

# THE SONBEAM

## NEW MARTINSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WETZEL / TYLER (W/T) HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROPERTY SALE

District Superintendent Neil Leftwich and Pastor Jeff Kanode have approved a special-called church conference to vote on the issue of selling the Wetzel/Tyler Health Department a piece of NMUMC property at the south end of the NMUMC parking lot for the purpose of building a new facility for the W/T Health Department. The negotiated sale price is \$125,000.

The vote will be held April 6, 2025, immediately following the first service, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary of New Martinsville United Methodist Church. All members of NMUMC are eligible to vote.

More information on page 3. A fact sheet and map of the sale of the property is available on the table in the Lobby.

### Dear Church Family,

It's time for a new church family album (directory). When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connection Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church.

Stay tuned for more information on this connection event. Directory Committee

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## COME WORSHIP WITH US

### SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM - Contemporary  
Service

10:45 AM - Traditional  
Service

Communion Served  
1st Sunday of Each Month  
All Are Welcome To Share  
Christ's Table

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 Disciples  
10:00 Open Hearts  
4:00 Small Group

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9:00 A.M.

### STUDENT SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45 A.M.  
In Multi-Purpose Room  
K - 5th Grade  
6th - 12th Grade

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Kanode

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Dear Church Family,

Happy April, dear friends! Welcome to the first full month of spring! Welcome to the month of flowers and blossoms and budding trees and greening hills, and yes, Easter! Welcome to the last couple of weeks of Lent, including soon, Holy Week-- the culmination of our shared Lenten pilgrimage.

I so look forward to sharing our first Holy Week together. On April 13, we will gather for Palm Sunday, sometimes often called Palm-Passion Sunday. Let me share with you these amazing words about Palm-Passion Sunday, amazing words about Lent too, in general:

*"Passion-Palm Sunday is a day of contrasts. In the first part we experience the joyous demonstration of loyalty to Jesus, who comes in the name of the Lord...Yet the shouts of Hosanna are under a shadow cast by the crucifixion to come. [We should] recognize the contrasts within the whole Lenten journey that culminates in the mystery of Christ's dying and rising."*

--from *The New Handbook of The Christian Year* by Hoyt L Hickman, Don Saliers, Laurence Hull Stookey, and James F. White.

Moving on from Palm-Passion Sunday, we will hold a service every night of Holy Week at 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday will feature music from our Praise Team, and some special guests. We will celebrate Holy Thursday with Holy Communion. Our Good Friday service will feature our Youth with a very moving service called the Service of Tenebrae, or the Service of Shadows. We will gather for Easter Sunrise on Easter morning (time and campus location tbd) and our regularly scheduled worship services for Easter Sunday. We will share Holy Communion at Easter sunrise only, and we will welcome new members into our church during regular services Easter morning.

From the shadow of the cross to the new light dawning within the empty tomb, my sisters and brothers, Jesus calls us to experience anew the miracle, the might, the mercy of his love for us all!

Happy April!

Happy Holy Week and Easter!

Love,

Your pastor

*Jeff*

**Wetzel / Tyler (W/T) Health Department Property Sale Fact Sheet.**

In November of 2023, we were approached by the W/T Health Department about potentially selling them a piece of our property at the south end of our parking lot for the purpose of building a new facility for the W/T Health Department. After research on the property lines and negotiations with the W/T Health Department, NMUMC Trustees offered (upon approval of the Northern District and a vote from a NMUMC Charge Conference), to sell approximately 1.22 acres at the south end of the parking lot. A plot of the proposed property is attached. The sale price would be \$125,000.

We have over 7 acres in the Church property which is much more than we can ever foresee needing.

The benefits to NMUMC are:

The receipts from the sale would be applied to the Church mortgage current balance of \$804,632.29, saving us over \$200,000 in payments over the remaining life of the loan and would repay the loan 2 years earlier (May 25, 2033).

Partnering with W/T Health Department would be an extension of NMUMC's community service as the location is better located for W/T Health in serving the members of the community and would serve as part of NMUMC's outreach to the disadvantaged in the local community.

We could partner with the W/T Health Department in public health efforts, especially to the disadvantaged in the area.

