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“What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we’ve been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven – and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you’ll have it all – life healed and whole.” 1 Peter 1:3-5, The Message

Spring has sprung – the days are longer, flowers are blooming, birdsong rings in our ears. Everything seems brighter, fresher, newer. What about our perspective on life? What about our walk with Jesus? Has this season of Lent brought you closer to the One who has redeemed your life at the cross? Have the weeks since Ash Wednesday helped to convince you that you are good enough to be loved by Jesus, that his *“grace is sufficient for you” (2 Corinthians 12:9)?*

As Easter rapidly approaches, there are reminders of God’s great, abundant love for us everywhere – if we only look for it. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open the eyes of your heart to these God moments so that you are filled with joy – joy that Christ died on the cross simply because he loved you; joy that Christ rose from the grave and lives again; joy that you too can live with Christ in heaven – healed and whole. May you be so filled with the spirit of joy that it bubbles forth in laughter the Sunday after Easter as we celebrate Holy Humor and every day of your life. May the joy of the Lord be your strength in the troubled times.

Remember, Holy Humor is based on the thought that “God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. *‘Risus paschalis* - the Easter laugh,’ the early theologians called it.” Our Holy Humor theme this year will be “Classic Cars”. Come prepared to laugh and bring your best family friendly, church appropriate joke to share. The Worship Team has already been picking on Fords....

God’s Blessings,
Pastor Laura

PS. Be sure to join us for Sunday worship and the special Easter services! A schedule can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

PPS. Some say Jesus may have been a Ford fan, but God is a Mopar fan - the Bible says God drove Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden in a fury; the roar of King David's triumph was heard throughout the land; and all the believers were in one accord.

LENTEN SEASON

Do you feel like you don't measure up?
That what you do, what you have, what you are, just isn't enough, isn't good enough?
Join us this Lent as we explore being "Good Enough."

We will learn:

4/10 - Palm Sunday - You are a group project.

If you can relate to any of these statements, then come along with us as we embrace the imperfections of life and faith, and find that we are indeed, "Good Enough".

Holy Week 2022

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10th

9:30 AM Service

Lehman Idetown UMC

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14th

7:00 PM Service

Lehman Idetown UMC

Good Friday

Friday, April 15th

Church Doors Open

Noon – 3 PM

Good Friday

Friday, April 15th

7:00 PM Service

Shavertown UMC

Easter

Sunday, April 17th

6:30 AM Sunrise

9:30 AM Traditional

April 10th – April 17th

CELEBRATIONS

2- Joan Ide Griznar
6-Teri Whitehead
7- Ruth and Dave Jones Anniversary
9-Jack Romanoski
10- Ruth Jones

11-Cheryl Summa
11-Gary Miers
4-Kelsey Pfaff
15-John and Teri Whitehead Anniversary
17-Kathy Boston

17-Daymond Kovaly
27- Thomas L. Williams
28-Megan S. Guiney

DISTRICT NEWS

You are invited to one of multiple gatherings held in the Susquehanna, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia Conferences with Bishop Sandra and Bishop Cynthia.

The dates and locations for the Susquehanna Conference are:

Monday, April 4 - Clarks Summit UMC
1310 Morgan Highway, Clarks Summit Pa

Tuesday, April 5 - First UMC
602 South Market Street, Muncy Pa

Monday, April 25 - Mt. Nittany UMC
1500 E. Branch Road, State College Pa

ALL CLERGY & LAITY ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
Gatherings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The gatherings will be **in-person only**. Doors will open 30 minutes before start time. There will be a time for Q&A. Questions will be taken on note cards that will be provided. *A recording will be made available on the susumc.org after all the gatherings have been completed.*

DUE DATES

- Reminder the **newsletter articles** are due to Aimee or Pastor Laura by the 4th Monday of each month (next due date 04/25/22).
- Bulletin **announcements** are due to Aimee or Pastor Laura by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday announcement is to be made, thank you!

EVENTS

Pastie Sale: Thursday, 4/28. Orders due Friday, 4/22 to Jayne Haefele at 570-814-8263. Prep day will be Wednesday, 4/27. If you can help, please let Jayne know. Cost will be \$8/pastie.

The **Step by Step Praise Band** concert is Monday, April 11th, at 7:00, Shavertown UMC.

****Watch your email and bulletin for a calendar of upcoming holiday events/services. ****

FREE

If you would like a free TV, please check out the one in the back of the sanctuary or reach out to Pastor Laura or Aimee for details.

