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Welcome to the newsletter of the Saugerties United Methodist Church. It's been a while coming, and I hope you'll find it informative and useful. If there are committee report, news articles, events, etc. please submit them to Al McDowell at almcdowell1@gmail.com no later than the first Friday of the month, and please put 4Messenger on the subject line. The newsletter will be delivered to your email shortly thereafter. Comments, questions and suggestions can be submitted to the same email address.

This is your newsletter – contribute! Many hands make great work!

From the Pastors Heart:

Blessings Saugerties and Centerville church families:

We often hear people refer to an unexplainable event as a “miracle,” and we have become a bit too used to hearing the term used out of context and meaning.

When Jesus was here on this earth, the Bible tells us this:

“...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. Acts 10:38 (NKJV)

The good that Jesus did was miraculous in so many ways and had no explanation for what took place other than it was an “act of God.” We often hear the term “act of God” today as it references tragic events such as hurricanes or tornadoes, etc. but the acts of God Jesus did were good things!

From the moment Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and placed in the womb of the virgin Mary, Miracles marked his life! He gave sight to the blind and gave the lame man the power to walk again. A woman reached out to touch the hem of His garment, and that act of faith healed her immediately!

The list could go on and on, and one of the miracles that astounded the people was raising Lazarus from the dead. Yet, we know that eventually, even Lazarus would die once again.

The miracle of Easter is that Jesus rose from the grave because death could not hold Him! He had lived a sinless life and died as our substitute so that you and I can experience the amazing miracle of Salvation!

Without the Miracle of the Resurrection, we have nothing, but with it, we have not only abundant life in the here and now, but eternal life! The Resurrection of Jesus Christ sets Christianity apart from all the religions of this world!

As we come upon this wonderful time of year, we encourage you to join us for worship Palm Sunday April 2, 2023 and Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

These services will be at two locations: 9:00 am at Centerville United Methodist Church, Centerville Church Road and 10:30 am at Saugerties United Methodist Church, 67 Washington Avenue.

Would you take a few moments right now to make a list of 4 or 5 people you would consider inviting to church if they don't already attend a church or ones who have not been to church for a while.

We will be looking forward to seeing you all.

Yours in Faith,

Rev Dr Marva D. Usher-Kerr

Senior Pastor

Unbunny Easter Party

The Unbunny Easter Party is an event that we sponsored annually but haven't done it since 2019. We are hoping to reintroduce it this year. It features games, crafts, stories, and snacks celebrating the Easter Story. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, from 1 - 3. It is free to children of all ages, but they should be accompanied by an adult. We will need help. If you

would like to be involved with this event, please contact Lisa Kopycinski or Joan Robinson. We could also use donations of small, separately wrapped candy to put into the plastic eggs.
Joan Robinson

Adopt - A - Bill

Please Help Us Pay Our Central Hudson Bill

We currently owe \$11,110 for gas & electric to Central Hudson. This is for four months for the church and the parsonage. Can you help? Any small amount will be helpful. Checks should be made out to the church with a note that it should be used for the Central Hudson

Esopus Cooperative Parish



Our Parish consists of 5 churches, and the goal of the parish is to combine the missions of each church for greater impact on our community. Some social events have been scheduled at each church in the Esopus Parish to get to know one another, and to learn of the various missions of each church. Everyone from each of the churches in the Parish is encouraged to attend these events. Here is the schedule so far:

Rondout Valley UMC (25 Schoonmaker Lane, Stone Ridge) – Second Sunday Supper on Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 with corned beef & cabbage. Optional – bring a dish to share

St. James UMC (35 Pearl Street, Kingston) – Pot Luck on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00. Bring a dish to share.

Saugerties UMC (67 Washington Ave., Saugerties) – April Fool’s Fun with appetizers, desserts, and games on Friday, March 31 at 6:00. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Clinton Avenue UMC (122 Clinton Ave., Kingston) - TBD

Centerville UMC (Centerville Church Road, Saugerties) – TBD

See Diane McDowell if you have any questions.

Saugerties UMC Book Club



Our next meeting is Monday, April 10 at 2:00.

We meet in the Church lounge for approximately 1 ½ hours to discuss a book that we have all read.

The book chosen for discussion at the April meeting is:

The Midnight Library
By Matt Haig

Everyone is welcome.

See Diane McDowell for more information.

Saugerties UMC Craft Group



We meet in the old kitchen
on the first and third Monday of each month
at 2:00 to make crafts
for our November Church fair.

No special skills are needed.

Join us!

See Cece or Diane for more information.

Sunday School

The Sunday School has been doing well. The kids really enjoy all the different resources that we use. We have learned the Lord's Prayer, not just saying it but what it means. This is on display in our room. We have experimented with new songs in combination with music videos. We hope you enjoy what we do to add to our services.

We are currently in Advent. I will be at the unbunny celebration on March 25. The children will paint a wooden cross or an egg. A flyer has been made and is available in the fellowship hall. It shows my resources and e-mail for any concerns. For the remainder of the year we will cover God's glory and how he guides us. Our last day of Sunday School will be May 28th.

Sunday School leaders: Pam, Ann, and Laura
March-May