

**Dingmans Ferry  
United Methodist Church**

# **THE BRIDGE**



**March & April 2015**



## **Newsletter**

### **Miller's Mumblings.....**

*"It's Always Something."*

Those were the famous words of Gilda Radner (d 1989) of Saturday Night Live. She was a comic genius.

It seems that for many folks there is always something that is always before them. One problem is solved and up jumps another, and another, and another. To be sure we all have "something" which forces our mind to dwell on problems that seem unsolvable. Sometimes we are able to work out some of the "something" issues by using our God given common sense and sharing possible solutions and support from others.

Through the years, I have found the church is a place to bring your personal problems. My experience has been that the church is a place where you will not be judged, but listened too, affirmed and lifted up.

I surely know! Everyone has some kind of a problem- there is no easy journey. God just calls us to be faithful. The folks I know at the church are loving and caring and will be with you in your "something." They know what it means to be the church.

REMEMBER! Never forget who you are- you are a **"child of God."** Secondly -you were created and you **"belong"** to God. Finally, God is with you, whether you know it or like it. God is with you in **"journey"**-facing all those "somethings" with you.

Lent is a time to check our ID -who am I? How about ownership--to whom do I belong? Finally, am I walking the journey that my God through Jesus Christ has laid out for me or am I just wandering and moaning in the woods all by myself? Time for you to do an inventory! This Lent eat all the chocolate eggs you can handle. Enjoy the pistachio ice cream and relish the strawberry cakes, but if you really want to check into Lent, ask yourself that "something" question on where to focus my life.

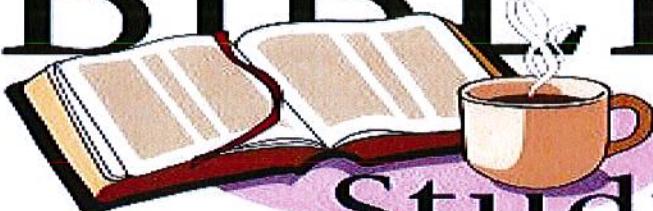
***You belong to God!***

Your Servant  
~Pastor Doug



COME JOIN OUR

# BIBLE



Study

**MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY – 7PM**

Meets at the Ridley Home

Call church Office for Directions

All are Welcome!



**PASTOR'S TUESDAY MORNING  
BIBLE STUDY 10AM – 11:30AM**

Meets at the Church – Room 5

Come Join Us!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY  
7:30 – 9PM**

Meets at the Church – Room 3

See You There!

**MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE – 6pm**

1st Monday of each Month

Meets In the Sanctuary

Join Us for Prayer & Meditation



**LENTEN PRAYER & MEDITATION SERVICES**

**MEETS IN THE SANCTUARY - 6PM**

March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th, March 23rd, & March 30th



**March  
&  
April  
Lectionary  
Readings**

3/1     Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

3/8     Psalm 19; Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

3/15    Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

3/22    Psalm 51:1-12; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

3/29    Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

4/2     Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35  
Holy Thursday

4/3     Psalm 22; Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42  
Good Friday

4/5     Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18  
Easter Sunday

4/12    Psalm 133; Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31;

4/19    Psalm 4; Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

4/26    Psalm 23; Acts 4:5-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

5/3     Psalm 22:25-31; Acts 8:26-40; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8



**Remember to Invite Your  
Friends & Neighbors to  
Church & Sunday School!**

# Worship Servants

## Schedule of Worship Leadership

### 9:00 Service

3/1	Donna Frable	Carol Birtner
3/8	Annie Craige	Eileen Guyadeen
3/15	Art Ridley	Elaine Cooper
3/22	Gayla Garren	Art Birtner
3/29	Annie Craige	Eric Kislak
4/5	Donna Frable	Annie Craige
4/12	Dave Ridyard	Carol Birtner
4/19	Art Ridley	Eileen Guyadeen
4/26	Laura Wright	Elaine Cooper
5/3	Gayla Garren	Art Birtner