MEETINGS

The **Why Team** will meet on Monday, 4/4 at 5:15 pm and 4/18 at 6:30 pm.

WIF (formerly UMW) will meet on Tuesday, 4/25 at 6:30 pm. The program will be "Quiet Day for Call to Prayer & Self Denial" presented by Susie Snyder. All women of the church are invited to these meetings.

MISSION & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Operation Christmas Child



Stuffed Animals

April

OFFERING

The total offering for the month of March was **\$8,220.50**. Our operating expenses are approximately **\$9,848.35** each month. Thank you all for continuing to give what you can in an economically difficult time. To continue the work God is doing through LIUMC, tithing can be sent to: LIUMC, PO Box 12, Lehman, PA, 18627 or placed in Joash chest in the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYERS

03/06/22 - Joys: Janet appreciates all the cards, prayers, and news from the church; 12 children will be going to Camp Orchard Hill through the generosity of the church; Over 200 non-perishable and canned goods were collected by the Sunday school; PSU Men's Basketball team; Tim is joining us today and will give his testimony on TV. Concerns: Elena trying to evacuate the Ukraine; Peace where there is unrest; Barbara; Max; Families suffering loss, including the Hoopengardner family; the Ukraine.

03/13/22 - God Moments & Joys: Lent in a Bag touched someone in the community; Timely phone call and note; Little boy enjoying a warm, sunny day after school; Discussing Lent in the classroom while substitute teaching. Concerns: Travelers; Marie; Elena trying to escape the Ukraine and the situation there; Tom and Shirley; Friend; Kyra; Richard; Tim; Beverly and those who mourn; Chris; Matt; Corrine.

03/27/22 - God Moments & Joys: Customers at Wendy's assisting a person who dropped their meal; People assisting a lady with a walker along a busy highway; Robin received a random act of kindness when someone paid for her meal; Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet; Heather's sister and niece and nephew are here. **Concerns:** Families of PA State Troopers killed in Philly and PSP; Rob; Sue and others who are mourning; Tom and Shirley; the Ukraine; New business venture.

03/20/22 - God Moments & Joys: Man who left his van open and crutches out while grocery shopping; Babies are a sign of hope; Pastor Laura's mom is visiting; Cali spent time with cousins and uncle; Stevie; PSU Men's Basketball team thank you; Anna won swimming medals at Nationals; Darwin's daughter had a baby girl. **Concerns:** Elena; Chris; Matt; Brenda; Travelers, particularly John and Stephanie on their way to Japan; Arlene; Stevie; Lauren; Bridget; Tom and Shirley; Bill; Irma; Mary and her daughter.

Ongoing: Alex Savage; Brooklyn; those battling depression; Juliette and other non-believers; Korri & Family; Travelers; Tim Nulton; Shut ins and those who are isolated; Peace and understanding; For Protection of Communities; An end to systemic racism; Families who've been economically affected; Peace in Turbulent times; + Unspokens.

****Please alert our prayer team of new requests: Kendra Cosgrove (570) 675-2024****

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

The following is effective immediately at LIUMC: Masks are recommended but not mandatory at all of our worship services, meetings, and gatherings. In our times together, please continue to practice social distancing. Those who are vulnerable or sick please, for your health and safety, do not attend in-person worship at this time, please choose our Zoom option.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult and Children Sunday school continues on Sundays after worship service, 10:30-11:15 am.

Adult Sunday School:

- We will continue reading 'Adam Hamilton's Confronting The Controversies: Biblical Perspectives On Tough Issues. Reach out to Aimee or Pastor Laura if you would like a copy of the book.

Children's Sunday School

- 4/10 – Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt, see email for details
- 4/17 – No Sunday School this week

UMC CLUSTER / COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

INTENTIONAL DISTRICT PRAYER GATHERINGS - CLERGY AND LAITY

You are invited to join me (Judy) by ZOOM every **Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM** for 20 minutes of intentional prayer with a different focus each week.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89403847197?pwd=VIR5ZzkvWkhtYlhtSytYS1QveFIEUT09>

Meeting ID: 894 0384 7197

Passcode: 752118

SWB DISTRICT LENTEN STUDY - CLERGY AND LAITY

Thursdays: April 7, and 21 (no study April 14), 6:30 to 7:30 PM

PDF Participant guides will be provided by the District.

