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ROUND LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DEDICATED 1894
CELEBRATING OUR 118TH YEAR
APRIL 2012

HOLY WEEK REMEMBRANCES AND CELEBRATIONS



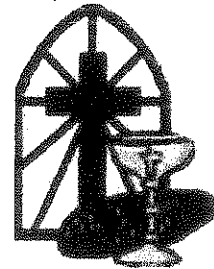
Palm Sunday, April 1st

We will celebrate Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem
Regular worship time at 9:30am

Holy Thursday, April 5th

We will celebrate and remember
Jesus Last Meal with the disciples.
Sacrament of Holy Communion will
be shared around tables.

Worship at 7:00pm



Good Friday, April 6th

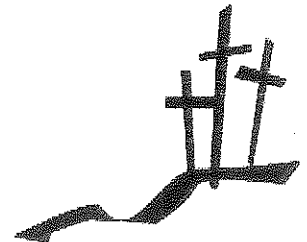
We will remember the trial of Jesus and last words from
the cross with scripture and music.

Worship at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 8th

We will celebrate the joyous festival of the
Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Sunrise Worship beginning at 6:30am
Simpson Avenue Park (weather permitting)
Shared breakfast will follow at church
Festive Easter Celebration at 9:30am



Pastoral Ponderings

An acquaintance of mine recently quipped: "The ground hog got it all wrong this year. Not only are we not having six more weeks of winter, we haven't even had six weeks of winter this year." True enough for much of the northeast. We have all been marveling at how extraordinarily mild this winter has been. Although the skiers among us have not been happy about the mild weather, nearly everyone I have spoken with feels blessed by it. Our heating costs have been significantly reduced this winter. Our plowing costs have also been nearly non-existent. These are blessings.

Now that Spring has officially arrived, we see the transformations of even a mild winter into an explosion of color as the grass begins to green, the trees bud and leaf, the bulbs push up and bloom. Nature's sleep of winter is over and new life bursts forth.

As we reflect upon the events in Jerusalem the last week of Jesus' life among us, we might say: "They (the authorities) got it wrong. Jesus is not dead. He is alive and with us." This is a real extraordinary thing. The one who was crucified and dead is now alive. This is the Easter proclamation. This is God's blessing for each and every one of us.

Because of this extraordinary blessing from God we are transformed. New life is bursting forth within us. Celebrate the new life God gives us through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ.

May you experience Easter blessings and transformations this year.

With Christ's Peace – Rev. Jane

Welcome to Our Newest Member

Eugene LaDue became our newest member on Sunday, March 11, 2012.

Eugene comes to us from the Wicopee Community United Methodist Church in Hopewell Junction, NY.

Scriptures in Worship

April begins with the holiest week of the Christian year as we re-live once again the powerful events of Jesus' last week living with us. Holy Thursday and Good Friday are inextricably linked with Easter Day in what the church calls the Triduum ("trid-jum", three days). Together, the tree days straddle the church seasons of Lent and Easter.



Easter is a season of great rejoicing culminating in the festive Day of Pentecost. During April we will once again re-live the central events of our faith: the Crucifixion and the Resurrection as we look toward the gift of the Holy Spirit. Easter is more than a day; it is a week of weeks. Easter is a way of living. Join us as we explore how we live as Easter people.

Sunday, April 1st Palm Sunday Sacrament of Holy Communion

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

Sunday, April 8th Celebration of the Resurrection Sacrament of Holy Communion

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

Sunday, April 15th

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1 – 2:2; John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 22nd

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday, April 29th

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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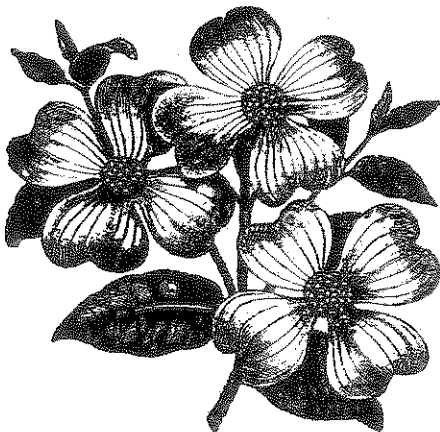
The **Men's Dinner** was a huge success. Thanks to Joe Peck who graciously donated his time to give the men a fun filled program. Also a huge thank you goes out to all the ladies that served the men the wonderful ziti dinner. A great time was had by all.

A **Ladies Dinner** is being planned for Saturday, April 21 at 5pm with a donation of \$7 for dinner and girls under 10 free. Will Roy will be again preparing a wonderful dinner of tossed salad, grilled sherry chicken with roasted shallot and fresh herb demi-glaze, spinach and eggplant rollatini, creamy saffron risotto, seasonal vegetables, rolls, assorted pies and cakes for dessert. Leanne Becker of Vintage Options will be presenting a program on hats throughout history. There will be a Hat Contest so be creative and wear a hat that you've made, an unusual one that you've found or an antique one. Prizes will be awarded. If you'd like to join in the fun, please see Joyce Meurs (237-0788) for tickets. All tickets must be purchased by April 15th. Tickets will not be sold at the door so get yours early.

