



OUR MISSION IS TO EXPRESS **CHRIST'S LOVE** TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN



**April  
2019**

April 1 (Mon)	<b>Staff Meeting, 11am</b>
April 3 (Wed)	<b>Choir: Easter Practice in the Gathering Place, 7pm (April 3, 10, 17)</b>
April 10 (Wed)	<b>Friendship Circle @ 12 Noon</b>
April 13 (Sat)	<b>Serving Day, 10 am PTA Rummage Sale, 8-4pm</b>
April 14 (Sun)	<b>Passion/ Palm Sunday</b>
April 14-20 (Sun—Sat)	<b>Holy Week</b>
April 18 (Thu)	<b>Maundy Thursday—Seder Meal, 7pm</b>
April 19 (Fri)	<b>Good Friday</b>
April 20 (Sat)	<b>Easter Egg Coloring &amp; Hunt 11-12 Noon/ 1pm</b>
April 21 (Sun)	<b>Easter Sunday</b>

**\*\*\*\*\*Weekly Events\*\*\*\*\***

<b>Snow Cap Deliveries</b>	<b>Mondays @ 9:00 am</b>
<b>We Walk Group</b>	<b>Mondays @ 9:30 am</b>
<b>Women's Faith Group</b>	<b>Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm</b>
<b>Parent's Prayer Group</b>	<b>Tuesdays @ 8:30 am</b>
<b>Choir Practice (April 3,10,17)</b>	<b>Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm</b>
<b>Men's Coffee</b>	<b>Thursdays @ 10:00 am</b>

[For details, contact the church office Mon-Thurs 9am to 2pm by phone or email](#)

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!!

**April 1 is Staff Meeting Monday**

**April 3rd, Wednesday, 7pm  
Choir Practice**



**UMW Friendship Circle, Apr 10**

This month, the UMW Friendship Circle will get together on February 10th at 12 Noon in the

Gathering Room. See you there!

**April 10th, Wednesday, 7pm  
Choir Practice**

**PTA Rummage Sale, Apr 13**

The Mt. Tabor Elementary School PTA will be hosting their annual rummage sale on April 13th, Saturday from 8am thru 4pm. Come support teachers, parents, and students!



**Serving Day,  
Saturday April 13th  
at 10am**



Come one, come all and join in the effort to beautify and maintain our sacred Sanctuary and Church. As always, refreshments are

provided. We just need your hands, energy, and fellowship. See you there!



**Passion/Palm Sunday, April 14th**

Come and join us as we remember the entry of Jesus Christ into

Jerusalem thus marking the beginning of Holy Week April 14th-20th, the week long observance focusing on events leading into and including the crucifixion.

**Choir Practice, April 17th  
Wednesday at 7pm**

**Seder Meal/Maundy Thursday  
April 18th, @ 7pm**

The Seder meal is a feast that includes reading, drinking wine, telling stories, eating special foods, singing, and other Passover traditions. Please come with open hearts and minds to learn and commemorate Christ Jesus who freed us through 'Exodus' from the slavery of sins and death.

**THUMC's Church and  
Community Easter Egg Hunt,  
April 20th,**

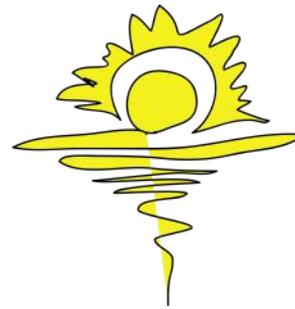
**11—1pm**

This year, we will help kids color their eggs, from 11-12 Noon. We will



then hide them and then by age division, they will seek out their colorful creations and plastic surprise eggs. Come and let's enjoy this blessed day with our Community!

**Easter Sunday, April 21st**



Come and let us celebrate our Easter together, starting with a [Sunrise Service at 7 am](#) and then enjoying a light and simple breakfast afterwards of pastries and other finger food/

fruits and beverages. We will continue on with our regularly scheduled Sunday classes and service.

# HAPPY EASTER

*Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again— rejoice!*

*Philippians 4:4*

Your Celebrations are important for us to recognize with our family in Christ.



April  
Birthdays

Evelyn Long, 1  
Barbara Carpenter, 2  
Meryl Hoverkamp, 4  
Samantha Tinio, 7  
Allisyn Bridges, 9  
Jim Douglass, 13  
Gloria Go, 17  
Dorothy Glynn, 22  
Linda Bridges, 30  
Joyce Peterson-Doering, 30



Please do not be reluctant to let us know if yours is missing on the monthly edition of 'Messenger' by sending a note to: [church@taborheightschurch.org](mailto:church@taborheightschurch.org)



Wedding



Anniversaries

Arthur & Cathleen  
Benedetti-White, 18

*This series of resources help families start conversations about faith during dinner, devotions, or anytime. The following topic was posted on March 5, 2019 although the series itself began in January of 2019. To get January and February's Get Them Talking topics, check out [www.umc.org/what-we-believe/get-them-talking-discussion-starters-for-families](http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/get-them-talking-discussion-starters-for-families)*

## **Get Them Talking: Forgiveness**

### **Scripture Reading:**

*...and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves  
forgive everyone who is indebted to us; - Luke 11:4*

### **Reflection:**

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, a time the church sets aside each year to help us prepare for Easter. During Lent, we remember how God forgives us for all we do wrong, our sin. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus connects God's forgiveness of us with our forgiveness of others. We are to forgive in the same way we have been forgiven.

