



*Prayer is a gift you can always give to others.
Please pray for our friends on the long term prayer list:*



The Maple March, 2016

“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” -- Romans 8:26

Do you have a prayer partner? Do you have someone you can turn to in a time of crisis, knowing that they will offer prayer on your behalf the instant you ask? Do you have a group of friends who have held you up in prayer through a long difficult illness, or time of unemployment, or difficult decision making? If you do, you know what a blessing it is to have someone praying for you when you can't seem to lift a prayer on your own.

We are called to pray with each other and for one another in times of trial as well as in times of discernment. Prayer is, in many ways, the backbone of the church. It is good to know that we have one another as prayer partners. Romans reminds us that we also have the Holy Spirit as a prayer partner. There are times when, in our human frailty and limitations, we don't know what to pray. Our prayers can be short-sighted. But the Holy Spirit understands our groanings and intercedes for us in sighs too deep for words. Be assured, as you face hardship, fight to overcome obstacles, struggle through crisis, try to discern the right path to take, that the Holy Spirit is already praying with you and for you. Isn't it reassuring to know that we do not have to know exactly what outcome to pray for? We can trust the Spirit to know. Allow the Holy Spirit to be your prayer partner.

Pastor Wendy



The Saturday Morning Men's Group provides a rare chance for we men to get together for Bible study and fellowship. We support each other and have a good time together. If you haven't attended, we encourage you to join us! We meet every 2nd Saturday of the month at 8 AM in the church lounge. Our next meeting is March 12th. If you have any questions contact Dave Miller at 215-943-2046.



A day of training for churches on the East District

Date: March 5, 2016

- Location: Bensalem UMC, 4300 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem PA 19020
- Time: 8:30 am to 3 pm
- Registration Fee: \$15 per person (or \$12/per with 5 or more from the same church; \$20 per person for late or walk-in registrants)
- Registration deadline: Tuesday, March 1, 2016
- Some of the workshops include: **Hospitality, Effective Visitation, Youth Ministry, Electronic and Social Media, Partnering With the Local School, Being a Better Member of Trustees, Finance, SPRC ...** and more!
- Send registration with check, payable to "East District Superintendency Clergy Fund" to: East District Office, United Methodist Church, 3470 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley PA 19006
- **For more information, contact Clarita Krall at: cakrall@epaumc.org.**



Sunday, March 6

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond

On March 6, please come to church prepared to give to this worthy cause. If you are unable to attend worship that day, you may give online at:

www.umcgiving.org



Dear Families,

There is a new option available for the current High School Sunday School Class. Presently the High School class is studying the book of Revelation in more of a bible study format. This class is taught by Sam Getty and Christine Bonno. Anyone interested in continuing this study can report to the same place (room 29), same time (10am) every Sunday. For those interested in another option, Janet Fabian and John Koba are teaching a class for Middle and High School.

These Changes do not effect grades 5 and below.
If you have any questions please ask.

Blessings,
Kim

Help Wanted:

Currently seeking those who would like to become part of the Christian Education team. See Kim for more information. Flexible Schedule and Benefits to die for.

Anyone planning to volunteer for activities will need to complete the proper clearances. All clearances can be obtained online. Visit mumcpa.org, click on "links" and follow the directions for volunteers.



We have four Summer Camps in our Eastern PA United Methodist Conference; these camps offer full week or half week camps for kids. There are many different camps to choose from. To learn more about the camps, go to the websites at innabah.org, poconoplateau.org, csfarm.org, and gretnaglen.org.

We are so enthusiastic about the camp experience that MUMC is offering to pay half of your camp fee. The camper must be an active participant in MUMC children and youth programs to qualify for this wonderful gift. Request forms are now available at the education office or from Kim Jakimowicz.

 **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- **Saturday, March 26 at 10AM: Annual Egg Hunt RAIN OR SHINE (Empty Eggs are available to fill. Please return filled eggs by March 20)**
- **Children and Youth Retreat at Innabah. Friday June 3--Sunday June 5. See Kim or Jenn to reserve your spot.**
- **Last day of Sunday School and Church picnic, June 12, 2016**
- **Vacation Bible School Sunday July 17- Thursday July 21- More Details coming soon-Please contact Kim if you would like to be a part of the planning committee**



The Purpose:

United Methodist Women is a **community of women** whose purpose is:

To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ

To develop a creative supportive fellowship and

To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

- We welcome all women who commit themselves to our Purpose, including you.
- You don't have to be a member of The United Methodist Church to join. Our membership is diverse: women of many races, cultures, languages, young and old. There is no minimum age requirement.
- We hope you will prayerfully consider joining this **multicultural, multilingual, and multiracial** organization of women.

All women are welcome to attend!

****March Schedule****

MARCH 8

UMW GENERAL MEETING – 7:00 P.M. – Fellowship Hall

Hostess: Non-Circle Members

Guest Speaker: Emily Doron

- Studying in Rwanda
- Call to Prayer and Self Denial Offering

MARCH 5-6 (Saturday & Sunday)

Girls on the Go Retreat at Camp Gretna Glen

MARCH 16

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

Hostess: Flo Dugan

Study/Devotion: TBA

MARCH 21

MARCIA CIRCLE – 7:00 P.M.

