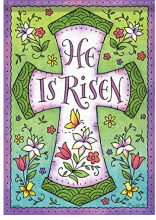


THE JACKSONVILLE GOSPEL



April 2017

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Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church Newsletter

Easter



Easter is a time of joy and renewal. Followers of Jesus saw their darkest days replaced with the miracle of hope and eternal life. Christians today take time for self-examination and reflection during Lent. "Going dark" for a few weeks prepares us to fully experience those first rays of resurrection light on Easter.

When everything was dark
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,

your love broke through.

Your love was too strong,

too wide,

too deep

for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love

dance and spread

and burst forth

with resurrection light.

Gracious God,

We praise you for the light of new life
made possible through Jesus.

We praise you for the light of new life
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.

We praise you for the light of new life
that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,
will live in us each day;

and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others.

Amen.

This prayer was composed by the Rev. Michaela Youngson, the Methodist Church of Britain.

(From umc.org)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

TAC Palm Sunday Walk, April 9, at 9:15 a.m. - Gather and leave from the Church of the Epiphany on Elm Street for the Trumansburg Area Churches annual Palm Sunday walk.

Palm Sunday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. worship
Maundy Thursday Communion Service, April 13, 7:00 p.m led by pastors Geri Judd, Jeff Losey and Kate Merriman

Good Friday, April 14 - The sanctuary will be open for **silent prayer** from Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Good Friday Worship Service, April 14, 7:00 p.m. at Trumansburg United Methodist Church led by pastors Jeff Losey, Geri Judd, and Kate Merriman. There will be a time of lay-led guided prayer beginning at 6:30 p.m.

TAC Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 16, 7:00 a.m. at Taughannock Falls State Park, North Point pavilion hosted by the First Baptist Church of Trumansburg.

Easter Sunday, April 16, 10 a.m. worship

It's that time of year again when our congregations starts thinking about SpringFest. Our annual community yard sale and crafts sale will be held on May 13th, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.



The Attic Thrift Shop will be open during SpringFest with household items, camper's corner, sewing and craft notions, books, movies, cd's and an excellent selection of spring clothes for all ages. If you have items to donate, please bring them to church or contact either Nancy Housworth or Rachel Boyer.

Plans are in the works for a chicken barbecue so stay tuned for further details. If you are interested coordinating chicken BBQ meal prep or in lending a hand for a few hours please see Marion Stevens.



The United Methodist Women are hosting a May breakfast at the Fall's Restaurant on Thursday, May 4 at 10:00 am. Women from Mecklenburg, Newfield, Reynoldsville, Searsburg, and Trumansburg Churches are invited to share a morning of fellowship and a delicious breakfast together.

Our group tries to provide supportive fellowship as stated in the UMW purpose as follows. The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ: to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in global ministries of the church.

The Newfield United Methodist Women have invited us (men too) to join them on a bus trip to Seneca Falls to tour the National Women's Hall of Fame Museum to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in New York.

The date to be determined some time in July and cost depends on the number of people interested in participating. Ellen Carlisle has the sign-up list for those interested in going on this trip.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER SUCCESS

Our first try at having a spaghetti supper was very successful especially since the weather wasn't cooperative. Many compliments were received on the spaghetti sauce, Caesar salad dressing and wonderful assortment of desserts. Our youth group setup, brought beverages to the guests, and cleaned tables as needed. They even took down the extra tables and put away the folding chairs. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a winner!



The Easter Lily commemorates the resurrection of Christ and is believed to appear in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's suffering. Easter Lilies are available to purchase either by filling out the form found in the Sunday bulletin or by contacting Becky Jackson.



CHURCH CALENDAR

April 4, Trustee at 7:00 pm
 April 4, UMW at 10:30 am
 April 9, Palm Sunday - Palm Walk starts at Church Of Epiphany
 April 11, Church Council
 April 13, Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Communion Service
 April 14, 12:00 - 3:00 sanctuary open for private prayer
 April 14, Good Friday Service TUMC 6:30 pm Prayers of the People
 April 14, Good Friday Service TUMC at 7:00 pm
 April 15, Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am sharp
 April 16, Sunrise Service at Taughannock Lake hosted by the First Baptist at 7 am
 April 16, Easter Sunday



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION FOR APRIL

Boxes of rice, plain and mixes, instant potatoes, pasta side dish mixes



Hop on over to the Jacksonville Church on Saturday, April 15th at 10 am sharp and enjoy our annual Easter egg hunt. Don't forget to bring your smiles for photos with the Easter Bunny, and make sure to brush up on your detective skills so you can find the Easter eggs during the egg hunt!



