



**OUR MISSION: Impacting The Kingdom Of  
God One Person At A Time**

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**USBC News**

## I REMEMBER

By Pastor Dennis Felder



There are many epic and unforgettable events that have occurred in this nation in the last 80 years. For example, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the assassination of President Kennedy, and the 9/11 attacks that gripped our nation with fear. Each of these tragic events were impressed upon the

memories of anyone who lived during these horrific moments. So often, you will hear people say that they can remember the exact place they were when these unexpected tragedies struck our nation.

There was another horrific event that occurred over 2000 years ago. It involved the son of a carpenter and of a virgin woman. This person that I am referring to is Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. His life ended tragically at the hands of a blood-thirsty crowd and the barbaric techniques of a Roman executioner. The death of Christ was an earth-shattering moment that has been remembered for thousands of years.

Now here is the important question that I want to ask you. **Do you remember the exact spot where you were when Jesus died?** At first, the typical answer is *"No! I wasn't even born yet."* That may be true in the physical sense, but spiritual speaking the answer may be an unequivocal, *"Yes, I remember!"*

When Jesus died on the cross, He had you in mind. Jesus willingly went to the cross for one reason and one reason only - because He loved us. **John 3:16** shares with us about the great love that God has for each of us by saying, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* Sin put eternal separation between us and our heavenly Father. However, God had a life saving plan that involved the self-sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. It took the precious blood of Christ to be the perfect cleansing agent to purge our corruptible sin. The Bible tells us in **Matthew 26:28**, *"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."* You see, when Christ hung upon that brutal cross, He was thinking specifically about you.

Now back to that all-important question: **Do you remember the exact spot where you were when Jesus died?** If you have accepted this precious gift of salvation, then your answer should be an emphatic, *"Yes! I remember the exact spot where I was when Jesus died."*

When a person acknowledges their sinful ways and calls upon the name of the Lord for redemption, their condemning sin is permanently nailed to the bloodstained cross of Christ. It is at that very moment you vividly see Jesus taking your place upon the cross. It has the feeling of being there over 2000 years ago witnessing the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ as He takes on our sin.

Now that is an Easter to remember!

# PASSOVER SEDER

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 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 signup 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 signup sheet.

## MARCH SERMONS

**March 4, 2018**

**Guest Speaker:** Pastor Gayle Clifton

**March 11, 2018**

**Sermon Title:** "I Need a Little Peace and Quiet – Part 1"

**Scripture:** Philippians 4:6-7

**March 18, 2018**

**Sermon Title:** "I Need a Little Peace and Quiet – Part 2"

**Scripture:** Mark 1:32-35

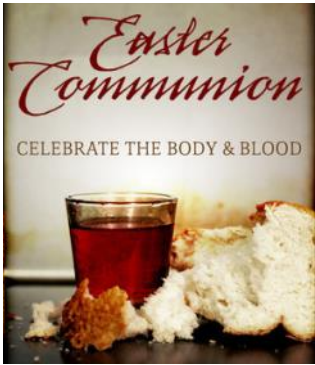
**March 25, 2018**

**Sermon Title:** "From Palms to Palms"

**Scripture:** Luke 19:37-41

# EASTER COMMUNION

*By Pastor Dennis Felder*



On April 1<sup>st</sup>, USBC wants you to experience communion in an intimate way. Therefore, on Easter Sunday, you are invited to participate in the taking of communion. Instead of having the Lord's Supper as a congregational event, you will have the opportunity to partake of communion in a personal and private time of reflection.

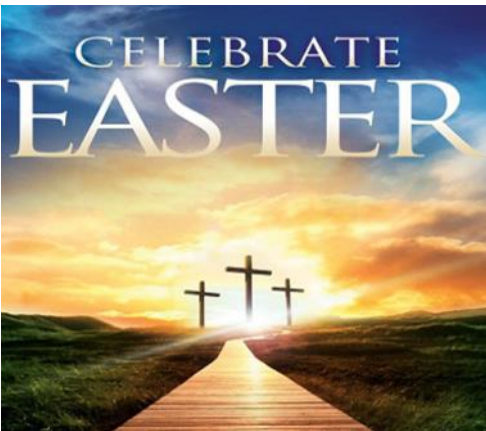
During the time from 9:30 am -1:00 pm, communion will be set up in the Adult Sunday School classroom. When you arrive at church on Easter morning, please make your way to this designated area to take of the cup and bread. If you are unable to take communion prior to the 11:00 am worship service, you will still have an opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper following the service.

The room will be set up with a comfortable, quiet environment with subtle background music playing. Either in the room or prior to entering the room, you will be given a Reflection Guide with verses and prayers. Take this guide and read it. Upon reading the guide, the communion elements will be available for partaking.

Since this communion is designed for a more intimate time for personal reflection, the Pastor will not be present. If the Lord is leading you, it is encouraged that you invite your family or someone else with you to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

# EASTER IS COMING

*By Pastor Dennis Felder*



It is hard to believe, but we will be celebrating Easter on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Therefore, I want to share with you some exciting events that will be taking place at USBC during the Easter celebration.

