

March 2019

THE
DOVE



**COLUMBIA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

**510 Walnut Street
Columbia, PA 17512 (717) 684-2356
Rev. Tom Grubbs, Pastor**



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church™

Our Vision and Values:
Taking Christ into the community by...
Creating disciples for Christ
Celebrating diversity
Connecting to the community
Commitment to love and justice



UNITY SUNDAY – MARCH 31

Please join us on Sunday, March 31 at 10:00 AM for our next Unity Sunday, featuring Don Heist, from Voice of God Shofars!

Don visited CUMC many years ago and introduced us to this ancient instrument. It was a very inspiring and interesting experience. We have asked Don to expand our knowledge about the shofar and to share the beautiful, mystical sounds they produce.

To quote the website (voiceofgodshofars.com):
“The Shofar is a biblical trumpet used in worship as well as a tool used by God declaring PRAISE, VICTORY, DELIVERANCE, and HEALING of His Land and people.”

Don’s presentation will be followed by a potluck lunch. Signup sheets will be available on Sunday, March 3.

Mark your calendars!



United
Methodist
Women

The United Methodist Women will not have a meeting in March. They will be making Easter eggs again this year, beginning on Sunday, March 31 following the Unity service and luncheon. Eggs will be formed on Sunday, March 31 and Sunday, April 7 (12:15 p.m.). Help is also needed to coat and trim the eggs on Monday, April 1, and Monday, April 8 at about 9 a.m. Please see the signup sheets on the credenza to volunteer for various duties during this project. Peanut Butter eggs will be available coated in dark or milk chocolate, and coconut cream eggs will be available in dark chocolate only. Order forms can be found on the credenza.

Some special changes to note: Orders will be due on March 17 and March 24 (to allow for purchase of supplies). Eggs will cost \$1 each and money is due at the time the order is placed instead of at time of pickup. No orders will be accepted after March 24.



- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Victoria Knight | |
| 3 Claire Musser | Janice Shultz |
| 5 Scott Sener | |
| 7 Russell Hanes III | Charles Kelly III |
| Donna Von Stetten | |
| 9 Michael Sheckard | |
| 12 Simone Lutz | Patrick Smith |
| 14 Zachery Greer | Robert Williams |
| 15 Brewer Hemerly | Patricia Loreto |
| Carly Richardson | |
| 18 Keith Lutz | |
| 19 Tiffany Garris | Tyler Miller |
| 21 Alivia Nobile | |
| 23 Ruth Peters | |
| 24 Justine Leschke | Blake Miller |
| Bonnie Pennell | Austin Von Stetten |
| 25 Amy Eck | Marilyn Hobday Pierce |
| Deb Mountz | |
| 28 Elizabeth Smedley | Gordon Tolson |
| 29 Joseph Hinkle Jr. | |

If you are having a birthday in March and are not listed here, that means we do not have a record of your birth date. Please contact the church office with that information, and have a happy birthday!

**March 3, 2019
Baptism**



Claire Grace Musser
Born on March 3, 2018

Daughter of Sarah Leader & Tyler Musser

Sarah is a long time member of CUMC. "We are eager to bring Claire up in such a loving church family."



As a part of our ongoing commitment to "pray without ceasing" we want to lift up to you for prayer these members of our church family who are residing in nursing homes, retirement homes or are homebound and unable to attend church:

St. Anne's Home, 3952 Columbia Avenue, Columbia

- Jean Grider – 211
- Clarissa Wolcott – Personal care 30

Juniper Village, 607 Hearthstone Lane, Mount Joy

- Minerva Brommer

Luther Acres, 400 St. Luke Drive, Lititz 17543

- Ruth Peters – Room 302

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Steve & Shirley Staman – 200 Luther Lane, Apt. 400
Columbia PA 17512

