



**Come as you are
all are welcome!**

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Service
Followed by Fellowship Time

9:15 a.m.

Adult Sunday school

10:45 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service/
Children's SS

Staff:

PASTOR: Rev. Adam Dotts

LAY LEADER: Eric Stuver

ADMIN. ASST: Jennifer Robertson

PRAISE BAND DIR: Denise Baldwin

NURSERY DIR: Destiny Wallace

CUSTODIAN: Richard Robertson

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From the Pastor

John 8:7 “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

Now that most of us have entirely put the Christmas decorations away and have moved into the heart of winter, we begin to look to the new birth and spring. However, before we find hope in the resurrection of Christ, we must deny ourselves worldly distractions and ask to be fed by the Spirit. March and more specific the season of Lent we can do just that. Over the next five weeks, we will be studying the book by Kent Millard “The Gratitude Path” along with continuing in the Gospel of John.

So may the peace of the Lord be with you always.

Pastor Adam



WELCOME TO THE MARCH 2019 ISSUE OF *THE MESSENGER*

We welcome your submissions, your input, your ideas, your opinions, essays, poems, photos, and testimonies.

Please let us know if there is a layperson you would like to salute or a particular ministry or member you would like to highlight.

You may contact the church office with suggestions or concerns about content.

The newsletter is also available online at www.groveaveumc.com.

Please notify the church of:

- address and phone number changes
- births or deaths in your family
- hospital visits
- accomplishments,
- milestones, celebrations

ARTICLES FOR THE APRIL 2019 ISSUE ARE DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Articles may be dropped off or emailed to the church office.
Articles received after the deadline are not guaranteed to appear in *The Messenger*.

When you need prayer...



If at any time you have a prayer request, you may do one of the following:

- Call or Email the church office
- Send it through our website at www.groveaveumc.com
- Contact the prayer chain by calling:
John & Veronica James, 266-6907
- Fill out a prayer request card and either hand it into or mail it to the church office. Prayer request cards can be found in the pew racks in the sanctuary.

Don't forget to alert the church office if you or a family member is in the hospital. Let us know if you would like it announced during church services, in the bulletin or newsletters.

Did You Know...

- If you are unable to attend church you can give your weekly contributions through our website.
- When you make a purchase on Amazon you can support Grove Avenue United Methodist Church.

For more information, contact our church office.

Reaching people with Christ, one person at a time.

March Birthdays

- 4 – Ruth Anne Hollis**
- 5 – Tom Sabo
- 5 – Beverly Escontrias
- 7 – Theresa Shaffer*,**
- 11 – Richard McLaughlin
- 13 – Noah Kaelin
- 17 – Ross Stewart
- 25 – Kim Esteban
- 27 – Mary Jane Beam**
- 27 – Isaiah McLaughlin

***Homebound**
****80 or over**

Please send these members a birthday card.

Theresa Shaffer
1712 Soap Hollow Rd.
Box 273
Tire Hill, PA 15959

Ruth Anne Hollis
2 Wesley Dr.
Johnstown, PA 15904

Mary Jane Beam
1432 Solomon St.
Johnstown, PA 15902



Serving Grove Avenue

March Scriptures

Ushers

March

- Dennis Yeager
- Merilee Cook
- Jim Cook
- Richard Robertson



Scripture Readers

Contemporary Service March

- 3 – Lois Graham
- 10 – David Graham
- 17 – Karen Hohman
- 24 – Tom Charette
- 31 – Eileen Stuver

Traditional Service March

- 3 – Dave Aikey
- 10 – Pat Aikey
- 17 – Tom Sabo
- 24 – Georgia Yeager
- 31 – Sue Birchfield

Sunday, March 3

Scripture: Book of John

Sunday, March 10

Scripture: Book of John

Sunday, March 17

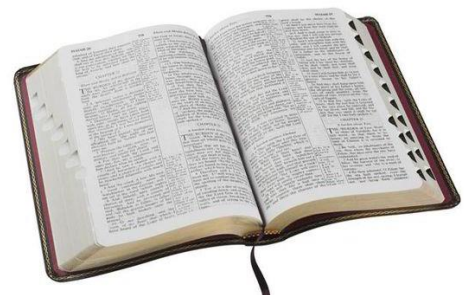
Scripture: Book of John

Sunday, March 24

Scripture: Book of John

Sunday, March 31

Scripture: Book of John



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News Around the Pews

Congratulations

The Scholarship Committee would like to congratulate the following college students who received a scholarship for this semester:

Jeffrey Kehl, II
Hannah Weatherford
Beverly Escontrias

On April 7th we will recognize the scholarship recipients **during a blended service at 10:00 am**. We hope you will join us to help celebrate their journey.

Church Camp

Every year we take pride in the fact that we are able to send our kids to camp at no cost to the parents except the \$50 deposit. If your child is interested in attending Camp Allegheny, contact the church office for a brochure.



