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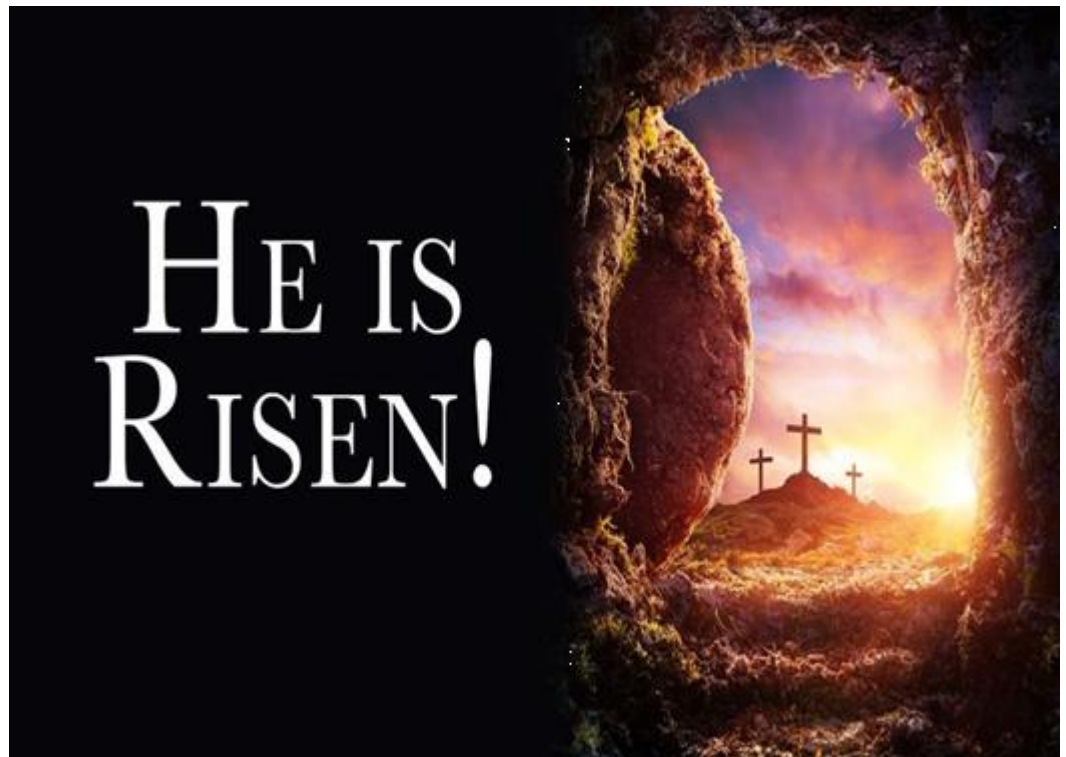
April 2026



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

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USBC NEWS



It began in the stillness of night—in a garden lit only by torches and a pale, watchful moon as Jesus stood among His closest followers. The air was tense, heavy with a sense that something irreversible had already been set in motion. Then came the sound—marching feet, clinking armor. A crowd emerged from the darkness, led by one who had once walked beside Him. A kiss, meant as a sign of love, became the mark of betrayal. **He was taken.**

What followed was not justice, but a cascade of accusations, hurried trials, and a crowd stirred into a fury. Voices rose, demanding condemnation. The man who had healed the sick, who had spoken of love and mercy, now stood silent before those who sought His death. And though authority wavered, fear of the crowd prevailed. **The sentence was given.**

By morning, the sky itself seemed to dim as Jesus was led through the streets, burdened by the weight of a wooden cross. Each step was a struggle. Each breath, a battle. The crowd pressed in—some weeping, others jeering, all unaware that they stood at the edge of history's turning point. **Then came the hill.**

The sound of hammer against nail rang out, sharp and final. The cross was raised, and with it, a silence that felt as though the earth itself recoiled. Hours passed. The sky darkened unnaturally, as if mourning. And then, with a final cry that seemed to echo beyond the hills, it was over. **Jesus was dead.**

