

THE SADDLEBAG

April 2019

WALKERSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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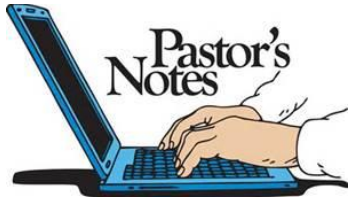
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Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed...

As we continue through the Lenten season, our eyes should be focused on Easter Sunday. We must keep in mind the reason God sent Jesus to earth in the first place – “that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.” (John 3:16-17).

Jesus' birth is important, but without His suffering, death and resurrection, our faith would be one dimensional, incomplete. For Christians all over the world, Easter is a very special and important part of our faith. If Jesus only went through the suffering and dying on the cross, and nothing more; He would have been just an ordinary person who paid the price of his crime. End of story. But we are not talking about 'just any ordinary person.' We are talking about Jesus the Christ; God's one and only begotten Son! Jesus willingly died for the sin of the world – for all people, once and for all. We also know the story did not end with the cross. Because God raised Jesus back to life on the third day after His death, our faith as Christians is special and unique, different from any other religion or faith in the world. **We serve a Risen Savior!**

Even though this is Christianity 101, I feel it can never be repeated too many times. Keeping fresh in our minds why we are called Christians – Christ believers and followers. This is also why we gather

together every Sunday to worship and praise our Lord. Every Sunday is a celebration of our risen Savior, called “little Easters.” Remembering and recalling what took place early in that morning on the first day of the week those many centuries ago. The discovery of the empty tomb, and seeing Jesus alive changed history forever. Even so, our faith is so much more than celebrating one day out of a year, and more than coming together one day a week. We must live Christ-centered lives every day! **Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!!**

As Easter arrives once again, we rejoice, celebrating and singing, “*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He live? He lives within my heart.*”

Linda and I wish everyone a happy spring, and a blessed and joyous Easter!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Mike and Linda





Did you know...

After almost 200 years of ministry and service to the community, Mt. Zion UMC, which is part of our Cooperative Parish, will hold their last worship service on **April 28, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.** All are welcome.

We need to lift up in prayer the members of our sister church as they go through this transitional time in their lives. We have invited the people of Mt Zion church to worship at WUMC and will welcome any who wish to become part of our congregation.

They will be having a yard sale on April 13, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be a variety of items from the church for sale.

Pastor Mike

WORSHIP CORNER – ALL ARE WELCOME!

WALKERSVILLE UMC

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SUNDAY

WORSHIP SCHEDULE – 2019

March 31: Fourth Sunday in Lent, Church Wide Lenten Study “Soul Shift” continues. **Easter Flower orders due.**

April 7: Communion, Fifth Sunday in Lent, Church Wide Lenten Study “Soul Shift” continues.

HOLY WEEK

April 14: Sunday of Passion / Palm Sunday.

April 18: Maundy Thursday – 7:00 PM, at Mt. Pleasant UMC.

April 19: Good Friday – 7:00 PM, at WUMC. Combined Choir Cantata.

April 21: EASTER SUNDAY Services

- **Sunrise Service** – At Morningside Inn, breakfast to follow, (**No 8:15 service**).

Please RSVP to Morningside Inn by email or phone – info@morningside-inn.com, or 301-898-3920.

- **9:30 and 11:00 Easter Services** at WUMC.

Easter Season

April 28: Second Sunday of Easter - 3 Services. Church Wide Lenten Study “Soul Shift” concludes.

****May 5:** Communion, **UNITY Service, 10 AM – Graduate Recognition & Brunch – WUMC.**

May 12: Fourth Sunday of Easter & **Mother’s Day**, resume to 3 services; **8:15, 9:30 & 11:00.**

****FYI: Coming soon, Summer Unity Services at 10 AM, start on June 16th.**

“Committee Corner.” Each month Committee Chair people will be submitting articles about what is happening in and around our Church Community.

