

# The Messenger

## CHRIST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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### Church Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday  
9:00am - 2:00pm

### Worship Service

Sunday at 10:30am

Livestreaming at [christumc.com](http://christumc.com)

[Facebook.com/christumc1938](https://www.facebook.com/christumc1938)

[Youtube.com/user/ChristChurch75](https://www.youtube.com/user/ChristChurch75)

Zoom: 1.929.436.2866: ID 364-764-870

**If you'd like to dial into worship,  
we have set up a Zoom meeting.**

You can simply use your phone to call  
and then listen to the worship service  
at 10:30am Sunday.

Phone number: 1.929.436.2866

Meeting ID: 364-764-870



**CHRIST UMC CARE CIRCLES**  
**Information inside!**

## *APRIL LETTER FROM PASTOR DIANNE: FEAR NOT!*

Fear Not!

You're probably tired of hearing it from me now. I know I've preached on it more than once, and of course it is at the bottom of every email I send. "Fear Not!" It's my catchphrase, one my previous church even had silkscreened onto a rally towel with a photo of my face. Yikes!

Fear Not has taken on a whole new meaning these days, though, hasn't it? We are faced with an invisible enemy, a virus that has killed a large number of people and has hospitalized many more. Our whole lives have been changed – we have been ordered to stay at home, to limit shopping to once a week for food, to go outside for walks but stay at least 6 feet from anyone besides the people with whom we live.

What does it mean to Fear Not in these circumstances? It would not be prudent or safe for us to ignore the warnings and the orders that we have been given, and just go about our lives as normal. That is not, in fact, what I think God is telling us when God tells us not to be afraid. Rather, God is calling us to trust.

We can trust that when we do the things we are being asked to do, we have done all we can to be safe. We can trust that the ones around us are as fearful as we are. We can trust that we have not been told to stop greeting our neighbors, looking for ways to serve, enjoying our families. We can trust that by following the rules, we are making a difference. That we are protecting those who are older, more at risk, more in danger than we are.

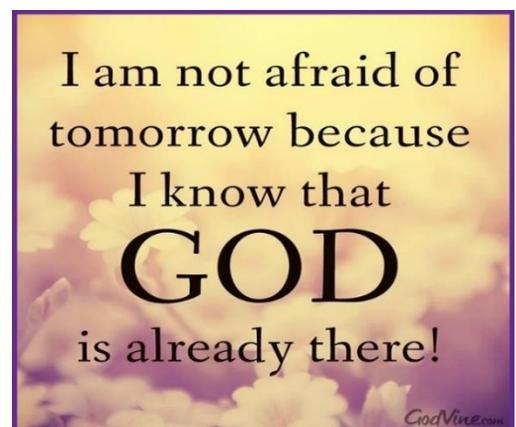
And we can trust that by doing that, we are showing in a very real way that our God is a God who loves everyone in the whole world. By doing that, we are proclaiming that Christ is Risen over and over and over again to a world that needs to hear that message of love.

When we do finally get to gather together again as a community in real life, we will celebrate that message, we will celebrate the Resurrection, we will celebrate the church as the body of Christ, and we will know in a very real way that God's love has led us through this wilderness that none of us has ever experienced before.

And that is why we can Fear Not. Because there is no where we can go where Jesus has not been and where Jesus will not be with us. Jesus has walked every lonesome valley before us. Jesus has endured and enjoyed every emotion we will experience. That is the wonder and the mystery of the incarnation. That is the wondrous love that God offers us through his Son.

So my friends,  
Fear Not,  
for together,  
we will always be the body of Christ,  
the beloved of God.

