

APRIL 2023

THE GOOD WORD

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We enter April through Holy Week this year. Holy Week or Passion Week is when we collectively remember and participate in the story of Jesus' final days leading up to the crucifixion on Good Friday and then the Joy of Easter morn. The events we celebrate this coming week are central to the Christian faith. The Last Supper, the teachings to love one another, the death and betrayal, and finally, the grief that gives way to joy and new life are just some of the features of Holy Week. This story of Jesus is the central memory of the people who became the church. Even if we weren't there, we all participate in these events when we participate in the life of Christ.

If I had to sum up the significance of this time, I would have to borrow a word from my favorite author, J.R.R. Tolkien. Tolkien was the writer of the *Hobbit* and the *Lord of the Rings* as well as other scholarly works. He coined a word that describes the situation when something goes from Bad to Good, "eucatastrophe." He coined this word in his book *On Fairy Stories* and in one of his letters. And while he was talking of this for fiction, we should know that he was a devout Christian and almost couldn't avoid using the language of Grace and Resurrection. Eucatastrophe is a word made by putting Evangelium (Greek for Good news) with Catastrophe (a sudden unexpected turn). Only this turn of events is so profoundly good that it transforms us.

The Passion and Easter are about the sudden grace-filled turn from evil and pain to something Good and joy-filled. It's about God's insistence that things will not turn out as the world expects. Instead, God will turn death and cruelty upside down to create life and Goodness.

What more can I say about this time of year and what we celebrate? Remember the Joy of Jesus this month and all year round. A joy that says things will turn out how God intends, no matter the cost. Grace will find a way to surprise you with Joy.

Isaiah 52:7 NIV

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
"Your God reigns!"

Pastor Josh



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5	Ray McConchie
5	Steve Novick
14	Jeff Franklin
16	Scott Jones

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

15	Gary and Sheri Maring
25	Steve and Sharon Iden

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed in the Newsletter, please let the office know.



May
Newsletter
Deadline is:
April 24th

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS
 April - Sam & Anna Grimes
 May - Scott & Ritta Jones

READER
 April - Cindy Harris
 May - Anna Grimes



Saturday, April 1-9:00 AM
Going to Buttersburg Inn in Union Bridge, MD
Contact John Eaton with questions



April
Mt. Airy Net
is Collecting:
tuna, paper towels,
toilet paper, toothpaste

Palm Sunday: Potluck, Egg Hunt after Church:
Bring a dish to share. We will supply meat, drinks and paper supplies. Invite any children to come enjoy hunting for Easter eggs.



Easter Sunrise Service
Early birds, please join us for an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 9, 2023, 6:30 AM. We will gather at the front lawn of the Education Building bring a chair, bring a blanket if it's cold. Bring a breakfast snack to share. Coffee and juice will be provided.



Holy Week

Holy Week at TUMC

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

10am Worship Service
Palm procession, Communion
Potluck after service
Easter Egg Hunt for kids

Friday, April 7, 2023

7pm Good Friday Service

Thursday, April 6, 2023

7pm Maundy Thursday Service
Communion
Foot washing-come prepared if
you want to participate

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Celebrate the Risen Lord

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service
Light Breakfast
10am Worship Service-Cantata

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Prayer

- Storms in Mississippi
- The Heath and Stiles families-farming accident
- Sharon's niece, Jackie Eyer-surgery
- Amy's cousin, Alex-head trauma-skull surgery
- Lisa's friend, Valinda, surgery went well, pray for healing
- Carol's step-daughter is having MRI
- Michelle Manco's sister, Diana has cancer
- Pray for Riley family, mother killed in car accident leaves husband and 2 children
- Friends of Taylor's, Bill & Glee Butts, facing Bill's health issues
- Gail's friend, Donna-prayers for healing
- Dona Wilson-prayers for healing from back pain
- Bonnie's great niece, Micah-leukemia
- Jenny's pregnancy with twin girls, concern for growth of one twin
- Eileen's sister, Judy-has scoliosis-prayers for healing from back surgery
- Friend of Taylor's, Heidi-broke her ankle in 2 places
- Ann Lawson-herniated disc, healing from surgery - going back to work
- Sue's granddaughter-protection for trip to Italy
- Sue's cousin, Tom Pyles-now has pancreatitis, other health issues
- Prayers for homeless near and far
- John's daughter-in-law, Patti-cyst on her brain
- Linda Cole-cancer-remission-continued prayers for healing
- Taylor's niece, Becky multiple health concerns, prayers to be able to have surgery
- Sharon's friend's daughter, Whitney-cancer
- Eileen's brother-in-law, Jim, cancer
- Pray for teachers, students, staff in school
- Sue's cousin, Steve-pancreatic cancer, about 1 year to live, pray for more time
- Gail's friend Rita-had kidney transplant, needs prayers for continued healing
- Those that are sick with COVID, other illnesses
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Taylorsville UMC
- The United Methodist Church
- Pray for our Country
- Pray for our World
- Pray for Peace
- Prayers for Ukraine
- Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria
- For those in assisted living facilities, and employees. Our member in assisted living is Bud Kibbe, Hagerstown



