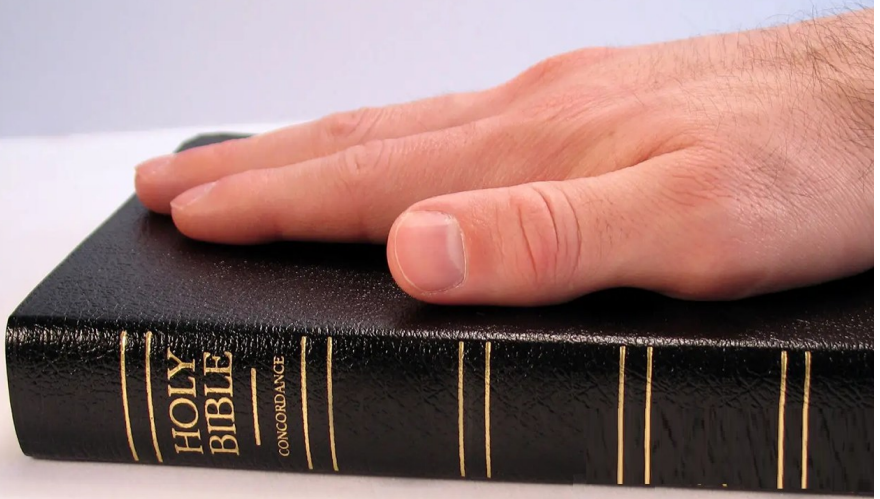


Called to **TESTIFY**



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5th Sunday of Easter

May 3rd, 2026

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

Charlotte Gingrich - accompanist
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Gathering Music

Announcements and Lighting of the Candles

\*\* Our Call To Worship

*Leader* : Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!  
Sing about the glory of His name! Tell the world  
how glorious our God is, and how awesome are  
His deeds!

***People* : Your enemies bow before your mighty  
power, O Lord - everything and everyone on the  
earth will worship You; they will sing Your praise  
and shout Your name in glorious songs.**

*Leader* : Come and see what our God has done,  
what awesome miracles He performs for people!  
He made a dry path through the Red Sea, and His  
people went across on foot. By His great power  
He rules forever.

***People* : Our lives are in Your hands – You keep  
our feet from stumbling. You test us, O God;  
You purify us like silver. We have gone through  
fire and flood, but you have brought us to a  
place of great abundance.**

\*\* Opening Song of Praise

UMH 156

“ I Love To Tell the Story ”

**\*\* Our Opening Prayer**

**ALL : Lord, send Your Spirit into our midst, and help us to center our thoughts on You this day - that Your Name might be praised in our worship. Move among us and enliven our own spirits - that we might be spurred on toward service, and bring honor and glory to You. Help us to put aside our own agendas, and to focus on what You have for us this day. We ask in Jesus Name. Amen.**

**\*\* Extend a Hand of Fellowship  
and Share the Peace of Christ !**

**LET US PROCLAIM THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD**

A Reading from the Scriptures *Ina Schoffstall*  
*" Hebrews 12: 1 - 11 "*

Praising God through Music *Grace Choir*  
*" How Great Is Our God w/ O Worship the King"*

A Statement of Our Faith *UMH 881*  
*" The Apostles Creed "*

The Morning Message *Pastor Alan Atchison*  
*" Called to Testify "*

*from the text of the Book of Acts, Ch. 6 and 7*

**LET US RESPOND IN FAITH**

We Receive Our Morning Offering *TFWS 2037*  
*" I Sing Praise to Your Name "*

**I sing praises to Your name, O Lord**

**Praises to Your name, O Lord**

**For Your name is Great, and worthy to be praised! (2x)**

**2. I give glory to Your name ....**

Our Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL: Almighty and Everlasting Father, You ARE worthy to be praised! You have created us from the dust of the earth, called us by name to embrace Your Kingdom purposes, and have blessed us with everything needed to accomplish this task.**

**Empower us to respond in ways that will bring honor and glory to Your name, as we work to share Your love and Your grace with the people that we encounter each day. We ask in Jesus Name, Amen.**

The Sharing of Joys and Prayer Concerns

The Lords Prayer

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **WE GO OUT TO SERVE**

\*\*Hymn of Celebration

*UMH 334*

*“ Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore ”*

\*\*Benediction and Sending Forth

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

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THANK YOU to all who helped make last week's Soup and Sandwich Luncheon a wonderful event!

