

**Calvary United Methodist Church  
150 Norlo Drive  
Fayetteville, PA 17222**

**To Make Followers of Jesus Christ by Sharing God's Love  
Through Worship, Learning and Service**

**March 26, 2025**

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**Regular Church Office Hours:  
Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM / Friday 8:00 AM-Noon**



**CONOCOCHÉAGUE MISSION COOPERATIVE  
LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES 2025**

**All Services Begin at 7:00 PM**

**Worship Through the Senses & Perfect Love Casts Out Fear**

DATE	LOCATION/HOST	PASTOR	THEME	OFFERING RECIPIENT
March 26	Calvary UMC	Loretta McClure	Scent	United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
April 2	Scotland Fellowship	Christopher Frye	Touch	Mercy House
April 9	St. Luke Lutheran Church	Robin Baer	Taste	Fayetteville Food Pantry

## **Tonight's Lenten Service**

As the previous chart shows, tonight's Lenten Service is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM at Calvary United Methodist Church. The speaker will be Loretta McClure with the theme being "Scent."

If you are unable to attend the service but would like to participate in the service, use the shared link to livestream the event.

<https://www.youtube.com/@calvaryumcfayettevillepa3928>

## **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE THIS WEEK**

**On Sunday, March 30, there will be one worship service which will begin at 9:30 AM.**

Pastor Robin's March sermon series begins this week. The series is entitled "Hope Springs Eternal." This week's sermon is "Prodigals" with the scripture reading being Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

Pastor Robin's new sermon series will begin next month as we move towards a new month.



## **UMCOR Sunday, March 30, 2025**

Once a year, the United Methodist Church holds a special offering, UMCOR Sunday, to support UMCOR's operational expenses. This means that on the other 364 days of the year 100% of UMCOR's income goes to humanitarian aid, alleviating human suffering throughout the United States and the rest of the world.

For those receiving offering envelopes, there is an UMCOR Sunday envelope in your set.

If you want to contribute to UMCOR this week but do not use the distributed envelopes, place your offering in an envelope marked for UMCOR so the funds go to the correct account.

Thank you!

## **Pennies For Mission**

At this week's service be sure to place some coins in the "Pennies For Mission" bucket that will be located in the narthex. All monies collected are divided between United Methodist Committee on Relief and Kelsey McHugh, a Honduran missionary.



## **Monopoly Monday – COMING SOON!**



## **Calvary UMC Maundy Thursday Service**

Pastor Robin will be leading a Maundy Thursday service at the church on April 17 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, carries deep biblical significance, marking pivotal events in Jesus' life. It invites you to reflect on themes of love, service, and sacrifice.

The Last Supper represents the final meal Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion.

During this meal, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, breaking bread and sharing wine to symbolize his body and blood. This act underscores his sacrifice for humanity. It also serves as a reminder for you to nourish your spiritual life through communion with God and one another.

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus emphasizes the commandment of love. He instructs his disciples to love one another as he has loved them (John 13:34–35). This commandment highlights the importance of selfless service and compassion in your interactions. Jesus exemplifies this love through the washing of his disciples' feet, teaching you about humility and the value of serving others. By embracing this commandment, you strengthen your relationships and foster community.

Foot washing symbolizes humility and service. During the Last Supper, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, an act typically performed by the lowest servant. This gesture teaches you to put others before yourself. It emphasizes that leadership stems from serving others selflessly. In modern practice, many churches reenact this event, encouraging members to participate, fostering a spirit of community and mutual respect.

Communion represents the establishment of the Eucharist. During the Last Supper, Jesus broke bread and shared wine, saying, "This is my body" and "This is my blood." This ritual signifies the new covenant between God and humanity through Jesus' sacrifice. It invites you to reflect on the meaning of sacrifice and redemption. Participating in Communion during Maundy Thursday connects you to the sacred tradition, deepening your commitment to faith and community.