MISSIONS OUTREACH

Throughout March we will be collecting items for the Easter Eggstravaganza.

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Over the past month: WUMC has donated items needed to support Frederick Missions, Alan Linton Shelter, and Heartly House. All these donations have been delivered. Financial assistance was approved to help with expenses so that a youngster in the Campus Life program can attend a youth conference.

Currently: We continue to sponsor a missionary in Uganda. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the Thrift Shop each Saturday in April. (see below)

Coming Up:

- We will decide whether or not WUMC will participate in the SOWAC program this summer.
- WUMC will serve supper at Centennial Church on April 27. Volunteers will be needed.
- We are looking at possibility of scheduling WUMC as a church to volunteer at Alan Linton Shelter.
- We will be discussing how to support Safe and Safe for high schoolers in May.
- We will be using the Giving Tree this year to support these causes:
 - May – ASP
 - June – VBS
 - July – GVCS School Supply Drive
 - August – Food Bank
 - September – Fall Festival Gift Cards
 - October – North Point Veterans Program
 - November – ARC and GVCS Toy Shop
 - December – Used clothing drive

The Extra Mile Giving Bucket Format: The Bucket will be passed on the 2nd and 4th Sundays and of each month with the donations going to Missions to use as needed.

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays- Bucket won't be passed unless there is an emergency we'd like to contribute to

Volunteers Needed to run the Thrift Shop – WUMC is once again taking its turn in running the GVCS Thrift Shop. We will be looking for volunteers to run the shop each **Saturday in April**. At least 2 people are needed each week. The shop runs from 10:00-2:00, but volunteers need to be there no later than 9:45 to set up. The tasks involved include opening and closing, hanging clothes, exchange of the money, and emptying a dehumidifier. If you're willing to help contact Kathy Barret at 301-606-3119 or kvbarr@aol.com, or signup on the sheet on the Missions bulletin board.

**Interested in being a part of Missions? We'd love to have your help.
Contact Julie Zebroski at 240-440-9841 or Jzebroski0404@gmail.com**

GVCS THRIFT STORE:

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Holy Week – Refer to Page 3.

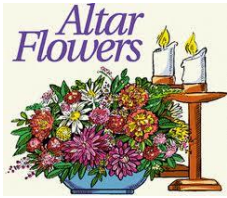
Easter Eggstravaganza	April 14	See Page 8
Easter Monday	April 22	Office is closed
Mount Zion's Closing Service	April 28	

EASTER SUNRISE BRUNCH:

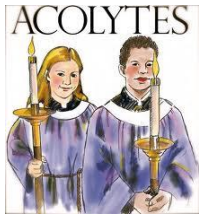
The Easter Sunrise Service will once again be at *Morningside Inn*, **April 21, at 6:00 a.m.** The brunch following the service is open to the public and all are welcome to attend the breakfast that follows. A firm guest count is due to Chef Tim one week ahead of time, so we need **RSVPs for the breakfast no later than April 14.** Please RSVP to Teresa at Morningside Inn by email info@morningside-inn.com or by phone 301-898-3920.



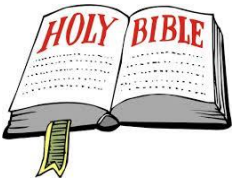
Service Opportunities



Donate flowers for the Sunday worship services. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the front hallway of the church. The average cost is \$35.00 for an arrangement.



Children aged 10 – 17 are needed as acolytes for the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. To sign up, contact Robin Hirsch at 410-258-7044 or at rphirsch@gmail.com.



Adults and Youth are needed to read the scripture at all three service. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the front hallway of the church.



PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH: we'd like to have a **regular active prayer team** that will promise to pray for all of us – our youth, our leadership, our activities, our mission, and our witness. We would like for you to pray for the youth in the Walkersville area – that they might grow in their relationship with our Lord, no matter where they go to church, or even if they don't. We'd like your prayers that they might find a worshipping community that fits their needs. Of course, we would like to have a chance to be that community!



