

THE GOOD WORD

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April 2019

Sherri 's Sharings

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Sunday, April 21st we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! This will be a wonderful celebration as we remember the sacrifice of Jesus our Lord and the amazing grace of God. We are blessed to have three opportunities to celebrate the wonderful grace of God's forgiveness on Easter Sunday here at Taylorsville United Methodist Church.

Our Son Rise Service begins at 6:30 am on the lawn in front of the Ed. Building. There will be a yummy breakfast following the Son Rise Service. Later that morning we will continue to worship and praise God as we lift our hearts and hands to God during the Praise Service at 9:00 am and the Traditional Service at 11:00 am. We all get excited about Easter Sunday and all the celebrations that occur on Easter. However.....have you ever considered what happens as we lead up to Easter?

Holy Week is a time to prepare our hearts for the grace and love of Easter. So how do we prepare? We enter into a week made "holy" forever by the self-surrendering love of Jesus - for us all.

During Holy Week, we remember how God loved us. Whatever we do, no matter how busy or distracted we might be, we can let the power of Holy Week be in the background of our daily reflections. God as Jesus entered into our life - with its profound joys and its punishing evils - that we might never experience those struggles alone. So no matter what we experience this week, we can let it become a "holy" week, letting it all be touched by the graces of this week. From the humble, yet triumphant, entry into Jerusalem, to our standing together at the foot of his cross, this can be a week which helps us bring all of the elements of our lives, all our experiences of sin and death, into the font of his redeeming, liberating death and resurrection.

This past week I was talking to a few pastor friends about Holy Week. Each of us lamented that even though Easter is "late" this year, it seems like we have not had enough time to prepare. However, there is something very special about being part of all the worship events in a fast-paced week, leading to the resurrection.

On Maundy Thursday in Holy Week we celebrate the Last Supper Jesus shared with his friends. It also invites us to witness Jesus sweating blood as he prayed in the garden as those he trusted to pray with him dozed off. We also experience the painful betrayal of Jesus by Judas as he kissed Jesus. We will be having a service to remember this last meal Jesus had with his friends and how Christ invites us "to do this in remembrance."

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Good Friday offers a sense of helplessness as we see Christ whipped, beaten, and carrying a heavy cross through the streets of Jerusalem. We can hear the nails being pounded into his wrists and feet as he gasps his last breath and says, "It is finished." On Good Friday, we strip the altar. It is a solemn and holy act of faith.

In the **busy-ness** of our daily lives, it is easy to skip the sacredness of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. After all, aren't we waiting for Easter? We want to focus on the joy...not the pain. However, there is pain in our world and people we love are looking for comfort and assurance in the midst of their pain.

This year, I hope you will consider participating in our observations for Holy Week at TUMC. If you need a ride, please let me or the office know.

- **Psalm Sunday:** April 14: Easter Praise at 9:00 service. Easter Cantata at 11:00 service, **Potluck, Easter Egg Hunt:** details to be announced soon
- **Stations of the Cross:** Thursday, April 18th: 10:00 am – 6:30 pm. This is a reflective meditation. This is not a formal service, but instead it is a spiritual journey with Christ to the cross. It is a self-directed devotion. The Stations of the Cross will be located in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Maundy Thursday Service** (with Holy Communion): Thursday, April 18, 7:00 pm
- **Good Friday Service:** Friday, April 19, 7:00 pm. Good Friday is the time we remember the sacrifice Christ made for us. Easter becomes "just another holiday" when we forget to reflect on and remember the depth of pain and suffering Jesus endured on our behalf.
- **Son Rise Service** April 21: Service will begin at 6:30 am on the lawn of the Ed. Building. Breakfast will follow.
- **Easter Sunday** April 21: Praise Service at 9:00 am; Traditional Service at 11:00 am. BRING A FRIEND!

Holy Week and Easter are prime times to invite a friend to worship with us. It is also a great time to reaffirm your faith in Christ Jesus by attending the special services. My prayer is that each of you will know the abundant love of God throughout this Lenten Season, throughout Holy Week, and into Easter and beyond!

I love you and God loves you more...and there is nothing you can do about it!

Blessings in Christ Jesus!

