
THE CIRCUIT WRITER



Sunday Service

Service times

8 am Worship
9 am Adult Sunday School
10 am with Children's Church

We will remain with 1
contemporary service for the
near future on the 4th Sunday
of the month

The meaning of the Lenten season for our faith Journey.

Walking alongside with the Master in His suffering, forsaking the evil ways and turning truly to the Lord!

Reflection verse: "Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and our God, for he will freely pardon." (Isaiah 55:7)

The Month of March is the third of the year sequence. This year, March entirely, is the month of reflection, with major portion of the Lent season on it. This month's reflection verse, from Isaiah 55, signifies God's desire to reward our repentance with pardon. It is appropriate for the Lenten season because it calls us to expectant repentance. It says that the fruit of our repentance is God's gift of mercy and pardon. The Greek word for repentance is "Metanoia", expresses the same idea Isaiah has when he calls us to change our way of thinking.

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As you reflect upon this for yourself this month, try to remember that both the Hebrew and the Greek concepts of repentance call us to clean out our minds. Only by ridding our thinking of destructive and depressing thoughts can we hope to fill them with constructive, positive and encouraging ideas.

Throughout this month, ask God to empower you with the grit to make a repentant decision that you have not been able to muster the courage to do previously. In short, earnestly tackle some major life issue that is not in keeping with God's will for you and resolve, in God's power, to overcome it this month. By doing so you will experience life on a higher plane; life with abundance of joy and transformation.

Your prayer assignment: Seal your determination to forsake self-defeating negative thought patterns in your prayers this month, for that is where sin begins in us. Open your thinking processes to new, upbeat faith possibilities and thank God for the Bible's empowerment assurances that promise His support when we are determined to change directions and do the right thing (Philippians 4:13), Ask God, that your mind be empowered to capture more of the fullness of all God's promises. Read daily Psalm 1:1, and examine your relationships in light of what this verse says. Are there people with whom you regularly associate who are not positive in their approach to life? Is there negative attitude affecting your own spiritual well-being? Sometimes you might, even, consider losing companionship with those people, for the sake of your own mental and spiritual well-being. This may sound, sometimes, as a high price but if this honors God, follow your decision because it is the best thing to do in your life.

As I end this reflection for this month, allow me to say with Paul, this: "Be strong in the Lord and His mighty power" (Ephesians 6:10). Contemplate the promised power of these words. Consider also 1 Corinthians 10:13, and be aware that the strength needed to overcome sin does not originate in us but is given by God to flow through us. Be blessed always in the Lord!

Yours sincerely,

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This Month Events



Spring forward in faith!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.

**Don't forget
Daylight Savings
Time on March 8th**

March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship First Sunday potluck following service	2 Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	3	4 ZUMBA Lenten Lunch @ Redeemers Cub Scouts	5 3:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team	6	7
8 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	9 Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	10 3:30 pm United Women in Faith	11 Lenten Lunch @ Barts 3:30 pm GFWC Cub Scouts	12 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team	13	14
15 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	16 Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	17 7 pm Historical Society	18 ZUMBA Lenten Lunch @ Bethel Cub Scouts	19 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team	20	21
22 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Contemporary Worship	23 Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	24 6 pm Boy Scouts Leader meeting	25 ZUMBA Lenten Lunch @ St Pauls Cub Scouts	26 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team	27 6:30 LAHS Board meeting	28 Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet
29 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	30 Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	31 6 pm Boy Scouts Leader meeting				



March 17th , 2026 LAHS History Program
"A Walk Along Old Littlestown's King Street
Gossip – Fact - Alternate Interpretations
Bring your stories and what you believe."



FOR EASTER SUNDAY this year we will have a Sunrise Service, followed with breakfast, the 10 am service, communion and no Fellowship meal following. Exact times will be reported in a future news.

On my name and on behalf of entire family, including Simiao, we are so grateful for your generous donation. It will be a great help to restart a new life after the floods.
May God richly bless you all!

Yours truly,
Fernando Matsimbe

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The UWF and the congregation are invited to a GFWC meeting on March 11 at 3:30 p.m. to hear Maj. Thomas W. Reidenbach, Regimental Surgeon, Army of Rapahannock to speak on Civil War Medicine. This will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Sandwich sale pick-up is Tuesday, March 11 between 1:30 and 2:00 p.m.

Scouts BSA Troop 84G is selling discount cards to help the scouts earn money to go to summer camp! Each card costs \$5 and has multiple deals on it, making it worth much more than \$5!! Some of the businesses on this year's card are: Hoss's, El Rodeo, Grocery Outlet, Papa Johns, Deja Brew, Hollabaugh Bros, Lincoln Links Mini Golf, Hickory Falls, Gettysburg Railway, South Hanover Lanes and Mason Dixon Distillery restaurant. For a full list of discounts please see Card Sheets_Final.pub. An order sheet will be posted on the bulletin board at church in March.

Thank you for supporting the scouts!



HELP! HELP! HELP! (Contact Beverly)

WE need someone to help with setting up one of the Communion Service in the next quarter. Please CONTACT BEVERLY, 443-789-1027.

We need some volunteers to step forward to help us in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. There are many things behind the scenes that need to be taken care of. You might need to shadow Beverly a couple Wednesdays to see what goes on.

Acolyte Support

Someone to pick an Acolyte and make sure he/she puts on their robe. Make sure they are wearing the proper robe, have a usable wick in the lighter. If there are no younger acolytes, then you would need to ask Nicole to fill in.

Someone to make sure there are Busy Bags for the kids to entertain the younger church members (kids) before service begins. Grab the bags that have been used and return them to office for you to refresh them. (We have items in the office to use.)

We need someone to be a Secretary for the Shepherds. They would be available for the Shepherds to contact with concerns that the Sheep might need. Then the Secretary would let the Pastor know who needs some care. You would be the go between the Pastor and the Shepherds.

If anyone would like to help with things that make the sanctuary look nice, please let Beverly know.



VALLEY OF HARRISBURG

PASSION PLAY

Sunday, March 22nd

3PM - 6PM Light Refreshments After

Contact the office for reservations
at 717-238-8867 or email
john@valleyofharrisburg.org



	Date	What is Happening
1 Katie Allen	3/01/26	2nd Sunday in Lent
2 Gail Braham	3/04/26	3rd Wednesday in Lent Redeemers
3 Olivia Matsimbe	3/08/26	3rd Sunday in Lent
6 Kelly Young	3/11/26	4th Wednesday in Lent Barts UMC
14 Harriette Huth	3/15/26	4th Sunday in Lent
11 Charlie Kuhn	3/18/26	5th Wednesday in Lent Bethel
16 Rich Rucker	3/22/26	5th Sunday in Lent
16 Peggy Hilker	3/25/26	6th Wednesday in Lent St Pauls
21 Graham Larkin	3/29/26	Palm Sunday
23 Barb Steele	3/30-4/5	Holy Week
24 Joan Unger	4/02/26	Holy Thursday
26 Julie Holland	4/03/26	Good Friday Cross walk starting 10:30AM
28 Amber Byers (Segessenman)	4/03/26	Full Good Friday Service at Church
28 David Young	4/05/26	Easter Sunday Morning Service
	4/05/26	Easter Breakfast
	4/05/26	Easter Service Celebration 10:00AM

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The Deadline for the April newsletter will be Wednesday, March 18th