



Bensalem

United Methodist Church

March 2026 THE BUZZ

A Message from Pastor Sophy ~

Dear BUMC Beloveds--

This year, the holy season of Lent began in mid February and will continue through this month of March. Lent is the 40 days before Palm Sunday, leading into Holy Week and Easter. The word "Lent" comes from an Old English word "Lenten," which means springtime, and an Old German word "Langitinaz," which means "lengthening of days." The profound truth of our faith is revealed in the slow coming of spring: even as we journey with Jesus towards death on the cross, the budding, brightening world around us illustrates the steadfast promise of resurrection and new life. Let us embrace this season of repentance, reconciliation, and recommitment to the things that make for peace, knowing that we will see signs of new life along the way.

As I was thinking about Lent and springtime, I realized that many of the things I like to do in the springtime are similar to the kinds of things we are called to do during Lent as we prepare for Easter. In the springtime, I like to OPEN UP: I throw open all my windows and let fresh spring air fill my house. For Lent, a great thing to do is OPEN UP our Bibles and read them more. When we read our Bibles, God speaks a fresh word to us and fills our hearts with God's presence.

I like to CLEAR OUT the clutter in my closets. I take out the things I don't really need: heavy coats, old shoes- things that will just be in the way. For Lent, it is good to CLEAR OUT the things in our lives that we don't really need – things that get in the way of living healthy, loving lives and following Jesus. We can put those things away – even if just for a while – and use that reclaimed time to pray, talk with loved ones, or volunteer for a good cause.

I always need to TIDY UP after a long winter. I try to find all the dirt in my house that's been gathering all winter. It's everywhere-- under my rugs, in hidden nooks and crannies-- dirt that no one else sees, but dirt that I know is there. For Lent, it is good to ask ourselves, "Have I made any mistakes or messes that I need to clean up? Do I need to apologize to someone for something I said or did? Do I need to ask God to forgive me?" Even if I'm the only person who knows I did something unkind or immoral, Lent is a good time to make amends.

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Sunday Morning Services:

October - May

Traditional: 8:30am – Chapel
Traditional: 8:30am – Facebook Live
Celebration: 10:00m – Sanctuary

Sunday Morning Services:

June - September

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Holy Communion:
1st Sunday of the month

Outdoor services:

June - September

Celebration 10:00 services are scheduled to be outside the last Sunday of the month weather permitting.

Our Mission:

"To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

Our Vision:

"BUMC is a welcoming congregation centered in Christ. We commit to love and grow in connection to Christ, one another, and the world."

Finally, in the springtime, my favorite thing to do is PLANT. I plant seeds in my garden pots and water them, knowing that in the right time they'll grow into something beautiful. Lent is a time for spiritual planting: we can plant seeds of love, justice, and peace in the hearts of others when we are kind, helpful, or stand up for what is right even when it is challenging or scary. There is a lot in the world that is challenging and scary – at home, at school or work, in our government, and our world. In this season more than ever, we are called to not grow weary of doing what is right, so that in good time, we will reap a good harvest of peace and joy.

May we open up, clear out, tidy up, and plant seeds of love and peace in this season of lengthening days as we journey with Christ to the cross.

With love in Christ –

Pastor Sophy

Ecumenical Wednesday Lenten Worship Services

Submitted by Pastor Sophy Gamber

- Mar 4 Wilkinson United Methodist Church, 1601 State Road Bensalem, Pa.
- Mar 11 Bensalem Presbyterian Church, 2826 Bristol Road Bensalem, Pa
- Mar 18 Eddington Presbyterian Church, 3650 Bristol Pike Bensalem, Pa
- Mar 25 Bensalem African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1200 Bridgewater Road, Cornwells, Pa

Capital Campaign

Submitted by Paul Lacerte

I want to lift up the ongoing work of our three year Capital Campaign. As we come near the end of our first year, we're making really positive progress towards meeting our goals. **The members of BMUC have pledged 129,370 total, and we have already raised \$77,300.** Some of the funds have already been put to good use to repair plumbing, heating and air conditioning, the Fellowship Hall oven, our fire suppression system and of course our beautiful parking lot. Your ongoing generosity is still needed though! **We recently had to replace the 80 gallon hot water tank in the church which cost \$3,150 to replace and bring up to code.** This was one of those unexpected costs we have encountered.

The loving gifts of this congregation are making things possible and allowing BUMC to step into the next season of faithful, transformative ministry.



