



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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THE PASTOR’S PAGE

Dear Lewistown Church Family,

As we get deeper into the Fall season and eventually into Winter, the leaves will fall from the trees and the temperature will soon drop and we will be seeing much colder days. Although the weather is changing right before our eyes, we should remain the same in being consistent in fellowshiping together.

Fellowship is an integral part of church life. We all need it, whether we like to admit it or not, especially as Christians! There is something about being in fellowship with our church family on Sundays that just gives me a boost of energy in preparation for the upcoming week. The encouragement that is spread, the insights that are gained, new hope that is created, our treasures are restored, and our God is praised, honored, and glorified!!

Another reason why fellowshiping together on Sunday is important is to celebrate week in and week out the resurrection of Jesus who is the anointed one of God, the Son, Lord, and Our Savior. Yes, Our Redeemer lives, and we can surely feel his presence along with the Holy Spirit during worship service.

We also come to celebrate what God has done, what God is doing, and what God will do. Our Christian tradition claims Sunday not only as the first day of the week, but it also is the highly anticipated “Day of the Lord” on which God helps us begin a new week, starting something new in our lives. You see - what we see and experience today is the beginning of our life with and in God. God’s covenant of love is constantly being written on our hearts.

There is something really powerful about having fellowship and camaraderie with one another that helps us get through the bumps and bruises of life. Fellowshiping together helps us be connected and to share our trying times together so that we can pray and comfort each other. This is when we start to realize that there are others who have been through many things we are experiencing and have held on to Christ victoriously through it all. We gain so much strength when we realize that we don’t have to walk through things alone. God is with us, Christ promises to never leave us nor forsake us, and our church family will be there to support us.

In Acts chapter 2:42, it tells us: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

In Hebrews chapter 10:23-25 it says: “Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

I want to encourage you today to make regular Church attendance a goal, and then work to achieve that goal! I believe that as we dedicate ourselves to something that God clearly approves of, and yes, even commands, then we will begin to find greater joy and fulfillment in life.

We live in a challenging day, yet there is nothing quite so powerful as the strength we receive from the Lord as we gather together with His body in fellowship and worship.

Many Blessings,

Pastor Mark

WORSHIP LEADERS - SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

OCTOBER

	<u>Liturgists</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
1*	Celeste Carroll	Francia Stanley	Bobby Miller
8	Chris Jacobs	Charles Fisher	Bobby Miller
15	Sharon Carson	Sherry Stull	Bobby Miller
22	Joann Mossburg	Charles Wachter	Bobby Miller
29	Pat Harley	Ruth Miller	Bobby Miller

Ushers: Joyce Anthony & Dawn Mossburg

NOVEMBER

5*	Janet Schmied	Linda Poore	Bobby Miller
12	Dawn Mossburg	Ginger Fisher	Bobby Miller
19	Andy Harley	Candy Flowers	Bobby Miller
26	James Gray	Lobera Staley	Bobby Miller

Ushers: Shirley Long & Karen Mount

*Communion

REMINDER: 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.



ALTAR FLOWERS



October 1 - In Memory of Gene Long; Presented by Family & Friends
October 8 - In Memory of Connie Martin; Presented by Family
October 15 - In Memory of Larry Mundy, Sr.; Presented by Joyce Anthony
October 22 - In Memory of Larry Mundy, Sr.; Presented by Joyce Anthony

L.U.M.C. NEWS

Our Church Conference

The Baltimore-Washington UMC Conference requires its churches to meet with their District Superintendent, or representative, on an annual basis. This one-hour (approximate) Conference will be held at *1 p.m. on October 1 at Weller U.M.C.*, 101 North Altamont Avenue, Thurmont.

You are welcome to attend to see how some of administrative efforts impacts the life of our church.

S U N D A Y S C H O O L

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in becoming involved with this ministry in any fashion – see Traci. Also, there is a “Sunday School Sign-Up” sheet on the easel in the Social Hall for “teacher” and/or “helper”.



Where the World Meets to Pray

The November-December issue of “The Upper Room” has been placed in the vestibule.

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 28 - 1-3 PM

We are looking for 20 or more volunteers/trunks to come out and help make this year's annual Trunk-or-Treat event a success!

Activities will begin at 1 p.m. but we will need all cars/trucks to arrive no later than 1:15 p.m. This will allow plenty of decorating time as needed. Voting for “Best Trunk” will begin at 2:00 p.m. and we will announce our costume/trunk winners by 2:15 p.m. Trunk-or-Treating will take place immediately after!

There is an orange sign-up sheet on the easel in the Social Hall to include your name for any or all of the following: 1) I want to help with an activity; 2) I want to decorate a trunk and pass out candy; and 3) I need help with decorating a trunk.