Dianne



## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Russ & Delores Van Scyoc*

*Carol De Laat*

*Nadene & Dennis Smith*

*Dan, Bonnie's brother-in-law*

*Lynn & Lindsey Parker*

*Pat & Pam Finnegan*

*Kathy, Bonnie's sister-in-law*

*Guy Mann, Jr.*

*Marie Buser*

*JoAnn Eakle*

*Les Darvas*

*Chris Beam*

*Harold Thomas*

*Marianne Keith-Rueting*

*Pam Englehart*

*Debby Nesbitt*

*Mary Beth Murphy*

*Dorothy Heidenreich*

*Ellen White*

✝ *We extend our prayers and sympathy to Les Darvas and family on the passing of his wife, Elaine Darvas, on March 13.*

✝ *We extend our prayers and sympathy to Michelle Wentland and family on the passing of her brother, Chris Leu, on March 27.*



*To my church family: in this time of the unknown, I wish all of you God's peace, kindness, compassion and most of all God's love.*

*- Peace and Love, Galen*

*Thank you*

*I would like to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers during my recent illness.*

*- Barb Emery*

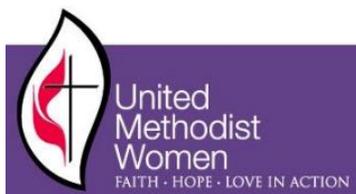
*Thank you*

*We would like to thank Pastor Dianne and everyone for your prayers and concern for Jim Tobak during his illness and passing. It was much appreciated.*

*- Ruth Thompson and Debra Sue Tobak*



**WE ASK SPECIAL PRAYERS** for our church and our world during this difficult time. Our church is in uncharted waters, but we know in our hearts and our minds and our souls that Christ Jesus is in our midst and travelling this journey with us. If you need help or need to talk during this time, please email Pastor Dianne or call the church office or Pastor Dianne's cell and leave a message. She will do her best to return your call promptly.



The Rummage & Bake Sale, scheduled for April 30, May 1 and May 2, has been postponed.

*- Ruby Cunningham, president*



**MISSION IN ACTION:** On Mother's Day, May 14, we will honor persons and memorialize others by giving blankets, \$10 each. Order form is enclosed. If you cannot buy a blanket, you can give money toward distribution.

Native American Ministries Sunday is Sunday, April 26. Your gift provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians, strengthens and develops Native American ministries and communities, both urban and rural, and supports Native American outreach at the annual conference level. - Ruby Cunningham, Mission Committee Chairperson

## CHRIST UMC CARE CIRCLES

Have you gotten a call this past week from a fellow Christ member? We have deployed 21 carers who are calling every one of our 200 plus members and friends every week for the duration of the stay at home order.



These calls are a chance to check in, to share prayer concerns, and to share any other needs you may have. We can help with grocery shopping or other errands if you are stuck inside, or just give you a chance to talk to a friendly voice for a few minutes.

If you have not gotten a call and would like one, please let us know. If you would like to make some calls, let the church office know and Pastor Dianne will assign you some folks. Let's continue to be the church for one another.

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

If you are experiencing financial hardship due to the pandemic, please know that you may take a break from your weekly contributions. If you are doing ok, please know that the church needs your gifts. When I began my pastorate here, I set up an automatic monthly tithe of my salary from CUMC to give back to the church. The money is sent directly to the church from my checking account. This is a great time for you to do the same. If you need help setting it up, please contact the church office and we can direct you to someone who can assist you. Of course, you are also welcome to mail in your offering, drop it in the mailbox outside the church, or use our PayPal connection from our website, [https://www.paypal.me/ChristUMC?locale.x=en\\_US](https://www.paypal.me/ChristUMC?locale.x=en_US).