Ministries

United Women in Faith
Bensalem Christian Day School
Christian Education
Fishing Club

Donations

General Offering
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Food Pantry
PARX seasonal gift requests
Anniversary Fund
Capital Campaign

Online Donations



Website and Newsletter submissions:
Vince Drybala and Dawn Lacerte
thebuzz@bensalem-umc.org

March Birthdays

- 4 - Joe Hennessey, Jr
- 6 - Tom Hoffman
- 7 - Ronald Vangine
- 8 - Jennifer Hennessey
- 8 - Marie Reinert
- 10 - Yiorgo Lagoudakis
- 10 - Jim Mitchell
- 10 - Jeanette Schilling
- 10 - Edith Kitchen
- 14 - Dave Ctidland, Sr
- 17 - Greg Boynton
- 17 - Michael Miller
- 19 - Kara Girard
- 21 - Judy Kane
- 22 - Joey Heffner
- 23 - Cathy Miller
- 24 - Silke Mitchell
- 26 - Ken Vansant
- 29 - Debby Gontkof



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

World Day of Prayer - March 6, 2026 - "I Will Give You Rest: Come"

Submitted by Dawn Lacerte

The 2026 World Day of Prayer materials from Nigeria bring us a powerful invitation drawn from Matthew 11:28-30. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God.

Through their exploration of different kinds of burdens - shame, systemic oppression, religious persecution, poverty and despair - the writers help us understand both the weight of human suffering and the depths of divine rest. Their work shows us that true rest isn't just about physical relief, but about transformation through God's grace and community support.

The Nigerian committee has woven together their cultural wisdom with the universal need for rest. Through symbols like the calabash bowl, which represents both daily sustenance and divine provision, they remind us how God meets us in our weariness.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

These words of Jesus come after a series of teachings and miracles in Galilee. Despite facing questions and doubts from various groups, Jesus continues to invite people to understand God's kingdom in a new way. His call to "come" and find rest is not just a momentary relief but an invitation to a new way of living in relationship with God.

The concept of a 'yoke' might seem strange to us today, but it was a common image in Jewish teachings. Often, it symbolized the law or religious obligations. However, Jesus offers a different kind of yoke - one that brings rest rather than burden.

<https://worlddayofprayer.net/nigeria-2026.html>

Friends of Bensalem Christian Day School

Submitted by Anne Drybala

Our Friends of Bensalem Christian Day School has been busy with projects to support our church and school community. We enjoyed a tremendously fun Parents Night Out filled with laughter, songs, stories, crafts and snacks. Thanks to all of our volunteers. Special thanks to George Dworsky for sharing his music and activities, and Genevieve Mills for delicious home baked mini muffins.



Our meetings are open to all, as we continue to encourage and promote this ministry of our little ones. The next meeting will be at noon on March 10th (following Bibles & Bagels.) Come join us!

FRIENDS
on a 
MISSION



Out to Lunch Bunch

Submitted by Penny Manning

Please Join Us and Bring a Friend on March 18th at 11:30am. We will be enjoying a meal with fellowship at Salvatore's Cucina, 1150 Bristol Oxford Valley Rd, Levittown, Pa. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.



PLEASE JOIN US!

Sunday, March 29, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

(no charge, just a free will offering)

Please mark your calendar and join us for a delicious breakfast (scrambled eggs with bacon, home fries, Fritz's sticky buns, orange juice, coffee, tea, milk, and Fellowship Time with our church family/community).

Jim Cielinski, Paul Lacerte, and Liz Gruenbaum are our Master Chefs.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Sanctuary & Chapel narthex. We'd like to get an approximate number attending, to purchase the right amount of food.

Any questions, please contact Pat Cielinski or Penny Manning.

Palm Sunday Worship Services:

8:30 a.m. – Traditional in the Chapel

10:45 a.m. – Celebration Service in Main Church

Submitted by Pat Cielinski

Save the Date - Crossroads Inspirational Rock Concert

Submitted by Joyce Dworsky, prepared by Dawn Lacerte

Mark your calendars for an amazing concert on **Saturday, April 18th at 7pm in the main sanctuary.** Crossroads Inspirational Rock Group uses music to Spread the Good News of Jesus. They spread the word through music for a free will offering. Join Us for a fun night of uplifting music. Bring yourself and a few friends.



