

**Albright United Methodist Church**  
**1626 South Pittsburgh Street**  
**Connellsville, Pa. 15425**



**GOOD NEWS**  
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**Albright United Methodist Church**  
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**2025**

**ALBRIGHT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Rev. Steven Lamb, Pastor Home phone 724-628-6772 Office phone 724-628-7130

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Church Email: albrightumc1626@gmail.com Worship service 10:45

Administrative Assistant, Elsie Beal Organist, Jeanne Meyers Choir director, Donna Fosbrink

Custodian, Fred Grote Church treasurer, Michelle Reich

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**Liturgists**

**FEBRUARY**

- 2: Karen Stimmell
- 9: Donna Fosbrink
- 16: Bev Lamb
- 23: Emma Karfelt

**MARCH**

- 2: Shelley Mattis
- 9: Rick Tressler
- 16: Nancy Mimless
- 23: Linda Burnworth
- 30: Ed Jacobs

**Greeters**

**FEBRUARY**

- 2: Fred & Sherry Grote
- 9: Pamela Lynn
- 16: Michelle Reich
- 23: Linda Burnworth

**MARCH**

- 2: Kelli Armstrong & Jeremy Gray
- 9: Jay & Judy Whipkey
- 16: Doris & Dustin Murray
- 23: Nancy Mimless & Ed Jacobs
- 30: Jackie Bartholomai

USHERS Head Usher, Karen Stimmell

FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH: Jackie Bartholomai, Sherry Grote, Jeremy Gray, Ed Jacobs

SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH: Larry Bloom, Scott Murray, Sally Fosbrink, Michelle Reich

THIRD SUNDAY EACH MONTH: Jay & Judy Whipkey, Linda Burnworth, Pinky Smiley

FOURTH SUNDAY EACH MONTH: Jeremy Gray, Scott Murray, Ed Jacobs, Larry Bloom

FIFTH SUNDAYS: We will have volunteers that week.

If you can't make it on your Sunday, please call Karen at 724-628-0402 or 724-812-7554. Thank you for serving

**COUNTERS**

FEBRUARY: Linda Burnworth

MARCH: Sally Fosbrink & Jackie Bartholomai

**Acolytes**

**FEBRUARY**

- 2: Aubree & Kadey Shaffer
- 9: Estella Gallagher & Thelma Swope
- 16: Andrew Lynn & Beau Wagner
- 23: Keelan & Kayton Callahan

**MARCH**

- 2: Emmaleigh Kalemba & Olivia Lynn
- 9: Kadey & Aubree Shaffer
- 16: Thelma Swope & Estella Gallagher
- 23: Beau Wagner & Andrew Lynn
- 30: Kayton & Keelan Callahan

**JUNIOR CHURCH**

- First Sunday each month: Kathy Hixson & Linda Burnworth
- Second Sunday each month: Kelli Armstrong & Nancy Mimless
- Third Sunday each month: Larry & Bonnie Bloom
- Fourth Sunday each month: David & Shelley Mattis
- When there is a Fifth Sunday: Mandy Lynn & Shelley Mattis



**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY**

Every Wednesday @ 6:30  
Everyone welcome!



**CHOIR PRACTICES**

Every Thursday at 7:00  
Open to all adults who enjoy  
singing for the Lord



**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Meeting Tues., March 18 at 7:00 in the dining hall.

**WOMEN'S NEWS    UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

ALL WOMEN of the church are invited to join us.

We want to thank Jeanne Meyers & Sharon Grimm for the Christmas program. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Will not meet in February. Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 11 at 7:00. Devotions by Linda Burnworth; Hosting will be Bonnie Bloom & Donna Fosbrink.

We have the Streak Free cleaning cloths. \$4 each. Stop by the office to get them.



**SOUP**

Saturday, February 8 & March 8 we will have a soup sale.

Take out homemade soups available \$7 pint; \$9 quart. Eat in for a donation.



**NO SUB SALES**

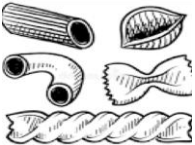
We will not have subs for February or March soup sales.



**PASTA DINNER**

The third Thursday each month 4:00-6:00 at Otterbein U. M. Church. Donations are accepted to offset the cost and provide for the next dinner. Meal includes a pasta of the month, meat, sides, dessert & beverage. Open to the Public. We ask \$5 for take out.

Meals will be February 20 & March 20.



