

NEW STREET NEWS



In a few days, we'll change the clocks, tune up the lawn mower, and start the watch for a sign of Spring: a crocus by

the door, a robin in the yard, a bloom of forsythia, or the appearance of Easter on the calendar.

The first Easter wasn't found on a calendar. It was found by women who rose before the dawn to anoint the body of the dead Jesus. They were on their way to finish the work the Sabbath had interrupted. They worried over finding someone to roll the stone away from his tomb and discovered that a kind soul done that already. But when they went into the tomb, they didn't find the body of Jesus, and as they were wondering what had happened, an angel appeared and said that if they were looking for Jesus, they should look among the living, because Jesus had been raised from the dead.

What do you make of a moment like that?

Mark says the women ran from the tomb afraid for their lives. Luke reports their news struck the apostles as nonsense. Matthew writes that the powers that nailed Jesus to the cross tried to cover themselves by putting

out a story that his body had been stolen. John says the women carried the news to Peter and John, who ran to the tomb, saw that it was empty, and believed.

Together, they tell this truth: Easter changes everything.

When death no longer gets the last word on us, mercy becomes the first word we are all free to offer. When death no longer holds power over life, we are free to live by forgiving. When violence is left a toothless tiger, we are free to live patient, kind, never jealous, never selfish, no grudge lives. When death takes what it cannot keep, we live even though we die. When evil only pays for a very short day, we are free to refuse its deal, and embrace the Christ, who loves us so much, that he gave his life, so we could have eternal life.

The risen Christ changes everything.

He can even change us for the better, if we'll let Him.

Living in the life of the risen Christ begins as we survey the wondrous cross on which God's own Son died, then journey to an empty tomb, so we can see, believe, and celebrate the day that God made heaven's choices could be our choices on earth.

Your Pastor,
Skip Spangler

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Sunday Service
9:30AM Worship
10:30AM Sunday School

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9AM - 3PM



Check us out on Facebook!



THE WELL, IMMANUEL'S OUTREACH MINISTRY

HELLO SPRING!

A SYNOPSIS OF 2025

There were an average of 20-35 school age kids attending the Tuesday evening program which provided a hot meal, games, crafts, activities or just a safe place to "hang out".

Over 6,000 Grab 'N Go meals were provided on Wednesdays. Thirty-eight families were registered in the client choice food pantry. Emergency food boxes were provided to several families. Twelve free Thanksgiving food boxes and thirteen free Christmas food boxes were provided to families.

Partnering with the York County Food Bank and First Fruit Farms, Freeland, MD, along with food donations from Immanuel, Brown's Orchard, Red Star Farm, Kite's Egg, Lineboro, MD, provided items for the food pantry. Friendship Elementary collected and donated multiple food and personal items; the American Legion Auxiliary collected and donated personal items. Local Churches: St. Jacobs Lutheran, Greenmount UMC, Zion Lutheran, Trinity UCC, New Hope Fissel's UCC, St. Peters Church all provided items or monetary funds to support The Well.

The American Legion Riders partnered with The Well for its annual Christmas party for the children; this February, the Sons of the American Legion donated \$1,500 to The Well. A sponsored community concert at The Glen Rock Park raised several hundred dollars plus food items for the food pantry. Southern York County Rotary Club and the New Freedom Lion's Club donated both food items and money to The Well.

These organization, churches and individuals assisted Immanuel in providing these services to our community in 'showing' Jesus and caring for God's people. ~Matthew 25:40

An extra special "thank you" to all the committed volunteers who make all these activities and services happen!

- ** **TUESDAYS FOR THE CHILDREN, 3:30PM-6:30PM**
A safe sanctuary for children to go for activities, snacks, and to hang out.
- ** **WEDNESDAYS—GRAB 'n GO LUNCH—11:30PM—12:30PM**
- ** **1st & 3rd WEDNESDAYS—The Well FOOD PANTRY—4:00PM-6:00PM**
- ** **1st WEDNESDAY—FREE FOOD BOXES for SENIORS—12:00NOON-1:00PM**
- ** **2nd & 4th WEDNESDAYS—YORK COUNTY FOOD BANK TRUCK—11:30AM-12:30PM**
(across the street from The Well at the AMBULANCE CLUB)

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April 20th

Articles and information for the May/June 2026 newsletter are due by April 20th.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on March 7, 2026.



If you would like to sponsor altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one or special occasion, please sign up on the bulletin board. The cost is \$55 (check made payable to IUMC). Please place your payment in the offering plate. Thank you.