Jean Crist – 305 Country Place Drive, Lancaster 17601

Geraldine Beaton – 1047 Barber Street, Columbia



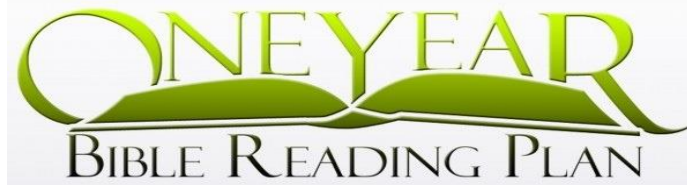
*Dear CUMC family,
Thank you so much for all of your prayers, concern, cards, and being with us as we move through our Mom, Grandma, and Great Grandma's passing away. It is a difficult time for those of us who remain, but we know she is resting well in the company of our Savior.*

Kathie, Mark, Alixe, Joe, and Brewer



**Church Family Bowling @ Clearview Lanes
Sunday, March 24 from 4 – 6 PM**

Cost for each game is \$2.50 for 2 games with free shoe rental. This event is for the entire church so come out and have some fun. RSVP to Joe Kilgore.

The logo for the 'ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN' features the words 'ONE YEAR' in a large, stylized, green font with a slight shadow effect. Below this, the words 'BIBLE READING PLAN' are written in a smaller, black, serif font. The entire logo is set against a light green background that has a subtle gradient and a faint, larger-scale pattern.

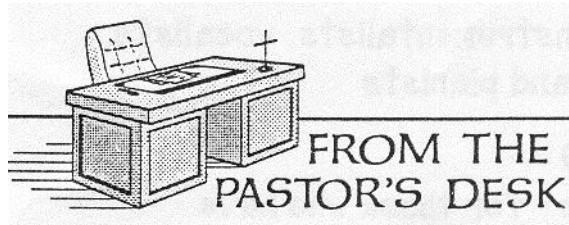
Readings for March and April 2019

(Chapters are Listed Each Day)

March 1	Matthew 20-21
March 2	Luke 18:15-19:48
March 3	Mark 11, John 12
March 4	Matthew 23, Luke 20-21
March 5	Mark 13
March 6	Matthew 24
March 7	Matthew 25
March 8	Matthew 26, Mark 14
March 9	Luke 22, John 13
March 10	John 14-17
March 11	Matthew 27, Mark 15
March 18	Luke 23, John 18-19
March 19	Matthew 28, Mark 16
March 20	Luke 24, John 20-21
March 21	Acts 1-3
March 22	Acts 4-6
March 23	Acts 7-8
March 24	Acts 9-10
March 25	Acts 11-12
March 26	Acts 13-14
March 27	James 1-5
March 28	Acts 15-16
March 29	Galatians 1-3
March 30	Galatians 4-6
March 31	Acts 17-18:18

April 1 1 Thessalonians 1-5, 2 Thessalonians 1-3
April 2 Acts 18:19-19:41
April 3 1 Corinthians 1-4
April 4 1 Corinthians 5-8
April 5 1 Corinthians 9-11
April 6 1 Corinthians 12-14
April 7 I Corinthians 15-16
April 8 2 Corinthians 1-4
April 9 2 Corinthians 5-9
April 10 Acts 20:1-3, Romans 1-3
April 11 Romans 4-7
April 12 Romans 8-10
April 13 Romans 11-13
April 14 Romans 14-16
April 15 Acts 20:4:23:35
April 16 Acts 24-26
April 17 Acts 27-28
April 18 Colossians 1-4, Philemon 1
April 19 Ephesians 1-6
April 20 Philippians 1-4
April 21 1 Timothy 1-6
April 22 Titus 1-3
April 23 I Peter 1-5, Jude 1
April 24 1 John 1-5
April 25 2 John 1, 3 John 1
April 26 Revelation 1-5
April 27 Revelation 6-11
April 28 Revelation 12-18
April 29 Revelation 19-22
April 30 Genesis 31-32, Romans 11:1-18





Update regarding General Conference

General Conference has come to a close. Thank you to everyone who has been praying for the delegates and the United Methodist Church. Please continue to pray for the United Methodist Church and for all the people of the United Methodist Church as there are a lot of hurt and wounded people, clergy included as result of this special conference. Below is a summary of what took place. If you have any questions let me know. Continue to be in prayer and continue to do the Lord's work.