### 11:00 Service

## Greeters/Ushers for

### 9:00 Service

3/1	Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman
3/8	Jim Bois & Anna Curtin
3/15	Bob & Linda Davis
3/22	Mike & Pat Brown
3/29	Marilyn Chasar & Linda Rutledge
4/5	Gary Stevenson & Sally Pohlman
4/12	Jim Bois & Anna Curtin
4/19	Bob & Linda Davis
4/26	Mike & Pat Brown
5/3	Marilyn Chasar & Linda Rutledge

## Greeters/Ushers for

### 11:00 Service

3/1	Eileen Guyadeen
3/8	John & Philly Viscardo
3/15	Please Call the Church Office to Volunteer
3/22	Mary Balton
3/29	Eileen Guyadeen
4/5	John & Philly Viscardo
4/12	Please Call the Church Office to Volunteer
4/19	Mary Balton
4/26	Eileen Guyadeen
5/3	John & Philly Viscardo

## Schedule of Eucharistic Ministers

### 9:00 Service

3/1	Linda Rutledge & Caren Shimanski
3/8	Doris Hnida & Donna Frable
3/15	Gayla Garren & Tiffany Miller
3/22	Pat Pierson & Art Ridley
3/29	Linda Rutledge & Caren Shimanski
4/5	Doris Hnida & Donna Frable
4/12	Pat Pierson & Art Ridley
4/19	Gayla Garren & Tiffany Miller
4/26	Linda Rutledge & Caren Shimanski
5/3	Doris Hnida & Donna Frable

### 11:00 Service

3/1	Elaine Cooper
3/8	Art Birtner
3/15	Connie Squire
3/22	Linda Schierloh
3/29	Elaine Cooper
4/5	Art Birtner
4/12	Connie Squire
4/19	Linda Schierloh
4/26	Art Birtner
5/3	Elaine Cooper



## Eucharistic Ministry (Communion Set up & Clean-up)

	<u>9am</u>	<u>11am</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month:	Donna Frable	The Birtner's
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month:	The Davis'	Volunteer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month:	The Garren's	Darlene Mihiel
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month:	Kathi White	The Schierloh's
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month:	Linda Rutledge	Volunteer



Copies of This List Can be Found in the Church Office.



American  
Red Cross



*Not all heroes wear capes.*

March is Red Cross Month. Every donation you give helps us do more of what we do.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, March 7, 2015**

**9am – 1pm**

**Dingmans Ferry  
United Methodist Church  
Myck Road**



*All presenting donors will receive an  
American Red Cross Saint Patrick's Day T-shirt!*

**All Presenting donors this March will be entered  
for a chance to win a \$500 Visa Gift Card.**

\*All items are non-transferable and not redeemable for cash. All drawings will be held by April 15, 2015.  
Donors will be entered for a chance to win (1 of 5) \$500 Visa gift cards.



Download the Blood Donor App today! [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800 RED CROSS

## MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3/6	Amy Leek	4/3	Danny Rutledge
3/11	Karl Van Duzer	4/4	Nicole McGowan
3/12	Jessica Wright	4/4	Morgan Leek
3/16	Art Ridley	4/8	Noah DeFederico
3/18	Gayla Garren	4/15	Virginia Straulina
3/18	Laura Hanley	4/15	Doris Hnida
3/22	Garrett Van Der Sluys	4/16	Taylor Leek
3/22	Sandra Partridge	4/20	George Aber
3/23	Michelle Gualandi	4/20	Drew Niper
3/25	Colleen Craige	4/27	Ted Nelson
3/27	Karen Van Duzer	4/28	Jerry Schierloh
3/30	Tom Bradley		
3/30	Lois Cribb		



