



THE NEWSLETTER OF LEETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

From the Pastor

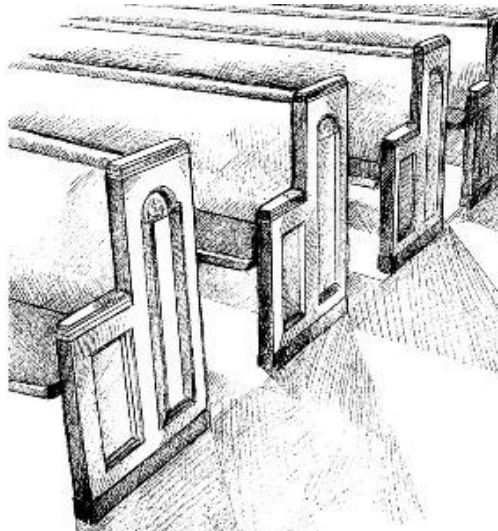
Wasn't it wonderful to have a full church on Scout Sunday? All of us and all of the young people and their families, what a celebration of 100 years of scouting! And even more perfect, Ciera was our liturgist. Thank you, Lord, for the youth at Leetown. But one drawback, many folks couldn't sit in their traditional pew. Was that uncomfortable?

If you Google the term "pew jokes" on the Internet, you will come up with 280,000 hits. And if you Google "you're in my pew jokes," you will come up with 434,000. It seems like everyone – church-folks, and non-church-folks – understand the concept of "you're sitting in my pew."

If we're a long-time attendee, and we arrive one morning ready to sit down in the place we've "always" sat, and someone else is already sitting there ... despite the fact that they're obviously a first-time visitor, and couldn't possibly know who sits where, we tend to get pretty annoyed about the whole thing, because they're "sitting in my pew."

Historically, people really did "own" a pew. Many churches supported their church building projects by selling pews – or at least, by selling the space to sit in the pews. The "best seats" were the seats closest to the front, and/or closest to the wood-stove that heated the church – went for a lot of money, and the "lesser" seats went for less money. You could pretty much tell who was who, and how important and successful a person or family was, by which pew they occupied.

Today, of course, we don't usually sell seats in our pews ... although, in many churches, you will find a small brass plaque with someone's name on it at the end of each pew. And while that person didn't buy the pew for the sake of themselves or their family, they made a financial contribution to the church to honor someone who was important to them, or for the sake of the wider church body – in fact, they gave for the sake of their brothers and sisters who shared the pews with them.



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Well, enough history for now. We need to be flexible and welcome the newcomer to sit where ever they feel comfortable. And we need to be challenged to step out of our comfort zone and sit somewhere else from time to time. Jesus calls us to step out of our comfort zone too! Sometimes we don't want to

accept some things Jesus teaches us through his Church because it would mean that we have to change our lives, and we don't want to. We are comfortable the way we are. If we had to do what Jesus asks, it would take us out of our comfort zone. Sometimes it is mere fear of something different. Jesus always is offering us something different, but we don't want it. We want to stay in our rut. We have surrounded ourselves with certain parameters and are afraid to stretch them.

But...sitting in the same place each Sunday also offers us opportunities. Our pew can become our Sunday morning family, and we miss each

other when we are not there, sitting in a familiar, comfortable place. So let's take advantage of this "you're sitting in my pew" phenomenon and truly be a pew family. If someone is not in your pew on Sunday morning, give them a call when you get home and tell them that you missed them. No "pew captains" because everyone is equal in this family. And if you get more than one call...how wonderful that more folks care for you and miss you. And during the week, keep in contact with your pew family. Remind each other of the upcoming opportunities to be together. "Blest be the *pew* that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Adios,
Pastor Joanna

Holy Week at Leetown

Palm Sunday, March 28th, 9:30 AM

Liturgy of the Palms and reception of new members. If you are interested in joining Leetown Church please let Pastor Joanna know.

