

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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February 22, 2026

9:30am Worship

WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

1ST TIME GUESTS: Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help and an usher is always available at the main rear entrance. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality, leave us a note on the Welcome Card. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be. Thank you!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Congregational readings are in bold with an *All*, *People*, or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin or pew hymnal. Times for standing and sitting are listed, with it always being okay to remain seated.

“BUSY BAGS”: Coloring books and crayons are available in the north narthex (lobby) for use during worship. Please return all items following the service for others to use the following week. See an usher for assistance.

NURSERY CARE: Available during worship for children birth-kindergarten. The nursery is past the office, to the right. See an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Is held during worship for 1st – 7th graders, except the first Sunday of the month. Youth meet their teachers after the children's message in the sanctuary. Parents, please pick up your child from the 2nd floor classrooms immediately following worship. Follow signs for the office.

RESTROOMS: Ladies and a unisex/accessible bathroom (with wall mounted baby changing table) are available through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Follow the signs to the office. Bathrooms are on the left.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Ask an usher at the rear entrance to the sanctuary who will provide you with a device directly tied into the sanctuary sound system. Please return the device to an usher at the conclusion of worship.

GET CONNECTED: Use the pew holder Welcome Card to register your attendance, share contact information, ask questions, and more. Once completed, place it in the offering plates during the offering time.

WIFI & DEVICES: Thank you for silencing all your devices during worship. Bausman's guest wifi is accessible with the passcode: “gladurhere!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: If you could have any superpower, which one would you choose? We readily think about how much better things could be if we could just be a little more. Who couldn't use a little extra speed, a little more strength, a vastly enhanced healing ability, or of course the long-sought-after ability to fly? But what we don't ever consider is how our true superpower just might be our vulnerability. And yet, sharing the clay jar reality of our life is likely the most powerful gift we have to offer anyone within this world.

Opening Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing of Christ's Peace

(Rise in body or spirit to share Christ's peace using customary forms of greeting or by using a peace sign. Please be seated once the prelude begins.)

Prelude: "Solemn March" - W.A.Mozart. arr. by Troutman

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into our presence, calling us to worship)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: We gather in God's worship not because we are righteous or holy or because we have our lives neatly or nicely put together.

People: **We come because we hold the treasure of life in clay jars.**
We come because we long for the author of life.
We come to be renewed to life.

Pastor: As we come, the point is not to become powerful in ourselves, so that we might conquer the world.

People: **But to embrace the very vulnerability and fragility of our lives so that God might more fully enter in.**

Pastor: We are a people who are held in the Potter's hands.

People: **And so we worship the Creator of all that was, is, and ever will be, so that our lives might be shaped and formed through the loving care of God's hands.**

Pastor: Let us worship, so that the life of Jesus
may be made all the more visible in our mortal flesh.

People: Amen.

Processional Hymn: “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” (p. #226)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Pastor: If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just,
will forgive us and restore us to life.

Pastor: Let us confess together.

Corporate Confessional

All: Almighty God, too readily we worship what is powerful
and disparage what is weak.

In this we open wide the doorway for evil to come rushing in,
in the judgments we make, the alliances we foster,
and the hope we nurture.

Though the way of this world, it is not the way of you.

For you look not upon outward appearances, but upon the heart.

Forgive the failings of our heart and the weakness of our mind,
as you kindle anew the true vision of Christ –
Jesus was crucified for our sake and for the restoring of this world.

Shape us anew, O God, in the tender care of your hands. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

(Personal prayers for God's healing and redeeming peace)

Kyrie

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us. (*sung*)

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us. (*sung*)