LUMC NEWS CONTINUED

Thank
You

"Dear Pastor Mark and Church Family, Words are so inadequate when trying to thank someone for being your lifeline. Our church 'family' has been a lifeline for me, especially during these past several months and even more so during the past few weeks - doing what our folks at LUMC do so well - showering me with prayers, calls, cards, emails, visits, love, support and food! Gene and I were blessed to have shared many beautiful years together and you were a special part of our lives. He loved his church family and we will miss him terribly but he will live on in our memories and through stories of his endeavors and antics. Thank you for honoring him by supporting and loving me. Shirley Long"

Administrative Office's "Birthday Book"

This book has been placed on the table in the Social Hall which houses the mailboxes.

PLEASE take a moment to check your birth month and day, spelling of name, etc. Place a check mark beside your name if everything is correct; if it is not, please make the change on the proper sheet. If your name, etc. is NOT listed but wish it to be - please add to on the appropriate sheet. Strike through your name if you wish it removed.

ARTICLE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

News

The Catoctin Banner - September Issue

If you pick-up or receive this monthly publication, see page 43 for a picture and article regarding "our own" Harold and Loberta Staley. Welcome back home from Ireland - and, as they say --- "safe and sound"!

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS' OFFICE HOURS

If some of you are not aware, Ruby's office hours are (normally) Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. - in case you have a need to enter the church building or call the office (301-898-7888).

SLIPPERY CHICKEN POT PIE & COUNTRY HAM SANDWICHES TAKE-OUT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 @ LUMC
PICK-UP TIME: 11 A.M – 6:00 P.M.



Quart: \$8.00 Each
Country Ham Sandwiches: \$5.00 Each

Advanced Orders by Saturday, October 28

Place your order by email at lumcpotpie@gmail.com or by calling 240-288-8748.
Please indicate the following: name, quantity, phone number and pick-up time.

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE BAKED GOODS TABLE!!!

(See page 6 for "Frederick County Health Department Covid-19 Guidelines".)



CHICKEN PICKING ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 7 AT 9:00 A.M.

Be on the look-out for a posted sign-up helper sheet.

BAKE TABLE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

11:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

Items are needed for the Bake Table that will be available during the Pot Pie Take-Out. The Frederick County Health Department Covid-19 Guidelines for Bake Sales remain in place. They are as follows:

- 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, nuts, chocolate, etc.**
- 3. Please note that due to the Covid-19 guidelines, we must keep a record identifying the baker of each food item; so, be sure your baked goods are registered with someone at the church.**

Items can be dropped off on Friday, 11/3, between 2-4 p.m. and anytime on Saturday, 11/4, starting at 9 a.m. If you need to drop off something other than at these times, please contact Sharon Carson at 301-606-7227.

We would encourage everyone to please consider baking something. The Bake Table is always popular. Based on previous sales, some popular items are: devil's food cake with peanut butter frosting, coconut cake, pineapple upside down cake, red velvet cake, pies, fudge, cookies, etc. Anything you wish to bake will be appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Thurmont Food Bank Needs
Basic items to assemble meals.

(No Jellies)

(Place your items on the table in the Front Room -
beyond the sign.)

Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church
Turkey & Ham Slippery Pot Pie Carryout
Country Ham Sandwiches (Must Be Pre-Ordered)

Saturday, October 28th

Pick-up From 11:00 AM Until 2:00 PM

Call 301-271-3309, no later than Wednesday, October 25th,
and leave a message to place your order.

Pot Pie by Quart \$8.00

Country Ham Sandwiches \$5.00

Delicious Homemade Baked Goods Available!!!

(The church is located at 101 South Main Street in Woodsboro.)

THANK-YOU'S FROM LES STAFF

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO READ THE INDIVIDUAL THANK-YOU SHEETS FROM THE LES STAFF
THANKING THE UWF (FORMERLY UMW) FOR THEIR APPRECIATION LUNCH HELD ON AUGUST 22ND.
THE NOTEBOOK IS LOCATED ON THE TABLE WHICH HOUSES THE LARGE MAILBOX FIXTURE.
THEY ARE A MUST READ!!!

PRAYER REQUESTS

CURRENT

Harold Long, Olivia Miller & Gloriam Green, Mary Overs, Johnny & Nancy Wine, "Momma Jean" Weedon, Betty Stull, Celeste Carroll, Carlene Lohn, John Bussard, Jim Morris, Doreen Sexton, Walter Bell, June Hawker, John Jensen, Karen & Carlton Lewis, Marilyn Oland, Larry Smith, Kevin Harris, "Gloria", John Edmonston, Nan Edmonston, Gil Cuadra, Mike Poore, Barbara Baugher, Roy Smith, Jr., Jana Inskeep, Joan McKenzie, Elmer Titman & Danna Carroll

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF:

