

# ***THE SADDLEBAG***

*April 2020*

## **WALKERSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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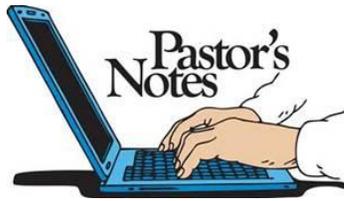
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## *New Normal*

*Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ!*

I hope everyone is adjusting to the *new normal* we find ourselves in, in the midst of this health concern known as coronavirus. How quickly things can happen and change, sometimes it seems almost hourly, in how we conduct our lives and our day-to-day activities. As the coronavirus pandemic continues to unfold and expand here in our country and around the world, there are many things we are called upon to adjust to. As with all things in life, there is a wide range of viewpoints, opinions, and emotions attached to this particular subject matter. Let us not fault others who think or react differently than we do.

Having 'church' without a congregation, live music, and all the other elements normally associated when we gather together for worship has been a new experience for me, as it is for all of us. I know John Grimes regularly tapes our services and puts them on our church Facebook page, but to sit in my office with just him, along with a few cell phones/devices to record my message was very unique to say the least. At this time, we don't know how much longer we will have to live into this *new normal*. But then, all of us are continually adjusting to changes throughout our lives as nothing stays the same for very long.

Several positive things I hope we will all glean from this experience. **(1)** How important coming together for weekly worship is for the building up of our faith, and the important aspect of Koinonia (fellowship) is to us as a faith community. **(2)** Even when we cannot come together physically to the church building to be in communion with one another, we are still united as one because of God's great, and amazing love for us as His daughters and sons. **(3)** In times of difficulty, extreme situations (as this coronavirus pandemic has proven to be, and 9/11 several years ago), natural disasters, etc. It is in such times we pull together in ways we may not normally do. Checking on the most vulnerable, going out of our way to help anyway we can, offering acts of kindness.

Who knows, after all this *new normal* has settled down and the coronavirus starts to fade in our lives and memories, and we move on to the next *new normal*...maybe, just maybe, we as a nation, and as individuals can return to a better civility toward each other. Focus on our commonalities, and those things which are decent, kind and good instead of the divisiveness that has been prevalent recently! My prayer and hope are we will truly see each other as fellow human beings, each with a soul of worth, each with strengths we can use to help others, and weaknesses which we appreciate when others help us.

Take this to heart; "*Do not be afraid – I am with you! I am your God – let nothing terrify you! I will make you strong and help you; I will protect you and save you.*" (Isaiah 41:10)

Blessings,

Pastor Mike

# 2020 EASTER SCHEDULE



- **April 5**, Palm Sunday
- **April 9**, Maundy Thursday, 7pm @ Mount Pleasant UMC
- **April 10**, Good Friday, 7pm @ WUMC
- **April 12, EASTER,**
  - **Easter Sunrise Service**, 6:30am @ Morningside Inn, 7477 McKaig Rd., Frederick, MD 21701

**RSVPs for the breakfast** no later than **April 3**. Please RSVP to Teresa at Morningside Inn by email or phone - [info@morningside-inn.com](mailto:info@morningside-inn.com) or 301-898-3920.

- **WUMC Easter Service, 10:00AM, ONE SERVICE ONLY**

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## Email Blasts



Many have been asking for our Email Blasts to be sent to more than one email per "Household", so we are now sending Email Blasts to your "Member" email address. If you did not provide us with a "Member" email, I copied your "Household" email to one "Member" email within your "Household".

Please let me know if you are receiving too many emails and/or not receiving any.

Thanks,

Nancy Jones  
[wumcdirectory@gmail.com](mailto:wumcdirectory@gmail.com)  
301-676-4379



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

## MISSIONS OUTREACH

### Over the past month WUMC Missions has:

- Collected and delivered needed items to support Heartly House.
- Passed the Extra Mile Giving Bucket to help participants of Walk to Emmaus.
- We’ve communicated the need for someone to take the lead in having our church having a booth at the Walkersville Carnival this summer. The Carnival will have turtle races with or without our church’s involvement.
- We had three members attend an informational meeting the program “Rebuilding Together”.
- We’ve provided financial support for church members.
- Continued our financial support for our missionary in Uganda (Petros Zoe Initiative).

### Coming Up-

- We are working on getting a church group together to participate in Rebuilding Together later in 2020.

### These Outreach Activities are Tentative Due to the Changing Conditions.

- **Centennial Supper-** we are scheduled to serve supper at Centennial Memorial Church on April 18. We will be looking for volunteers to help with this outreach. *If interested in helping contact Angela Brittain at [angela3cats@yahoo.com](mailto:angela3cats@yahoo.com) or 240-457-1479.*
- **Volunteers needed to run the Thrift Shop**  
WUMC is scheduled to take its turn running the GVCS Thrift Shop in April. We are asking for 2 or 3 volunteers to run the shop each Saturday in April. The shop is open from 10 to 2 and volunteers are asked to report no later than 9:45 to set up. Running the shop involves opening and closing, hanging clothes, collecting money and making sure the stock is tidy. If you would like to be a part of this valuable community outreach effort contact Kathy Barrett at 301-606-3119 or [kvbarr@aol.com](mailto:kvbarr@aol.com) or sign up 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](mailto:Jzebroski0404@gmail.com)**

### **UPDATE: Contact Helene to verify event has not been cancelled.**

The Walkersville United Methodist Prayer Shawl Ministry will be holding a knitting and crocheting expo on **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** from 10 am to 10 pm in Georgetown Hall, located in Walkersville United Methodist Church. Come and join us and learn how to knit or crochet. Bring a “G” size crochet hook or size 8 knitting needles, we will supply the yarn. Having problems reading a pattern or have a mistake that needs to be fixed? Bring those along. I am sure one of our ladies would be able to help you. We will be serving food such as soup and sandwiches, along with some tasty snacks. Stop by for an hour or hang out all day. We would love to see you. For more information contact Helene Klemanski at [hklemanski@yahoo.com](mailto:hklemanski@yahoo.com) or call/text at 301-520-8959.