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

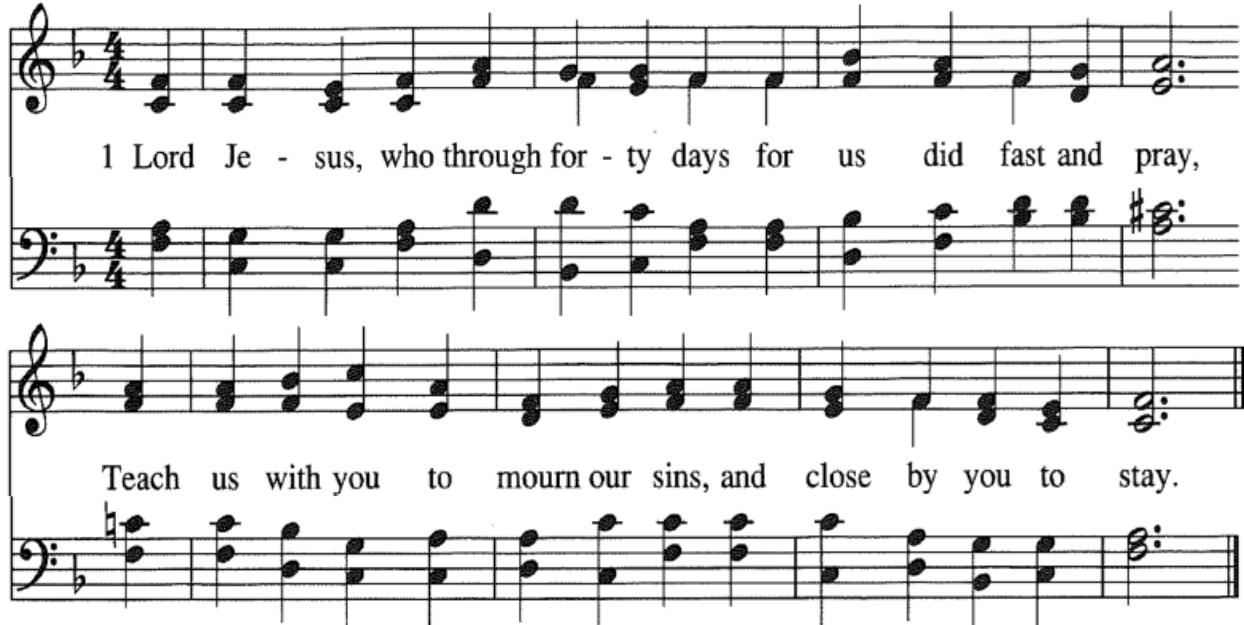
People: Lord, have mercy upon us. (*sung*)

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...We are saved by grace. We are made whole in love.

People: Like clay, we are remade in the Potter's hands. Amen.

Confession Response: "Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days"



The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "1 Lord Je - sus, who through for - ty days for us did fast and pray," followed by a repeat sign and a section ending with a half note. The bottom staff is in bass clef and 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay." The music concludes with a final section ending with a half note.

(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

(All youth are invited to come forward to the front steps. Those in 1st-7th grades are dismissed to Sunday School or back to their guardians following the message.)

Prayer of Illumination

All: O God, you are the potter, we are the clay.
By the grace of your Spirit, let us be formed by you,
in the proclaiming and hearing of your Word.
Center us now in the fullness of your will and your way. Amen.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 27

Reader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

People: Whom shall I fear?

Reader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

People: Of whom shall I be afraid?

Reader: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh –

People: My adversaries and foes – they shall stumble and fall.

Reader: Though an army encamp against me,

People: My heart shall not fear;

Reader: Though war rise up against me,

People: Yet I will be confident.

Reader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**People: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

Reader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**People: He will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.**

Reader: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me,

**People: And I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

Reader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,

People: Be gracious to me and answer me!

Reader: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"

People: Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Reader: Do not hide your face from me.

**People: Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.**

Reader: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

People: If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Reader: Teach me your way, O lord, and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

**People: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**

Reader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

Reader: Wait for the Lord!

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:1-14 (p. #180)

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them

from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: "Created for Vulnerability"

Chancel Choir Anthem: "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You" - Jay Althouse

WE RESPOND TO GOD

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Statement of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

