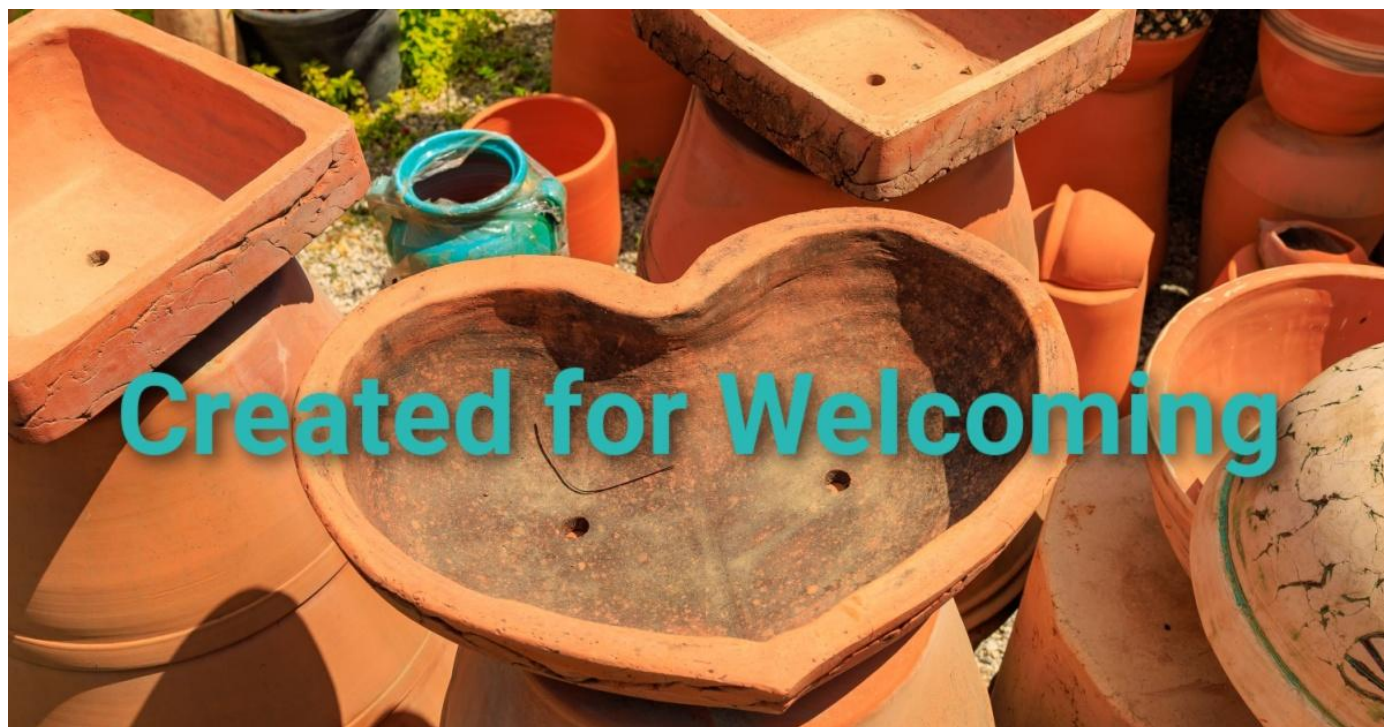


FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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 15, 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: When was the last time you felt completely out of place or like the outsider? Even worse, when did you last experience being looked down upon? In writing to the Ephesians, Paul makes the remembering of these experiences foundational to living out our faith. Simply put, the more readily we remember what it is like to be the outsider or to feel the shame of another's judgment, the more readily we labor to welcome outsider's in and extend redemptive grace rather than condemning judgement.

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: "Air on a Ground Bass" - Henry Purcell, arr. by Homer Whitford

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

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Come people of God to be renewed in grace.

People: **Even when we were dead through our trespasses,
God made us alive together with Christ.**

Pastor: We've all stumbled and fallen short.

People: **We've all been raised to new life.**

Pastor: And not just us, but all people.

People: **Christ died for all!**

Pastor: Thus we come to be rekindled in this truth –
the truth of our sin and the truth of God's grace –
that we may live out the good works of God.

People: **For we are what God has made us:
a people set free by grace and saved in love.**

Pastor: Then let us worship the Lord our God, who even now is calling to us.
People: Amen!

