Quimper, Bob Koetzle, Siegi Leonhardt; Donald Taylor, Andrew Balderson, Jamie Barrett, Clyde LaBrush, Elmer Titman; Harvey Young, Dean French, Mick Harley, Carolyn Dean, Sandy Grable, Gloriae Green; **Eric Green, Barry Seifert & Family**; 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 (exposure, diagnosis, loss/reduced income, lonely, homeless, business closures, depression/stressed, altered schedules, fear/anxiety etc.),

On-Going Prayer Needs: Doris Ashenfelter, Pam Bolin, Barbara Cofer, Jim Cofer, Brian Cox, Brenda Dinkle-Wright, Larry Eby, Rosie Goodsell, Shirley Lantz/Family, Ruthie McKinney, Kathleen Millander, Adam Nowaczyk, Katharyn Rentzell, Millie Romsburg, Jannette Shulthies, Hazel Settle, Michelle Showe, Loberta/Harold Staley, Bob Steele, Donald Stull, Kitty White

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, Michael Offenbacker, Margaret Trujillo, Brian Sinkule, and Austin Baudrau)

Condolences to Friends/Families of: Kevin Howardton; Nadia Taylor; Janice Nixon, Larry Close, Myrtle Loun, Terry Offenbacker, Frances “Frannie” Phebus; **Terry Grable, Timothy Overs, Barry Wiles** and all 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.

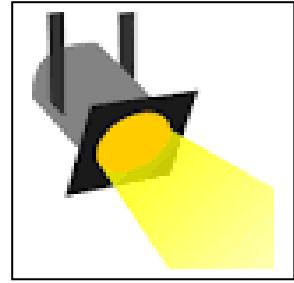
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



Saintly Spotlight

June 2020

Sylvia Hudson



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

- Finds the Joy of the Lord in every situation
- Prays faithfully every day
- Always remembers holidays and sends cards
- Is a true Christian woman in all aspects of the word
- Does not let limitations keep her from participating in ministries (calling friends, kind words, etc.)
- Is a strong family Matriarch
- When told she is “amazing”; she replied “No, I am just VERY BLESSED!”
- Always there with a kind word
- Has a wonderful sense of humor

Sylvia has been a part of Lewistown UMC for decades, and even when she wasn't able to drive in and worship every week, she kept in touch with the happenings at the church. She is quick with a word of support and her attitude of gratitude is inspiring and catchy!

Thank You Sylvia!

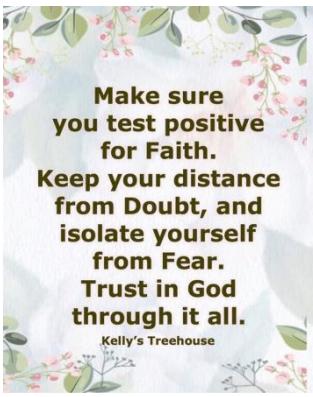
Each month, we will feature one of our saints who go above and beyond in serving this church and our family. If there is someone you know who deserves a spotlight, please email Pastor Katy pastor.katym@gmail.com

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!

In need of input: If you have a thought about safe re-entry, PLEASE speak up. Your voice matters, and we can use any help! Thank you.

Pastor Katy



Our Plans For **Re-Opening-SAFELY**

Outdoor Service – 9am – May 31

Bring a chair and wear your face mask

**Wash Your Hands
and Say Your
Prayers...Because
JESUS and Germs
Are EVERYWHERE!!**

While we have greatly missed being together for in-person worship, it has been essential that we follow the health and safety guidelines to get us through this Pandemic and we will need to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Our facilities have been deep-cleaned and sanitized and the duct work has been cleaned and disinfected. Your health and safety are our utmost priorities and we will continue to be diligent with cleaning and sanitizing. We share the following information with you as we prepare for our in-person worship in the near future.

1. If you are sick please protect yourself and others by staying home. Join us via virtual worship services (Facebook & YouTube) which will continue even after in-person worship begins again.
2. If you feel you are vulnerable (age, underlying conditions, etc.) please protect yourself by staying home and joining us via virtual worship.
3. Arrive at church prepared with face masks, hand sanitizer and any other items you need to feel safe – until the face mask requirement is lifted by the State, we will need to wear the masks during service. We suggest you use sanitizer before you enter the church facilities. A limited number of these supplies will be available for those who may forget theirs – contact an usher.
4. Enter ONLY through the designated door (signs will be posted)
5. Exit – Those seated on the side of Sanctuary closest to Fellowship Hall will Exit (row-by-row, beginning in the back via the side aisle) through the back door into front room and to the ramp door; those seated on the parking lot side of Sanctuary will Exit (row-by-row, beginning in the back via the center aisle) through the outside Sanctuary doors. Please maintain 6' distancing. Ushers will assist as needed.
6. Until further notice many of our former activities will be curtailed including:
 - a. Choir
 - b. Sunday School and Nursery
 - c. Shaking hands and/or hugging
 - d. Refreshments after worship
 - e. Printed materials (including bulletins, hymnals, etc.) – we will rely on the screen; bulletins will be emailed to you in advance – if you wish to print/bring a copy you may do so but copies will not be available at the church
 - f. **The back kitchen door should not be used.**
 - g. **No access to the kitchen, offices and Sunday School rooms/Nursery**
 - h. **All access to the church facilities during the week should be limited to only essential church needs.**
7. Until further notice some of our former activities will be done differently including:
 - a. Social distancing – unless you reside in the same household, you must remain at least 6 feet from another person at all times – on the parking lot, entering, worshipping, exiting, etc.
 - b. Offerings – plates will not be passed but will be placed in a convenient location for you to drop your offering
 - c. Pre-packaged communion cups will be used – includes juice and wafer
 - d. An usher will record your attendance (rather than each person signing the attendance book) and direct you to available seating as necessary
 - e. Informational signs will be posted – please observe these signs