Pastor: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

All: **That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death –**

**not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;
that he protects me so well
that without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head;**

indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

All: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

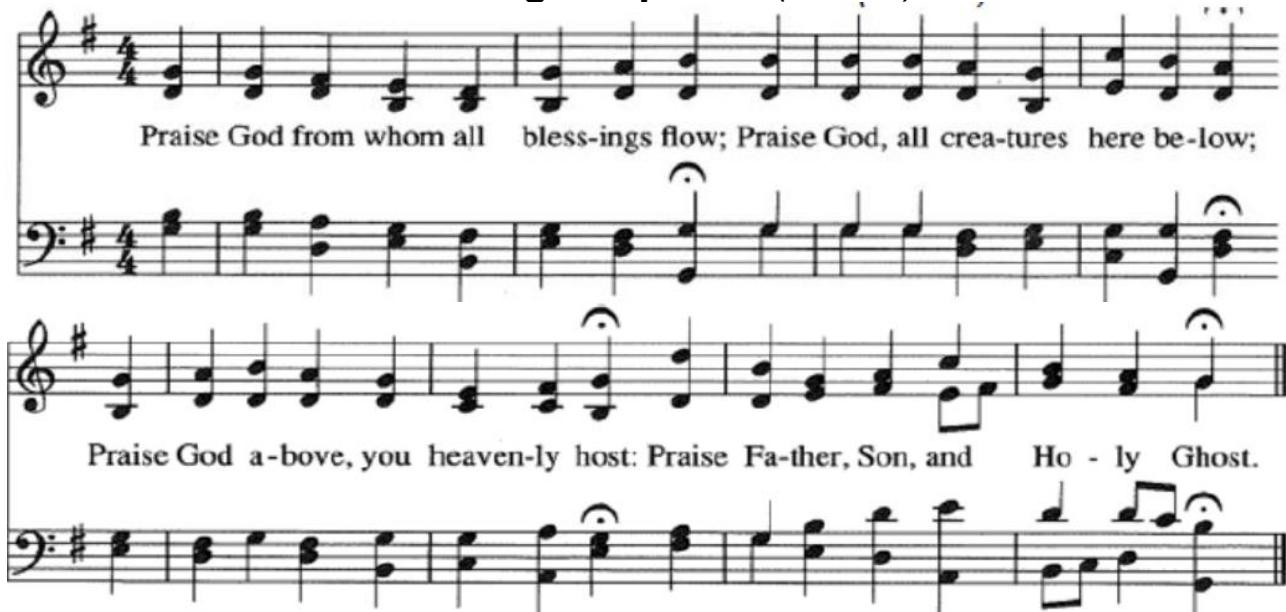
Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

*(Electronic & physical giving options are available through the pew envelope.
Register your attendance with a Welcome Card or using Realm's mobile check-in.)*

Offertory: "Komm Susser Tod" - J.S. Bach, arr. by Douglas R. Wagner

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication

**All: Saving God, you have shaped us to be agents of your blessing
so that the life of Christ may be evident in all that we do.**

**Bless these signs and symbols of our desire
to walk in your way and to live of your truth,
as you make your mercies evident in the ministries of the church
and through the living of our lives.**

In Jesus' name. Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Lift Up Your Hearts!" (p. #38)

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into the world, as the choir leads us in the way.)

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Fanfare in D Major" - Robert J. Powell

(As the postlude concludes, go in peace to love and serve at the calling of God.)

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, February 22

8:30 AM Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
8:00 PM Wyo Cub Scout Committee Meeting - Library

Monday, February 23

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level
11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Property – Conference Room

Tuesday, February 24

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Safe Church Meeting – Conference Room

Wednesday, February 25

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level
11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, February 26

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM Women’s Recovery Group – Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Bell Choir – Sanctuary
7:30 PM Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

Friday, February 27

8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 1

8:30 AM Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
9:30AM Worship, Nursery, First Sunday Fellowship
1:00 PM New Member’s Class – Fellowship Hall
Girl Scout Troop 1693 – Room 22
4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 192 – Fellowship Hall
6:45 PM Scout Troop 413 – Fellowship Hall

PRAYERS & CARES

Congregational Cards of Care

God invites us to share life-giving love through our faith. One way to do this is to weekly join in our “Cards of Care” ministry. This week we are uplifting Andrea Brunner, who is one of our Home Congregants. Stop by the table in the front left corner of the sanctuary to add your name and care to this week’s card. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Thank you for joining in the joy and care of others by including the following prayers in your prayer times. Submit your prayer requests by using a Prayer Card, contacting the church office, or the prayer chain coordinator (Mary Moll). Prayer requests are maintained for up to four weeks and can be resubmitted an unlimited number of times. When possible, please check with the person before submitting their name.

