

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024



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WESTMORELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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PRELUDE “JESUS KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS” GARY MAYNARD

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP: ANN WHEELER**

All: O Savior of the world, who by your cross and precious blood has redeemed us, save us, and help us.

(Sarum Liturgy, England, 13th. Cent. ALT)

***HYMN “HOW GREAT THOU ART” UMH 77**

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: UNISON**

Lord Jesus Christ: may our hearts be more fully open to you and the wonder of your word, your Living Word, that we may seek you and serve you both today and every day we are granted life. Amen.

***RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 19 UMH 750**

***GLORIA PATRI UMH 70**

HEBREW BIBLE READING EXODUS 20:1-17

SHARING OUR PRAISES & CONCERNS

(PLEASE USE YOUR PRAYER CARD AND PUT IN PRAYER BASKET)

PASTORAL PRAYER

***OFFERING / DOXOLOGY UMH 95
& OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**EPISTLE READING 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25
STEPHANIE MALCOLM, RLLP**

***HYMN “THE OLD RUGGED CROSS” UMH 504**

***GOSPEL READING JOHN 2:13-22**

SERMON

“*CLEANING HOUSE!*”

PASTOR THOM MALCOLM

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 12-15

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Pastor: I invite you to join me in our Prayer of Confession.

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation, we have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in your Name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us make room in our hearts for You. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image. *(Lydia S. Martinez, Hispanic, U.S.A, 20th. Cent., ALT)*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

*HYMN

“*HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION*”

UMH 529

*BENEDICTION AND THE LEADING OF THE LIGHT

*POSTLUDE

GARY MAYNARD

**Please stand only if you are able.*

MARCH BACKPACK MINISTRY

Please bring individual servings of macaroni and cheese.

Sunday School:	Each Sunday	10:00am
Choir Practice:	Each Tuesday	5:00pm
Exercise class:	Tuesdays & Thursdays	10:00am

Mark Your Calendar

***Next Community Dinner is scheduled for
Wednesday, March 20 @ 6:00pm
Invite your family and friends!***

Prayer List

If you have any additions or modifications to the prayer list, please complete a prayer request card or call the church office. For anyone placed on the prayer list, updates within 3 weeks would be appreciated so our prayer list can be kept current.

**Aaron Baker & Mother, Elizabeth
Dawn Baumgardner
Shirley Bias
Beth Carson
Bob Carrico
Jill & Jim Combs
Bill Hively
Randy Lively
Sara Beth Lowry
Tom Maynard**

**Mabel Pillion
Red Sowder
The Roswell Family
Brian Tuttle
Gene & Ellenda Ward
Connie Watson
The Family of Kenneth
Gallagher
Jim Finley and Family**

Remember those not able to join us for church:

**Betty Craig, Donna & Dave Davis, Joy Fetty,
Ruth Kelley, Patricia Morgan, Jim Reed,
Harold Sowards, Dan & Shirley Webster**

Office Hours: Pastor Thom Malcolm Wed/ Thurs 1:30-4:00

Cell: 304-654-9440

Stephanie Malcolm

Cell: 304-654-9148

Secretary: Donna Rumbaugh

Wed/Thurs 2:30-4:30

Cell: 304-633-3680

Music Director:

Gary Maynard

Pianist:

Gary Maynard

Liturgist:

Ann Wheeler

**Please note: Any information for the bulletin needs to be
in the church office on Wednesdays by 2:30pm.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events – March

Tuesday, March 5 6:00pm Women's Circle
Tuesday, March 12 6:00pm Educ/Outreach
Wednesday, March 20 6:00pm Community Dinner



March 24 Palm Sunday Service
11:00am
March 28 Maundy Thursday Serv.
7:00pm
March 29 Good Friday Service
7:00pm
March 31 Easter Worship Service
11:00am

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Friendly reminder if you signed up to bring an item for the Easter Baskets for "those unable to attend church", please bring to our Women's Circle scheduled for Tues., March 5 as we plan on putting the baskets together at our meeting. If you have any questions, please ask Sheree Downey.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS

As an outreach activity for March, we will be preparing Easter Food Baskets for two families in our community who are in need. If you would like to contribute, we will have a sign-up sheet with specific items in the vestibule. If you have any questions, please ask Ann Wheeler or Laura Blake.

Stewardship Report: Month of February 2024

We greatly appreciate the continued generosity of our church family.

Contributions Received in February	\$	7,094					
Amount Budgeted	\$	6,610					

Received Year-to-Date	\$	13,944					
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Amount Budgeted Year-to-Date	\$	13,466					
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Over/(Under) Budget	\$	<u>478</u>					
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2024 State Apportionment Paid	\$	4,064				<i>(Year-to-date 17%)</i>	
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2024 State Apportionment	\$	24,383				<i>(Annual Budget)</i>	
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WV Conference United Methodist Mission Projects



- 1 The House of the Carpenter
- 2 Ebenezer Community Outreach Center
- 3 Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries
- 4 Scott's Run Settlement House
- 5 Upshur Parish House & Crosslines, Inc.
- 6 Heart and Hand House
- 7 Tyrand Cooperative Ministries

The Seven Mission Projects affiliated with the West Virginia United Methodist Church Conference are one way we show the love of Christ in our communities. Emergency food and utility assistance, housing rehabilitation projects, thrift stores, and newborn layettes are a few examples of what these ministries do.

All these ministries are supported by our apportionment dollars. We are encouraged to help be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors across our wonderful State.

Each Sunday, we will focus on one of the mission projects so that we are knowledgeable of the work being done with our apportionment dollars. As you know, we were able to pay 100% in 2023 and some of these funds are directed to these projects.

This week, we will focus on Scott's Run Settlement House located in Osage, WV.



"Celebration of the One Who Calls Us to Mission"



**Helping
residents in
Monongalia
County since 1922.**

Our Mission: Scott's Run Settlement House serves individuals and families in Monongalia County by providing basic necessities with kindness, dignity, and respect.

Backpack Feeding Program : Providing for 900+ food bags per week to local schools.

Food Pantry: Everyday food pantry.

Baby Pantry: Baby basics for parents in need.

Senior Box Program : Almost 20% of Mon County residents are over the age of 60, and this part of our population often needs a little help.

Home Repair: Provide work teams to help with painting, roofing, and building ramps.

Free and Fresh Market: In partnership with local businesses such as Sam's Club, we receive daily allocations of fresh fruits and vegetables as well as other non-perishable items and even books! If we are not able to use these items in our daily/weekly pantry programs, we offer them in our Free and Fresh Market.

Seasonal Programs: Making every holiday special. Served 700 children at Christmas.

**2,060 children in Mon County are food insecure
Nearly 1 in 5 Mon County residents live in poverty
18% of our neighbors have severe housing issues**