**God Bless All of You  
on Your Birthday and  
Throughout the Year!**

## Administrative Board

The next 2 Ad Board Meetings  
are Scheduled for

**Monday, March 16th 7pm**

**&**

**Monday, April 20th 6pm**



Those serving on Ad Board for 2015 are:

Pastor: Doug Miller

\*Ad. Board Chairperson

Ad. Board Secretary – Lisa Niper

Church Secretary – Linda Rutledge

Lay Member – Donna Frable

Reserve Member – Holly Bradley

Lay Leader – Holly Bradley

SPRC Chairperson – Susan Ridyard

Finance Chairperson - Mary Balton

Church Treasurer – Darlene Mihiel

Recording Secretary – Caren Shimanski

Finance Counters – Bob & Judy Brumbaugh

Trustee Chairperson – Jim Bradley

Worship Committee Chairperson – Linda Schierloh

Organist: Adista Wightman

Membership/Evangelism – Linda Schierloh

Missions Chairperson – Gayla Garren

Nursing Home Ministries - Kathi White

Prayer Chair Director – Linda Davis

Sunday School Sup. – Melissa Joseph

Family Ministry – Teresa Tarquini

Nursery School Board Chair. – Laura Jewett

Communications Chairperson – Susan Ridyard

## FINANCE COMMITTEE



The next 2 Finance Meetings are scheduled to meet in the Parsonage  
Monday, March 2nd & Monday, April 6th at 6pm

Those Serving on Finance Committee 2015:

Pastor Doug Miller, Mary Balton, Pat Pierson, Darlene Mihiel, Caren Shimanski,  
Jim Bradley, Holly Bradley, Connie Squire, Susan Ridyard,  
At Large Members: David Ridyard, Gayla Garren, Lisa Niper & Steve Tarquini

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## VISION COMMITTEE



The next Vision Committee Meeting is  
scheduled for March 8th at 12:30pm

Serving on the Vision Committee for 2015 are:

Pastor Doug Miller, Linda Davis, Mary Balton, Sally Pohlman, George Aber,  
Laura Jewett, Art Birtner, Cindy DeFederico, Linda Schierloh, James Bradley,  
Pat Pierson, Art Ridley & Colleen Craige

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The next 2 Trustee Meetings are scheduled to meet in the Parsonage  
Monday, March 2nd & Monday, April 6th at 7:30pm.

Those serving as Trustees for 2015 are:

Jim Bradley, Steve Tarquini, John Garren, Sally Pohlman, Rob Balton, Wayne Joesph,  
Caren Shimanski, David Ridyard, & James Bradley

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## Staff/Pastor Relations Committee (SPRC)



Chairperson, Susan Ridyard, would like the congregation to know that if you have a concern or suggestion regarding the church staff, please see/contact her.

**The Next SPRC Meeting is scheduled for April 13th 6-7:30pm.**

Those Serving on SPRC 2015:

Pastor Doug Miller, Susan Ridyard, Teresa Tarquini, Eileen Guyadeen, Tom Hahn,  
Kathi White, Carol Birtner, Laura Jewett & Linda Schierloh, Tom Bradley



## COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL! Tell Your Friends!

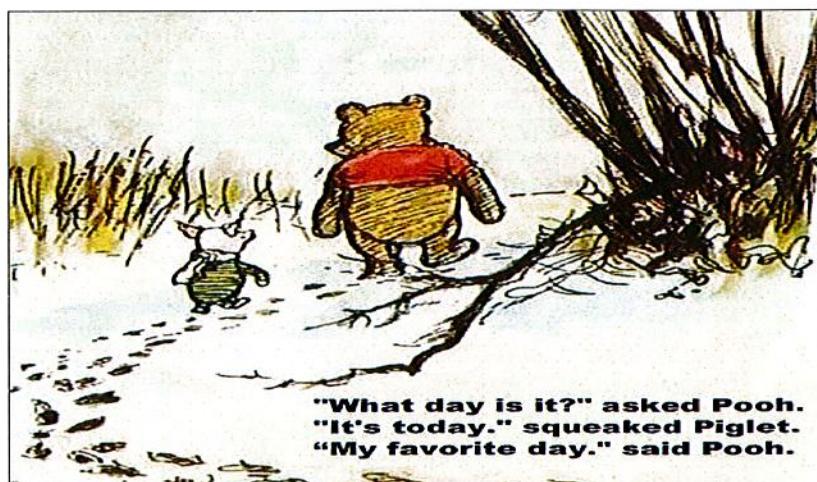
Sunday School  
Meets During the 11am Worship Service.  
Our Sunday School Superintendent is Melissa Joseph.