Men's and Women's Joint Fellowship March Meeting

Submitted by Linda Evans

The next quarterly meeting of the Men's and Women's Joint Fellowship is **Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 am in the Kurtiz Room**. All men and women are encouraged to join this community of friends. We will learn how to find strength for our journeys as we are challenged to become more involved in the ministries of BUMC.

The meeting will include a light breakfast, a short lesson addressing "Mapping Our Meanders.", and lots of friendly conversation.

Learn more by attending the meeting or contact Linda Evans by phone at 215-322-6964 or email at llevans@outlook.com if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome!



Black History Month Inventors

Submitted by Joyce Dworsky

You may have missed it:

Last Saturday, Feb. 21, BUMC held a Black History Month program highlighting some of the many important inventions (that we use in our everyday lives), which were given to us by black inventors.

George Dworsky presented the informative and entertaining program.



Some common inventions by Black inventors. (including the ironing board)



The true story behind the invention of the light bulb filament.

Thank you, George!



We remember the missionary heart of St. Patrick, who shared Christ's light with courage and compassion.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

Wherever you go today, let your faith shine bright!

Submitted by Dawn Lacerte

Bensalem Christian Day School

Information Submitted by Lisa Woods, Prepared by Dawn Lacerte



Thank you for all the support Bensalem United Methodist Church has provided. Friends of Bensalem Christian Day School has held several events in the first 100 days of school that have assisted in providing supplies, education and a safe environment for our students.



There are so many exciting things happening this March. We will be celebrating Dr Seuss's Birthday on March 2nd by participating in "Read Across America". Celebrate with us by reading a book with a friend. Don't forget St Patrick's Day on March 17th, the Day School will be turning green to find luck and maybe a leprechaun or two.

The students will have a special visit from Silver Lake Nature Center. A Silver Lake Nature Center representative will be teaching the students how animals survive in the winter months "Hibernation Happens". We all wish we could hibernate this winter.



Can you believe it! Spring Training is here for the Phillies already (Winter is over, fingers crossed). We will be celebrating on March 27th by cheering our favorite baseball team, and wearing red and white. Play Ball!!

Pastor Sophy will wrap up March by reading "The Easter Story" to the students. I heard there may be a visit from a special bunny.

Thank you again for all the support!

Bensalem Christian Day School Registration

Submitted by Silke Mitchell

Registration is officially open for 2026/2027 enrollment.
Please visit our [website](#) for information about our programs.

We appreciate your interest in Bensalem Christian Day School. Choosing the right preschool for your child is an important decision. You are welcome to visit our school and observe classes in making this decision. If you would like additional information about scheduling a visit or registration, please get in touch and we will be happy to help. Please reach out with any questions by phone 215-245-1910 or by email bensalemchristians@gmail.com



Bensalem Christian Day School Summer Camp

Submitted by Silke Mitchell, prepared by Dawn Lacerte



BCDS Summer Camp Exploration program is **June 29th through July 31st**. Ages 3-5 are welcome to attend. The registration is for one-week intervals. Campers will attend Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 12:30pm daily, with the exception of the first week which is Monday through Thursday. The cost for the first week is \$116.00 and the remaining weeks are \$145.00 per week. There is a 5% discount for families that sign up for all five weeks at once. Every week will focus on a different exploration ranging from nature to space. Join us in exploring new adventures.

Betty Miles was born and raised in New York City, and as the youngest of seven children, her foundation of faith was laid early in life. Her mother faithfully taught her what it meant to believe in God, and from the age of five she was in church every Sunday without fail. Sunday School, VBS, and Youth Group quickly became central parts of her life. She loved to sing and, as she grew older, frequently sang duets in Youth Group and eagerly participated in church activities.



After a difficult divorce, she became a single mother to two young sons, ages three and five. Determined to provide for her family, she started “Helping Hands Cleaning Service” from scratch in 1984. She successfully owned and operated the business for 40 years before retiring in 2024. In 2024, during a season of transition, she found herself searching for a new church. After deciding to sell her home in New York, following the passing of her husband in April 2023, she moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to her youngest son, Gary, and her three beloved grandchildren.

She moved into her apartment on August 5, 2024, and immediately began searching for a United Methodist Church nearby. Although there were several in the area, she passed Bensalem UMC each time she drove to her son’s house. She remembers praying, “Lord, please guide me to the right church for me.”

