



BEAVER BLESSINGS

MARCH 2026



RECONCILING MINISTRIES NETWORK

"Welcoming all with God's love, serving all in God's name as we all grow in faith together"

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Sunday Morning Worship Service - 11:00 am

From Pastor Sue's Desk:

On Feb. 18 we began the liturgical season of Lent. I share this piece in the hope that it speaks to you as it did to me. Being together in this faith community makes all the difference.

"Living with the Ache" by Kate Bowler (adapted just a bit)

Lent marks the forty days leading up to Easter, mirroring the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness. During Lent, we ask God to show us the world as it is. We begin with the reality of our finitude rubbed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday and the words: "From dust we were made, to dust we shall return." Then, we walk through that reality in a kind of dress rehearsal. It's the downward slope of God, where the whole Church moves together toward the cross. Lent does not rush us toward solutions. It doesn't demand optimism or productivity or a five-step plan for emotional wellness. Lent simply asks us to tell the truth—about who we are, about what hurts, about all that we cannot carry alone. That is why I titled my Lenten theme Living with the Ache, because so many of us are already doing that. The constant drip of bad news. Layered losses. The guilt of continuing on with ordinary life.

I want to say this gently and clearly: if you feel overwhelmed, you are not weak, you are paying attention. It feels hard to grieve without a funeral. We feel a constant low-grade mourning that we carry into meetings and grocery lines. It feels lonely to know so much and still not know what to do. It feels shameful to have a good day when the world is on fire, as if it were a kind of betrayal. It feels scary to think that we're failing at being human, and even scarier to think that we're not. It feels impossible to live with a heart cracked wide open in a world that rewards speed and numbness and dissociation. And yet we must. So, we keep choosing tenderness, even when it costs us something. We keep choosing courage, even when it costs us something. We keep doing the next small, ordinary right thing. We work out our hope like it is a muscle, not a mood. And somehow, this is how we stay human together. Lent is the season made for exactly a moment like this. We know that Easter is coming. But for now, we sit in the ashes of our broken dreams and broken hearts, knowing that God sits here with us. In this season of Lent, we won't rush past the ache. We won't apologize for it. We will learn how to live with it, with enormous hope, together.



DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME MARCH 8TH, 2026

**MORE LIGHT,
 MORE WARMTH, MORE
 HOPE, MORE JOY,
 IT'S WORTH LOSING
 SLEEP OVER,
 IT'S LIGHTER AND WARMER
 EVERY DAY!
 DON'T FORGET TO
 SPRING AHEAD
 SET YOUR
 CLOCKS FORWARD.**



Worm Moon With an Eclipse Tuesday March 3rd



**The Worm Moon Represents
 the softening of the ground
 and the
 return of earthworms,
 signifying the start of spring.
 A Total Lunar Eclipse
 (Blood Moon) occurs on this date,
 creating a reddish, darkened moon.**

BEAVER MINISTRIES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Beacon Free Shop

Cold weather did not keep Beacon Free Shop clients away in February. One hundred and fifteen (115) households were provided with personal hygiene items on February 21, 2026. These households consisted of 272 individuals. Five households were new to the program. Almost 1,000 items were distributed.

Three new volunteers donated time to Beacon. One new volunteer was from St. Paul's, one from Beaver, and another is a client of Beacon who wanted to give back. They are each a welcome addition to an already awesome group of volunteers!

A big thank you to Duane and Jennifer Gebhard for coordinating a \$250 donation from Thrivent. Thrivent also provided T-shirts for the volunteers. Laundry detergent and feminine hygiene items were purchased with this generous gift.

Next Beacon Shop will be held Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 10am to noon.



Beacon Shop Easter Goodie Bag Collection

Pastor Ethan's wife, Beth, is once again organizing Easter Goodie Bags for the Beacon Shop families. She has a goal of 150 bags for this year. They ran out last year.

