

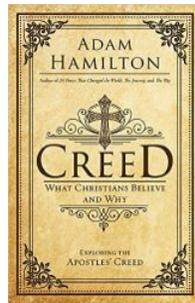


The Window into the heart of

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Book/DVD Study with Pastor Tom Strandburg Creed: What Christians Believe and Why



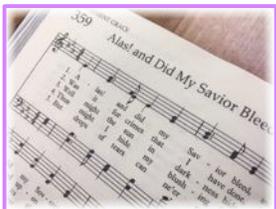
How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. The study of *Creed*, during the adult discussion of Terrific Tuesday, will include:

1. God
2. Jesus Christ
3. The Holy Spirit
4. The Church and the Communion of Saints
5. The Forgiveness of Sin
6. The Resurrection of the Body

Creed Terrific Tuesday discussions are during the following Tuesdays of Lent: March 7, 14, 21 and 28, concluding on April 4, which will be the final Terrific Tuesday until fall. Terrific Tuesdays include dinner and are from 6-7:30 in Asbury Center.

Bible Study with Bishop Bashore

Sin and Grace at the Cross



*"At the cross, at the cross,
where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away;
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day."* UMH #359

These words, written by Ralph Hudson, are the refrain of Isaac Watts' hymn, "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed." The hymn is a foundation of Bishop George Bashore's seven-week Lenten Bible study, Sin and Grace at the Cross. Luke 22-24 and supporting Scriptures are the Bible texts that will be studied.

"What do I bring to the Cross?" and "What do I receive from the Cross?" - answers to these questions will be pursued by visiting the persons who were with Jesus on the way to the Cross. We will compare their emotions and actions with ours today.

Bishop Bashore's Lenten study begins on March 1, Ash Wednesday at 9:30 am meeting in Wesley Hall, and continues each Wednesday through Holy Week, Wednesday, April 12, 2017.

March 1st Ash Wednesday Services

6:30-10 am Sanner Chapel
at your convenience, silent
Communion, ashes available

7 pm Sanctuary
Communion service,
imposition of ashes

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The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Ecumenical Version

I Believe

Credo is the first word of the Apostles' Creed in Latin. It means "I believe." What do we mean when we say we believe? How does belief affect the life of the believer? What are the reasons for belief? The word believe can have many multiple layers of meaning and can be applied to everything from the silly to the profound. For example, I believe that the Pittsburgh Pirates might make it into the postseason again this year. In this sense belief expresses my hopes, which may be at least partially rooted in my assessment of the skills of my home team. Often we use believe to express our preferences or opinions or predictions about things that are not of ultimate importance. I believe that a particular car brand is a better value than another. I would not die for my convictions about a car brand, and these might be

easily changed if the right new product from another car maker came along.

There are deeper and more important beliefs we all carry. You might believe that small government is important, or you might believe that government must do more to ensure the welfare of the people. There are a number of people in our country today, on both sides of the political spectrum, who are acting upon their deeply-held beliefs. Many such beliefs have the power to motivate us to action, sacrifice, and service.

From the earliest times Christians made attempts to summarize their essential beliefs. Beginning in the late second or early third centuries these summaries of faith are found in the creeds of the church. The most enduring of these, still studied and recited today, is the Apostles' Creed. We'll be considering the words of this ancient statement of belief during the upcoming season of Lent. In the early centuries of Christianity, converts to the faith participated in a three-year process of learning and faith formation. This process culminated in the season of Lent, when such persons received the most precious and central tenets of the Christian faith – the concepts that are contained in the Apostles' Creed.