Praise & Celebrations: St. Paul's UCC, Amityville & Pastor Don Epps

Healing & Strengthening: Mary Hollinger; Mary Motz; Debbie Brubaker; Alaire; Joanne Doleva

Care & Support: Randy Ulmer; Commander Alison (Derr) Maruca & Family; Major Jamie Derr & Family; The people of Minneapolis; Les Moll; Savannah Guthrie

Comfort In Time of Loss: The Family of Dr. Corey Jones; The Family of Renee Good; The Family of Alex Pretti; The Family of Robert Cappuccio (David Cappuccio's father); The Family of Martha Rudolph-Maher (Sue Showalter's mother)

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

2/23 Jack Smedley
Samantha Johnson
2/24 Patti Shuttlesworth
2/25 Trevor Luyben
2/29 Nevin Hollinger

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: To the Glory of God by Nancy Helbig

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Nevin Hollinger

Ushers: Chad Rutherford, Max Spayd, Joe

Strohl, Jodi Reardon

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Cece Wagner

Welcome: Shelby Brunner

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Nursery: Amalia Cannon

Altar Guild: Shelby Brunner

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 74

Online: 9

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$3401.60 Online: \$140

Disaster Relief: \$1.40

**"LOOK AND SEE"
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

(Visit bausmanucc.org and sign up for the weekly e-blasts as well)

2026 Lenten Daily Devotional Booklet – Pastor Joe, along with several of his colleagues, co-authored a Lenten Devotional Booklet. These free booklets have been printed and are available on the table at the front of the sanctuary. You can also access this booklet digitally if you receive the weekly Eblast.

Would You Like to Be Receiving Home Communion? - Has your life situation changed in the last 6-18 months? Have you discovered it has been a long time since you have been able to physically attend worship? If so, we would love to include you in home communion visits. Communion is a central part of our relationship with Christ and with God's church. With the expanded lay minister care team we are providing quarterly home communion. Contact the church office to be added to the list.

Lenten Food Collection - As you journey through this season of Lent and prayerfully consider what to give up, please consider Bausman's Lenten food collection. One food item or non-food item per week from the list below will go a long way in serving your neighbors in need this season. The SOAR committee will be collecting food for the Calvary UCC Food Pantry, New Journey and Spartan Station from **February 18 through Palm Sunday, March 29**. All three missions could use the following items: canned foods, whole meals such as soups, chili, Chef Boyardee, Mac and cheese, peanut butter jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, instant oatmeal etc. Non-food items such as shampoo and conditioner, soap - hand and body, deodorant, laundry products are also needed. Collection containers will be in the front and east narthex of the church. Questions? Contact Mike Ritter at (610) 781-5946.

"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor." Proverbs 22:9



Pork & Homemade Sauerkraut Dinner Sale – The annual Pork and Homemade Sauerkraut Dinner Sale is Saturday, March 7 from 4-6pm. The dinner will be held as a combination of in-house and takeout. Adult dinners are \$11, Children ages 5-12 are \$6. Dinners will include pork and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, bean salad, apple sauce and a slice of cake. Quart containers of pork and sauerkraut are \$11/qt and quarts of just sauerkraut are \$8/qt. Last day to place an order is Sunday, March 2, 2025. Proceeds benefit property maintenance, improvements & operations of Bausman.

Have You Reviewed/Received Your 2025 Giving Statement? - Giving statements were emailed or mailed to all members the first week of February. If you have not received your 2025 giving statement, please contact the church office. Please be sure to review your giving statement. Regular review of giving statements is a critical component to ensuring Bausman's financial practices are accurate and faithful.

Celebrate Girl Scout Sunday – March 8 - Join us for worship **Sunday, March 8**, as we recognize **Girl Scout Sunday** and celebrate the courage, confidence, and character of girls in our community. Girl Scouts will be part of the worship experience, and we'll highlight the impact of the Girl Scout program while welcoming young girls who may be interested in joining. Stay after worship for fellowship and refreshments as we continue the celebration!

