



Glad Tidings

East Bangor United Methodist Community Church Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar!

- Feb. 3rd Pastie Orders DUE
- Feb. 3rd Free Community Dinner
4:00-5:30pm
- Feb. 5th Pastie Pickup 3:30pm
- Feb. 6th UMW Meeting 7:00pm
- Feb. 19th Combined Committees Meeting
7:00pm
- Feb. 24th After Church Fellowship

Every Week

Mondays

Bible Study 7:00pm

Tuesdays

Girl Scouts 7:00pm

Wednesdays

Girl Scouts 5:30pm

Thursdays

Bazaar Committee 1:00pm
Choir Practice 6:30pm

Saturdays

AA Meeting 8:00pm

Sundays

Worship 9:15am
Children's Church (during Worship)
Adult Forum (after Worship)

*Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ
through the ministry and mission of East Bangor United Methodist
Community Church*



February Servants

Ministers

All the People

Pastor

Rev. Dave Goss

Organist

Jane Ann Reimer

Acolytes

Children of the Church

Greeter

Needed

Ushers

Sandy Barnes & Tom Martin

Congregation

Those with a mission to "Reach
Teach and Share God's Love."



Come and Eat Cake!

As part of After Church Fellowship on **the last Sunday of February**, we'll be having a party for everyone with a birthday in February! Come on out and join in the joyful noise as we sing "Happy Birthday!" to our February celebrants.



Celebrations in the Church

Happy Birthday!

Feb. 1 st	Osleen McWilliams
Feb. 2 nd	Norma Shuster
Feb. 4 th	Trudy Davis
Feb. 5 th	Carly Bartosh
Feb. 5 th	Hannah Lyn Saltern
Feb. 8 th	Ruth Parsons
Feb. 11 th	John Muhlen
Feb. 16 th	Tanner Stout
Feb. 17 th	Kerry Rice
Feb. 19 th	Bryce Onjack
Feb. 19 th	John Saltern
Feb. 20 th	Elise Nicole Onjack
Feb. 25 th	Ellyn Jane Rice

Memories

Many thanks to Dolores Falcone Holler for sharing this memory with us:

I enjoyed Jackie Williams Bartosh's memories [Nov 2018 Newsletter]. The following are personal ones, but they might spark comments from others.

I remember at age 3 (1942), my first nursery school teacher, Marian Taylor (Mrs. Bill). Probably my desire to be a teacher was established in her class, as her love, understanding and kindness for each of us was outstanding. (I think Mr. Alfred Moore was Superintendent of the Sunday School at this time). On Easter Sunday morning all of the children would walk to Mose Bray's yard (now Floyd Rutt's house) for an Easter egg hunt. On Christmas Eve the children presented a program.

High school days I was in a class of girls taught by Adele Tucker. We looked forward to class parties of fellowship and fun at a member's home. The boys' group, in which my brother Bill was a member, was taught by Tommy Jones. (I think he might have also been the Sunday School Superintendent).

Marian Lobb counted the collection and recorded the attendance. I helped her with these responsibilities, as class information was identified on a large board.

Presently, I proudly wear my Sunday School attendance pins that I earned for 20 years. Many people inquire about them and think it is a wonderful idea.

Happy Anniversary

Feb. 29th Pastor Dave & Laura Goss

CRADLE ROLL

We welcome Xavier Vaughn Gayle to our Cradle Roll. Xavier was born January 24th, 2019 to Wesley and Rachel (Orner) Gayle. Xavier's grandparents are Stanley and Diane Orner, and Sharon Binns. God bless the Orner and Gayle families. Please keep them in your prayers.

Thanks So Much!

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, and delicious food while I was recuperating at home from surgery. Your kindness lifted my spirits. I am truly blessed.

- Stacy

Sponsors & Volunteers

Sign-up sheets for sponsors for Altar Flowers (\$40), Worship Bulletins (\$20), and Dial-a-Message (\$20) for 2019 are now available on the bulletin board outside the offices on the first floor.