*Thank you, Pastor Dianne*



## Worship Schedule for Holy Week and Beyond

- **Palm Sunday Worship:** April 5 at 10:30am.
  - Sharing of the Palm and Passion stories with brief messages from both Pastor Dianne and Pastor Jason.
  - Share your videos of palm waving at [https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1jb\\_lxUgQ-y7\\_4nHI5DLzNh3ujxBVXJrd?fbclid=IwAR1b3ETdI8AF6Euv22wg6zmZtbTRPLLeF37IT7hy0UCiGnHjltTAsVPHYzss](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1jb_lxUgQ-y7_4nHI5DLzNh3ujxBVXJrd?fbclid=IwAR1b3ETdI8AF6Euv22wg6zmZtbTRPLLeF37IT7hy0UCiGnHjltTAsVPHYzss)
- **Maundy Thursday:** April 9 at 7:00pm
  - Maundy comes from the Latin word for “commandment,” referring to Jesus’ new commandment “Love one another as I have loved you”.
  - We will stream a pre-recorded brief service of stripping of the altar at WPUCC. The service will stream at 7:00pm.
- **Good Friday Tenebrae:** April 10 at 7:00pm
  - Tenebrae is the Latin word for “darkness”.
  - On this darkest of nights, when we mourn the death of Jesus, we will stream a service featuring members of both WPUCC and CUMC reading the story of Jesus’ crucifixion, and extinguishing fifteen candles. The service will end in darkness.
- **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil:** April 11 at 7:00pm
  - Since ancient times, the church has gathered in the evening before Easter to review the history of God’s work among all people, culminating in the celebration of the Easter proclamation “He is Risen”! This is a powerful service of readings and hymns with members of WPUCC and CUMC participating in livestreamed worship.
- **Easter Sunday:** April 12 at 7:00pm
  - He is risen indeed! WPUCC and CUMC will celebrate the Resurrection together at 10:30am in a special service livestreamed beginning at WPUCC and culminating at CUMC.

On Sundays, April 19 and until it is safe for us to gather in worship in community, we will continue sharing worship together at 10:30am at CUMC with WPUCC. We are so grateful for the partnership between our two churches, spanning the West Park neighborhood.

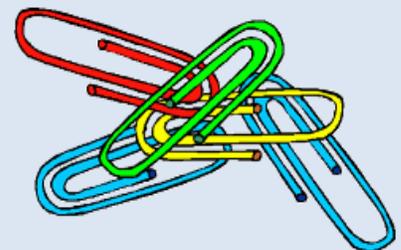


I am the Church  
You are the Church  
We are the Church  
*Together*



## FROM THE OFFICE

- If you are hospitalized, please let Jo know. The hospital is not allowed to contact the church unless you make a specific request.
- Thank you for returning the altar flower vases!
- NEW home address, email or phone number? Please let Jo know.
- The church office has two phone lines. When I call you, most of the time, the call goes out on our fax line. Hence, please refrain from using redial to return my calls. You will experience that annoying fax sound. Please dial 216.671.2600.



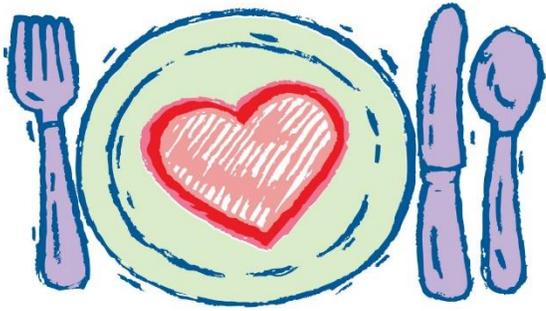
- Joyously, Jo

## CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH APRIL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 10:30a Livestreaming Worship	30	31 Bulletin Deadline	1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 10:30a Livestreaming Worship	6	7 Bulletin Deadline	8	9 7p Maundy Thursday Worship/ Livestreaming	10 7p Good Friday Tenebrae/ Livestreaming	11 7p Holy Saturday Easter Vigil/ Livestreaming
12 EASTER SUNDAY! 10:30a Livestreaming Worship	13	14 Bulletin Deadline	14 May Messenger Deadline	16	17	18
19 Blanket forms due 10:30a Livestreaming Worship	20	21 Bulletin Deadline	22	23	24	25
26 Native American Ministries Sunday 10:30a Livestreaming Worship	27	28 Bulletin Deadline	29	30	1	2

### LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS: APRIL

- Apr 5: Isaiah 50:4-9*a*; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 27:11-54
- Apr 12: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18
- Apr 19: Acts 2:14*a*, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
- Apr 26: Acts 2:14*a*, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35



## FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Christ United Methodist Church  
West Park Neighborhood

The community meal will not be held  
until it is safe for us to gather.

Questions? Call John Motley at 440-879-0222.

Donations toward the meal are still being accepted  
and will be donated to acquire food for those in need.

Make checks payable to **Christ UMC** with "GROW meal" on the comment line.



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