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FROM THE PASTOR

Where are you this season?

As we make our way to Holy week, where do you find yourself? Thinking about the story that unfolds in the last week of Jesus' life, what scene is your scene?

Are you standing in the streets of Jerusalem, ankle-deep with cast-off palms and cloaks? Are you surrounded by signs of the crowds—and how their fleeting adulation cluttered the city? Like those streets, is your life overcrowded with people and things that call for your attention? Are you wading your way through the palm-strewn streets, knowing, or hoping, that Jesus is in the mix somewhere?

Are you standing on the edge of the temple steps, looking at the aftermath of Jesus' temper-tantrum with the money changers? Are you still reeling from the feeling that Jesus was so frustrated that this gentle, loving man would throw the livelihood of the merchants on the ground? Are you worried about where he will turn his attention next?

Are you at the door of the upper room, unwilling to go in, because Jesus is asking to wash your feet? Does his kneeling there before you make you uncomfortable, as he speaks of servanthood in a way that turns upside down any thoughts of what power looks like?

Are you distracted by the smell of perfume that remains after Mary's display of love, having poured the whole bottle on Jesus' feet? Does the smell overwhelm you, giving you a headache as you think of her awkward display, or does the aroma invite you to do the same?

Are you alone in Gethsemane, still shaking from the sight of the soldiers dragging Jesus away? Are you rattled from the realization that even we who love Jesus can betray him? Are you distracted by how hard and how harsh the story of faith inevitably gets?

Are you sitting in the silence of Saturday, stirring in the anguish of having nothing to do, nowhere to go to get away from the feelings of loss, with no avenue for "fixing" what has been broken?

Or might you be at the edge of the garden, right on the margin of a new beginning, a beginning you do not see coming?

Could it be that you are standing in a place where,
just beyond your sight,
new life is just about to burst forth?

Shawn Callender Hogan
Pastor



JOIN US THROUGHOUT HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014

Sunday service at 10:30 am (in the Sanctuary)

With palms in hand we will recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of his journey to the cross.

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2014

7:00 p.m. (in the Chapel)

We will gather around the table, remembering the Last Supper and the vulnerability of the night before Jesus' death.

Good Friday, April 18, 2014

7:00pm (in the Chapel)

We will reflect on Jesus' final hours, expressing our gratitude for God's ultimate gift.

EASTER SUNDAY: CHRIST IS RISEN! April 20, 2014

Our Easter Schedule has changed:

Join us for **Breakfast from 9 am – 10 am** in the Social Hall,
(we could use some helpers – care to volunteer? Please call the church office)

then gather for worship at

10:30 a.m.: Easter Service (in the Sanctuary)

Celebrate the Resurrection through music, prayer, proclamation, and the sharing in the Lord's Supper!

Observing Holy Week in the Home

by Lynn Gilliam

<http://www.gbod.org/lead-your-church/holy-week1/resource/observing-holy-week-in-the-home>

While many families celebrate Advent in the home, it may be harder to observe Holy Week at home. After all, it's much easier to talk with our children about the baby in the manger than it is to discuss Jesus' death and the events leading up to it. But just as the observance of Advent helps us to prepare for the celebration of Christmas, observing Holy Week helps prepare us for the joyous celebration of Easter. Here are some ideas to help families journey toward Easter together.

Consider having simpler meals than usual. Fasting, one of the most ancient of spiritual disciplines, is not appropriate for everyone, certainly not for young children. But all of us can simplify our meals in order to remind ourselves of the solemnity of the week leading up to Good Friday. Simply eliminating desserts is an easy way to do this. Talk to your children about how our giving up something we enjoy can remind us of Jesus' giving up his life for us.

Read together about the events of the last weeks of Jesus' life in your Bible. Children who are old enough and enjoy reading can read some of the passages to the family. [Easter Eggs with a Difference](#) provides one way to read many of the pertinent passages with your family and talk about them.

Attend the week's special services at your church. Most churches will have special services during Holy Week, especially on Good Friday. While it may be tempting to exclude our children from these solemn and sad observances, these are an important part of understanding and experiencing the joy of Easter morning. Give your children opportunities after the service to talk about what happened and their feelings. Talk about your own feelings as well.

Add the events of Holy Week to your family prayers (i.e. "God, we remember today how Jesus served his friends by washing their feet. Help us to serve others, too.").

