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**OUR MISSION: Impacting The Kingdom Of
God One Person At A Time**

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USBC NEWS



As Easter approaches, many families prepare to celebrate with traditions that include egg hunts, candy, and the beloved Easter Bunny. While these activities can be fun and bring joy to children, it's essential to remember that Easter's true significance lies not in the whimsical character of the Easter Bunny, but in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter is a time of reflection and gratitude for Christians around the world. It commemorates the resurrection of Jesus, a powerful event that symbolizes hope, renewal, and salvation. This is a time to celebrate the promise of eternal life and the profound love that Jesus demonstrated through His sacrifice. His teachings encourage us to love one another, seek forgiveness, serve those in need, and offering a moral compass that guides our actions every day.

While the Easter Bunny may bring excitement and joy, it is a fictional character that lacks the depth and transformative power of Jesus. The Easter Bunny represents commercialism and entertainment, often overshadowing the spiritual essence of the holiday. In contrast, Jesus' resurrection is a historical event that has shaped humanity's understanding of life, death, and purpose.

As we gather with family and friends this Easter, let us focus on the deeper message of hope and love that Jesus brings. Engage in meaningful conversations about faith, share stories of His impact in your life, and participate in church services that honor His resurrection. By doing so, we can ensure that the true meaning of Easter is not lost amidst the festivities.

This Easter, let's celebrate not just with chocolate eggs and bunnies, but with a renewed commitment to live out the teachings of Jesus. Let us remember that it's not about the Easter Bunny, but about the incredible gift of grace that Jesus offers to each of us. Embrace the joy of this season by reflecting on His love and sharing that love with others.





On Monday, March 25th at 11:30 a.m., the men will gather at the IHOP in Mt. Airy for an enjoyable lunch to connect and to plan for future events for the men.



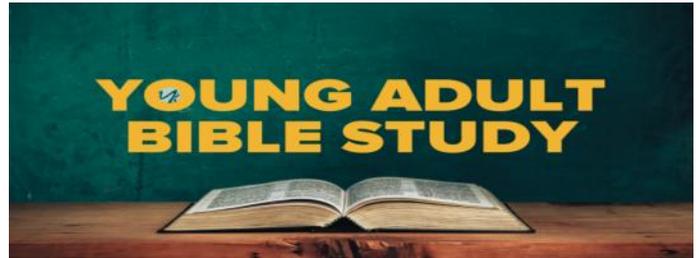
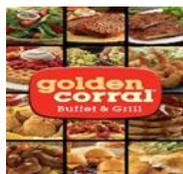
We are excited to announce our upcoming **Benevolence Offering** during the months of March and April. Our goal is to collect **\$2,500** to support those in our community and church who are facing financial hardships. Your generous contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of individuals and families in need. Together, we can extend our compassion and support to those who need a helping hand.

Please consider giving to this important cause. Every donation, no matter the size, helps us reach our goal and make a positive impact.



Daylight Savings Time will take place on Sunday, March 8th. So, make certain that you make the proper adjustment to your clocks so that you do not miss out on a wonderful time of worship. Remember, "spring forward."

The **Forever Young Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, March 11th at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.



Attention Young Adults! Join us for our upcoming **Young Adult Bible Study** on March 22nd at 1 p.m. We will gather in the Wegmans food court in Germantown for a time of fellowship and spiritual growth. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with others and deepen your faith. Bring your friends and come ready to engage in meaningful discussions!

