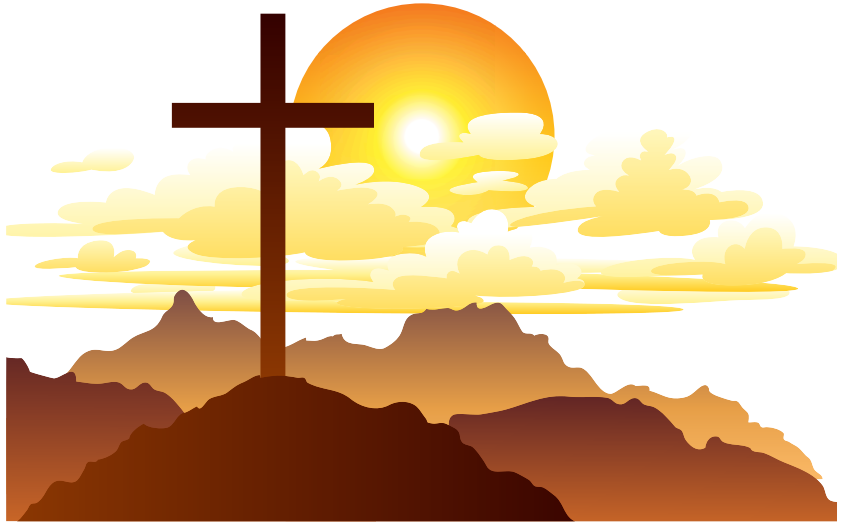


MESSENGER



Pastor's Pen:



Forming a Family / Preparing a People

The story of Abraham and Sarah is complex, full of twists and turns, great faith, and crippling fear. Through it all, it is a story about a family that struggles and learns to love in ways that could be an invitation to the whole world. It is a story about the people of God who want to follow, even when their wisdom falls short. It is a story about blessing, about receiving a blessing, and then being a blessing. We begin this season after Pentecost by thinking about the church and about these examples of faith as we consider [how God is] forming a family and preparing a people.

-Adapted from Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church

YOU are a part of this people God is forming! Your **participation in worship and discipleship with our Tom's Creek UMC crew is BIG STUFF.** You inspire and encourage others in Christ when you participate just as you are inspired and encouraged!

I'm looking forward to this worship series for our summer season as we journey together.

In Jesus' love,
Pastor Mike Cantley

Service April 5th- EASTER SUNDAY

Message: A New Start



Alaina Furry singing:
"Power to Redeem"



Lay Reader:
Bonnie Gillum

April 11th

Multiple Sclerosis Walk

Blessings and BIG THANKS to all of you who supported **Marshal Dawson** and **Pastor Mike** at the MS Walk! Together, you helped us raise \$783 AND "**Pastor Lightning Mike**" was first to cross the finish line in the whole Frederick MS Walk this year



April 12th Second Sunday of Easter

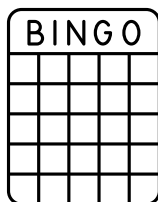


Message:
**He Will Get
Through to Us**

Lay Reader:
Pat Brabson



April 16th Oldies and Goodies



The Tom's Creek Oldies and Goodies met on April 16th at the church. The main dish for lunch was subs. **Bonnie** thanked everyone for coming and for bringing the side dishes and desserts. **Pastor Mike** led the group in a prayer before the meal. While everyone was finishing up their desserts, **Pastor Mike** played a few selections on his guitar. The entertainment for the day was BINGO with **Trudy**. Everyone had a great time! The winners were **Pat Brabson** (2 games!), **Pastor Mike**, **Joe**, **Roy**, **Bonnie**, **Karen** and **Romaine**. Thanks so much to **Bonnie** and her group for preparing for the meal and to **Trudy** for organizing the BINGO and getting the prizes! As always, everyone is welcome to attend the Oldies gatherings on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