It is most appropriate, therefore, that we spend this Lent studying these same concepts for ourselves. Whether you are new to the faith, or an experienced believer, you will find something that is fresh and new in these ancient words, as we study them together during each of the Sundays in Lent. This sermon series will begin on Sunday, March 5th. For those who would like to go deeper, I invite you to join us at our Terrific Tuesday gatherings, beginning on March 7th, when we will consider Adam Hamilton's new study, *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why*. You can find more information concerning this study on the cover of this newsletter. We'll see you in church throughout the upcoming season of Lent!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tom



United Methodist Women Events

March UMW Meeting:

Lenten Call to Prayer and Self Denial Thurs. March 9 11 am Wesley Hall

Join the UMW on Thursday, March 9 at 11 am in Wesley Hall for our monthly meeting and annual call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

This year, our theme is "Abundant Health for Women and Children." At the meeting, we'll reflect on the gospel of Christ, pray together and make an offering to mission with women, children and youth in response to God's love and grace.

After the program, please plan to stay for a light lunch hosted by the Esther Circle. Cost for the lunch is \$6. Make your reservation by calling the church office at 412.531.7131. Drop-ins are welcome, too!

Friday, March 10: Asbury Bake Sale

It's time for the annual Asbury Bake Sale and we need your delicious contributions. Asbury's residents look forward to these sweet treats, so please consider donating homemade cake slices, cookies, cupcakes, sweet rolls, tarts, fudge and other baked goods.

Donations should be packaged in small amounts (for 1 or 2 people) and labeled, paying special attention to ingredients that might cause allergies, such as eggs, nuts, peanut butter and chocolate — or if they're specially made, such as "gluten-free" or "diabetic-friendly," etc.

Baked goods can be dropped off in our church's Asbury kitchen on Thursday, March 9 or Friday morning, March 10 directly at Asbury Heights on Bower Hill Road.

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Fundraiser

Mark your calendars now for our upcoming UMW Spring fundraiser on Saturday, April 29 from 10 am to noon. We've got something new in store! Look for more details in upcoming church bulletins.

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Monica Kao, Communications Coordinator



Community Lenten Fish Fries

March 31 Good Friday, April 14

Everyone's welcome! Come break bread and socialize with church friends, neighbors and community members

at **TWO** fish fries at the church this lenten season - March 31 and Good Friday, April 14, from 4-7 pm at Asbury Center. The Friday feasts are free and open to all with free will offering

donations gratefully accepted. After paying expenses, proceeds benefit the Food Pantry.



The menu includes fried and baked fish, mac & cheese, cole slaw, fries, other food choices and an assortment of desserts provided by donations to the Food Lift. Take-out is available. An open table Communion will also be offered.



Join us for good food and fellowship with church friends and neighbors. And lend a helping hand, volunteers are needed.

The fish fries are projects of the Community Events and Outreach Committee.

EGGstravaganza

Saturday, April 8 10 am - Noon

Come to MLUMC for the annual EGGstravaganza. It's a family-friendly event geared especially for children from preschool through elementary school age. It's free of charge to everyone in the community. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Children and Mom and Dad will rotate among several stations including egg dying, crafts, Easter egg hunt and games. Donations will be accepted for our church's mission outreach projects.

You can help make this year's EGGstravaganza a success with a generous donation of food or time. Volunteer to serve as a rotation helper, station leader or as a set-up, clean-up or kitchen crew member. Donations of small wrapped candies placed in plastic eggs can be left outside Kim Rhoton's office.

Watch for a sign-up sheet in the bulletin or contact Kim Rhoton: krhoton@mlumc.org .

Handbell Happenings

Important announcement: Berries 'n' Bells will be held the SECOND Friday of May this year. Mark your calendars now for Friday, May 12 for an evening of food, fellowship and fine music! **See you on Friday, MAY 12 at 7:30 pm.**

Three Rivers Ringers will present a concert of swinging American music in May. Watch our website for important concert information: www.threeriversringers.org

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send me your contact information- name, address, email address. Send to artisticdirector@threeriversringers.org or call me at 412-341-1404. *Nancy Lutz, Director of Handbells*

Seraphic Singers

Don't miss the Seraphic Singers performing in our sanctuary Sunday, April 30 at 4 pm. The 12 professional female ensemble, founded and conducted by our Director of Music, Gretchen Franz, sings a wide variety of music. You will hear Gershwin's "Embraceable you," Sondheim's humorous "The ladies who lunch," and jazz standard "Chili con carne."