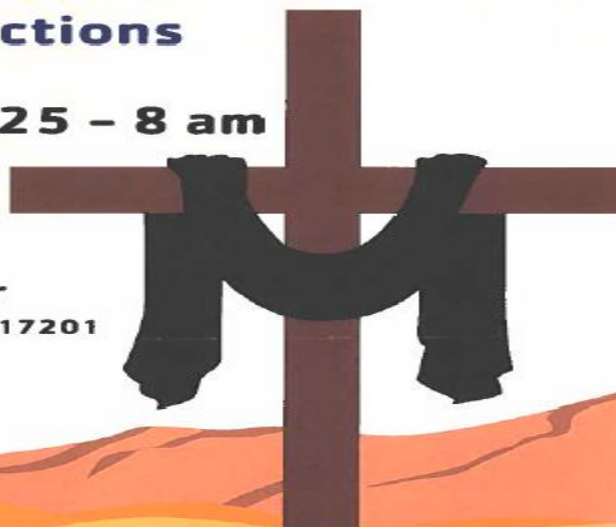
## Chambersburg Memorial YMCA Annual Good Friday Service

# JESUS PAID IT ALL

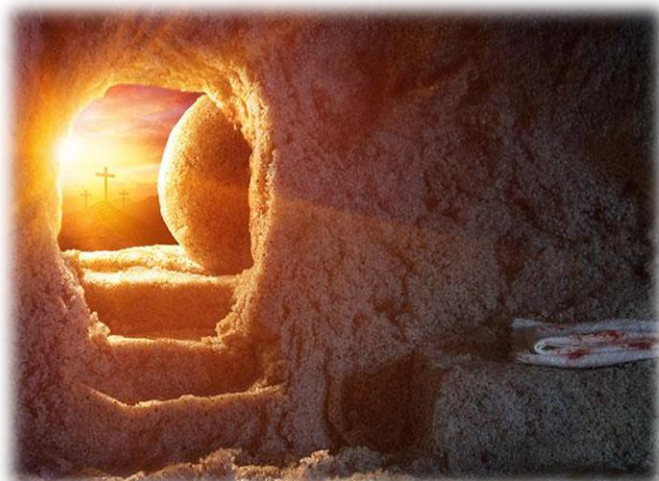
## Good Friday Reflections

Friday, April 18, 2025 – 8 am

Menno Haven  
Life Center Event Center  
300 Ridgeview, Chambersburg, PA 17201



No Cost for the Program  
Breakfast May Be Purchased at the Menno Haven Grill or Cafe  
Contact Amy Lynch with questions 717-263-8508 or [alynch@chbgym.org](mailto:alynch@chbgym.org)



### Easter Sunrise Service at Calvary

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church on April 20 beginning at 6:30 PM. In recent years, the service has been held outside at the Bell Tower depending on the weather. Please bring a chair (and a blanket) as the group will gather around the fire pit at that time of the morning.

On Easter Sunday, the holiest of days in the Christian calendar, many Christians start their morning with an Easter sunrise service. The ritual celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, which speaks to Christianity's most fundamental belief: The Lord has risen, defeating

death and bringing salvation and eternal life to everyone who puts their faith in him. The agony of the cross has been replaced by the ecstasy of the Resurrection. As Paul declared in his first letter to the Corinthians: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

For Christians, the reason for timing this service to coincide with the rising of the sun is simple: It was dawn when the first believers — in every gospel account, women — went to the tomb of Jesus, found the rock rolled away from the entrance and the body of Jesus gone. So, it makes sense that this that earth-shaking event would be celebrated as the sun comes up.

### **Elementary Easter Boxes (NEW)**



The elementary Easter boxes are being packed for 33 families. Calvary is asked to donate the following:

**64 – 15 oz. Cans of Red Beets**  
**21 – Boxes of Jiffy Muffin Mix**



Place all donations in the sanctuary by Noon on Friday, April 11.

Money for hams may be placed in an envelope in the offering.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

Sara Nelson, Missions

### **Eggstravaganza**

Watch the narthex for empty plastic eggs to take and fill soon. Check the announcement page for the date of the Eggstravaganza children's Easter event to be announced.

Sara Nelson



### **Women and Girls' Banquet**

The United Women in Faith's annual women's and girls' banquet will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in Hilltop Hall.