Pastor Sherri

Vacation Bible Camp:

Our theme this year is Dinosaurs. We will be collecting dinosaur items. We are planning to announce the dates of the camp soon.



We will be collecting **Canned Fruit** in **April** for



Please leave items in the back of the Sanctuary

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—11am

USHERS/GREETERS

April- Dave Frazier & Jeff Taylor

May- Ray & Candy McConchie

READERS

April- Steve Iden

May- Jean Knill



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-----------------|----|--------------|
| 5 | Ray McConchie | 25 | Mary Beth |
| 5 | Steve Novick | | Signorino |
| 10 | Sheri Schreiber | 25 | Marge Dimond |
| 13 | Karen Keenan | | |
| 14 | Jeff Franklin | | |
| 23 | Brittney Keenan | | |
| 23 | Nathan Young | | |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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| 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 22nd**



You can give to Taylorsville electronically.....

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PO Box 523

Mount Airy, MD 21771-0523

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If you use the church or have an activity at the church please take your food/trash with you!

Thank You!!

Prayer Page

Please Remember in Prayer:

Lifting Our Hearts In...

Praise

T.J.'s surgery went well
 Joe Gregor in church
 Debra Taylor safe journey/good visit with family
 J.O.Y. luncheon
 Steve Iden's Aunts visit his dad
 Warm weather

Prayer

Dee Haines & family for passing of John
 Laura, Hearl's friend sick with cancer
 Maria & Steve's nephew, Jarred Memmi
 Pray for church
 We need to read Bible more
 Kathy Cinnamond's dad-healing from surgery
 Amy, friend of Kathy Cinnamond
 Healing: Miss Elsie, Sharon Long, Cindy
 Watts, Bill Knill, Joe Gregor, Linda
 Lochstampfor's sister, Marlene
 Cindy Russell-friend of Sandi Mennerick
 Ministries at TUMC
 Rev. Bud Kibbe
 Lauren Logue
 Steve Michael
 Wanda Haddaway
 Bob & Phyllis Herbig
 John Hortie
 The Landerholm Family (missionaries in
 Unalaska)

Prayers for Service Persons

Sean Martini	serving in Afghanistan
Sean Grimes	(United States Navy) Bahrain

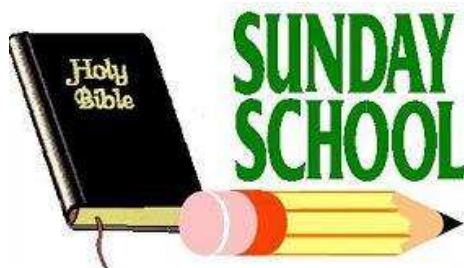


*With Deepest
 Sympathy*

*We extend our sympathy to
 Dee Haines and her family upon
 the death of John. Please
 know that your church family is
 praying for you at this time.*