PRAYER CARES

Gurdon Brewster
 The Cruise family
 Cheryl Fletcher
 Elaine Cline
 Marge Covert
 Libby- for nephew who lost a friend.
 also for Theron Pharr
 Preston Fowler
 Gail Stevens
 Emily Virkler
 Lorna - for niece Michelle
 Tina Prichard and Family

Heavenly Father,
 Walk through my home
 and take away all my
 worries and any
 illnesses. Please watch
 over and heal my family
 and friends. Bless my
 home, family and
 friends with peace, love
 and joy in Jesus' name.
 Amen. ❤️

Marion- for neighbor Agnes
 Jeff Harris
 Lynn's family
 Jim Boyer
 Morgan and LuAnn Swanhart
 The Devorack family
 Vic and Bonnie Lewis
 Marion Miller
 Janice Williamson
 For those awaiting treatment and
 those not mentioned

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



April 4...Phyl McOmber
 April 7...Marge Covert
 April 16..Mike Brainard
 April 19..Will Brainard
 April 20..Joan Keith
 April 22..Bill Eisenhardt
 April 25..Steve Jackson
 April..25Nelson Repert

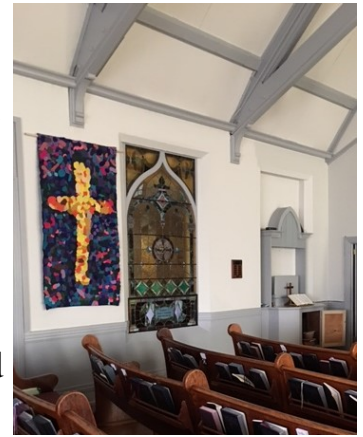
April 5...Ellen and Bill Carlisle
 April 15..Ed and Marcia Pepke





YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

What goes around produces new ideas to come around for a new generation of youth. Last spring a banner was hung in the sanctuary that was made many years ago by Lindsey and Katie Sterling, Brian and Susan Cameron as well as other church youth. Several of our members got the idea that maybe it might be a nice project our youth group to create their own banner and hopefully when they are grown it will still be displayed. The cross mosaic banner was started during Vacation Bible Camp last August under the leadership of Alice Shardlow and Rachel Boyer and continued to be a work in progress for many months and finally completed on March 26th. Maddie Hager, Sydney Lilly, Lily Brainard, Maddy Brainard, Lincoln Brainard, Dean Brainard, Xander Dawson, Natalie Suggs, and Kylie Risley helped with designing, cutting, and gluing. Sarah Brainard and Nancy Housworth also were an important part of the adult leadership. With much laughter and many changes in plans the banner is proudly hanging in our sanctuary. The cross banner is very fitting for Good Friday when we commemorate the passion, or suffering and death on the cross of the Lord, Jesus Christ.



Jacksonville supported Nathan Virkler and Lily Brainard by attending their piano recital on Saturday, March 25th at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Joan does a great job sharing her love of music and teaching the piano. It was very nice to see Nelson and Joan Reppert.

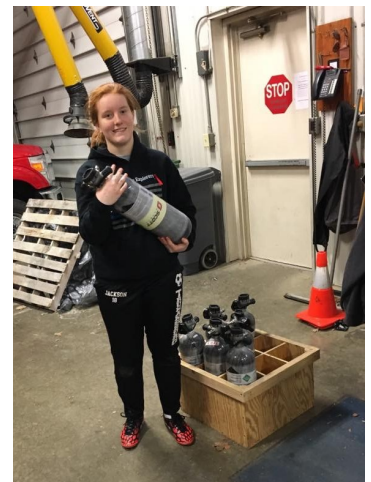


Trumansburg Middle School Drama Dept. presents
“BUGSY MALONE JR.”
 MOBSTERS, MUSIC & MAYHEM!
 April 7th, 8th & 9th
 7pm, 7pm & 2pm
 Elementary School Auditorium

Madeline Brainard, Xander Dawson, Natalie Suggs, John Suggs and Blyth Van Ness are members of the Trumansburg Middle School Drama Department and taking part in “BUGSY MALONE JR” Mobsters, Music & Mayhem on April 7th, 8th, and 9th at the Elementary School Auditorium. Tickets sold at the door one hour before the performance.