Albany District United Methodist Women's spring meeting will be held Saturday, April 21 at 9am at the Shenendehowa UMC. There will be three dynamic women speaking on poverty. Also, Mariene Towne of Middleburg will be speaking on the devastation in Schoharie County. School kits for Haiti will be collected that day. If you'd like to attend, please see Carol Millington by April 15 for a reservation.

Our garage sale is being planned for May 5th. Please gather items to donate toward this mission project (no electronics, no televisions, no clothing or large items, please). You may drop off items at church from 4/29-5/4 9am-12pm.

Our next UMW Meeting will be April 16. Marilyn DeLorio will be sharing devotions, Joyce Meurs is in charge of program and Carol Millington will be preparing refreshments. Hope to see you at 6:30pm to help us plan the holiday bazaar then join us for our business meeting at 7pm. Come share some fellowship with us.



Trustees

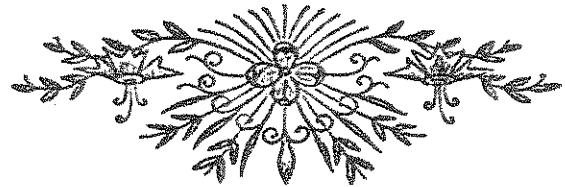
At our last meeting, Trustees elected the following people as officers for the 2012 term. Doug Madigan - President, Terry Reynolds - Vice President and Jean Halme - Secretary.

The Floor Committee has been established with UMW, Trustees and the general membership being represented. Donna Alaskey, Kathy Washburn, Joyce Meurs and Dave Meurs will be meeting soon to begin this project.

Trustees will also getting estimates to have several large trees removed at the parsonage. There are concerns for safety as well as damage which could occur if limbs break off and hit the building.

Don't forget Saturday March 31st. The church cleanup is scheduled with outside and inside projects scheduled.

It was decided that we will change our meeting time to the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. With this in mind, our next Trustee meeting will be Wed. April 4th.



Schools of Christian Mission Scheduled

The 2012 School of Christian Mission schedule for the Upper New York Conference has been released; three schools are planned:

- Region 1 will be held Sept. 14-16 at the Silver Bay YMCA (on lake George, Silver Bay. Dean Linda VanSchaick.
- Region 2 will be held July 13-15 at Casenovia College, Casenovia, with programs available for adults, youth and children. Dean Phyllis Doane.
- Region 3 will be held July 26-28 at the Asbury Camp & Retreat Center, Silver Lake. Dean: Ruth Cleveland

Three studies will be offered at each region's school: "Immigration and the Bible," "Haiti: Challenges and Hopes" and a study on the issue of "Poverty." More information about the studies and school locations can be found on the UNYC Women's website at www.unyumw@qbgm-umc.org The website will include new information as it is made available plus registration forms. Brochures for each of the schools will be available at Spring UMW District Meetings and at the Annual Conference Session.

Special Days in April

Birthdays

- 4 Carol Fairbanks
- 11 Tim Guile
- 12 Donna Alaskey
- 16 Tim Marquise
- 17 Deborah Dunbar
- 18 James Todt
- 20 Benjamin Todt
- 20 Kacie Todt
- 23 Tyler Colson
- 26 Charlene Christopher
- 27 Stephanie Milczarek
- 27 Isaac Sievers
- 29 Rachel Smith



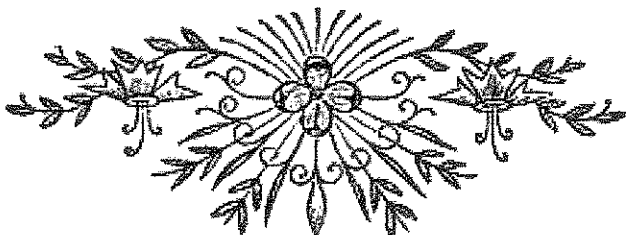
Special Music

- April 1 Choir
- April 8 Choir
- April 15 Bob Garland
- April 22 Will Roy
- April 29 One Achord

Anniversaries

- 6 John and Norma Davey
- 20 Tim and Eileen Guile





April	Ushers	Readers	Counters
1	Bob Kopp	Joyce Meurs	Bob Washburn/Jean Halme
8	Mike Cranston	Jean Halme	Jean Halme/Steve Mitchell
15	Steve Mitchell	Steve Mitchell	Terry Reynolds/Linda Milkins
22	Todd Sievers	Katie Madigan	Shelda Roerig/C.Christopher
29	Walt Agnew	Dan Baker	C.DeMartino/Walt Agnew



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April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 Palm Sunday Worship 9:30am	2 Stone Soup 1pm	3 Bible Study 10:30am	4 Choir 7pm Trustees meeting 7pm	 5 Holy Thursday Worship 7pm	 6 Good Friday Worship 7pm	7
 8 Easter Worship 6:30 and 9:30am	9 Stone Soup 1pm	10 Bible Study 10:30am Finance Committee 7pm	11 Choir 7pm Worship Planning 5:30pm	12	13	14
15 Worship 9:30am	16 UMW meeting 7pm	17 Bible Study 10:30am Administrative Council 7pm	18 Choir 7pm	19 S/PPRC 7pm	20	 21 Woman's Dinner 5pm
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