# Upcoming Bible Study

## Toward the Sunrise

These five studies take as their text the post resurrection appearances of Jesus as related by Luke in his Gospel. Focuses on the disciples and their journey of faith from confusion to conviction. Walk with them along the Emmaus Road as they encounter the risen Lord. Also looks at some other famous journeys, including those of Nelson Mandela, John Wesley, John Newton and Captain Scott of Antarctic fame.

Sundays April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 17 from 9:30-10:30 in the Library

Sundays April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 17 at 11: from 11:00-12:00 in the Library

Wednesdays April 22, 29 and May 6, 13, 20 from 6:30-7:30 Library or Parish House (TBD)

***To sign up for this study, contact Wendy Jones.***

***Please specify if you would like your study guide provided in paper for PDF format.***

***Please also consider volunteering to lead or co-lead any of the sessions, thank you!***

***Call or text 301-639-7395 or email to [wendy.jones@rocketmail.com](mailto:wendy.jones@rocketmail.com)***

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## SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP



### HELP!!!

In order to continue having refreshments during our **Sunday Morning Fellowship** time (after 9:30 service), I need YOUR help, no shopping or baking necessary, you just need about 15 minutes before the service to set up and then clean up around 11am. Please stop by fellowship time today to sign up or use the following link to sign up using Sign-up Genius, 2020 dates are all available:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844a9a723a7f58-sunday>

Contact: Nancy Jones, 301-676-4379, [auntnance@verizon.net](mailto:auntnance@verizon.net)

## TUNE IN! Worship Music for April 2020



Date	Event	9:30	11:00	Special Info
4/5	Passion/Palm Sunday	Adult		Communion
4/9	Holy/Maundy Thursday	Combined service at Mt. Pleasant		
4/10	Good Friday	Cantata, combined with Mt. Pleasant choir		
4/12	Easter	Adult		
4/19	Easter 2	Adult		
4/26	Easter 3			

As usual, please share your musical gifts. Contact me (Nancy Mullins) at [music@walkersvilleumc.org](mailto: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 9, at Mt. Pleasant.

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

As we face these new challenges – trying to keep our families safe yet stay in community with other believers, we may be able to find some comfort in Christian hymn and song lyrics. Traditional hymns such as "It is Well With My Soul", "God Will Take Care of You", and "Blessed Assurance" to name a few, give us some words of comfort to ponder. One of my favorite contemporary songs of comfort is "Praise You in This Storm" by the group, Casting Crowns. Lyrics are as follows:

## "Praise You In This Storm"

I was sure by now God, you would have reached down  
And wiped our tears away stepped in and saved the day  
But once again, I say "Amen," and it's still raining

As the thunder rolls I barely hear your whisper through the rain  
"I'm with you" and as your mercy falls  
I raise my hands and praise the God who gives and takes away

And I'll praise you in this storm and I will lift my hands  
For you are who you are no matter where I am

And every tear I've cried you hold in your hand  
You never left my side and though my heart is torn  
I will praise you in this storm

I remember when I stumbled in the wind  
You heard my cry to you and raised me up again  
My strength is almost gone how can I carry on  
If I can't find you

But as the thunder rolls I barely hear your whisper through the rain  
"I'm with you" and as your mercy falls  
I raise my hands and praise the God who gives and takes away

And I'll praise you in this storm and I will lift my hands  
For you are who you are no matter where I am

And every tear I've cried you hold in your hand  
You never left my side and though my heart is torn  
I will praise you in this storm

I lift my eyes unto the hills. Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of Heaven and Earth

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And I'll praise you in this storm and I will lift my hands  
For you are who you are no matter where I am

And every tear I've cried you hold in your hand  
You never left my side and though my heart is torn  
I will praise you in this storm though my heart is torn  
(Though my heart is torn)  
I will praise you in this storm  
(Praise you in this storm)



# Youth News

## Message from the Youth Leader:

Due to all the quarantines, cancellations and such we have had to stop our Youth Group Meetings. This has been very upsetting, but I agree we all need to work together for the safety of everyone. As soon as it is safe, we will resume our meetings. Please take this time to read some scripture with your youths and family or Google some Bible stories. Let's keep the love of learning about the Lord fresh and present in our lives.

I would like to leave you with two comforting scriptures at this time:

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."—**John 16:33**

"If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,' even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you."—**Psalm 139:11-12**



Save the date for Monday, April 27th! Let's go and have some fun.... details to be revealed later. I would like a few adults and drivers for this evening. We will be staying in the Frederick area. **Hmmmm.... What's up?**

**During the remainder time of Lent, read more, pray more and do more for others!**

God is good all the time!  
All the time God is good!

God bless,

Rhonda Ramsburg  
Director of Youth Ministries

**April 15: May Saddlebag articles due.**

# CARNIVAL TIME FUNDRAISER

Got A Fundraiser Idea?

Put in Action

at the

Walkersville  
Fireman's Carnival

Contact the MISSION Committee for info.



## 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](mailto: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.