Admission \$10 Reception Follows

Weekday Ministries

by Mettelise Ziegler, WDM Director

There is an old saying that the left hand doesn't always know what the right hand is doing! Because Weekday Ministries operates during the week and most church members are in the building evenings and weekends, it is important for the right and left hands, parts of the same body, to work together.

That is why we are holding our third annual Weekday Sunday on April 30th!

We are inviting our 65 families and 23 staff members to attend the 10:45 am worship service on that day! And we are hoping that you will make a special effort to be there. Last year, we had twenty-three children in our "choir" singing for the Lord. This year, we are hoping for over thirty!

Many of our families have church affiliations elsewhere, but are happy to share Sunday morning with the congregation that sponsors their children's early childhood program. These families appreciate that their children are starting life in an atmosphere of faith, hope and love.

Some of our Christian families are new to Pittsburgh. Weekday Sunday is an opportunity for the congregation to extend the kind of Biblical hospitality that offers a church home and interpersonal relationships.

There are families with very little or no Christian background at all! Their children are learning to pray before meals, talk about Jesus, the cross and Bible heroes. When these families attend Weekday Sunday, they will need to encounter people that are enthusiastic about sharing their love for Christ and how faith in Him has changed their lives.



Be a powerful witness to the life-changing Gospel on April 30th at the 10:45 am worship service! Mark your calendar now for Weekday Sunday!

The Food Pantry - Open House, Open Heart

The church Food Pantry held two open houses this February, sharing information, food and fellowship with over 100 Food Pantry family members, volunteers and church friends. Volunteers and Community Events and Outreach Committee members set the table for a complementary lunch. Pantry families picked up their monthly food distribution and chose from an array of fresh vegetables, meats, breads and pastries provided by the Food Lift.



The Food Pantry distributes food to approximately 100 adults and 35 children each month. Food Pantry coordinator Liz DiPietro organizes volunteers into teams for shopping, packing, distribution and delivery.



Volunteer time, non-perishable food donations and especially monetary contributions are most welcome.

For more information on the Food Pantry and how you can help, contact Liz DiPietro, 412-279-4592.

To learn more about the Community Events and Outreach Committee, contact Rob Spicher, 412-720-4589.

2017 Easter Memorials

Purchase flowers or make a donation to the Food Pantry in honor or memory of friends or loved ones.



The flowers will be on display in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 16, and may be picked up after the 10:45 service or any time after Easter. Brighten someone's day - deliver your flowers to a shut-in or ask the church to deliver.

Turn in this form to the church office before the deadline, Sunday, April 2.

2017 EASTER MEMORIALS ORDER DEADLINE - April 2

Make check payable to MLUMC. Mark the memo line "Easter Flowers" or "Food Pantry"

Food Pantry Donation \$ _____

Flower Selection (color cannot be guaranteed)

_____ Lilies (1 stem)	@ \$8.50 = _____	_____ Hyacinths (3 plants)	@ \$7.50 = _____
_____ Tulips (5 plants)	@ \$7.50 = _____	_____ Begonias (6" pot)	@ \$10.50 = _____
_____ Mums	@ \$9.50 = _____	_____ Pansy Basket	@ \$10.50 = _____