### Teachers for the 2014 - 2015 year:

Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Miss Jill & Miss Missy  
3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Miss Philly & Miss Pam  
Grade 7 through 12: Will Joseph

### Don't forget.....

A Nursery is available for infants & toddlers during the 11am Service!  
There's an intercom to the Sanctuary available in the Nursery, too!





# Holy week

## SERVICES



### Palm Sunday

March 29, 2015

Regular Sunday Services 9am & 11am

Sunday School During 11am service

### Holy Thursday

April 2, 2015

7pm Service

### Good Friday

April 3, 2015

7pm Service



### Good Friday Ecumenical

April 3, 2015 at Milford UMC

Noon - 3pm

### Easter Sunday

April 5, 2015

Sunrise Service 7am (followed by Breakfast)

Regular Sunday Services 9am & 11am

Sunday School During 11am service



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O Lord, give us eyes to see, hearts to love, and hands to serve those in need. Amen.



"Souper Bowl of Caring: Our 9<sup>th</sup> Year"

Despite outbreaks of flu and cold, snowy weather, our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Souper Bowl of Caring went forward. Sarah Guyadeen and Keegan Craige were at the door with the soup pots and collected \$154 for the Outreach Fund. The 11:00 service was treated to a Souper Bowl of Caring Quiz Show skit by the "Downtown Players," Colleen and Keegan Craige and Michael Guyadeen. We also collected about 200 items for the food pantry. Praise God for the faithfulness of God's people in once again helping hungry people in our area.



"More for Hungry People: Less for Shipping"

Last May our Bread for the World Offering of Letters focused on reforms for the quality and delivery of food aid. A measure had been inserted in a Coast Guard funding bill which would have required more food aid to be shipped on American ships –more money for shipping companies and less for hungry people. This measure was turned back by the contacts made with letters, calls, emails, and visits with members of Congress by Bread members and churches across the country. Your voice made a difference in the lives of hungry people. Thanks be to God for your faithfulness in speaking and acting for hungry people.



***On Going Ministry.....***

Pastor Doug uses the Outreach Fund at his discretion to help folks in the community with all kinds of emergencies including, electricity, medical and etc.

The Pastor's Outreach is only made possible by our donations. If you would like to make a donation to the Outreach Fund, please place a check (made out to DFUMC) or cash into an envelope and mark it "Outreach" and we will be sure to deposit it into the Outreach account.

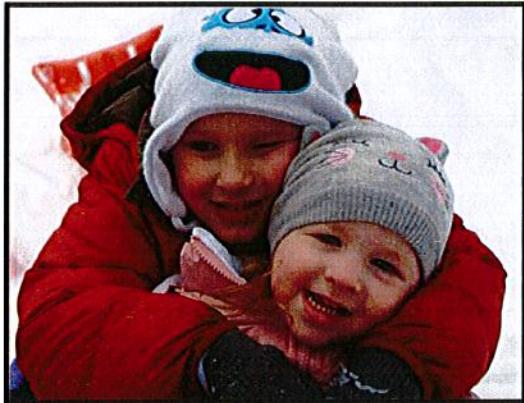
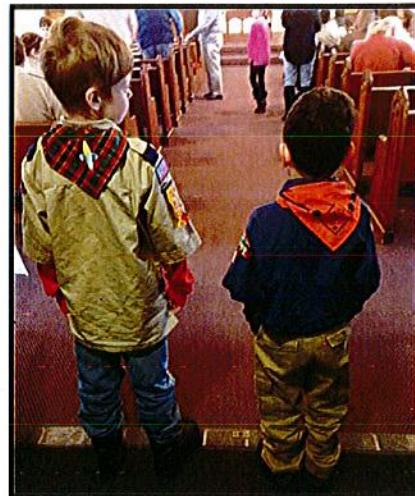
Please donate as you are able, not just at the holidays, but throughout the year.