And when Easter arrives, celebrate at home (as well as at church) in a big way. Make "Christ is risen!" banners to hang around the house. Have a special food. If fresh flowers are available, bring some in to decorate the spaces where your family gathers. Teach your children the traditional Easter greeting: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" and the response: "The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!"



“Meet Bianca” A Women’s Retreat

Gather as we explore the power of **community** in this one-day retreat here in the Social Hall.

Saturday, April 12, 2014

9 am – 4 pm (Participation in the full day is expected)
Lunch will be provided by the United Methodist Women
Sign up ahead of time for this precious time of
fellowship and learning!

Please join us for our regular Sunday service (10:30am) on **April 27th** as we discuss what it means to experience God in the world around us. Brian Tipton will be giving a message entitled **“The Holy Hush,”** providing an experiential reflection on what it means to experience God through God’s creation.



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April Education Article

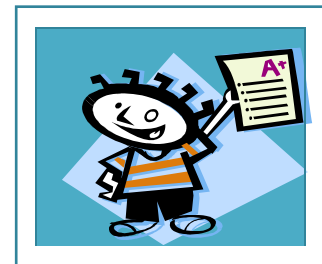
As you may be aware this past weekend I was approved by the Upper New York Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry for commissioning in The United Methodist Church. What this means for our community is that come **July 1st I will receive an appointment from the Bishop** to begin a new season of ministry in a local congregation of the Upper New York Conference. Thus, I will be ending my time as Director of Christian Education here at UMC of Summit. I share this news with you feeling great joy and sadness. I have been profoundly grateful for my four years of ministry here and will miss the relationships I have developed over these years. Yet, I am also excited to begin this new season and return to my roots in upstate New York. Our church's Staff Parish Relations Committee will be meeting to discuss the position and begin making arrangements to find a new Director of Education, who will begin in August. Until then I look forward to continuing to serve this community and hope you join with me in making the best of these next four months.

In Christ
-Drew

Attention Graduating Seniors:

The United Methodist Church offers two scholarships for graduating students who will be attending an institution for higher education in the fall. These scholarships have been made possible by the compassion of Ms. Evelyn Welsh and Ms. Mildred Wycoff. To apply for a scholarship you need to submit the following:

- **A two page essay** highlighting your community, church and school involvement. Please also explain your economic need.
- **Proof of enrollment** from the university/college you will be attending in the fall.



To be considered for these scholarships all items are due by **APRIL 13th*

Ways to get involved with Summit UMC Education

Wow It's Wednesday

4:30pm Snacks & Greeting

4:40pm Wesley Choir & Homework Help

5:00pm Devotions

5:00pm Conversations with Pastor Hogan

5:15pm Singing Believers & Green Room Time

6:00pm All Adjourn

Sunday School

+Children (Pre-K-3rd)

10:45am [2nd floor]

+T'weens (4th-7th)

9:30am [3rd floor]

+Sr. High (8th-12th)

9:30am [3rd floor]



Parents' Night Out



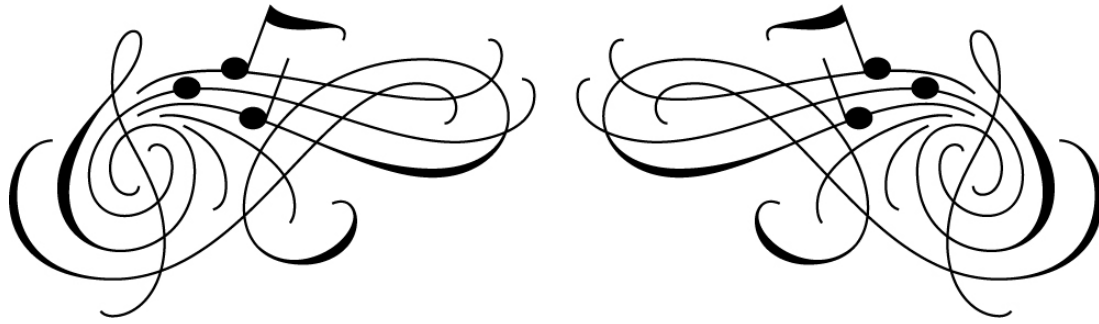
**April 25th, 6 - 9pm
In the Green Room**

Suggested \$10 donation
\$5 for every child after the first



Nursery Care

Nursery Care is available on Sundays from 9:00am until 11:30am for children 6 weeks to 2 years!