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Joann Mossburg or Shirley Long.

UPCOMING EVENTS, YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

• God Squad

Check It Out!! Join us **every WEDNESDAY @ 6:30pm** while we have a great time sharing stories from the week engaging in fellowship and fun! 😊 These meetings will take place until June 10th! (We will host 1 meeting a month for July/Aug – dates TBD)

-The link to log in is posted on our LUMC Children's and Family Ministry private Facebook Group. If you're not currently a member of the group let us know and we will be sure to add you!-

• Back 2 School Carnival Kick-Off & Blessing of the Backpacks

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 @ 9AM

Blessing of the Backpacks will take place during the service and the carnival will run from 10-12! It's going to be a BLAST!

• Vacation Bible School (VBS)- Playing on God's Team!

Bring your Pom-Pom's and lace up your running shoes!

This year we will be doing VBS a little different due to the COVID-19 restrictions currently in place. Sadly, we have postponed our summer VBS for 5 Friday nights during the month of September/October. There will be a light dinner from 5:30-6pm and VBS will run from 6-8pm.

The schedule is as follows:

- **FRIDAY, September 11, 2020**
- **FRIDAY, September 18, 2020**
- **FRIDAY, September 25, 2020**
- **FRIDAY, October 2, 2020**
- **FRIDAY, October 9, 2020**

Kids will engage in faith based games, snack and crafts, as well as a bible study. They will be able to earn "coach cash" that can be redeemed at our Pro-Shop following each night of VBS!

Make sure to sign up/register on our Facebook page!

• LUMC's ANNUAL FALL FEST/Trunk-or-Treat

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020

More information will be provided as the date gets closer!

Check out our Facebook Page to find *more* details and dates on these events! Hope to see you there!

We thank everyone for their patience as we are finding our way through this pandemic. With that in mind, please remember ALL dates are subject to change -LUMC's Children & Family Ministry Staff

Happy Birthday!!!



JUNE

Dawn Mossburg	4
Jeremy Titman	4
Jean Grant	6
Ronnie Powell	8
Renae Coolidge	9
Marilyn Oland	10
Pat Wastler	15
Gloria Thompson	16
Ken Oland	17
Rick Wachter	18
Celeste Carroll	18

In Honor of All Mothers, Fathers and Parent-Figures

Raising Children For The Lord – by M. S. Lowndes

It's such an awesome privilege and a big responsibility,
God has given to us as parents...this wonderful opportunity
To raise our precious children and instill into their lives
The wonder and amazement of the love of Jesus Christ.

So they will learn to trust in Him and worship and to pray,
To love others with the love of God and to honor and obey.
As parents, we've been entrusted to raise them in God's love
To be there to encourage them when they feel like giving up.

And to be there just to listen when life deals some painful blows
And comfort them when they feel afraid and when tears begin to flow.
To share with them those joyful times, the precious moments in their lives
When doors begin to open up and opportunities arise.

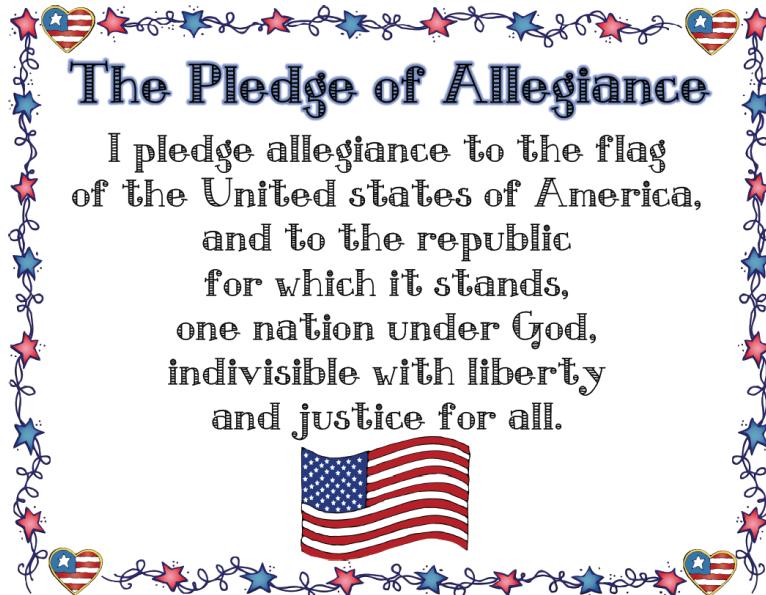
Through everything they face in life, let's be there cheering them on,
For we only have one chance at this, for childhood soon is gone.