P.S. Your church financial record will reflect your donation.

## Family Ministry Winter Fest Event a Success

We certainly had enough snow for the February 8 Winter Fest. This event was sponsored by the Family Ministry Committee and included Scout Sunday, wonderful food, indoor activities, a bonfire and of course sledding! Church members, scouting families and members from the community enjoyed all the fun. Thanks to the committee members and all the volunteers who helped make this event a success.

Check out our website <http://www.dfumc.com> for a video of the event and more photos are posted on the Members: Photo Gallery page.



## Soup Sale Raised \$500



The Soup Sale that was also held on February 8 was also a big hit with church members and guests from the Winter Festival. We made approximately \$500 on the sale which goes into the general fund. Special thanks go to Rob Balton who made 100 quarts of 4 different soups and to the volunteers who made 30 quarts of the famous DFUMC Cheesy Potato Soup. This was the largest soup sale ever!

The leftover soup was used to feed the Thirsty Thursday crew and we were able to send home soup with many people. It feels good to feed people and warm their bellies!!

## Order Your Homemade Easter Eggs Today!

The Easter Egg crew, under the direction of Caren Shimanski this year, are planning to make 6,000 Easter Eggs this year. This is one of our major fundraisers for the church and only possible because so many people donate their time to make the eggs and also help us by placing orders.



The eggs are each made entirely by hand with premium ingredients and are available in Dark and Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter, Dark and Milk Chocolate Coconut, Dark Chocolate Mint and White Chocolate Peanut Butter. Orders may be placed now by calling the church office at 570-828-2288. The price is 75 cents each, \$4.50 a 1/2 dozen and \$9 a dozen.

Orders will be accepted beginning March 2 and will be taken until we sell out. We typically sell out before Easter so be sure to order your eggs soon. You can place an order by signing up at the back of the church or print an order form from our website. You can also contact the church office at 570-828-2288 or call Caren directly at her cell (570-269-8103) to place an order. Orders can be picked up at the church office or after church services and will be ready beginning March 2.

## Homemade Easter Candy to Benefit Vacation Bible School



Eileen Guyadeen will be making Easter candy again this year to benefit Vacation Bible School. Last year, Eileen raised \$1,800 for VBS from the candy sale. Eileen will be making a variety of chocolate bunnies and other Easter Candy listed below. The deadline for order is **March 22**. She will be selling candy at Arnolds on March 27, at church on March 28, at the Fork Lift on April 3 from 8:30 to 1:00, and at the Easter Egg Hunt at church on April 4. Contact Eileen at [eguyadeen3@gmail.com](mailto:eguyadeen3@gmail.com) to place an order.

Candy can be made with milk, dark or white chocolate and all items are decorated and packaged.

