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**March 2024**

### **Pastor's Pen**

Dear Church Family and Friends

As many of you have heard by now, I am being appointed to a new church starting in July of this year. Over the last few weeks I have seen and felt how sad many of you are. I have seen and felt just how much many of you will miss me. You all have shared your feelings with me, your sadness, your anger, your disappointment and confusion. I think this is a good time to share my feelings with you all.

I am so sad to be leaving our church. You all have loved me so much over the last 4 years. You have fed me, accepted me, forgiven me, had fun with me, and helped me to grow so much as a pastor and as a person. I've already cried several times thinking about leaving you all. I will miss you all so much.

But I am also feeling something else besides sadness. That is hope. Hope for you all to be a healthy and thriving church and family in Christ. We're already on the way to that together. I have done plenty to help you all grow. These past 4 years have been years of rebuilding, of putting things back together, of growing as a family together, of growing closer to Christ together. Now it is time for you to take your growth, and health, and direction as a church into your own hands. I feel much like a parent sending their child off to school for the first time. Will I miss you all? Of course I will. Will you always hold a special place in my heart? Always, because you will always be my first precious church. But at some point the parent needs to send their child off to school, and this will help both the parent and child grow. I'm not thrilled about the timing of it, same as you. But perhaps this is God's timing, rather than human timing. And I can't wait to hear how you all grow from here.

In this time, I am reminded of the words of Jesus: 18 "I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. 19 Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too." (John 14:18-19). Jesus' disciples too were sad when he went away, not that I have been anywhere as amazing as Jesus. But when Jesus was leaving, he promised his disciples they wouldn't be alone. He would be with them still through the Holy Spirit. He wouldn't leave them as orphans. It is the same for all of you. The lessons of Jesus you have learned from me, and my love for all of you will still be with you through the Holy Spirit, who reminds us of Jesus' teachings, and connects the family of God. Even though I am not with you, God will still be with you. God will still be at work in this place, helping you to grow like children growing up. God will be at work through your new pastor. God will be at work through our church leadership. And most of all, God will work through and in each and every one of you. Now's the time to be ministers of God to each other and our whole community, all our neighbors.

Easter is at the end of this month. Easter means new beginnings and new life in Jesus Christ. We say that we die with Christ and live in Christ. The pain of the past, our self-centeredness dies, our old identities apart from Jesus fade away. And we find new life in Jesus time and time again. It is time to find new life in Jesus after facing hardship and death and change. I have no doubt God is resurrecting you all to a beautiful new walk with God. And I can't wait to hear all about it.

I love you all,  
Pastor Graham

# Lectioary

## 03—March

### 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalms 19 (UMH750)  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

## 10—March

### 4th Sunday in Lent

#### UMCOR Sunday (offering)

Numbers 21:4-9  
Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830)  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
John 3:14-21

## 17—March

### 5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalms 51:1-12 (UMH 785)  
Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:20-33

## 24—March

### Passion/Palm Sunday

#### Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1-11  
Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)

## Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4-9  
Psalms 31:9-16 (UMH 764)  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

## 25—March

### Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalms 36:5-11 (UMH 771)  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
John 12:1-11

## 26—March

### Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalms 71:1-14 (UMH 794)  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
John 12:20-36

## 27—March

### Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalms 70 (UMH 793)  
Hebrews 12:1-3  
John 13:21-32

## 28—March

### Thursday of Holy Week

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14  
Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837)  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 12:1-17, 31b-35

## 29—March

### Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53, 12  
Psalms 22 (UMH 752)  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1-19:42

## 30—March

### Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14  
Psalms 31:1-4, 15-16 (UMH 764)  
1 Peter 4:1-8  
Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

## 31—March

### Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

## Valley Interfaith Council Prayer List

Please pray for the following in your daily devotions.