Our February Sponsors

Worship Bulletins

Worship Bulletins for *February* are presented to the Glory of God in Loving Honor of **Norma Shuster** by **Kevin, Peggy, Megan & Family**

Dial-A-Message

Dial-A-Message for *February* is presented to the Glory of God in Loving Memory of **Helen Hower** by **Kevin & Peggy and Family**

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers for the month of *February* are presented to the Glory of God:

February 3	<i>Open</i>
February 10	<i>Open</i>
February 17	<i>Open</i>
February 24	<i>Open</i>

Pastor's Page

*So now let us make a covenant with our God to send away all these wives and their children.....
---- Ezra 10:3 NRSV*

What's Love Got to Do with It?

It was Tina Turner who asked that poignant question. And if you remember back to when she was married to Ike, you might also remember that their relationship sailed a good bit on stormy seas.

Stormy seas would have been a good metaphor for the people of Israel who left captivity in Babylon and returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and their beloved city. Things did not go as smoothly as they would have wanted and, eventually, the cause was pinned down to the fact that when in exile, Israelites married foreigners.

This must have been so terrible that the only course of action was to "send all these wives and their children," away. This would appease God to the point where God's blessings would return on the people.

So, it would seem as though God offered favor to those who told their wives to get lost while becoming deadbeat dads. Great. What a terrific archetype for what it means to be a "man of God." It actually sounds like a justification for purity of the race.

Yet Paul reminds us in Galatians 3:28 that his new understanding of God as offered to us in Jesus Christ isn't so closed minded. Jew and Gentile are no longer distinct entities in Christ; they are all part of the one. And, to take it a step further, we know that the great gifts are faith, hope, and love, "but the greatest of these is love."

The Church has continued to grow in love so that the love two people share for each other can be celebrated without restrictions. We now are receptive to inter-racial couples – a phenomenon of the late 20th century. Catholics and protestants now marry well, but that was a long-road that needed to be travelled. The church even welcomes the divorced and remarried by seeing God's love as greater than a few stark lines of Jesus' teaching.

As February commences, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be meeting in St. Louis to discuss the inclusion/exclusion of those whose love is directed towards someone of the same gender. I don't even want to try to predict which of the 79 accepted resolutions will rise to the top of the heap.

But what I pray for is that no matter the outcome that our love for one another, as brothers and sisters together in Christ, will allow us to continue to love everyone as Christ loved us.

Straight Ahead!

Pastor Dave

Announcements

PASTIES, BOX TOPS & WEIS SLIPS

The next pastie sale will be February 5-. Orders are due to Lois by Sunday, February 3-.

\$4.50 worth of box tops for education were sent to the St. Josephs Indian School. Thanks to everyone who saves them.

\$200.39 worth of Weis slips were turned in. The total collected for the year 2018 was \$907.74. Thanks to everyone who saved them. -Lois

SAVE THE DATE:

- March 2, 2019 Tools for Ministry at Asbury UMC, Allentown. Information available from the church office.
- Program sponsored by the Slate Belt Ministerium and Pen Argyl Area School District, March 18, 6:30 p.m. at Grace UMC. Topic will be suicide prevention and our presenter will be Dr. Tim Silvestri of Muhlenberg College. While especially geared to parents, all are welcome to attend.
- June 18-19 (tentative) Slate Belt UMC Cluster work party and needy resident's home. More information to follow.

BAZAAR NEWS

The Bazaar is back in action again. We are meeting Thursday afternoons at 1:00pm for now. Anyone is welcome to join us.

We are accepting white elephant items now. They can be placed behind the curtains any time.

The kitchen is getting new LED lights and when they are done, new cabinets from the doorway to the stove will be installed.

Thanks to all who support us.

