



BEAVER BLESSINGS

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Sunday Morning Worship Service - 11:00 am

From Pastor Sue's Desk:

This essay came from Rotary International, an organization I fully support. I have been a Rotarian since 2009, and in so many ways the values of Rotary are in sync with those of the UMC.

EARTH DAY, THE LORAX, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Since the inception of Earth Day in 1970, environmentally conscious world citizens have commemorated each April 22 by reviewing past progress in improving conditions, validating the present status of change initiatives, and committing to the achievement of a more equitable sharing of resources in the future. A major component of this drive for equity is the concept of "environmental justice" defined as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. This goal will be achieved when, first, everyone enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards, and second, equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work.

In 2023, The US Environmental Protection Agency authorized 100 million dollars in Environmental Justice Grants to help underserved and overburdened communities across the country. Historically, societies of higher income have used economic leverage to exploit the resources of disadvantaged areas and cultures in ways such as forcing production of a cash crop or commodity at the expense of the lower income area's basic needs for food and housing, forcing exploitation of mineral resources for profit with little or no regard for the long term environmental impact on the region, and forcing resettlement of populations to permit unrestrained exploitation of timber, water, and mineral resources. Clearly, such practices are not equitable, do not include all involved parties in the decision making, economic benefits, and sustainability of the activity, and discourage diversity by benefiting only the privileged elite.

Where should we as Rotarians stand on achieving environmental justice? The Core Value of DEI coupled with the Area of Focus on Protecting the Environment leads us to seek to be "Fair to All Concerned." Our involvement in Rotary Action Groups and Global Grants leads us to partner with other areas and diverse communities to develop viable, sustainable solutions to reverse past inequitable practices. Our motto of "Service Above Self" should drive us to press on for the greater good. People of Action can and will bring about a positive outcome.

As we commemorate Earth Day this April 22, we should remember “The Lorax,” Dr. Suess’s 1971 children’s book with a deep environmental message for all ages. The Lorax declares “I speak for the trees” in the face of a profit driven society’s lust to clear cut the forest of Truffular trees to produce a consumer product. The Lorax’s warning is ignored, and utter devastation and environmental disaster are the results. However, the book ends on a **hopeful** note- responsible people taking responsible action can reverse the negative outcome. “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.” As a Rotarian, will you “speak for the trees?” Be the voice for those who are not heard. *Imagine* how Rotary can bring about a better world.

Pastor Sue here. I would ask the same question of all of us, as Christians who affirm that God created and then called it GOOD. We need to work together with others to heal the world and make it a healthy, safe place for all of God’s children and every creature that lives here.



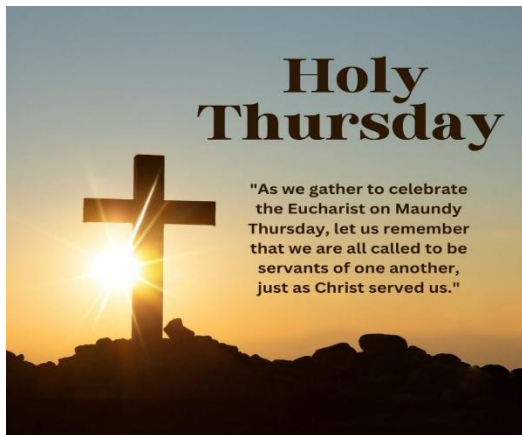
Pink Moon April 1st, 2026



This Moon heralded the appearance of the “Moss pink” (*Phlox subulate*), also called wild ground phlox or creeping phlox one of the first spring wildflowers.



BEAVER MINISTRIES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



Holy Thursday Worship

Thursday April 2nd from 7-8PM

at The First Baptist Church

51 S. 3rd Street Lewisburg, PA 17837

Good Friday Worship

Friday April 3rd from 7-8PM

At Beaver Memorial UMC



Watering Hole at Lewisburg Arts Festival Sat. Apr. 25**A Festive Fundraiser (Seuss-Style!)**

Oh, the festival's coming! It's almost here fast!
The Lewisburg Arts Fest is a wonderful blast!
And once more with St. Paul's, we're joining the cheer,
To help Beacon Free Shop—our mission so dear!

We'll set up a tent in the bright morning sun,
With water and soda and coffee—oh fun!
But this kind of magic takes helpers galore,
So we're calling for YOU—yes, you we implore!