Kayla Baucum, Edee Boyer, Kaylee Barbush, June Blamey, Joanne Mumie, Irene and Robert Burger Family, Pastor Tom Cvammen, Arty Deis, Ron Eckrote, Mike Fellin, Pat Ferrari, Jennifer Flores, Food Pantry Families, Barbara Gavel, Irene Healey, Ron Hofmann, Theresa Howley, Kelly Family, Mary and Robert Kisansky, Rose Luethy, Mark and Theresa Marinock, Cristina and David Matthey, Kim Murphy, Carl Roberts, Danny Sampson, Carol Siewell, Maureen Susa, Valerie Sutton, Jacqueline Walker, Marie Waschko, all cancer and COVID patients, our military personnel, as well as leaders of our country, the Russia/Ukraine situation, families of addicts, War in Isreal/Gaza, Mary Nora Wallace, Melody, a 9 year old, Jay Wetzel, Edie Larsen, Madelyn Lawson, Fred Polmounter, Larry Generose, Kyle, Don Zufall, Edie Larsen, Madelyn Lawson, Mary Nora Wallace, Jim Fisher, Henry Parks, Amy Kock Bergstrom, Tarone Veglia, Gretchen Brightaupt, Diane Griffith, Karen Smith and Tim Harter.

Please pray daily for your church, its leaders and staff, Pastor Graham Truscott, the Red Bird Mission Clinic, the Red Bird Mission School, the Salvation Army, United Children's Homes, Hazleton Enlarged Ministry, Heartwood Center, Emmaus Road Travelers and Drivers and the Hazleton/Valley Mission Connection.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01 Mar	Beth Yost
04 Mar	Ron Hofmann
04 Mar	Keelyn Radzwich
06 Mar	Autumn Mumich
08 Mar	Janessa Sereta
09 Mar	Bradley Young
20 Mar	Elizabeth Flaim
27 Mar	Charlie Lingenfelter
31 Mar	William Pursell

## March Anniversaries

None

## April Birthdays

01-Apr	Beverly Hilliard
01 Apr	Joyce Boyle
02-Apr	Benjamin Young
05-Apr	Aaron Radzwich
08-Apr	Eileen Schuetz
08-Apr	Hazel DeBalko
09-Apr	Ellena Cara
10-Apr	Nancy Cromley
15-Apr	Kate Flaim
20-Apr	Sadie DeBalko
22 Apr	Pastor Graham
25-Apr	Olivia Racho
27-Apr	Craig Bicking
27-Apr	Roger Legg
29-Apr	Heather Groce
30-Apr	Robert Stark, Sr.
30-Apr	Karen Lingenfelter

## April Anniversaries

23 Apr	Carl and Kate Flaim
30 Apr	Rich & Paula Piacenti



# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## New Members Class

Are you or somebody you know interested in joining our church? Or are you simply interested in learning about the basics of being a United Methodist? This Lent we will offer a new members class that will teach the basics of being a United Methodist. We'll cover topics like: The methodist emphasis on grace and holiness, the means of grace and spiritual disciplines, how methodists traditionally have read the Bible, and how the UMC is structured. If you are interested in these topics, you are more than welcome to attend the class, even if you are already a member of our church. Classes will be Sunday afternoons at 3:30pm March 3- March 24.



## Become Part of Our Church Family

## Food Pantry News



Easter is quickly approaching and we're again asking each church to help us. Our Church is asked to donate **boxes of cornbread mix**. We need to collect this by **March 17th**. Also, any donations of coffee would be appreciated.

Thank you and blessings to you all.



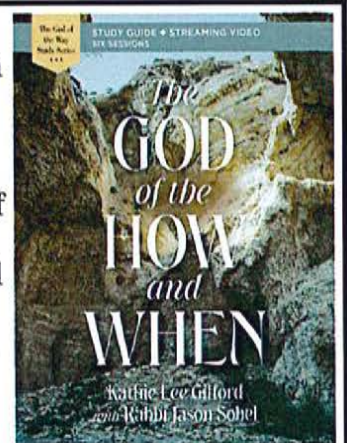
Don't forget to officially spring forward at 2 am Sunday, **March 10th**




Join us after Worship Service on March 17th!

Secret Sisters will host fellowship time after worship on Sunday, March 17th. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day there will be lots of green!

Sisters Group will start again on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. They will have a six-week session bible study of "The God of the How and When" by Rabbi Jason Sobel and Kathie Lee Gifford. Open to all women of the community.





**Lenten Dinner and Devotions**

Come connect more deeply with God and each other.

5:30 PM each Thursday in March.