A memory that Betty will never forget is the day she gathered the courage to walk through the doors of BUMC for the first time. It was difficult to enter without her husband by her side, as they had both been deeply involved in their former church. Jim Cielinski and Dan Taylor were Ushers that Sunday. As she was handed a bulletin Jim whispered and politely said, “Just so you know, for next week the service begins at 10:00am.” Though slightly embarrassed, she took a seat in the last row, just as communion was beginning. By the end of that morning – after meeting several welcoming members – she knew she had found her new church family. She transferred her membership in late October 2024 and has now been part of BUMC for over a year.

Getting involved came naturally. She immediately sought ways to serve and participate in the life of the church. Today, she is active at both 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service and the 10:00 a.m. Celebration Service, assists the pastor with coordinating liturgists, and sings in the choir.

Her involvement extends throughout the week and month: she participates in Bagels & Bibles, United Women of Faith, Fishing Club, and the Out to Lunch Bunch.

She serves on the Leadership Board, the BUMC Day School Committee (as secretary), and the Worship Committee. She is a Communion Steward and one of four Lay Servants who provide pulpit supply when needed. She also serves as Program Director of the Grief Share ministry, along with being a co-leader with Pastor Sophy. Her heart for ministry reflects a lifelong commitment to serving God wherever she is planted.

Betty was asked about her favorite Bible verse and why it is meaningful to her. The Bible verse from Philippians 4:13 – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” – has carried her through many seasons of life. It helped her whenever she had doubts and felt as though she couldn’t handle the road God put her on. She took on a lot as a single parent and caring for many family members who died from cancer. Betty would say this verse to herself when she thought she wasn’t strong enough to handle what was given to her. She would recite the verse over and over to remind herself that God, and only him, was where she gained the strength to keep moving forward. All she needed to do was believe.

Outside of church, she enjoys cooking and baking, crocheting, sewing, and crafting. She owns a six-needle embroidery machine and creates beautiful embroidered pieces and wreaths. About five years ago, she began taking piano lessons and looks forward to returning to them soon.

And here’s a fun fact many may not know: she was an accomplished bowler! With a 200 average, she won numerous trophies in leagues and tournaments over the years – and even bowled a perfect 300 game during a Wednesday night mixed league with her husband.

Through every chapter – childhood faith, single motherhood, business ownership, loss, relocation, and new beginnings – God has remained her constant. Today, she continues to serve faithfully and humbly, devoted to the church and in the presence of God.

Submitted By Amber-Lynn Schiefer

Fishing Club

Submitted by Anne Drybala

Our Fishing Club was challenged to meet in February (between illnesses and inclement weather.) But we persevered and had fun learning about Lent. We shared our personal “bad habits” that we can try to minimize during Lent, with God’s help. We enjoyed pancakes and planted flower seeds, and finally had our “Rock, Paper, Scissors” tournament. Joey emerged the victor, by beating his grandma, Nancy.

We are looking forward to springtime and being able to meet outdoors again. Come join us any Sunday after the 10 am worship service. All are invited!



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MATTHEW 28:6

Join us for a meaningful Holy Week journey from Palm Sunday to Easter.

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Historic Chapel - 8:30am
Celebration Service
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Holy Thursday - Thursday, April 2nd

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Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 5th

“He is Risen”
Sunrise Service
Historic Chapel - 6:30am
Traditional Service
Historic Chapel - 8:30am
Family Service
Main Sanctuary - 10:00am

Submitted by Kathy Boynton, Created by Silke Mitchell and Dawn Lacerte

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you! **800-324-9458** and use code: **HABC001**



We have great news! Bensalem United Methodist Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening event on **Wednesday, March 18, 2026**. Life Line Screening is the premier provider of stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screenings since 1993. Life Line Screening is extending a discounted offer to all BUMC members which will identify your risk level for the following diseases:

1. Carotid Artery Disease
2. Peripheral Arterial Disease
3. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
4. Atrial Fibrillation

[Click here](http://www.ilsa.social/habc) (www.ilsa.social/habc) or call 800-324-9458 to schedule your appointment! **A simple screening can be worth a lifetime.**

Submitted by Paul Lacerte

Caring Connection

Submitted by Connie Kurtiz



CARDS! GREETING CARDS! The "CARING CONNECTION" can use cards! Each month these members meet to write friendly messages to our shut-ins and people on the prayer list. We can use donations of general cards that can be used to say "hello" or offer concern with a friendly thought.

No need to buy cards...just give us those cards you receive in the mail from various organizations We will add a short greeting and send them out (about 20 cards each month.)