Wilbur "Mac" McBride, John Shaw, Madge Boggs, Danny Nixon, Joyce Hubble, Jacob (J.R.) Ramsburg, Gloria Thompson, Gary Delauter, Carlin "Skip" Turner, Charles Wilson, Jr., Gene Long, Len Gordon, Roger Burtner & Isabel Harris

PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Brandon Deener, Alexander Harvin, Derek Miller, Michael Offenbacher, Steven Rogerson, James Sagger, Tyler Schlote, Brian Sinkule, Austin (Baudrau) Tombley, Margaret Trujillo & Ryan Wetzel

CONTINUOUS REQUESTS

Charlotte Baudrau, Gwen Bausum, Joyce Blentlinger, Cliff Boggs, Jim Bostian, Fae Brown, Gary Brown, Jim Cofer, Mae Collum, Renae Coolidge, Frank "Pappy" Devilbiss, Alan Flowers, Rosie Goodsell, Edna Gray, Eddie Higinbotham, Jr., Claritha Jackson, Ruth McKinney, Emogene Michael, Bobby Miller, Adam Nowaczyk, Katharyn & Nathaniel Rentzell, "Sity" Grimes Roach, Scott Shucker, Jannette Shulthies, Bob Steele, Paul Stull, Steve Stull, Russ Thompson, John Tippet, Margaret Wachter, Tina Yinger & Diane Zigler

Lewie's Lessons



Oct. 1: Jer. 10-13
Oct. 2: Jer. 14-17
Oct. 3: Jer. 18-22
Oct. 4: Jer. 23-25
Oct. 5: Jer. 26-29
Oct. 6: Jer. 30-31
Oct. 7: Jer. 32-34
Oct. 8: Jer. 35-37
Oct. 9: Jer. 38-40; Ps. 74/79
Oct. 10: 2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chron. 36
Oct. 11: Habakkuk
Oct. 12: Jer. 41-45
Oct. 13: Jer. 46-48
Oct. 14: Jer. 49-50
Oct. 15: Jer. 51-52
Oct. 16: Lam. 1:1-3:36

Oct. 17: Lam. 3:37-5:22
Oct. 18: Ezek. 1-4
Oct. 19: Ezek. 5-8
Oct. 20: Ezek. 9-12
Oct. 21: Ezek. 13-15
Oct. 22: Ezek. 16-17
Oct. 23: Ezek. 18-19
Oct. 24: Ezek. 20-21
Oct. 25: Ezek. 22-23
Oct. 26: Ezek. 24-27
Oct. 27: Ezek. 28-31
Oct. 28: Ezek. 32-34
Oct. 29: Ezek. 35-37
Oct. 30: Ezek. 38-39
Oct. 31: Ezek. 40-41

“Seasons”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2: *“There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot...”*

Genesis 8:22: *“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”*

God created seasons. The seasons we normally speak of bring distinct weather conditions that are dictated by the movement of Earth around the sun, the tilt of the Earth and how high the sun gets in the sky. An equinox occurs twice a year when the sun crosses the Earth’s equator, appearing directly above the equator and causing day and night to be of an approximate equal length. The Vernal (Spring) Equinox occurs around March 20 and the Autumnal (Fall) around September 23. We are blessed to live in an area where we can experience the fullness of each season and usually without the major concerns of serious flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes, mudslides, etc. We enjoy growth, hope and renewal in the Spring; abundant crops and sunshine for the Summer and we can watch Fall burst forth with harvest and vibrant colors as we prepare for Winter with its occasional fresh blanket of snow.

We also experience seasons in our lives – some of us are young and full of hopes and dreams; others are more seasoned and busily nurturing our lives and families; still others now reaping the bounty of their plantings and others are nearing their season of winter. We should stay alert to our seasons of life and always allow God to direct our steps. Acts 1:7 tells us *“.... It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority”*

The church also has seasons -- The Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent and moves to Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and ends with the feast of Christ the King.

Liturgical Seasons –

- **Advent** – the beginning of the new church year, it occurs any day between November 27 and December 3; contains 4 Sundays and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent celebrates the coming of Christ. The liturgical color for Advent is purple (sometimes blue is used).
- **Christmas** celebrates the anniversary of the birth of Jesus and begins Christmas Day and lasts for 12 days. The liturgical color for Christmas is white.
- **Epiphany** celebrates the manifestation of the divine nature of Christ and begins on the first Sunday in January and varies in length depending on the date set for Easter. It lasts until 64 days before Easter. For the first and last Sundays, the liturgical color is white; purple for Ash Wednesday and green for the other days.