April 19th - Third Sunday of Easter

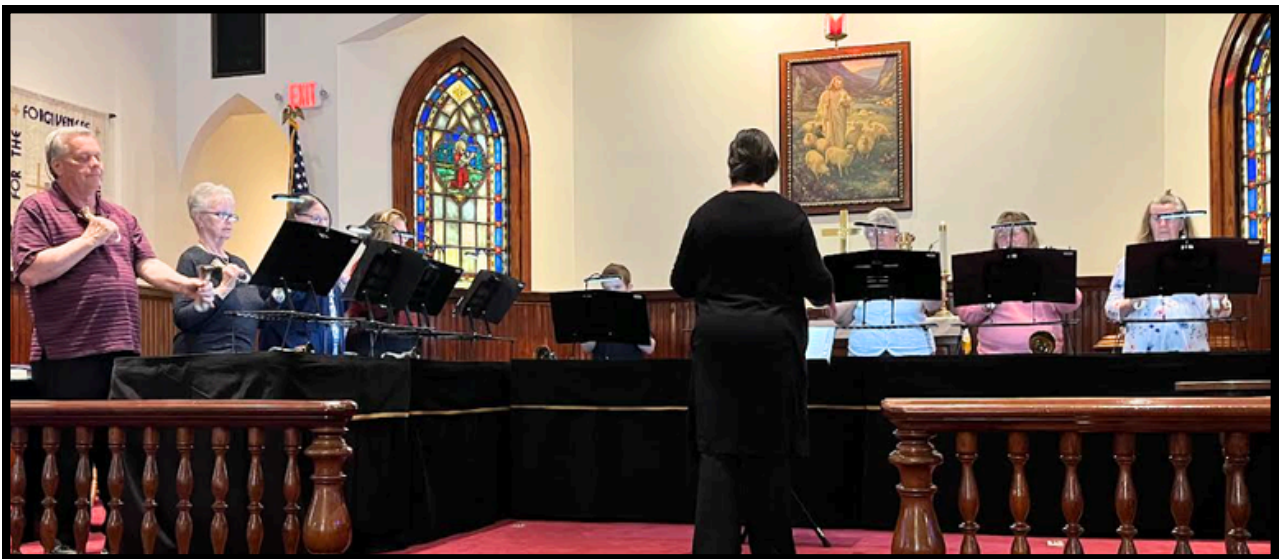
Message: **Gracious Renovation**



Lay Reader: **Bill Coburn**



Pastor Mike with the Young Disciples



Our Bell ringers led by **Debbie Henning**, Music Director

Sunday School Teachers/ Helpers Needed

For a reference of spiritual gifts, check 1 Corinthians 12: 1-31. If you have the gift of teaching or can help, we need you in the youth ministry.

If you are interested, contact **Trudy Price** at 717-337-2897 for more information or questions you may have. If you have not yet been approved by our Safe Sanctuary Committee, contact **Heather Fitzgerald** at faithisfirstnow@gmail.com to go through the process.

New Members of TCUMC



**Pastor William H. Warehime Jr.
and wife, Pastor Linda Warehime**



Susan and David Wantz



Stacey Graves and Christopher Glascock



Daniel T. Fitzgerald Sr.



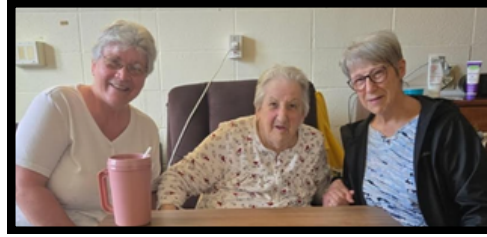
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Missing from Ceremony-
Bonnie Fuss

Visiting Our Homebound



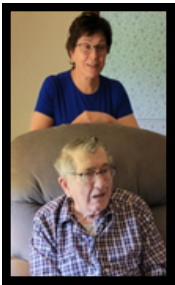
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Mary Ann Mentzer



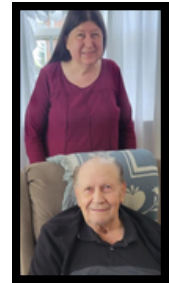
Ken Hood with team



Ken Hood
with
Kathy



Carson Kelly went to be with the Lord
May 17, 2026

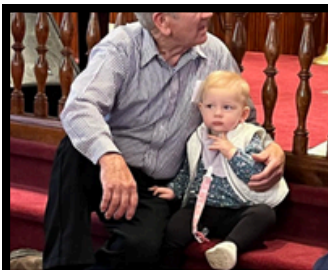


Chester Fogle
with Wanda

The Visitation Team had a wonderful time on Sunday afternoon, April 19th, calling on some of our members who haven't been able to attend services lately. One group visited with Ellen Staub, Ken Hood and his daughter Kathy, and Chester Fogle and Wanda Shook. The other group had a good time catching up with Carson Kelly and Trudy's mom, Mary Ann Mentzer.

