

April 2025

# **Messenger 3.0**

## **Centerville/Saugerties UMC**

### **Hey Church Family, how's everyone doing?**

I thought the weather was finally warming up, but it keeps going back and forth. And you know, just like the unpredictable weather, life doesn't always go the way we expect. So what do we do when things don't go according to plan?

Most people worry. When we face problems beyond our control, when we see situations that give us every reason to be anxious, we start stressing out. I do too—about my future, about ministry, and about all the conflicts, wars, and turmoil happening around us. And honestly, sometimes I can't help but wonder—what if, before this year is over, we find ourselves in the greatest economic depression in history? The thought of how many people might suffer because of it really weighs on me.

But then, Jesus' words come to mind: *“In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”* (John 16:33)

I truly hope all of you are doing well. But let's be real—life comes with its fair share of worries. And when those worries creep in, instead of letting them weigh us down, let's practice handing them over to God. Because every worry surrendered is a chance to witness His faithfulness. He hears our prayers, He knows us inside and out, and He's promised to lead us every step of the way.

And hey, there are people in our church family who are going through tough times right now. So let's not just pray for ourselves—let's lift them up too.

I'll be praying for you all daily. And remember—why worry when we can pray instead? 😊

Pastor Jay

### **What if...**

... coffee hour just stopped happening? There wasn't a lector on Sunday's anymore? There was no one to help usher people to their pew's, or gather our offerings? To assist

with the sound, lights, fans, or any of the other miscellaneous “little” things that go pretty much unnoticed each Sunday?

Each of these small but important functions (and others) take a relatively short amount of time to accomplish but have a large impact on the overall health and happiness of our church family. Can we give a little bit of time as part of our offering and thanks to God for the many gifts we are blessed with each and every day?

### **United Women in Faith**

The next meeting of United Women in Faith will be held Tuesday, April 22, in the lounge. We will have a light meal from 5:30 - 6:30. Each person is invited to bring something. Our program will start at 6:30. The theme for the program is “Generational Influence: How Has Your Faith Changed Over the Years.” All women of the church are invited to join us. — Joan Robinson

### **Sunday School News**

The Sunday School program for the current school year will end at the end of April. We are currently exploring the events leading to Easter. The children hope to participate in carrying the palms on Palm Sunday. Child care will be available during church once Sunday School ends. Thank you to all of the staff of the Sunday School - Pam Maines - Superintendent and the teachers - Ann Robinson, Laura Holzhauser, and Joan Robinson.

### **Personal Care Pantry**

Centerville UMC will be starting up the Personal Care Pantry on Thursday, April 17. The pantry will be open on the 3rd Thursday of each month, providing items for 20 - 30 families. Donations of items for this mission can be placed in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### **Roast Beef Dinner**

On Saturday, April 26 our Church will host a roast beef dinner. Plan ahead to attend!

### **Picnic**

Reserve Sunday, June 1 on your calendar for our Church picnic! We will be sharing lots of delicious treats on the side lawn of the Church after the worship service. Rumor has it that there will be Korean barbecue also!

### **Rummage Sale**

Thank you again to everyone who participated in the rummage sale on March 21 and 22. We raised a total of \$1,428 at the sale, plus an additional \$20 after the sale for our Church.

### **Hudson Valley Cooperative Parish**

Quarterly communion services that are planned:

June 1 at Plutarch UMC

September 28 at Town of Esopus UMC

Both will be held at 2:00 pm.

### **Upcoming Events - April**

4/5 Children's Easter Party 1-3

4/7 Craft Group @ 2 pm

4/13 Pro Musica @ 3 pm

4/17 Maundy Thursday @ 6 pm

4/18 Good Friday service at Centerville @ 7 pm

4/20 Easter service @ 10:30 am

4/21 Craft Group @ 2 pm

4/22 United Women in Faith @ 5:30 pm

4/24 Parish meeting @ 7 pm

4/26 Roast Beef Dinner

4/29 Finance & Church Council meetings 6:30 & 7:00

### **Outdoor Yard sale**

Planned for Friday, May 30 and Saturday May 31 at SUMC. Look for more exciting information in the next edition of **The Messenger!**

### **Centerville Event**

Centerville UMC will be having a yard sale on Saturday, May 3 from 9:30 - 4:30. Stop by and check out the many treasures they have!

### **Food for thought...**

Have I invited anyone, by word or action, to come share an hour or so of the gifts and graces we've been blessed with from our Loving Creator?