Needed for 150 Goodie Bags:

- 450 - Fun pencils (not colored pencils, but pencils with fun designs or a topper on them). Each bag should have 3 pencils.
- 150 Small manual pencil sharpeners
- 300 Notepads 3x5 inches (each bag gets 2)

The last Beacon Shop before Easter is Saturday, March 21st and they will be distributed then. We will assemble the Easter Packets on Sunday, March 15th between St. Paul's worship service and Beaver's worship service at 11:00 am. Please put your donations in the tote in the front of the sanctuary. Thank you!

New To You

We had 80 individuals come through our New to You Free Shop in February. Those 80 represented households totaling 183 people. It was one of the busiest days we have had at one of our events so far. As usual, we are now short on linen items. We also have very few kitchen items to offer next time. Please check your cupboards and see if you may have anything you'd like to donate.

We purged a lot of our winter clothing and took it to Haven Ministries. I was not previously aware that they accepted donated clothing, but Cheryl Cope mentioned that in many articles she had read about homeless shelters, their number one request was for socks. We had quite a few, so I called and discovered that they appreciated not only socks, but any clothing. So, at the end of the day, we all packed up my SUV, and I took everything to them a few days later.

Thanks to Chuck Root and David Deibler-Gorman for setting up the tables ahead of time and bringing all the boxes and bags upstairs. This really saves us a lot of time when setting up on Friday afternoons. We were able to both set up and clean up in less than an hour! If you would like to join our volunteer crew, we would be happy to include you. There is always a sign-up in the sanctuary a couple weeks before, or you can contact me to let me know you are coming. 570-713-4659 to call or text, hoodj1973@ptd.net for email.

The next event is May 16th with set-up on May 15th.

Thanks to all who donate or volunteer!

Patty Johnston

Busy Beaver

Busy Beaver is very excited for spring time! Thankfully we had a little mild weather in February and were able to get the kids outside to enjoy the snow.

Our Gertrude Hawk fundraiser items will be delivered the week of March 23rd! We anticipated that we would have another good sale. Also coming up in the month of March is Read Across America Week, March 2-6. We will be looking for some guest readers to come in and read to the children. We have lots of fun and special days planned for the children and staff that week too!

The children are also very excited to set their leprechaun traps to see if they are able to catch a leprechaun on St. Patty's Day. We will also celebrate with some festive green snacks as well! We are beginning to look ahead at summertime as we are getting ready for our 2nd year of Summer Camp. Summer Camp will run from June 1st through August 24th. We are looking to add some more fun field trips to our agenda this year!

Charlene Reigle, Director
 Busy Beaver Daycare Center (570)522-0458

United Youth Group

Sunday, March 1 - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Road Trip Bible Study of MOSES. We will meet at Christ's Lutheran in the youth room.

Sunday, March 8 – 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Open Mic/Talent Show at Milton Lutheran

Mini Mission Monday

March 16 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm – We will be putting together care packages for military persons. We will gather at Christ's Lutheran in room 204-06.

Sunday, March 22 – 6 pm to 8 pm – Movie Night at Beaver Memorial UMC

Sunday, March 29 – 6 pm to 8 pm – Puzzles for an Easter Escape Room at 1st Baptist.

Thanks!
 Charlene Rineer 717-880-2872

**Joint Statement from the Leadership Teams
 Of Beaver Memorial UMC and St. Paul's UMC**

The Leadership Teams of Beaver Memorial and St. Paul's would like to provide an update on the relationship of our two churches. At this time, we intend to continue functioning as a two-point charge with shared pastors; we are not currently pursuing a merger. We celebrate our current combined work and ministry through activities such as Bible Study, kids ministry, Dinner by the River, Beacon Shop, and the Arts Festival Watering Hole. Moving forward, we plan to continue to serve the Lewisburg community through joint ministry.

If you have any questions, reach out to Pastor Ethan, Reverend Sue, or a member of the Leadership Team, whose names are listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Easter Flower orders are now being taken!

You can order Tulips or Daffodils.
 Flowers are \$14. a pot.
 Orders must be in by March 22nd
 Please note who the flowers
 are in memory, in honor or in celebration of.
 If you have any questions,
 please contact Tiffany
 at the office at (570)524-0809
 or office@beavermethodist.org



**HAPPY
 ST. PATRICK'S
 DAY!
 MARCH 17TH**



Soup & Scripture is now being hosted by the Presbyterian Church on Market Street beginning at noon on Wednesdays during Lent.