The menu will be provided by Amber Country Catering.

The main entrée will be Parmesan Encrusted Chicken with

Alfredo Sauce.

The costs of the banquet are as follows:

Adults - \$15.00 / Children (4-12) - \$7.00 / Children (3 and Under) – Free

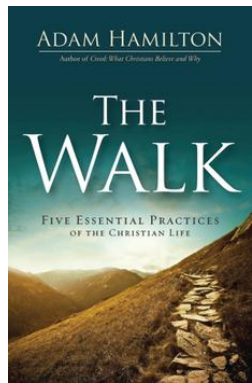
Reservations must be made by April 30. Sign-up sheets will be placed in the narthex closer to the banquet's date. Any questions may be directed to Donna Hayes.

There will be a fun game and a door prize!

Aaron Hartman, a violinist, will provide us with some beautiful music. In addition, Susan Snyder will tell us a story about buttons. Everyone is encouraged to bring a special button you may have collected. This will provide a conversational piece at your table.

### **Joy El Summer Camps**

If you know of any student (K-Grade 9) interested in a Day Camp or Overnight Camp experience this summer, information for Camp Joy El summer camps are available in the narthex with the brochures.



### **Art Jones' Bible Study – *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton**

How do we walk with Christ – daily follow Him, grow in Him, and faithfully serve Him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.

In this study Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is a part of our daily walk with Christ and an essential part of growing together in the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving and sharing our faith.

There are six sessions:

- ~~1 March 6 – Worship and Prayer: A Living Hallelujah~~
- ~~2 March 13 – Study: The Importance of Listening and Paying Attention~~
- ~~3 March 20 – Serve: Here I Am, Lord, Send Me~~
- 4 March 27 - Give: Where Your Treasure Is...
- 5 April 3 - Share: Going Fishing, Reflecting Light
- 6 April 10 - The Five Practices from the Cross

Books are available to borrow or purchase.

Sessions will be held on Thursday night at 6:00 PM for six weeks beginning on March 6 and continuing through April 10.

If you have any questions, contact Art Jones.

## **Meet Rev. Dr. Nancy Jill Hale**

Pastor Robin recently announced that she will be stepping down as Calvary's pastor as of June 30, 2025. Members of the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee met with the newly conference appointed replacement who will assume the leadership on July 1, 2025.



The incoming pastor is Rev. Dr. Nancy Jill Hale.

Her contact information is as follows:

Telephone: 607.316.6134

Email: [hale1961@gmail.com](mailto:hale1961@gmail.com)

The following is a narrative provided by Rev. Dr. Hale.

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I was first licensed as a Local Pastor in the former Wyoming Conference in 1998. I attended seminary in Boston and was ordained in 2010 in the Upper New York Conference. I have served rural and suburban churches throughout upstate New York and most recently in central PA.

Through my passion for mission and outreach in the local community and beyond, I have encouraged churches to begin “Church Has Left the Building” programs and become more involved in the United Methodist missions such as Mission Central and UMCOR.

I strive to construct creative relative, thematic, and engaging worship services, and to give people ample opportunities to respond in various ways, such as renewing their baptismal vows or coming forward to be anointed during healing services. My preaching is focused on the life and teachings of Jesus and on discipleship, and I always try to teach people something new or given them a new way of understanding their faith. I encourage people to share their gifts in worship by reading scripture, providing music, adorning the sanctuary and altar area, creating artwork, and using other skills that enhance our experience of God's presence.

I love to teach and enjoy leading studies of all kinds, including Bible studies and topical studies (such as United Methodist history or doctrine). One of my greatest joys is to see the “lightbulb” go on for people when they learn something new and helpful for their faith journey.

Music is a delight for me! Although my singing voice is not what I wish it could be, I play piano, organ, violin, and trumpet, and I have led and arranged music for handbell choirs.

Because I have hearing loss, I am passionate about accessibility of all kinds, and I have a heart for others with disabilities. I function well in most situations, but in certain settings, such as very noisy room, I will need to ask people to go to a quieter place to speak with me. I've always found my congregations to be more than willing to accommodate my needs.