• Marshmallows chocolate cover eggs 2 for \$1	Chocolate Oreo's 4 pack for \$ 2
• Chocolate covered pretzels \$ 2 ea	6" Chocolate Egg \$ 7
• 6" Chocolate lamb, car, train baseball mitt \$ 7	8" Bunny ( girl or boy) \$ 10
• 8" Solid Cross or Bunny \$ 12	10" Bunny, (girl or boy) \$ 12
• 11" Bunny (girl or boy) \$ 14	11" Solid Bunny ( girl or boy) \$ 20
• 15" Solid Easter Basket \$ 25	10" Hollow Egg onto of a nest \$ 14
• 15" Hollow Bunny \$ 20	15" SOLID Bunny \$ 35

## March 7 - Community Blood Drive from 9am-1pm

March is Red Cross Blood Drive and we will host a Community Blood Drive at our church on **Saturday, March 7 from 9am-1pm**. All presenting donors will receive an American Red Cross St. Patrick's Day T-Shirt and also be entered for a chance to win a \$500 Visa Gift Card! Your donation help the Red Cross save lives.

## Easter Egg Hunt: April 4th from 11am-2pm

The Family Ministry Committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 from 11am-2pm. This is a free family event that is open to church members and the community. A light snack will be served and the Easter Bunny will be hopping by for photos! Come join the fun. Homemade Easter Candy will be available to purchase.



## Name Your Own Price Yard Sale: April 25 from 9am-3pm

The Family Ministry Committee and the Youth will be sponsoring a "**Name Your Own Price Yard Sale**" on **Saturday, April 25th from 9am-3pm**. Toys, Household Goods, Furniture and lots more will be available and you get to name the price!



April is the perfect time for spring cleaning. Please contact Terasa Tarquini ([terasa425@yahoo.com](mailto:terasa425@yahoo.com)) if you have items in **good** condition to donate. Because of limited space, yard sale donations should **not** be dropped off at the church **until April 19** and there will be an outside tent for donation drop-off. Clothing Giveaway is May 1-2.

## Check out [WWW.DFUMC.COM](http://WWW.DFUMC.COM)

Have you checked out the church website lately? Susan Ridyard and Jim Bois have been working hard to reorganize and update the content on our website. We have added new menus for **Visitor Information** and **Spiritual Links** and have links to **Upcoming Events** on our home page. There is also a **Prayer List Request** link on the home page that lets you use the Contact Form to enter a Prayer Request for the Prayer Chain or the Confidential Prayer Book.



Be sure to check out the **Photo Gallery under the Members** Menu to see the photos from recent events. If you have any suggestions or comments about the website, please contact Susan Ridyard, our Communications Committee Chair at [susanridyard@gmail.com](mailto:susanridyard@gmail.com).

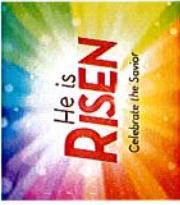
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## March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>2</b> Lenten Service 6pm Finance Mtg. 6pm Ridley Bible Study 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm Trustee Mtg. Parsonage 7:30pm	<b>3</b> Nursing Home 2pm Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Praise Band Practice 6-8pm - Sanctuary	<b>4</b> Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Nursing Home Ministry 2:15PM Bible Study 7:30-9pm	<b>5</b> Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> American Red Cross Blood Drive 9am - 1pm
<b>8</b> <b>3rd Sunday In Lent</b>	<b>9</b> Lenten Prayer Service 6pm Sanctuary Ridley Bible Study 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm	<b>10</b> Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Praise Band Practice 6-8pm - Sanctuary	<b>11</b> Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Bible Study 7:30-9pm	<b>12</b> Nursing Home Ministry 2PM Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>4th Sunday In Lent</b>	<b>16</b> Lenten Service 6pm-Sanctuary Ridley Bible Study 7pm Ad Board Mtg. 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm	<b>17</b> Nursing Home Ministry 2PM Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Praise Band Practice 6-8pm - Sanctuary	<b>18</b> Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Nursing Home Ministry 2:15PM Bible Study 7:30-9pm	<b>19</b> Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Monthly London Broil Noon - 2pm Beacon/Soesman Wedding 5:30pm
<b>22</b> <b>5th Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>23</b> Lenten Service 6pm-Sanctuary Ridley Bible Study 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm	<b>24</b> Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Praise Band Practice 6-8pm - Sanctuary	<b>25</b> Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Bible Study 7:30-9pm	<b>26</b> Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	<b>27</b> Van Duzer/Wolf Rehearsal 6pm	<b>28</b> Van Duzer/Wolf Wedding 3pm
<b>29</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>30</b> Lenten Service 6pm-Sanctuary Ridley Bible Study 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm	<b>31</b> Nursing Home Ministry 2PM Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Praise Band Practice 6-8pm - Sanctuary				