Easter Endowment Offering - Endowment giving reflects Easter hope. It proclaims faith in God to transcend the power of death as our gifts of love, rebirth, hope, and strength provide for generations to come.

Please know that every endowment gift is a gift of the heart, given with a reverent spirit. *A special offering will be collected on Easter Sunday (04/05/26)* for you to make your contribution by using the Special Easter Offering Envelope in your box of envelopes; by indicating "Easter Endowment Offering" on an envelope in the pew racks; or by using our online giving option that designates the 3 eligible Endowment Funds (Permanent, Quasi, or Luyben Music). Please prayerfully consider supporting our church in this special way to continue providing the Bausman legacy!

In the Hospital? Who have you asked to call? - It is always helpful to call the church when you are admitted to the hospital. Even better, plan ahead by letting a friend or family member know you would like them to call the church if you are admitted to the hospital. St. Joe's provides no information to congregations. With Reading Hospital, make sure your patient record reflects you are a member at Bausman and you would like the church to be notified. This information has been known to be dropped from the hospital's system. Regardless, giving the church a call (or having a family member know to do so) will help ensure you receive intentional care from your congregation.

Become a Bulletin Sponsor –Become a bulletin sponsor by using the Sign-up forms and calendar poster located on the doors by the church office. Bulletin sponsorship is \$15 each or 2 for \$25.

How to Get Free Money for Bausman Using your Redner's Card - Remember to scan your Redner's Card at checkout. Then submit your full receipt to the church office or place in the East Narthex collection box. Friends and family can support Bausman with their receipts as well! Redner's gives the church 1% for every purchase. But it only applies when you scan your card at checkout.

In Case of Worship Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather - In the case there is a need to cancel worship due to poor weather conditions, cancellation information will be posted on the following platforms:

- The church answering machine message, option 3
- Email sent out through Realm and Posted on the Newsfeed
- Facebook - Bausman's Facebook page
- WFMZ.com - Under Business and School Closings

The Keystone Connection



A Message to the Conference

February 17, 2026

Dear Keystone Members and Friends –

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. – Hebrews 10:23-25

Before I became a UCC clergy person, the first church I pastored was in Spokane, Washington, which was part of a denomination that only had two other congregations in the state. If I wanted to meet with a colleague in my denomination, it was at least a 3.5-hour drive. Thankfully, a Lutheran clergy couple took me under their wings and provided the friendship and, at times, mentoring this newly born clergy person needed. I must admit, though, it was sometimes a lonely existence, not having folks from your own “tribe” to run ideas by, share wisdom, or to offer words of encouragement. Since then, I’ve tended to be the kind of person who shows up for gatherings of colleagues when I can, though Conference work doesn’t always allow for it.

There is a proverb often attributed to the church father Tertullian (c. 155-220 CE) that in Latin reads “*Unus Christianus, nullus Christianus*,” which is often translated as “Christian alone is no Christian.” Christianity is not a solo religion, but one practiced and lived in through an intentional community of fellow believers. It would have shocked some of our early Christian forbearers to see how we often individualize our faith in God or Christ, rather than understanding it as deeply enmeshed in a Christian community.

Clergy can sometimes forget this, or at least I do, this deep need we have for others who also lead congregations or serve in other settings. Perhaps “a clergy alone is no clergy” is true as well, though we could certainly debate that, I suppose. I do know that clergy who tend to their relationships with other clergy seem to be healthier and happier, since it holds at bay the loneliness that some of us experience in our callings. The Keystone Clergy Convocation is coming up soon, from April 14-16, and it’s probably my favorite Conference event. It is a time, as the writer of Hebrews says, to “provoke one another to love and good deeds” and encourage one another during these challenging times. Clergy, consider attending this time together, and laity, encourage your pastors to attend. See below for more details – and I’ll see you there, if not sooner!