BAKE FOR OUR YOUTH: If you don't have the energy and time to be a hands-on youth worker, you might be able to **share baked goods or snacks** for our fellowship times, **loan us sporting or camping gear** occasionally, maybe even **share your home swimming pool** for an evening activity. **If you might be able to help in any of the above areas**, please contact Rhonda at youthleader@walkersvilleumc.org!!



TUNE IN! Worship Music for April 2019

Date	Event	9:30	11:00	Special Info
4/7	Lent 5	Adult		
4/14	Passion/Palm Sunday	Adult	Junior	
4/18	Holy/Maundy Thursday	Combined service with Mt. Pleasant at Mt. Pleasant UMC		
4/19	Good Friday	Cantata, combined with Mt. Pleasant choir at Walkersville UMC		
4/21	Easter	Junior/Adult		
4/28	Easter 2			

As usual, please share your musical gifts. Contact me (Nancy Mullins) at music@walkersvilleumc.org or through the church office at 301-845-9860

Please join us as we share in communion at our Holy Thursday Service combined with Mt. Pleasant UMC at 7:00 on Thursday, April 18, at Mt. Pleasant.



On Good Friday, our combined choirs will share the cantata, "Song of the Shadows" by Joseph Martin. The service will be held at 7 p.m. at Walkersville UMC.

Our adult choir season will end early this year due to our reduced numbers. Our current group might be able to do 2-part songs once in a while, but as a 4 part choir, we will try to reconvene in the fall. Special music offerings are encouraged and welcomed!! Susan Glaspell, our director, composed the following heartfelt letter explaining our situation. If God has ever put it on your heart to join a choir, please give it some serious thought in the next months and be ready to go with us in September!!

To Walkersville United Methodist church:

There are many verses in the Bible which encourage us to make music and sing for the Lord. Psalm 100 says: Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Ephesians 5:19 – Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.

Psalm 105:2 – Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Sometimes it is the hymns or choir anthems that support the messages from the pulpit. Sometimes it is those songs that are the messages.



Walkersville United Methodist church has had an adult choir for many, many years. It has been a source of joy for choir members who love to sing and be part of the worship service and for the congregation who enjoy listening. Wednesday night choir rehearsals have been fun. Even though the choir works hard to bring an anthem together, there is a lot of laughter and comradery. It has been said that you could come to choir in a bad mood, but you certainly couldn't leave that way.

For at least the past two years, the adult choir has struggled to maintain the number of members needed to present the anthems in a way that we feel enhances the worship services and, also, displays our quality of music we have established over the years. The lack of choir members has been a critical issue. There have been numerous pleas for new members – we have gained three, but we have lost some. With life events causing a significant decrease in our choir members after March, we will be slightly more than a quartet. This is not a choir. So, it is with a heavy heart and much sadness, that we say, after March 17, 2019, there will be no more Walkersville United Methodist church adult choir. We pray that this church, which has a history of phenomenal musicians, will see fit to support a choir again.

Susan Glaspell, Adult Choir Director

Nancy Mullins, Director of Music Ministries

March 3, 2019



WUMC EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA is Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 p.m. Please join us for a fun afternoon egg hunt, crafts and light refreshments. We are also looking for your help with this community event!! We are looking for volunteers to help run the Eggstravaganza. Please contact Paula at children@walkersvilleumc.org with any questions or if you are able to help.



WUMC Vacation Bible School:

July 22 – 26. Times to be determined.

We are also looking for help with this community event!! If you can volunteer to help decorate, prepare snacks, be a crew leader or other help with other needs, we would be grateful. Please contact Paula at children@walkersvilleumc.org with any questions or if you are able to help.

Weekday School



Our students and teachers are looking forward to warmer weather and more time outside. Our older students will celebrate National Reading month on March 29th with pizza for snack. Our spring *Scholastic Book Fair* family night is April 2nd from 6-7:30. The theme is “*Stomp, Chomp, and Read*” and a “real” T-Rex will be here for photo opportunities.

