



April 2023

A Message from Pastor Jonathan:

Today we are more tied up in things made by humans than ever before. Between TV, movies, and social media, we spend more time on entertainment than any previous generation. Additionally, more of our time is spent indoors than even 20-30 years ago. Air conditioning has been a major factor in North Americans going out less in the evening over last 60 years. Since we are inside in our own homes, we experience more isolation and less connection with other individuals and with the community as a whole.

But the more time we spend surrounded by human-made things, the less time we spend surrounded by God-made things. We are that much less likely to encounter that which inspires awe in us. We are less likely to be drawn into that spontaneous wonder that has the chance to lead to spontaneous worship.

I think this is one factor in our culture pulling away from being tuned to the divine, to our Creator. When we encounter nature, it gives us the opportunity to ponder our relationship to a God who made it all.

In the space race in the 1960s, several US astronauts responded to their encounter with space by thinking about the divine. John Glenn said, "To look out at this kind of creation and not believe in God is, to me, impossible." Similarly, Neil Armstrong described his experience of seeing the Earth from a distance with these words: "It suddenly struck me that that tiny pea, pretty and blue, was the Earth. I put up my thumb and shut one eye, and my thumb blotted out the planet Earth. I didn't feel like a giant. I felt very, very small." The 8th person to walk on the moon was astronaut James Irwin, who grew up in Pittsburgh. He said, "I felt the power of God as I'd never felt it before."

The psalmist writes, "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). We serve the God who created those very stars that sing his glory. His is more powerful than we can understand. We are in a season as a church that will require God to do what only he can do. If we are to disaffiliate from the United Methodist denomination, it will require God to multiply the financial means we have. But God is in the business of doing things that only he can, when we call out to him and do what we can. Let's continue in our fervent prayers and work for his kingdom through Cabot Church, and let's see what God can do!

In Christ,

Pastor Jonathan

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707 Winfield Rd.
Cabot United Methodist Church



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***Cabot UMC
Newsletter***



How to Reach Us

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00 am -1:00 pm
724-352-2074

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program@cabotumc.com

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children@cabotumc.com

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youth@cabotumc.com

Worship Schedule

Saturday	6:00 pm	Worship Service
Sunday	9:15 am	Sunday School
Sunday	10:30 am	Worship Service



April 1 Easter Egg Hunt @ Winfield Park
April 2 Palm Sunday
April 4 Congregational Prayer
April 6 Maundy Thursday
April 7 Good Friday
Men's Good Friday Breakfast @ Saxonburg Memorial
Women and Children Good Friday Breakfast @ Cabot UMC
April 8 Holy Saturday-No 6pm Worship Service
Movie Night - The Passion of the Christ
April 9 Easter
April 10 Administrative Teams Meetings
April 14 Friday with Friends:
Nerf Battle
April 15 Men's Breakfast at Kelly's
April 16 Worship Committee Meeting
April 17 Food Bank Truck Delivery
Food Bank Packing
Admin Teams Meetings
April 18 Church Conference
April 19 Food Bank
April 24 COM Meeting
April 27 Book Club with Kate

*Save the
dates.....*

May 5 Friday with Friends: Kickball and campfire
May 8 Admin Teams Meetings
May 15 Food Bank Truck Delivery
Food Bank Packing
May 17 Food Bank
May 20 Men's Breakfast @ Kelly's
May 21 Worship Committee Meeting
May 22 COM Meeting
May 25 Book Club with Kate

**See enclosed calendar for full schedule.
For latest updates, sign up for the CUMC
Happenings email by contacting Jacy
Barbiaux @ programcabotumc.com or
check the CUMC calendar.**



April Birthdays

Sam Mendicino	1st
Rob Moser	1st
Donna Smith	2nd
Tina Stone	6th
Jacy Barbiaux	9th
Adam Brose	9th
Bailie Nowak	9th
Madison Petrosky	10th
Larry Laidlaw	12th
Pierson Marlowe	14th
Sue Schneider	17th
Mackenzie Christley	18th
Don Marlowe	18th
Caleb Oskin	20th
Samuel Caldwell	21st
Liberty Hanson	21st
Sophia Hanson	21st
Connie Kiley	21st
Shane Toomey	22nd
Jonas Hanson	24th
Eva Hazlett	27th
Donna Nagle	27th
Sarah Smith	27th
Emma Brosenitsch	29th
Noah Brosenitsch	29th
Nick Petrosky	29th

April Anniversaries

Bill and Lynne Bowser	4th
Alex and Marcy Fertelmas	9th
Pat and Megan Jones	18th



Did you know you can give your tithes and financial offerings electronically on our website? Click on the "Give" button on our home page, cabotumc.com, where you can create an account and securely give. Also, you can directly mail in your offering to the church at 707 Winfield Rd, Cabot, Pa 16023, just mark your offering as to where you want it designated on your envelope. We thank you for your generosity towards God's church.

