

# MARCH 2018

# FRIENDLY VOICE



**LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**301 E. Maple Ave.,**

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# “Hello!” from your Pastor...

Spring is upon us!

About ¾ of you all just shouted “HOORAY!!” I am sure!



Living in a different house this season, I keep looking for new things to pop up in the garden areas around the parsonage as well as in the grass. Friends in Pennsylvania and in New Jersey are posting pictures of crocuses popping up in their yards this past week – and some are even blooming! I find myself waiting with the patience of children the night before their birthdays or Christmas for SOMETHING to bloom!!



I love flowers!! I especially love the little ones and as a child, I would pick all kinds of little flowers for bouquets. Some smelled wonderful; others strong and harsh; and a few carried little to no scent at all. But they were all beautiful flowers to me. Then there was the day I brought a bouquet into the kitchen and gave them to my mother.

## “TAKE THOSE OUT OF THE HOUSE!”

Yikes!! She meant no harm and apologized to me quickly afterward. Her reaction frightened this little six year-old girl; but removal of the flowers was essential because she said they were “...goldenrod, and they make Daddy sneeze a lot and give him a terrible headache. They are weeds, not flowers.”

I couldn't believe how such pretty flowers could bother or even hurt my big strong Daddy. I learned the word “weeds” that day. Apparently, things called weeds were “bad,” and things called flowers were “good.” That made no sense to me then, and still doesn't; except to say that that undesirable flowers and plants are “weeded” out of gardens and yards, and called “weeds.”

And that is sad. If they flower, then, for me, the plants are flowers - - yes, even dandelions. However, as an adult with allergies, I now appreciate my mother's stand against the goldenrod. Also, I now understand that many plants labeled as “weeds” tend to be very hearty and aggressive in their growth to the point that they are invasive and threaten the lives of the desired plants in the garden, yard, or farm. However, I can't help but believe that these plants do have value to the earth and its creatures. They are indigenous to the lands they grow on. The soil and environment are perfect for them to thrive and survive the way they were meant to. They help with bee populations, serve as food for some animals and humans, facilitate ground health, and prevent against erosion and scorched/dried out soil conditions. In many cultures, they are medicinal as well.



God has a plan for all things and all people. It makes me sad when a person or group (by their own design or by the actions of others) feels like they don't fit in and are not welcome. They are not like the majority and/or those with the influence and affluence. Some feel unworthy or beyond hope because of situation or even sin. They are different, somewhat powerless, and feel like weeds to be dug up and removed.

But spring is a time for new beginnings for all the flowers, for all people, and yes, even those who carry the label “weed.” Christ does that for us through God's grace. Lent helps us to examine ourselves, our priorities, how we look at ourselves, and how we look at each other. Lent is our seed time when our old self of sin dies and falls to the ground.



Our true repentance and unbreakable connection with God from deep in our spiritual core breaks us open to allow forgiveness to pour in and nurture our transformation and growth - - justified and ready to BURST from the ground renewed by God's amazing love through and with the Risen Christ of Easter!! And with the help of God and the body of Christ, we grow where we are planted. ALL are flowers in God's garden. How we stand and provide shade, shelter, food, and care for all those around; and how we witness for Christ sanctifies God's grace and brings us all closer to increasing the kingdom of God.

We may be different, and some may call us weeds, but that's okay... because God loves us and we are all flowers in God's heart. I am goldenrod!

Happy *SPRING* everyone! - - Love, Laurie, your pastor



Read Genesis 1:27; John 13:16; Galatians 3:26-29



## MARCH 2018 SANCTUARY SERVANTS

March 4

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Jeannette Hesser  
Greeters 9:30.....Ron & Louise Cookson  
Ushers 9:30 .....Paul & Jackie Hansen  
Contemporary Assistants 11:00 .....Bev Eick & Carol Annucci

March 11

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Ron Cookson  
Greeters 9:30..... Donna Goodwin  
Ushers 9:30 ..... Stacy & Tami Lewis  
Contemporary Assistants 11:00 .....Raab Family

March 18

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Jerry Hill  
Greeters 9:30..... Paul & Jackie Hansen  
Ushers 9:30..... Joe & Helen McDonald  
Contemporary Assistants 11:00 .....Daeche Family

March 25

Worship Assistant 9:30.....Linda Rutledge  
Greeters 9:30.....Joe & Helen McDonald  
Ushers 9:30.....Paul & Jackie Hansen  
Contemporary Assistants 11:00 ..... Curtin Family

