

**ANNVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MARCH 2021  
NEWSLETTER**

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**Office Hours:**  
Tuesday-Thursday  
8 AM to 1 PM

**Sunday Morning Service**  
9 AM Traditional Worship  
10:15 AM Adult Sunday school

Dear AUMC Family,

With growing numbers of people getting the COVID vaccines and the weather looking more like spring than winter, March is a month of hope. We hope for a time to gather outside in the sunshine and reconnect with friends. We hope for an end of the seemingly constant fear connected to the pandemic as we see more of our community being vaccinated. We hope for an Easter that will feel like home instead of like isolation. I hope all these things with you.

March holds a special place in my heart because of my ancestry. My family is mostly Scottish and Irish. So I would like to share a favorite prayer with you. The prayer of St. Patrick may or may not have actually been written by him. He lived during the 5th century and records are limited regarding his life details. What is clear is that he had a powerful faith, clear understanding of his calling from God (to share the gospel with Ireland), and a presence that changed the world (most especially for those in Ireland and their descendants). Will you join me in the spiritual practice of beginning each day in March with this prayer?

Praying for you,  
Pastor Heather

*I arise today  
Through the strength of heaven;  
Light of the sun,  
Splendor of fire,  
Speed of lightning,  
Swiftess of the wind,  
Depth of the sea,  
Stability of the earth,  
Firmness of the rock.*

*I arise today  
Through God's strength to pilot me;  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's way to lie before me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's hosts to save me  
Afar and anear,  
Alone or in a multitude.*

*Christ shield me today  
Against wounding  
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me,  
Christ in the ear that hears me.*

*I arise today  
Through the mighty strength  
Of the Lord of creation.  
Amen.*

### Celebrating God's presence in our lives

(Each month we will share a testimony from our church family as we continue to grow in knowing one another and in sharing the good news of what God has done in our lives.)

A testimony from Lonnie Pellegrini:

I was conceived by God and my parents, Lawrence & Margaret Pellegrini (Fasnacht). Love and God were always a part of my life, as well as wonder and mischief. You know, a curious mind. So much love was given me I wondered if I almost died or something when I was a baby. Nope, just loving people, aunts & uncles (mostly aunts). I really developed an affinity for old people since they always seemed to love me most. Naturally I still do like "old" people the most.

As a small child I would come to church weekly and be disinterested or ignorant of the word of God (lack of attention on my part). I was acquainted to the whole thing. I learned of God's love before I realized the importance of the relationship.

Let me tell you I found God - I finally realized the power of love he provides for all of us to share and become intertwined, or if you will, intimate with God/love. Wow.

So I must tell you that I started realizing how much God really did love me, his creation with my parents, extreme. What love, I have been truly blessed by that love we call God. It is important to recognize the love which truly will create pathways for you. Opportunities to show God's love in you. I believe this was the reason God shared his love for us in the man we call Jesus, a true divine example of love.

I testify that God is love and we are blessed with opportunities to grow that love each and every day, both night and day and always. Peace, love, and joy always. Amen.

(Please share your stories with us by sending your testimony to the church via mail or email.)

**Worship service by phone:** An abbreviated worship service (with announcements, scripture, sermon, and prayer) is available to hear by calling 717-200-4069. You may also view daily videos on YouTube and Facebook during lent.



### Getting to Know Pastor Heather

- **Childhood:** Spent weeks each summer with her grandparents (and loved it)
- **Life Milestone:** Went to Australia and New Zealand as a People to People Student Ambassador while in high school
- **Continuing Education:** Recently attended an online conference focused on equipping pastors and churches on how to navigate the new normal of having online and in-person worship services (and not making anyone feel like an outsider looking in)
- **Celebrating:** Family - those who are near and those who are far away, those who are family by blood and those who are family by love, and those who have been a part of my entire life and those I knew but for a moment
- **Recommended Reading:** *Children of the Dust* by Clancy Carlile
- **Family Life:** Matthew proposed to Heather on St. Patrick's Day
- **Fun Fact:** Can crack a bullwhip (thanks to that trip to Australia!)
- **Prayer Focus:** For friends and family who are either in between jobs or are looking for a job that better suits them and their gifts.



### Lent On YouTube & Facebook

We will have daily videos posted on YouTube and Facebook during Lent that will provide scripture, prayer, a devotional, or a song. Everyone is invited to participate in the creation of a short devotional video to share during Lent. This can be done by individuals or by families. We can record at the church if you do not know how to make a video at home. Contact the Pastor Heather to get involved ([PastorH.2017@gmail.com](mailto:PastorH.2017@gmail.com) or 717-809-9636.)

**MARCH SERVANTS** 

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
March 7		Mike Eschenfelder	Diana Hynson	Nancy Kapp
March 14		Mike Eschenfelder	Karyn Rose	
March 21		Mike Eschenfelder		
March 28		Mike Eschenfelder		

Altar flowers, Greeters, Scripture readers, and Acolytes are always needed. Signup sheets are located in the narthex or online at SignUp Genius.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are a wonderful way to celebrate a special occasion or remember a loved one. The cost for the two Altar bouquets is \$24 and are yours to keep after the service.

**SCRIPTURE READERS** receive an email from the church office with the scripture on Tuesday or Wednesday prior the Sunday Service.

**GREETERS** welcome the congregation beginning at 8:40AM at the east entrance. Remain at the entrance until the end of the first hymn so even latecomers are greeted with a smile. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**SERVE FROM HOME** Sign up to make a video of music, scripture, or prayer for Lent. (Videos will be posted on Facebook and YouTube weekly during Lent.) Contact the church office to participate!

Sermon Series on the Gospel of Mark

March 7	Mark 2:23-3:6 (Communion)
March 14	Mark 3:7-19
March 21	Mark 3:20-35
March 28	Palm Sunday (Mark 11:1-11)
April 4	Easter with Communion (Mark 16:1-8)

**FINANCE REPORT**

Below is comparison of congregational giving  
2020 vs 2021

January 1, 2021—February 21, 2021

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Needed	\$26,400	\$26,400
Received	\$25,989	\$18,596

**“Thank you for your most generous giving to your church .**



*You are invited to help decorate our church for Easter by contributing flowers in “honor” or “in loving memory” of loved ones. Please fill out form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office with your payment by Tuesday, March 9.*

<b>Type of Flower</b>	<b>Color/Blooms/ Pot size</b>	<b>Price per Plant</b>
Daffodils	Yellow / 6” pot	\$11.00
Hyacinth	Pink / 3 blooms	\$11.00
Hyacinth	Blue / 3 blooms	\$10.00
Hyacinth	White / 3 blooms	\$11.00
Tulips	Red / 6 blooms	\$11.00
Tulips	Pink / 6 bloom	\$11.00
Tulips	Yellow / 6 blooms	\$11.00
Lilies	5-6 blooms	\$13.00

March 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Suanne Long Birthday	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Connie Zimmerman Birthday	<b>5</b> World Day of Prayer	<b>6</b> Vicki Siegrist Birthday
<b>7</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School  Daylight saving time begins	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Flower order forms due to church office	<b>10</b> Trustees Meeting 6:30 PM  Choir 7:30 PM	<b>11</b> Aurora Brandt Birthday	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School  Trevor Konan Birthday	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day  Choir 7:30 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Jason Gamble Birthday  Choir 7:30 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Palm Sunday  9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Adult Sunday School	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Don Hopple Birthday	<b>31</b> Choir 7:30 PM			