District Library

As your District Librarian, my vision for the District Library is to assist all the Johnstown District UM churches to share their church library materials with each other. This will allow us to witness and nurture our own communities, both within the church and our surrounding communities, by sharing our library and curriculum materials through the use of an automated system -- just like your local library. I invite all of you to contact me, Sarah Harris, as your District Librarian, and tell me what your vision is for the District Library. What would you like the focus of the District Library be to help with your church's needs and wants? Please contact me at sarahrharris2010@gmail.com or 814-288-5204.

Much Thanks:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

On January 21st we hosted the NAACP's 34th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Service. Despite the cold weather we had a great turn out.

BIG THANK YOU to Veronica, Eric, Eileen, Karen, Deb, Georgia, Donna and Rich and anyone I might have forgotten, please forgive me. It was great to host our Jtown neighbors at Grove Ave. UMC.

Grove Ave. UMC Weekly Newspaper Ad

This is the Grove Ave. UMC ad as it appears on the Religion Page of the Saturday edition of the Tribune-Democrat:

Grove Avenue United Methodist Church
501 Grove Ave., Johnstown PA (814)539-8684
Rev. Adam Dotts

Services: Contemporary 9:00 a.m.

Traditional 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Schools: Adult 9:15 a.m.

Children 10:45 a.m.

Handicap Accessible Staffed Nursery Available

Website: www.groveaveumc.com

Facebook: @GroveAveUMC

Many thanks to the following people whose generosity is helping to keep the ad running:

Pat & Dave Aikey

Gail & Bill Hiner

Eileen & Eric Stuver

Natalie Marionneaux

Donna Bako and the Kids

Thank you all so much. ~ Sue Birchfield

Mark Your Calendars

Covered Dish Dinner & St. Patrick's Day Talent Show At Grove Ave UMC Saturday, March 16, 4:30 p.m.

Let's all gather for an evening of fellowship, food, and entertainment. We know about many of the talented folks we've got at our United Methodist Churches, but how much more hidden talent lurks out there???

Join us for the St. Patrick's Day Talent Show and Covered Dish Dinner. Members of all ages, please share your favorite dish and your special abilities with us. Maybe you are a singer or a dancer, a poet or a musician, a juggler or a magician – the possibilities are endless! Performances should be no longer than 5 minutes.

Please complete the registration form below and place it in the offering plate so it may be returned to Grove Avenue Church. The deadline for registration is March 10th. Don't forget to bring your favorite Covered Dish!

Talent Show & Covered Dish Dinner

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Are you interested in Performing? _____

If performing, what is your talent? _____

United Methodist Women

All are welcome to the UMW meeting on **Wednesday, March 6 at 1:00 pm**. Come learn the purpose of our mission and enjoy the fellowship. Snacks appreciated

Developing and Implementing an Outward Mindset

Why Mindset Matters - Two Mindsets
How We Turn Inward • Self-betrayal • Inward
Styles • Collusion • How to Turn outward • Influence
Pyramid • The Outward Mindset Pattern

Who's Invited to Attend: Laity and Clergy
To register to attend one of the upcoming DOMS training events go to: Events – Registrations @ wpaumc.org.

Deadline to Register:

- To attend March 2 training @ Somerset Grace UMC register by February 22
- To attend March 14 training @ Punxsutawney First UMC register by March 4
- To attend March 30 training @ Saegertown UMC register by March 20
- To attend April 4 training @ St. Mary's UMC register by March 25

<https://www.wpaumc.org/eventdetail/12313909?month=2&year=2019&day=1&display=m>

Lenten Activities

- Wednesday, March 6th** – Ignite the Valley's Ash Wednesday Service at Westmont UMC at 7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 13th – Moxham Ministerium's Lenten Luncheon at 2nd Presbyterian Church at 11:00 am
Wednesday, March 20th – Moxham Ministerium's Lenten Luncheon at Grove Ave. UMC at 11:00 am
Wednesday, March 27th – Moxham Ministerium's Lenten Luncheon at St. Pat's Catholic Church at 11:00 am
Sunday, March 31st – Ignite the Valley's Musical Presentation at Roxbury St. Paul's UMC at 7:00
Wednesday, April 3rd – Moxham Ministerium's Lenten Luncheon at Moxham Church of the Brethren at 11:00 am
Wednesday, April 10th – Moxham Ministerium's Lenten Luncheon at Moxham Lutheran Church at 11:00 am
Thursday, April 18th – Ignite the Valley's Maundy Thursday Service at Park Ave. UMC at 7:00 pm
Friday, April 19th – Ignite the Valley's Good Friday Service at Grove Ave. UMC at 7:00 pm. Cross procession from Park Ave. UMC to Grove Ave. UMC starting at 6:00 pm.
Sunday, April 21st – Easter Services: 9:00 am Contemporary Service, 10:45 Traditional Service

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Around the District

District United Methodist Women

District UMW will be sponsoring service and reception on **Ash Wednesday, March 6th** at Arbutus. 9:30 service followed by reception downstairs. Guest speaker will be Laurie Potter originally from Oil City who is a GBGM missionary serving in Honduras. Come hear her story.