The WV United Methodist Conference has been emphasizing us to include health activities in our community service efforts and partnering with the W/T Health Department could help improve service and volunteers to assist.

Visitors to the W/T Health Department would increase traffic to the Church.

Sale of the property would decrease the amount of property upkeep for NMUMC.

The W/T parking area would give us overflow parking for NMUMC services and events.

Disadvantages to NMUMC:

The property sold to W/T would no longer be available for additional Church facilities.

Benefits to the W/T Health Department are:

Our location is within walking distance (less than a mile) of four apartment complexes, which are low-income housing (two are across Route 2 from us).

Our location is within walking distance of a large trailer park on both sides Route 2

Our location is less than a mile from Wetzel County Hospital and the Ambulance garage

We are a designated emergency center for Wetzel County Emergency Management, Genesis Nursing Home, the Red Cross, and an organization that is confidential.

We have a large gymnasium that can be used for events or activities that require more space.

We are near the major shopping area of Wetzel & Tyler County.

We have a food bank open 9 – 1 on weekdays that would bring more traffic of disadvantaged people to the site.

Catholic Charities has a food bank once a month and our parking lot is used for overflow of the line of vehicles for food generating extra traffic for our facility and the site. Special events could be timed with their food bank day to serve more people.

We are in the process of acquiring an emergency generator so normal operations could continue during power outages.

We are just a few hundred yards off Route 2.

We would share our parking area to give overflow parking space for W/T Health Department use.

Pastor Dr. Jeffery Kanode, NMUMC John Goddard, NMUMC Trustees Chairman Jim Wobig, NMUMC Trustees Secretary Treasurer

## FINANCIAL UPDATE



NMUMC has met our financial needs to date for 2025. Through February 28, 2025, income exceeded expenses by \$3,548.65. February income exceeded expenses by \$1,583.83. We didn't pay the January or February portion of the Conference Fair Share due to trying to resolve an issue with conference concerning the Pastor's health insurance. We are waiting for a reply from the Conference. Our budget working balance is \$53,909.92.

As of February 28th, the 2025 Building Fund loan payments and expenses exceeded contributions by \$4,466.25. February loan payments exceeded contributions by \$1,330.10. The building fund balance as of February 28, 2025, is \$49,735.87. The remaining balance of the Church loan as of February 28, 2025, is \$806,954.33. The payment schedule currently shows the loan will be paid in full May 18, 2035.

The Trustees have received substantial payments from the royalties on oil and gas rights endowed to NMUMC that can be used for loan payments if necessary and help us with capital project expenses.

NMUMC appreciates your support of our ministries through your budget and building fund contributions.

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR! LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL



The 2025/2026 session will begin in August. Little Lambs is offering two classes. The three-year-old class will meet in the morning and the afternoon class is for four-year-olds. The classes will meet Monday through Thursday. Classes are filling up quickly. Little Lambs Registration may be obtained by contacting the church office @ (304)455-1422.

## NEW MEMBERSHIP/BAPTISM SUNDAY

Pastor Jeff invites you to come into membership of our church and be baptized if you haven't been! Easter Sunday, April 20 would be a wonderful Sunday to make your commitment to Christ and to the church. We will have a brief orientation and class Palm Sunday, April 13 at 1:00 here at the church. Please come! If you are interested in joining NMUMC, but these dates and times don't work for you, please let Jeff know. (text or call 304 563-2812 or email [jeffreyknode@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreyknode@gmail.com))

## COMING MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> – COMPASSION SUNDAY

Compassion International is a Christ-Centered ministry that partners with churches across the globe to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. This program partners exclusively with local churches so each child is welcomed into a faith community that knows them by name, cares for their needs and champions their victory over poverty.

One child is connected to one sponsor so that each child is uniquely loved and supported. Whether that child faces hunger, sickness or loneliness, sponsorship enables their local church to customize their care by offering meals, tutoring, medical care or even a hug on a hard day.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> information will be available on how to become a sponsor of one of these most needy children. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

## MISSION & OUTREACH

The Souper Bowl Challenge results total of 138 cans of soup and 4 crackers. Little Lambs 75 soup and congregation 63. Thank you for your numerous donations during the month of March. We appreciate your assistance as we help those in the community.