Hostess: Rhonda Rea

Study/Devotion: Rhonda Rea

RUTH CIRCLE – 7:00 P.M.

Hostess: Margy Dickson

Study/Devotion: Janet Fabian



They say it takes a village and a big part of our “village” is our MUMC family. You surrounded us with love and friendship to mourn Chuck’s passing. Wendy, you were there the minute we knew, the UMW humbly and deliciously served a wonderful luncheon (kudos to the take-out women), and all of you who participated in or came to his services, sent cards, or offered kind remembrances. Thank you is not enough to say of your deeds. We’ll remember Chuck through golf outings, adult fellowship, Men’s Bible Class or of just joking around. We immensely appreciate you being there now and through the years and we know you will be there with us in the future. Chuck is at peace in heaven with God.

*God Bless,
Joyce and Britt Bigley*

There are not enough words for me to express my gratitude for the support of my church family during my recent illness. The cards, e-mails, notes, phone calls, meals and other expressions of caring were just overwhelming. Prayers have come not only from you but through you from people I don’t even know. I have felt their calm, reassuring presence during the good times but most especially during the difficult times. I can only say thank you for being such loving, caring friends.. God bless you.

Betty Wisnosky

Thanks to everyone that attended, our annual President’s Day bowling party was lots of fun!

-Kim



Dear Friends:

“I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.”
--Philippians 4:13

These words have always been a source of strength to me and you, dear Morrisville United Methodist Church friends, are true representatives of these words. As Jack’s illness increased there was always someone who offered me a word, a prayer, a hug, and I know that Jack felt this also.

Thank you for being strength for me.

*In Christ’s Love,
B.J. Lebegern and Family*

Thank you for your donations in the Valentine Boxes through the month of February. Gift cards will be purchased and given to the women at “A Woman’s Place.”

From Bishop Peggy Johnson:

Thank you for your generosity to the needs of our annual conference, especially in this campaign to help with retired pastor’s past pensions. By relieving this debt, more money is available for ministry and mission around the conference. You can find out more about the United Methodist Church in the Eastern Pa conference by going to: www.epaumc.org



Daffodils, lilies, and tulips in 6" pots are available for sale in memory of or honor of a loved one. The cost for a lily is \$7.00, and daffodils and tulips cost \$4.25 each. Sign up in the lounge by Sunday, March 13th, and please be sure to indicate which kind of plant you desire. Note: In making your choice, please keep in mind that some people are allergic to lilies.

Please put money in envelope and write "Easter Flowers", your name, and amount on envelope and place it in the offering plate. Flowers can be taken home on Easter Sunday. Any questions, contact Carol Somers at 215-295-1480.



MUMC YOUTH'S Annual Spaghetti Dinner
March 12th, 2016 from 4:30-8:30

****Advanced reservations are highly recommended!****

Cost: \$10.00 per person (ages 12 & up)

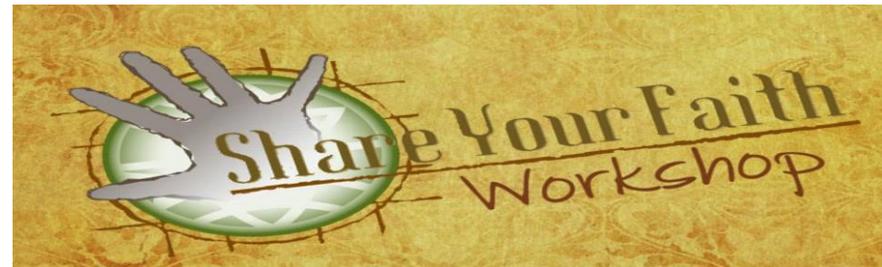
\$7.00 per Child (under 2 eat free)

Make your reservations online: www.mumcpa.org

Call: 267-393-5381

Email – mumcyouth@comcast.net

Buy a ticket from any youth member!



4th Annual Faith Sharing Seminar
With Rev. Romal Tune
Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 – 3:00
New Hanover UMC -- Gilbertsville, PA

Rev. Romal Tune is an award winning author (God's Graffiti: Inspiring Stories for Teens), an international speaker, an esteemed graduate of Howard University and Duke University Divinity School, and a visionary organizer who is making a difference and seeking to transform the world. Drawing strength and wisdom from his own traumatic upbringing amid poverty, violence, neglect and gang-life in inner-city Los Angeles, he openly shares his painful but redemptive story, a sojourn from struggle to survival. He speaks raw truth from a tender heart. With every opportunity he has to impact decision-makers or crowds of listeners around the world, Romal Tune offers a candid assessment of the brokenness in our lives, relationships, systems and organizations and a fresh vision that seeks to cultivate hope and dignity. He is dedicated to helping and partnering with small and large-scale advocacy and service organizations--from the United Way to The United Methodist Church--to improve the lives of people in need.

- Registration is \$10 and includes meals and materials. Registration is due by March 3. Breakfast begins at 8:30.
- To register online:
epaumc.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/14906
- For more information call New Hanover United Methodist Church at: **610-323-2353**