Can you bring some drinks? A bottle or two?
Or coffee or coolers (we'll gladly take a few!)
Can you rise with the sun at six—maybe before?
To help set things up for the crowd we adore?

Perhaps just an hour is all you can spare,
To smile at the booth and be cheerfully there!
Or stay till the end, when the day's nearly done,
To tidy things up after all of the fun!

Bring donations by Thursday the 23rd, please,
Label "Watering Hole" so we sort them with ease.
And sign-up sheets wait on the table out front,
(No tricks, no traps, and absolutely no stunt!)

If you have questions, don't fret or delay,
Ask Nick Persing—he'll show you the way!

So come one, come all—let's make a big splash,
With kindness and joy (and maybe some cash!).
Together we'll help, together we'll care,
For Beacon Free Shop—and the love that we share!

Northern Wilds District - Mission Central Item Collection

Each district in the Susquehanna Conference is asked to bring specific items for Kits that are distributed by Mission Central. Our district items are **bars of soap** and **nail clippers** (new only please). Please put all donations in the bin at the front of the sanctuary. We will collect them through May 31st.

Beacon Free Shop

The March Beacon shop distribution was another great day! We served 94 households representing 242 individuals. Six of the households were new to Beacon and we gave out 834 items.

Some of our volunteers were unable to help because of illness, but those who were here pitched in and made it work! In case you're wondering, it takes 16-18 volunteers every month to help our distributions run smoothly. Thanks to everyone who helped in March and to those who have helped in the past. Our volunteers are the best!!

And a big shout out to Nick Persing who spotted a really great bargain on laundry detergent at Giant. We were able to save over \$250 dollars on 90 bottles of detergent! Our most expensive item that we distribute is laundry detergent, so thanks again, Nick!

Our next Beacon Shop will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 10am to noon.

“Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.” Maya Angelou

Busy Beaver

Busy Beaver is surely hoping for some spring weather to come our way this month! The kids were really excited to get outside with some of the mild days we have had so far this year! This month we will be celebrating Easter and having our annual egg hunt on April 1st! Weather permitting the event usually takes place outside during daycare hours! We will follow with an Easter treat for all.

The Gertrude Hawk fundraiser was a huge success! We will hopefully have a total profit for that soon! This spring we hope to revamp the playground equipment! We plan to purchase sturdier equipment which will hopefully last much longer.

We began advertising for our summer school age camp and so far, the pre-enrollment sheets have been coming in nicely! Summer camp will begin on June 1st and run through August 24th! There are lots of fun activities planned including bowling, Reptile Land, trips to the movie theater, Sweet Frog, The Lewisburg Children's Museum, and much more! For more information or to reserve your child's spot, email Charlene today: director.bbdcc@beavermethodist.

United Youth Group

For April we are slowing down a little for UYG. Please enjoy Easter with your families. On April 12th there is a picnic at Faith Lutheran church in Lewisburg put on by the Lutheran Synod Youth Team. We will have yard games and food. It will run from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. On Saturday, April 18th we are scheduled to help at the Beacon Shop at Beaver UM. Please arrive by 9:30 am. Then on Sunday, April 26th we will have one more Road Trip Bible Study session. We will be meeting at St. Paul's UM at 6:30 pm.

In May we are having a retreat at Camp Mount Luther. It is Friday the 1st through Saturday the 2nd from 6:00 pm to 4:00 pm. If you are planning on attending, please let Charlene know so proper plans can be made, and supplies can be purchased. Also, in May we will be holding a road clean up session on May 9th from 10 am to 1 pm. Meet at Christ's Lutheran. We will end this school year with a year-end celebration luncheon at Christ's Lutheran on Sunday May 17 at 12:30 pm.

Conversations that Matter: End of Life Care with Comfort, Dignity and Choice at WellSpan Evangelical Community Hospital Apr. 6th, 2026, 4-6PM

Please Join us at the Public Library for Union County (255 Reitz Blvd.) to listen to a panel discussion designed to bring together local agencies supporting end-of-life care. This panel gives the community the opportunity to ask questions and gain insight into how our community can support those and their families at the end-of-life. Please Call the UDS Resource Center at 888-837-4235 to RSVP by March 30th, 2026

Panel Representatives From:

WellSpan Hospice

United Disabilities

Union-Snyder Agency on Aging

Marshall, Parker & Weber Elder Law

Home Instead

Grenoble Funeral Home

EverTrue Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village

Oak Glen Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center

Heritage Springs Memory Care

Together Through Loss: Grief Support Group

This is a compassionate grief support group dedicated to helping individuals navigate the pain of losing a loved one. It is facilitated by Dominique Schell, MSW, WellSpan Hospice. Through shared experiences, guided conversations, and a supportive community, the group offers a safe space to express emotions, find comfort and be on the healing journey together. Whether the loss is recent or long past, this is a place where no one has to grieve alone. The next monthly meeting is Apr. 29 from 2:30 -4:00 pm. Please RSVP to 570-522-2550 if you plan to attend.