March 4th - Speaker: Rev. Alice Rauch
 March 11th - Speaker: Rev. John Colatch
 March 18th - Speaker: Rev. Sue Jamison
 March 25th - Speaker: Rev. Kevin Lowe



**St. Paul's Community Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 29th
St. Mary's Park - West Field**

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**Easter Candy Collection**

We are now collecting Easter Candy for our Easter Egg Hunt! We have an image to live up to from Pastor Daniel - get the good stuff!

Do remember that the candy needs to fit inside of a plastic egg. If you would like to donate candy, please bring it to the church office by March 22.

Thank you for your help!

## **Bible Study with Pastor Ethan**

Wednesday's at 1pm at St. Paul's  
Thursday's at 6pm at Beaver



### **Greeters**

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Gregory Krouse (Church) Kerry Shirk (Parker)  
 March 8<sup>th</sup> - Hood & Patty Johnston (Parker) Kathy McKibben (Church)  
 March 15<sup>th</sup> - Nonie Martin (Parker) Cheryl Cope (Church)  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Gregory Krouse (Parker) Hood & Patty Johnston (Church)  
 March 29<sup>th</sup> - Kathy McKibben (Church) Jan Field (Parker)

### **Counters**

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Kerry Shirk, Ruth Shrawder, David Deibler-Gorman  
 March 8<sup>th</sup> - Kathy McKibben, Cheryl Cope, Hood Johnston  
 March 15<sup>th</sup> - Chuck Root, Kerry Shirk, Brett Emigh  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Kerry Shirk, Heidi Gilmore, Chuck Root  
 March 29<sup>th</sup> - Christy Brouse, Greg Kouse, Brooke Persing

### **Readers**

March 1<sup>st</sup> - Cynthia Hutchinson  
 March 8<sup>th</sup> - Kathy McKibben  
 March 15<sup>th</sup> - Peggy Baumgartner  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Heidi Gilmore  
 March 29<sup>th</sup> - TBA

No Birthday's or Anniversary's to share this month, 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](mailto:office@beavermethodist.org)

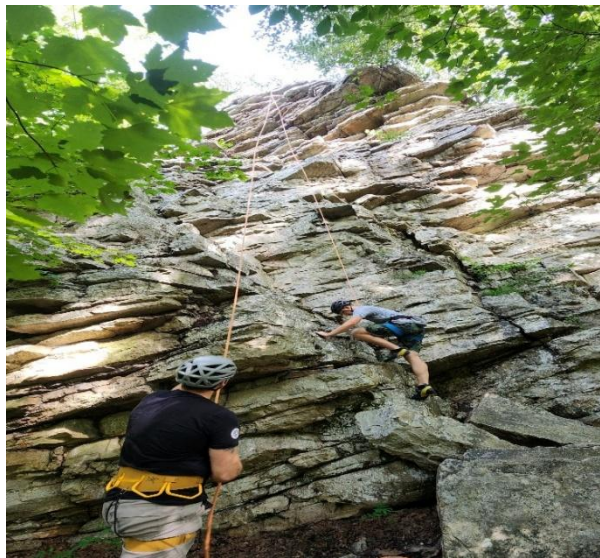
## Camp & Retreat Ministry, Susquehanna Conference UMC



### 10 Reasons Families Choose Our Camps!

- 1. Deeply Rooted Relationships:** Our small group format allows campers to build lasting relationships with their peers and trusted counselors.
- 2. Financial Accessibility:** We believe camp is for everyone! Our "no-added-cost" model ensures equality across all programs, and our robust Campership (scholarship) funds ensure that financial barriers never stand in the way of the camp experience.
- 3. An Inclusive Faith:** As a United Methodist Ministry, we celebrate God's grace as a gift for *all* people. We honor the sacred worth of every individual, striving to create a Christ-centered community where everyone -regardless of background or identity- is welcomed, loved, and invited to grow.
- 4. A Place that Feels Like Home:** For many, camp is the place they truly feel at home. From one of our campers: *"I never thought I'd have a 'found family.' Camp has given me so much joy and people I love just as much as my real family."*
- 5. Connections for Life:** The camp experience doesn't end at check-out. Our campers join a multi-generational network of alumni, forming bonds and support systems that last a lifetime.
- 6. Vetted Role Models:** Safety and inspiration go hand-in-hand. Our staff and volunteers undergo thorough background checks and training to ensure your child has a diverse group of reliable, high-quality leaders.