Holy Thursday, April 1, 7 PM

Seder Meal and Holy Communion at Leetown. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board

Good Friday, April 2, 7PM

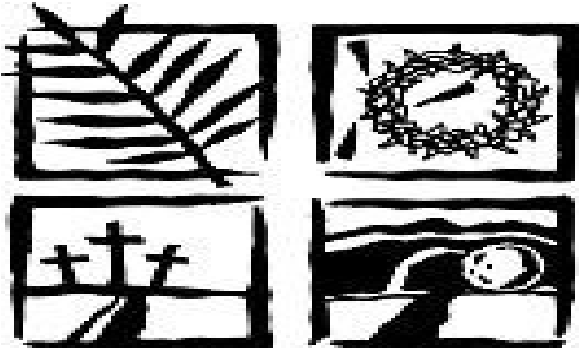
The Seven Last Words of Christ. To be held at Middleway UMC,

Easter Sunday, April 4

6:30 AM Outdoor Sunrise Service

8AM Breakfast

9:30 Easter Worship Service



Health Kits for Haiti

Pastor Joanna reports that she took 41 health kits to Oakland UMC for distribution and that more kits are expected to come in. Your response to this plea for help was overwhelming! Thanks!

February Bible Quiz Answer

What did Jesus say his earthly mission was all about?

The answer is: B. Doing God's will

Jefferson County Relay for Life

This year's theme "Celebrating More Birthdays" is especially close to my heart. This year marks my 21st celebration as a cancer survivor.

This disease has touched each one of us—either you as an individual, your spouse/partner, family, friends, or co-workers. The most wonderful advantage, the monies collected by the Jefferson County teams stays in Jefferson County.

Please make checks payable:

American Cancer Society
Relay for Life JCODW Team
66 Pigtail Lane

Kearneysville, WV 25430

Website: www.relayforlife.org/jeffersonwv

Thanks!

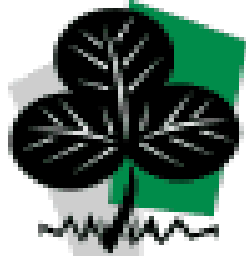
Judi Brunswick, team captain

Food Pantry Update

We're just received an update on our 2009 giving to Jefferson County Community Ministries. 1,859 pounds of food was donated by our congregation to their organization. WOW! Your kindness and caring will feed many folks in our area.

Their needs, however, are ongoing. Please continue to bring in the following items as you can: pancake mix, pancake syrup, jelly, canned fruit, canned meat & tuna, pork & beans, pasta, toilet paper, shampoo, spaghetti sauce, rice, hamburger and tuna helper, flour, sugar, salt, soup, cereal—hot and cold, and juice.

Second Sunday Supper



The second Sunday of each month we have a meal together, a program or theme, and a closing worship. This month's supper includes a Shamrock Auction. Bring a dish to share and a "white elephant" for our auction. Wear green and shamrocks to earn shamrocks to spend at the auction. This event will be held from 5-7 PM on Sunday, March 14th. Invite others to come along and join in the fun!



**SUNDAY,
MARCH 14TH**

Give Blood

Please plan to come to our next Blood Drive here at the church on Friday, April 9 from 2-7 PM. Our goal is 30 pints.

Good Eating!

Corned Beef Potato Dinner Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 pound red potatoes, cut into small wedges
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced and separated into rings
- 4 cups coleslaw mix
- 8 ounces thinly sliced deli corned beef, cut into 1/4-inch strips
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 4 teaspoons spicy brown mustard
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Directions

Place potatoes and water in a 3-qt. microwave-safe bowl. Cover; microwave on high for 4-5 minutes or until potatoes are crisp-tender. Add the onion; cover and cook for 1-2 minutes or until onions are tender. Stir in the coleslaw mix. Cover and cook for 2-3 minutes longer or until potatoes are tender; drain.

In a large skillet, saute corned beef in oil for 3-4 minutes; drain. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Cook and stir for 1 minute or until heated through. Add to the potato mixture; toss to combine. Cover and microwave for 1-2 minutes or until heated through. Yield: 4 servings.