03/07, 03/14 and 03/21.

**Holy Week Worship!**

**Maundy Thursday Worship-** Thursday March 28 at 6pm.  
Black Creek UMC will be joining us here at Conyngham  
UMC. Pastor Scott Kuhnle preaching.

**Good Friday Worship-** Friday March 29 at 6pm.  
We will be joining Black Creek UMC at their church  
and do a Tenebrae service together.

**Easter Sunday Worship!** Sunday March 31 at 10:30am.  
We will also be confirming our confirmands this  
Easter Sunday. It will be a Sunday full of new life  
in God!

## Prayer Filled Lives

Mondays at 6:30pm, Feb 26-Mar 25

Feb 26- How To Pray Every Day And Enjoy It- Mark 6:5-13 and The Lord's Prayer

Mar 4- How To Take All Our Feelings To God In Prayer- Psalm 139 and Praying The Psalms

Mar 11- How To Pray For Other People In Your Life- Genesis 12:1-5 and Blessings (You Can Do Them Too!)

Mar 18- How Prayer Helps Us Love Other People- Acts 6:1-7 and Praying And Serving

Mar 25- How Prayer Helps Us Love Other People, Part 2- Luke 10:17-24

National Chili Day Celebration hosted by the Secret Sisters Group!



## Ministry Proposal Form

Name(s):

What ministry, program, or event do you want to do? Please describe it briefly:

What does the ministry, program, or event have to do with Jesus/following Jesus? Please answer how this ministry, program, or event helps us to love God, love our neighbor (including each other), or both:

When would you like to do this ministry, program, or event? Would you like to do it just once, or repeatedly?

Example from Secret Sisters:

We want to do a family game night. There will be Pictionary and family feud. We will have dinner as well as snacks. There will be hot dogs, salad, chips, and iced tea. We will do a devotion as well.

Where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name, Jesus will be there too. We want to get families together in fellowship. It is supposed to be a night out with fellow Christians where we can chat, laugh, and enjoy each other's company. There will also be a brief prayer/devotion that will be appropriate for kids/adults. This puts us in fellowship with our neighbors and helps our relationship with God.

January 19, 5:30pm-7:30pm. In the social hall. Just once.





**EASTER FLOWERS**

If you would like to order a flower for the worship service on Easter morning, please complete the order form below and return it, along with payment (checks made payable to the Conyngham United Methodist Church) to Isabel Kinsler (570-956-9452) by **March 15th**. There is also a mail slot located by the pastor's office.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

- A. 4" Tulip Pot (3 Bloom) \$4.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. 6" Tulip Pot (6 Bloom) \$6.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. 4" Hyacinth Pot (1 Bulb) \$ 4.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- D. 6" Hyacinth Pot (3 Bulb) \$6.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- E. 6" Easter Lily Pot (5 Bloom) \$12.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of flowers \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due \_\_\_\_\_

Please write your name as you would like it to appear in the church bulletin (in Honor, in Memory, etc.):  
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## March Worship Leaders

### March 03

Greeter: Rodney Hawk  
Head Usher: DeBalko Family  
Liturgist: Tammy McCauley  
Singer: Joe Racho  
Children's Message: Billie Shaffer  
Sound Board: Nancy Stark and Jay Morgan  
Acolyte: Hazel DeBalko

### March 10

Greeter: Rodney Hawk  
Head Usher: DeBalko Family  
Liturgist: Thomas Wiley  
Singer: Denise Wetzell  
Children's Message: Carrie Joy Wiley  
Sound Board: Wiley Family  
Acolyte: Eamon Wiley

### March 17

Greeter: Rodney Hawk  
Head Usher: DeBalko Family  
Liturgist: Osheen Jacobs  
Singer: Carrie Joy Wiley  
Children's Message: Kate Flaim  
Sound Board: Wiley Family  
Acolyte: Joey Dretzel

### March 24 (Palm Sunday)

Greeter: Rodney Hawk  
Head Usher: DeBalko Family  
Liturgist: Barry Jones  
Singer: Rena Bicking  
Children's Message: Carrie Joy Wiley  
Sound Board: Wiley Family  
Acolyte: Malcolm Wiley

### March 31 (Easter Sunday)

Greeter: Rodney Hawk  
Head Usher: DeBalko Family  
Liturgist: Jean Luchi  
Singer: Carrie Joy Wiley  
Children's Message: Elementary SS Class  
Sound Board: Nancy Stark  
Acolyte: Hazel DeBalko

## March Altar Flowers

03/03—John and Debbie Cara have given a donation to the General Fund.