**BLUE PLATE SPECIAL**

A lunch the 4th Tuesday at 11:00-1:00. Light lunch, dessert & beverage. Tuesday, February 25 & March 25. Free with donations accepted. We ask \$5 donation for take out.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.



**SATURDAY MORNING SPECIAL**

Saturday, March 15 @ 11:00: Saturday Morning Special will gather. A ministry for persons with special needs of all ages. They do a craft, sing, hear a story & have lunch.



**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

Super bowl Sunday is February 9. We are asking for an offering of cash; non-perishable food items or toiletries for our local food pantry.

**SWEETHEART BREAKFAST**

Saturday, February 10 we will have a breakfast. Even if you don't have a sweetheart - please enjoy the food and the fellowship.





## NOTES OF THANKS

We always appreciate the support we receive from your church and the community. Connellsville Area Community Ministries.

Thank you to everyone who donated to help buy gifts for veteran's families. Your support in this outreach is very much appreciated.

Thank you very much to everyone who gave me cards for Christmas and my birthday. Special thanks to the church for the Christmas gift. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. With Christian love, Elsie

Beverly and I would like to thank all of you who thought of us over the holiday season. Your gifts and cards have been greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank those who decorated our churches, participated in our services and attended and supported our worship efforts. This was truly a blessed Christmas season, and I thank you all. I am looking forward to another year of ministry with you. In Christian love, Pastor Steve Lamb

Dear Church Family

Thank you so very much for the Christmas gift. It is truly a joy for me to do this job and I enjoy singing with my choir.

Thanks. Love, Donna

Dear Albright Church

With sincere gratitude and appreciation. Thank you so much for the Christmas gift you gave me. I enjoy playing for your services and I appreciate all you do for me. Thank you so much and have a Happy New Year! Love, Jeanne

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### ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, March 5 is Ash Wednesday. We will have a worship service at 12 noon at Otterbein church; and a service at 6:30 at Albright.

**BOTH SERVICES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

### NEW DIRECTORY

Elsie is working on a new directory for 2025. If you want to change - add or remove anything from last year's directory, please let her know by January 31. We are hoping to have them ready to pick up by February 9. They will be \$1.25 each to cover the cost of printing.

2025 Directory



### SHOW

Sat., March 8, 10:00. We will have food for sale in the kitchen. Cost is \$5.00 per person. There will be 5 other tables. Contact Bev Lamb if you are interested in setting up a table.

### TRIP TO LANCASTER 2025 - TO SEE NOAH

We will be taking an overnight trip to see "Noah". Leaving Albright Friday, June 20 at 7 a.m. and returning Saturday, June 21 at approximately 4-5 p.m. Cost depends on room size needed. Cost includes the bus trip, the show, lunch, smorgasbord supper Friday, smorgasbord breakfast Saturday, room & tip for driver. Gratuities for meals not included in price. The cost as follows: Quad \$340 per person; Triple \$360 per person; Double \$400 per person; Single \$530 per person; children 12 & under \$190 (sleep free in parents double room). Bev needs \$200 deposit & the forms by October 30. For more information or to get the papers needed, call her at 724-372-1456; or the office 724-628-7130



**PRAYER CONCERNS**

|                                  |                          |                                   |                                           |                   |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Don Heckathorne                  | Ray Knopsnider           | Thomas Leeder                     | Paul & Myra Holden                        | Baby Thompson     |
| Becky Irwi                       | James & Deanna Sherbondy | Trey Corvin                       | Paula Snyder                              | Allen Mellinger   |
| Chadd Tressler                   | Larry Murray             | Jack Burke                        | Mark Stash                                | Pat Tinkey        |
| Bobby Kozel                      | Randy Jacobs             | Tina Hiltabidel                   | Rev. Rob & Lynn Kifer                     | Shannon Mack      |
| Patty Lint                       | Scott Wagner             | Rick Miller                       | Randy Fisher                              | John Shaw         |
| George Mariotti                  | Mary Swope               | Lee Mimless                       | Kathy Meyers                              | Sandy Fox         |
| Buzz & Barb Stuart               | Lincoln Dunseth          | Sandy Reich                       | Rob Miller                                | Pete Darno        |
| James Lynn                       | Judy Eversdyke           | Jane Barnhart                     | Wanda Brooks                              | Susan Ramage      |
| Daniel Swope Jr.                 | Lila Yauger              | Cathy Dillinger                   | Twila Filler                              | Jeff Regish       |
| Tom Dewhurst                     | Carol Ward               | Kim Colosima                      | Peggy Chase                               | Jackson Brooks    |
| Sherry Grote                     | George Seighman          | Larry Geisler                     | Caitlin Pellick                           |                   |
| Hannah Grace & Connor Jay Schrin | Elton & Noah Schrock     |                                   | Mariloyd McClintock                       |                   |
| <b>Pastor Steve &amp; Bev</b>    | <b>Rev. Ross Pryor</b>   | <b>Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball</b> |                                           |                   |
| Unspoken Requests                | All Military             | All churches                      | Government leaders                        | Folks with cancer |
| Those traveling                  | Those battling addiction |                                   | Folks on Hospice                          | Homeless people   |
| Praise for answered prayers      | Peace around the World   |                                   | Families of those who take their own life |                   |