APRIL 2019 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 Philippians 3:7-11 Dear God, help us know you better. Help us to spread the gospel to those who don't know your name. Teach us to depend on your gifts, and not our own.</p>	<p>2 Matthew 28:1-10 God, we pray that we can rush to your feet, just as these women did. Teach us how to worship you above all else and to not be afraid to tell others about what you have done for us.</p>	<p>3 Psalm 119:25-32 Dear God, bring me close to you. Instruct me in the ways of the word. I will ponder your word and pray for understanding. Enlighten me with Scripture and help me to tell the truth. I have chosen to follow your word. I pray for greater knowledge.</p>	<p>4 1 John 4:19-21 Thank you, God, for loving us. Teach me to love like you love. Help me to love others with a love like I have for you.</p>	<p>5 Isaiah 49:13-18 Dear Heavenly Father, no matter what happens, we trust in you. We thank you for your everlasting love. We thank you for your comfort and compassion in our time of need.</p>	<p>6 Psalm 119:10-16 Dear Lord, please help us follow the path you have laid out for us. Let the commandments be with us through our journey. Teach us how to always delight in your decrees and to never forget your word.</p>
<p>7 Exodus 17:8-16 Dear Lord, always be my banner. Help me to always follow your commandments as a guide for my life.</p>	<p>8 Psalm 119:97-106 Father, thank you for your word. Thank you for lighting our path and guiding us to righteousness. Help us to always remember your word and follow its ways.</p>	<p>9 Luke 8:22-25 Lord, give us the strength to rely on you during our times of need. We should trust in our faith in times of doubt. With your guidance, the burden of stress in our daily lives will be lifted from our hearts.</p>	<p>10 Lamentations 3:21-25 Dear Lord, help us remember that your faithful love never leaves us. Remind us that even in times when we doubt your presence, we can depend on your neverending love.</p>	<p>11 Psalm 16:1-11 Dear Lord, you are my refuge because you help me in my time of need. You help guide me through life when I'm stressed out. Thank you for giving me life.</p>	<p>12 2 Corinthians 12:6-10 God, help us to be humble. Teach us to give you all the glory and to trust in your power. We celebrate when we are weak because we know you, God, are strong.</p>	<p>13 Luke 11:9-13 God, we pray that we continually seek after you and we ask for your presence in our lives. Give us your spirit, Lord, to guide us through our days. We thank you for all the blessings you give to your children.</p>
<p>14 Philippians 4:1-9 Father, we ask that we will always be full of the joy that only comes from you. Help us to not worry about anything, yet seek you in everything. We thank you for the peace that you give us in our times of need.</p>	<p>15 Psalm 27:1-14 God, we find strength in you as we face our enemies. Help us to not be overwhelmed, but find peace in you. Thank you for being our light and for always protecting us.</p>	<p>16 Romans 8:12-17 Heavenly Father, help us live by your Spirit and not by the flesh. Lead us to you, so that we may learn to be your children. Teach us that the Spirit doesn't entrap us, but makes us your sons and daughters. Remind us that even through our hardships, we will still return to you in heaven and share in your glory.</p>	<p>17 Psalm 34:4-10 Dear Lord, help me to look to you in my times of need. Teach me that I can trust in you and that you will never fail me. Show me that I will only benefit and grow in you when I seek advice from you.</p>	<p>18 John 10:1-5 Dear God, we give you our thanks for leaving the gate to heaven open to us, although we are sinners. Thank you for being a shepherd and guide to us, your sheep. Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to you and let us not stray from the path you have set before us.</p>	<p>19 2 Corinthians 4:8-18 Dear Lord, thank you for your great sacrifice. Through your death we may live bountiful lives of promise that glorify your name. We ask that you will give us the strength and courage to live lives of faith.</p>	<p>20 Mark 9:35-37 God, please help us to put each other first. Help us to be generous and caring towards each other and to also love ourselves.</p>
<p>21 Psalm 19:1-14 Dear Heavenly Father, we live for you and we serve you. Our actions and decisions are all made for you. Please forgive us when we slip up. We may wander in our faith, but thank you for always leading us right back onto the path you have cleared for us. I devote my life and actions to you.</p>	<p>22 Luke 2:36-38 Dear God, please help us remember to stay faithful during trying times. We must continue to pray even through times when our faith might be challenged or questioned. We love you.</p>	<p>23 John 1:1-5 Dear God, thank you for being a light we can run to, because you are superior. You are a beacon of light for us. We thank you for the wonderful gift of this life. We love and appreciate you.</p>	<p>24 1 Samuel 17:31-47 Thank you for protecting me from harm, even when I don't know I am in danger. I will not take your protection for granted again.</p>	<p>25 John 6:25-35 Dear God, I promise I will not follow you because of the things you can give me or do for me. I will follow you because I want to grow closer to you and be a disciple of Jesus.</p>	<p>26 Proverbs 3:5-10 Dear God, I ask that you will lead me on the right path through life. Thank you for your love and your understanding of the decisions that I make when I am following the direction you have chosen for me.</p>	<p>27 Matthew 6:5-15 Dear God, sometimes we wonder if there's a right or wrong way to pray. Then we remind ourselves that you have shown us that no matter what our prayer is about, you will still listen and accept our prayer.</p>
<p>28 Romans 10:1-14 Dear God, please let us know that no matter who we are, if we call on you, we will be saved by your love. Help us know that you are the Lord who richly blesses us all.</p>	<p>29 John 14:15-26 Dear God, let us know that the Spirit that speaks through you is giving us nothing but the truth. Let us know that the Spirit and the Father live inside us. We know who you are and that you will show yourself to those who truly love you.</p>	<p>30 Romans 12:17-21 Dear Lord, please help us do what is right in the eyes of others, but most especially you. Please empower us to love our enemies, and do what is right. Allow us to overcome evil with good.</p>				