Joys

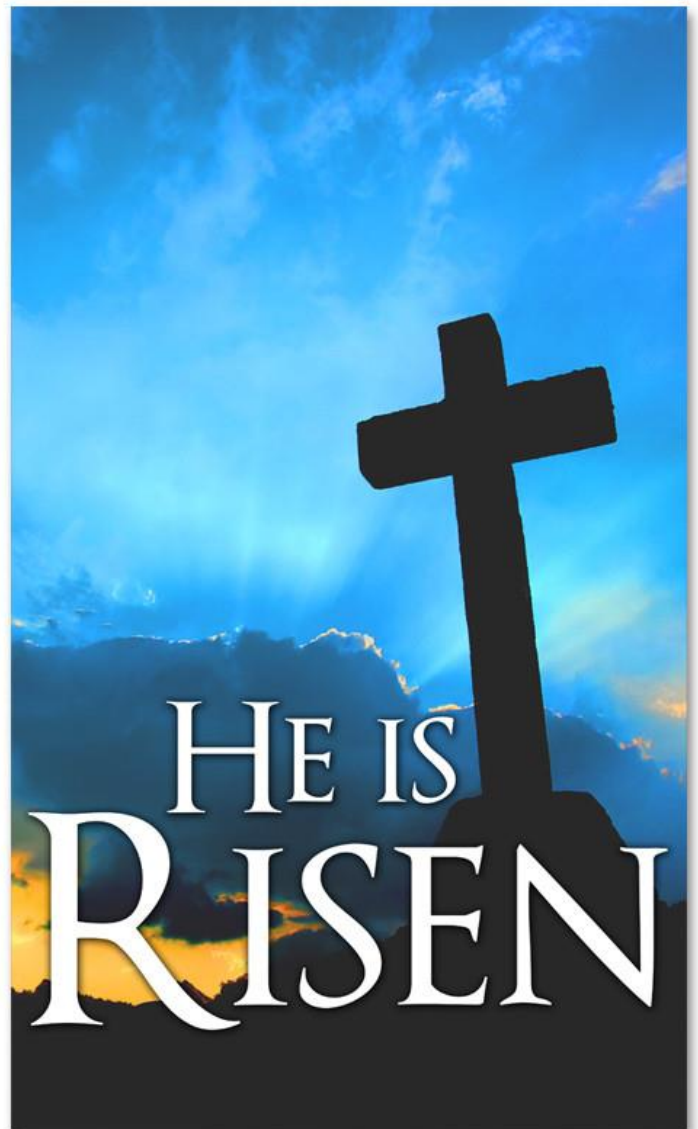
- 44 at church last Sunday
- Thanks for women who made Easter candy and all who bought candy
- UWIF filled 43 Easter baskets for Shepherd's Staff to go to kids in Carroll County

Prayers for Service Persons

Sean Grimes

(U S Navy-Tampa)

Thank you for your service Sean!!



***Wishing you Easter Blessings!
For God so loved the world that He gave
His only begotten son that whosoever
believeth in Him should not perish, but
have ever lasting life.***

John 3:16

We want to keep our prayer list as up to date as possible. Please let the office know if there is a prayer request that we have missed or one we need to take off the list. Thank you for your help with this.