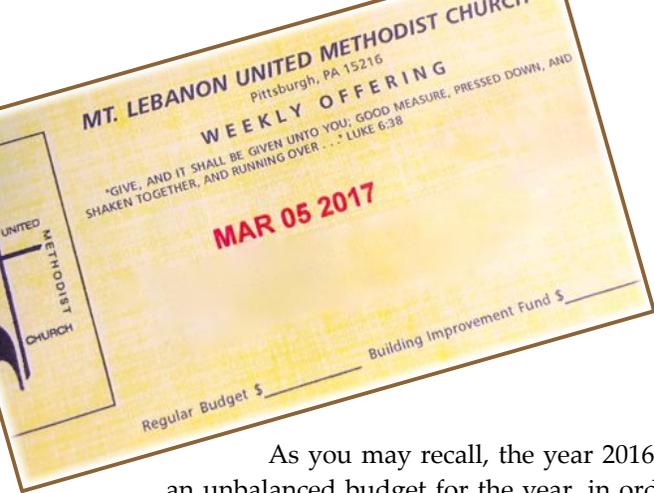
Total Flower Amount \$ _____

Given in (circle) "memory" or "honor" of (please print): _____

Donor Name (Please Print) _____

Phone _____

I will pick up flowers I will deliver to a shut-in Deliver to a shut-in



Financial Update

From Financial and Stewardship Committee

Chairs, Rob Spicher and Jim Young

As you may recall, the year 2016 opened with the Church Council's decision that it needed to approve an unbalanced budget for the year, in order to continue to advance the congregation's vision of being a church for all people, particularly for young families, children, and youth. In light of our cash position at the time, and our hope for some significant unpledged second-mile giving throughout the year, the council felt that it was proper to take such a step of faith, considering the financial "safety nets" that were in place. Through the generosity of our people, God blessed our ministry in some significant ways in 2016:

Pledged and unpledged giving was able to keep pace with our regular local church expenses throughout the year. The only expense that we could not pay consistently throughout the year was our connectional apportionment obligation to the Western PA Conference. In recent years, we have found it necessary to withhold payment on this particular expense in the light of perennial cash flow shortages during the first three quarters of the year. This unfortunate pattern held true once again in 2016, resulting in no significant apportionment payments being made until the late fall of the year.

A significant personal gift and "matching challenge" by one of our members enabled us to pay our connectional apportionment in full. As has already been announced publicly, it was one of our now-deceased members, Mr. Andy Smith, whose very generous gift got the ball rolling toward the full payment of our connectional apportionment in the month of December. Andy's gift was matched by gifts from throughout the congregation, enabling us to pay our \$97,576.00 obligation in full. We cannot thank all of our generous donors enough for your many sacrificial gifts.

As the year 2016 came to a close, all bills were paid, including the connectional apportionment. While this is truly a reason for celebration, in light of the unbalanced budget that we faced at the beginning of the year, it is also a reason for concern. All bills would not have been paid in 2016, had it not been for the large donation by a now-deceased member, and for the special matching appeal to pay the apportionments. There were also other unpledged gifts during the year, that helped to bring our budget into balance in the end. Thanks, everyone!

As we are now in the early months of 2017, we find ourselves in a situation that is rather similar to 2016. Your Finance Committee is struggling to balance anticipated expenses with anticipated revenues for this new year. While we despise the thought of approving another unbalanced budget, we also despise the thought of cutting the budget in such a way that our ministries to families, children, and youth must be curtailed or eliminated. Such is the struggle that the thirteen volunteer members of your Finance Committee face on your behalf. We are hopeful that the recommendations by Dr. Scott McKenzie from Horizon's Stewardship will assist us in breaking the cycle of unbalanced budgets and insufficient cash flow starting this year.

How can you help?

Pray for us and for our work on your behalf.

If you have not yet made a pledge of financial support for 2017, please do so.

Rob Spicher, Finance Committee Chair

Jim Young, Stewardship Committee Chair

Church Council Sets New Agenda for the Church

by John Esaias, Church Council Chair

Through a generous gift from Mr. and Mrs. Ward Jones, our church was able to employ Rev. Scott McKenzie to help lead us in a new direction in the area of stewardship. Recently, he reported his results and recommendations to the leaders of the church. His plan included 20 recommendations. At the last Church Council meeting, these recommendations were considered. Some were adopted immediately and others were referred to committees for further examination. The following recommendations will be implemented immediately or in the near future:

Endowment - The Endowment Committee will become active again under the leadership of John Esaias. Members will be encouraged to remember the church in their wills and participate in other planned giving opportunities.

Preaching - Our pastor will be more intentional in his preaching regarding stewardship.