## ***Camp Penn Waynesboro, PA 17268***



**7. Proximity:** Located just outside of Waynesboro PA, Camp Penn offers wilderness experiences of Michaux State Forest that remain easily accessible for local families and day-camp programs.

**8. Adventure Trips:** From our local 'Adrenaline H12' high-adventure camp sessions to our 'CP Adventures!' trips, we go big. This year, we're heading to Alaska, West Virginia, and the Everglades - offering life changing travel at an accessible price point for your child.

## ***Wesley Forest Weikert, PA 17885***

**9. Nature Inspired:** Located on 450 acres of pristine wilderness, Wesley Forest leans into adventure in the wild. From swimming and boating in our lake, to our 8 miles of hiking trails, to star studies and creek stomps, nature is our playground.

**10. Classic Camp, Modern Impact:** We take the best of the traditional camp experience and infuse it with a modern focus on belonging. At Wesley Forest, the activities are the bridge, but the community is the destination. It's more than a week away, it's a culture of kindness and a "home away from home" that campers return to year after year.



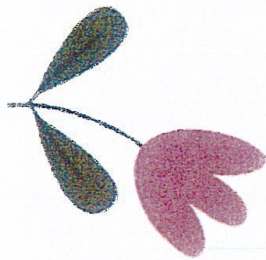
## **Susquehanna Church Camp Registration Is Now Open!**

**Go to [www.suscrm.org](http://www.suscrm.org)**

If you would like to help children/youth pay for camp, you can make a donation to Beaver's Camp Scholarship fund. Checks can be made out to BMUMC with Camp Scholarship in the memo line. Cash gifts need to have a note indicating it is for Camp Scholarships.



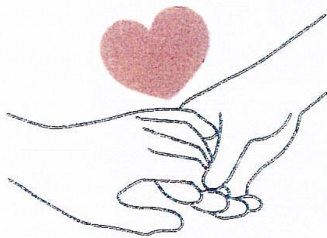
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FOR A LIGHT  
LUNCHEON  
AS WE CELEBRATE



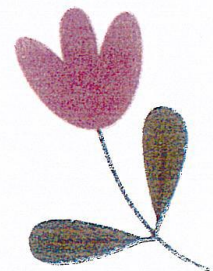
# WOMEN'S OUTREACH WORKS



MARCH | 24 | AT 12:30 PM



MESSIAH FELLOWSHIP HALL  
308 MARKET ST  
NEW BERLIN



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
MIRIAM MILBRAND  
570 490 3403



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 Drop gifts into our Drop Box outside the office door  
 Go to our website: [www.beavermethodist.org](http://www.beavermethodist.org) and click on “Giving “Thank you!”

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**EVENTS**

| AT BEAVER MEMORIAL UMC             |                                                          |          |                                        |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------|
| Event                              | Day/Date                                                 | Time     | Location                               |
| New Beginnings Adult Sunday School | Sunday September 21 <sup>st</sup>                        | 9:30 AM  | Parker Building 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor  |
| Children/Youth Sunday School       | Sunday                                                   | 10:00 AM | St. Paul’s UMC                         |
| NA Meeting                         | Monday                                                   | 7:00 PM  | Fellowship Hall                        |
| Leadership Team Meetings           | 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month                    | 10:00 AM | Beaver Memorial UMC                    |
| IN THE COMMUNITY                   |                                                          |          |                                        |
| Event                              | Day/Date                                                 | Time     | Location                               |
| Dinner by the River                | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month | 5:30 PM  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Lewisburg |

**BMUMC Staff:**

| Position                      | Individual                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Position                    | Individual      |
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| 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                             |                 |
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