Adult Sunday School - Education Building

This is a discussion based class and we are currently studying the Minor Prophets. We are using the Minor Prophets 2 guidebook which covers: Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Turn around! Wake up! Be Alert! Pay attention! The messages of the minor prophets are like spiritual caffeine. Through the prophets, God called his people away from their sinful life and sent them forward in active faith. Prophetic messages that are as relevant today as they were back then. Please join us! We meet on Sunday mornings in the education building (9:50-10:50).

Children's Sunday School - Education Building

Our Sunday School has been very busy. We have been learning about Lent and what it means to be like Jesus. We celebrated St. Patrick's day and learned about the Holy Trinity. We will continue to study the Easter story and we will work together to create a Resurrection Garden.

We meet in the nursery room in the education building (9:50-10:50). All ages welcome!

Adult Sunday School Class at 9:50am—social hall

In putting our study into practice, our discipleship goes through stages. We move from on-the-job training to accepting the master's values and vision before venturing out on missions to advance the master's interests. The second unit in this quarter moves from education to practice this way.

We continue to learn from Jesus as we venture forth for him. There will always be various reasons and excuses to delay venturing. Yet we must venture out of our cloister and begin making a difference in the real world.

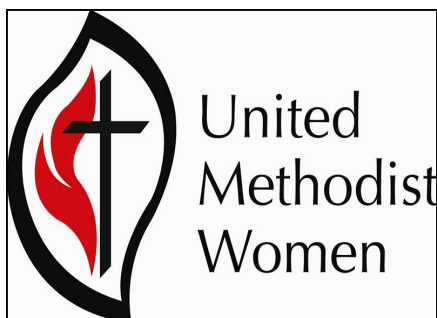
Like the fisherman on the shores of Galilee we learn to venture where the masters voice leads. We pledge to count the cost of our choices and give up our lives to him. Our values continue to be shaped as we do Jesus' work, until our voice is his voice and the song of his resurrection is the soundtrack of our lives. We don't work on commission - we are commissioned, placing everything of our own into the cause of Christ.

Join us in April as we look at our call to ministry as Matthew describes it.

**Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study
at 9:00 am**



We are still studying what Paul's letters in 1st and 2nd Corinthians to the Christians in Corinth have to say to our church today.. Most of the questions and problems that confronted the church in Corinth are still very much with us. The book also contains two of the most familiar and beloved chapters in the Bible - Chapter 13 on Love and Chapter 15 on the Resurrection. You are welcome to join us anytime your schedule allows.



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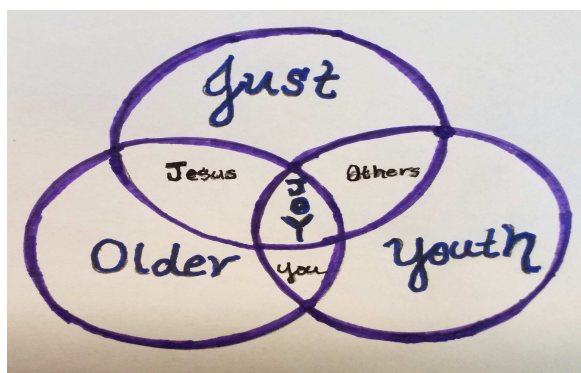
**Thursday, April 25,
7:00 pm**

We will be having a Presentation by Emily Martin- Sharing her medical mission trip to Haiti last August. Her trip was supported by TUMC. As always, **all** are invited to join us in the Education building. Refreshments will be served.

