

The Cornerstone

The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
Psalm 118:22-23

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April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
You can't heal yourself by wounding another



PRAYER GARDEN

You are invited to pray in the Prayer Garden, taking whatever time you need in this holy space, appreciating God's presence in nature.

In addition to your own prayers, please lift up this month's prayer focus:

HE IS RISEN!



Barbara Gruezke, Jersey Shore Center, **Jim Berry**, Renaissance Gardens, Seabrook Village, Tinton Falls

David Miller, **Lois Landis**, Arbor Terrace Shrewsbury, Tinton Falls

Anne Edelson, The Atria, Tinton Falls

Darlene Herberg, The Willows, Holmdel

At Home: **Jean Gillette**, **Virginia Haydu**, **Tom Maher**



April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Patience is how you act while you're waiting.

Handikna Godebo, our World Vision Child from Ethiopia, is sponsored for the month of **April** by **Bev & Steve Itell** in memory of the birthdays of **Milt Itell & George Williams**.

MONTHLY COMMUNION OFFERING
The April Communion Offering supports
The Mercy Center.



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

April 11-April 17

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

I John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48



SANCTUARY PRAYER TIME
Monday Mornings
9:30-11:30 a.m.

The Communion offering for April will go to the food pantry at the Mercy Center in Asbury Park. As you all know, our congregation collects food and personal items for the Mercy Center each week. We also have a special Thanksgiving food drive to provide complete turkey dinners for families that are in need. Our help is always needed though.

The Mercy Center's Food Pantry serves over 5,000 people every year. Right now the Mercy Center is not only requesting food and personal items, but also gift cards and monetary donations. These donations give the Center the flexibility to assist people based on their current needs. You can also follow them on Facebook and Instagram, share their posts, and invite your family and friends to follow them, also. They also accept our daily prayers!

So please help to support the Mercy Center Food Pantry through your April Communion offering. This is a huge project that really works. They need our help as hunger does not take a vacation.

They have a special need for canned ravioli and canned spaghetti.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Until further notice, the church office will be open Monday-Friday from 10 am-2 pm. Joy More will be substituting for Diane Maher.



JUST FOR FUN! NAME THAT HYMN! How well do you know the words to some of our beloved hymns?

Following is a snippet of text from a well-known hymn.

Can you name it? Google if you must, but try on your own first!

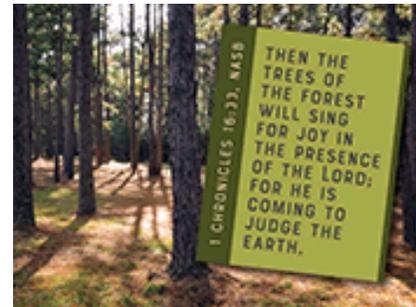
“Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely,...”

Last week's answer:

“Up from the Grave He Arose”



ENVIRONMENTAL CARE



Benefits of Trees

By being kind to trees and planting them, you are helping nature come back into our everyday lives and bringing more beauty into the world. They are so grand because they are a simple way for you to connect to the natural, unplugged world.

Trees create economic benefits like fruits, nuts, decorations, and even driving foot traffic to local businesses.

Two ways to save trees is to use bamboo products or washable fabric pieces.

The Environmental Care Committee will be planting a tree on the church property in about a month. If you would like to donate to the cost of this tree, please leave your donation in church office mailbox #2 or mail it to the church office. Please make checks payable to FUMCO and put in the memo **ECC tree.**



Are you a member of our prayer chain? If not, would you like to be? If so, provide the church office with your email address and you will be included in the prayer requests and prayers of thanksgiving from members of our congregation. If you would like the chain to pray for you or someone you know, contact the church office. Names may be omitted if you'd like.

UMW READING PROGRAM EXPANDED

Our heartfelt thanks to Faye Snorton for coordinating & promoting the UMW reading program for the past 14 years for our unit.

The Reading Program is a CHERISHED UMW TRADITION that brings together members in mission as they explore, share & discuss the written word. Participants DO NOT have to be UMW members & can receive a certificate. The books include, from captivating mysteries & heartfelt biographies to urgent messages about issues like immigration, racism & mental healthcare. There's something for everyone; including large print, youth & children. The expanded or newest program includes titles from the 2015 through 2022 lists; many of which are on Kindle, at the library, Barnes & Noble, and a few in our church library.