Hope, it seemed, had died with Him. His body was taken down and laid in a tomb carved from stone. A massive rock sealed the entrance. Guards were posted. The world moved on, but quieter now, as if something vital had been lost. **And then came the third day.**

At dawn, before the sun had fully claimed the sky, a small group approached the tomb. Their hearts were heavy, their steps uncertain. But as they drew near, they stopped. **The stone ... was gone.**

Panic flickered into disbelief. The tomb stood open, empty. Where there had been death, there was now only absence—and a question too large to comprehend. Then came the message, impossible and electrifying: **He is not here ... He has risen!**



On Friday, April 3rd at 7 p.m., USBC will be having a special **Good Friday Service**. During our time together, we will reflect upon the crucifixion of Christ through song, Scripture, worship video, and communion. The purpose of the **Good Friday Service** is to reflect upon the great sacrifice that Jesus has made for us and to praise His name for conquering death and giving us life.

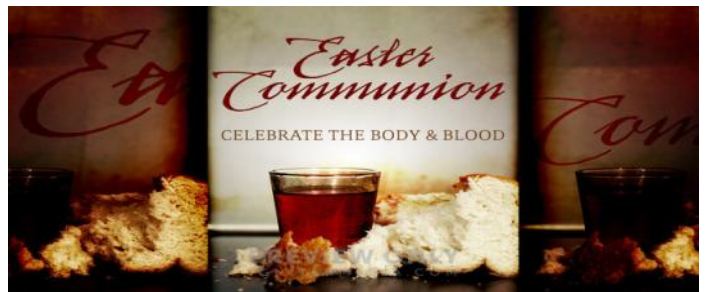


The **USBC** ladies met on March 24th at Ledo's. Next month, we will meet on Monday, April 27th at Longhorn Steakhouse in Germantown, MD. All ladies are welcome.



Upper Seneca Baptist Church will be having our **Easter Service** on Sunday, April 5th at 11:00 a.m. During our Easter celebration service, we will sing His praises, we will share His Word, we will proclaim His great name, and we will respond with a faithful heart.

HALLELUJAH Christ Has Risen!



On April 5th, **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 between 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 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 a.m. worship service, you will still have an opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper following the service.



USBC will be collecting for our **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** during the month of March/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.



Join us on May 7th as we come together to observe **National Day of Prayer**. Let us lift our voices in unity and seek God's guidance and blessings for our nation. More details will be coming in how you can participate in this special prayer event.



On Wednesday, April 29th, at 11:30 a.m., the men will gather at the IHOP in Mt. Airy for an enjoyable lunch to connect and to plan for future events for the men.



On April 12th, there will be a meeting, immediately following worship service, for the following Ministry Teams – Security Team and Website Ministry Team.



We are excited to announce our upcoming ***Benevolence Offering*** during the months of March and April. Our goal is to collect **\$2,500** to support those in our community and church who are facing financial hardships. Your generous contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of individuals and families in need. Together, we can extend our compassion and support to those who need a helping hand.

Please consider giving to this important cause. Every donation, no matter the size, helps us reach our goal and makes a positive impact.



As a church body, **USBC** prays and anoints with oil anyone who asks for God's healing hand. Ruby Bower had an upcoming operation and Ruth D'Monte asked for physical healing. Pastor Dennis prayed that God would protect and heal them. Praise God, we have a God who hears our prayers.

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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.

Next Newsletter Deadline

April 19, 2026

Weather Policy

If the church cancels or postpones any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintery conditions, a cancellation notice will appear on the church's Facebook page, church's website, through church email, and on the church's voice recorder. To access the church's voice recorder, please dial (301) 972-3686. The church will only post a cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

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

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VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST JESUS

Pastor Dennis Felder

In April, the messages will focus on how a Christian can have victory through Christ.

April 5th

Sermon Title: *“Behind the Rock”*

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-6

Synopsis: There was a lot that unfolded behind the rock where Jesus laid. A miracle was taking place that changed the world forever. What took place behind that rock can change your life forever also.