Service April 26th Fourth Sunday of Easter

Message: For the Lord's Sake



Left to right:

Grandpa Sam & Sadie
Pat Chapman, Lay Reader
Pastor Mike and Trudy Price
with the Young Disciples



May 3rd Fifth Sunday of Easter

Message: You Know the Way by **Pastor Mike**

Lay Reader: **Joe Coleman**

Communion Offering:

Ruth's Harvest continues to be a meaningful outreach ministry serving children and families in the Gettysburg and Fairfield, Pennsylvania communities by providing weekend food bags for students who may face food insecurity when school is not in session. Through the generosity of churches, volunteers, and community supporters, this mission offers nourishment, care, and hope to many local families each week. We give thanks for the opportunity to support Ruth's Harvest through donations, prayers, and service, helping to remind our neighbors that they are seen, valued, and cared for. Please join Connect/Serve/Share in supporting this important ministry by donating to our Second Mile Giving collection on the 3rd of May 2026.

Heather Fitzgerald

*"Stop just going to church
and become the church."
by Pastor Mike*

May 10th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Message: The Baptized Conscience

Lay Reader: Pastor Bill Warehime

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



May 14th Handbell Concert at TCUMC

IN CONCERT



Westminster Ringers

A Maryland Community Handbell Ensemble

**Tom's
Creek
UMC**



An advanced community ensemble of gifted musicians played advanced handbell repertoire at the highest possible level of musical sensitivity and technical clarity.

This evening was very enjoyable and served as a fundraiser toward owning our own set of handbells. The group forewent their concert so donations could be made to the fund. Feel free to make a donation.



Our Music Director, **Debbie Henning**, is part of this group and **Larry Henning** is their Director.



A Beautiful Display from Joyce and George Bruchey



Face of America Bike Ride

The annual **Face of America bike ride**, organized by nonprofit World T.E.A.M. Sports, focuses on honoring the sacrifices of veterans. The endeavor pairs able-bodied people with those who have disabilities as a team on a shared mission. The ride began in Arlington, Virginia on Saturday, May 16th and ended in Gettysburg on Sunday afternoon.

TCUMC has hosted a rest stop for the bikers since 2016. We offered nutritious snacks, fruit, energy drinks, lemonade, water, coffee, and tea to all of the riders and support staff. We also offered baked goods prepared by church members. We were the only rest stop to offer this to the riders so they are very appreciative of the homemade goodies.

While the event is veteran focused, no one is excluded from participating. It is estimated that about 80 percent of the riders are veterans or affiliated with the military in some way. This year we had over 350 riders. It is a hectic 30 minutes when all are at the rest stop. When "The Star-Spangled Banner" is sung, you could hear a pin drop.

Many thanks to the Chairs of this Committee: **Sandy and Frank Negro**. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who came to help with a smile on their faces as they interacted with the riders. Pastor Mike conducted the service at the church. Pastor Bill led the service at the pavilion following the rider's departure. Singers **Iris Rodgers** and **Joe Coleman** provided us with beautiful music appropriate for the occasion.

Everyone always looks forward to seeing Tower 6 from the Vigilant Hose Company in Emmitsburg with their huge American flag displayed at the entrance to the Promised Land. Thanks to Vance Click and Chief Josh Brotherton for bringing it and helping to set it up.





August 22nd Tom's Creek Annual Yard Sale

Tom's Creek Annual Community Yard Sale, August 22, 8am-2pm, The Promised Land . Below are the ways in which you can participate:

- Reserve a space for \$10.00 to sell your treasures.
- Donate your treasures to the church table where proceeds go to the church.
- Donate baked goods to sell. (Think Face of America snacks.)
- Distribute and post flyers.
- Spread the word.
- Assist people in finding their area on the day of the yard sale.
- Pray for all who are organizing, selling, and attending this event.
- Pray for unseasonably cool weather for August 22!

Contact **Kathy Imirie** at, 301-471-2585 or kitherapy@yahoo.com for more details.

Flyers are available on the lobby table for you to take and distribute.

Click on arrow to view video from last year. Or, enter this link into your URL: <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/1Dh7ZMpeeE/>