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Two Paths

"Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm." (Proverbs 13:20)

As you journey through the wilderness this Lent, who are your traveling companions? Are you going it alone, meeting folks along the way, or did you set out with someone beside you? Those we choose to accompany us can be help or hindrance. If we have chosen wisely, our companions will cheer us up when our spirits are low and will encourage us to keep on keeping on when we feel like giving up. More importantly, when we begin to lose our way and try to turn off the path, our companions will redirect our steps, keeping us straight and true.

However, if we have chosen poorly, our companions will watch us fall and then walk away with our provisions while we lie there. They will mock us when our spirits are flagging and quickly tell us to turn back or take the wrong turn at Albuquerque.

Those traveling alone might be thinking, "I don't have to worry about any of that! I don't have to share my rations. I don't have to worry about someone else slowing me down or telling bad jokes or making fun of me when I sing off key to break up the boredom. Wait! What boredom? I'm the best company I could ask for!" I offer this piece of wisdom from a "Teacher," *"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help...And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken."* (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12)



A journey in the wilderness is an opportunity to find out who you are, what you are made of. Your traveling companions can help you on that journey, or hinder you. Choose wisely so that the path you take leads to an empty tomb and a day of rejoicing.

God's Blessings,

Pastor Laura

PS. Ecclesiastes can be rendered as "Preacher" or "Teacher"!

PPS. For those who may be too young to remember, Bugs Bunny often "took the wrong turn at Albuquerque"!



We are re-open for in person worship Sunday, March 7, at 9:30am. Masks are required, social distancing is being observed. Worship will continue via ZOOM as well (see email chain or Facebook for the call-in number or the link). Sermons are recorded (usually) and uploaded to LIUMC.net and our FB page.

We ask that you please stay home and join us via Zoom for worship, if you are not feeling well or if weather is a factor.

OFFERING

The total offering for the month of February was \$6,381.00. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are all aligned that we will remain virtual in March and will make the decision about April around mid-March based on the COVID situation at that time. Based on how well they have gone so far, I'll plan for us to continue dropping off curriculum and having the weekly virtual connects with the kiddos where we take turns leading. Kendy and Susie- In a week or two I'll send out a note for us to pick March weeks.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Continues to meet at 10:45 am (following worship) in the sanctuary and via Zoom; it is the same link used for worship service. Join us!!

New Address – Janet Eddy has moved in with her daughter, updated information is below: Janet Eddy - 306 Chastain Court, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. Phone #843-299-0565

Sending a big **THANK YOU** to our Althea Clark for tirelessly completing the Church Audit for Conference, her services are offered as an in-kind donation.

The Step by Step concert scheduled for Monday, March 8th, has been canceled. The next concert will be on Monday, April 12th at 7:00 PM at the Shavertown UM church. It will be in-person as well as on the Shavertown UM church's YouTube channel.

****We will be preparing Easter bags for the women of Graniteville Recovery House.** Clear bags will be in the bin in front of the church. If you are interested please select one, fill it, and return it by the end of March.

****The Sunday School children will be collecting boxes of cereal as a mission and activity** and will be collected through the end of March.

****For either of these missions, if you would like to participate but rather not shop for items, please contact Kristi Lyons at 570-262-0382 who will purchase cereal at \$1 a box or Easter bags for \$5.**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

7-Janet Eddy	9- Sonny Smith	10- Elliot Ide	15 -Izzy Duffy
29-Jean Lipski	31- Bob VanGorder	31-Shirley Smith	31-Allen Guiney

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February 28, 2021:

Concerns: Ashley; Diane; Chris; Laliana; Alice; Shannon; Jason; Judy Dawe; Andy Josueweit & Jennifer Perron

February 21, 2021:

Joys: Diane is with us today; the sun is shining; Anna did well in a swim meet and her grandparents could watch. **Concerns:** Alice; Carol; Marty; Those dealing with food insecurity; Julie; Families of Nancy, Babette, and Lorraine.

Ongoing:

Baby Kylee; Korri & Family; Tim Nulton; Travelers; Shut ins and those who are isolated; Peace and understanding; For protection of communities and people of color; An end to systemic racism; Families who've been economically affected; Peace in Turbulent times; + Unspokens

Circle of Prayer:

March 7 - 13 Faith Community UMC, Granville Summit; St. Paul's UMC, Lewisburg; Mount Joy UMC, Clearfield; Christ UMC, Waynesboro; Dunnstown UMC, Lock Haven; *First UMC, McClure; *Albert Margai Memorial UMC, Gbambatoke - Sierra Leone; Nisbet UMC, Williamsport; Fishburn UMC, Hershey; Cortez UMC, Jefferson Township; Mount Victory UMC, Gardners

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

Upcoming Events

See Upcoming Emails / Website / Facebook for details
All subject to change

March 7, 2021	3 rd Sunday in Lent The Message of the Old Rugged Cross Communion
March 14, 2021	4 th Sunday in Lent Jesus, the Light of the World
March 21, 2021	5 th Sunday in Lent Jesus, the Bread of Life
March 28, 2021	Palm/Passion Sunday Holy Week Begins
April 1, 2021	Maundy Thursday Stripped Down to the Bare Essentials Stripping of the Altar/Communion
April 2, 2021	Good Friday Church opened for prayer
April 4, 2021 EASTER SUNDAY Communion with both	Sunrise Service Life of Peter in 2 Parts Regular Service
April 11, 2021	Holy Humor Sunday

Noah's Ark Word Search

A D D B J H E S Y S P T D L T
N O L V H V Z E U R A O G N O
I V I L I P I C O P O V A I W
M E U L C J C M C L P N E Q T
A R B K V N I B F I E L R D K
L D E F P S T X Y V K W I V Z
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O B E D I E N T T C U H I Z G

animals	land
build	obedient
covenant	promise
criticize	rainbow
dove	raven
evil	saved
flood	supplies
good	two

