

**SUNDAY, February 25, 2018**

9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
1:00 pm Dive Deeper Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, February 28, 2018**

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

<b>Mon., Feb. 26</b>	<b>Tues., Feb. 27</b>	<b>Wed., Feb. 28</b>	<b>Thurs., March 1</b>
9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm

**How Do I Join Upper Seneca Baptist Church**

- **By Salvation** ~ By professing faith in Jesus Christ and following Him in believer's baptism. ~ OR ~
- **By Transfer of Letter** ~ By transferring your membership from another Baptist Church. ~ OR ~
- **By Statement of Faith** ~ By statement of **faith in Jesus Christ.**

If you have not been baptized by immersion since your conversion, you will need to follow the Lord in believer's baptism.

**When Do I Join?**

At the close of every worship service as we sing the "Invitation Hymn", the pastor stands facing the congregation. Walk to him and tell him you want to join the church or make some other decision.

# Upper Seneca Baptist Church



***In His Hands***

**Jeremiah 18:1-6**

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**Weather Policy**

If the church cancels any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintery conditions, a message will be placed on the church's voice recorder to inform you of such changes or cancellations. If you are in doubt if a particular service or activity is canceled, please call the church before you travel to the event. If no message is stated notifying you of any changes, this means the service or activity remains as scheduled. We will only post a cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

**Impacting The Kingdom Of God  
One Person At A Time**

# **Upper Seneca Baptist Church**

**11:00 am Sunday Worship**

**February 25, 2018**

**\*Hymn #164** *Congregation*  
*“No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus”*

**Prayer/Welcome** *Pastor Dennis*

**\*Hymn #441** *“The Potters Hand”* *Congregation*

**Offertory**

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**  
*“Old Church Choir”*

**\*Special** *“Rejoice the Lord Always”* *Choir*

**\*\*Message** *“In His Hands”*  
*Jeremiah 18:1-6* *Pastor Dennis*

**\*Hymn of Commitment #544** *Congregation*  
*“Have Thine Own Way”*

**\*Closing Hymn #435** *Congregation*  
*“Just As I Am”*  
*(In Honor of Billy Graham)*

\*Denotes Congregation standing

\*\*Children will be dismissed to their classrooms following the Sermon Video (prior to the Message).  
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Sunday, Feb. 25, Dive Deeper Bible Study  
Wednesday, Feb. 28, Women’s Bible Study  
Wednesday, Feb. 28, Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday, March 11, Holy Rollers @ Mt. Airy  
Bowling  
Monday, March 12, Church Council  
Tuesday, March 13, Super Seniors @ “IHop”  
Wednesday, March 21, Special Easter Bible Study  
Friday, March 23, Youth Easter Extravaganza  
Friday, March 30, Passover Seder

## **Dive Deeper Bible Study**

Our Dive Deeper Bible Study **Today** is entitled, *“To Tell the Truth”*. Lying, or not telling the truth, is a daily occurrence in our society. Some people, even Christians feel that it is appropriate to tell a little fib in certain circumstances. As you may know, the Bible addresses this topic of lying or not telling the truth. However, as one studies Scripture, you will come across certain passages in which it appears that God allows one to tell a little fib in certain situations. So, join us for this unique and intriguing study as we understand the Biblical expectations of telling the truth.



## **Holy Rollers**



The church invites everyone to join us **March 11** to enjoy the fun and fellowship of bowling. We will meet at 1 pm at the Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes. Even if you are not going to bowl, we still encourage you to come and be a cheerleader. The bowling alley only accepts cash. So, please make sure that you have the cash in hand to pay for your food and bowling fees. The cost is \$5.00 per bowler plus \$3.50 for shoes. Children 7 and under may wear tennis shoes. The address to the bowling alley is 304 Center St, Mt Airy, MD 21771. Sign up in the hallway to join in on the fun!

**“After the Sermon Bible Study” will not be held on Wednesday, February 28th.**

## “In His Hands”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

February 25, 2018

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NIV)

### The clay in the Potter's hands:

I. Is \_\_\_\_\_.

Jeremiah 18:1-4a – *This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; ...*

**Our life is marred by sin.**

**When sin mars your life and you feel helpless, there is still hope.**

John 5:1-9a – *Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” “Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. ...*

**Jesus can fix your broken pieces.**

**You need to remember that you are the clay and not the Potter.**

II. Is \_\_\_\_\_.

Jeremiah 18:4b – *So the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.*

**The clay needs to yield to the Potter’s hand.**

**If you want to be in the hand of God then you need to let God be the Potter and you be the clay.**

Isaiah 64:8 – *Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.*

**God wants to shape you into something beautiful, but you must yield.**

III. Has \_\_\_\_\_.

Jeremiah 18:5-6 – *Then the word of the Lord came to me. He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.*

