



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

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Matthew 3:3

Beloved Siblings in Christ Jesus!

Rejoice, for although difficult times are upon us, there is light to come! We are in a season of sacrifice, repentance, and renewal, and when we come through, we will be reborn with light and love. God is good, Jesus loves us, and the Holy Spirit resides within us all.

As we prepare for Rusty to have another surgery, my heart is filled with anxiety because I almost lost him last time. There are many things to do before he goes into the hospital, such as preparing the house for his safety, setting up his shop so it can function without him for a while, making it so I am home with him for a couple of weeks, plus all of the pre-surgery testing and doctor appointments. It is a busy time. Perhaps the most important preparation has been coming together in prayer. Last time, we each prayed, but this time we prayed together. We had to surrender total control of this situation to God, and I have had to trust that God will bring us through this in the best way possible.

I know that so many people are going through times of trial, some of despair and some of fear, illness, financial insecurity and might be feeling as though you have been abandoned and forgotten. This is the lie of Satan, don't believe it. You have God standing behind you, or even carrying you through this time. You are beloved of God. Hear me when I say it ... YOU ARE BELOVED OF GOD! As you pray for relief, know that you are praying with the Holy Spirit, while Jesus is at the right hand of God, the Creator, praying on your behalf.

I have been reading a book called God on Mute, by Pete Grieg, and it is about the silence of unanswered prayers. The reader is reminded that when a prayer is not answered immediately, it is because the timing is not right. We are also reminded that Jesus' most desperate prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane went unanswered. Take this cup from me, Jesus pled. He received no answer, but knew it was God's will and not his own that must be carried out. Let us not forget the prayer spoken on the cross, God, why have you forsaken me? This, too, went unanswered because the timing was wrong. Jesus did not die forsaken and alone, he had the Creator and the Spirit with him the entire time. Jesus' prayer was spectacularly answered on Easter morning, and ours will be answered in God's time as well. Take heart and know that you are beloved of God! Know it, Believe it, Live into it!

Pastor Katy

WORSHIP LEADERS - SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

<u>March</u>	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
7	Ginger Fisher	“	Ginger Fisher
14	Janet Schmied	“	Janet Schmied
21	Pat Harley	“	Pat Harley
28	Dawn Mossburg	“	Dawn Mossburg
<u>April</u>			
4	Celeste Carroll (9 AM)	“	Celeste Carroll
11	Sharon Carson	“	Sharon Carson
18	Joann Mossburg	“	Joann Mossburg
25	Pat Harley	“	Pat Harley

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; or Ruby Eagle 301-898-7888.

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# L. U. M. C. NEWS

## EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

The order form is located on the table in the Choir's Rehearsal Room. Just follow the instructions on the outside of the envelope. Be sure to place your order no later than Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. If you want to order but will not be at church to do so, call Barb Summers at 240-288-8757 to make other arrangements.

## SUMMER CAMP 2021

The summer camp schedule for Manidokan and West River is located on the bulletin board. The church office has several extras if you wish to take a flyer home with you. You will need to process online registration and medical forms. Registration is open for both day and overnight programs.) *Adventure Awaits!*



## HICKORY DICKORY DOCK

Daylight Saving Time Begins March 14

*Spring Forward!!!*

## HOLY WEEK - MARCH 29-APRIL 3

Mark your calendar for Maundy Thursday Service, April 1, 7 PM.

See "Children's Ministry Spotlight" for forthcoming events.

# L. U. M. C. NEWS CONTINUED

## Slippery Pot Pie Carry-Out

Chicken or Country Ham Slippery Pot Pie

Saturday, April 17, 2021

\$7.00 Quart

Pick-Up: 12 Noon – 6 PM

Advance Orders Only!

(Place your order by e-mail at [lumcpotpie@gmail.com](mailto:lumcpotpie@gmail.com) or by calling 301-898-7004. Please indicate chicken or ham, quantity, name, phone number and pick-up time.)