Langhorne United Methodist Church

Mar 2018 (Eastern Time)

| Sun                                                                                                                                               | Mon                                                          | Tue                                                      | Wed                                                                                | Thu                                                                    | Fri | Sat                                              |
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| 25                                                                                                                                                | 26                                                           | 27                                                       | 28                                                                                 | 1                                                                      | 2   | 3                                                |
| 9:30am - Sun. Sch.<br>9:30am - Tradition<br>10am - Adult SS<br>10:30am - Adult SS<br>10:30am - Adult SS<br>11am - Contempor                       | PAINTING SANCTUARY<br>5pm - Brownies (FH)<br>7pm - Trustee's | 10am - Bible Study<br>7pm - Bucks Mt.<br>7pm - Faith in  | 6pm - Girl Scouts<br>7pm - Choir Practice                                          | 7am - Men's Brk.<br>6:30pm - Confirmati<br>7pm - Praise                |     | 8:30am - Men Min.                                |
| 4                                                                                                                                                 | 5                                                            | 6                                                        | 7                                                                                  | 8                                                                      | 9   | 10                                               |
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| 11                                                                                                                                                | 12                                                           | 13                                                       | 14                                                                                 | 15                                                                     | 16  | 17                                               |
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| 18                                                                                                                                                | 19                                                           | 20                                                       | 21                                                                                 | 22                                                                     | 23  | 24                                               |
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| 25                                                                                                                                                | 26                                                           | 27                                                       | 28                                                                                 | 29                                                                     | 30  | 31                                               |
| 8am - Pancake<br>9:30am - Sun. Sch.<br>9:30am - Tradition<br>10:30am - Adult SS<br>10:30am - Adult SS<br>11am - Contempor<br>6:30pm - Bell Choir  |                                                              |                                                          |                                                                                    |                                                                        |     |                                                  |



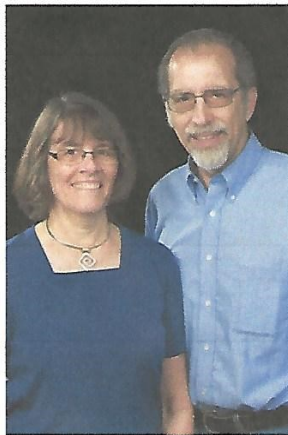
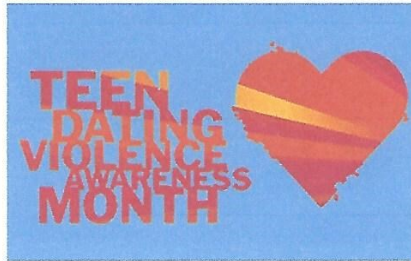
| Date                                | Lesson                         | Other Events that Day                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>In the Name of the Lord</b>      |                                |                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3/4/18                              | Mary Honors Jesus              |                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3/11/18                             | Bartimaeus Shouts to Jesus     |                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3/18/18                             | Jesus Breaks the Bread         |                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3/25/18 Palm Sunday                 | People Welcome Jesus           | Palm Sunday Breakfast and children will participate in Procession of Palms during worship, then back to Sunday School for lesson and <b>Easter Egg Hunt!</b> |
| <b>Go and Tell</b>                  |                                |                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>4/1/18 Easter</b>                | <b>No Sunday School</b>        | <b>Happy Easter! Enjoy your time with family.</b>                                                                                                            |
| 4/8/18                              | Paul changes/The Tomb is Empty |                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4/15/18                             | Paul escapes                   |                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4/22/18                             | The Church Grows               |                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4/29/18                             | Timothy is Chosen              |                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Change Your Hearts and Lives</b> |                                |                                                                                                                                                              |
| 5/6/18                              | Lydia                          |                                                                                                                                                              |
| 5/13/18                             | Paul and Silas                 | Mother's Day, children sing in Worship                                                                                                                       |
| 5/20/18                             | Pentecost/Shipwrecked          | Last day of Sunday School and Celebration                                                                                                                    |

Lot's of things are happening in Sunday School! We will be singing, and learning, and playing , and acting, and snacking and having fun while doing all of this!

All children are welcome!



