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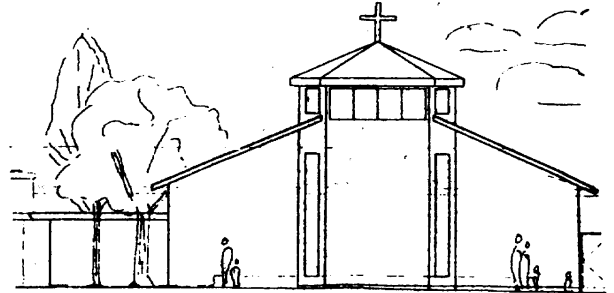
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Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:00 a.m.

In a hostile, hurting world we reach out to share kindness and laughter. Our spirituality is based on Jesus and his love and compassion. We provide a community of support and healing where all are welcomed and valued regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, disability, gender, or economic status. In a world where people feel they can love only those who are like themselves, we seek to celebrate the uniqueness of every human being.

"Making Room in the Circle"



APRIL, 2023

From the



Greetings!

As we move through this Season of Lent, how are we living into what it means to be disciples of Christ? With the weight of the world, I sometimes find myself asking, "Where is Jesus?". As the question looms in the air, I am brought back and my thinking pivots to not just how we wait for Jesus, but how is Jesus waiting for us?

Waiting for us to be the light in the world that sometimes seems so dark. Waiting for us to extend the hand of grace to our neighbors and our enemies. Waiting for us to love each other as he loves us. Waiting for us to not just sit around waiting for his return, but to actively participate in the transformation of the world.

Are you waiting passively or participating in the active hope of Christ? The hope that doesn't wonder where Jesus is in times of struggle and adversity. The hope that calls us to action. Let us nurture each other. Let us extend grace to each other. Let us recognize Jesus' love and light in a sometimes-dark world. Jesus is calling us. Jesus is waiting for us to use our light. The light gifted to us by the Holy Spirit for the transformation of the world.

God with us.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Marissa



Palm Sunday – Sunday, April 2nd – 10 a.m. Service

Maundy Thursday

Please join us for an interactive Maundy Thursday service **April 6th at 7pm**. We will start by gathering in Fellowship Hall to put together **100 food bags** for the Parsippany Food Pantry. We will then move to the **Sanctuary to hear words from the last supper. This service will be in person only**. All are welcome to join us.

Good Friday

Please join us on Friday **April 7th at 7pm** for our Tenebrae Good Friday Service. A Service of Tenebrae, or "Shadows," is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. **This service will be in person only**. All are welcome.



Easter Sunday, April 9th – 10 a.m. Service

Easter Service will be followed by an **Easter Egg hunt** for the kids.



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Looking back... In March we had Pastor Marissa talk to us about DNA and her journey from scientist to minister. Thank you!

Anyone not a member but would like to become one, please email me (betsyadams@live.com).

APRIL 5th – 7 p.m.
Our meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by a pictorial presentation by Betsy and Paul Adams and their recent trip to Germany. See castles and cathedrals as well as Beethoven's home and many other fun trips we took. All are invited both in person and on zoom.
Refreshments will be served. [Zoom Link UWF](#)

April 2 – Palm Sunday	April 9 – Easter Sunday
April 6 – Maundy Thursday	April 22 – Earth Day
April 7 – Good Friday	

GET WELL wishes to those of you who are ill, and
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those of you celebrating this month..

God Bless,
Betsy Adams
betsyadams@live.com

Youth Group in April

Please join us on **Sunday April 16th and Sunday April 30th** for Youth Group from **6-8pm**. All youth ages 8th-12th are welcome to attend! This month we will be having dinner, games, providing a mission project, and discussing a lock in. Have questions? Please contact Aimee Letsch or Pastor Marissa.

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We're having a **SHRED EVENT on Saturday May 6. 12 pm – 2 pm**. Absolute Shredding will once again be coming to the church to help us with tis fundraiser. **Pricing will be \$10.00 for a reusable grocery bag and \$15.00 for a box**. Proceeds of the day are split 50/50 between PUMC and Absolute Shredding.

Please tell your neighbors and friends. Let's fill the truck this time!!!

Also on May 6th -----



Our **Roast Beef Dinner** is coming back on Saturday **May 6 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm**. What we all need to do now is get the word out so we can fill up Fellowship Hall and dazzle all of our customers with the excellent food and our great hospitality. Flyers and tickets are available from Barbara Bradley or Connie Keller.

If you are available to help with the dinner, please see Barb or Connie to volunteer. We need help in the kitchen, set up, servers, clean up..... We will be serving **HOMEMADE CAKES** again, if you enjoy baking, please consider making a dessert for dinner. We have a great reputation for our home made items. Let's make our first dinner (after covid) a great success!!!

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PUMC Church T-Shirts

Just in time for the Roast Beef Dinner (May 6th!), we are ordering church t-shirts...but you don't have to volunteer for the dinner to purchase this new amazing t-shirt. We will be doing one bulk **order for the t-shirts on April 9th**. If you would like to order a t-shirt, please contact Connie Keller (she will accept cash, check, Cash App, Venmo, and Zelle). The cost of the t-shirt is **\$16**. If you would like to buy a t-shirt and donate it, we will give it out when we have new members. If you would like to see sizes, or would like to order, contact Connie Keller.



Anyone aware of a **Prayer Concern** is invited to contact Doris Bradley at 973-887-3219 who will put the **Prayer Chain** into action. If Doris cannot be reached, please contact Pastor Marissa. If you would like to add your name to the people who receive the prayer chain, please speak to Betty Polen.