Visit our Baked Goods Table!

COVID-19 guidelines will be practiced.



## **BAKE TABLE INSTRUCTIONS**

Items are needed for the Bake Table that will be available during the Pot Pie Take-Out. Covid-19 guidelines to be followed are:

1. All items are to be pre-packaged where they are baked utilizing food grade plastic wrap, bags, foil, or containers. Gloves are to be used during the packaging. Nothing can be re-packaged at the church.
2. Please label what your item is and if the food contains any food allergens such as milk, eggs, wheat, soybeans, or nuts.
3. Items can be dropped off anytime on Saturday, 4/17, starting at 10 a.m. If you need to drop off something sooner, please contact Sharon Carson at 301-606-7227 or Marilyn Oland at 301-271-2172. Please note that due to the Covid-19 guidelines, we must keep a record identifying the baker of each food item.

We would encourage everyone to please consider baking something. The Bake Table is always popular. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon or Marilyn. Thank you!

# COMMUNITY NEWS ANNOUNCEMENTS

## “Seeds of Friendship”

by Sue Monk Kidd

*Monday:* From the window I notice a small brown wren huddled on the grass beneath the bird feeder, struggling to fly. The frigid wind bends the branches of the crabapple tree. Fifteen minutes pass. He cannot seem to find the strength to fly. Is he sick? Too young? Too weak? It seems sad, but I suppose there is little I can do for him.

Suddenly my attention is drawn to another wren that flies to the feeder. I am astonished as she begins to toss seed with her beak from the ledge of the feeder down to the grass below. It falls like kernels of grace upon the little bird, satisfying his hunger. The next time I pass the window, he is gone.

*Tuesday:* I watch the wrens peeking at the feeder, thinking of the lesson they have taught me: we are put here not only to partake, but to feed the hungers of those around us. I look at the feeder.

*Drop seed, God whispers. Drop seed.*

### **Thurmont Food Bank**

Requests for March:

Peanut Butter, Butter, Boxed Food (Except Pasta)

Requests for April:

Easter/Spring Dinner Food Items, Including Dessert

SETON CENTER SPRING FLING CRAFT FAIR

Join them on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., for an outdoor craft fair! Local crafters will be on hand to share their homemade/homecrafted goods for purchase. Support your neighbors! They will also have the Sauce Savage BBQ Food Truck on site, as well as the Frederick County Sheriff's Office featuring McGruff the Crime Dog! They still have a few spots available for crafters. No direct sales business, please.

**'IF IT IS SERVING, THEN  
SERVE; IF IT IS TEACHING,  
THEN  
TEACH; IF IT IS TO  
ENCOURAGE THEN GIVE EN-  
COURAGEMENT; IF IT IS  
GIVING, THEN GIVE  
GENEROUSLY;  
IF IT IS TO LEAD, DO IT  
DILIGENTLY; IF IT IS TO  
SHOW  
MERCY, DO IT CHEERFULLY!  
Romans 12:7-8 (NJV)**

**Lewistown United Methodist Church**  
**Prayer Concerns as of February 26, 2021**

*Gracious and Loving God, we come to you, thankful for the many blessings you bestow upon us each and every day, but we come also with many requests and concerns. We give thanks for the quick development of a vaccine for this difficult virus -- may the vaccine be safe and effective so that we can move forward. Please comfort all who have been impacted by COVID-19. We pray for our country and our leaders – may we move forward peacefully and focus on the future. We give thanks for the freedom to worship as we please and for the saints who came before us, paving a way at LUMC, leaving legacies for us to embrace and to challenge us. We give you thanks for our church family who cares about each other and we pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation -- especially for all who are in trouble or in need, those who are sick or grieving, those who are hungry or homeless and those who are lonely or depressed. We ask the Holy Spirit to move in and through us, our churches, our communities; our nation and our world and we ask that you guide our feet, our hands, and our hearts to do YOUR will. AMEN!!*

*As we give THANKS and PRAISE for our Lord and Savior, please pray with us for the following people as well as for all the “unspoken” needs that weigh heavily on the hearts and minds of many.*

**JOYS:** The birth of Ki’Ya Lauren Durham; Lindsey Stanley’s engagement and the many blessings bestowed upon each of us every day!!