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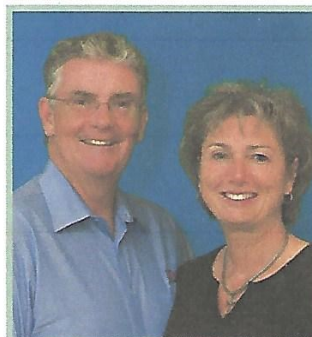
**2018  
Missions & Outreach  
Celebration**

Special Dinner  
5:00 p.m. Saturday  
April 14, 2018  
Celebration Program

Sunday April 15th  
Visit Ministry Tables  
Hear what God  
is doing  
Near and Far



**A Woman's Place**  
*A community issue. A community organization.  
Community Change*





Dear Church Family,

We cannot all be present when disaster strikes. However, on **March 11**, we will equip others to go.

I am excited that our congregation will join thousands of others across the United States by participating in a United Methodist church-wide special Sunday with offering. Together, we will help fund the critical disaster-relief efforts of the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

For more than 75 years, UMCOR has provided disaster relief, often long after others have left the scene. UMCOR has aided refugees and confronted the crippling challenges of world hunger and poverty. However, UMCOR simply cannot do it without us.

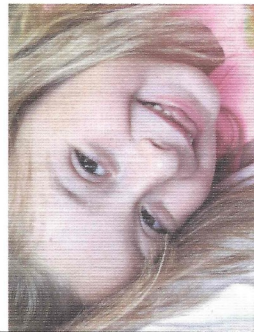
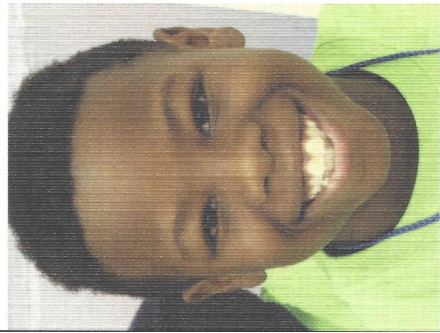
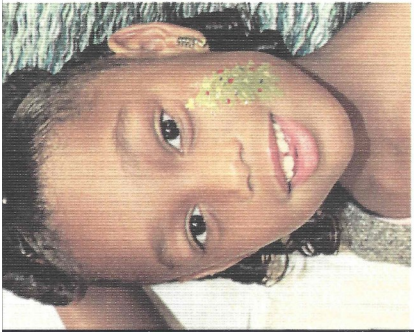
Unlike other benevolent causes, UMCOR receives no funds from the regular United Methodist Church budget. Our generous gifts help cover the agency's administrative costs so UMCOR can continue to guarantee that 100 percent of all other donations go toward specific relief projects. The examples are many — helping rebuild after hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in the U.S.; offering assistance after mudslides in Sierra Leone; and continuing to help survivors of floods and other natural disasters that happened before 2017.

UMCOR Sunday allows The United Methodist Church to respond when disaster strikes. Think of UMCOR as our “Go Team” who can be present when help is needed.

Friends, our support is critical. Let's be there for those in need.

Please prayerfully consider how God would have you cheerfully and generously show God's love around the world with your gifts.

Jeff Tihansky & Bill Bryan  
Co-coordinators, Missions & Outreach Team  
Langhorne United Methodist Church



# Certificate of Appreciation

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## Langhorne United Methodist Church

In recognition of outstanding service to Angel Tree®, this certificate of appreciation is hereby awarded on this 20th day of December, 2017.

*James J. Ackerman*

JAMES J. ACKERMAN  
President and CEO

*Charles A. Rock*

CHARLES ROCK  
National Director of Angel Tree Programs

*“Let the children come to me; do not hinder them,  
for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” —Mark 10:14*



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### **Painting of Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall**

Painting will start in the Sanctuary on March 5th thru March 10th. This will not interfere with Church Service on March 11th, but fellowship and refreshments will not be available in Fellowship Hall. After the March 11th Service.

March 12th thru Friday March 16th they will start painting in Fellowship Hall. Any meetings scheduled to take place in Fellowship Hall will have to meet in one of the other rooms.



Good News! Beginning on Sunday, March 4, 2018, we will have a fully staffed Nursery available from 9:15 a.m. through 12:15 p.m.



Nursery



### **CANCELLATIONS FOR MARCH**

Wednesday Night Dinners

and

Forward Look



## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

2nd Tuesdays of the Month

7:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

Please join us on Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm for our United Methodist Women's meeting – please bring a friend!

Our hostesses will be Carol Annucci and Beverly Eick. Our program will be to study how God calls us individually using a bible study of when God called certain individuals to service: Moses leading his people out of bondage (Exodus 3), Gideon leading an army (Judges 6), Esther risking her life, and Dorcas/Tabitha serving her community (Acts 9).

Our mission giving this month will be for UMW East District ingathering: collecting New knitted items, socks and underwear for our community in need.

**TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT ORDERING YOUR FLOWERS FOR  
EASTER SUNDAY!!!**



***Easter Garden***



**DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS IS March 10, 2018**

**Put in Secretary's Mailbox along with your payment**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone/Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Loving Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Loving Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I will take my plant(s) after the**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **9:30 service**      \_\_\_\_\_ **11:00 service**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Please give my flowers to a shut-in**



| <b>ITEM</b>                     | <b>EACH</b>  | <b>QTY</b> | <b>TOTAL COST</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|
| 6" Pot Daffodils (Yellow)       | \$8.00       |            |                   |
| 6" Hyacinth; 3 bloom (Mixed)    | 8.00         |            |                   |
| 6" Pot White Lilies; 6 blooms   | 9.00         |            |                   |
| 6" Pot Mums (Mixed)             | 8.50         |            |                   |
| 6" Yellow/Orange Asiatic Lily   | 8.50         |            |                   |
| 6" Pot Tulips; 5 blooms (Mixed) | 7.50         |            |                   |
| 4" Daffodil (Tete a tete)       | <b>3.50</b>  |            |                   |
|                                 | <b>TOTAL</b> |            |                   |

**NOTE: PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF ORDER**



## **Stewardship Upcoming Events**

Palm Sunday Breakfast 3/25/18 (see article in newsletter)

Bowling and Pizza 4/21/18 6:30-8:30pm (6 lanes, up to 30 people)

Watch for more information, or contact Linda Rutledge!

Trenton Thunder baseball game is in the planning

A big THANKS to everyone who planned, participated in or attended the Stewardship Sunday worship service and luncheon on Sunday February 18, 2018.

Peter 4:10-11 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

<sup>10</sup> Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup> Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP IS ♥ WORK

Enjoy a Short Stack for a Tall Cause!

SUNDAY, MARCH 25th (Palm Sunday)

8:00 - 11:00 am

You're invited to a

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

to support Langhorne United Methodist Church



Tickets are \$6.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the Door

Contact Holly Rogerson at 267 879-5547

We accept cash and checks



**Eastern Pennsylvania Conference**

The United Methodist Church

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## **Grants to Assist In Defraying Higher Education Costs**

April 30 is rapidly approaching. On that date, the Education Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church will be accepting grant applications to assist worthy individuals with defraying the cost of higher education for the 2018-2019 school year. The application is available on the Conference website. It can be accessed as "Grants to Defray Higher Education Costs." at the following website address:

[epaumc.org/administration/finance/higher-education-scholarships](http://epaumc.org/administration/finance/higher-education-scholarships)

All applications received in the Conference Office (between and including) April 30 to May 21 will be considered for a grant. Like last year, all applications will be considered. Unless there is some disqualification, grant recipients will be randomly selected.

It is important that this information be provided to church members who plan to attend an institution of higher learning in the fall of 2018. Please communicate this grant opportunity to your congregation as soon as possible.

If you have questions, please contact the Education Society Chairperson, Al Adey at [ahadey@verizon.net](mailto:ahadey@verizon.net).

Sincerely,

Alfred H. Adey

**Application**

[2018-19 Education Society Grant Application](#)

# Happy Saint Patrick's Day

*An Irish Blessing*

*May the friendships you make,  
Be those which endure,  
And all of your grey clouds  
Be small ones for sure.  
And trusting in Him  
To Whom we all pray,  
May a song fill your heart,  
Every step of the way*





## MARCH SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

Send our Seniors a Birthday Card and let them know you are thinking of them!!!!



### March 11

Marlene Kalbach - 166 Beechwood Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047

Marybeth States, 2041 Hillside Lane, Feasterville, PA 19053

### March 26

Bab's Wiley - 466 Walker Ave., Penndel, PA 19047

### March 28

Charles Boyle - 240 Lurgan Road, New Hope, PA 18938



## REMINDER:

### MARCH 11

Daylight Saving Time Begins

(Set clocks ahead one hour)



*I would like to express my deepest appreciation and thanks for all the thoughts and prayers you have shown me over the Holidays and my surgery.*

*I can not thank you enough!*

*I think often of LUMC and pray for Langhorne.*

*Pastor John*



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Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler



**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!**

**Sunday Worship Hours:**

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

10 -11:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School \*

11- 12:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School \*

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

\*2 Adult Sunday School Classes being held

pick which time is best for you.

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Kurt Tommuscheit, Sexton

Amy Rodda, Steeple Kids Director, [steeplekids@comcast.net](mailto:steeplekids@comcast.net)