**Palm Sunday Service:** Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am This service will prepare your heart as we focus on the life of Christ a week before His crucifixion. This worship service will lift your spirit as we prepare for our Savior's death and resurrection.

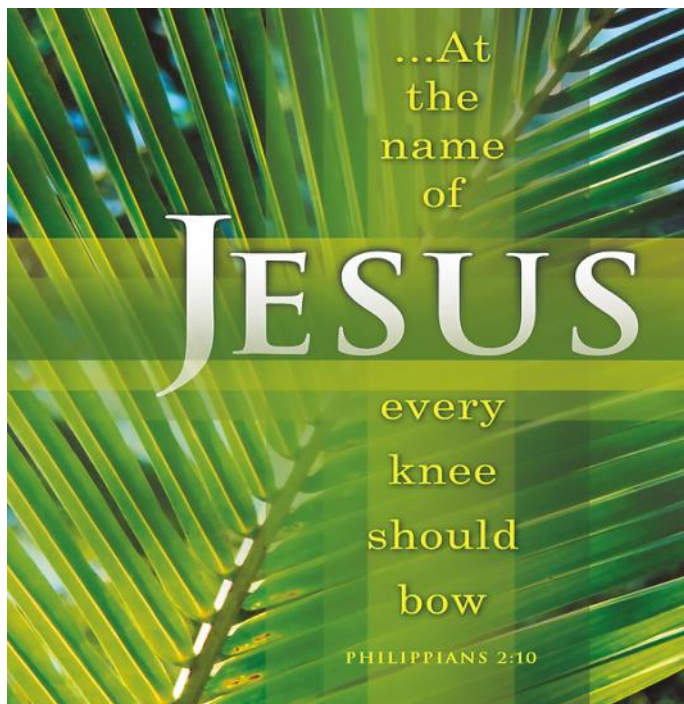
**Seder Meal Service:** Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This interactive service will take you on a vivid journey as to the importance of the Exodus Passover. An amazing connection will be made between the Jewish Passover and the Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ.

**Easter Communion Observance:** Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 9:30 am. This communion observance will provide you with an opportunity to celebrate and remember the words of Christ during Passover. He declared that His human sacrifice on the cross was for the purpose of washing away our sins.

**Easter Service:** Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am. During our Easter celebration service, we will sing His praises, we share His Word, we will proclaim His great name, and we will respond with a faithful heart.

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:** USBC will be collecting for our *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering* during the month of April. This offering is named for a faithful missionary who dedicated her life to sharing the Gospel of Jesus. 100% of the offering will go to support our local missionaries as they too carry out the Great Commission. Our church-wide goal is \$1,000.

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Next Newsletter Deadline  
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### God's Plan Of Salvation

Trust Jesus Christ today! Here's what you must do:

1. Admit you are a sinner.

*"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)*

2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent).

*Jesus said: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5)*

3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried, and rose from the dead.

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)*

4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Savior.

*"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)*

#### What to pray:

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior.

#### Editor's Note:

Included in this newsletter is the **USBC Church Birthday Calendar** showing the dates of birthdays of our church family, but we don't always have the information to include. So, if we miss YOUR date, we are sorry! Why not fill out a connect card and place it in the offering plate with your name and birthday noted so that it can be included in our calendar.

Also, if you have something to be included in the newsletter, an announcement, an article, a cartoon....we are always looking for information and new ideas!

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# COFFEE SHOP

By Lana Felder



We have watched the progress each week as Les Yeatts and others have worked on the *HIStory Café* in the lobby of the church. It is my pleasure to inform you that the *HIStory Café* is now open for business!

On Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, USBC officially opened our new coffee shop in the church foyer. We had snacks, juices, hot tea, and of course coffee available for everyone to enjoy. Both young and old celebrated together as we enjoyed this new ministry area.

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.

# ADULT VALENTINE'S BANQUET

By Pastor Dennis Felder



We had a rootin' tootin' good time at our western themed *Adult Valentine's Banquet* on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. There were amazing decorations, cowboy hats and bandanas, a photo op area, games, a table with trail mix fixins, and of course lots of food!

There were 32 adults in attendance at the banquet and 13 children upstairs having a party of their own with certified childcare workers.

The food included *Pig Slop Pork* (bbq pork), *Cock-a-doodle-doo Chicken* (bbq chicken), *Rootin' Tootin' Baked Beans*, *Campfire Corn on the Cob*, and *Canyon Cabbage* (cole slaw.) We ate out of pie tin plates and drank from mason jars. There was fun and laughter around the tables all evening.

The games were *Guess the Number of Peanuts in a Jar*, *Barrel Ring Toss*, *Corn Hole*, and a *Pie Eatin' Contest*. Adele Stokes won “Furst” place, LuQuicia McCorkle won “Secund” place, and Vic Stokes came in “Ded Last.” We also had door prizes with a Valentine's Day theme.

The decorating was done by Tammie Messer who is Pastor Dennis' sister. She spent hours making and setting up and it showed in the amazing transformation of the fellowship hall. She recruited some help from Pastor Dennis and me, but the vision was all hers. We signed a thank you card and sent her a gift in appreciation for a fantastic job.