**Current Prayer Needs:** Rick Stewart/Family, Charles/Vicky Wachter, Eric Green, Jennifer Boggs/Family, Johnny Wine; Ruthie McKinney, Barbara Cofer, Ronnie Butler, David Hoffman, Ruby Eagle, Dee Surrena, Laura Weinbrenner, Kim Flabbi, Tom Leith, Vicky Linton. Erika Franklin-Diaz; Bill/Diane Lipp, Barbara Porter, Elmer Titman, Erica Pringle/Family; Kyle Wood, **Denny Fisher, Wayne McKenzie/Family, Connie Grimes, Bob/Ann Cline, Rusty Mossburg, Sr., Danna Carroll, Glenn Rippeon, Johnny Mossburg, Rusty Mossburg, Jr., Tommy Hines, Jr.**

**On-Going Prayer Needs:** Doris Ashenfelter, Charlotte Baudrau, Jim Bostian, Jim Cofer, Mae Collum, Larry Eby, Rosie Goodsell, Gray Family, Betty Grossnickle, David Grossnickle, Roger Hawes, Sylvia Hudson, Tracy Jennings, Barbara Martin, Betty McBride, Mac Mclean, Mason McNamara, Kathleen Millander, Adam Nowaczyk, Michelle Nash, Joyce Perry, Wayne Ramsburg, Katharyn Rentzell, Glenn Rickard, Millie Romsburg, Ciana Rutledge, Dianne Schurman, Michelle Showe, Jannette Shulthies, Joe/Cindy Solaka, Bob Steele, Donald Stull, Harvey Young, Diana Zigler, Pastor Katy/Family, Lewistown and Catocin UMCs and the combined Children/Family Ministry Program

**Military Prayer Needs:** All who continue to serve around the globe to ensure our freedom – and their loved ones -- and those military personnel who are close to our church family (Austin Baudrau, Brandon Deener, Derek Miller, Michael Offenbacker, Tyler Schlote, Brian Sinkule and Margaret Trujillo).

**Condolences to Friends/Families of:** Sue Crummett; Josephine Dinterman, Kitty White, Jim McManus, Dick Hagan, Betty Stone, Betty Eyler; **Eddie Rice, Doris Dougherty, Wendric (Buddy) Moore** and all who have passed during this Pandemic for which funeral services have been limited or postponed and an appropriate “Goodbye” 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.

# Children's Ministry SPOTLIGHT

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## **\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\***

**SATURDAY, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** - LUMC'S Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ 11am-1pm

Children and Family Ministries has decided to continue with hosting this event; however, like everything else we will need to be creative in how we execute! If you would like to help in any way, have suggestions or ideas - I encourage you to attend our upcoming Children's Ministry Meeting. We know we cannot do this without the help of our amazing church, so please look at the list of donations and if you feel in your heart to help you may drop items off in the Sunday School Room at your leisure **by March 21<sup>st</sup>!**

**\*\*See next page for donation list.\*\***

**THURSDAY, March 11<sup>th</sup>** - Children and Family Ministry Meeting @  
6:30pm

(This will be set up over ZOOM and a link will be shared closer to the date.)

"I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."- Philippians  
4:13



## **2021 LUMC Annual Easter Egg Hunt - DONATION LIST**

Please be sure to turn in items NO LATER than March 21<sup>st</sup> and place in the Sunday School room!  
**IF YOU ARE ABLE**, please email to let me know what you would like to "sign up" for - in order to assure that we do not have too many of the same items! Thank you for your support 😊.