Electronic Giving - Members will receive more information about electronic giving and will be encouraged to make their contributions using this method. It will provide the church with a steadier income.

Enhance Giving Statements - Those members who contribute

financially to the church will receive more information about the ministries their gifts are supporting, and the church will make a greater effort to show appreciation for these gifts.

Share Ministry Stories - Members will hear more personal stories that share how our gifts have impacted lives. On Sunday, August 20, we will have celebrations during the entire morning where stories of our church's ministries and their impacts on people's lives will be shared.

Pastoral Information - Our pastor will receive more information about our members' giving. He will be directly involved in thanking those who make major gifts beyond their regular contributions.

Weekday Ministries and Related Ministries - We will make a more concerted effort to involve the parents, children, and staff of Weekday Ministries in the life of our church along with Boy Scouts and others who enter our church during times other than Sunday morning.

The implementation of these recommendations, and others, will hopefully bring additional vitality to our church as well as encourage all of us to increase our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.



Pastor Tom Strandburg to be more intentional in preaching stewardship.



Boy Scout Troop #23 with their scouting for food project, gathering in the church.

MLUMC Staff

Rev. Thomas Q. Strandburg, Pastor
Kim Rhoton, Director of Christian Education
Bethany Lockie, Youth Ministry Director
Dr. Gretchen Franz, Director of Music
Mettelise Ziegler, Weekday Ministries Director
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Juliette Mariani, Administrative Support
John Cato, Maintenance Supervisor
Michael Staab, Custodian

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Bishop George Bashore, Bishop-in-Residence
Dr. David H. Watson, Pastor Emeritus
Nancy R. Lutz, Director of Handbells
Joanne Dempe, Financial Secretary
Ron Dagg, Sound/Lighting
Kevin DeLuca; Kirk Lowe, Multimedia
Kay McAninch, Communion Steward
Michael Dempe, Financial Consultant



YOU made a Global Mission Difference in 2016!

by Louanne Baily, Missions Committee Chair

Thanks to your contributions of rummage, time and money, the MLUMC Mission Committee generated roughly \$15,800 from our two Rummage Sales in 2016. The Committee distributed these funds, and a bit more, around the world to either vetted United Methodist mission activities, or other mission activities sponsored by a member of our church. Through these gifts you have:

- educated, fed and sheltered orphans in Zimbabwe;
- sustained fledgling Methodist congregations in Eastern Europe;
- shared Christian ministry with our sister church in Zwickau;
- built water filters and fed hungry people ravaged by storms in Haiti;
- supported MLUMC youth as they established running water for a home in Appalachia;
- provided scholarship to a Disciple sharing Christ's word in Colorado;
- aided our West Virginia neighbors reeling from devastating floods;
- fed our brothers and sisters, monthly on the Northside; and in our backyard for Thanksgiving;
- Read to and shared books with the youth at Manchester Elementary School, Northside;
- And provided food and shelter to local families dealing with homelessness.

The Mission Committee is grateful for your commitment to serve our Lord in these many ways!

Destination	\$ Amount	% of Distributions
Africa – The Nyadire Connection	\$3,000	17%
Europe - Lithuania/Karla Ruda	\$3,500	19%
Zwickau, Germany	\$1,500	8%
Caribbean -Haiti	\$2,000*	11%*
National – MLUMC Youth		
Mission Trip to VA	\$2,000	11%
Forge Ministry/ J. Michaels/CO	\$ 500	3%
WVa Flood Response-Aug	\$ 1,337**	7%**
Local -		
Northside Lunch Program	\$1,181	7%
Pgh Manchester Reading	\$ 100	1%
Thanksgiving Dinner	\$1,500***	8%***
Family Promise	\$1,500	8%

* \$1,500 was provided from The Harold Heard Trust funds designated for Haitian mission efforts.

** \$837 was received from the H. Pat Albright Endowment and combined with \$500 of Rummage proceeds to alleviate suffering from flooding in West Virginia.