NOTE: Any blank birthday cards can be given to Betty Miles as she has taken on the task of sending them out each month. Give the "general" blank cards to Gloria Guy, Kathy Boynton or Connie Kurtiz....or put them in one of their mailboxes. Want to know more? Just ASK US!



Letter From The Lay Leader

Submitted by Liz Gruenbaum

March, 2026

This year's winter has been strange, hostile, cold, and generally just awful. The snow's lasted longer than any year in my recent memory. It's gone from a beautiful, white, peaceful, white blanketed world to mid-February's 'snirt', to quote Wendy Stubenhoffer, snow and dirt. On Saturday, 2/21, an acquaintance said that he finally found his 1/25 newspaper in the snow melt! Rain and snow are still in the forecasts. And here comes March--known for the dreaded, cold, and biting March winds. UGH!

Driving to school this week, it struck me how much the life cycle of SE Pennsylvania snow is very much like our life cycles. Like newborn babies, when a snow fall begins, most of us marvel at the beauty, cleanness, and purity of it all. After a few days, we get tired of the glare, the hassle, and everything about it. We can compare these times to potty training, the terrible twos, the pre-teen and teen years. It definitely causes a lot of stress and anxiety for most of us, except possibly for the auto body repair shops. All throughout the winter, even though we can't see it, there's growth occurring where it goes unnoticed. At the end of the child-rearing years, we get to see those kids that we've stressed, worried, cried, and prayed for often blossom into the person they're intended to be.

Although I don't remember snow staying around this long in the past several decades, I think this winter became the guest that wouldn't leave. However, all throughout the winter, even though we can't see it, there's growth occurring where it goes unnoticed. The other day I noticed some of the trees along Park Ave are starting to bud. Now, finally, the snow melts, winter's done, and spring nears. To paraphrase—joy comes in the morning of the new growth.

This year March and Lent are intertwined. Neither are bright, joy-filled times. It's not unlike our growth and faith journey through Lent. For Jesus, the walk up to his earthly end was full of unpleasantness and angst. He knew what was waiting at the end of these last few weeks but continued his journey to the Cross.

Modern Christians traditionally either give something up or take something on—a practice that will help us grow in our faith and strengthen our walk with Jesus. Sometimes giving up something is an exercise in growing close to God. One wise woman I know decided that cursing was getting in her way, in between God and her daily life. It wasn't easy for her but she remained focused, even more so than usual, on her Spiritual connection. Her slips became less and less as each week passed. With every slip, she apologized to the Creator. We were talking a few years after that particular Lent. She says even now when she slips, she asks for forgiveness. She is a wonderful example of growth from a Lenten practice. Whatever practice we undertake, it is important that we maintain the focus on our connection to Jesus.

This March is spent entirely in Lent. Usually March has almost spring-like days and miserably winterish days. After the winter we've experienced so far, it will be interesting to see how well March behaves when Spring actually arrives on March 20th. We know the promise the end of Lent brings. After the darkest dark of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, the Son bursts back into life.



Peace, Liz

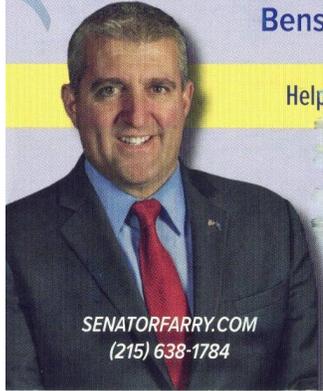
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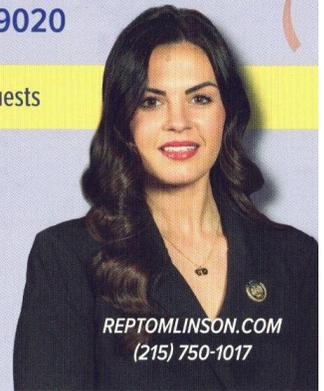
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- Jenkinson's Aquarium Outrageous Reptiles Show
- Inflatables
- Face Painting and Balloon Artists



