

APRIL 2018



April 2018

"He is not here. But has Risen." - Luke 24:5

Happy Easter Season!

The last Sunday of March we celebrated Resurrection during our Easter Sunday service. We rejoiced together in beginning a new year of resurrection and rebirth. This month we continue our Easter celebration since Easter is not just one day. It is a season of 50 days. The Easter Season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and lasts 50 days (The Great Fifty Days) concluding on the Day of Pentecost.

This month we will continue to rejoice in Resurrection by celebrating rebirth and renewal – individually and collectively as a people, a church, and a nation. Every Easter Season we are invited to follow in the footsteps of Jesus' earliest friends who entered into the tomb. They had gone to the tomb for a necessary but sad task, expecting to play a part in the ritual of death. Instead they find that Jesus has been resurrected to new life!

This month may we also enter into the tomb. Let us enter into those dark and lifeless places that are in need of change, the change that only seeking Jesus brings. Each Easter we are given a gift, and I'm not referring to the baskets we receive. We are given the gift of resurrection. We are empowered to find the courage to step into the tomb where we expect death but instead find new life.

It takes courage to step into the tomb and it takes courage to dare to believe in God's transforming power. However, every Easter let us not fear the invitation. The invitation to step into every place of death we can find in search of God and the promise and possibility for new life, today, tomorrow and for ever more.

In Christ's Love,
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Wesley's Wisdom



Did You Know? featuring Charles Wesley- Charles could sympathize with today's caffeine addicts. In 1746 he tried to give up tea, but writes, "my flesh protested against it. I was but half awake and half alive all day; and my headache so increased toward noon, that I could neither speak nor think...This so weakened me, that I could hardly sit my horse." (from Christian History Magazine, Issue 69, page 3)

Worship Schedule

Liturgists

4/1 Stephen Long
4/8 Hailie St. John
4/15 Rick Frederick
4/22 Irene Coburn
4/29 Stephen Long

Ushers

4/1 Connors family
4/8 RoyAnn Rogerson, Carole Jacobson
4/15 Nikki & Kevin Margas
4/22 Sue Sykes, Shelly Graves
4/29 Tim & Mai Keegan

Greeters

4/1 Deb Elliott, Alissa O'Sullivan
4/8 Darlene St. Amour
4/15 Steve Long
4/22 Sean & Lynn Flansburg
4/29 June Pelham

Sound

Mark Cieslak
Dave Read
Bob Hatt
Jim Coburn
Mark Cieslak

Counters

Pat Knapp, Clarence Mosher

Social

Welcoming Team
Geri Byam, Judy Dudley
O'Sullivan family
Sally Dean, Meredith Van Vorst
Nikki & Kevin Margas

William Booth once said prophetically, "I'm of the opinion that the chief dangers which confront the twentieth century are...religion without the Holy Spirit, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God and heaven without hell."



The Easter party held on March 25th was a wonderful success! We had a great turnout of about 30 children who colored eggs, hunted for eggs (800!!), played games, made crafts and finished up with "make your own sundaes." A great time was had by all. A very special thank you to all the adults & youth who contributed their time to help out for the party. It would not have been possible otherwise.

The Sunday School classes will be turning their attention to more contemporary women of faith during the month of April. There will be lessons on Mother Teresa, Nadia Bolz-Weber (Lutheran minister known as a "performative pastor"), Catherine Booth (co-founder of the Salvation Army) and Marjorie Matthews (first female Bishop in the United Methodist Church.)

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The Tuesday Bible Study will continue to meet at 9:30 am in the Fireside Room.

Ladies Group

Meeting on Monday, April 9th at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. For the program we will discuss how each of us dealt with these past nor'easter storms. Come & bring a friend - Refreshments will be provided.

We will also be signing up workers for our annual Rummage Sale; this year it will be held on FRIDAY, MAY 4, 9AM - 3PM & SATURDAY, MAY 5, 9AM - 1PM. Lunch available both days. We need workers for the sale plus on Monday through Thursday for set up.

Whatever time you can give us to help will certainly be appreciated. There is a saying: more hands makes for lighter work, and how true that is, stop by that week to help us out!

Rummage Sale

FRIDAY, MAY 4TH, 9 - 3

SATURDAY, MAY 5TH, 9 - 1

BAG SALE AT NOON ON SATURDAY!