**\*\*The supplies are based on 24 children receiving 15 eggs/each.\*\***

- 40 candy filled eggs
- 40 candy filled eggs
- 40 candy filled eggs
- 40 small toy/sticker filled eggs
- 40 small toy/sticker filled eggs
- 40 small toy/sticker filled eggs
- \$5 donation
- \$5 donation
- \$5 donation
- \$5 donation
- \$5 donation
- 2 bags of candy (no lollipops please!)
- 2 bags of candy (no lollipops please!)
- 24 small toys (that would fit in egg)
- 24 small toys (that would fit in egg)
- 24 small toys (that would fit in egg)
- 10 sheets of stickers (will be cut to put in eggs)
- 10 sheets of stickers (will be cut to put in eggs)
- 24 Easter themed pencils
- 12ct Fruit/gummy snack
- 12ct Fruit/gummy snack
- 12ct Apple Sauce Pouches
- 12ct Apple Sauce Pouches
- 12ct pre-packaged snack (ex: animal crackers, cheese-its, goldfish)
- 12ct pre-packaged snack (ex: animal crackers, cheese-its, goldfish)
- 24ct mini water bottles

**If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me.**

**[Trababy03@gmail.com](mailto:Trababy03@gmail.com) or 301-512-3356**

# LIFE IS LIKE A CUP OF COFFEE!

(Author Unknown)



A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups have been taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress.

Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and, in some cases, even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups ... and then you began eyeing each other's cups. Now consider this: Life is the coffee; the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of life we live.

Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee. Savor the coffee, not the cups!

The happiest people do not have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

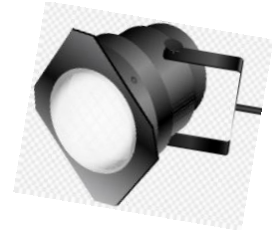
***What is life? They say it is from B to D ... from Birth to Death ... ; but what is between B and D ? It is a "C": Choice ... Our life is a matter of choices which we make.***

*(Submitted by Lay Leader, Celeste Carroll)*

# MARCH BIRTHDAYS



|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Gene Long        | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Patricia Rhoten  | 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Loberta Staley   | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Emogene Michael  | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Darrell Saxton   | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Barbara Summers  | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Sam & Jack Smith | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Eric Green       | 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Daphne Wachter   | 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Joann Mossburg   | 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Jeffrey Marten   | 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Brenda Poston    | 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| Gloriae Green    | 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Sylvia Hudson    | 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Ruth McKinney    | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Coleman Ricketts | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Fred Baudrau     | 30 <sup>th</sup> |



## *Saintly Spotlight*

March 2021

### **Joann Mossburg**

Let us take a moment to recognize some of the many ways that Joann contributes to our church:

- Chairs the Administrative Council Committee
- Co-organizer of the Pot Pie Suppers
- Serves as Financial Secretary
- Is on multiple committees
- Helps with Sunday School
- Serves as usher, liturgist, and other duties - as needed
- Always there with a kind and supportive word
- Has a wonderful sense of humor

Joann does not like the spotlight but is so deserving. She is always available to do what is needed, and she shows excellent stewardship and love of Lewistown UMC. Joann takes all her responsibilities in the church seriously, and we would be lost without her - this Pastor speaks from experience! Next time you see Joann, tell her how much you appreciate all her work, love, and dedication!

**Thank You Joann!**

*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](mailto:pastor.katym@gmail.com)*