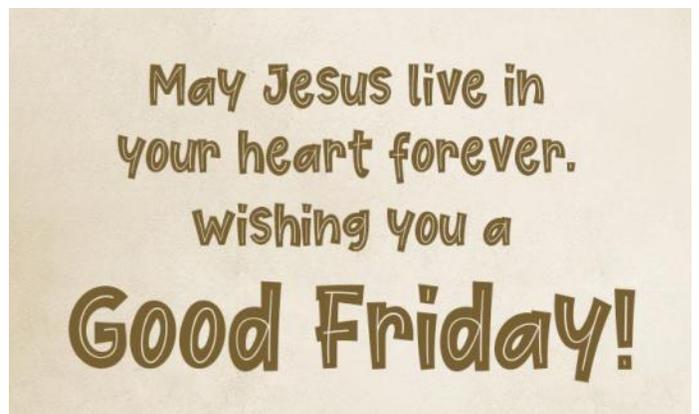


On March 8th, there will be a meeting immediately following worship service for the following Ministry Teams – **Security Team** and **Easter Ministry Team**.

(If you have any interest in helping to develop and participating on the Security Team or helping to plan for USBC's Easter events in March/April, please attend this important meeting on March 8th).

Update - Associate Pastor/ Outreach Minister Wanted

We are getting close. USBC has narrowed it down to a specific candidate who is well qualified and loves the Lord. Please keep this process in your prayers and more exciting news will be coming.



THE LAST WEEK

Pastor Dennis Felder

In March, I will be starting a sermon series entitled, *“The Last Week”*. This 5-week sermon series will deal with Jesus’ last week on earth leading up to His resurrection. As Jesus was living out His last few days on earth, there were important lessons that He wanted to leave with us. This sermon series will remind us what Jesus focused on and what we should focus on.

March 1st

Sermon Title: *“Rock Your Prison”*

Scripture: Acts 16:25-26

Synopsis: Life can be hard at times. When this overwhelming struggle in life bares down on you, you can often feel as if there is no escape. These hardships in life may feel as if you are trapped, imprisoned. However, there is a way to escape this emotional and spiritual captivity. The Bible shows us how to break free of this prison.

March 8th

Sermon Title: *“An Important Question”*

Scripture: Matthew 22:34-40

Synopsis: Life itself generates a lot of questions. A major question is how we should treat others. Jesus made it very clear that our love for God and love for others should be the greatest commandments to follow.

March 15th

Sermon Title: *“It’s About You”*

Scripture: Matthew 25:35-40, 45

Synopsis: Our actions are an indicator of how much we care about others. Jesus tells us that when we help others in need, we are in essence helping Him. When we neglect to extend kindness and compassion to others, we are in essence neglecting Him.

March 22nd

Sermon Title: *“The Gut-Wrenching Garden”*

Scripture: Matthew 26:36-39

Synopsis: Jesus goes to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray before his crucifixion. His emotions are raw as He makes the gut-wrenching decision to die for the sins of the world.

March 29th

Sermon Title: *“The Faces in the Crowd”*

Scripture: Matthew 21:8-11

Synopsis: As Jesus enters Jerusalem triumphantly, He sees the many faces in the crowd shouting His praises. These faces are not lost names in a sea of people. These are faces that Jesus desires to know intimately.