Giving Update

To keep the congregation informed, the Administrative Board will be offering regular financial updates. Contact the office with any questions or for more details.

Offerings Received to the end of Feb.
\$57,624
Budgeted to the end of Feb.
\$65,555



Special Penny Offering Results

February Penny Offering to camping scholarships
\$192.75

March Penny Offering to UMCOR
\$249.00

April Penny Offering to Mended Little Hearts

(4/15 & 4/16)- 3rd weekend

Thank you to all who contributed.
You are making a difference

how to pray
a simple guide
for normal
people
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Thank you to the very generous member or our Church family for covering the cost of all of the "How to Pray" books for our Prayer Course!



Christian Camping

Send your teenagers or children to camp this summer for an amazing experience with Jesus and the outdoors! Check out the table in the Welcome Center or contact the office for more info.



We have a small group for men who would like to grow in their faith while being encouraged and challenged by one another. Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. 134 Grimm Road, Sarver (Don Marlowe's house). Contact Don, Roger Kennedy, or Pastor Jonathan with questions or to sign up.



Lead a Group

You can lead a group in studying the Bible or reading a Christian Book! Even if you never have before, we can provide you with training and materials to lead a discussion that will help others (and you!) grow in their faith. You can lead using a book you choose, or select from the many excellent ones we have available.

We are looking for new groups during Sunday school and other times during the week.

Contact Jacy Barbiaux (program@cabotumc.com)

or Pastor Jonathan for more information

Our Giving Table



In the Welcome Center we have a table with cards printed with different types of materials you can donate toward our community ministries. Browse through and take a few in order to help provide items for our youth ministry, current needs for the Matrona Family Resource Center, or Food Bank donations. This table will be regularly refreshed with new items, so feel free to pick up a couple of cards each week. When you return the items, please put them in the donation box in the Welcome Center.

I want to acknowledge the Valentine's Day Gift from my Secret Sister with a great big "Thank You!" It's such a blessing to know someone is covering me in prayer and yet going overboard with special, thoughtful gifts. . . . it warms my heart! God Bless You, whoever you are!

Marilyn Shaw Anderson

Children's Ministry



It can be hard for little ones to sit through the serious adult talk of a sermon, so we provide a fun alternative. On Sundays, kids leave the regular worship service after the Children's Message and come back in time for the Benediction. They'll sing songs, play games, do some art projects and listen to a Bible Story! Kids' Own Worship (KOW) happens during the regular Sunday worship services. Kids from Pre-K to 5th Grade can leave the service to enjoy their own lesson!



Calling VBS Volunteers

It may be hard to believe, but Summer will be here before you know it, and VBS with it. The tentative dates are June 26th through 30th, and we'd love to have you join us. If you are interested in serving the children of our community through planning or volunteering please contact Miss Kelly at children@cabotumc.com or 724-524-1809



We are starting a children's choir to sing at the Easter service. If your child is interested, please contact Miss Kelly at children@cabotumc.com or 724-524-1809



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Winfield Community Park on Saturday, April 1st from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, where our church will have a booth to engage with families.



Join us at Cabot UMC each Thursday 9am-2:30pm during the school year. Enjoy use of the gym, library, nursery and art room to supplement your other studies. Bring your lessons and gather with other home educating families for social time and group study. This day is open to any sort of home education. Traditional Homeschoolers, Cyber Schoolers and Un-schoolers, all are welcome.

Additional information can be found at the South Eastern Butler County and Surrounding Area Homeschoolers Facebook page.

