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What is the significance of Easter Sunday?

Easter Sunday celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. This moment is at the heart of the Christian faith. After being crucified and buried, Jesus rose on the third day, just as He said He would (Luke 24:6-7). His resurrection is more than a miracle. It is the fulfillment of God's plan to bring salvation to the world.

"He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'"

Jesus died on the cross as a substitute for sinners. He willingly gave His life to pay the penalty for our sins so that we could be forgiven and restored to a right relationship with God the Father. The prophet Isaiah described this when he wrote, "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed," in Isaiah 53:5. His death was not an accident. It was the greatest act of love and sacrifice.

The resurrection confirms that Jesus' sacrifice was accepted and that sin and death have been defeated. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:17, "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins". But Christ has been raised. Easter Sunday is a declaration of that truth and a reminder that through Jesus, we are given new life.





Prayers for Health Issues:

Patsy Johnston, Bob McCormick, Jill Cline, Naomi Marcus, Patty Hall, Morgan Taylor and baby Isaiah, Kenny Walker, Harvey Kneas, & Laura Thatcher.

Prayers for Senior Living & Home-Based Members:

Bill Warthin, Ron and Audrey Mitchell, Faye Elvey, FaeAnna Heilig, & Janet McGinnis.



Bible Study continues Tuesdays at 10 AM in the community room. Everyone is welcome to join our discussion-based Bible Study Group.



- 3-Connie Brown
- Pat Carbaugh
- 7-Rachel (Lane) Howells
- 10-Charles Ramsey
- 11-Melissa Horton
- Matthew Brown
- Dylan Fowler
- 12-Jessie MacDonald Hu
- 13-Nolan Gerald Kerlin
- 15-David Meglaye
- 17-Cali Mitchell
- 18- Barbara MacDonald
- 19-Bill Warthin
- 24-Nevin Carbaugh
- 27-April Leese
- 29-Bill McGinnis



Find us on YouTube

Our YouTube channel is MUPCLive. All in-person worship services are also simultaneously broadcast on YouTube.

The videos are also later uploaded to our church website, www.mupc.org, under the Media Worship tab.



Gleaner Deadline for the May Issue is April 28th. It will be printed on the 28th. If you can't email it, feel free to call or lay a handwritten document on the secretary's desk.



March 18, 2026

Routine business was conducted on the March 18, 2026, stated session meeting with all members present except Julie Dovey who was absent and excused. A quorum was present. Elder April Leese led devotions and described how each of us needs to stop our busy lives, take a breath and talk to God to understand the mission he has for each of us.

The meeting agenda and the minutes of the February 18th meeting were approved. The average worship attendance for the month of February was forty-six.

The Rev. Robert Dent had sent a written note informing us that his wife had passed in December. She was involved with the junior choir and Rev. Dent sent a donation to the memorial fund in her name due to her involvement with youth and music at MUPC. The Dents served this church during the late 1960s.

The “Senior Scam Awareness” seminar was presented prior to the session meeting and was well received. Communion will be celebrated during the April 2, 2026, 7 PM Maundy Thursday service. 117 candidates have been reviewed by the PNC. Forty-five candidates were invited to apply for our pastor vacancy. All invitations were rejected. A future seminar with information to “Keep our Children Safe” will concentrate on internet usage safety, anti-bullying measures and anti-sexual exploitation safeguards.

Session was informed about various Trustee projects. The following six names will be moved to the “friends of the congregation” list: Judy Aller,

Matthew Brown, Debbie Carbaugh, Anne Gobin, Laura Metcalfe and William Warthin. Janet Gordon’s membership will be transferred to the Knobsville Church of the Brethren. Our active membership now totals sixty-one members.

The Stated April Session Meeting will be held on April 22, 2026, beginning at 6 PM. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.



March 4, 2026

Present: Al Clark, Frank Ingram, Barb MacDonald, Carolyn Kerlin, & Rachel Howells

Meeting opened with prayer by Al. February minutes were approved.

Organization of the Month: Love’s Closet

Old Business:

Deacons hosted Soup night from 5:30 -6:30 prior to this meeting.

New Business:

Al Clark was re-elected as Moderator and Barb MacDonald elected as Secretary for the upcoming year.