Pastor Tom

As most of you may have heard, this special session of General Conference was called to address two primary issues within the arena of human sexuality and gender identity -- the ordination of persons in the LGBT community, and whether the UMC will allow our pastors and churches to perform same sex marriages. Three primary plans (plus a lot of other resolutions connected to them) were presented first to the legislative committee (a preliminary process that determines what officially is presented to the formal voting of the full plenary session).

The first plan - The Traditional Plan - maintains our denomination's current conservative stance on these issues, and adds further elements of enforcement in light of any violations.

The second plan - The One Church Plan - allows each pastor, church and conference to decide how it will respond to these issues, while maintaining a degree of denominational identity. The One Church Plan was supported by a majority of bishops as well as many progressives.

The third plan - The Connectional Conference Plan - separates the UMC into theologically framed Conferences, rather than geographically, and requires 2/3rds majority of all global conferences for approval since it involves a constitutional change.

The legislative committee process, by a 50 vote majority, eliminated the One Church Plan, and later defeated the Connectional Conference Plan, and other plans... voting solely to put forth a Modified Traditional Plan to the plenary session. That plan went before the full Conference on Tuesday, February 26th, 2019.

After some additional debate and further attempts at exploring new renditions of the other plans, the General Conference voted to support the Traditional Plan. While this conservative plan was supported, there are several aspects to the way it was written that our denomination's Judicial Council (our version of the Supreme Court) ruled as unconstitutional. So, all of what was decided now must be filtered through the Judicial Council for further definition.

What does all this mean? The General Conference voted on Tuesday, February 26th, 2019, that the UMC would keep the traditional language in our Book of Discipline regarding the stance on ordination of LGBT and same sex marriages. Although this plan got passed there was a motion that the decision of the General Conference be appealed and allow the Judicial Council to determine whether or not they will uphold the decision that took place at General Conference on February 26, 2019. The Judicial Council will not meet until April 23rd. So although a decision was made yesterday at General Conference we need to wait two months to see if the Judicial Council will uphold it.

As more information becomes available I will share it with you. Regardless of where you land on this issue I ask that we all work side by side and that we continue to be about the mission of CUMC which is "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the world", while carrying out CUMC's vision of "Taking Christ to the Community." Let us continue to serve our church and community in the name of Christ and let us continue to come together to be the church God called us to be.

Please continue to be in prayer not only for the UMC but for CUMC also as we continue to do the work of Christ.

◀ February		March 2019					April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2	
3 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday 6:30 PM Youth 7 PM Ash Wednesday service 8 PM AA	7 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	8	9	
10 Daylight Saving time begins 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 10:05 AM Outreach 11 AM Traditional Service 12:15 PM Kids Community Group Teachers	11 6:30 PM PATH 7 PM Youth Bible Study @ Kilgore's	12	13 8 PM AA	14 10:30 AM Reflections Community Group 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	15	16 10 AM Youth Rally at Wesley UMC	
17 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service	18	19	20 8 PM AA	21 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	22	23	
24 9 AM Praise Service 10:05 AM Community Groups 11 AM Traditional Service 4 PM Bowling at Clearview Lanes	25	26	27 8 PM AA	28 10:30 AM Reflections Community Group 6:30 PM AA 7 PM Choir	29	30	
31 Unity Sunday 10 AM Worship UMW Egg project begins	<u>UPCOMING SERMONS</u>						
	March 6 Why are you here? (Ash Wednesday)		Matthew 6:1-6				
	March 10 Darkness to Light		John 20:1-29				
	March 17 Alone with the Devil		Luke 4:1-13				
	March 24 Who is Jesus?		Luke 13:31-35				

STAFF CONTACT INFO

Pastor Tom: rev.tomgrubbs@yahoo.com
 Cell: 717-917-7164
 Office/Diana: cumc@comcast.net 717-684-2356
 Joe Kilgore Jr.: joe_kilgore@comcast.net
 Seth Jacoby: sethjacoby@mail.com