April 12th

Sermon Title: *“Victory is Yours”*

Scripture: Romans 8:37-39

Synopsis: Victory is not only in sight; it is achievable and sustainable. Christ wants us to live a victorious life. Therefore, He has given us everything that we need to live out this life. There’s no need to live a life of defeat because Christ gives us the victory.

April 19th

Sermon Title: *“Why I’m So Happy”*

Scripture: Psalm 34:4-6

Synopsis: Christians should be the happiest people on planet earth, but often this is not the case. We let the sin and the drudge of life steal our happiness that God wants us to experience. To help put a smile back on our face and in our heart, we need to remember what all the Lord has done for us.

April 26th

Sermon Title: *“Accepting the Unacceptable”*

Scripture: Romans 15:7

Synopsis: Everyone has a desire to be accepted, but not everyone is so accepting. The problem is that we place unrealistic expectations upon others that cannot be met. Therefore, we never extend the hand of acceptance that God has extended to us. Fortunately for us, God has a different standard of acceptance and it is God’s standard that we should extend to others.



Upper Seneca Baptist Church is seeking a dedicated and spiritually driven individual to serve as a **Part-Time Associate Pastor/Outreach Minister**. This role is ideal for someone who is passionate about sharing the Gospel, building community relationships, and supporting the spiritual growth of our congregation.

Responsibilities include:

- Assisting the Senior Pastor with preaching, teaching, and pastoral care duties
- Leading and coordinating outreach ministries and evangelism efforts
- Developing new initiatives to engage the local community and grow the church’s presence
- Facilitating small groups, Bible studies, and service projects
- Supporting worship services and church events as needed

Qualifications:

- A mature and growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- Experience in pastoral ministry, outreach, or a related field
- Strong communication, leadership, and organizational skills
- A heart for community engagement and building relationships
- Formal theological education or ministry training is preferred

Hours and Compensation:

This is a part-time position, approximately 15-20 hours per week. Compensation will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Application Process:

Interested candidates should submit a resume, a brief statement of faith, and references to our church office via email at Church@usbchurch.org or by mail to Upper Seneca Baptist Church, 23401 Davis Mill Road, Germantown, MD 20876.

We are prayerfully seeking the right person to join our ministry team and help fulfill our mission of making disciples and reaching our community with the love of Christ. Applications will be reviewed as received. We look forward to hearing from you.



On Sunday, April 26th, our *Dive Deeper Bible Study* topic will be **“Open Discussion”**. Have you ever had a Biblical question or questions that you have always wanted to ask. Well, bring your question(s) to our next *Dive Deeper Bible Study* and share them with the group during our *“open discussion”*. The Pastor, along with the rest of the group, will help provide answers, direction, and clarification during our discussion time.

So, join us Sunday, April 26th immediately following our worship service for this informative Bible study and for lunch.

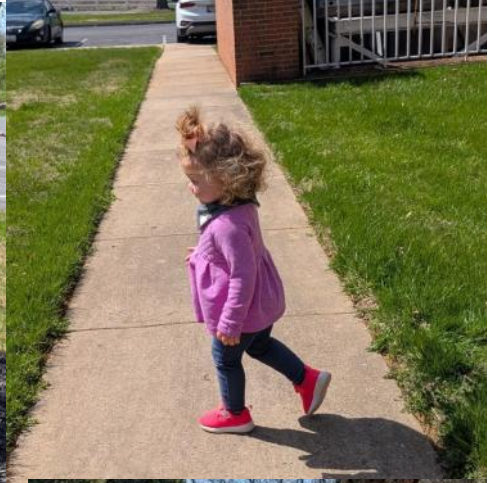


The *Forever Young Luncheon* will take place on Tuesday, April 14th, at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.



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| 4—Adele Stokes | 29—Nick Limparis |
| 20—Thomas Schultze | 30—Jody Pleasants |

EASTER EGG HUNT





JESUS IS *Alive!*

Forever may You be
HONORED, GLORIFIED,
and EXALTED!

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
and let your glory be over all the earth.**

Psalm 108:5