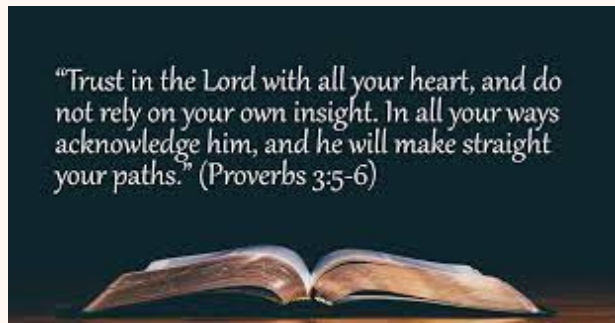
Disaffiliation Updates:

Congregational Prayer

We have spent much time in prayer and discernment related to disaffiliation during this season. Before our vote on April 18th, we will hold another time of focused prayer together. Join us Tuesday, April 4th, 6:30 pm in the sanctuary as we call out to God.

Church Conference Disaffiliation Vote

We have been in the discernment process relating to potential disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church. We will have a church conference for our final vote related to this on Tuesday, April 18, at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. All church members in good standing are eligible to vote. Our new District Superintendent Rev. Deborah Ackley-Killian will preside. An FAQ sheet is available in the Welcome Center. Please contact the office with questions.



The ROCK Youth Ministry

The LORD is my Rock - Psalm 18:2

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Valentine candy sale! It was greatly appreciated. We were able to purchase a new Air Hockey Table and a Foosball Table. The youth are very appreciative of all of your support and help! We are still looking to add or replace some of the items to our room in the future.

We also appreciate all of the donations of supplies to feed the youth. This has been a positive influence with the youth. A special thanks to the Miller Family for the steaks and lamb!

Current Special Needs: Good 2 or 3 qt saucepans, 6 or 8 qt stock pots, waffle irons (to borrow), drinks (juice, milk and water-small bottles with twist caps to prevent unnecessary spills), and old board games (please make sure all of the pieces are included).

April 2023 Calendar

Sunday, April 2nd	5:30 - 8:00 PM
Wednesday, April 5th	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Wednesday, April 12th	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Sunday, April 16th	5:30 - 8:00 PM
Wednesday, April 19th	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Sunday, April 23rd	5:30 - 8:00 PM
Wednesday, April 26th	5:30 - 7:30 PM
Sunday, April 30th	5:30 - 8:00 PM

Any questions about the Youth Ministry? Contact: Paula Duke, Director
@youth@cabotumc.com or

Upward season has ended.



Thanks everyone who helped during the season. The kids really appreciated it. Looking into maybe doing a summer camp session again this summer. Will keep you posted as I have more news. Looking forward to seeing all of you next season!

Paula Duke
Upward Director
(724) 968-6001
upward@cabotumc.com

Holy Week

Holy Week Schedule

Make plans to celebrate Jesus' rescue of humanity through his death and resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday: April 1 & 2 - regular service times, including the Worship Band playing during the Sunday service.

Maundy Thursday: April 6, 7:00 pm. - Service with communion

Good Friday: April 7 - Men's Breakfast at 6:30 am, Saxonburg Memorial Church, Women's & Children's Breakfast at 9:30 am, Cabot UMC

Holy Saturday: April 8, 6:00 pm. - Showing of The Passion of the Christ in place of regular worship service. Details below

Easter Sunday: April 9, 10:30 am. - Worship, including Blossoming of the Cross.

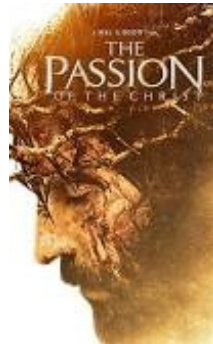
Good Friday Breakfast for Women and Children

Where: Cabot United Methodist Church 707 Winfield Road, Cabot PA 16023
724-352-2074
Cabotumc.com

When: Friday, April 7
9:30 AM

Please join us on Good Friday for breakfast beginning at 9:30 AM. Our speaker will be Samantha Bauer, presenting the message of Confident Receiving. During the presentation, the children will be invited to enjoy games and crafts.

Questions: Contact Marlyn Mendicino, - marsambike@gmail.com



In place of our Saturday evening worship service the night before Easter, we will gather for a viewing of the movie The Passion of the Christ. April 8, 6:00 pm, in the sanctuary. Plan to enter into the story of Jesus through this moving and dramatic portrayal. The Passion of the Christ depicts the final days of Jesus' life, including the physical and emotional violence inflicted on him. Rated R for sequences of graphic violence.