- Ruth, Leila, Neil & Lois

SIGN UP NOW FOR CPR/AED TRAINING

The church will be hosting a training event for CPR and operating the defibrillator on Monday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. Certification is issued through the American Heart Association and is good for two years. There is no minimum age requirement, but participants need to be strong enough to perform the CPR test. There will be no charge to regular church attenders, but pre-registration is required. Sign-up on the sheet in the narthex or e-mail pastor Dave at davegoss922@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women are in the process of reaching out to benefit some of our four-legged friends by collecting used towels and sheets to line cages and used T-Shirts to make dog pull-toys. Cat and Dog food is also being collected. We'll have a collection bin in the narthex for your donations.

"SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY

It's a contest between the Rams and the Patriots on the field, and a contest of soups in the church kitchen! This Sunday's free community dinner will be serving YOUR finest home-made soups and home-made deserts to go along with some sandwiches for a great meal. Your help is always welcome. Dinner is served from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Those who have been visiting with us and are interested in making a commitment to the congregation by becoming full members are invited to see Pastor Dave for more information. Full members promise to support the church through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. If you are not a full member of the congregation, please give prayerful consideration to declaring East Bangor UMCC as your church home.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Free Community Meal every Thursday, 6 – 8 p.m. First UMC of Wind Gap, 19 W. West Street, Wind Gap, PA

Make Sleeping Mats for the Homeless: Meets the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Richmond UMC.

Noah – The Musical. Video of Sight and Sound's production of Noah will be shown at Grace UMC in Pen Argyl on Sunday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. Free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

Comedy Night at First UMC, Bangor. February 16, 2019, 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and available through the church office. 100% of ticket sales will go to support Slater Family Network.

Community Blood Drive, April 5, 2 – 7 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church of Mt. Bethel and Portland.

EASTER FLOWERS

Dear Friends,

Easter is April 21st and flowers may be placed in the sanctuary to the greater glory of God, in celebration. Please specify if you would like a single or triple bloom hyacinth. Different colored flowers will be delivered to us, but no specific colors will be ordered in the hyacinths and tulip plants. We must take what they deliver to us. The prices continue to be reasonable. This is a service offered to you by our church and plants are priced as follows:

Single bloom hyacinths	\$3.25
Triple bloom hyacinths	7.25
Lilies (4 bud & up)	7.75
Tulips	7.25

Please make your checks payable to the church and give to Stacy Pysher. You may also mail your order and payment to Stacy. Orders should be made by March 24th and no orders will be taken after that date.

We wish to thank everyone, who by participating has added so much beauty to our sanctuary during this glorious church season.

For those who want the same as last year, just fill in your name and \$ amount, put same as last year on top and then we can just go by last year's bulletin.

Yours in Christian Service,
Stacy Pysher
3417 Drighton Court
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Please order by March 24th.

EASTER FLOWERS

Your Name: _____

Person to be honored: _____

Honored by: _____ Living _____ Deceased _____

Hyacinth (single) _____ Hyacinth (triple) _____ Lilies _____ Tulips _____

Person to be honored: _____

Honored by: _____ Living _____ Deceased _____

Hyacinth (single) _____ Hyacinth (triple) _____ Lilies _____ Tulips _____

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Honored by: _____ Living _____ Deceased _____

Hyacinth (single) _____ Hyacinth (triple) _____ Lilies _____ Tulips _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

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Sunday WORSHIP begins at 9:15 a.m.

Children's Church is available for young children during Worship.

AMPLE OFF STREET paved parking is provided just behind our church building. Wheelchair accessible.

A covered dish Fellowship Hour is held the last Sunday of each month following worship.

Pasties are sold for the 1st Tuesday of every month. Cost is \$5.50.

Manna Ministry: Sundays 10:45 am-11:30 am/
Free Community Dinners 4-5:30 p.m. 1st Sunday of the month.

Visit our Web Site: www.ebumc.org

Dial-A-Message: (610) 588-3896

*We send this along with our best wishes
and God's blessing to you.*

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