



April 2020

THE GOOD WORD

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A Resurrection People

I admit, I struggled with what to write for this month's newsletter. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic and the new restrictions and updated advice from the CDC each day, sending Anna a message a week before it would go out to the congregation seemed like anything I wrote would be irrelevant by the time it got to you all.

But then I remembered, we are still in Lent. We are still in a time of darkness and stillness. And boy have we been forced to be still! This has been a Lenten season like no other in my lifetime and I would guess like none of yours either. Yes, we are in Lent, and by the time you read this we will be about to enter Holy Week. We will remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and then his ultimate betrayal by Judas, his denial by Peter, his brutal passion and his death on the cross.

But that's not where Christ's story ends. The Good News is that Christ is Resurrected! Christ overcame death and in so doing granted each of us eternal life with God.

Our story is not over either. Eventually this pandemic will pass. Eventually we will all come out of our quarantines and return to regular distances and social gatherings will resume.

Will our time apart have changed us at all?

One of the hopes is that each Lent we learn something new about ourselves or about God when we practice spiritual disciplines like fasting, prayer, or deeper study of God's word. This Lent, while it may not have been our choice, we've all been presented with the opportunity to practice some of those disciplines. With less time traveling places, we have had more time to spend with family or with our Bibles. What have we learned from that? With less face-to-face interaction, people have been connecting in new or different ways. How has that helped you develop or strengthen relationships with your neighbors?

One more thing I want you to think about... Think back to Epiphany. Did you get a Star Word? Do you still have it and/or remember what it was? How has that word been relevant during this time? Mine was FLEXIBILITY! Boy have I been exercising that lately. So many aspects of my job and my life have needed to be adapted over the past week and will continue to need me to be flexible for the weeks to come. When I think of my word, I am reminded that with God's help, I can figure out new ways to do ministry. I can even figure out new ministries if needed.

We are a resurrection people. That means that our focus is not on the horrible happenings of Good Friday. It means we focus instead of the amazing events of Easter. Keep that in mind as we figure out our way through this pandemic. Be cautious and follow the new guidelines and laws that are in place, but remember that this is a temporary condition and that one day we will rise and live freely again.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Julie

Church will remain closed through April 26th.

Please stay safe.
Social distancing does not mean the Holy Spirit can't connect us!



You can still Worship With Our Congregation:

For those who do not have Facebook, or even those who do, there is a new, easy way for you to still see our Live worship service as it is happening, or after it happens, (as long as no *new* videos are posted yet). Simply go to:

<https://taylorsvilleumc.freeonlinechurch.com/live> and you will see the same video as those on Facebook are seeing, without all the extra clutter that comes with Facebook.

The **teleconference phone number** for Sunday worship is: **857-799-9465**. We will continue to use this number throughout April as we continue to worship with Tom's Creek UMC. There is no access code (but it is a toll call if you don't have unlimited calling anywhere within the US).

HOLY WEEK IN A BAG

Stop by the education building **March 30th** - April 4th to pick up your "Holy Week in a Bag" kit.

It will include Palms for Palm Sunday and some liturgy for Holy Week (the rest will be sent via email or mail later on).

There will also be options for families including Easter Eggs, Coloring Pages, and more.





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

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 23rd

Updates to the Directory (please update your copy)
 BARNES HALL, Wanda MENNERICK, Sandi
 301 Luther Dr. 301-703-8708
 Westminster, MD 21158
 wanda@clan-hall.com
 410-857-7541

Prayer List

Lifting Our Hearts In...

Praise

- Acts of kindness during this time
- Rain
- Flowers blooming

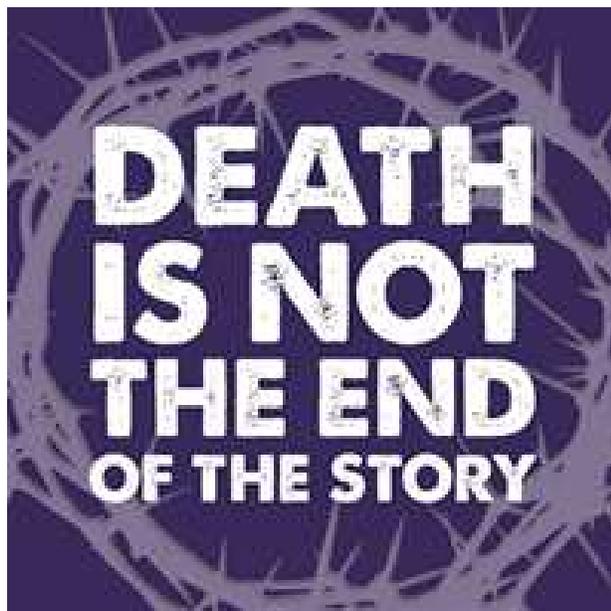
Prayer

- Bennett-surgery went well, some heart rhythm issues, keep praying for healing
- Those in healthcare & National Guard who are on the frontline of testing & treatment
- Loved ones who are sick, having surgery, or about to give birth, family members are not allowed in the hospitals now, which adds to anxiety & a sense of loss to all these situations.
- For those in assisted living facilities, those with loved ones in assisted living who are unable to visit them at this time and those employees who have extra responsibilities to love and care for these folks during this time when they are extra vulnerable. Our members in assisted living are Bud Kibbe, J.D. Iden and Brenda Eaton.
- For those with small businesses and others who are financially at risk during this pandemic
- All those with COVID-19
- Eileen's dad, Tom healing slowly
- Family of Fred Basgier
- The United Methodist Church
- Our nation and leaders
- Pray for our church
- Amy, friend of Kathy Cinnamond
- Healing: Cindy Watts, Linda Lochstampfor's sister, Marlene better
- Wanda Haddaway
- Bob & Phyllis Herbig
- John Hortie
- The Landerholm Family (missionaries in Unalaska)