Church Offerings:

If you are more comfortable attending worship online, or live at a distance, please try to keep your pledge up to date. You can send your pledge to the church. The address is:

Parsippany United Methodist Church
903 So. Beverwyck Rd.
Parsippany, NJ 07054
You can also use our PayPal link ---



To make it easier for the Congregation to keep up with their financial pledges to the Church, a **PayPal link has been added to the PUMC Homepage**. If you've never used PayPal before, it's an easy and secure way to send a payment over the Internet. You can use your bank account or a credit card to make your payment, and PayPal takes a small transaction fee. For more information or a quick demonstration on how to use this new tool, please speak with Justin Cogan. You can use this link: <https://www.paypal.me/parsippanyumc>

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FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS – If you want to remember or honor a special occasion in your life by putting flowers on the altar, please get in touch with Connie Keller. You are certainly welcome at any time to place flowers on the altar. Contact information: Connie's cell: 973-568-5404; email: connie@mhmlender.com

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CHURCH CALENDAR and SCHEDULING EVENTS

The church calendar on our website www.parsippanyumc.org has been updated. If you want to schedule an event, you need to look at the website calendar to see if the date is available. All requests for use of the church facilities need to be approved by the trustees. Please contact Pastor Marissa for more information

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Zoom Wednesdays at 1:00 pm and Fridays at 12:00 pm

Many people may still feel wary about the risks of visiting shops, church or even leaving our homes. This is especially true if you have a disability or long-term health condition that makes you more vulnerable to the effects of coronavirus. Losing face to face contact with people can feel stressful and worrying. That's why on Wednesdays and Fridays we join on Zoom in the hopes that seeing a friendly face can help us feel more connected. On Wednesday, Joanne Rich checks in with those online seeing how people are doing. On Friday, Betsy Adams leads the group with a question of the week to open discussions and maybe find out something new about your church family. We end asking if there are any prayer requests you have. If you are looking to make connection with people, our Wednesday and Friday groups may be ideal for you. **Emails are sent out the day before meetings for you to follow the link.** If you have any questions, please reach out to either Joanne or Betsy.

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Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Parsippany United Methodist Church, *where there's always room in the circle*, is invited to speak to Pastor Marissa.



Our church website is at ParsippanyUMC.org. You can find all the newsletters, as well as a calendar that gives the times of events held at the church. You can also find a little church history, a listing of all the plays we've produced at the church, and a summary of the various church fellowship and mission groups.

If you aren't presently on **Facebook**, consider joining with a secret identity so you can be a member of the Parsippany United Methodist Church Congregation Group and received day by day prayer concerns and announcements and other postings regarding the life of our church.

FACEBOOK LIVE – Our services are on Facebook Live every week. If you are interested in furthering the ministries of our church by helping out with our Live broadcasts, please reach out to Connie Keller or Darryl Sokolowski.



Parsippany United Methodist Church is now on Instagram. To find us, search - Parsippany_umc

Instagram



Consider becoming a part of one or more of our Musical Groups here at church:

Bell Choir – rehearses Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please speak to Barb Bradley or Aimee Letsch - or just show up on Thursday and see what happens!

Choir – rehearses Thursdays at 7:45 p.m. We always have an "open robe" for anyone who loves to sing. We sing in 4-part harmony, so if you've sung in your high school chorus or any other equivalent, you have a great start! Speak to any choir member or Barb Bradley if you're interested.

Easter Word Search

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Can you find?

lent
easter
jesus
judas
cross
desert
supper
disciple

Can you find?

wash
pray
bread
wine
meal
tomb
died
cross

Our Outreach to Those in Need



On the second Thursday of every other month our church provides a meal for the people living temporarily at **Homeless Solutions**. If you would like to volunteer as a server, please speak to Laurie Wilken or Connie Wallace. If you would like to help cook speak Tom Albert or Justin Cogan. Our next opportunity to serve is **April 13th**.



Parsippany Emergency Food Pantry – Denise White is now delivering our donations to the Emergency Food Pantry in Parsippany. You can bring your donations of non-perishable food items to the church any Sunday. Denise takes the food over as the bin gets filled up. Supermarket gift cards are also welcome. This is a very easy way to give back to the less-fortunate in our own township.

On **Saturday, TBD** our church once more takes its turn volunteering at **Interfaith Furnishings**. Please let Garrett Belanus or Pastor Marissa know if you can volunteer your time to help move donated furniture to the homes of people who could not otherwise afford it in Morris County.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS			
2 nd	Tracy Booth	14 th	Art Sakelakos
4 th	Cheryl Judge	14 th	Charolette Rose Bryant
6 th	LilyAnn Bryant	15 th	Esther Chun
7 th	Charley Bruxgulis	15 th	Arianna Cintenero
7 th	Vijaya Desari	16 th	Melissa Tribuna
8 th	Gail Lingerman	17 th	Gail Booth
8 th	Annabelle Vance	18 th	John Sedlak
9 th	Carlee Cintenero	20 th	Ruth Davenport
11 th	Lloyd Newberry	23 rd	Bob Krisa
11 th	Margarette Bryant	23 rd	Bob Vance
12 th	Steven Chun	24 th	George Haddad
12 th	Kylie Morgan	26 th	Kathy Andersen
13 th	Jon Keller	27 th	Gina Trezza
13 th	Eddie Abbott	28 th	Ryan Mortensen
14 th	Betty Davis	29 th	Debbie Gantert

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