**Everyone has the potential of being something great in the hands of the skilled Potter.**

**The Potter puts pressure on the clay.**

**The right amount of pressure has to be applied to shape the vessel.**

**Romans 5:8** – *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

**God is continuously at work to shape the lives of His people.**

**No matter how bad you think things are, God will never discard you.**

**God has better plans for your life than you have for yourself.**

**God has a wonderful purpose for your life.**

**Jeremiah 29:11** – *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

**John 14:6** – *Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

**We have to center ourselves in the wheel and will of God.**

**Sermon Notes:**

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## Coffee Shop



Each Sunday, the *HISTORY Café* will be open for your enjoyment and fellowship. Also, to help make certain that the Café is well stocked for refreshments, we invite you to bring some tasty treats. In doing so, please remember that some people have specific allergies regarding certain foods (Examples: nuts, peanut butter, dyes, etc.). If you wish to bring refreshments for a particular Sunday, please sign up in the foyer.

The official rules for the *HISTORY Café* are as follows:

Only adults are allowed to fix hot beverages in the Café. If a child is in need of a hot beverage, they need to seek the assistance of an adult.

Coffee, tea or water may be taken into the sanctuary by adults as long as the cup has a lid – no food please.

We have a “*clean-up bucket*” with supplies in case of a spill. A clean-up crew will be assigned each Sunday to assist with spills so that there is minimal disruption of the worship service.

Other rules may be added as needed.

Mae Settles will be the lead person for the coffee shop each Sunday. She will be happy to help with anything you need in the coffee shop and she will always welcome others to help assist with setup and cleanup. We hope that you will enjoy this new area of our church. Please encourage visitors to make use of the coffee shop as well. It will be a welcoming space to visitors and members alike.

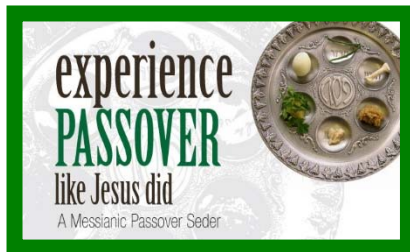
## Youth Easter Extravaganza

Friday, **March 23** from 6-8 pm, USBC will be having a fun-filled *Youth Easter Extravaganza*. All youth are invited to attend this special night at the church for delicious food, fun games, and an exciting Bible lesson.





# Passover Seder



On Friday, **March 30** at 7 pm, USBC will be hosting a *Passover Seder*. Below is a traditional explanation of the *Passover Seder* celebrated by the Jewish faith from Wikipedia.

*The Passover Seder is a Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. ... The Seder is a ritual performed by a community or by multiple generations of a family, involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. This story is in the Book of Exodus (Shemot) in The Hebrew Bible. The Seder itself is based on the Biblical verse commanding Jews to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt: "You shall tell your child on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'" (Exodus 13:8) Traditionally, families and friends gather in the evening to read the text of the Haggadah, an ancient work derived from the Mishnah (Pesachim 10). The Haggadah contains the narrative of the Israelite exodus from Egypt, special blessings and rituals, commentaries from the Talmud, and special Passover songs.*

*Seder customs include telling the story, discussing the story, drinking four cups of wine, eating matza, partaking of symbolic foods placed on the Passover Seder Plate, and reclining in celebration of freedom. The Seder is performed in much the same way by Jews all over the world. The Seder is the most commonly celebrated of Jewish rituals.*

The Passover holds special prominence in the Christian faith. For one, on the night Jesus was betrayed, He was observing the Passover meal with His disciples. Second, the Bible tells us that Jesus was the ultimate Passover Lamb that was sacrificed for the atoning of our sins (1 Corinthians 5:7 – *Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.*).

To keep in step with Jewish traditional and to combine the Christian faith of Jesus as being the perfect Passover Lamb, our church invites you to attend this special observance of the *Passover Seder*. Our very own Brian Altman will be leading our *Passover Seder* and will be combining his Jewish tradition with His Christian faith. During the

Seder presentation, we will learn about the importance of the Seder, partake in the Seder, and understand the importance of the Passover Lamb.

On this memorable night, we will have several tables set up with their own Seder plates, we will eat of the Seder meal, we will participate in the Seder rituals, and we will learn about the Seder with hands-on involvement.

Since the Seder is a family observance, we invite all, young and old, to be in attendance. If you are planning on attending, please sign up in our foyer so that we can make room for everyone. Also, if you would like to help setup or read a prayer during the Seder, please indicate on the sign up sheet.

## Super Seniors




The Super Seniors will be having their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, **March 13**, at the IHop in Germantown, MD at 12:00 noon. Please contact the office for more information.

## Special Easter Bible Study

On Wednesday, **March 21** at 6:30 pm, the Pastor will be leading a special Bible study entitled, "*The Cultural Beginnings of Easter*". During this informative study, the origin of the word **Easter** will be discussed, how the observance of Easter started, and the history of the Easter egg.



I AM THE Way,  
THE Truth,  
AND THE Life.   
NO ONE COMES  
TO THE *Father*  
EXCEPT THROUGH ME.  
JOHN 14:6