Matrona



A Family Resource Center
A Ministry of Cabot United Methodist Church
724-352-2074

Resources for families in South Eastern Butler County

Baby and Toddler Clothes, Maternity Clothes, Diapers, Baby Gear, Children's Books, Support Groups, Parenting Classes, Childbirth Classes

Resource Closet:

Open Weekly on Thursdays from 6-8pm
Or as needed, please call for details

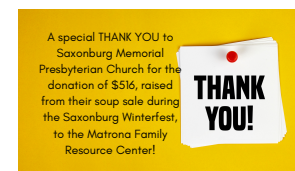
Support Group for New Parents:
Thursdays from 7-8pm
Please call for details

Parenting and Childbirth Classes:
Meeting Weekly as needed, call for details

Matrona is a ministry of Cabot United Methodist Church located at 707 Winfield Rd, Cabot, PA.

If you are struggling with any aspect of pregnancy or parenting, or if you would like to volunteer or donate, please call or email children@cabotumc.com.

Matrona is growing and serving more families every week and we need helpers! If you'd like to be a part of blessing the families of our community, please contact Miss Kelly at children@cabotumc.com or 724-524-1809.





Cabot UMC Food Bank April Collection

Cabot UMC has a wonderful Food Bank, run by a group of dedicated, kind, and welcoming volunteers. The volunteers take inventory, assess the needs, order, sort, and distribute the food each month to community members. If you live in the area and are in need of assistance, please check to see if you are eligible based on the financial and geographic guidelines.

This Month's Safety & Security Article is About Safely Enjoying the Digital World.

For more information about the Cabot Food Bank, please call the church office.
Food distribution is on the third Wednesday of every month.

There are some people who just enjoy drama and some who really enjoy creating it. Are all of your social media followers positive or is it time to get rid of some of the negative ones? Most social media apps will let you block other users if you need to disconnect them from your online life. Learning how to block people online is an essential skill. It's also worth reporting some troublemakers. Social media companies can stop them from posting or messaging for a bit, or in extreme cases, stop them from using their apps.

Here's the hard bit though; it's really important that we don't respond to users who are being negative or downright horrible. Before you do anything, unplug yourself for a few minutes and do something else. Always block and always report bad things.

How well should you allow a stranger to know you? That may sound a little odd but letting strangers become your follower online, means that they'll see everything you post, even the things you only really want your friends to see. Would you show your pictures to random people in the street? Probably not, so why do the same thing online? While it's good to celebrate the best bits of life, some things need to be kept offline. Post nothing that identifies who you are or where you go to school or live, no phone numbers, addresses or usernames. Always check with the app about what your followers can see and find out what you can't always hide - your bio on Instagram for example is always public. Check your privacy settings and make sure your account is always set to private.

Social media can be fun but it can also make you feel under pressure to post certain things, do things, or fish for likes and popularity. It can feel a bit like a competition when you try and get more likes than your friends, only there isn't a prize at the end of it. Some people feel so sad when no one likes their posts that they end up deleting it. You should do the things you enjoy rather than the things you think other people would enjoy. Be yourself online! Wouldn't the world be boring if we all did the same stuff?

Sometimes adults don't always understand the digital world but they do understand the people that use it. If something goes wrong online it's vital to talk to someone about it. We're probably not going to get kicked off of the internet because of someone else's behavior. Parents are a great place to start but also teachers, as well as any other professional you might come across in your life - Police, Social Workers, Health professionals and more.

There are so many connected devices on the market now, each with their own unique way of setting up parental controls and restrictions. Equally the functionality of these devices can be daunting with chat, game downloads, in-app purchases, third party apps on the devices (such as social media, Netflix) etc. To understand the Internet Of Things, look online for resources.

First, look up the device on YouTube using a simple 'how to' query, such as 'how to restrict in-app purchases on Playstation 4'. Secondly, Internet Matters has a one-stop shop for setting up devices which can be found here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Internet Matters has answers for Social Media questions too; they have a useful hub for parents which explains the risks and the benefits, along with some resources that parents can use <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/>

Have fun, but play safe!

The Shepherds Watch Team mission is to provide a safe & secure environment for those attending church worship, various functions and social events in the buildings and on the grounds of Cabot United Methodist Church. If you have any questions about joining the team talk to or email Jack O'Brien: jackob1340@gmail.com.