**Homebound listed below**

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**Deepest Sympathy to family & friends of:**

Jim Filler (Bev Lamb's brother) who passed away December 1.

Kenny Urbach, 71, who passed away December 5 after a brief battle with cancer. He is survived by his son Jason Urbach and a daughter, Jamie (& Bob) Callen; 5 grandchildren. A sister, Kay (& Mike) Gualtiere; an aunt, Shirley Mathias. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife for 45 years, Merna; his sister Beverly Urbach. He was a 51 year member of Albright church.

Donald Lewis Coffman, 80, of California who passed away December 15. He is survived by daughters, Michelle (& Enrique) Reyes; Kelly (& Jeffery) Addis & Tracy Coffman; sons, Dean, D.J. & Sammy Skipper; a sister, Connie Work. He had 11 grandchildren & 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary & sister, Dorene Provance.

Patricia McClelland who passed away December 28. She is survived by her son, Ken (& Sandy) McClelland and grandson, Jacob McClelland.

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**OUR HOMEBOUND PERSONS**

Please remember these persons in prayer and send them a card or note to let them know you are thinking of them and they are not forgotten. Thank you!

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>CONNELLSVILLE</b>   | Edna Baker - 315 N. Arch St. Apt. 1007                 | 724-603-2259                  |
|                        | Polly Basinger - 1900 First St.                        | 724-628-9436                  |
|                        | Evelyn Curry - 315 N. Arch St. Apt. 905                | 724-970-0324                  |
|                        | Dolly King - 1916 S. Pittsburgh St.                    | 724-626-0273                  |
|                        | Jimmy Lynn - Sunshine Estates - 1526 Independence Ave. |                               |
|                        | Shirley Mathias - 1512 Chestnut St.                    | 724-628-5539                  |
|                        | Mariloyd McClintock - address unknown                  |                               |
|                        | Judy Morris - 1001 Rock Ridge Rd.                      | 724-628-2256                  |
|                        | Ozella Roy - 208 Perry St.                             | 724-628-9594                  |
|                        | <b>DUNBAR 15431</b>                                    | Ed Miller - 123 Runaround Rd. |
| <b>UNIONTOWN 15401</b> | Sherrill Goodwin - 147 Lafayette Manor Rd. -Rm. 226B   | 724-277-8642                  |
|                        | Chuck Hall - Cherry Tree Home - 410 Terrace Dr.        |                               |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

Navy: Chief Brennen (& Lillian) Tressler - 2609 E. Garfield Ave. Apt. 3 - Alton, TX. 78573-0433  
 Army: 2nd Lt. Kyle Coughenour: 2205 Southland Dr. - Harlem, GA 30814







*“And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.””  
–Revelation 21:5a*

*I write this pastor page today while the Christmas decorations adorn the office, and the weight of too many Christmas cookies lay heavy in my tummy. In the background I have Christmas music playing, a mix of contemporary and Christian hymns. (Nothing like getting a vision of “O Holy Night” followed by Ertha Kitt singing “Santa Baby”) In just a few days the holiday lights will give way to the everyday pressures of life, and we will get back to our daily routines and activities. But I do hope you took some time over the Advent season to reflect on the gift of family and friends, and God’s great love for you, that he would come to us as a child in lowly states, to be our Savior and Lord.*

*Every end of the year is a chance to reflect on what was, and an opportunity to dream and hope for the year to come. We know we will have a change in our nation’s leadership and in a politically divided country like ours, there will be celebrations as well as hand-wringing at the prospects of a new administration or the fears of a new regime. Some of us will simply drop out of the discussion and hope for the best.*