Adult Sunday School Class in Basement - Fellowship Hall ~ 9:00 a.m. Contact: Dee Haines

While we live in God's kingdom on earth and pray for its fullness "on earth as it is in heaven", our hope is for nothing if Jesus has not been raised from the dead. As amazing as his resurrection remains, our April lessons invite us to remember how difficult it was for Jesus' disciples to grasp that Jesus was raised back to life - and how difficult it might be to continue to follow Him.

These lessons invite us to grapple with fear in the life of faith. Is it not often the case that we need to be reminded that we have been slow to understand, in part due to lingering fear? Are we not tempted, like Peter, to deny our Lord, even though we yearn to prove our love to Him? Jesus' resurrection defines the kingdom of Heaven, and it is a kingdom intended to overcome not only death but also fear.

We meet on Sunday morning at 9 in the social hall. We welcome your participation!

Adult Sunday School Class 8:50 a.m. in the Ed. Bldg. Contacts: Steve Novick and Jeff Taylor

Sunday School & Podcast News from Jeff Taylor:

The **TaylorsvilleUMC** webpage now has a section dedicated to podcasts produced by our church.

This page can be reached through the following link: <https://taylorsvilleumc.org/podcasts>

It also has a menu item at the top of the home page. <https://taylorsvilleumc.org>

On it you will find three different playlists. A playlist is a group of podcasts related by subject matter.

You simply click on the displayed video to access all videos in the playlist.

The first playlist is a collection of Pastor Josh's weekly sermons called "Just Preach Jesus".

The second is a collection of our 9:00 am *Sunday school* class discussions currently centered on Jewish/Christian Reflections on the Lord's Prayer.

The third is a collection of podcasts by me on various topics regarding religion, theology, and history.

A fourth playlist will be added early in March.

It will contain the six Lenten study Zoom sessions for the Easter season.

These podcasts are not just for members of our church but are designed to appeal to the wider community.

So please feel free to talk about them and share the links with anyone you feel may be interested.

This is all part of **TaylorsvilleUMC's** plan to grow our on-line congregation.



Save the Date - May 6, 2023
 The trustees will have a list of things to do in and around the church. We will start around **9:00AM**. Questions see **Steve Novick**.

Bazaar News....

Did you know the Christmas Bazaar is just 6 1/2 months away?? The date is November 11, 2023, Time: 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM. Got any questions or suggestions? Contact: the church office at 410 875-4101.



Hello everyone! My name is Kaitlyn Flagler and I am collecting plastic for my Girl Scout Gold award project. I wanted to give a progress update. I have collected 630 lbs. in total, and I have one bench coming in! Thank you to everyone that has donated plastic to this cause, I really appreciate it (and so does our environment!). I only have 370 lbs. left until I have reached my goal of 1,000lbs! The benches will be donated to the Hill Y in Westminster Maryland, placed out back of their facility in conjunction with my Eagle Scout project which is a very large checkers board. Thank you again for all the support you have given me with this project, and I want you to know that you can recycle plastic on your own too, at most of the local grocery stores! Places such as Walmart, Safeway, and Weis all have plastic recycling bins at the front of their stores. I hope you have a great day! Thank you again for your support, I am almost at the goal!



-Kaitlyn Flagler

April

2023

Office Hours
M, W, TH
9:00AM-2:30PM



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 COMMUNION 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship Facebook live/website Potluck/Egg Hunt 7:00PM Zoom Lenten Study	3	4	5 6:30PM Choir	6 7:00PM Maundy Thursday	7 7:00PM Good Friday Service	8
9 6:30AM Easter Sunrise Service 10:00AM Worship—Cantata Facebook live/website	10	11	12 6:30PM Choir	13	14	15
16 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	17	18	19 6:30PM Choir	20	21	22
23 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website.	24 7:00PM Council Meeting Newsletter Deadline	25	26 6:30PM Choir	27 7:00PM UWIF	28	29
30 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website.						Looking ahead: May 6-church Work Day



United Women in Faith



43 baskets filled for needy children in Carroll County & Shepherd's Staff.



March 23, 2023 - A Group Shot of us and the baskets



March 17, 2023 - Making Candy Eggs



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Our Mission of Purpose

We of Taylorville UMC are a community of faith who believe in Jesus Christ and who value Bible study, prayer, mission and growing in discipleship. We will connect with our unchurched neighbors through small groups that present opportunities to share our faith and worship God together.

We're on the Web!
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*Join us for Worship
each Sunday at 10AM*

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