April	Canned Fruit and Cereal
May	Condiments
June	Paper Supplies
July	Pasta & Salad Dressing
August	School Supplies
Septemb	Cake Mix
Octob	Canned Pumpkin, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce
November	Baking Supplies
December	Canned Fruit & Cereal



707 Winfield Road, Cabot, PA 16023, Mon-Thurs 9:00am-1:00pm or contact the office to arrange another time. 724-352-2074
office@cabotumc.com

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Food distribution is on the third Wednesday of every month.
We have 2 time slots: 10:00 am - noon and 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

Operation Christmas Child

April

For April we are asking for stuffed animals!



Please remember to consider OCC when you come across sales and clearances. Things to look for: toys, small stuffed animals, cars, jump ropes, balls, some clothing items such as socks, shirts, sweatpants, hats and gloves. Watch for the good sales and stock up! For the full list go to the website -- <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>.

Please mark items OCC and place in the wooden bin in the lobby. You can drop items off at any time (you don't need to wait for the appropriate month). Monetary donations can be made as well, which go towards shipping costs or purchasing additional items to fill the shoeboxes.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas for this ministry please contact me. I am always excited to try something new and share my excitement with all of you and those beautiful children in our world!

Thank you so much!
Paula Scott
(fellowship@cabotumc.com)

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Prayer squares are a smaller, more portable version of a prayer shawl. They can be kept in your pocket, purse, or backpack. They can be a reminder to stop and pray for someone or some situation. If you or a family member is in need of a prayer square, there is a basket of them on the table in the Welcome Center. Feel free to take as many as you need.

Also, if you or someone you know is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please take one from the gray cupboard in the Red Room. There is a notebook in which to record the shawl taken and to whom it is going. There are also bags and tissue paper if you wish to use them.

If you would like one of the Prayer Shawl members to help you, please ask.

The Prayer Shawl group meets the 2nd Monday of each month in room 14 at 7:00pm! Contact Bonnie Yates if you have any questions! Thank you!



Contact Sarah Smith if you have questions regarding Secret Sisters
724-352-3827 langmedic26@msn.com



MEN'S BREAKFAST
3rd Saturday of the Month

April 15th @ 8:00AM

Kelly's Family Restaurant
130 W. Main Street, Saxonburg
Questions, contact Rich James @ 724-816-5974



Book Club will be held on
April 27th @ 6pm.

Questions: Contact Kate Lindsey
library@cabotumc.com



Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

God has been gracious to our church family. There is much about which to be encouraged. Some reminders of that are:

† The willing volunteers who are working on the disaffiliation teams, putting in time and effort to do research, to communicate and negotiate, and to present to the congregation the necessary material with which to make an educated decision on disaffiliation.

† The team of workers who make the fish fry happen. We just served the most dinners ever a few weeks ago, and we continue to serve through Lent so that this program can finish successfully.

† The team who works with the Upward program, ensuring that it is a fun place for children to meet and enjoy a sport and fill our church with the sounds of children enjoying the company of one another. At the same time, the children hear a Christian devotion as they meet together.

† The different committees who meet monthly and make plans for us financially and for things to do to bring glory to the Lord and reach our community for Christ.

† Our Sunday School, seasonal studies, and Bible study leaders who provide continuing Biblical education.

† Our pastor who leads us spiritually and administratively, providing leadership to the church.

† Those who provide leadership and continuity to the Matrona outreach program which grows and grows, providing hope to those in the community seeking formula, diapers, and the needs of pregnant women and little ones in our community.

This is just a snippet of the picture of what goes on at our church as we serve Christ to our members and to the community. We can rejoice in the fruits of our labor as God continually blesses our efforts at Cabot UM Church.

Cheryl

When prayer is worship, the focus is on the character and will of God. Are we learning to worship Him by praying?

Come join Cheryl Swift, Judy Fish, and others in our Prayer Chapel (West Wing) for a time of prayer on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM



PASTORAL CARE - MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

If you need medical equipment, please call Elaine Hinderliter at 724-352-1936. Also, if you have borrowed medical equipment and no longer are using it, you may return it to the church and inform us so others will have use of it.

We also have an electric scooter to give to anyone who can use it.
The batteries are dead and will have to be replaced.