



New Life
for Dry Bones

Welcome to Grace UMC

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22nd, 2026

8:00 am ~ Early Contemporary Service
9:15 am ~ Sunday School / Small Groups
10:30 am ~ Traditional Service of Worship

Charlotte Gingrich, accompanist

Welcome and Announcements

** Our Call To Worship and Covenant

Leader : This is the Day that the Lord has made

People : Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader : We come to worship, often weary and worn,
and laden with the burdens of life that are too
much to bear alone.

**People : Let us lift one another up, as we travel
God's redemption road together.**

Leader : But we also come to worship with stories to
tell of God-moments that came - often when we
least expected them.

**People : Let us be truth-tellers and life-bringers,
as we travel God's redemption road together.**

**ALL : We gather to celebrate the forgiveness and
healing power of God's love. Let us truly rejoice
and be glad in it, as we lift our voices in praise of
the One who gives us life.**

** Opening Hymn

TFWS 2088

“ Lord, I Lift Your Name on High ” (next page)

2088 Lord, I Lift Your Name on High



Lord, I lift your name on high;



Lord, I love to sing your praises.



I'm so glad you're in my life;



I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heaven to earth to show the way,



from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;



from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;



Lord, I lift your name on high.

WORDS: Rick Founds (1 Cor. 15:3-4)

MUSIC: Rick Founds

LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Irregular

**** Opening Prayer**

ALL: Out of the depths of despair, O God, we cry out to You. We are often overwhelmed in a world filled with pain and suffering. Come to us, O God, and heal our broken land. Forgive our doubts and our fears. Heal our hearts - that we may come to rejoice in your steadfast love, and to experience Your peace in every area of life. We ask in Jesus' Name, Amen.

**** Tell those around you...**

" I am So Glad You're Here Today !!!

WE PROCLAIM THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures *Cheryl Ibberson*
Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14 NRSV Translation

A Song of Celebration *Grace Choir*
" Blessed Is He "

We Declare Our Faith *UMH 881*
" The Apostles Creed "

The Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Hymn *TFWS 2215*
" Cares Chorus " (next page)

Our Prayer of Dedication

ALL: Almighty God, we offer these gifts this day to Your Glory. May they be used to roll away the stones that keep your people bound. Let them be signs of trust, symbols of resurrection, and tools of transformation in a weary world. May our offering, like our living, be a testimony to the abundant, eternal, and holy life that is possible in You. In the name of Jesus, who calls us out of the grave and into your grace, we pray. Amen.

2215

Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares up-on you, I
 lay all of my bur-dens down at your feet, and
 an-y-time that I don't know what to do, I will
 cast all my cares up-on you.

WORDS: Kelly Willard (Ps. 55:22; 1 Pet. 5:7)
 MUSIC: Kelly Willard

CARES CHORUS
 Irregular

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The Morning Message *Pastor Alan Atchison*
“ Looking to the Future ”
Based on the text from John 11: 1 - 45

**Closing Hymn *UHM 707*
“ Hymn of Promise ”

** Benediction and Sending Forth

**Indicates the congregation standing, if you are able.

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Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsorship
 are available on a weekly basis. Please see the
 sign-up sheets in the church entryway.

This Week's Announcements

If you have ordered chocolate-covered eggs, crackers, or pretzels, please remember to take them along with you following the service. Just a reminder that if you have ordered Kolachi Rolls from the Lutheran Women's fundraiser, they will be here next Sunday.

The Grace Card fellowship will meet on **Monday** at 2pm in the room across from the church office to address and prepare greeting cards for those with birthdays and anniversaries in April.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Beginning March 24th, We will begin an in-depth discussion study of the **Book of Revelation**. Bring your Bibles, and get in on unravelling the mystery!

Tuesday afternoon Bible study continues to meet across from the office.

Hebron UMC Spring Bazaar - Will be held on Thursday, Mar. 26th from 9am - 7pm, featuring Sticky buns in the morning, soups and sandwiches for lunch, and Chicken ala-king beginning at 4pm.

Homemade chow-chow, baked goods, candy, jams and jellies, cards, and knick-knacks will be available all day.

Hearts of Grace Food Distribution will take place this Thursday from 4pm - 5:30 at the back entrance. Please talk to Tina Billow of Beth Spicher if you can help.

Just For You Food will be packing weekend food backpacks for elementary and middle school kids on Monday, April 6th at 3pm in the back entrance.

More of this Week's Announcements

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny - Back by popular demand, breakfast with the Easter Bunny, along with photo opportunities, will be offered on this coming Saturday, March 28th, from 8 - 10am. Cost by donation. , Breakfast will be followed by the annual community egg hunt, commencing about 10:15am.

Donations of Easter Candy are being sought, along with volunteers to help fill the eggs for the annual Grace UMC egg hunt. Please talk to Tracy Wertz, or call her at (717) 508-6575 if you can help.

We need your HELP ! - In Lieu of purchasing **Easter flowers** to fill our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, we are asking you to consider a gift to missions instead. You can designate it in honor or memory of a friend, or a loved one. Please fill out the form on the back page of the bulletin, and drop it in the offering plate, or in the mailbox beside the church office door. We will receive requests and donations through Palm Sunday.

Cherry Blossom Festival - Grace UMC and Hebron UMC are co-sponsoring a table at the Millersburg Cherry Blossom Festival on Saturday, May 2nd. Help is needed with hand out's and activities. Please see the sign-up sheet in the church entryway, or call Tracy Wertz @ (717) 508-6575.