Processional Hymn: "O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free" (p. #209)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

**All: Saving God, though we would like to be forgiven
and then forget all that caused the need for your mercies,
we need to remember.
We need to remember all the ways we have fallen short, done harm,
bowed down at the feet of evil,
and in a hundred other ways sinned against you,
those whom we love, and countless scores of strangers.
We need to remember, for only then
can we live each day standing in the reality of your grace.
Forgive us, O God, all our sin, as you give us the courage to remember,
and in that remembering, more fully embody your grace for others.
In Christ's name we pray. 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)**

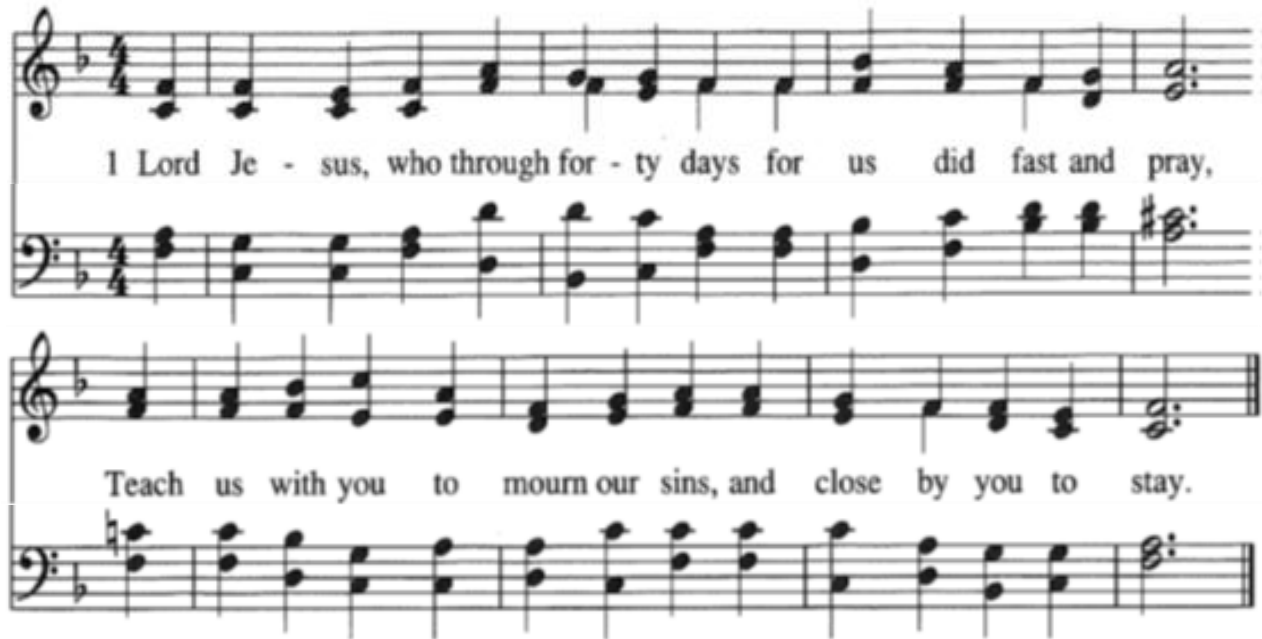
Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...We have been made new in the care and mercies
of the Potter's hands.

People: **Thanks be to God, who rescues us each to life!**

All: **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. 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 103:1-18

Reader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.

People: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits –**

Reader: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

People: The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

Reader: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

**People: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Reader: He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**People: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Reader: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**People: As far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

Reader: As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

People: For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

Reader: As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;

**People: For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.**

Reader: But the steadfast love of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,

**People: To those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.**

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-14 (p. #192)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the

immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us,

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: “Created for Welcoming”

Chancel Choir Anthem: “When You Prayed Beneath the Trees”
- Lawson/Idle

WE RESPOND TO GOD

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Statement of Faith – Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 32, 34

**All: I am called Christian because by faith I am a member of Christ
and so I share in his anointing.**

**I am anointed to confess his name,
to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks,
to strive with a good conscience against sin and evil in this life,
and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.**

We call Jesus “our Lord” because—

**not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—
he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the evil one,
and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.**

Glory and Praise be to our God for now and forevermore. 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: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"- tune: Maitland - Wells / Allen

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)

The musical score is written for four staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). 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 melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding staves.

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.**

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

Recessional Hymn: "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (p. #197)

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

Commissioning & Benediction

Chimes

Postlude: "Meditation on Darwall's 148th" - Darwell / Martin

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

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Sunday, March 15

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery
- 1:00 PM New Member's Class – Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 PM Scout Troop 413 – Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM Consistory – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 18

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Exercise Group – Upper Level
- 11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
- 6:45 PM Scout Troop 413 – Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 PM Fundraising - Zoom

Thursday, March 19

- 8:15 AM 815 Morning Meeting – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Women’s Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 PM SOAR
- 6:30 PM Bell Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, March 20

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

Sunday, March 22

- 8:30 AM Chancel Choir
- 9:30AM Worship, Sunday School, Nursery, Welcome New Members and fellowship
- 3:00 PM Scouts – Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting - Library