*I woke up today at the news of violence breaking out in Nigeria, as members of the Global Methodist Church attacked United Methodist Church members, resulting in death and the destruction of homes. How can this be possible? Yes, there is a divide between our denominations, but we are still the children of a loving God who sent his Son as an atonement for our sins. I pray for the leadership in both denominations to admonish these acts and to set aside our divisions and work toward peaceful ecumenical mission in making disciples for the kingdom of God. (Note: some United Methodist acted in retaliation in the Nigerian region and have been condemned for their actions.)*

*The wars in the Ukraine as well as the middle east will most likely escalate before there is any progress toward a peaceful resolution. Tensions will remain between governments as cyber attacks escalate. And our borders will remain a hot topic of division between our political parties.*

*But I hold out hope. Sure, things may get worse, but they can also get better. I trust in a loving God that will intercede into the lives of those who place their trust in him. I have hope in a God who will come into the life of the addict and lead him/her into sobriety. I have hope in the God who will bring peace into a home in conflict. I have hope in the God who can heal our sickness and pain. I have hope in the Lord who can open opportunities to find employment, and ways and his Kingdom. I have hope in the God who will one day, “make all things new.”*



*Hold onto hope and trust in the love of Christ as we face another year together in the*

*Have a wonderful New Year, filled with peace, joy, hope and love.*

*See yinz Sunday,*

*Pastor Steve*

*Happy Birthday to you in February*

- 4 - Jayden Shaffer
- 5 - Jason Jacobs, Amber Trump
- 6 - Maycee Whipkey
- 7 - Meredith Johnson
- 8 - Madelyn Johnson, Beau Wagner
- 12 - Sondra Dumbald
- 13 - Linda Black
- 17 - Sue Corvin 91
- 18 - Vicki Stimmell, Linda Leonard
- 21 - John Sage, Tim Corvin
- 25 - Debbie Ritenour, Gabby Lynn
- 27 - Karen Stimmell

*Happy Anniversary - February*

- 9 - Brennen & Lillia Tressler
- 18 - David & Shelley Mattis

*Happy Birthday to you in March*

- 4 - Bette Fisher, Archie Cooper
- 5 - Don Ringer
- 7 - Timmy Hough, Doris Muray
- 8 - Chelsea Bartholomai
- 10 - Edna Baker
- 11 - Maddos Mahokey
- 17 - Jay Whipkey
- 20 - Doug Shaffer
- 21 - Barry McElhaney, Susan St. Clair
- 23 - Marcy Ferencak
- 25 - Paul Holden
- 26 - Gretchen Mundorff
- 29 - Linda Burnworth
- 30 - Jackie Bartholomai
- 31 - Andrew Lynn

*Happy Anniversary - March*

None recorded

***Congratulations to***

Jeffrey & Mia Sarnelli on the birth of their son, Jack Thomas on November 26 in Morgantown, West Virginia. He was 20" long and weighed 8 lbs. 7 ozs. Grandparents are Brittany & Shawn Shroyer and Jeffrey & Kelly Sarnelli; Great grandparents are Lynne (& the late Tom) Corvin; Rose & Joe Sernelli and Betti & Chuck Sontana. Great-great grandmothers are Betty Peterson and Joyce Shroyer. God parents are Don & Haleith Narghella.



Jack Sarnelli, son of Jeffrey & Mia Sarnelli was baptized on Sunday, January 12 with Rev. Steven M. Lamb officiating.



**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**General Fund balance as of Jan. 1..... Minus -\$23,419.35**

**2025 Monthly need is \$10,796.75**

**NOVEMBER income for the month \$8,013.00**

**DECEMBER income for month (5 Sun.) \$12,905.02**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP & SUPPORT!**

**Any size donation will be greatly appreciated.**

**Thanks to those who have been helping with donations.**



We always have the heavy duty dishcloths in the church office. \$3 each. Stop by and get yours.