***\$750 was contributed from the 2nd Mile Fund.

2017 Mission to Haiti

Clark and Mary Remington are continuing our church's missions in Haiti with our friends at the Thomas Food Project. The Thomas Food Project runs three Methodist Schools and provides three thousand meals a month in the Archaie region of Haiti. Additionally, the Project builds and donates bio-sand filters to provide clean water for families in the region. Clark and Mary will be going from March 6 – 13 utilizing funds from the Harold Heard Haiti Endowment. Mary will be constructing bio-sand filters and Clark will be providing staff development for the faculties of the three schools. Clark and Thomas Food have been working on an innovative technology initiative called, Haiti Internet in a Box, and Clark will begin training teachers on the use of this technology.

Clark Remington, last year, teaching math in a school in the Thomas Archaie area of Haiti.



Spring Cleaning Advice: Remember the Rummage Sale

by Hazel Cope, Missions Committee

We need all those dusty treasures from your attic which you are ready to discard, and all those other items which are cluttering your closets. We'll begin collecting items at the church as soon as May arrives, but if you absolutely *have* to move something out before then, we'll try and find storage, and pickup if necessary.. And *please* clear your calendars so that you can help us the week before the Big Sale Day. (Sat. June 3).

Where does the money we raise go? Well, all of it is for missions, here and abroad. Some goes to Family Promise, the interfaith ministry which houses temporarily homeless families. If you were a Family Promise volunteer you'll probably remember Margarita and her four delightful children who were guests at our church just before Christmas? They are now living in their own apartment! And another family which graduated from FP in 2014 has been able to make the leap into owning their own home !

Because of the success of our twice-yearly big Rummage Sales, MLUMC is able to be an essential link in restoring families to the dignity and joy of a home.

Open to new students German Classes Resume

Want to update some rusty high school/college German? Consider joining the 7 adults already in the MLUMC course.

After a 3-week "semester break" the German classes will resume on March 13. Most, but not all, of the current members are going to Zwickau in June. In semester one, students learned to use the present tense to describe their families and leisure activities, and they began simple conversations. Next term we will continue simple conversations based on tourism, daily life, home activities and food. Homework is optional.

For more information contact Deanna Baird at 412-606-4719 or at fraubaird@aol.com. We meet Mondays at 7:15 in the Welcome Center. Cost for 10 - 11 classes is \$35, which will benefit the Zwickau travel fund.

March Lenten Readings

March 1 Ash Wednesday
 Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
 Psalm 51:1-17 (UMH 785)
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 5 1st Sunday of Lent
 Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
 Psalm 32 (UMH 766)
 Romans 5:12-19
 Matthew 4:1-11

March 12 2nd Sunday of Lent
 Genesis 12:1-4a
 Psalm 121 (UMH 844)
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
 John 3:1-17

March 19 3rd Sunday of Lent
 Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 85 (UMH 814)
 Romans 5:1-11
 John 4:5-42

March 26 4th Sunday of Lent
 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30 AM Silent Communion 6:30 AM N.Side Lunch Prep 9:30 AM Lenten Bible Study 7 PM Ash Wed Service	2 8:30 AM N.Side Lunch Preps 9:30 AM Hands & Heart Noon TNT Asbury Hights 6:30 PM Promise Bells 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study	4 10 AM Food Pantry
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5 8:30 AM Worship Sanner 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 AM Worship Sanct. Noon Blood Pressure Screening 4:30 PM Youth Choir 5 PM Youth Group	6 6:30 Tiger Cub Scouts 7 PM Chapel Bells	7 6 PM Terrific Tues 7 PM BSA #23 7 PM BSA Parents 7:30 PM SPRC 8 PM Missions Committee	8 9:30 AM Bishop's Lenten Bible Study 6:30 PM Wolf Cub Scout 7 PM Tiger Pack #870 7:30 Finance	9 9:30 AM UMW Exec Bnd. 11 AM UMW 6:30 PM Promise Bells 6:30 Webelo I Scouts 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	10 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:30 PM Memoirs Group 6:30 Cub Scouts Bear Den	11
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April Lenten / Holy Week Readings