The Gifts of Grace Room is in need of children sizes of underwear, bath & hand towels, silverware, and laundry detergent.

In March, total households served was 43, with a total of 183 individuals benefitting from the food received from the pantry. Of the 43, 17 were new registers. Each box has approximately \$140 in nonperishable and frozen meat (totaling \$6,020). We have several from NMUMC and others in the community filling the three blessing boxes around the community with grab and go type food such as peanut butter crackers, pudding cups, etc. (approximately \$1,000 in food items); continued to fill the Library box with Christian books/Bibles, which is located at the west end of our parking lot. In cooperation with Catholic Charities and Community Resources, we assisted four individuals with gasoline (\$107) for doctor appointments, ten families with utilities (\$1,424).

Received 2 bottles of laundry detergent from Gifts of Grace contributions. Received a bag of sneakers from a family. Received 2 tablet covers and 18 spoons from a family. Received an electric stove from a family. Received a C/D player from a family. Received 4 bottles of dish detergent from Gifts of Grace contributions. Received 2 toasters, 3 cast iron skillet, plastic dishes, bowls, a foot bath, a shower grab bar, socks, glove, a box of household items, a humidifier, a set of pillow cases, 2 foot massagers, a box of decorative pillows, a baby rocker, 4 coffee makers, a portable air conditioner, silverware tray, a rotating waffle maker, and a toaster oven. Received 3 pillows, a comforter and a blanket from a family. Received a couch and a chair from a family. Received a full bed frame / mattress / box springs / 2 pillows / bedding, a couch, 2 dressers, a living room chair, an end table, 3 walkers, 2 table lamps, 2 table chairs, and 2 shower chairs from a family. Received a bed, dresser, couch, dresser, chest of drawers, 3 chairs, a wheelchair, a rollator, 2 pillows from an individual. Received a couch and a chair, and a stand from a family. Received a small grill and a package of grilling tools from a family. Received box of toys from a family. Received a can of Comet cleaner, a bottle of bleach, and 2 bottles of toilet cleaner from Gifts of Grace contributions. Received 2 bottles of shampoo from Gifts of Grace Contributions. Received a stuffed animal from a family. Received a refrigerator from a family. Received 2 bottles of laundry detergent and 23 bottles of glass cleaner from Gifts of Grace Contributions. Received a bag of plastic kitchen items from a family. Received 4 folding chairs from a family. Received a bottle of laundry detergent and a bottle of dish detergent from Gifts of Grace contributions. Received an ironing board from a family.

Provided a person a shower chair, a kitchen table, 2 easy chairs / 1 ottoman, 2 table chairs, an end table, a flat screen tv, a kitchen tray cart, 2 table lamps, a knife set with block, and 4 coats. Provided a person towels, wash clothes, sheets, a bed comforter, plastic bowls, kitchen utensils, cleaning supplies and grooming supplies. Provided a person pots, pans, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent and grooming supplies. Provided a family two chairs. Provided an individual a stand. Provided an individual a wheelchair.

## MISSION & OUTREACH CONTINUED

Provided a family two chairs. Provided a family two dressers and a full bed frame / mattress / box springs. Provided a person a pair of shoes and a package of underwear. Provided a family a dishwasher. Provided a family a microwave. Provided a family king bedding / pillow shams / comforter, twin bedding, grill, grilling tools, a large suitcase, grooming supplies, cleaning supplies, and 2 pair of shoes. Provided a family Swiffer pads, cleaning supplies, feminine hygiene products, 2 boxes dishes, bath towels, hand towels, and 2 pair of shoes. Provided a family a dishwasher. Provided a family 14 pair socks, 4 packages underwear, kitchen utensils, bedding, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, plastic dishes, cups, grooming supplies, a pair of shoes, and drinking glasses. Provided a family a living room couch and matching chair, 2 folding chairs, a crib with a mattress, 2 toddler beds with mattresses, a round wood table, a rocking chair and 2 straight chairs. Provided a person a lift chair recliner.