Visits Deacons will be visiting members at home and in senior living with Easter tulips and Easter candy filled eggs.

Prayer Lists were updated.

Benevolences

- \$500 Fulton County Food Basket
- \$500 CCA/ Fulton County Charities
- \$600 Love's Closet (March and April)
- \$1500 Work Loving God, Inc.
- \$300 Giant Gas Cards for Work Loving God 3/23/26 Work Trip
- \$1500 Care Closet

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday, 4/1/26 at 7:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer.



February 11, 2026

Wayne MacDonald opened the meeting with prayer.

In attendance were Jayne Metcalfe, Bill Dovey, Brett Cornelous, Richard Hornberger, Harvey Kneas and Ken Keebaugh.

Bill was thanked for serving a second term. Harvey dropped off plans for the basement exit ramp. Harvey was thanked for his years of service.

Wayne and Ken were elected president and secretary, respectively.

Jayne reported set up for soup night will begin at 4:30 pm on Wednesdays. The basement floor tiles will be waxed and buffed after soup night is completed.

Richard will contact Jason Carbaugh and Wes Howells for an updated email list.

Eric Kerlin will get a quote from Mark Mellott for repairs to the Maple Street sidewalk. The Trustees agreed to accept two streetlamps for the front of the church free of charge from the Borough Council. Four more streetlamps will be installed on Maple Street pending approval from the Borough Council.

There was discussion on ways to reduce the electric bill for the Education Building. Ed Lininger will be contacted to install a central thermostat.

Ken will contact the Water and Sewer Authorities pertaining to continued service billing for the Manse that has been vacant for more than a year.

There was discussion pertaining to parking issues and snow removal on Maple Street. Total expense for this year was \$340.00.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.



The 522 Youth Group

Youth schedule will be the second Sunday of each month from 5-7 PM at the Methodist Church.



April Lectionary Readings

Week of April 5, 2026

Rev. Dale Williams

Resurrection of the Lord-Easter

Easter Day Readings

Acts 10: 34-43
Jeremiah 31: 1-6
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3: 1-4
John 20: 1-18
Matthew 28: 1-10

Easter Evening Readings

Isaiah 25: 6-9
Psalm 114: 1-8
1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8
Luke 24: 13-49

Week of April 12, 2026

Joe Calhoun

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32
Psalm 16: 1-11
1 Peter 1: 3-9
John 20: 19-31

Week of April 19, 2026

Dirk Grove

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41
Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1: 17-23
Luke 24: 13-35

Week of April 26, 2026

Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber

Acts 2: 42-47
Psalm 23: 1-6
1 Peter 2: 19-25
John 10: 1-10



April 1st



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

March 29 through April 4 is Holy Week in anticipation of the celebration of our Savior's victorious resurrection Easter Sunday! There will be a Maundy Thursday Service held Thursday, **April 2nd, at 7:00 pm** in our Sanctuary, remembering our Savior's "Last Supper" with his disciples the night before he took our sins upon himself at the cross. All are welcome to this service of reflection and humble gratitude for God's love.



April 3rd



April 5th



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1-All Fools' Day	2-Maundy Thursday	3-Good Friday	4
			7 PM Deacons Meeting (BR)	Office Hours 9-2 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service		
5-Resurrection of the Lord Easter	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pastor Dale 11 AM Worship 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM Boy Scouts (CR)	Office Hours 9-2 10 AM Bible Study (CR)	7 PM Trustee Meeting (BR)	Office Hours 9-2 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Women's Ens.		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Joe Calhoun 11 AM Worship 5-7 PM Youth Group MUMC 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM Boy Scouts (CR)	Office Hours 9-2 10 AM Bible Study (CR)	7 PM Session Meeting (BR)	Office Hours 9-2 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Women's Ens.		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Dirk Grove 11 AM Worship 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM Boy Scouts (CR)	Office Hours 9-2 10 AM Bible Study (CR)		Office Hours 9-2 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Women's Ens.		
26	27	28	29	30		
Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber 11 AM Worship 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM Boy Scouts (CR)	Office Hours 9-2 10 AM Bible Study (CR)		Office Hours 9-2 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Women's Ens.		

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