

SECOND 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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March 1, 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.

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: You have been created for a ministry of reconciliation! These words from the apostle Paul in his letter to the Corinthians might drive you to ask your favorite digital assistant what exactly does reconciliation mean. In learning it is about bringing things back into harmony again, you might realize that reconciliation is truly difficult work. Dig a little deeper and it will become evident how the difficulty starts with us. When you think of relationships you have worked to reconcile, what challenged you within the work? What gave you the courage to persevere? Because like Jesus bearing our sin on the cross, reconciliation always comes with a cost.

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: "A Lenten Medley" - Hassler, Cruger, Bach

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: The claim is true, "Christ has died for all!"

People: Christ's love is for everyone, everywhere!

Pastor: There are none who fall outside Christ's work of salvation.

People: We are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

Pastor: Through Christ,

God is making this world, and all of us, into a new creation.

People: Everything old is passing away. Everything is becoming new!

Pastor: Thus we worship the Lord our God, that our eyes might be open to see,
our ears to hear, and our minds to know
the reality that has come to be – the reality we are called to be.

**All: Gather us, O God, as your people –
as your new creations in service to this world you love so well.
Inspire us anew by the indwelling of your Spirit
that we may come to not only hear your Word,
but to live the truth of your Word.
Gather us, O God, as the body of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Processional Hymn: “Just As I Am” (p. #207)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

**All: Reconciling God, every day we are tempted to divide this world up
between who is in and who is out,
who is worthy and who is unworthy.
Yet the fact remains, Christ died for all.
Forgive the sin of our reticent hearts
that perpetuate the evils of this world.
Forgive our inability to see past our anger, our hatred, our hurt,
and our grief.
Forgive the weariness of our souls and the cynicism of our mind
that keep us from your labors of love.
Forgive us, as you make the old pass away,
that we might be ambassadors within your new creation. 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: ...Lay down your past.

People: For it is forgiven.

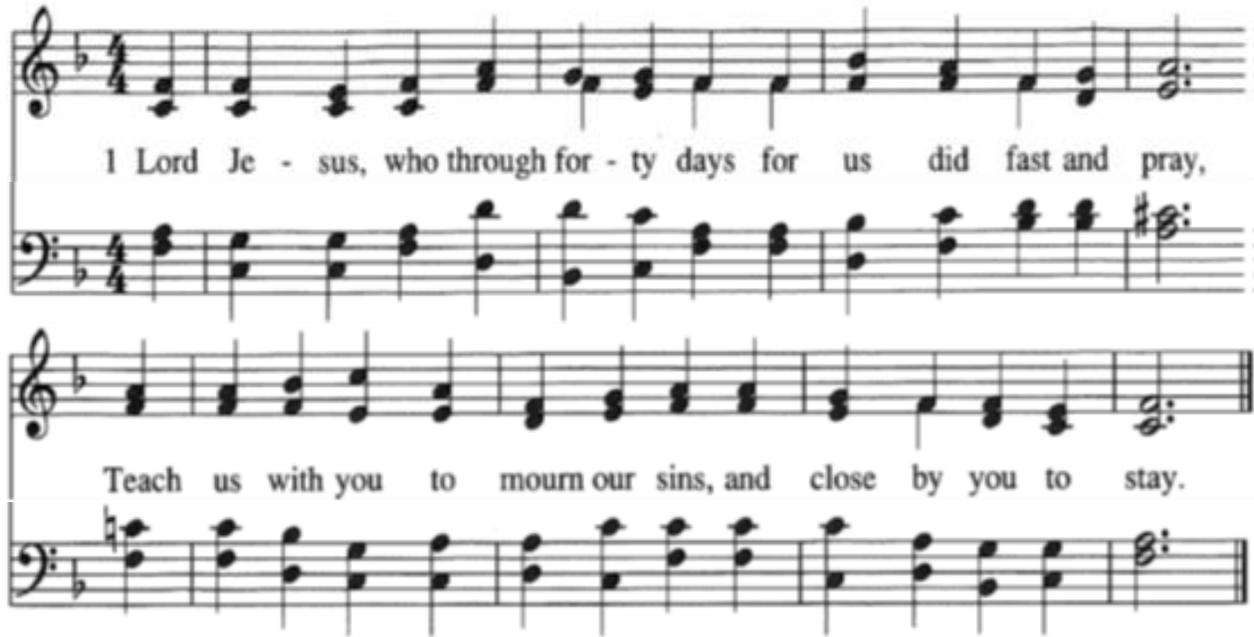
Pastor: Pick up your present.

People: For it has been made new.

Pastor: Thanks be to God!

People: Amen.

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



I Lord Je - sus, who through for - ty days for us did fast and pray,
Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.