MUSIC NOTES

Joanne Teubner Prussak, Music Director

Our journey in Lent takes us through Holy Week and culminates with the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday, April 20th.

Wesley Choir, Singing Believers, Believer Quartet

These groups are preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter worship. Rehearsals for the Wesley Choir and the Singing Believers (part of *Wow, It's Wednesday*) are at 4:40pm and 5:15pm respectively. The Believer Quartet rehearses on Saturday at 12:30pm. **All choirs will have a warm-up on April 13 and April 20 at 10:10am in the Sanctuary** to prepare for worship. Please have your robes on and be seated in the front pew by the piano. Let us praise the Lord with our Hosanna and Alleluias.

Hand Bell Choir

Our Hand Bell Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:45am in the Sanctuary. The Bells will be singing for Palm Sunday and Easter worship. **Combined rehearsals with Chancel Choir will be after Holy Thursday worship. Rehearsal will be in the Sanctuary at 8:00pm and rehearsing again Easter morning at 9:45am.**

Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble meets after worship. We encourage singers and instrumentalists to join us. The ensemble uses the contemporary "Worship and Song" book. Come and raise your voices or your musical instruments in praise at the **April 27th worship.**

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Chapel. The Choir sings at Sunday 10:30am worship and will sing for **Holy Thursday, April 17th** – worship at 7:00pm **warm-up at 6:30pm.** We will rehearse **after worship service in the Sanctuary at 8:00pm** with the Bell Choir in preparation for Easter.

As is our tradition, we will be singing from "The Messiah". Please come and join us in the Chancel area. We have additional music ready for you! Come and make a joyful sound with voices, trumpet and organ.

*"And He shall reign forever and ever.
King of kings and Lord of lords, Hallelujah!"*

EASTER FLOWERS 2014

Contributions for Easter Flowers will be received until April 11th.

The money collected is used to decorate the Sanctuary, with any remaining money going to provide flowers for future Sunday services. The flowers from Easter will be distributed to our home-bound and hospitalized members and others, as determined by the Pastor.

If you would like your contribution noted in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 20th, please complete the form below.

This form may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the Church Office. Please make your *checks payable to UMC Flower Fund*. Thank You!

Your

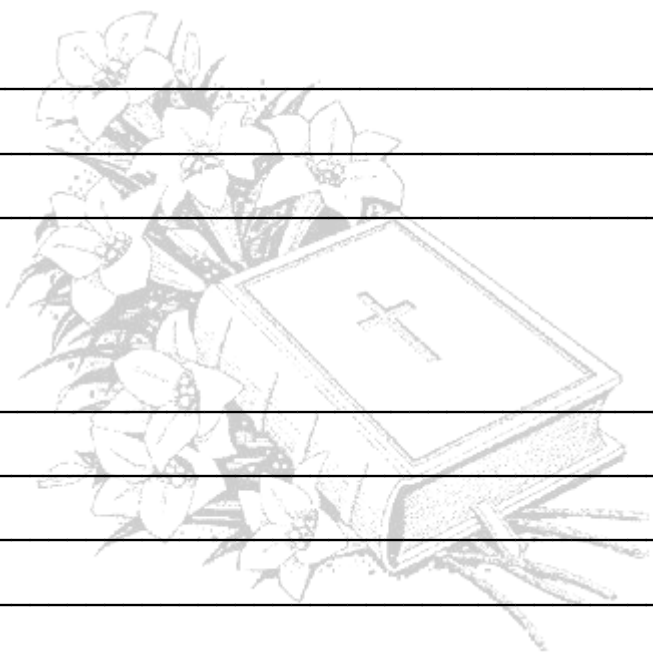
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In Loving Memory