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 Barbara & Paul Farrel, who are 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. John's UCC, Fleetwood & Pastor Sharon Morris

Healing & Strengthening: Debbie Brubaker; Alaire; Joanne Doleva

Care & Support: Randy Ulmer; Commander Alison (Derr) Maruca & Family; Major Jamie Derr & Family

Comfort In Time of Loss: The Family of Les Moll; The Family of Martha Rudolph-Maher (Sue Showalter’s mother); The Family of Jackie Warner (death of father)

Birthdays Celebrated this Week

3/15 Eric P. Miller

3/18 Tom Wentzel

3/21 Barbara Farrell

Anniversaries Celebrated this Week

3/15 Kim & Kevin Murphy

3/17 Bibba & Hal McKemy

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: To the Glory of God by Sue Wentink.

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Mike Ritter

Ushers: Margie Baer, Rodney Baer, Kathy
Errich, Tom Reardon

Acolyte:

Reader: Melissa Blickley

Welcome: Bob Showalter

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Nursery: Amalia Cannon

Altar Guild: Mary Moll

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Last Week's Worship

Worship Attendance: In Person: 103

Online: 9

Offerings Received for God's Ministry:

General Fund: In person \$6941 Online: \$1451.50

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$60 Capital Improvement: \$180

**“LOOK AND SEE”
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
MARCH 15, 2026**

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

One Great Hour of Sharing Collections - From March 8 -29, you may receive a special envelope with your bulletin for a donation to One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more.

When you receive your envelope, please consider donating to make a difference in someone’s life that needs to be shown God’s love through your generosity.

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

Easter Flower Sale - Easter flowers will be on sale beginning now until **Palm Sunday, March 29**. Order forms are available in the sanctuary for your use. We will be purchasing the flowers from Penny Hill Farm once again. White and colored lilies as well as tulips, daffodils and hyacinths are available for purchase. The flowers will be placed in the sanctuary for the Easter service. You will be able to celebrate or memorialize family members, friends, etc. with these beautiful flowers. The flowers will be available for you to take with you after the service. If you have no interest in taking your flowers, please let us know so they may be shared with Bausman’s sick and shut in. Please place your orders in the offering plate or give them to Bonnie Shiner or Lori Moser. All proceeds from the sale will go to the music ministry at Bausman. Thank you very much for your support.



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 your candy donation to the 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).

Palm Sunday Children's Procession - On March 29, all children and youth are invited to be part of the Palm Sunday Procession. Youth will gather at the Penn Ave entrance during the welcome & announcements. During the opening hymn, they will lead the choir into the sanctuary, waving palms branches that will be laid on the altar, before returning to their parents/guardians. Thank you for inviting your child to be part of the procession!

The Polished Brass Quintet - On Palm Sunday, March 29, we will be welcoming The Polished Brass Quintet. They will begin at 9:15am with a joyful extended prelude. Throughout this worship service, the brass will add their richness to the music that gives praise to the day.

In the mid-1980s, members of the brass section of the Pottstown Band decided to create a brass quintet. At that time, known as The Pottstown Brass, they started playing at friends' weddings and local church services. A few years later the Pottstown Band folded and they changed their name to The Polished Brass. Over the ensuing years their members have stayed relatively consistent with changes due mostly to members leaving the area. They continue to play locally at numerous church services and community events.

MEMBERS: Trumpet: Doug Werner, Mike Gumpert | French Horn: Sally Heist | Trombone: Ken Mease | Tuba: Tim Simmons

Be sure to invite a friend! This will be a wonderful concert during worship. The Polished Brass is sponsored by the Bausman Luyben Music Endowment Fund.

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. Bausman Endowments Funds are:

- The **Permanent Endowment** has funds that were donated by living members, designated gifts when a member died, and bequests contributed via a deceased member's will. Principal monies donated to this account remain invested, while a percentage of the 3-year average of the total return (5% or \$4,645.46) is permitted to be withdrawn and used by the church.
- The **Quasi Endowment** also has funds that were donated over many years. The name of this account indicates it has some, but not all of the features of a permanent endowment fund. Financial draws of principal on this account may be approved by the Consistory, when needed for emergencies or special needs.
- The **Luyben Music Endowment** has funds that were donated over the years to honor our Minister of Music, Sharon Luyben for her dedicated Christian musical leadership and longevity of service. This fund annually provides special musical groups that enhance our worship experience, such as brass quintets, flute ensembles, violinists, harpists, etc.

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!

Seeking Partner Leaders - Last year's VBS program was such a blast that we are looking to grow upon it this summer. One of the things that made it such a great time was the depth of leadership and volunteers. Would you like to help out this year? We are looking for leaders and volunteers in the following areas: **Meals | Games | Crafts | Decorations | Teaching**. Contact Pastor Joe to share your interest and to learn more! (Note: PA criminal history and PA child abuse clearances less than 5 years old are required for all volunteers except the decorating team. Clearances are free for volunteers and easily completed online).