(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. No Sunday School Today.)

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 85

Pastor: Lord, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people;

People: You pardoned all their sin.

Pastor: You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

**People: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us.**

Pastor: Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

People: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Pastor: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**People: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Pastor: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

Pastor: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

**People: Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 (p. #181)

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[a] The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin[b] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: “Created for Reconciliation”

WE RESPOND TO GOD

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: “Meditation on Wondrous Love” - Spiritual, arr. by David Paxton

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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." The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass line.

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 your church
and through the living of our lives.**

In Jesus’ name. Amen.

(Please be seated)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Chancel Choir Anthem: “Behold the Lamb” - Getty / Townsend

Invitation

Pastor: Come people of God, to receive of God’s love and life.
Come to the table prepared for you
and for all who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

People: **In the company of all who long for the living Lord,
and the mercies of his presence poured out into this world,
we come to receive of God’s invitation
to share in the newness of life.**

Great Communion Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord God Most High.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: ...Therefore, with the whole company of the heavenly hosts
we worship and glorify you, God most high, singing with joy:
(Please rise in body or spirit)

Seraphic Hymn (Sung in Unison)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor: Gracious God, send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this cup of the vine,
that we who eat and drink at this table
may be united in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, our Lord.

All: **Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth,
bringing in your new creation.**

Unite as your church, to reveal your peace and justice,

**to be ambassadors of your reign,
as we live out the ministry of Christ's reconciliation.**

Pastor: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
all honor and glory are yours forever, Lord Most High.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sharing of Elements – Pew Communion

(All who seek to unite their lives in discipleship to Christ are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will serve the bread – gluten free option in the center. Then the trays of red wine and white grape juice. Hold each element until invited to consume that we may be united as one body in our receiving. Place empty cups in the pew holders.)

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Eternal God, you have called your people from the east and the west,
from the north and the south, to feast at your table.

**We thank you for feeding us with the fullness of Christ's presence
that we may abide in you, and in abiding in you,
be emboldened to live of your truth and to share your gospel
for the sake of this world and all her people.**

Through Christ, the Lord and Savior of us all. Amen.

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross" (p. #195)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Toccata in C" - Paxton

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, March 1

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir – Sanctuary
- 9:30AM Worship, Communion, 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

Monday, March 2

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level
- 11:00 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 PM Recovering Couples Group – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 3

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 4

- 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, March 5

- 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, March 6

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
- 1:15 PM Sauerkraut & Pork Dinner Prep

Saturday, March 7

- 8:30 AM Sauerkraut & Pork Dinner Prep
- 4:00 PM Sauerkraut Dinner Pick-up

Sunday, March 8 – Girl Scout Sunday / Daylight Savings Begins

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
- 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 JoAnne Doleva, 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, Birdsboro & Pastor Deborah Parker-Hill

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); The Family
of Jackie Warner (death of father)

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

3/1 Escher Epting
3/5 Ann E. Houck
Jessica Motz
3/7 Priscilla K. Walsky
3/7 Robert Doleva
3/8 Angela Wertz

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

3/6 Pat & Ron Hatt

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: To the Glory of God by Gail Freymoyer.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Dale Derr

Ushers: Anne Anders, Shelby Brunner, Tom Wentzel, Renee Dietrich

Acolyte: TBD

Reader: Deborah Weinhold

Welcome: Lori Moser

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Nursery: Amalia Cannon

Altar Guild: Mary Moll

Elders: *Anne Anders, *Shelby Brunner, Tom Wentzel, Renee Dietrich, Maureen Longenecker (choir)

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 55

Online: 23

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$9240 Online: \$724

Ash Wednesday Offering: \$410

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
MARCH 1, 2026**

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

First Sunday Fellowship - Following worship today, stay for a time of connection and light refreshments. This is a great opportunity to build new relationships and strengthen old ones. To ensure accessibility for all, the fellowship time, with its light refreshments, will be held in the sanctuary.

Capital Improvement Special Offering - Today, please join in supporting the capital improvement projects of the church through a special offering. Gifts can be made online or using a pew or your special envelope. If using a pew envelope, please designate capital improvements. Thank you for your investment in Bausman's capital improvements!

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

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.



Pork & Homemade Sauerkraut Dinner Sale – The annual Pork and Homemade Sauerkraut Dinner Sale is this 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.

Celebrate Girl Scout Sunday – March 8 - Join us for worship **next Sunday**, 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!

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.



The Annual Bausman Memorial UCC Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10am on Saturday, April 4. The hunt will be broken into three age groups, and all children aged 0-12 are welcome to attend! We will stagger the start of each group. Please feel free to share with family, friends, and neighbors- all are welcome!