Mission: Meet the people where they are, love them intentionally, and show the love of Jesus, Mark 6: 33-44



Our VISION: A people who are being transformed by the Spirit of God Into the likeness of Jesus Christ and are being sent out to transform the world.

Jim Wobig



## PRAYER REQUESTS

IF YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST(S) PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR JEFF OR DEBBIE YURISKO



Men & Women  
Serving in the  
Military

The Homebound

Richard Arnett

Jody Edgell

Leshia Emch

Lameta Funari

Twila Hostutler

Aleatha Howell

Larry & Anita Lemon

Nettie Mason

Denny Overfield

Lois & Norman Riggs

Bill & Rae Stuart

Danny & Cloy Winland

Pat & Jim Wobig

Unspoken Requests of our  
Hearts

The Lost

The rose on the altar is a  
reminder to pray for those in  
need.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



2 Aleatha Howell 4 Karen Berry 5 Vince Monseau 6 Aaron Lemon 7 Charlene Marshall  
10 Caleb Seckman 11 Millie Sue Swartling 14 Pat Craycraft, Neill Marshall 16  
Shawnna Matheny 17 Mark Blair, Terri Goddard, Debbie Herrick 18 Kay Monseau 19  
David Harshberger 20 Susan Posego 20 Kathi Smith 22 Conner Seckman 24 Judy  
Lemon 25 Becky Hostutler, Norman Riggs 30 Jared Alec Kocher, Trisha LeMasters

Hartline



ANNIVERSARIES

12 Danny & Cathy Westfall

## YARD SALE

United Women in Faith will have their annual yard sale on May 1 & 2 from 8 to 3. If you have any donations, they will be accepting them beginning Monday, April 28. for any questions, please see Cloy Winland or Liz Hartman.

# He's Alive!

## 2025



**Free  
Admission**

## A Musical Passion Play!

*A Heaven Bound Ministries Production*

Capitol Theatre  
1015 Main Street  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
April 11, 12, 2025 - 7:30 PM  
April 13, 2025 - 3:30 PM

For information:  
304-233-4470  
304-232-6122  
724-883-2241

[www.heavenboundministriesinc.org](http://www.heavenboundministriesinc.org)

Heaven Bound & He's Alive



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	1 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs	2 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs 5:45 Praise Team Practice 7:00 Chancel Choir	3 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs 6:00 Dinner & Devotions	4	5
6 Vote on Sale of Property 9:00 Praise Worship 10:00 Sunday School all ages 10:45 Traditional Service 1:00 MPR Reserved 4:00 Small Group	7 8:30 Little Lambs 12:00 United Women in Faith 12:15 Little Lambs	8 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs 6:00 Trustees	9 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs 5:45 Praise Team Practice 7:00 Chancel Choir	10 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs 10:30 Food Pantry Delivery 6:00 Dinner & Devotions	11	12 MPR Reserved
13 9:00 Praise Worship 10:00 Sunday School all ages 10:45 Traditional Service 1:00 Membership/Baptism Class 4:00 Small Group	14 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs 7:00 Holy Week Service	15 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs 7:00 Holy Week Service	16 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs 5:45 Praise Team Practice 7:00 Chancel Choir 7:00 Holy Week Service	17 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs 6:00 Dinner & Devotions 6:00 Friendship Circle 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	18 7:00 Good Friday Service	19 MPR Reserved
20 Happy Easter 9:00 Praise Worship 10:00 Sunday School all ages 10:45 Traditional Service 1:00 MPR Reserved 4:00 Small Group	21 8:30 Little Lambs 9:00 WV Choice 12:15 Little Lambs	22 8:30 Little Lambs 9:00 WV Choice 12:15 Little Lambs	23 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs 5:45 Praise Team Practice 6:00 Lead Team 7:00 Chancel Choir	24 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs 2:00 Helping Hand Board	25	26 MPR Reserved
27 9:00 Praise Worship 10:00 Sunday School all ages 10:45 Traditional Service 4:00 Small Group	28 MPR Reserved 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs	29 MPR Reserved 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs	30 MPR Reserved 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs	May 1 MPR - United Women in Faith Yard Sale 8:30 Little Lambs 12:15 Little Lambs	May 2 MPR - United Women in Faith Yard Sale	