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is ongoing until classes fill. Information and forms can be found on the WUMC website under the Weekday School tab. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour.

We hope everyone has a joyous Easter!



Vicky Wilson, Director
(301) 845-4282

Email: weekdayschool@walkersvilleumc.org



If you know of anyone who is graduating from any type of further education please let Rhonda Ramsburg Youthleader@walkersvilleumc.org (240) 409-1984 know. This is for High School, College, Trade School, Academy's, Certifications, etc. We want to highlight all of our 2019 graduates!



Sunday, May 5th @ 10:00 we will be recognizing our **Graduates!** Everyone is welcome to join us in Georgetown Hall after the service for some more Graduation celebration along with a catered brunch! Please take this time to share memories with our graduates and maybe talk about some funny moments. *Everyone loves the bloopers!!*

For the month of April, the **MS and HS Youths will be meeting together on Sunday Nights from 6:30-8:30** to continue with our Bible study Soul Shift. The MS Youths will not be meeting on Monday's after school at this time. We can talk about some other dates/times we would like to schedule for us to spend some time together. I'll be in touch.

One exception, we will not be having our Sunday night meeting on **Easter Sunday, April 21st. Take this time and enjoy your family.



Just a heads up. We are planning to have a Murder Mystery Party for both youth groups. Details are being worked out now. Stay Tuned!

Saturday, April 13th is another mandatory **ASP Meeting.** Please make sure you are there! It's only an hour. Meeting from 9:30-10:30.



God Bless

Rhonda Ramsburg
Director of Youth Ministries
Walkersville United Methodist Church
(240) 409-1984

HELP WANTED:

Live-in female caregiver to assist a 65-year-old MS female with her morning and evening routine; occasional middle of the night emergencies.

For those services, provision of free room and board in Walkersville.

Specific duties would include assistance with getting dressed, bathing and general grooming; assistance with getting in and out of bed.

A full-time caregiver arrives daily, so you can still have a regular day job or attend college.

Requirements: Female applicant only; drug free, non-smoking, and no substance abuse issues. Must be able to pass a background check and have at least two references.

Great opportunity for a college or a nursing student, nursing aide, caregiver, CNA or retired woman with nursing experience.

Please contact Judy at 301-301-9295.

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FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ALL announcements and updates MUST be submitted by email prior to NOON on Tuesdays! Any information received after Tuesday will have to wait until the following week. All announcements should have a **clear ending date**. Email the information to Maryalice at secretary@walkersvilleumc.org.

EMAIL BLAST REMINDERS:

Just a reminder when asking the office to send a church-wide Email Blast for news and information, the email blasts are **only** sent to the family's designated 'Household' email. There is only one Household email per family. If you need to send information to specific individuals, a church-wide email may not reach everyone. For example: emails being sent to committee members should be sent to them directly, not via a church-wide email.

Reminders to all members: Please make sure the office is using the email address you want as your Household email to receive the church-wide Email Blasts. For example: if you are not currently receiving the Saddlebag, your Household email address may need to be updated.

Communication of Church Events

The following protocol was approved by Church Council to communicate church events and building usage:

Any event that affects the body of the church (including events which are taking place outside the facility, such as at someone's home or local restaurant, retreat, etc.) or use of the facilities should be on the church calendar. Every event, meeting, outside contractor, in-house repair that may affect use of the facility or may create a conflict with other events **MUST** be communicated in writing (preferably via email) to the Administrative Assistant. The email should be sent to secretary@walkersvilleumc.org and should include space being requested, date and time of event, any need for prep (decorating, food prep, etc.), any post-event need (such as paint drying time, clean-up, removal of decorations, etc.). This will allow for notification of the appropriate people to assure the facility is clean and available with no conflicts. Your cooperation is appreciated.