To register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SWBLentenStudy>

Faithful Lent: Connecting the Practices of Lent and Anti-racism from GCORR

The purpose of this study is to make explicit connections between the traditions of Lent and the work of anti-racism without forcing either one to be what they are not. This study has been created with the faith-filled assumption that when we take seriously our Lenten traditions and what is necessary for the work of anti-racism, we find the two complement each other, not compete. Thus, what results is anti-racism work which emerges faithfully from engaging in authentic and tradition-based Lenten practices. Much of this study is organized along with worship-based categories such as scripture reading, scripture reflection, and prayer.

Week 1: Repentance

Week 2: Release/Give Up

Week 3: Take On/Develop

Week 4: Choosing a Side

Week 5: Give Alms

Week 6: Right Relationships

2022 Summer Camp Staff Openings

The Susquehanna Conference Camp & Retreat Ministry is now hiring for the 2022 Summer Camp Season! We're looking for Lifeguards, Kitchen Assistants, and Program Staff. You can find a list of all of the openings on our website: <https://susumcamps.org/> Interested applicants should complete an application (found on the website) and send it to apply@susumc.org.

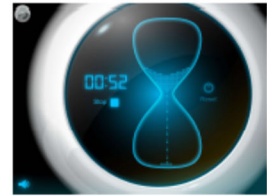
Orange UMC Community Escape Room

Welcome to this year's Orange UMC Community Escape Room sign up page. This is a free event open to anyone who wishes to put their brains to the test and solve a series of puzzles in time to stop the clock. The Room is designed for groups of 6 to 8, but smaller groups have successfully participated. The room is appropriate for all ages. There will be a bake sale to support the confirmation class.

ORANGE UMC COMMUNITY ESCAPE ROOM

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 & SUNDAY, APRIL 24

- ❖ CHRISTIAN THEMED
- ❖ FUN FOR ALL AGES
- ❖ PUZZLE SOLVING
- ❖ TEAM BUILDING
- ❖ PERFECT FOR:
 - ❖ YOUTH GROUPS
 - ❖ CONFIRMATION CLASSES
 - ❖ ADULT GROUPS
 - ❖ FAMILIES
 - ❖ PARTIES



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SOCIAL HALL
2293 WEST EIGHTH STREET
DALLAS, TX 75212

Reservations Required
To Reserve Your One-Hour Time Slot:
www.OrangeEscapeRoom.com

Or For More Information Contact:
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The United Methodist Women as of March 2022 have now changed their name to United Women of Faith. Our new name is part of an overall move to refresh our organization that includes a new look, new feel and new and improved programs. We will be able to nurture our current members while welcoming into our sisterhood new women to put their love in action. The new operating name is also welcoming to women whose local churches may choose to align with another denomination or who are already members of other denominations. We are still the only official women's organization of the United Methodist Church and our corporate name will remain United Methodist Women.



United
Women
in Faith

Scout News!

The Troop participated in the Veterans Day parade in Wilkes-Barre with the Pack, and has been working on several merit badges - Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Emergency Prep, Rail Roading - since late last year. There was also a council merit badge college last weekend that a few of the Scouts were able to attend. We are getting ready for the bridging of the Pack's Arrow of Light Scouts on 4/9, first aid meets after Easter, spring camporee in May and Summer Camp at the Rodney Scout Reservation in MD in June.

Tracey McGurk
Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 241



What a year it has been with our scouts working so hard on their rank achievement. Especially with the challenges that Covid brought to our community, kudos to our scouts and their families for their perseverance in reaching their goals and completing activities safely and diligently. It was quite the mix with fun and learning, and some community projects mixed in. Early in the season, our scouts built birdhouses for the Dallas area municipal authority as a project to help with storm water issues. Later on in the fall, they participated in the Veterans Day parade in Kingston, proudly saluting all of the men and women who have served our country. As it got closer to the holidays, our pack went out into the community and assisted the Salvation Army with the annual kettle collection fund drive at the Edwardsville Price Chopper. We had our annual setup of the Nativity scene, lit up in all its glory, at Lehman Corners for all to see as they drive by.

During the winter months, our indoor meetings were more the center of focus. We had a Toys for Tots toy drive at our November meeting and collected donations of food for a local food pantry. As the winter months unfolded, our scouts worked diligently on different Scout and life skills and activities. Whenever it was possible, we got outdoors for hikes and outdoor gatherings to appreciate the Great Outdoors and to keep our scouts active and healthy.

Now that spring has sprung, we started the nicer weather time frame with our ever-exciting annual Pinewood Derby last month - Anders Runquist was the overall winner and Edward Johnson (pictured) had the fan-favorite car. We are now preparing for our Blue and Gold dinner and awards celebration. This is to celebrate our Cub Scouts who have completed the program and are ready to cross over into the Boy Scout troop to continue their journey of learning so many different things and having fun with a purpose. It also showcases the achievements and advancements of the Cubs who have not yet reached that milestone.