**LOOKING AHEAD - HOLY WEEK**

**April 12: Palm/Passion Sunday**

**April 17: Maundy (Holy) Thursday**

**April 18: Good Friday**

**April 20: EASTER SUNDAY**

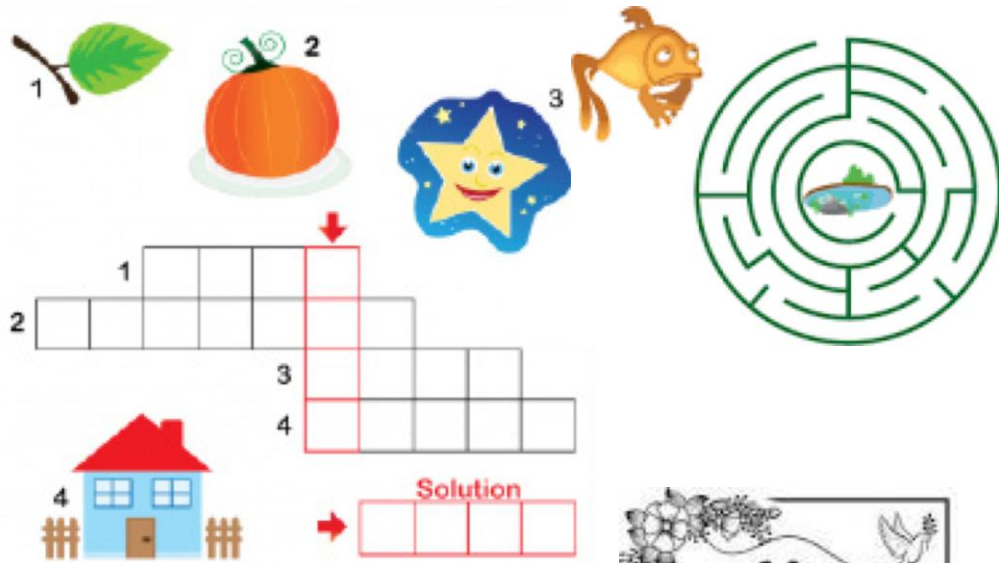
**Sunrise service 7a.m. at Albright - followed by breakfast;**

**Regular worship 10:45**



**News deadline April 18. If you want any news in the newsletter, please get it to Elsie before the 18th.**





# House

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- OFFICE
- PATIO
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- STOVE
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- WALL ANCHOR
- WELL
- WINDOWSILL



- ARCADE
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- DOORSTEP



# FEBRUARY 2025

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Soup Sale 10-1

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

10:00-3:00

Office phone: 724-628-7130

T.O.P.S. 10 & 5

Bible study 6:30 Choir prac. 7

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Super Bowl

Valentine's day

Sweetheart  
breakfast 9:00

Offering & non  
perishable food  
for food pantry

Bible study 6:30

T.O.P.S. 10 & 5

Choir prac. 7

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President's day

Pasta meal 4-6  
Otterbein

Bible study 6:30

T.O.P.S. 10 & 5

Choir prac. 7

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Blue Plate Spec.  
11-1

Bible study 6:30

T.O.P.S. 10 & 5

Choir prac. 7

# MARCH 2025

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| Transfiguration Sun. | <b>April/May Newsletter<br/>News deadline<br/>March 18</b> |   | Ash Wednesday<br>Svc. noon Ott<br>Svc. 7:00 Alb |                | World day of Prayer | Soup sale 10-1<br><br>Set Clocks up 1 hour. Spring forward |
|                      | T.O.P.S. 10 & 5                                            |   |                                                 | Choir pracc. 7 |                     |                                                            |

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| 9             | 10             | 11 | 12               | 13            | 14 | 15                  |
| 1st Sun. Lent |                |    |                  |               |    | Sat. Morn.Sp. 11:00 |
|               | T.O.P.S. 10& 5 |    | Bible study 6:30 | Choir prac. 7 |    |                     |

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| 16            | 17              | 18                    | 19               | 20                       | 21 | 22                                        |
| 2nd Sun. Lent |                 | Apr/May news deadline |                  | Pasta meal 4-6 Otterbein |    | Craft/Vendor Show 9-4<br>Church sell food |
|               |                 | Church council 7      |                  |                          |    |                                           |
|               | T.O.P.S. 10 & 5 |                       | Bible study 6:30 | Choir prac. 7            |    |                                           |

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| 23            | 24              | 25                      | 26               | 27            | 28 | 29 |
| 3rd Sun. Lent |                 | Blue plate special 11-1 |                  |               |    |    |
|               | T.O.P.S. 10 & 5 |                         | Bible study 6:30 | Choir prac. 7 |    |    |

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4th Sun. Lent

Potluck cov. dish



