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Looking Ahead

Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25 - Lent Study 11am

Mar. 7 - Spring Craft Show, 10am-3pm

Mar. 13 - Kids Club, 6-8pm

Mar. 14 - Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 8am

Mar. 15 - Gathering with Bishop Steiner-Ball, 3-5pm

Mar. 21 - Connections for Women, 9am

Mar. 27-29 - "Good as New" Used Book Sale

Mar. 23 - *MUM Messenger* articles deadline

Mar. 29 - Palm Sunday

Mar. 30 - *MUM Messenger* Mailed



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NOTES TO NOTE

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Spring Craft Show

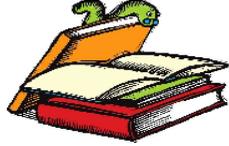
Saturday, March 7 2026 | 10 AM - 3 PM

Assortment of crafters and vendors
CONCESSIONS available out of the kitchen

Contact info:
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UMCOR SUNDAY UMCOR Sunday, a Special Offering Sunday of the U. Methodist Church will be **March 15**. On this day, we support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) the disaster response and humanitarian relief agency of our church. When people face crisis - whether from natural disaster, conflict, or hunger -UMCOR is there to help. But that kind of response doesn't just happen. It requires trained staff, reliable systems, and the ability to act quickly and compassionately. By covering UMCOR's administrative costs, this Special Sunday makes sure the Church is equipped to respond whenever and wherever help is needed - without delay. When we support UMCOR Sunday, we're not just reacting to emergencies. We're making it possible for the Church to be a consistent, trusted presence in moments of urgent need.

"Good as New" Used Book Sale



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\$10 Bag Sale

Friday, March 27
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 28
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 29
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

"Gently used" books and complete puzzles may be dropped off in the church Library beginning on March 1. Bags of books may be put on the empty shelves and heavy boxes may be put on the floor. THANKS!



Sunday Schedule

8:45 am Seekers Adult Class
10:00 am Worship Service in the Sanctuary & Online
Sunday School Ages 3-12th grade (following Children's Sermon)



Grounding ourselves in the good news this Lent

Lenten Study with Rev Kelly
Every Wednesday at 11am

Lenten Study with Rev. Kelly Wednesdays. 11 am

Join Rev. Kelly as we reflect using scripture, artwork (Visio Divina), music, Lectio Divina, and personal stories. There is something for everyone as we learn and grow together. We will meet every Wednesday during Lent (as listed below) at 11 am beginning on February 25. Each class will last about 75-90 minutes.

February 25, March 4, March 11,
March 18, March 25, April 1

Gathering with Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball: Clergy & Laity Invited At MUM March 15, 3-5 pm

Join Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball for one of six gatherings taking place across the WPA Conference. These meetings will bring clergy and laity together to share updates on how we continue moving forward as a people empowered by God's Spirit. Each gathering will begin with scripture and spiritual centering, followed by updates on vision, Conference staffing and restructuring, and the ministry and mission that have continued since Annual Conference. **Please attend the gathering at MUM or wherever works best for you. Register at the link below.** The dates and times were selected to accommodate laity who work full-time and bi-vocational pastors. Here are the remaining dates & locations:

- Saturday, March 14 – 3:00-5:00 PM at Edinboro UMC (113 High Street, Edinboro)
- **Sunday, March 15 – 3:00-5:00 PM at Monroeville UMC (219 Center Road)**
- Monday, March 16 – 6:30-8:30 PM at Trinity UMC McMurray (530 Center Church Rd, McMurray)
- Thursday, March 19 – 6:00-8:00 PM at Warren Grace UMC (501 Pennsylvania Avenue East, Warren)

Please **register using this link** so we can prepare appropriately and communicate any schedule updates. Bishop Sandra looks forward to being with you and celebrating how God's power is at work among us as we **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously**.

Since the Conference will be doing a major restructuring of districts this year, we have included a link with an overview, proposed new district areas, what our area will include, and some FAQs that you may want to look at: <https://www.wpaumc.org/2026-district-restructuring>.

REACHING OUT



MUM Cares for March will focus on spring cleaning supplies for two reasons - 1. Most of us are so ready for spring and 2. These items are not provided by food banks or through assistance. Cleaning supplies for windows, wood, floors, showers, multi-purpose, dish detergents, etc. are always appreciated. Thank you for your extreme generosity every month!



Spring Fruit Bags - Our Outreach Ministry is supplying “spring” bags of fruit to give to each of the approximately 90 clients at Garden City Pantry on Thursday, March 12 (9-11 am & 6-7 pm). We are having our Sunday School kids, as well as some other people, decorate bags with a spring theme. We will fill the bags with pieces of fruit (either Tuesday, March 10 at MUM in the evening or Wednesday, March 11 at Garden City in the morning). On Wednesday, 3/11, we will set up tables at Garden City and arrange the bags of fruit for the

Thursday distribution. Then on Thursday, we will have a couple of people hand them out at each distribution. If you would like to reach out to help us help others at any of those times, please let David Baker know and he can find a spot for you. This is a great chance to visit the pantry that we give so much to, and to learn more!



Our traditional Easter Offering has been designated by our Outreach Ministry to be given to two local organizations:

The United Methodist Church Union, www.churchunion.org, which provides a variety of services in the Pittsburgh area, such as low-cost senior housing, a feeding program for those in need, and children's programs. A year ago

a fire destroyed The Learning Hub - an after-school and summer program serving children of Northview Heights. Kidcelerate serves more than 400 children with tutoring, field trips, arts education and meals. Programs have continued in temporary spaces and they are breaking ground this year to build a new facility. The facility will be much larger and provide more opportunities, so donations will help meet needs that insurance won't cover.

Casa San José, <https://casasanjose.org/en/>, which connects, supports, and advocates for the Latino Community in Pittsburgh. They help provide support for the community through connections to social services, health and wellness, youth programs, education & professional development, and community organizing. They will also be launching a new community center this year.

The Easter Offering consists of donations in Easter Offering envelopes, offerings clearly noted as being for the Easter Offering on your check and envelope, or offerings donated through our online giving that are designated **for Easter**.



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

Seekers Adult Classes

Sundays at 8:45 am in the Church Parlor

Mondays at 7:00 pm on ZOOM

The current book is *How Did I Get to be 70 When I'm 35 Inside?* by Linda Douty. Beginning in March, will be *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*, by John Shelby Spong. If you want to join the discussion, please contact Leslie Thorsen for a book, Zoom link or information at 412-372-7474 or FinancialSec@MonrovilleUMC.org.

Men's Breakfast/Bible Study is the second Saturday of the month at 8 am. The group meets in-person for breakfast (\$7) and on Zoom. Rev. Kelly leads the Bible Study. The next meeting will be **Saturday, March 14 at 8 am**. Please email Kevin Whitfield at kevinawhitfield@msn.com to RSVP.

Connections for Women meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9 am. ALL WOMEN are invited to come! There will be a program and time to connect with each other. Please bring your own mug for coffee or tea. The next meeting is **Saturday, March 21 at 9 am** in Fellowship Hall.

KIDS & YOUTH



Youth (6th-12th grade) join us for Sunday School downstairs in the Youth Room following the Children's Sermon at worship.