MARCH 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 National School Social Work Week thru Mar. 7	2 Read Across America National School Breakfast Week thru Mar. 6 Interim Progress Reports Available on SCP	3 STR Brighter Bites Pick Up 2:30 – 4 PM Purim	4 FST Brighter Bites Pick Up 2:30 – 4 PM	5	6 BHS Student of the Month Breakfast	7
8 Daylight Saving Time International Women's Day	9	10 CRN Title I/H&S Meeting – 7 PM FST PTG Meeting – 6:30 PM	11 SNY NJHS Induction – 6 PM	12 BCMEA Festival thru Mar. 14 CRN Spring Concert – 6:30 PM RSH Bingo Night – 6:30 PM	13 FST Bingo Night	14 SAT Testing (Virtual) at BHS Pi Day
15	16 STR Author Day	17 STR Brighter Bites Pick Up 2:30 – 4 PM VLY Choral Concert – 6:30 PM St. Patrick's Day	18 FST Brighter Bites Pick Up 2:30 – 4 PM	19 CRN Skating Party @ Philly Skate Plex – 5:30 PM Ramadan Ends	20 Eid-al-Fitr – Schools & Office Closed First Day of Spring	21
22	23	24 B.A.D.G.E. Meeting in Shafer Library – 7 PM	25 CRN 3rd Gr Related Arts Showcase – 6:30 PM FST Spring Concert – 7 PM VLY ELD Night School Board Action Meeting – 7:30 PM	26 RSH Multi-Cultural Night – 6 PM STR 5th Gr Science Fair – 6 PM Ram Navami	27 CRN Designer Bag Bingo – 6 PM BHS Jazz Fest BHS Junior Prom	28 FIRST Mid-Atlantic Robotics Competition at BHS
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Who should attend: Anyone age of 40+

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These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

Submitted by Paul Lacerte



PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Come join us at Bensalem United
Methodist Church's annual
Palm Sunday Breakfast!

March 29th at 9:30

Fellowship Hall

Sign-up sheet in the Narthex



Join Us For An

EASTER Egg Hunt

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Submitted by Kathy Boynton, Created by Silke Mitchell and Dawn Lacerte

Before you know it.....



Holy Week is early this year, beginning Sunday, March 29th!

Take Time to Truly Experience Holy Week!

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Palm Sunday Breakfast and Services

BUMC's traditional Palm Sunday Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall, on Sunday, March 29th at 9:30 am.
(A free-will offering will be taken.)

This is a delicious time of fellowship for our entire church family-- held between our two Palm Sunday services. Worship and celebrate with palm branches at both services, marking Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem-----for within the week, events will bring Him to the shadow of the cross.

Traditional Service 8:30 am (Chapel) Celebration Service 10:45 am (note time change) Main Sanctuary

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Come Join Us in the Upper Room

**April 2, at 7pm Bensalem United Methodist Church
(Main Sanctuary)**

The Last Supper will be reenacted as we join Jesus and the 12 disciples. Watch as the Master shares his final Passover Meal with his closest followers. Listen as each one tells his story.

Observe Judas betray the Son of God.

Receive Communion, served by the disciples. Understand the importance of Jesus washing the feet of his followers.

Witness as Jesus travels to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray on this Holy Night.

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Good Friday Evening Tenebrae Service

April 3, at 7pm Bensalem United Methodist Chapel

Were YOU there when they crucified my Lord?

Bear witness to the story of the suffering of our Lord as He completes his Father's plan for our redemption.

Be a part of this service of darkness, symbolizing the approaching darkness of Jesus' death.

Watch as the stone is rolled to seal his tomb.

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****** Easter Sunday -April 5th ******

<i>Sunrise Service</i>	<i>6:30 am in the Chapel</i>
<i>Traditional Service</i>	<i>8:30 am in the Chapel</i>
<i>Celebration Service</i>	<i>10:00 am in the Main Sanctuary</i>



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*Student(s) must be registered by
August 21, 2026.*

*This is our way of saying thank you
for caring for our families. It's our joy
to help care for yours!*

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- ✓ **Just You and Me** - 16 mo.-3 yr.
- ✓ **Tot Time** - 2yr. 7 mo. by 8/31
- ✓ **Early Learners** - 3yr. by 8/31
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April 18th Saturday Evening,
7-9pm
Free Christian Concert



Save this Date for a wonderful FREE evening:
"Crossroads" Inspirational Concert.

Open to the community!

Invite Family, Friends and Neighbors!

(A group of BUMC members went to hear this band at Willow Grove United Methodist Church, and we were very impressed and uplifted by their music!)

(A free will offering will be taken.)

More information to follow in the April Buzz and in the Sunday Worship Bulletins.

Come join us!

Main Sanctuary
Bensalem United Methodist Church
4300 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, Pa. 19020