# March Daily Lectionary Scriptures

- **Monday, March 1, 2021:** [Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 1:8-12](#)
- **Tuesday, March 2, 2021:** [Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19](#)
- **Wednesday, March 3, 2021:** [Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Jeremiah 30:12-22; John 12:36-43](#)
- **Thursday, March 4, 2021:** [Psalm 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; 1 Peter 2:4-10](#)
- **Friday, March 5, 2021:** [Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40](#)
- **Saturday, March 6, 2021:** [Psalm 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8](#)
- **Sunday, March 7, 2021:** [Third Sunday in Lent](#)
- **Monday, March 8, 2021:** [Psalm 84; 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23](#)
- **Tuesday, March 9, 2021:** [Psalm 84; 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19; Hebrews 9:23-28](#)
- **Wednesday, March 10, 2021:** [Psalm 84; Ezra 6:1-16; Mark 11:15-19](#)
- **Thursday, March 11, 2021:** [Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Genesis 9:8-17; Ephesians 1:3-6](#)
- **Friday, March 12, 2021:** [Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Daniel 12:5-13; Ephesians 1:7-14](#)
- **Saturday, March 13, 2021:** [Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Numbers 20:22-29; John 3:1-13](#)
- **Sunday, March 14, 2021:** [Fourth Sunday in Lent](#)
- **Monday, March 15, 2021:** [Psalm 107:1-16; Exodus 15:22-27; Hebrews 3:1-6](#)
- **Tuesday, March 16, 2021:** [Psalm 107:1-16; Numbers 20:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13](#)
- **Wednesday, March 17, 2021:** [Psalm 107:1-16; Isaiah 60:15-22; John 8:12-20](#)
- **Thursday, March 18, 2021:** [Psalm 51:1-12; Isaiah 30:15-18; Hebrews 4:1-13](#)
- **Friday, March 19, 2021:** [Psalm 51:1-12; Exodus 30:1-10; Hebrews 4:14-5:4](#)
- **Saturday, March 20, 2021:** [Psalm 51:1-12; Habakkuk 3:2-13; John 12:1-11](#)
- **Sunday, March 21, 2021:** [Fifth Sunday in Lent](#)
- **Monday, March 22, 2021:** [Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 43:8-13; 2 Corinthians 3:4-11](#)
- **Tuesday, March 23, 2021:** [Psalm 119:9-16; Isaiah 44:1-8; Acts 2:14-24](#)
- **Wednesday, March 24, 2021:** [Psalm 119:9-16; Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23; John 12:34-50](#)
- **Thursday, March 25, 2021:** [Annunciation of the Lord](#)
- **Thursday, March 25, 2021:** [Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Deuteronomy 16:1-8; Philippians 2:1-11](#)
- **Friday, March 26, 2021:** [Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:1-9; Philippians 2:12-18](#)
- **Saturday, March 27, 2021:** [Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Jeremiah 33:10-16; Mark 10:32-34, 46-52](#)
- **Sunday, March 28, 2021:** [Liturgy of the Palms](#)
- **Sunday, March 28, 2021:** [Liturgy of the Passion](#)
- **Monday, March 29, 2021:** [Monday of Holy Week](#)
- **Tuesday, March 30, 2021:** [Tuesday of Holy Week](#)
- **Wednesday, March 31, 2021:** [Wednesday of Holy Week](#)

## WHISTLING UPHILL

An old man labored up a hill,  
His form was stooped and bent;  
He used a cane, his steps were slow,  
But he whistled as he went.

When folks asked him why he whistled  
When climbing was so rough;  
He smilingly replied, "so that folks  
Won't know how much I puff!"

Some folks whistle when they're happy,  
Some whistle when they're blue;  
But whistling when the way is hard,  
Is the proper thing to do.

It keeps the heart in tune with God,  
While He works out His plan;  
Your courage lightens others' loads,  
Often helps your fellowman.

No use to grumble or complain,  
That only makes more puff;  
Just buckle down and pucker up,  
And your lot won't seem so tough.

And when you whistle as you climb,  
The road ahead seems clear;  
Each forward step leads upward, too,  
Where there's nothing more to fear.

*(This poem, submitted by Loberta Staley, was written by a deceased school teacher, Erma Grove, who was also a member of Faith United Church of God.)*

**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: (Vacant)*

*Ministers: Everyone*

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship: 9 AM

Livestream of Facebook

[www.facebook.com/lumc21788/](http://www.facebook.com/lumc21788/)

Fellowship on Selected Sundays: 10 AM

Children's Sunday School & Nursery Available



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