April 5th

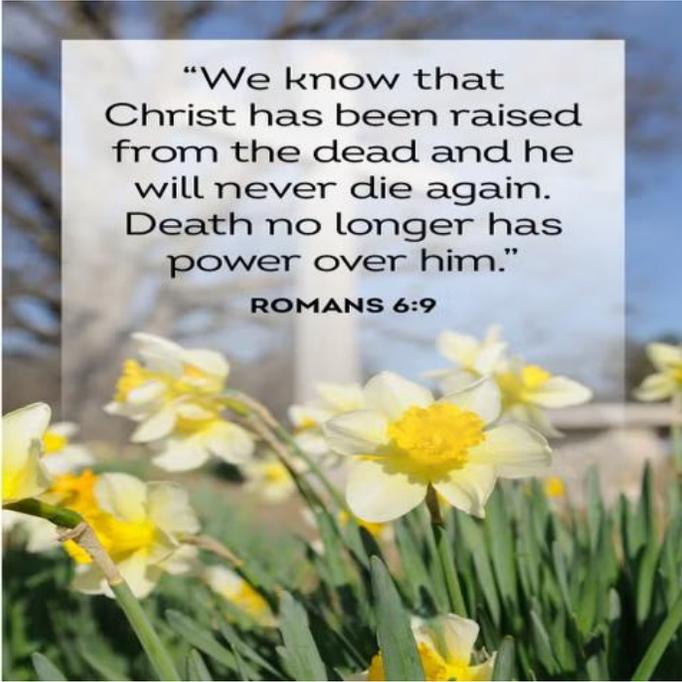
Sermon Title: *“Behind the Rock”*

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-6

Synopsis: There was a lot that unfolded behind the rock where Jesus laid. A miracle was taking place that changed the world forever. What took place behind that rock can change your life forever also.

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Upper Seneca Baptist Church
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God's Plan Of Salvation
Trust Jesus Christ today! Here's what you must do:

1. Admit you are a sinner.
"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent).
Jesus said: *"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5)*
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried, and rose from the dead.
"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Savior.
"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

What to pray:

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior.

Next Newsletter Deadline
March 22, 2026

Weather Policy

If the church cancels or postpones any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintery conditions, a cancellation notice will appear on the church's Facebook page, church's website, through church email, and on the church's voice recorder. To access the church's voice recorder, please dial (301) 972-3686. The church will only post a cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

Also, if you have something to be included in the newsletter, an announcement, an article, a birthday, we are always looking for information and new ideas!

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On Sunday, February 8th, the **Young Adults** went to **Dave & Busters**. It was a blast.



On March 15th, our church has been invited to attend the 23rd Anniversary Service of the Vietnamese Love Baptist Church at 3 p.m. USBC has been like a mother church to the VLBC, since its early conception. Now, we have the opportunity to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ to celebrate this milestone with them. During this celebration service, your very own Pastor, Pastor Dennis, will be the keynote speaker.



Let's show our love to Carlos and Yve Navarrete by showering them with gift cards. To help with their needs, as Carlos is going through his cancer treatment, USBC will be collecting gift cards from

Whole Foods, Wegmans, or Walmart to give to them. However, if you would prefer to give a monetary donation instead, please mark it as *Benevolence for Carlos*.

ACTIVITIES CANCELED

The following activities will be canceled in March/April.

- Church Chat** (March 29th)
- Dive Deeper** (March 29th)
- After the Sermon Bible Study** (March 31st)
- Prayer Meeting** (March 31st)
- Women's Bible Study** (April 2nd)
- Sunday School** (April 5th)

Be in the Know!

Every month, USBC will share with you how you can connect in the church. It is called, *In the Know!*

Facebook Live – You can watch our 11 a.m. Sunday morning Worship Service live on Facebook (Go to the church's website (<http://www.usbchurch.org/>) and click on the Facebook icon or do a Google search for the church's Facebook page.).

Children's Church – USBC has *Children's Church* during our Sunday morning worship service.

Sunday School – Every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.

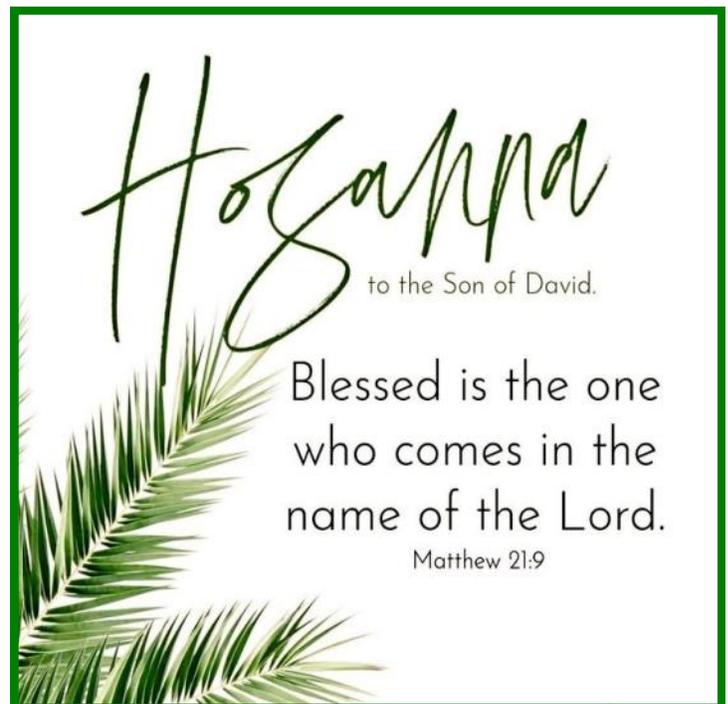
After the Sermon Bible Study – Every Tuesday evening from 6-6:50 p.m.