April 2 5th Sunday of Lent
 Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Psalm 130 (UMH 848)
 Romans 8:6-11
 John 11:1-45

April 9 Passion/Palm Sunday
 Liturgy of the Palms
 Matthew 21:1-11
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)

April 13 Maunday Thursday
 Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14
 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 14 Good Friday
 Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 Psalm 22 (UMH 752)
 Hebrews 10:16-25
 John 18:1-19:42

April 16 Easter Sunday
 Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)
 Colossians 3:1-4
 John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 9
 8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanner Chapel
 10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Maunday Thursday, April 13
 7:30 p.m. Service of Tenebrae
 with Holy Communion
 in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 14
 12 to 1 p.m. Community Worship
 in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 16
 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
 10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

April 2017

1

10 AM Food Pantry
 11 AM BSA Eagle
 Ceremony

2

8:30 AM Worship Sanner
 9:30 Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship Sanct.
 12 PM Blood Pressure
 Screening
 5 PM Youth Group

3

6:30 Tiger Cub Scouts
 7 PM Chapel Bells
 7:30 PM German Class

4

6 PM Terrific Tues
 7 PM BSA #23
 7 PM BSA Parents
 7:30 PM SPRC

5

6:30 AM N.Side Lunch
 Prep
 9:30 AM Lenten Bible
 Study

6

8:30 AM N.Side Lunch
 Preps
 9:30 AM Hands & Heart
 Noon TNT Asbury Hghts
 6:30 PM Promise Bells
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

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9:30 AM Women's Bible
 Study

8

10 AM
 EGGSTRAVAGANZA

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PALM SUNDAY
 8:30 AM Worship Sanner
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Worship Sanct.

10

7 PM Chapel Bells

11

7 PM BSA #23
 7 PM BSA Reviews
 7 PM Cub Scout
 Planning

12

9:30 AM Bishop's Lenten
 Bible Study
 6:30 PM Wolf Cub Scout
 7 PM Tiger Pack #870
 7:30 Finance

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MAUNDAY THURSDAY
 9:30 AM UMW Exec Bnd.
 11 AM UMW
 6:30 Webelos
 7:30 PM Tenebrae
 Service

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GOOD FRIDAY
 9:30 AM Women's Bible
 Study
 12 PM Office Closes
 12 PM Community
 Worship
 1:30 PM Memoirs Group
 4 PM Fish Fry
 6:30 Cub Scls Bear Den

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9 AM BSA Scouting for
 Food
 10 AM Food Pantry

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**Easter
 Sunday**

Christ is Risen.

8:30 and 10:45 am Worship in the Sanctuary

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MLUMC'S Wholistic Health Outreach Ministry on Organ Donation

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13 NLT

How much thought have you given to how you can help others? Organ and tissue donation is one way to offer help. It can be as simple as donating a pint of blood every 6 months or as complicated as donating a kidney to a relative. Even at death you have an opportunity to share life-giving measures since thousands of people across the country wait every day for another chance at life through organ donation.

Through multiple tissue and organ donation, one donor has the potential to help from 1 to over 35 people. Some common organs that are removed include the heart, eyes, skin, bones, liver, lungs and kidneys. The people waiting for these organs suffer from conditions like heart disease, kidney disease, cancer or accident reconstruction surgery, corneal damage, incurable lung disease, and even curvature of the spine. A donation of bone, tissue, or organ is their only chance at a better quality of life.

Although approximately 90% of Americans say they support organ donation, waiting lists continue to grow because the availability of organs and tissue is extremely low. Educating people about organ donation is an important part of the solution. If you choose to be an organ donor, discuss it with your family. Help them understand why it is important to you and how it can help others. Most all religions approve of some type of organ and tissue donation and see it as a gift to humanity. Act now and become a donor. Talk with your family today about this important act of faith, hope and love.

(source: US Dept. of Health and Human Services www.organdonor.gov)