Lenten Food Drive - The Hearts of Grace and JFY food teams are grateful for your help in stocking the shelves in their new food pantry room (formerly a part of the Sr. High Youth Room). A donation board, a list of suggestions, and collection carts are located in the front entryway, Thank you for helping feed our community!

Community Needs - The extremely cold winter, along with the increased cost of utilities and food, have left a record number of folks in the Millersburg area in need of a helping hand just to survive. The Community Needs fund needs your help meet the need. Please consider how you might be able to increase your gifts to help meet the needs of individuals and families in our community.

The Grace - Hebron Merger Committee - continues to be at work gathering information, and working on a resolution of merger. We are planning on holding informational meetings in the upcoming weeks. Please stay tuned for upcoming announcements.

Upcoming Bus Trips led by Pam Mauser
*Noah's Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum -
May 4 - 7th, 2026*
*"JOSHUA" at Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster
Tuesday, July 14th, 2026*
**- For information, or to reserve your seat, please
call Pam at (717) 903-3590.**

Upcoming Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - Regular services at regular times

Maundy Thursday - Combined community service at 1st UMC, Millersburg, beginning at 6:30pm, including Holy Communion, and a combined Choir Anthem.

Good Friday - Combined community service beginning at 6:30pm, and being hosted at Trinity/ County Line UMC in Dalmatia.

Resurrection Morning - Celebration Services at 8am and 10:30am, with Sunday School beginning at 9:15, along with a fellowship hour between services.

Prayer Requests Made Last Week

For the De-escalation of the conflict in Iran and the Middle East
For the family of the Pa Trooper killed last week.

For the family of Tim Wertz - at his passing
For the family of the young man who passed away at the YMCA
For the family of Deb Bowman's Aunt - passed away at 97
For the family of Marley Hoover -at her passing
For the family of Yvette Shrawder - at her passing
For Lacy Hoffman's son - brain tumor
For Ron Malehorn - Hip pain
For Mary Graham - in ICU at Hershey Med following fall
For the family of Chase Grassmier - at his deployment
For Lindsey Ferster - re-injured shoulder in fall
For Trisha Snyder's nephew, Joshua Francis - bad car accident
For Laurel's Aunt Judy Bucher
For Laurel's father - another bad fall
For Sally Lisi - still awaiting surgery
For Debbie Moyer -health challenges
For Faye Herb - hospitalized with pneumonia
For Steve Willier - upcoming surgery
For Megan Nestler - recovering from spinal surgery
For Charlotte Gingrich - challenges with recurring gallstones
For Jack Ulsh - upcoming skin graft surgery
For Susan Turnbaugh - continues in the ICU at Hershey
For Helen - ongoing health challenges
For Craig - ongoing G.I. challenges
For Robin Davis - ongoing G.I struggles - upcoming surgery
For the family of Dave Welker - at his passing
For the family of Dennis Leshar - at his passing
For the family of Genevieve Baretta - at her passing
For the fire victims in Tourist Park

Praises to Celebrate:

For the warmth of sunshine this week
For Bowie's continued expressions of new sounds
For Robin Davis' - joy of a good Florida trip

Ongoing Prayers Needed

Wayne Perkins; John Fulkroad; Linda Heckdorn; Evelyn Zerfing;
Larry Rowe; Barry Stone; John Haines, Nancy Coyle; Ron Brooks;
Dan Crabb; Pat Moyer; Robin Davis; Polly Rubendall; Don Lebo;
Peg Lebo; John Mantzouranis; Gary & Kay Matter; Emily Hand;
Carson Kauffman; Nancy Snyder; Tina Baker; Pat Hoffman;
Jim and Sue Turnbaugh; Rick Shoop; Harry Bricker; Lillian
Neiswender; Shirley Scheib; Sue Eshelman; Terry Laudenslager;
Donna Nestor; Mark Himmelreich; Dorothy Blyler; Gary
Dunkelberger; Sandy Oxendine; Zain; Joanna; Richard McGuiness;
Joel Strohecker; Our Friends from York- Patti, Tanya, Victor, and
Jeri; Sandy Bell; Terry Uhler;

Our Attendance on Sunday, March 15th

Early Worship ~ 33

Sunday School ~ 18

Late Worship ~ 49

Online Worship ~ 6

Our Giving on Sunday, March 15th

General Fund ~ \$ 3,332

Designated Causes ~ \$ 1,045

Missions ~ \$ 185

Building Fund ~ \$ 10

In Lieu of Easter Flowers

A Gift of \$ _____ is being given for Mission Outreach

In Honor Of _____ In Memory Of _____

Name(s) _____

by: _____

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND DROP IN OFFERING PLATE OR OFFICE WITH YOUR DONATION

JOIN US FOR AN

EASTER EGG HUNT

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
WILL BE SERVED FROM 8 AM-10 AM
COST IS BY DONATION

MARCH 28, 2026 | 10:15- ?

THE EGG HUNT WILL BE DIRECTLY AFTER BREAKFAST WITH THE FIRST
AGE GROUP STARTING AT 10:15.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE CRAFTS AND PICTURES WITH THE BUNNY.

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**WE ARE ONCE AGAIN COLLECTING CANDY TO FILL EGGS.
PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATIONS IN THE BOX IN THE ENTRYWAY**

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