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Spring Renewal

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THANK YOU!

LAY
LEADER

AND MUCH
MORE!

As I sat down to write these words this morning one of the WCSH meteorologists showed a chart of how much lower than normal our temperatures have been since last November. Sounds accurate to me!

I've been cold all winter! So I am very ready for SPRING to begin later this month.

As spring begins so does "spring cleaning" for many of us. At the parsonage that entails more than the usual as we begin to pack and sort our belongings in anticipation of retirement.

This prayer - set in the context of our journey of faith - speaks to both of those things for me:

Renewing God, in this season called Lent, our souls, like our surroundings, need spring cleaning.

Shake us out so we can work and walk with energy.

Blow off the dust and polish us until we have the luster of your new creation.

Strip us back to the bare essentials. Reach far into the corners of our lives to pull out things we've left too long untouched.

Rub the windows of our souls until others can see your reflection in them.

Help us make the hard decisions about what to keep and what to give away.

Let us know when enough is enough, when we have all we can say grace over and when we have space to care for more.

And as we pay attention to what is important, let us make room for the new thing you are preparing for us.

Dust. Shine. Polish. Clean.

Renew our lives until they are ready to receive the fresh spirit of SPRING.

- written by Sharlande Sledge

May God bless your continuing Lenten journeys as we stay near to the cross of Jesus and arrive at Easter morning renewed and refreshed as the beloved people of God.

God's blessings,

Pastor Elizabeth

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

Our annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will take place on March 21st, from 8:30-10am. This has become an annual event that draws more attendees each year. Kids of all ages are invited to come join us for a free pancake and sausage breakfast. Hope to see you on the 21st!



*"No act of kindness,
no matter how
small, is ever
wasted."*

~Unknown

THANK YOU!

Tim Morse has been a vital part of the kitchen crew during our Breakfast with Santa and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny events for the past several years. He makes flipping pancakes look easy! He has heard us talk about needing new griddles for some time and while the intention is always there to purchase them before the next breakfast it doesn't happen. What a surprise it was when he stopped by with two new griddles and a pancake batter dropper to be donated to the church. These free, community breakfasts are well attended annual events and will continue in the future. The new griddles will get a lot of use. Thank you Tim!!

UMCOR SUNDAY

The Fourth Sunday in the season of Lent (March 15th this year) has long been designated as the annual Sunday on which a mission offering is taken in the UMC. UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief, the mission arm of our denomination.

Please remember that not one cent of your special offering is used for administrative costs. Those costs are borne by our mission shares which means that 100% of your gift is used for mission work in many places in God's world – such as offering aid to the victims of tornadoes, floods, and earthquakes, to name just a few of the many disasters where UMCOR dollars are put to work.



FROM YOUR LAY LEADER

Hello to you all. During this time of reflection and repentance we can all take specific actions. Here are some suggestions from the United Methodist Now:

Apologize to someone. First make things right with your brother or sister and then come back and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24 CEB

Perform random acts of kindness. Share the love of Jesus in any way you can think of each day during Lent.

Delve into a book of the Bible. During the six weeks of Lent, you could develop a deep understanding of a book of the Bible about which you have always been curious.

Serve people in need. When Jesus washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper, he taught that we are called not to be served, but to serve (John 13:1-17).

Visit the lonely. Even if you can't visit in person, you can send a card, make a phone call or seek another way to let someone know you care.

Tell others you love them. Fight the fear and say "I love you" to friends, family members, and everyone else you love at least once during the season.

Serve in worship. Don't wait for someone to ask you to use your God-given gifts. Offer yourself in service to your church for the season.

Say thank you. Parents, family members, mentors, coaches, teachers, authors, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and others have shaped you into the person you are. Each week during Lent, send a note of gratitude to one of them.

Choose an activity that speaks to you.
Let your actions provide a meaningful Lent for yourself and others.

Sue White

LUMC Mission Statement:

"The Lisbon United Methodist Church welcomes, nurtures, and serves all people with the love of Christ."

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Newsletter Finance Info - as of 02-22-2026

2026 Annual Budget Amount for Operating Expenses		\$	148,470.81
January			
Income			
Budgeted		\$	8,664.00
Actual		\$	5,923.66
Expenses			
Budgeted		\$	11,595.00
Actual		\$	9,963.84
February			
Income			
Budgeted		\$	8,064.00
Actual		\$	12,004.85
Expenses			
Budgeted		\$	11,621.00
Actual		\$	6,012.05

NUTURE COMMITTEE

On February 15th, we partnered with the Outreach Committee to host a wonderful brunch and farewell for longtime members Bob and Ella Mae Packard. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to gather and wish them well as they begin their new journey together. The dining room was beautifully decorated for Valentine's Day, creating a perfect atmosphere for the occasion.