Visitation and keeping in touch with shut-ins are very important to me, and I enjoy leading worship services in nursing and personal care facilities.

I am familiar with all kinds of technology and am always willing to learn new ways of communicating with people.

Outside of the church, I am an avid student of the battle of Gettysburg and the Civil War in general. I have completed part of the process to become a Licensed Battlefield Guide. I am working on a book about Union chaplains, and as a Union Army chaplain reenactor, I have led Civil War Divine Services on the field at Gettysburg and at churches other locations.

I have three grown sons, two daughters-in-law, and three adorable grandchildren, who all live on Long Island. (Pictures available on request!) Oh, and I have four cats who are (mostly) well-behaved.



### **Homebound Mailing List**

Attached with this email is a copy of the homebound individuals affiliated with Calvary. If you would like to mail a card or note, it would be greatly appreciated.

### **Noah's House and Gracie's Place Meals 2025**

If you are interested in signing-up to provide a meal at some point during the year for Gracie's Place and/or Noah's House, the sign-up sheet is in the narthex on a music stand as you enter the sanctuary.

Here is an updated chart for the sign-up sheet to provide a meal for Noah's House and Gracie's Place for 2025. These are the dates with availability and the opportunity to provide a meal for these groups.



Mary Jo Eland signed up to provide a meal for clients of Gracie's House on March 8 and Lorie Kennell did the same on March 22 for the clients at Noah's House.



## Noah's House and Gracie's Place Meals 2025

<b>Gracie's Place – April 12</b>			<b>Noah's House - April 26</b>	
Entrée	Mary Jane Jones		Entrée	Harriet Schurman
Side	Cherie Foust		Side	
Salad	Renae Crittenden		Salad	Rose Bellows
Dessert	Cherie Foust		Dessert	Pat Moore

<b>Gracie's Place – May 10</b>			<b>Noah's House – May 24</b>	
Entrée	Deb Johnson		Entrée	
Side	Deb Johnson		Side	
Salad	Deb Johnson		Salad	Rose Bellows
Dessert	Deb Johnson		Dessert	

<b>Gracie's Place – June 14</b>			<b>Noah's House – June 28</b>	
Entrée			Entrée	Lorie Kennell
Side			Side	Lorie Kennell
Salad	Renae Crittenden		Salad	Lorie Kennell
Dessert			Dessert	Lorie Kennell

<b>Gracie's Place – July 12</b>			<b>Noah's House – July 26</b>	
Entrée			Entrée	Linda Hartman
Side			Side	
Salad			Salad	
Dessert			Dessert	

<b>Gracie's Place – August 9</b>			<b>Noah's House - August 23</b>	
Entrée			Entrée	
Side			Side	
Salad	Renae Crittenden		Salad	
Dessert	Linda Hartman		Dessert	

<b>Gracie's Place – September 13</b>			<b>Noah's House – September 27</b>	
Entrée			Entrée	
Side			Side	
Salad			Salad	
Dessert			Dessert	

<b>Gracie's Place – October 11</b>			<b>Noah's House – October 25</b>	
Entrée			Entrée	
Side			Side	
Salad	Renae Crittenden		Salad	
Dessert			Dessert	

<b>Gracie's Place – November 8</b>			<b>Noah's House – November 22</b>	
Entrée			Entree	
Side			Side	
Salad			Salad	
Dessert	Linda Hartman		Dessert	

<b>Gracie's Place – December 13</b>			<b>Noah's House - December 27</b>	
Entrée	Mary Grassell		Entrée	

Side	Mary Grassell		Side	
Salad	Renaë Crittenden		Salad	
Dessert	Mary Grassell		Dessert	

If you have any questions, please contact Art Jones.