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Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

Please come and support the March of Dimes at their upcoming spaghetti dinner and auction at Citizens Fire Company on April 17. The dinner runs from 4-6 PM and the auction will follow at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 for ages 13 and up; \$5 for children ages 3-12; and children under 3 years are free. For advance tickets or questions, please contact the office of Dr. Robert Jones at 304-728-5051.

Hospice

Hospice of the Panhandle is ready to serve you and your family. They have compiled a list of programs that are available at no cost. Please contact Laura Newberry Wilson at 304-

267-1870 ext. 208 or 304-702-4499 with any questions on the following topics:

- ◆ All about Hospice
- ◆ Caring for your loved one
- ◆ Grief and loss
- ◆ Advanced directives
- ◆ Death and dying
- ◆ Inspirational

- 15... Teresa Jo Combs
- 21... Terra Bowers
- 22... Mark Churms
- 23... Pat Walker
- 24... Michael Burrows
- 24... Emma Locke
- 28... William Carper
- 28... Estalene Powell

Do we have your anniversary date?



Bible Quiz

An Old Testament prophet wrote the following words about Jesus: "He was

oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."

Who wrote those words?

- A. Amos
- B. Jonah
- C. Jeremiah
- D. Isaiah

Discipleship for March

Liturgists

- 7...Peggy Barner
- 14...Pat Walker
- 21...Paul Ranalli
- 28...April Burrows

Greeters & Ushers

- 7...Nita Collis & Mary Kettering
- 14...April Burows & Cynthia Hitt
- 21...Louise Magaha & Anne Doxsee
- 28...Betty & Don Nuttall

Communion Stewards

- March...Terra & Mike Bowers

March Birthdays

- 02... Mary Kettering
- 10... Dorothy Butts
- 11... Amanda Lilly
- 13... Joanna Marceron
- 14... Julie DeHaven



Dining to Donate

Dine at Applebee's in Charles Town on Wednesday, March 17, and you can have 20% of your bill donated to Good Shepherd Caregivers! Just tell your server you want to benefit Good Shepherd Caregivers. This is for one day and only at the Applebee's at 129 Jefferson Crossing Way.

Maggie's Card Party

Maggie Drennen will host a bridge, Bunco and mahjong party to benefit Good Shepherd Caregivers on Wednesday, March 17, at Cress Creek Country Club, located on Shepherd Grade Road in Shepherdstown. The party will begin with coffee and pastries at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Play will continue in the afternoon and prizes will be awarded in each game.

Tickets are \$25.00 (\$12.50 of that is tax-deductible) and can be paid for at the door. However, advance reservations are required. For reservations, please call Good Shepherd at (304) 876-3325.

Leetown United Methodist Church
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Leetown United Methodist Church, are a group of Christians joined together to spread, teach and show the unending Love of Jesus Christ our Savior.

We exist to provide a place where any person may come to worship God through the unspoken Word, the written Word, and song.

We have fellowship together and live as part of the family of faith. Leetown United Methodist Church serves as a mission to minister to the needy, believers and unbelievers.



March 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Sunday Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM		1 South Jefferson Clergy 11AM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM AA 8PM	2 3 Discipler Group 9AM Sunday School Meeting 7PM	4	5  Potter's Bowl Shepherdstown Fire Hall	6 Bridges to Wholeness @ Conference Center	
3rd Sunday in Lent Communion Sunday	7	8 Good Shepherd 7PM	9 Boy Scouts 6:30 PM AA 8PM	10 Church Council 7 PM	11	12	13
Second Sunday Supper Shamrock Auction 5PM Daylight Savings Time	14	15	16 Mentor Training Community Ministries 10AM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM AA 8PM	17  UMM 7PM	18	19	20  First Day of Spring
5th Sunday in Lent	21	22	23 Boy Scouts 6:30 PM AA 8PM	24 MEOW 7 PM	25	26	27 Memorial Service @ Leetown
 Palm Sunday Reception of New Members	28	29	30 Boy Scouts 6:30 PM AA 8PM Community Dinner St Johns Rippon 6PM	31	 Read THROUGH the Bible		