of: _____

In Honor

of: _____



CHILDREN'S

Easter Sunday Word Search

Y N E S I R
T A Y P S O
N C D U M I
E M S N A V
L E B I U A
J C R O S S



CROSS LENT SAVIOR
JESUS RISEN SUNDAY

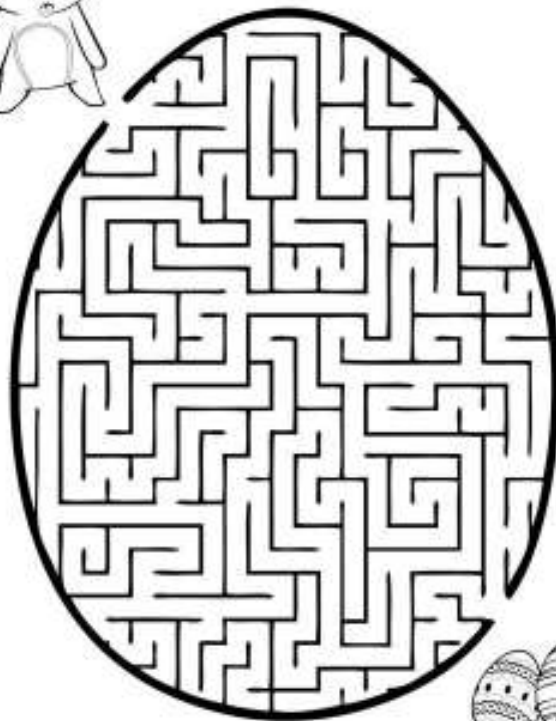


What other words remind
you of Easter?

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



THE EVANGELISM AND HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

of the United Methodist Church of Summit
would like to celebrate our rich heritage.

On Sunday, April 6, 2014 during coffee hour we ask that you provide an appetizer, main dish or dessert from your country or state of origin or even a recipe that has been passed down from generation to generation in your family.

The UMCS has dedicated 2014 to connecting with family, friends and community, and connecting with our roots seems like a good and fun place to start.

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to 100% participation.

Any questions, please *contact Debbi Picorale, Shela Waldron or Faye Cunningham.*



WOMEN'S IN-HOUSE RETREAT

Saturday, **April 12, 2014** 9am – 4pm
“Meet Bianca”

A retreat about Community

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP on sign-up sheet in the Social Hall
so we have an accurate headcount

Calling all ladies!!

UMW is collating a contact list for all of the women in the church in order to spread the word about upcoming events. Please send your email to Latonia Hall at ljhall01@yahoo.com. If you do not have email or would just prefer a phone call, please leave your phone number with the church office and the information will be placed in the UMW mailbox.

BIRTHDAYS & Anniversaries in April:

1	<i>Beverly & Stephen Brown</i>	7	<i>Debbie & Greg Vartan</i>	21	Austin Wilkins
	Chris Cunningham	14	Amanda Brown	22	Ian Cunningham
	Elaine Stolpe		Ethan Kaup		Allie Wernsing
2	Sarah Shuttleworth	17	<i>Dorothy & Mark Koernig</i>	25	Veronica Clark
3	Joan Bollman	18	Valerie DeMartin	26	David Hughes
	Emily LaJeunesse	19	David Case		Debbi Picorale
4	Betsey Chorpenning		Hannah Flammé	28	Keith Miles
6	Eleanor McGlauglin	20	Kristine Rodriguez		
			Steven Rodriguez		

Easter Baskets

for the Jefferson Elementary School Community

Jefferson Elementary School has some unique needs for support, and we can make a difference. Our donation of Easter dinners last year brought much-needed provisions and joy to many families; so we are once again arranging Easter dinners for 2014.

How You Can Get Involved:

Special Offering

On Sunday, **March 30th** we will have a special offering envelope in the Sunday bulletin for you to give funds that will be transformed into food and gift cards to families in need. *Please make out any checks to the United Methodist Church; note in the memo "Jefferson School."*

Easter Meals

We will put together Easter dinners for families in need. All Easter dinner donations will be gathered by **April 13th**, and delivered to and distributed by Jefferson School. *Below is a list of food items needed for the meals; you can sign-up in the Social Hall.*

Dates:

March 30	<i>Special Offering during worship</i>
April 6	<i>Food drop off</i>
April 13	<i>Food drop off</i>
April 13	<i>Easter dinner gift boxes assembled</i>
April 14	<i>Easter dinner gift boxes delivered to Jefferson School</i>

Items Needed:

Rice – 2 lb. bag	Can of Frosting
Potatoes – White	Canned Pineapple
Sweet Potatoes/Yams	Canned Beans
Canned Green Beans	Peeps Marshmallow Chicks
Canned Corn	PAAS Egg Dye
Cake Mix	

These acts of care and generosity will go a long way in helping families in our community to have a holiday of joy and abundance.