The story tells of the rise of "Bugsy Malone" and the battle for power between "Fat Sam" and "Dandy Dan". Xander is playing the part of Dandy Dan, Natalie is Snake Eyes and John is Pop Becker. Maddy and Blyth are the stage managers.

Emily Jackson has become an apprentice member of the Trumansburg Fire Department. Volunteer firefighting is a very rewarding and valuable way to serve your community. It takes dedication and many hours of training to become a firefighter. We are very proud of you!



INTERESTED IN CAMP THIS SUMMER?



We at Jacksonville Community United Methodist Church support our youth and children in attending summer camp through the Upper New York Conference Camps. This includes Casowasco, the camp most frequently attended. We currently offer two possibilities for financial assistance.

The Alec C. Proskine Fund, will reimburse each camper \$200.00 regardless of how many weeks the camper attends camp each summer. These funds are available to attend any camp in the Upper New York Conference. The expectation is that families will pay the cost of camp initially. After camp, each child must write a hand written thank you note to Mr. Proskine. Thank you notes are collected and mailed, with a cover letter, to Mr. Proskine by the church camping coordinator (currently Amy Moe). A check is then mailed to the church, deposited, and the appropriate funds distributed to the family after the camp experience. The camping coordinator will keep a list of camp attendees, parent names and addresses, and when received, a copy of the thank you notes.

In addition, Jacksonville Church may be able to help with camping costs. Each year, by June 1, families will need to let the camping coordinator know of planned camp attendance. The mission committee will decide whether funds are available and determine the amount to be given. Priority will be given to children and youth who have been actively involved with our church during the previous year.

Children and youth who attend camp with Proskine fund and Jacksonville Church support will be expected to share a bit about camp experiences with the congregation in the fall.

Sock Project Update



Now that the Snow Birds are returning again, it seems appropriate to turn this activity back over to the Mission Committee. Before doing that, however, I wanted to let you know that we have delivered 2,252 pairs of socks since last fall.

Although most of them went to the Samaritan Center of Catholic Charities in Ithaca, we also delivered socks to the Rescue Mission in Ithaca, as well as to the Interlaken Reformed Church.

In every case, they were warmly received, and it was heartwarming to hear the words of appreciation. So, thanks to all who contributed. You made someone's day a little happier, and that's a wonderful gift to give. I'm certain that the Mission Committee will welcome contributions of socks throughout the year, so please keep that in mind.

Don Shardlow

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EASTER THOUGHTS

On Sunday, April 9, we celebrate the joy of Palm Sunday when Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem with waving palm branches and shouts of “Hosanna!” And then comes Maundy Thursday, when at Communion, we are invited to the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples. During the following 24 hours, Jesus will pray alone in Gethsemane while his disciples sleep, will be tried for heresy; hung on a cross and tortured, crucified, die and be buried. During these events, NO ONE spoke up. In public his friends and disciples even denied knowing him. I ask myself how often have I remained silent and not spoken up for what I know in my heart is right.

In three days the Easter dawn revealed the miracle that Christ had risen. And the disciples were transformed. How many times do I deny God’s teachings through Christ and dwell in the darkness? God’s grace reminds me that in spite of Good Friday where death and darkness prevail there is an Easter coming filled with light, love and a time of new beginnings. One of my favorite sayings was written by Sister Corita Kent. Many years ago, she wrote, “All the rules will be fair and there will be wonderful surprises.” My prayer this Easter is that in our hearts we may know those fair rules and have the faith to live out wonderful surprises.

Alice Shardlow