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. Several dates are available in August, October, November & December. June, July & September have 1 date available, each.

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.



The Keystone Connection

A Message to the Conference

March 10, 2026

Dear Keystone Members and Friends –

“Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’” - John 4:13-14 NRSV

Some of you may remember the lyric: “Jordan river is deep and wide.” But as you can see in this photo, compared to the Susquehanna, Delaware or Ohio, it’s not really. It’s more reminiscent of many streams or creeks here in our Conference. A fact of life in the Middle East is that water is precious. In response to Jesus’ words in John 4 above, the woman to whom he is speaking says, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” It’s not as much a matter of convenience as a matter of survival. Water is precious, and to the astonishment of his disciples, Jesus gives her this water through his empathic listening and teaching. She leaves her jar and tells many Samaritans, and the Bible says that many come to believe in him because of her testimony.



It’s worth noting that the disciples are astonished because he is talking to a Samaritan woman. It should not be lost on us that she would be a foreigner and an outcast in the eyes of Jesus’ disciples.

At one of the churches where I preached last Sunday, a group of children sang a song that they had been planning for weeks: “I’ve got peace like a river.” It struck me as profound given the current events in our world.

Jesus calls us to be people of peace, joy, and love. While these principles can be challenging to live out, as Christians I believe that we absolutely must hold true to them. We are called to follow the example of the Christ who showed love to enemies and who did not allow the prejudices of his day to prevent him from doing that.

As we continue to grow into the Keystone Conference together, may we quench our thirst for peace and justice with the Living Water of Jesus, whose ministry becomes in us a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

Grace and peace to you,

David

David Ackerman

Transitional Regional Conference Minister, Region 3

Keystone Conference

High Country UCC, in the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference, has opened a Mission Trip/rebuild site in response to Hurricane Helene. The site will be commissioned on Sunday, March 15, at 11:00 am during worship. The UCC Global H.O.P.E. staff will join in worship to commission the High Country UCC campus as a volunteer host site for hurricane relief. The Keystone Conference has sent one of our disaster tool trailers to High Country for this response. A volunteer group from Maine will be working that week, and will share in the celebration.

You are invited to add this mission site to your prayer list for March 15. You can also send your best wishes to Rev. Sarah Parker, pastor, at pastor@highcountryucc.org.

Keystone Conference Addiction Recovery Taskforce

A group is forming to create a Keystone Conference Addiction Recovery Taskforce. They will begin with a discussion on mission, vision, and steps forward via Zoom on Thursday March 19 at noon. Please email Rev. Rich Mollica at rmollica33@gmail.com with your name, phone number, email and church you represent to register and receive the Zoom link.

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

O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free

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Latin, 15th century

Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13; Phil. 2:5-11;

John 17:1-26; 19:1-3, 16-18

1 O Love, how vast, how flow - ing free, O Love how
 2 Not as an an - gel vis - it - ing, nor form ce -
 3 For us bap - tized, and fast - ing long, for us was
 4 For us was beat - en, whipped, and tried, and tak - en

filled with ec - sta - sy, That God a hu - man
 les - tial or - bit - ing, But born in flesh God
 tempt - ed by the wrong, For us the pangs of
 to be cru - ci - fied, So Love all this for

form should take, and mor - tal be for mor - tals' sake.
 chose to be, robed in our own hu - man - i - ty.
 hun - ger knew; for us the Tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 us en - dured, and dy - ing, life for us pro - cured.

5 A-ris-ing from the dead a-gain,
 our Sov-ereign goes on high to reign;
 And sends the Spir-it to a-bide
 for strength and sol-ace at our side.

6 Then for God's bound-less love
 sing praise
 through end-less a-ges, count-less days;
 By Love we have been rec-on-ciled:
 sal-va-tion gained through
 God's own Child.

Recounting the life of Christ, this hymn comes from an anonymous fifteenth-century Latin hymn of twenty-three stanzas. It has been described as a precursor of Christmas and Epiphany carols.

Tune: DEO GRACIAS L.M.
 "The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415
 For another harmonization, see 184, 259

Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross

Gal. 6:14; Rev. 22:1-5

Fanny Crosby, 1869; alt.

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre - cious foun - tain,
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream, flows from Cal - vary's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me live from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er,

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

"Aunt Fanny" Crosby was an inspiration to people around the world. Blind from infancy, she wrote about 8,000 gospel hymns using more than 200 pseudonyms. William H. Doane, an active layperson and philanthropist in Cincinnati and close personal friend, often collaborated with her.

Tune: NEAR THE CROSS 7.6.7.6. with refrain
 William H. Doane, 1869