*For more information please see **Debbie Vartan** or **Debbi Picorale***

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Invites you to its

Mad Hatter Tea Party

*Saturday, May 3, 2014
3pm - 5pm*

*Adults: \$20.00 Children: \$10.00
[4yrs and under free]*



*For Information and Tickets
Call (908) 277-1700*

*Come share a relaxing afternoon
Live Entertainment
Hats optional*

Proceeds to Benefit the Music Department

Finding The Job You Really Want...

a **FREE** seminar series offered by
The New Providence United Methodist Church,
1441 Springfield Ave., New Providence, NJ

7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings, beginning May 5, 2014.

The topics are relevant to those who are unemployed
or who anticipate having to make a job change ... such as:

Positioning Yourself in a Difficult Job Market (*May 5*),
How to Communicate Your Value (*May 12*),
Getting the Job You Should Want—How to Figure Where to Go
in Your Next Career (*May 19*),
How to Introduce Yourself, Build Confidence and
Project a Winning Image—Crafting the Elevator and
Two Minute Pitch (*June 2*),
Death By Document—The Marketing Resume (*June 9*),
Mechanics of the Job Search (*June 16*),
Advanced Interviewing Skills & Salary Negotiations (*June 23*).

The seminar series will be led by Lloyd Feinstein,
founder of Career Marketing Consultants.
Mr. Feinstein, with 27-years of experience, is one of the most innovative,
capable, committed career coaches in the New York metropolitan area.

No Pre-registration is needed.

Do you have other seminar series questions? Please call 908-464-5535.
Need Travel Directions? Please check our website - www.npumcnj.org

April

“To Do” List:

MINISTRY:

Wow, It's Wednesday - *Wednesdays*

Prayer Warriors - *Wednesdays*

Knitting Ministry - *Thursdays & Fridays*

Soup Supper & Worship - 4/2 & 4/9

Women's In-House Retreat - 4/12

Palm Sunday - 4/13

Jefferson School Easter Baskets - 4/13

Holy Thursday - 4/17

Good Friday - 4/18

Easter Sunday Breakfast & Worship - 4/20

Creation Sunday - 4/27

AND MORE:

International Meal - 4/6

Parents' Night Out - 4/25

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Prayer Warriors -11:30am Wow! It's Wednesday – 4:30-6:30pm Soup Supper – 6:30pm (Social Hall) Worship – 7 pm (Chapel)	3 Knitting Ministry 11:00am (Fellowship Room)	4 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	5 Believer Quartet 12:30pm
6 International Pot Luck Supper 11:30am (Social Hall)	7	8	9 Prayer Warriors -11:30am Wow! It's Wednesday 4:30-6:30pm Soup Supper – 6:30pm (Social Hall) Worship – 7pm (Chapel)	10 Knitting Ministry 11:00am (Fellowship Room)	11 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	12 Women's in-house retreat 9am – 4pm (Social Hall)
13 PALM SUNDAY Easter Baskets for Jefferson School assembled	14 Easter Baskets delivered to Jefferson School	15	16 Prayer Warriors -11:30am No Wow! It's Wednesday	17 HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 pm (Chapel) Knitting Ministry 11 am (Fellowship Rm)	18 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 pm (Chapel)	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY 9-10am Breakfast 10:30am service	21	22	23 Prayer Warriors -11:30am No Wow! It's Wednesday	24 Knitting Ministry 11:00am (Fellowship Room)	25 Parents' Night Out 6-9pm (Green Room) Knitting Ministry 7pm (Fellowship Room)	26
27 "CREATION SUNDAY"	28	29	30 Prayer Warriors -11:30am Wow! It's Wednesday – 4:30-6:30pm	Sunday Choir Schedule: 8:45am – Bell choir 9:30am – Chancel Choir 11:45am – Contemporary Ensemble		

WOW, IT'S WEDNESDAY:

4:30pm Snacks & Greeting

4:40pm Wesley Choir & Homework Help

5:00pm Devotions

5:00pm Conversations with Pastor Hogan

5:15pm Singing Believers & Green Room Time

6:00pm All adjourn