GOOD SHEPHERD DAYCARE

Greetings from Good Shepherd Daycare. These past few weeks have been challenging as the frosty, cold temperatures have kept us inside all day. As you all know, daily, brief exposure to natural sunlight and fresh air is vital for physical and mental health, offering benefits like improved mood, reduced stress, increased vitamin D production, and better sleep. Spending time outdoors, even just 10-15 minutes, boosts immune function, enhances cognitive clarity, and increases energy levels. When kids are cooped inside due to cold weather, they often experience "cabin fever", marked by restlessness and fighting. Anyone feeling what I am writing today? I am excited to see the sun and some water running down the streets...it really is melting friends, we will see green grass soon.

We are so blessed to have the classrooms full, with 52 children currently enrolled. Our Infant Room is full with our next opening in February 2027. Praise God for His blessings for the many families that continue to spread the word of the care and love they receive at Good Shepherd. Our Toddler Rooms seem to have constant movement with Young Toddlers aging into the Older Toddler Room as we continue to combine toddlers together fostering skill development through peer modeling, where younger children emulate advanced behaviors (problem-solving, vocabulary) and older children strengthen leadership, empathy, and mastery by teaching. Mixed-age play creates a collaborative, less competitive environment, facilitating social growth and cognitive expansion.

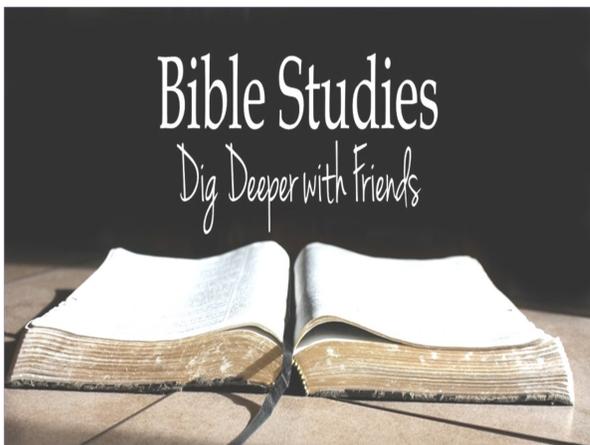
The third floor is comprised of all our Preschool Children. This space is where their skills build a foundation for school and life, focusing on social-emotional growth (sharing, turn-taking, managing feelings), communication (listening, talking, asking questions), early academics (letters, numbers, shapes), motor skills (cutting, writing, running), and independence (dressing, self-care, following directions). These skills are developed through play, exploration, and interaction with caregivers, fostering problem-solving, creativity, and a love for learning. Trust me when I say, we need warmer weather for these friends to find space to run and be adventurous outside!

Additionally, our school age friends...before and after care provided for children attending Friendship Elementary. School-age children in daycare develop critical social, cognitive, and physical skills through structured activities and peer interaction. Key skills include enhanced communication, teamwork, and conflict resolution, alongside developing independence, creative thinking, and refined fine/gross motor abilities through daily play, arts, and educational games. Some days we spend more time arguing about a game instead of cooperating to play the game. BUT, we work together to create a space for many successes.

Children and their families are the heart of our program, but childcare without good, consistent staff becomes an unsafe, chaotic, and low-quality environment, often characterized by high turnover, inadequate supervision, and neglect of child developmental needs. We have been so blessed to have consistent, qualified, nurturing educators who create safe, stimulating, and emotionally supportive environments. Without these amazing staff, Good Shepherd would not have the credible reputation in this community. Thank you for following your hearts and opening a daycare almost 30 years ago.

Blessings, Pamela Powell





Bible Studies

Dig Deeper with Friends

ONLINE
Tuesday evenings
at 7:00pm

Please let Pastor Skip know if you would like to receive the link to join.

In-Person
Thursday Morning Bible Study
10:30am
In the Herbst Parlor at the church

All are welcome to join us.
(Please knock on the church office door to be let in).



SATURDAY—March 21
And
SATURDAY—April 18
(at J & B's Grill, Shrewsbury)

8:00am

Please join us!

THE WELL IS OPEN FOR THE CHILDREN

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If interested in volunteering, please see Judy Flemmens. Clearances are required.



Youth at the Well share Valentines and give their families a gift box of goodies!



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays at 7:00pm:

March 4
At Immanuel UMC

March 11
At Zion Lutheran

March 18
At Trinity UCC

March 25
At New Hope Fissel's UCC

April 2—Maundy Thursday Meal
5:30pm at New Hope Fissel's UCC

April 3 Good Friday
7:00pm at New Hope Fissel's UCC

April 5 Easter Sunrise
6:45am at Zion Lutheran Cemetery

Easter Sunday, April 5
9:30am at Immanuel UMC

The handicap accessible door located on New Street was in need of replacing from water damage. Here is a picture of the new door that was installed.