Rev. Kevin McLemore

Regional Conference Minister – Region I

Keystone Conference

United Church of Christ

Clergy Convocation 2026

“That They May All Be One”

April 14 - 16, 2026

Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg

Registration is now open for Clergy Convocation 2026. Join your fellow clergy for this historic first clergy convocation of the new Keystone Conference! A time of collegiality, spiritual renewal and education for authorized ministers and members in discernment. We will welcome speaker, Dr. Shirley Mullen, PhD, author of “Claiming the Courageous Middle: Daring to Live and Work Together for a More Hopeful Future” Learn more and register here: <https://keystoneconference.refox.com/clergy-convocation-2026>

Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ's first Annual Meeting will be held June 5-7 at Millersville University in Millersville. Overnight accommodations will be on campus as well as the DoubleTree Hilton in Lancaster. Registration will begin in March 2026.

Our theme is “Joy at the Table Together” and our centering scripture is Acts 2:46-47 “Every day they met together, breaking bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God.” The meeting will include a Service of Consecration for Keystone Conference.

Speakers will include Rev. Dr. Marcia McFee, author of *Think Like a Filmmaker: Sensory-Rich Worship for Unforgettable Messages*; Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ; Rev. Dr. Mary Luti, author of *Do This*; Communion for Just and Courageous Living; Rev. Greg Edwards, Executive Director of POWER Interfaith, Secretary Russell Redding, PA Secretary of Agriculture, and Rev. Freeman Palmer, Conference Minister for the Central Atlantic Conference.

Attention Youth Campers and Families,

Please read the following information carefully, as the Conference policy for supplementing youth summer camping has changed.

For the 2026 summer season, the Keystone Conference will campership or reimburse 30% of the cost for one youth to attend one summer camping experience. If a youth attends more than one camp during the summer, only one camp will be eligible for the 30% reimbursement. Please use the application for additional camps if this creates a hardship.

Learn more and download the application under the campership section of keystoneucc.org/mission-grants-committee/

Living Waters Camp & Conference Center
Schellsburg, PA

Trustin' Jesus' Summer Camps
Fishing Camp - June 28 to July 2, for grades 6 to 12
Primary (grades K - 3) - July 5 to 11
Elementary Camp (grades 4 - 6) - July 5 to 11
Junior-Senior High Camp - July 12 - 18
Grandparent / Grandchild Camp is July 12 to 15
Learn more at livingwaterscamp.org

HC Spirit Camp is hosted at Hartman Center Campground, Millroy, PA. The theme for HC Spirit 2026 is “In the Wilderness.” Camp runs from July 26 - August 1, 2026. Keep checking in at hspiritcamp.org for the upcoming brochure and registration links

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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Medieval Latin, attrib. to Bernard of Clairvaux (1091–1153)

Isa. 53; John 19:1–3

German paraphr. by Paul Gerhardt, 1656

Transl. James W. Alexander, 1830; alt.

This hymn is drawn from an extended Latin poem in seven sections, each addressed to a member of Christ's body on the cross. It comes to us by way of a German translation by Lutheran pastor and hymnwriter Paul Gerhardt.

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
(HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN)
Melody by Hans Leo Hassler, 1601
Harm. J. S. Bach, 1729
For another harmonization, see 179

“Lift Up Your Hearts!”

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Henry M. Butler, 1881; alt.

Unison

1 “Lift up your hearts!” We lift them up to you,
 2 A - bove the lev - el of the for - mer years,
 3 Lift ev - ery gift that God to us has given;
 4 Then as the trum - pet call, in af - ter years,

for in your pres - ence it is right to do;
 the mire of sin, the weight of guilt - y fears,
 low lies the best till blessed by God in heaven;
 “Lift up your hearts!” rings peal - ing in our ears,

“Lift up your hearts!” In joy to - geth - er laud,
 The mist of doubt, the blight of love’s de - cay,
 Low lie the bound - ing heart, the teem - ing brain,
 With spir - its one, with hearts in - spired and awed,

“We lift them up, we lift them up to God.”
 O God of life, lift all our hearts to - day!
 till, once more, they re - turn to God a - gain.
 “We lift them up, we lift them up to God!”

*This text is a meditation written for students at Harrow School, England. It is based on a liturgical dialogue, *Sursum Corda*, used since the third century in the Eastern and Western church to introduce the *eucaristēō* or prayer of consecration.*

Tune: WOODLANDS 10.10.10.10.
Walter Greatorex, 1916