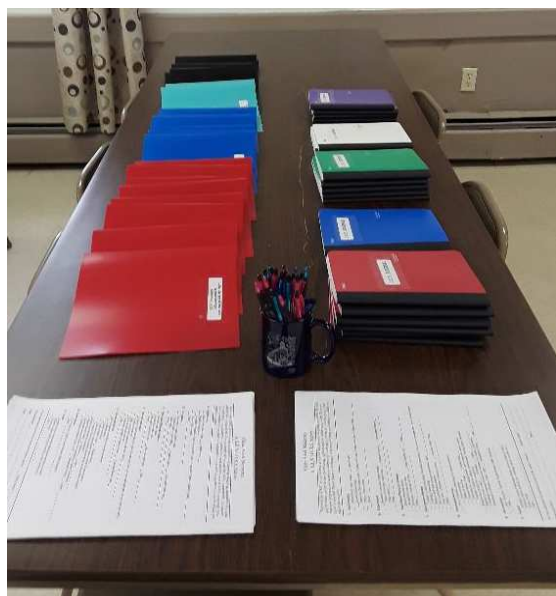


**Saturday,
April 6th**

Join the Men for Breakfast
Leaving the church at 8:30am
Going to Buttersburg Inn in
Union Bridge, MD



J.O.Y. held their first meeting on March 20th. We enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch and fellowship time. Our speaker, was Kathy Cinnamond, co-chair of the J.O.Y. Ministry. Her talk was all about JOY! She had many examples of Joy from the Bible and famous writers. She shared personal experiences and we learned that joy is not an emotion but an attitude, which is a gift from God. Everyone was given a JOY journal and a JOY notebook, along with packets of seeds that say, "Sow seeds of JOY".



The next **J.O.Y.** luncheon and meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 17th at 12pm**. We will share a potluck lunch, fellowship time and then our guest speaker will be Rev. Stephen Ricketts. He will share with us his plethora of knowledge on John Wesley. Please bring a friend.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Office Hours M, W, T 9:00 am - 2:30 pm</p>	1	2	3	<p>4 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Stitch And A Prayer</p>	<p>5 FEED MY SHEEP</p>	<p>6 9:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Buttersburg Inn in Union Bridge</p>
<p>7 9:00 am Praise Service 9:50-10:50 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 12:15 pm Choir</p>	<p>8 11:00 am Bible Study @ The Meadows</p>	9	10	<p>11 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Stitch And A Prayer</p>	12	13
<p>14 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Praise Service 9:50-10:50 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service-Cantata 12:15 pm Potluck/ Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p>15 11:00 am Bible Study @ The Meadows</p>	16	<p>17 12:00-2:00 pm J.O.Y. Potluck/Meeting</p>	<p>18 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am- 6:30 pm- Stations of the Cross- Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service</p>	<p>19 Good Friday 7:00 pm Good Friday Service</p>	20
<p>21 Easter 6:30 am Son Rise Service/Breakfast 9:00 am Praise Service 9:50-10:50 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional</p>	<p>22 11:00 am Bible Study @ The Meadows APRIL NEWS-LETTER DEAD-LINE</p>	23	24	<p>25 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm UMW</p>	26	27
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Shrove Tuesday was good food, fun, and fellowship. We raised over \$400 for our mission projects. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this a success.



Recipe to try with
your family this
Easter.

Submitted by:
Linda Cole



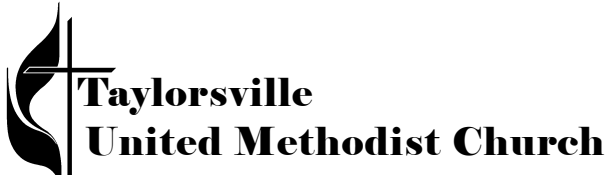
Easter Story Cookies

1 c. whole pecans
1 tsp. vinegar
3 egg whites
pinch of salt
1 c. sugar

zipper baggie
wooden spoon
tape
Bible

Preheat oven to 300°. This is important. Don't wait until you're half done with the recipe. Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3. Let each child smell the vinegar, then put into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30. Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11. Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27. So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup of sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Psalms 34:8 and John 3:16. Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3. Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper-covered cookie sheet. Explain each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60. Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn off the oven. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 27:65-66. Go to bed! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22. On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matthew 28:1-9.





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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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Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Palm Sunday	April 14
9:00 am	Praise Worship Service
11:00 am	Traditional Worship Service
12:00 noon	Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt
Maundy Thursday	April 18
10:00 am – 6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
	Communion
Good Friday	April 19
7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Easter Sunday	April 21
6:30 am	Son Rise Service
	followed by breakfast
9:00 am	Praise Service
11:00 am	Traditional Service

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