

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



## 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 25, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
No amount of darkness can hide a spark of light.

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 18-April 24**

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 tuna 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!

**“Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief...”**

Last week's answer:

*A Charge to Keep I Have*



### ENVIRONMENTAL CARE

“The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.”- Robert Swan

### Town by Town Recycling Eatontown

Residents can now place all mandated recyclables in one container. These items include:

- Plastic Bottles #1 & #2
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Aluminum Cans
- Steel; Tin cans
- Paper bags
- Flattened cardboard (if you have a large amount please place flattened in a neat pile next to blue container)
- Junk mail/office paper
- Newspaper

Shredded Paper- Shredded paper is not recyclable unless done so in large quantities due to the size of the “shreds”. Paper that is already shredded can be placed in your household trash.

### Monmouth County Vaccination Initiative

The Monmouth County Health Department is partnering with community and health groups to get vaccines to homebound residents. For more information, residents should call 732-845-2070. Also, any resident who would like to request help from the NJ COVID Vaccine Volunteers may call 973-957-2359 or email them at [NJCovidVaccineVolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:NJCovidVaccineVolunteers@gmail.com).



On May 6 at 7PM, the Ocean Township Intermediate School will be honoring frontline workers for their heroic efforts during this past year and beyond. The event is being held at the Joe Palaia Park Bandstand. The community is invited to attend. See the attached invitation to send to frontline workers you'd like to invite.

## FROM THE PASTOR

### Join Me for Lunch! (Online, that is!)

Pastor Hogan invites you to spend lunch time together with her on Friday, April 16, at noon. Plan to eat your lunch while we talk together, catching up with one another and check out a few of the scriptures in which Jesus has a conversation over a meal!

#### ZOOM SIGN INFORMATION:

##### Topic: Join Me for Lunch!

Time: Apr 16, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85762184096?pwd=dXFaUTloU3ZkMzVwc2VtNVo0YUE2QT09>

Meeting ID: 857 6218 4096

Passcode: 314926

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 857 6218 4096

Passcode: 314926



Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Ann Wilson, upon her passing. She and her husband, Rev. Richard Wilson, served this congregation from 1989-1994.



## GETTING READY TO GATHER

As we watch the statistics drop toward safer levels ([www.covidactnow.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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: "Climb Every Mountain"**

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

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**Oakhurst.umcchurches.org**  
<https://www.facebook.com/FUMCOakhurst/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKAx2pJqLM17unqH4ijR72A>  
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**April 18, 2021**  
**The Third Sunday of Easter**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Whatever God did in the past, the future is that much better!

**We will not stop looking for the newness God has for us!**

Whatever we have achieved to this point, we have not completed our journey.

**With eager expectation, let us worship the Lord.**

### **MORNING PRAYER**

#### **HYMN**

“In the Garden”

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#### **UNISON PRAYER**

**We were pretty sure we knew you,  
until you asked us who you were . . .**

**We thought we had you all figured out,  
until you started mentioning those things  
none of us want to think about . . .**

**We thought we knew where you were going,  
until you crossed to the wrong side of the street . . .**

**We thought we knew everything.  
Give us wisdom so we might find  
the willingness to follow you.**

**Give us wisdom so we might cradle  
your uncomfortable words in our hearts;  
Give us wisdom so we might know you,  
and in knowing, tell others of your glory.  
Give us wisdom for the journey. Amen.**

#### **ANTHEM**

“I Surrender All”

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 37:3-7a

#### **MESSAGE**

“The Secretary, the Reporter, and the Hermit” a story by Avery Brook  
*Kiera McKee, Greg Schussler, Jennifer Scisco*

#### **BENEDICTION**

**A CLOSING GLIMPSE OF BEAUTY**