There are FOUR reading program plans, ranging from 5 books a year to 20. The first level includes reading FIVE books a YEAR: one from each category (if not included in previous reports). There are also podcasts & movies. For complete explanation, go online & refer to UnitedMethodistWomen.org/readingprogram.

There is a 25 page pamphlet explaining 2021-2022. Other years back to 2015 can also be found online. The reporting form for books read will be available in the church library, as well as online.

Any questions, or for those of you who may not have access to a computer and want to START READING call Bev Itell @ 732-531-4340.



The **Lydia Circle** will meet in Wesley Hall on April 13 at 7:30PM.



GETTING READY TO GATHER

As we watch the statistics drop toward safer levels (www.covidactnow.org), we are preparing for the day we can worship together outdoors. **You can help us be ready by submitting your waiver to the church office!** Check out the home page of our church website oakhurst.umcchurches.org for a reminder of the benchmarks we are seeking!



Small Group Study

Joy More will be hosting a 6 week DVD study via ZOOM entitled *Mountaintop Moments-Meeting God in the High Places* by Ed Robb. The study will be held Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM from May 5-June 16. If you would like to be a part of this study, which discovers God's grace, love, and strength in a time when it feels like the world is trapped in the wilderness, please contact the church office, 732-531-1150 or oakhurstumc@optonline.net by April 26.

ONLINE WORSHIP

At 9:30 Sunday mornings, Pastor Shawn, Gary and others lead our worship services.

Every morning, Monday through Saturday, Pastor Shawn posts an uplifting moment of inspiration.

Every Wednesday, Gary shares special music.
This week

Direct links to our Church's Facebook page and YouTube channel can be found on the homepage of our website.

FROM THE PASTOR

Christ is Risen!

Yes, Jesus Christ is alive and at work in our midst! So the early disciples discovered as they made their way through their days!

And on the afternoon of that first Easter, some were walking along, having heard the strange news that something miraculous had happened, but not yet having grasped its impact. And Jesus joins them on the road, and accompanies them into the evening, sharing a meal, breaking bread, revealing to them the mystery of the power of resurrection.

Check out the story in Luke 24:13-35; and then let your creative instincts loose as you depict a single aspect of the passage, or the story as a whole, in some artistic expression. Consider song, poetry, collage, paint, crayons, sculpture... there is no limit to the means available to you!

Then **join us on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 2 pm** in a zoom gathering in which we will share our creations and explore the process of creating! Below is the zoom information (contact the office if you would like to receive the direct link).

Peace;

Shawn Callender Hogan

Pastor

Topic: Scripture as Art April 11, 2021

Time: Apr 11, 2021 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89390538710?pwd=T1J6RC9TMXd6ZmtZL291ME5iakpRdz09>

Meeting ID: 893 9053 8710

Passcode: 097536

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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Then beginning with Moses
and all the prophets, he interpreted
to them the things about himself in
all the scriptures. Luke 24:27, NRSV



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April 11, 2021
The Second Sunday of Easter

CALL TO WORSHIP by Q. Chin

Brothers and sisters,
if you lift your net and it is empty, come here!
We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.
If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One,
Come here!
We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.



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MORNING PRAYER

HYMN

“He Lives”

PRAYER

The Mennonite Church

We are here today because the weeping Mary of Magdala once said:
“I have seen the Lord!”

We are here because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says:
“Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit.”

We are here today like doubting Thomas who finally cried:
“My Lord and my God.”

We're here this morning because of Jesus, who asks us face-to-face:
“Do you truly love me?”

We gather here to whisper timidly.
“Yes, Lord, you know that we love you.”

ANTHEM

“He Arose”

George Fitzmaier, Leonard Gruezke, Barbara MacPherson, Sue McRae, Joy More, Carol Steinat

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-19

SERMON

“A Conversation While Eating”

BENEDICTION

A CLOSING GLIMPSE OF BEAUTY