Rummage Sale Set up will be during the week of April 30-May 3rd. ***Help is needed to sort clothing and donated items.*** This is a perfect time to clear out your "treasures," go through your closets and attics and de-clutter your home. We accept donations of adult and children's clothing in good, clean condition, books, dvds, home decor, jewelry, toys, etc. NO ELECTRONICS. **Bring in your items the week of set-up as we are limited in storage space. Thank you!**

**Church Treasurers Report
February 2018**

	Total thru Feb-18
Individual Contributions	\$17,928
	4,3
Building Use/Rent	11
	6
Fund Raising/Interest Income	34
Other Designated Giving	-
Total Operating Receipts	\$22,873
Wages & other employment expenses	\$14,107
	1,4
Church Operations/Program	82
	2,1
Parsonage Expenses	37
	7
Church Building-Repairs/Safety	35
	3,8
Church Building-Utilities/Water	46
	2,3
Church Building-All Other	60
	8
Apportionments	07
Benevolences	77
Total Operating Expenses	\$25,551
Shortage	\$ (2,678)

There is a shortage of (\$2,678) through February 2018.

If there are any questions or requests for detailed information,
please contact Mary Connors at mechardball@yahoo.com.

Fran Brown — A memorial service was held for long time member of SUMC, Fran Brown, on March 21, 2018. Please keep the family in your prayers at this time in their recent loss.

Help us make a clean plate!

RADA Cutlery Foundation Fundraiser - to replace the dish washer for the Community Room! We are selling Rada Cutlery through the church and catalogs are available from Stephen Long. We need to replace our work horse of a dish washer that has given its all for us. To keep up with the usage the church is getting, from dinners, to community breakfasts, to other groups we need a working dish washer! Help us make this goal and get some great kitchen products as well. Dieters welcome! Gluten Free!

You can shop at the following link and the church receives ~40% of the cost.

[Rada Cutlery Fundraising Store | Shop Cutlery & Gifts](#)

SUMC IN MISSIONS

Regional Food Bank – Volunteers, please meet at the Food Bank at 2:30 pm on **Tuesday, April 17th**. If you need to carpool, contact Dick Knapp at 518-393-5737.

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SICM Meeting April S.I.C.M Assembly meeting April 3rd at Rotterdam UMC at 6:45 pm, refreshments and 7 pm program.



Schenectady Crop Walk
Emmanuel Friedens Church, 218 Nott Terrace, Sch'dy

May 6, 2018
12:30 Registration & Music
1:20 Opening Ceremony
www.crophungerwalk.org

April 2018 Calendar

4/1	Resurrection Sunday!
4/2	<i>Trustees Meeting 7 pm</i>
4/5	Choir Practice 7:30 pm
4/9	<i>Ladies Group 7 pm</i>
4/9	RCA resume classes
4/10	Theology on Tap –Mohawk Taproom & Grill 7 pm
4/13-15	OUTWARD! UNY Youth Gathering in Syracuse
4/14	Building Use event SCA
4/15	Native American Ministries Special Offering
4/17	Regional Food Bank 2:30 pm
4/19	Choir Practice 7:30 pm
4/21	"Imagine No Racism" Conference gathering at Shen UMC
4/22	<i>SPRC meeting after worship</i>
4/23	<i>Admin. Council meeting 7 pm</i>
4/25	<i>Finance Meeting 7 pm</i>
4/28	Spring Clean up at the church & parsonage from 9 am to 3 pm (more details later...)
4/30-5/3	Set Up for Rummage Sale

OUTWARD and Imagine No Racism: OUTWARD! 2018, will be held at the Liverpool Holiday Inn on Friday-Sunday, April 13-15. This year's event has a different focus. It will incorporate opportunities for hands-on mission work into the schedule for the event. We hope this new focus will help youth and adults build community among themselves and reach out to the world around us in helpful ways. Pastor Margaret will be bringing a group of youth to this event this year!

On April 21, 2018 from 12:30-4 p.m., clergy and lay members across the Upper New York Conference will have the opportunity to unite together and begin strategizing how they can work together to eliminate racism. This event will feature Bishop Webb and members of the Bishop's Taskforce on Eliminating Racism. Our district's will be held at Shenendehowa UMC, 971 Route 146, Clifton Park, NY 12065, Phone: (518) 371-7964.

"So live that you won't be afraid to sell the family parrot to the town gossip."