Prayers for Service Persons

Sean Grimes (U S Navy-Bahrain)

Join Us for:



April 5 (Palm Sunday): Life & Death

April 12 (Easter): Resurrection

Be prepared!! When the country is released from our Social Distancing requirement, we will be back to our Bible Study. If you have used your "extra" time and read any of the thoughts in our Study guide, we will share thoughts on which descriptive names for God we can apply to this season of COVID-19.



Pencil in Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Education Building. We'll continue our study of the Names of God as seen in the Scriptures.

Romans 11:36 "To Him alone, our Jehovah-jireh, our El Shaddai, be the glory forever.

Blessings and Good Health,
Jean



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
FELLOWSHIP GATHERING (PENDING CHURCH OPENING)

Thursday April 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Come for an evening of Fellowship
Sharing, Meditation and refreshments.

ATTENTION SENIORS: Governor Hogan announced a program that seniors can sign up for. If you call the number, they will call you each day at a particular time to check on you and make sure that you are doing ok. The number to sign up is **1-866-50-CHECK**.

You can give to Taylorsville electronically.....



No need to bring a checkbook every week. If you would like to give your tithe or gifts through on-line banking, please set-up your automatic payment through your bank to:

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*If you need more information, please contact the church office. **The church no longer has a Post Office Box.***

Check out our church Facebook page!

Just search Taylorsville United Methodist Church to see posts about our church.

We live-stream our sermons, so if you miss a Sunday just go to Facebook to listen.

What have you been doing during the pandemic? See below.

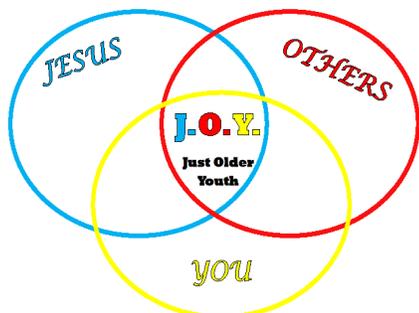


Deb Taylor says "So far my time at home has been spent doing some serious "spring cleaning" following a remodeling project. This led to a lot of purging, recycling, and organizing and a couple of neat closets!"



Anna has been spending more time reading the bible, praying and crocheting.





Taylorsville United Methodist Church invites all “Older” Adults to experience **J.O.Y.**

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) is an Older Adult Ministry for men and women that strengthens one’s love for Jesus, Others, and You.

The next meeting by conference call is scheduled for APRIL 15 at NOON. Here are instructions on how to join the call:

- **Dial-in number: (515) 606-5156, if you get busy signal keep trying**
- **Access code: 505249**

*Even though we are using the service known as Free Conference Call, the phone number is technically a toll call if you do not have unlimited calling within the US.

After you call the dial-in number, it will ask you for the Access code followed by the #.

You will join the call with audio and voice.

To mute yourself so we cannot hear you and all the background noise from your home, please press *6 until you need to talk. When you do need to talk, press *6 again and you will be unmuted.

The earth shook with the news.
HE IS NOT HERE;
HE IS RISEN!
 And in that moment,
joy REPLACED DESPAIR
hope PUSHED PAST FEAR
life CONQUERED DEATH
 not just that day, but for eternity.
 We celebrate the **of Christ**
resurrection
 for what it meant then and
 what it means for us every day;
a sacrifice
 that brings
 FORGIVENESS, RENEWAL, AND PEACE
 to any of us
 who put our *faith* in **Jesus.**



APRIL 2020

TAYLOVILLE UMC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Pray for our World this month	Pickup Holy Week in a bag at Ed. Bldg.	1 Pickup Holy Week in a bag at Ed. Bldg.	2 Pickup Holy Week in a bag at Ed. Bldg.	3 Pickup Holy Week in a bag at Ed. Bldg.	4 Pickup Holy Week in a bag at Ed. Bldg.
5 Palm Sunday- Church Closed	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 EASTER Church Closed	13	14	15 J.O.Y. Call In Meeting at NOON	16	17	18
19 Church Closed	20	21	22	23 Newsletter Deadline	24	25
26 Church Closed	27	28	29	30 7:00 PM UMW (pending church being open)	Church voice-mail is being monitored	Office Hours M, W, T 9:00 AM—2:30PM (Closed for now)



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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.



Worship Times:

Praise Worship Service	9:00 am
Sunday School	9:50 am
Traditional Worship Service	11:00 am

We're on the Web!
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