Conference Mission Opportunities

You can now check our running list of WPA VIM Trip Opportunities online anytime at www.wpaumc.org/opportunities

Save The Date!

Our Johnstown District Conference will be held on **Sunday, May 19, 2019** at the Belmont United Methodist Church this year. All pastors are expected to hold this date on their calendars so that they may attend.

2019 Faith Night at PNC Park – Save The Date!

7th Annual Faith Night next season is going to be held on **Saturday, June 22, 2019**. It will be a 4:05 pm game vs. the San Diego Padres. With it being an earlier presentation and on a Saturday, we're expecting the largest turnout that we've ever had. Group reservations of 10 or more will begin next week. It is highly recommended making your group reservation as soon as possible do to the popularity of this event. You don't need to know the number of tickets right now. They are just taking deposits towards a block of seats (10 or more seats). You'll then have until Friday, May 17 to let them know your final number, at which point you'll also pay the balance. For group reservations: Chad Glover 412-325-4756.



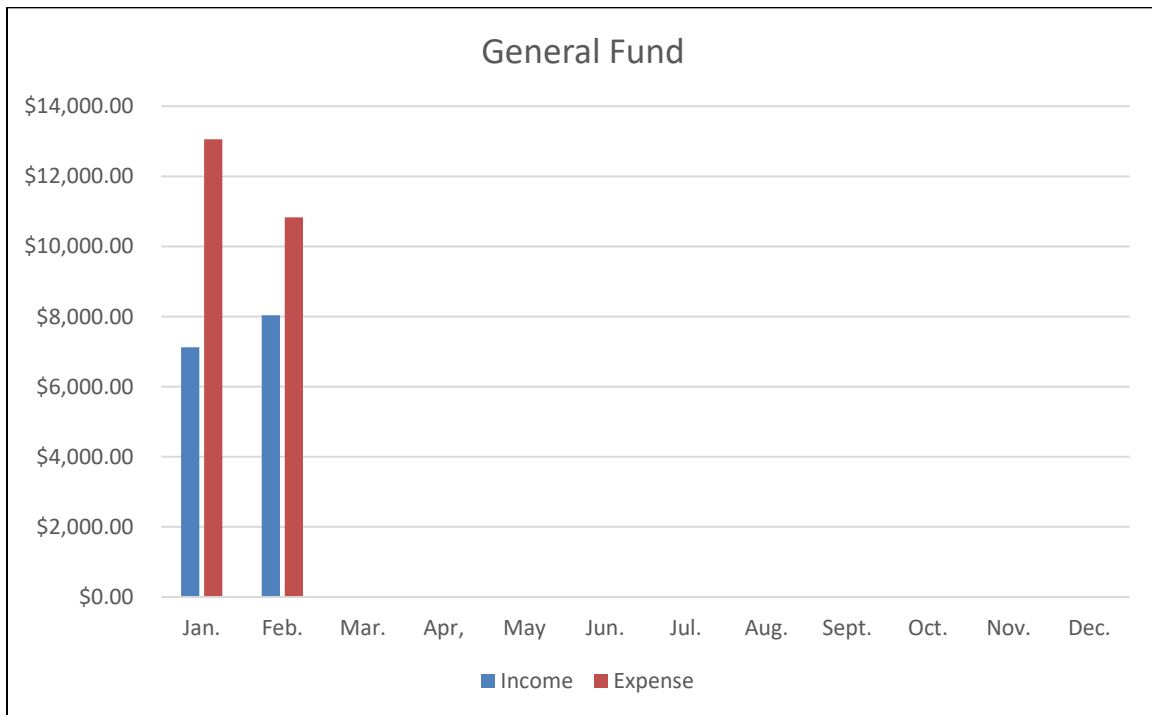
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Missions

United Methodist Human Services 5 X 1000 – A small way to make a big difference!

United Methodist Human Services serves all of Cambria County and adjoining parts of Somerset, Bedford, and Clearfield Counties. Through faith in Christ and community partnerships, they develop relationships that empower and transform individual lives, families, and future generations. You can spend your hard-earned money a lot of different ways. We all want to do good with our money, but sometimes there isn't much left at the end of the month. What if you could make a difference without breaking the bank? \$5 doesn't seem like much, right? But just imagine if you could multiply it by 1000. The impact would be undeniable! We're looking for 1000 people to commit to changing lives. Your \$5 monthly gift will help put shoes on children's feet and food on the tables of families and senior citizens. You'll help provide hats, gloves, diapers, hygiene kits, and necessary care items to those who need them. You'll help empower people struggling in economic instability to build brighter, more secure futures for themselves and their families. This just might be the best \$5 you spend each month! Visit umhumanservices.org/5x1000 to start changing lives today!

Finance Report



The above chart shows the income and expenses as of February 19, 2019. We would like to thank everyone who has given to the Winter Free Will Offering. So far, we brought in \$572.00. If you haven't given to the Free Will offering yet and would like to, there are still envelopes left.

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