THANK YOU !!!! to all who donated clothing, helped to set up tables, fill them with clothes, and make our FREE Community Clothing Closet event a HUGE Success!

Today's Notes and Notices.....

Grace - Hebron Merger Informational meeting

You are invited to join us in the sanctuary on **Tuesday evening at 7pm** for an information meeting concerning the proposed merger of Grace UMC and Hebron UMC. There will be a time of Questions and Answers following the presentation by the merger committee team.

Annual Spring Clean-up - will continue **Monday evening**, beginning at **6pm**. Please consider joining in as we work at cleaning up the winter debris and sprucing up our church property. Mulching, weeding, trimming of bushes - there is something for every skill level. Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

The Grace UMC Administrative Council has unanimously approved a **Resolution of Merger** with Hebron UMC. Copies of the resolution are available on the entryway table. An informational session concerning questions about the proposed merger will be held on **Tuesday, May 5th** at 7pm in the sanctuary, with a special Church Conference scheduled for **Saturday, May 23rd** at 10am to vote to ratify the proposed Resolution.

Questions About Medicare and Advantage Plans?

An Upcoming MEDICARE Workshop will be held at Grace UMC on **Wednesday, May 6th** at 2 pm, presented by Jason Mackey, former Director of Benefits for the Susquehanna Conference.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - is currently working through the **Book of Revelation** at 10am in the Library. Each week there is something new, so bring your Bibles, and come join us for a morning of excitement and adventure!

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more Notes and Notices.....

Miracle Sunday A denomination-wide special offering will be collected on Sunday, May 17th, to benefit ministerial education in third-world countries.

Grace Trustees will meet on Tuesday, May 12th, at 6:30pm

Salem Lutheran Women's Church Bazaar, including Mr. Sticky buns, homemade soup, baked goods, and yard sale items will be held on Saturday, May 16th.

The TVP Community Choir - will hold their spring concert on Sunday, May 17th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

Our Noah's Crew Preschool will hold their closing program on Sun., May 17th at 2:30 pm in the sanctuary. A time of refreshments and celebration of their ministry will be held following the program.

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.

Our Attendance on April 26th

Early Worship ~ 41 Sunday School / Fellowship ~ 35
Late Worship ~ 44 Online Worship ~ 13

Our Giving for April 26th

General Fund ~ \$ 4,269 Designated Causes ~ \$ 1,905
Missions ~ \$ 185 Building ~ \$ 105

Prayer REQUESTS

THOSE LIFTED UP THIS PAST WEEK

- For Mark Himmelreight - additional cancer sites discovered
- For Sandy Bell - bad cold
- For Lindsay Ferster - continued healing
- For Gary Matter - ongoing health issues
- For Kay Matter - moved to Northern Dauphin Nursing & Rehab
- For Laurel Kolva - continuing health challenges
- For John Haines - recovering from surgery
- For Charlotte Gingrich - challenges with pesky gall stone
- For Bob Lahr - continued recuperation from stroke
- For Susan Turnbaugh - back in Hershey Med
- For Bruce Wolf - undergoing chemo treatments
- For Sue Kissinger - cancer surgery May 18th
- For Nancy Kirkwood - chemo treatments
- For the family of Todd Shaffer - killed in Rt. 209 crash
- For Dawn Powers - continued recovery from infection / BP issues
- For Pat Hoffman - Kidney surgery May 12th
- For Carter Sass - continued healing of foot/ankle
- For Craig Teter- continued recovering from GI surgery
- AND so many more with ongoing challenges!!!

PLEASE KEEP PRAYING!!!