Thank you to all who came and all who helped make this an evening to remember. We hope that you had a great time and were blessed by the food and fellowship.

## DIVE DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

*By Pastor Dennis Felder*



On Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> immediately following our Sunday morning worship service, we will be having a thought provoking ***Dive Deeper Bible Study***. Our study will be entitled, “*You’re Not From Here*”. This topic is often discussed within political circles. However, the Bible deals directly with this issue.

At our next study, we will discover that the Bible is not shy in addressing this important topic. However, it must be remembered that the Bible does not try to answer this question from a political position. The Bible seeks to reveal the heart of God when it comes to dealing with people from other places.

## ALIEN INTRUSION

*By Pastor Dennis Felder*



On April 29<sup>th</sup>, USBC will be showing the Christian based documentary movie, *Alien Intrusion*, for our ***Dive Deeper Bible Study***. Following the movie, we will have an opportunity to discuss the contents and claims contained within the movie. Below is an informative description regarding the content of the movie.

*Millions of people have seen UFOs and many even recall personal encounters with strange entities. The popular view is that these are advanced aliens visiting us from far away, but this compelling new documentary takes a deeper look at the events, the beliefs, the experts and the people who have shaped our views in the “otherworldly.” When one examines this phenomenon, one of the most disturbing but powerful affirmations of the spiritual realm, Christianity and the Bible becomes clearer. This documentary seeks to solve one of the most haunting and persistent mysteries of our time by addressing UFO sightings in every country, things seen on radar, what happened at Roswell, alien abductions, government cover-ups, and even a “new” religion. The truth will surprise you!*

## TREASURE FROM HEAVEN

*By Pastor Dennis Felder*



Please make certain that you pick up your *share packets* for the ***Treasure from Heaven*** outreach ministry. This is a great opportunity for our church family to engage the community for Christ in a very creative manner.

## EASTER CHANGE

*By Pastor Dennis Felder*



Due to other Easter activities planned during the Easter celebration season, USBC will not be having an Easter Sunrise Service on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Although the Easter Sunrise Service will not be occurring this year, there will be plenty of wonderful opportunities to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Please refer to this Newsletter for such exciting opportunities.

# WHAT WAS ENOUGH?

By Lana Felder

*Jesus was born of a virgin one day.  
"That was a miracle!" people will say.  
But His birth alone was not enough to save me from my sin.*

*He was baptized by John and down came a dove.  
He was blessed by His Father God from above.  
But baptism alone was not enough to save me from my sin.*

*He fed the hungry and healed the sick.  
He cast out demons from a lunatic.  
But miracles alone were not enough to save me from my sin.*

*He was perfect and sinless; a righteous man  
And the people still did not understand  
That perfection alone was not enough to save me from my sin.*

*He was taken to Pilate and falsely accused.  
He was stripped of His clothes and beaten and bruised.  
But His pain alone was not enough to save me from my sin.*

*He agonized as He hung on the tree  
And cried out to the Father as He died there for me.  
But His death alone was not enough to save me from my sin.*

*But when He did what He had said,  
He conquered death and rose again,  
THAT was enough to pay the price and save me from my sin.*

*It wasn't only His birth and death,  
But it was the fact that He rose again.*

*For if Jesus had died and stayed in the tomb  
Death would still hold us - our lives would be doomed.*

*But Jesus conquered death and then  
He showed Himself to earthly men.*

*And after He taught them He rose on high  
To wait for me by His Father's side.*

*And so to Jesus I owe my all.  
He alone could save me from my fall.*

*I thank you Jesus for Your birth,  
For the miracles and signs You performed on the earth.*

*But most of all I thank you again  
For breaking death's chains to free me from sin.*

*I give all my praise to you Lord alone  
And one day in heaven I'll bow at Your throne.*

*And there at Your feet, made perfect and whole,  
I'll thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving my soul.*

## HOLY ROLLERS

By Lana Felder



The church invites everyone to join us **March 11<sup>th</sup>** to enjoy the fun and fellowship of bowling. We will meet at 1:00 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. Sign up in the foyer to join in on the fun!

## YOUTH EASTER PARTY

By Pastor Dennis Felder



Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## SUPER SENIORS

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On February 13<sup>th</sup> the **Super Seniors** met at the **Golden Corral**. As always, the food was good, but the fellowship was better. Please come and join us for our next **Super Senior Luncheon** that will be held at the **IHOP** in Germantown at 12 noon.



## VBS IS COMING

By Lana Felder



**Vacation Bible School** will be here before we know it! This year it will be July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is **Game On!**

From [Lifeway.com](http://Lifeway.com) – “*LifeWay's 2018 VBS invites your kids to grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments. As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drum line, your players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another. Get in the spirit today with Game On VBS.*

**Theme Verse** - His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3

**Motto** - Gear up! Get Ready! Game on!”

In order to make this wonderful experience available for the children in our community, we need LOTS of help! Help is needed for teaching, assistants, crafts, snacks, recreation, music, registration, and more! If you are available to help, please see Donna Limparis.

Begin praying now for the teachers & every volunteer. Also, pray for the children that come to be open to the message of God's love and salvation.

## AMAZON

By Donna Limparis



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