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- **Lent** observes a season of fasting and praying (penitence) and lasts 46 days (not counting Sundays); beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending the eve of Easter. The liturgical color is purple but black is used on Good Friday.
 - Ash Wednesday addresses sin and death. Ashes are rubbed on foreheads symbolizing that we are dust and to dust we shall return but with God’s grace we can learn to live this life more fully, embracing our sinfulness and allowing God to transform us.
 - Palm Sunday signals the upcoming end of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week – it commemorates the spreading of palms and clothing in Jesus’ path as He entered Jerusalem prior to His crucifixion.
 - Holy/Maundy Thursday – “Maundy” comes from the Latin work for “command” – the command Jesus gave His disciples to love one another. This is the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples, sharing a meal (The Last Supper) with them.
 - Good Friday is the Friday before Easter and is a day of mourning – a holy day of meditation commemorating Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross.
- **Easter** celebrates the Resurrection of Christ and begins on Easter Sunday and continues for 50 days until Pentecost. The liturgical color is white and gold.
- **Pentecost** commemorates the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the disciples and begins on the 50th day after Easter. It is the longest season of the church year and lasts until the first Sunday in Advent. The liturgical color for the first Sunday is red; Trinity, Christ the King, All Saints Day are white and all other Sundays following Pentecost Sunday are green.

Our Worship Committee faithfully changes the altar linens to coincide with the liturgical seasons – “THANKS” Pat Harley!

Liturgical Colors – Purple, White, Green, Purple and Red (sometimes blue) – Purple denotes penitence and royalty and is used during the preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent. Blue symbolizing hope is sometimes used during Lent. White and gold are joyous and festive colors used during Christmas and Easter and other festive days. White is recommended at services of death because it symbolizes both death and resurrection. Green denotes growth and Red symbolizes the Holy Spirit.

- Advent – Purple or Blue
- Christmas – White
- Season after Epiphany – White for first and last Sundays; Other times – Green
- Lent – Purple
- Good Friday – Black
- Easter – White until the day of Pentecost
- Pentecost Sunday – Red
- Trinity Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, All Saints Day -- White
- Season after Pentecost – Green

“Four Seasons of a Tree”

(Author Unknown)

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away. The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall.

When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen. The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son said no—it was covered with green buds and full of promise. The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen. The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but only one season in the tree’s life. He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are—and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life—can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are complete.

If you give up when it’s winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, fulfillment of your fall. Don’t let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Don’t judge life by one difficult season. Persevere throughout the difficult patches and better times are sure to come some time or later.

There are all kinds of seasons in life and some are easier than others.

Do not judge a tree or a person by only one season.

**We are all in one season or another and
we are each precious in the eyes of our Creator!!!**

(Submitted by Shirley Long)



Gail Boggs 15

Nancy Titman 17

Cheryl Stull 19

Mack Gray 25

Bobby Miller 26





HELLO OCTOBER!

<i>October 1</i>	<i>World Communion Sunday Charge Conference, 1 PM, WUMC</i>
<i>October 4</i>	<i>Hand Chimes Rehearsal, 6:15 PM Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM</i>
<i>October 7</i>	<i>Chicken Picking, 9 AM</i>
<i>October 8</i>	<i>Clergy Appreciation Day</i>
<i>October 10</i>	<i>UWF Meeting, 7 PM</i>
<i>October 11</i>	<i>Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM</i>
<i>October 18</i>	<i>Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM</i>
<i>October 20</i>	<i>FCPS Closed (Teacher's Prof. Learning Day)</i>
<i>October 25</i>	<i>Choir Rehearsal, 7 PM</i>
<i>October 27</i>	<i>FCPS Closed (Teacher Work Day)</i>
<i>October 28</i>	<i>Advanced Orders Due for Pot Pie Trunk or Treat, 1-3 PM</i>
<i>October 29</i>	<i>Fellowship Follows Worship</i>

GLORIA GREEN'S CHILI

2 Lbs. Hamburger
1 Lb. Sausage
1 Cup Chopped Onions
1 Cup Chopped Peppers
3 Cloves Garlic
1 Qt. Chopped Tomatoes
1 Pt. Sloppy Joe Mix
1-1/4 Tsp. Italian Seasoning
1 Tsp. Salt
2 Tsp. Chili Powder
2 Tbs. Brown Sugar
Pepper to Taste
1 Lg. (40-1/2 Oz. Can) Kidney Beans

Brown meat, onions, peppers and garlic; drain off grease and add the remaining ingredients. Simmer at least 1-1/2 hours.

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(A hot pot of chili on a cold winter's day is one of the most comforting foods. Chili warms you inside and out, plus it's filling, easy to make, and nutritious to boot.

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LEWISTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Mark Claiborne, Sr.

Dir. of Children & Family Ministry: Traci Gray

Office Administrator: Ruby Eagle

Custodian: Gail Boggs

Organist: Mary Frances Bostian

Music Director: Pat Harley

Nursery Attendant: Vacant

Ministers: Everyone

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship: 9 AM

Livestream on Facebook

www.facebook.com/lumc21788/

Fellowship on Selected Sundays: 10 AM

Children's Sunday School



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