Future Times/Dates: May 27, noon -1:30 pm; June 24m 10:00-11:30 am; July 29, 2:00-3:30 pm; August 26, 9:00-10:30 am; September 30, 2:30-4:00 pm.



April 2nd ~ Nicolette Persing

April 15th ~ Jaydon Persing

April 20th ~ Greory Krouse

April 21st ~ Michael Espinosa

April 24th ~ Baylee Espinosa

April 28th ~ Ryan Gilmore

If you have a Birthday or Anniversary that you would like us to share, please let Tiffany know at 570-524-0809 / office@beavermethodist.org

Greeters

April 3rd -Good Friday- Kathy McKibben, Jennifer Therkilsen-Gebhard

April 5th Heidi Gilmore (Church) Jennifer Therkilsen-Gebhard (Parker)

April 12th Nonie Martin (Parker) Hood & Patty Johnston (Church)

April 19th Christy Brouse (Church) Kerry Shirk (Parker)

April 26th Hood & Patty Johnston (Church) Jan Bender (Parker)

Counters

April 5th Kerry Shirk, Heidi Gilmore, David Deibler-Gorman

April 12th Kathy McKibben, Cheryl Cope, Hood Johnston

April 19th Kerry Shirk, Nancy Nickles, Greg Krouse

April 26th Chuck Root, Brooke Persing, Ruth Shrawder

Readers

April 5th Travis Curry

April 12th Jennifer Therkilsen-Gebhard

April 19th Ruth Shrawder

April 26th David Deibler-Gorman

We Have Convenient Methods of Giving!

Mail checks to Beaver Memorial at 42 S. 3rd St. Lewisburg, 17837
 Drop gifts into our Drop Box outside the office door
 Go to our website: www.beavermethodist.org and click on “Giving “Thank you!”

EVENTS

AT BEAVER MEMORIAL UMC			
Event	Day/Date	Time	Location
New Beginnings Adult Sunday School	Sunday September 21 st	9:30 AM	Parker Building 2 nd floor
Children/Youth Sunday School	Sunday	10:15 AM	St. Paul’s UMC
NA Meeting	Monday	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Leadership Team Meetings	3 rd Tuesday of the month	6:30 PM	Fellowship Hall
Choir Rehearsal	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Choir Room
NA Meeting	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Fellowship Hall
Saturday Night Live AA	Saturday	7:00 PM	Fellowship Hall
Beacon Shop	3 rd Saturday of the month	10:00 AM	Beaver Memorial UMC
IN THE COMMUNITY			
Event	Day/Date	Time	Location
Dinner by the River	1 st & 3 rd Thursdays of the month	5:30 PM	1 st Presbyterian Lewisburg

BMUMC Staff:

Position	Individual	Position	Individual
Office Administrator	Tiffany Heimbach	Treasurer	Shirley Brough
Custodian	Jim Gulden	Beacon Shop Coordinator	Christy Brouse
Choir Director	Brooke Persing	Accompanist	Emily Gao
Busy Beaver Day Care Director	Charlene Reigle	United Youth Group Director	Charlene Rineer
Video Team	Nick Persing, Todd Fogle, Deena Eberhart		
Leadership Team	Martha Root – croot@bucknell.edu Ralph Hibbs – rhibbs@windstream.net Patty Johnston – hoodj1973@ptd.net David Deibler-Gorman – dgorman@windstream.net Heidi Gilmore – heidicgilmore@gmail.com Kathy McKibben – klmckibben@gmail.com Chuck Root – croot@bucknell.edu Nick Persing – persing191983@gmail.com Hannah Diehl – hannahdiehl0707@gmail.com Craig Rodabaugh – rodabaugh.hutchinson@icloud.com Pastor Ethan Shearer – eshearer@susumc.org Rev. Sue Jamison – sjamison@susumc.org		

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