In the next few months, we will be putting together our summer program for our younger continuing scouts. This will include a summer camp program with a location to be discussed and agreed upon with our Scout families shortly after the school year comes to a close. In addition to camping, we will be continuing our program steadily throughout the summer with two to three events a month including hikes, educational and fun field trips, and smaller scale campouts. The highlight of our summer is our annual picnic and camp out at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds.

While it sounds far in the future, blink and it will be the beginning of the school season and the start of our new scouting year. We're looking forward to the good word about all that we are and all that we are doing and hoping more children will be interested in joining our scouting family to help us all go and grow. It has been so exciting to give you a better idea of what we have been doing! All the best to you.

Donna Kocher
Pack 241 Committee Chair





Churches for the week of April 3 - 9

Balls Mills UMC, Cogan Station
***CrossPoint UMC**, Harrisburg
*** Maboleh UMC, Maboleh - Sierra Leone**
Meshoppen UMC, Meshoppen
Spry UMC, York
Wells Valley UMC, Three Springs
Evansville UMC, Berwick
Dorranceton UMC, Kingston
Bendersville UMC, Bendersville
Maple Hill UMC, Montgomery
Osceola Mills UMC, Osceola Mills
Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center, Windsor, NY

Churches for the week of April 10 - 16

Greenburr Trinity UMC, Loganton
Faith UMC, Wapwallopen
Osceola UMC, Osceola
Trucksville UMC, Trucksville
Mount Union UMC, Fayetteville
Janesville UMC, Smithmill
Ross UMC, Warriors Mark
St. John's UMC, McAlisterville
New Buffalo UMC, New Buffalo
Warrensville UMC, Williamsport

Churches for the week of April 17 - 23

St. Paul's UMC, Liberty Twp
***Elm Park UMC**, Scranton
*** Mattru Jong UMC, Mattru Jong - Sierra Leone**
Water's Edge UMC, Wrightsville
Newton Hamilton UMC, Newton Hamilton
Waller UMC, Benton
Sprucetown UMC, Spring Mills
Cross Roads UMC, Cross Roads
Trinity UMC, Walnut Bottom
Hemlock UMC, Muncy Valley
Bethany UMC, Milton
Camp Penn Camp & Retreat Center, Waynesboro

Churches for the week of April 24 - 30

Reward UMC, Millerstown
Curtin UMC, Howard
Bedford UMC, Bedford
***Stewartstown UMC**, Stewartstown
***Lowoma UMC, Lowoma - Sierra Leone**
First UMC, Williamsport
Calvary UMC, Berwick (Extended)
Hebron UMC, Millersburg
Trinity UMC, Roaring Spring
Faith UMC, Waynesboro
Chinchilla UMC, South Abington Township



IT'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME AGAIN!



Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church is once again offering an opportunity to apply for the Lehman-Idetown United Methodist Church Educational Scholarship. Following is an outline for applying:

- Letters will be on hand at the church for eligible high school seniors.
- Eligible high school seniors are those who have previously joined Lehman-Idetown UMC.
- Completed resumes/applications will be sent to **Lehman-Idetown UMC Scholarship Committee PO Box 12 Lehman PA 18627.**
- Applications due back by **May 1** each year. The committee will review the applications and decide on the scholarship recipients. All applicants should attend Graduate Sunday (**the first Sunday in June**), and the winner will be announced during that service.
- It will be reviewed annually whether or not to open that year's scholarship eligibility to college students who had applied in previous years.

The Scholarship Fund was established in 2010, after the long standing Nuss Education Fund ended. So far, we have awarded scholarship money to 29 students, beginning in 1999.

Jeremiah 29:11 tells us, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

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OF THE BACK MOUNTAIN CLUSTER,

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OF THE NORTHEAST JURISDICTION,

OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,

OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL.

CONNECT WITH US! Visit us at LIUMC.net or on our Facebook page (@Lehman.Idetown)
Miss a Sunday Service? Sermons will be uploaded to our website & Facebook page.

Want to join us? Please come check us out at 9:30 on Sundays, in-person or via Zoom. Link to service can be found on our Facebook page.

What's Happening? Our calendar of events can be found on our website and Facebook page. Dates subject to change.

Stay Connected? Send us your email or mailing address and we will include you our 'happenings'.

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