Candy Donations for Easter Egg Hunt - If you would like to donate candy, please bring it in to church by Sunday, March 29 and place it in the labeled bins. While there are no restrictions on type of candy, please ensure all pieces are individually wrapped (no bags of loose M&Ms, for example).

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.

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 24, 2026

Dear Keystone Members and Friends –

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak... (Ecclesiastes 3:1,7)

I make it a habit to read the book of Ecclesiastes at least twice a year. The text always challenges me to reflect – on what preoccupies me, what “season” I am in, and what is the meaning of existence(!). Lately I wonder if we are trapped in a season of “tearing/rending” without hope of sewing. I also wonder about silence and speech and how to employ both wisely. Our political life these days seems full of drama, regardless of where you find yourself on the political or social spectrum, full of speech and full of tearing - not as much sewing and silence.

To reflect on some of this I’m inviting you to join me on the evening of March 5th at 7:00 PM on Zoom for a discussion of “Politics and Preaching: Faithful Application or Misuse of the Pulpit?” The title is intentionally dichotomizing to reflect how so many things feel these days – there seems to be one answer only, with very little nuance. I want to get away from that and introduce some complexity as we explore how the pulpit has been used for political purposes over the years and wrestle with when that is appropriate, if ever.

This topic arose in discussions with several clergy who have mentioned their own struggles with what clergy are “allowed” to say from the pulpit and what they “should” say. This shouldn’t surprise you given the very broad political spectrum we host in our churches. Our diversity on politics and social issues is one of Keystone’s strengths as well as an important witness to the whole United Church of Christ.

This is the first of several discussions I will host on various topics on Zoom in the months to come. Watch this space for more information! If you are unable to be with us next week then I may offer the talk again, if there is enough interest.

Please be sure to register (link is available on keystoneucc.org/events so we can send you the Zoom link in advance. I look forward to a great conversation!

Peace,

Carrie

Rev. Dr. Carrie Call

Transitional Conference Minister

Keystone Conference UCC



Emergency Hygiene Kits on the Move: A Shared Ministry of Compassion

St. John's UCC in Emmaus will play a meaningful role in strengthening our conference-wide disaster response efforts. Randy and Irene Kraft, who chair the church's Missions Committee, shared the good news that the 260 emergency hygiene kits assembled by the congregation last summer are now ready for delivery to the Mission Central warehouse in Mechanicsburg. This facility has become the primary hub for disaster-response supplies in the Northeast, replacing the former Church World Service depot.

Rev. Gary M. Barraco, pictured here, serves as the Keystone Conference Disaster Response Coordinator. He recently visited St. John's to pick up the completed kits, which will soon be stored until they are deployed wherever disaster strikes. Each kit represents a small but powerful act of care—practical items that restore dignity, offer comfort, and

remind survivors that they are not alone.

This partnership between local congregations, Mission Central, and the Keystone Conference reflects the best of who we are: people of faith working together to meet urgent needs with compassion and readiness. St. John's commitment to hands-on mission continues to ripple outward, touching lives far beyond Emmaus.

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, Milroy, PA . The theme for HC Spirit 2026 is "In the Wilderness." Camp runs from July 26 - August 1, 2026. Keep checking in at hcspiritcamp.org for the upcoming brochure and registration links

Just as I Am

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Charlotte Elliott, 1836; alt.

John 6:37; Eph. 2:14

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that your
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
3 Just as I am, you will re - ceive, will wel - come,
4 Just as I am, your love un - known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, And that you called in -
con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be yours, and

vit - ing me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
yours a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

This text appeared in Charlotte Elliott's Invalid's Hymn Book, published in England in 1836. Disabled at age thirty, she continued a career of writing and editing. This hymn has been translated into many languages.

Tune: WOODWORTH L.M.
William B. Bradbury, 1849

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On a Hill Far Away (The Old Rugged Cross)

Heb. 12:2; James 1:12

George Bennard, 1913; alt.

1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross, the
 2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a
 3 In that old rug-ged cross, which bore Love so di - vine, a
 4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, its

em - blem of suf - fering and shame; And I love that old cross where the
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left the
 won - drous beau - ty I see, For up - on that old cross Je - sus
 shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; When God calls me some-day to my

dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 glo - ry of heaven to bear it to cold Cal - va - ry.
 suf - fered and died to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 home far a - way, there God's glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,

After serving as an officer in the Salvation Army, George Bennard was ordained by the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the midst of his travels through the Midwest conducting revival campaigns, he was inspired to write this hymn.

Tune: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS Irr.
George Bennard, 1913

tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged
cross, the

cross,
old rug - ged cross,
and ex - change it some-day for a crown.