**THANK YOU to Everyone Sharing in This Ministry  
to Gracie's Place and Noah's House in 2025!**



**American  
Red Cross**

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

The next blood drive at CUMC is scheduled for Friday, April 18 from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM. This is a change in both day and time for this one-day event. If you are interested in donating blood, please pre-register at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

**SPRING CRAFT SHOW**  
**Saturday, April 12, 2025**  
**9AM - 3PM**  
 Many artists, crafters  
 and authors  
 Coach's Corner BBQ  
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 Something for everyone -  
 Bring your friends  
 St. Paul United Methodist Church  
 Family Life Center  
 750 Norland Ave.  
 Chambersburg, PA








## **Altar Flowers**

If you are interested in providing altar flowers for Sunday worship services, please sign-up using the “Flower Chart” located on the bulletin board in the main entryway of the church.

Flowers are ordered through Everlasting Love Florists of Chambersburg at a cost of \$40.00.



March 30 are available for altar flowers.

The 2025 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. All Sundays are available for the month of March.

During the week you choose to provide flowers, the church office will email or mail a letter reminding you of your choice. Flower envelopes are located on the church bulletin board that may be used for your check/cash. Please complete the information on the envelope and/or check so the money counters know your coverage of the cost of the flower arrangement. Your payment may be placed in the offering plate during the worship service or mailed to the church office.

## **Alternative Altar Flower Displays/Altar Displays**

If you would like to display altar flowers during weeks when a flower arrangement is not ordered from the florist, please contact Jeff at the church office (717.352.3715 / churchofficecumc@gmail.com). These flowers could be from your home or an arrangement purchased elsewhere. Please tell me how you would like to have the flowers acknowledged on the Weekly Announcement Sheet (In Memory of, In Honor of, In Celebration of, etc.)



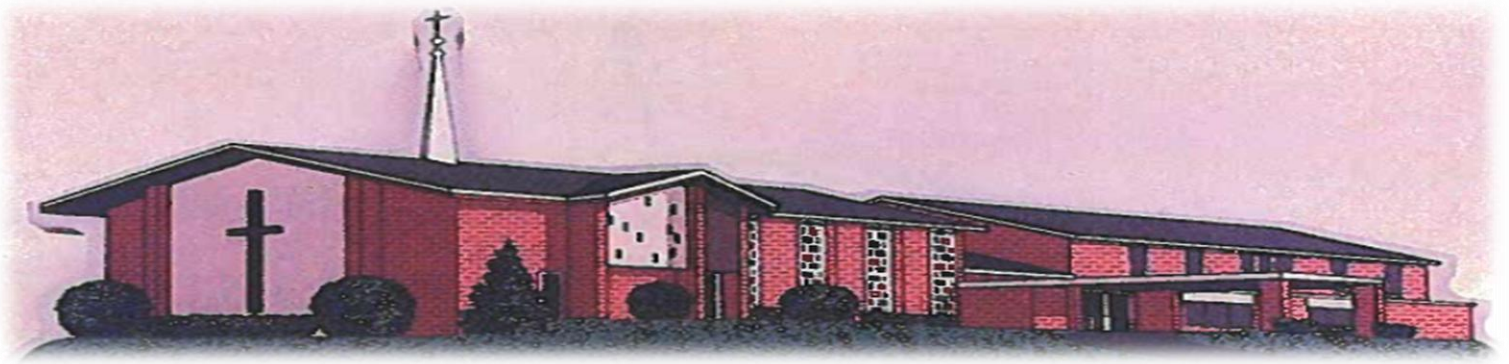
Another suggested idea was to provide an altar display based on week’s scripture, upcoming holiday or seasonal idea. One shared example was using the Fourth of July. Instead of using flowers, use patriotic objects to create an altar display. The potential ideas are endless!

February 23 and the month of March are available.

If you would please let me know by Monday the week of your flower display, it would be appreciated. This allows me plenty of time to place your information on the announcement sheet.

## **Soups and Cans of Vegetables**

The blessing box at St. Paul Lutheran needs canned fruit and canned pasta meals such as beefaroni. Remember that pull-top lids are especially appreciated for canned items. You may always put these items in the boxes on the Mission shelves by the back door just past the kitchen.



## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Sunday Services and Sunday School Classes @ Calvary UMC**

8:00 AM – Contemporary Worship Service

8:45 AM – Disciples in Training Sunday School Class (Choir Room / Room 7)

9:00 AM – Seekers Sunday School Class (Room 4)

10:00 AM – Traditional Worship Service with Live Streaming  
(YouTube.com Search: Calvary UMC Fayetteville PA)  
All Weekly Services Are Available on YouTube.com

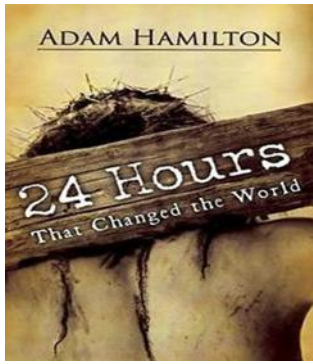
March, June, August and November 2025 each have five Sundays. On the fifth Sunday of these months there will be only one combined worship service beginning at 9:30 AM



#### **This Week's Children's Message with Sara Nelson**

Each Sunday morning "This Week's Children's Message with Sara Nelson" is posted on the church's website (cumcpa.org) at 8:00 AM. These children's messages are located under the "Latest Posts." In addition, these children's messages are also available on YouTube.com (Search: Calvary UMC Fayetteville PA)

The YouTube link for this week's message is <https://youtu.be/IApvyTpGhuI>



### **Disciples in Training Sunday School Class @ 8:45 AM**

Jesus is believed to have died at the age of 33. The Gospel writers devoted most of their work to just the last three years of His life. Their primary interest was in just one particular day – the day He was crucified. They believed this 24-hour period changed the world.

Join the disciples in Training (DIT) Sunday School class for a study by Adam Hamilton in the “24 Hours that Changed the World.”

Immerse yourself in this period of Lent.

### **Seekers Sunday School Class @ 9:00 AM**



### **Choir**

Choir rehearsals with director Linda Richters are scheduled for every Wednesday evening beginning at 7:00 PM.

**During Lent choir rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM for the period of March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10.**



### **Hospitality Team**

If you are interested in being part of the Hospitality Team, please contact Harriet Schurman or Barb Park. Volunteers are welcome to serve as a greeter for the 10:00 AM worship service or at the hospitality table (8:00 AM or 10:00 AM).



### **Online Information**

Weekly Announcement Sheets and Church Information shared with you on Wednesday's email are also placed on the church's website weekly. Both pieces of information are listed on the main page's "Latest Posts" section.

The March newsletter is posted in the "Latest Posts" section, too.

Also, the newsletter is placed under the "News" tab. Click on Newsletter and select the correct month and year. There are several years of newsletters online.

The church's website is [cumcpa.org](http://cumcpa.org)

### **April's Newsletter**

The April newsletter will be distributed electronically today (March 26) as soon as it is finalized. The newsletter will be mailed to the homebound members either today or Thursday.


Printed copies will be available in the narthex on Sunday, March 30.

As listed above, the April newsletter will be available online.

### **Just a Reminder**

If you email any information to the church using the [churchofficecumc@gmail.com](mailto:churchofficecumc@gmail.com) address, that information will come directly to me. If you want to email only Pastor Robin, please contact her at [rbaer@susumc.org](mailto:rbaer@susumc.org)

# Spring's Orchestra - Lenore Hetrick



March is such a blustery month –  
And yet I think I hear,  
Beneath the clamor a little voice,  
Crying, “Oh, be of cheer!  
This medley of terrific sounds,  
This banging, far and near,  
Is just the orchestra of spring,  
Announcing she is here!

“It is the overture that heralds  
A sweeter melody,  
You know how it is with a piece of music,  
A march or a symphony.  
The opening notes are very loud,  
Triumphant as can be,  
The orchestra blares forth with might,  
And shouts its mounting glee.

“But in a moment there is heard  
A sweeter, softer tune,  
A melody that hints of birds,  
And of an April moon,  
A melody that whispers sweetly  
Flowers are coming soon,  
Apple blossoms buds and daisies  
Mingle with this tune.”

So, when I hear the banging sounds  
With which March comes and goes,  
I only smile for now, you see,  
I know why this wind blows.  
He is the orchestra of spring  
That heralds the bud and rose.  
When he has finished his overture,  
Then March packs up and goes.