So let's rely on Father God to raise them to become
Men or women who trust in Him and in His precious Son.

Flag Day

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. - Wikipedia



Just For Fun

Because There Is Always Something To Celebrate!

NationalDayCalendar.com

June 1	Say Something Nice Day	June 16	Fudge Day
June 2	Rotisserie Chicken Day	June 17	Eat Your Vegetables Day
June 3	Egg Day	June 18	Go Fishing Day
June 4	Cheese Day	June 19	Flip Flop Day
June 5	Doughnut Day	June 20	Vanilla Milkshake Day
June 6	D-Day, WWII	June 21	Father's Day
	Applesauce Cake Day		Peaches "N" Cream Day
June 7	Chocolate Ice Cream Day	June 22	Onion Rings Day
June 8	Best Friends Day	June 23	Pecan Sandies Day
June 9	Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day	June 24	Pralines Day
June 10	Iced Tea Day	June 25	Strawberry Parfait Day
June 11	Corn on the Cob Day	June 26	Chocolate Pudding Day
June 12	Peanut Butter Cookie Day	June 27	Ice Cream Cake Day
June 13	Sewing Machine Day	June 28	Paul Bunyan Day
June 14	Flag Day	June 29	Waffle Iron Day
	Strawberry Shortcake Day	June 30	Meteor Watch Day
June 15	Nature Photography Day		

Just some Inspiration for your pleasure. God is good in **ALL** things

The Holy Alphabet...

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| A lthough things are not perfect | B ecause of trial or pain |
| C ontinue in thanksgiving | D o not begin to blame |
| E ven when times are hard | F ierce winds are bound to blow |
| G od is forever able | H old on to what you know |
| I magine life without His love | J oy would cease to be |
| K eep thanking Him for all the things | L ove imparts to thee |
| M ove out of “Camp Complaining” | N o weapon that is known |
| O n earth can yield the power | P raise can do alone |
| Q uit looking at the future | R edeem the time at hand |
| S tart everyday with worship | T o “thank” is a command |
| U ntil we see Him coming | V ictorious in the sky |
| W e'll run the race with gratitude | X alting God most high |
| Y es, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but... | |
| Z ion waits in glory...where none are ever sad! | |

“I AM Too blessed to be stressed!”

The shortest distance between a problem and a solution
is distance between your knees and floor.

The one who kneels to the Lord
Can stand up to anything.

Love and peace be with you forever, Amen.

Celeste Carroll Lay leader

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Psalm 104:24-35 Joel 2:18-29 Romans 8:18-24	2 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27	3 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39	4 Psalm 8; Job 38:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:8-12a	5 Psalm 8; Job 38:12-21; 2 Timothy 1:12b-14	6 Psalm 8; Job 38:22-38; John 14:15-17
7	8 Psalm 29; Job 38:39-39:12; 1 Corinthians 12:1-3	9 Psalm 29; Job 39:13-25; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13	10 Psalm 29; Job 39:26-40:5; John 14:25-26	11 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 3:1-6	12 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:1-9; Acts 7:35-43	13 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Genesis 24:10-52; Mark 7:1-13
14	15 Psalm 126; Genesis 23:1-19; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5	16 Psalm 126; Genesis 25:7-11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5	17 Psalm 126; Nehemiah 9:1-8; Luke 6:12-19	18 Psalm 86:1-10; Exodus 12:43-49; Hebrews 2:5-9	19 Psalm 86:1-10; Genesis 35:1-4; Acts 5:17-26	20 Psalm 86:1-10; Ezekiel 29:3-7; Luke 11:53-12:3
21	22 Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 16:1-15; Revelation 2:1-7	23 Psalm 86:11-17; Genesis 25:12-18; Revelation 2:8-11	24 Psalm 86:11-17; Jeremiah 42:18-22; Matthew 10:5-23	25 Psalm 13; Micah 7:18-20; Galatians 5:2-6	26 Psalm 13; 2 Chronicles 20:5-12; Galatians 5:7-12	27 Psalm 13; Genesis 26:23-25; Luke 17:1-4
28	29 Psalm 47; Genesis 22:15-18; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12	30 Psalm 47; 1 Kings 18:36-39; 1 John 4:1-6	1	2	3	4
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Dir. of Children & Family Ministry: Traci Gray
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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