Forgiveness is sometimes misunderstood. When we forgive another we are not saying it is okay that they hurt us. Instead, we are deciding to let go of the hurt. When we do, we allow God to heal us and make us feel better.

### **Get them talking:**

- Share about a time when you were forgiven. How did you feel?
- Tell a time about when you forgave someone. How did that make you feel?
- Why do you think forgiveness is important?
- Read and discuss the words to "*Freely, Freely*":

*He said, "freely, freely you have received. Freely, freely give.  
Go in My name and because you believe, others will know that I live.*

### **Prayer:**

Dear God, thank you for forgiving me for what I've done wrong. Please give me the courage to forgive those who have hurt me. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

### **Activity**

Through the years, Christians have decided to "give something up for Lent," as a reminder that they are forgiven. Discuss as a family some things you might give up during this season and commit as a family to help one another.

## **THUMC Community Outreach: Easter Egg Hunt**



**Church Family, our egg hunt will take place on the 20th of April, at 1pm. We will divide the participants into 3 age brackets, and they will each have a go either in the field or in the appointed back up rooms in the event it rains.**

**Here are the 3 age groups:**

- **Toddlers**
- **Under 12**
- **Over 12**

**We are in the need for volunteers to help hide the eggs for the children and we need Monitors for each age group as they “scramble” to find the most eggs.**

**We have provided plastic eggs for you to take a dozen home and fill with either coin or candy. Just remember to bring them back no later than Thursday, the 18th during our office hours.**

**\*\*From 11-12Noon, we will provide real (boiled) eggs and coloring material to those who want to color their eggs before the egg hunt.**



## From the Pastor...

***“Where there appeared to be no hope, there is now hope. Where there was death, there is now resurrection!”***



I would like to invite you all to a new thing, but it is not entirely or totally the new thing at all. Yes, we’re having a **Sunrise Worship on Easter** morning at 7a.m. followed by an Easter breakfast for anyone who wishes to stay and prepare for our

Sunday morning worship at 11a.m.

In fact, “the first recorded Easter sunrise service was an impromptu gathering in Herrnhut, Germany. Early on Easter morning 1732, a small group of young Moravian men went to the local cemetery for a special time of worship.” On Easter Sunday morning, many United Methodists will rise before the sun to attend a sunrise worship service today. Just as the gospel writers tell us that Mary Magdalene and some of Jesus’ other female followers went to His tomb early in the morning Sunday morning, we’d like to gather early in the morning to worship our resurrected Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

For us, the newly built garden outside Tabor Heights may seem to be a meaningful place for worship, it serves to remind the congregation that Jesus is the one as living fountain for our restful and quenching souls. As the women went to the tomb on the first Easter Sunday, this celebration will again happen at our ‘ALL Saint Garden’ of the faithful. I believe this early worship service will include a time of caring for those who were gone before us and of celebration for their resurrections on the day of the Lord.

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# From the Pastor...

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If possible, we will gather facing east to watch the sunrise with the coming of a new day, and especially our own new life in Christ Jesus who conquer the death, hatred, and division of the world.

Therefore, let us remember the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined” (Isaiah 9:2). This will be the message we’d like to proclaim to our neighborhood community that in our resurrected Christ we have a light of hope, the very presence of God in the midst of us. Come and see if we can do this new service together!

Blessings in the  
Resurrected Christ Jesus,  
Pastor John



# APRIL 2019

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1  
WEEK

	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Parents' Prayer, 830am				
	Staff Meeting, 11am					
Choir Practice, 7pm						

2  
WEEK

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sunday School 930am	We Walk, 930 am	Parents' Prayer, 830am		Men's Coffee 10am		PTA Rummage Sale, 8am-4pm
Worship 11am		Book Study 1pm	UMW Friendship Circle, 12 Noon			Serving Day, 10am
Choir Practice, 7pm						

3  
HOLY  
WEEK

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday School 9:30am	We Walk, 930 am	Parents' Prayer, 830am		Men's coffee 10am		
Worship 11am Passion/Palm Sunday		Book Study 1pm		Holy/Maundy Thursday	GOOD FRIDAY	Easter Egg Coloring (11-12 Noon) & Hunt, 1 pm
Choir Practice, 7pm						
				Seder Meal Celebration, 7pm		

4  
WEEK

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunrise Service, 7 am Easter Breakfast, 8am Sunday School 9:30am	We Walk, 930 am	Parents' Prayer, 830am		Mens' coffee 10am		African Violet Society Flower Sale, 8-4pm
Worship 11am Easter Sunday		Book Study 1pm				
Choir Practice, 7pm						

5  
WEEK

28	29	30				30
Sunday School 9:30am	We Walk, 930 am	Parents' Prayer, 830am				
Worship 11 am		Book Study 1pm				
Choir Practice, 7pm						