Prayer Meeting – Every Tuesday evening from 7-7:30 p.m.

Thursday Night Women's Bible Study – Every Thursday night from 6-9 p.m., the women gather at the church for their weekly Bible Study and prayer time. You can join either in person or by phone. Please contact the church for information on how to join.

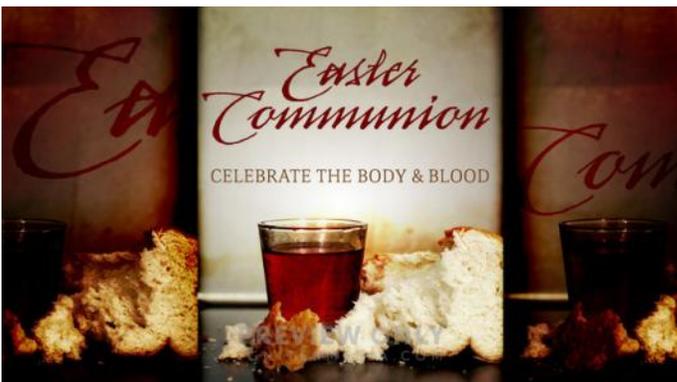
Sunday Morning Worship Videos – If you are not able to attend Sunday morning worship in person or to watch the services live on Facebook, you can still watch all the Sunday morning worship services through the church's website (<http://www.usbchurch.org/Sermons>).

Financial Giving – You can still give your tithe to the church by mailing it in or through the church's secure, online giving option (<http://www.usbchurch.org/Online%20Giving>).





On Friday, April 3rd at 7 p.m., USBC will be having a special **Good Friday Service**. During our time together, we will reflect upon the crucifixion of Christ through song, Scripture, worship video, and communion. The purpose of the **Good Friday Service** is to reflect upon the great sacrifice that Jesus has made for us and to praise His name for conquering death and giving us life.



On April 5th, USBC wants you to experience **communion** in an intimate way. Therefore, on Easter Sunday, you are invited to participate in the taking of communion. Instead of having the Lord's Supper as a congregational event, you will have the opportunity to partake of communion in a personal and private time of reflection.

During the time between 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., **communion** will be set up in the Adult Sunday School classroom. When you arrive at church on Easter morning, please make your way to this designated area to take of the cup and bread. If you are unable to take communion prior to the 11:00 a.m. worship service, you will still have an opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper following the service.



Upper Seneca Baptist Church will be having our **Easter Service** on Sunday, April 5th at 11:00 a.m. During our Easter celebration service, we will sing His praises, we will share His Word, we will proclaim His great name, and we will respond with a faithful heart.



On March 29th, immediately following the Sunday morning worship, USBC will be having a children's **Easter Egg Hunt**. Once the service has concluded, the adults will hide Easter eggs, filled with prizes. So, bring a basket so that you can collect your Easter eggs. If the outdoor weather does not cooperate, the **Easter Egg Hunt** will take place indoors.



USBC will be collecting for our **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** during the month of March/April. This offering is named for a faithful missionary who dedicated her life to sharing the Gospel of Jesus. 100% of the offering will go to support our local missionaries as they too carry out the Great Commission.