

# *The Messenger 3.0*

*April 2023 Easter Special*

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Welcome to the newsletter of the Saugerties United Methodist Church. 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](mailto: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

### **With Love and Gratitude**

**Keith and I would like to thank our church family for all the cards, calls, meals, and prayers for us these last 3 weeks. They say, "It takes a village to raise a child". Well this month it's taken a village to take care of the Kopycinskis. We are very grateful for all of you. ❤️❤️**

**"Contact me..."**

### **A note from the Trustees Chair-**

**Hi – I often have people say "oh, I didn't know YOU were the person to talk to about that!", so let me give you a quick overview of what you may want to talk to me about.**

**- As the head of the trustees and part of the 'Tuesday Morning Crew' – if you see a problem around the church, such as a leaky pipe, or a broken chair or a burned out light bulb, let me know.**

**- If you need to get into the building for any reason, contact me.**

- If you can think of something that would make the church more welcoming – see me (that’s partly how the narthex got spiffed up – and hopefully more welcoming).
- If you are interested in renting any of the rooms in the church for an event for a club or other group that you belong to – contact me (we give a discount to members!)
- If you have any old photos of the church that you would be willing to loan me so that I can put them on to the computer, see me!
- If you extra time on your hands and would like to do some filing, see me! We have been trying to get lots of old papers and such organized and filed in the library upstairs and I keep finding other things to do.
- If you would like to help pull weeds from around the church – please see me!
- If you have any skills that you would be willing to use for the church, please let me know. We have a couple of talented people that I know about, but having more that would be able to help would mean that I don’t have to over-burden them.
- Heck, if you would be willing to volunteer to count the offering from the church service see me and I’ll connect you to the right person.
- If you would be interested in becoming a trustee and discussing the problems and solutions for the physical building, contact me.

**Bottom line – see me and I will see if I can do something about it. Nancy Forsythe (845-246-5509), [nforsythe@hvc.rr.com](mailto:nforsythe@hvc.rr.com). Thanks!**

### **Upcoming Events**

SAUGERTIES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
UPCOMING EVENTS  
(updated 3/31/23)

APRIL

- Messy Church at St. James UMC 4/1 @ 3:30

- Craft group 4/3 @2:00
- Holy Thursday Service: Thursday, 4/6 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Musical offering "Come, Touch the Robe" 4/8 @ 2:00 at Rondout Valley UMC
- Easter Service: Sunday, 4/9 @ 10:30 a.m.
- Book Club 4/10 @ 2:00
- Bike Blessing at Centerville UMC: Saturday, 4/15 @ 10:00
- Eat lunch, make sandwiches, & meet folks 4/16 1:30-2:30 at Clinton Ave. UMC
- Pro Musica: Sunday, 4/16 @ 3:00
- Craft group 4/17 @ 2:00
- United Women in Faith meeting 4/18 @ 5:30 p.m.
- West Point Chapel Choir Concert 4/22 @ 7:30 at St. James UMC
- Church Council 4/25 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Roast Beef Dinner: Saturday, 4/29 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Catskill Hudson District Family Day 4/29 in Conesville 10:30-1:00
- Catskill Hudson District Conference 4/30 @3:00 at Reservoir UMC

## MAY

- Garden Tea craft & plant sale 5/6 10-2 at Rondout Valley UMC
- Craft group 5/8 @ 2:00
- Yard Sale 5/12 and 5/13
- Mother's Day 5/14
- United Women in Faith meeting 5/16 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Craft group 5/22 @ 2:00
- Church Council 5/23 @ 7:00 p.m.

## **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**

**March 31 update -**

**We are pleased to report that \$4,100 was received toward our Central Hudson bill. Thank you to everyone!**

**Roast Beef Dinner**

## 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:

**Clinton Avenue UMC** (122 Clinton Ave., Kingston)

Sunday, April 16, 1:30-2:30

**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!  
April 17, 2 pm

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 Lent. 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.

### **Boys and Girls Club**

We are continuing to provide meals to the Boys and Girls Club twice a month. If you are interested in participating, contact Marilyn Bucher at 845-246-1209 or cell #860-480-2743.

### **United Women in Faith**

The next meeting of United Women in Faith is April 18. We will start with a covered dish supper at 5:30 and a program at 6:30. The program will be about "Peacemakers and Justice Seekers." All women are invited. We meet in the lounge.

### **Parish Happenings...**





**Eat**  
Lunch!

**Make**  
Sandwiches For the Blue  
Fridge!

**Meet**  
Great folks!



**An Esopus Cooperative Parish  
Meet & Greet**

**Sunday April 16th 1:30-2:30**

**Clinton Avenue United  
Methodist**

**122 Clinton Avenue  
Kingston, NY**



**One  
hope**  
at Clinton Avenue Church

# BIKE BLESSING

CENTERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CENTERVILLE CHURCH ROAD  
CENTERVILLE, NY  
SATURDAY APRIL 15 AT 10 AM  
ARRIVE EARLIER FOR MEET AND GREET  
ALL BIKES AND CLUBS ARE WELCOME  
[SCOOTERS, MOPEDS, BICYCLES]  
STARTING THE SEASON RIGHT!