Looking ahead, the Nurture Committee will meet after worship on March 1st to discuss an activity for March.

Best regards,

Peggy Shaw

LUMC CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Our LUMC directory needs to be reviewed and made current as our church family prepares to receive its new pastor. Pastor Elizabeth will have copies of the current directory available in the Narthex and on the counter in the church kitchen for your review.

Please clearly mark any changes that need to be made on these copies. When ready, updated copies will be available to those who request them.

EASTER FLOWERS

It will soon be time for our sanctuary to be decorated with beautiful spring flowers in memory of those you love. Gwen Rioux will once again graciously create our flower list for inclusion in the Easter bulletin on April 5th. A copy of last year's list will be available in the coming weeks; please confirm if you wish to have flowers again this year; if you wish to change your listing, please contact Gwen directly ASAP by phone 353-6814 or by email at gwenniferioux@gmail.com by March 31st.

If you are not attending in person but wish to have a plant in our sanctuary anyway, please contact Gwen as well.

FARWELL TO THE PACKARDS

Our church family bid a reluctant farewell to Bob and Ella Mae Packard on February 15th when we learned that they would soon be moving to an assisted living home in Massachusetts.

Here is their new address: Benchmark at Andover
700 Chickering Road Apt 263
North Andover, MA 01845

Our love and prayers are with you, Bob and Ella Mae!



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Please join us for these services of worship during Holy Week:

Palm Sunday, March 29 when we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem and wave our palm branches with the excited crowds who greeted his arrival.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 when we recall the events of Jesus' last days through Scripture and hymns and celebrate his Last Supper together with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Our service begins at 6:30 pm.

Easter Sunday, April 5 we will begin this holiest day of the Christian year with breakfast at 8:30 am. (The Nurture Committee will be sharing more details about this soon). Then we worship at 9:30 am and celebrate together the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Each of these services will also be livestreamed through the church's Facebook page which you may join live or view later.





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14 School Street, Lisbon Falls

Thursday, April 9th

Noon – 5pm

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Questions? Call Gwen at 353-6814

CELEBRATORY WISHES



Happy Birthday to the following church members celebrating a birthday in March!

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|-----|---------------|-----|----------------|
| 10- | Marc Farrin | 22- | Hannah Cornish |
| | Sue Ramsay | | Robert Kazimer |
| 17- | Maddy Cornish | 31- | Carolyn Dobson |
| 19- | Scott Ramsay | | |

(f you know someone to be added to our list please let Erica Soiett know)

Happy Anniversary to the following couples celebrating an anniversary in March!

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| 14- | Erica & Shane Soiett |
| 24- | James & Jessica Millson |



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1-2nd Sunday in Lent, worship w/ Holy Communion in person & virtually, 9:30 Nuture, 11am	2	3-Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m.	4	5	6	7
8-3rd Sunday in Lent, worship in person & virtualy, 9:30 Evng Circle, 11:00 a.m	9	10-LACO Board of Directors, 9:00 a.m @ St. Matt's Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m.	11	12	13	14-Administrative Council meeting, 10:00 a.m.
15-4th Sundy in Lent, worship in person & virtualy, 9:30 UMCOR offering Finance, 11:00	16	17-Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m. YLAT 4:00 pm	18	19-Craft Day, 10:00 a.m.	20	21-Breakfast with the Bunny, 8:30-10:00
22-5th Sunday of Lent, worship in person &virtually, 9:30	23	24-Lenten Study, 10:00 a.m.	25	26	27	28-Bean Supper, 4:30 p.m.
29-Palm Sunday, worship in person & virtually, 9:30 a.m.	30	31-Lenten Study concludes, 10:00 a.m.				

NOTE: All meetings are held in the Hunnewell Room, unless otherwise noted

Office Hours: Wednesday: Times Vary, Thursday 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.,

Friday is the Pastor's Sabbath Day

Other times available by appointment

Every Thursday: Girl Scouts, Hunnewell Room, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

LISBON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Service

Sunday Worship

(In Person and Live Stream on Facebook)

9:30 a.m.

*Experienced people are ready to provide nursery
care for infants.*

Please speak with a greeter.

Office Hours: Wednesday: Times Vary

Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Other times available by appointment

Friday is the Pastor's Sabbath day

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