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## April 2015

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<b>5</b> <b>Easter Sunday Services:</b> ·7am (Breakfast Follows) ·9am Worship Service ·11am Worship Service	<b>6</b> Finance Mtg. 6pm-Parsonage Ridley Bible Study 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm Trustee Mtg. Parsonage 7:30pm	<b>7</b> Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Praise Band Practice 6-8pm -Sanctuary	<b>8</b> Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Nursing Home Ministry 2:15PM Bible Study 7:30-9pm	<b>9</b> Holy Thursday Service 7pm	<b>3</b> Good Friday Service 7pm	<b>4</b> Easter Egg Hunt 11am-2pm
<b>12</b> <b>UMW/Joy Circle Annual Ladies Luncheon</b> 12:15pm	<b>13</b> Prayer Service 6pm SPRC Mtg. 6pm Ridley Bible Study 7pm A.A. - 7:30-9pm	<b>14</b> Tuesday Morning Bible Study Room 5 - 10am Nursing Home Ministry 2PM Praise Band Practice 6-8pm -Sanctuary	<b>15</b> Wood Carvers 9am-Noon Nursing Home Ministry 2:15PM Bible Study 7:30-9pm	<b>16</b> Thirsty Thursday 5:55-7pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Zumba Fitness Benefit (Red Bird Missions) 6:30pm Fellowship Hall
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# *A Devotional...*

## **The Stone....**

*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.*

*This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.*

*This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

~Psalm 118:22-24 (ESV)



While away, he sends his servants to collect his share of the fruit from the land, but the tenants beat his servants and then kill them. Finally, he sends his son to collect the fruit, reasoning, “They will respect my son” (Mark 12:6). But he is wrong. They kill his son too.

Jesus explained what the parable meant by quoting Psalm 118: “Have you not read this Scripture: ‘This stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’” (Mark 12:10-11, cf. Matthew 21:42). In other words, God is the owner of the vineyard. The tenants are his people. They were supposed to give him the fruit of their lives through worship and obedience. But they rejected his prophets and messengers. Finally, he sent his Son. But they rejected him too. In rebellion, they would not respect or honor him as the Son of God. Instead, they killed him.

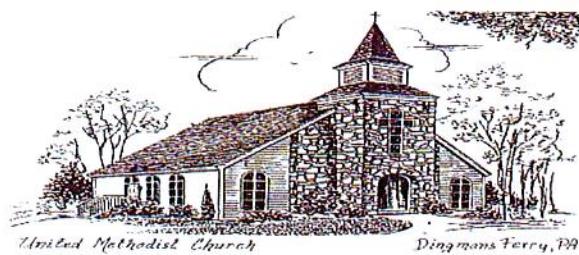
Yet Jesus was not swept away by a storm of angry and uncontrolled men. His rejection was according to the intentional plan of God — “the Lord’s doing.” This is “marvelous in our eyes” because the death of Christ defeated death itself. We rejoice because God picked up Jesus from the grave and made him the cornerstone of salvation for everyone who believes. In him, therefore, we will live and never die (John. 11:25-27).

— *By The Park Forum (Bethany Jenkins)*

## **Prayer**

*Lord, you work everything according to your good will. Although Christ’s death seemed like defeat, you vindicated him by raising him from the dead. In him, therefore, we sing, “We shall not die, but we shall live” (Psalm 118:17). He is our salvation. It is marvelous in our eyes. In Christ’s Name, Amen.*

(Taken from Lenten Devotionals 2015)



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