03/10—John and Debbie Cara have given a donation to the General Fund.

03/17—OPEN

03/24—John and Debbie Cara have given a donation to the General Fund.

03/31—Easter Flowers



*Altar Flowers*



February 16, 2024

Dear CUMC Members

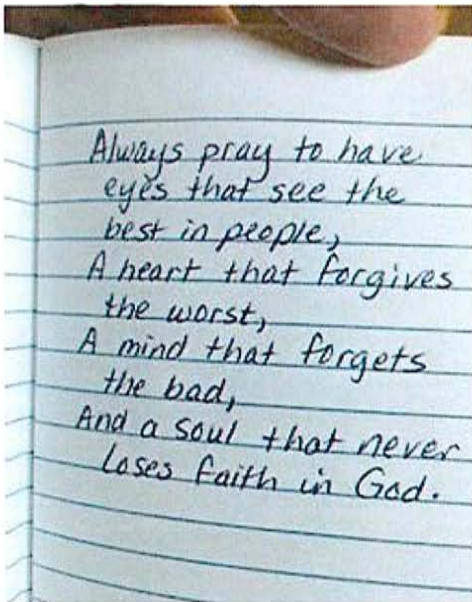
Thank you as always for your continual support of your Valley Food Pantry.

As Pastor Graham said last month, we have ten new families and a couple have returned due to the economy.

This \$120.00 will help greatly, especially at this time of year.

Happy Easter and Blessings,

Your Valley Food Pantry Volunteers



February 5, 2024

*Conyngham United Methodist Church  
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*Dear Pastor Graham and Parishioners:*

*Please accept our deepest thanks and appreciation for your generous monetary donation to United Charities. Your generosity is so deeply appreciated and truly demonstrates your commitment to the community and the agency.*

*Thank you again. Your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered.*

*Sincerely,  
Jill Zapotocky, BS  
Executive Director*

*Donation: \$120.00*



World Day of Prayer, sponsored by Church Women United will take place on Friday, March 1st at 2 PM, Providence Place, Drums.

Easter Crystal Sale at Christ UCC, deadline to order is March 3rd. Price is \$14.00 per box. Call 570-788-3246 to order.

Spring Craft and Bake Sale will take place at St. John's Lutheran in St. Johns on Saturday, March 9th. 8:00am-3:00pm.

Valley Interfaith Council Community Meal, Friday April 26th from 5:30pm till 7:00pm at Black Creek United Methodist Church. More information to come.

# The Conyngham United Methodist Church

## Inspiring People to Love and Serve God

Pastor:	Graham Truscott
Lay Leader:	Kate Flaim
Secretary:	Heidi Klein

### Vision Statement

Conyngham United Methodist Church is a Christ centered, warm and caring congregation which welcomes, nurtures, and equips people to follow Jesus Christ. As servants of the Gospel, we value the essentials of Holy Scripture, joyful praise, prayer and worship and developing personal faith in Jesus Christ. We accomplish this through a dynamic musical ministry, exciting youth programs, inspiring young adult and adult programs, fellowship of small groups, outreach to the community, strength through personal support, and the shared ministry of our laity and its pastor. We realize all this by being a church where God's Holy Word is a source of nourishment and strength.

**You are cordially invited to worship with us.  
Our Worship Service begins at 10:30 am**

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# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 3:30pm New Members Class	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Zumba Class 6:30pm Prayer Filled Lives 6:30pm Trustees Meeting	<b>5</b> 6:00pm Zumba Class 6:30pm Church Council Meeting	<b>6</b> 10:00am Religious Studies 6:30pm Book Group for Church Health	<b>7</b> 9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30pm Lenten Dinner	8	9
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<b>31</b> Easter Sunday 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service/Confirmation Sunday						