

## Glassboro First United Methodist Church

### Gumwrapper

April 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Questions. Questions. Questions! We all have them. What will tomorrow bring? How can I get through it? Can I find a hope that won't disappoint? What's the meaning of it all? Will I ever have peace? Or joy? Or love? We are all searching for answers. So were Jesus' disciples.

The arrest, trial, and execution of Jesus Christ raised so many new and terrifying questions for his followers. What happened? Why did it all go so wrong? Was Jesus just another crackpot claiming to be God's Messiah? What will we do now that he's dead?

“Because I live, you also will live.” John 14:9

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the answer to the disciples' questions and ours. Because Jesus lives, as the hymns says, we can face tomorrow without fear. Because Jesus lives, we don't have to spend our lives looking for answers from sources that cannot meet our deepest needs. Because Jesus lives, we are offered a new life filled with God's grace and love, a new life with a purpose that matters for eternity. All we have to do is believe he lives and follow him our whole life long.

Jesus invites all of us to find our answers in him this Easter season and the whole year through. I encourage you to invite your families, friends, neighbors, and strangers to join us because they're looking for answers too.

Because He lives, Pastor John

### **Come and invite others as we walk with Jesus through Holy Week and Easter.**

- Palm Sunday, April 14th—9am & 11am services
- Holy Thursday, April 18th—Dinner Church at 6:30pm
- Good Friday, April 19th—6 pm Prayer Stations, 7pm service
- Saturday, April 20th—Easter Egg Hunt at 11am
- Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>
  - 9am “Elevate” Contemporary Worship service
  - 9:50am Power Hour Sunday School
  - 11am traditional worship service with choirs



## All Relies on Him

To love and serve Him means humble yourself and trust that He knows what is best. No need to question,, no need to fear because our Savior is always near. Yes! He is much closer than you think! He is only a thought, a holler or a tear away. Not in some galaxy where some people say “Hear Them – No Way.” Be assured He hears neither deaf are His ears.

To love Him and service Him means to listen and obey. For He knows what is best whether near or far away, “I can do it myself”, so many do say. Then in the next moment they are crying, “I’m in trouble Help me I pray”. As they learn and realize there is only one way. His way! So hopefully as each lesson is learned they will rejoice and realize that all that we are, all that we have been and hope to be, relies on Him, for all eternity.

Penned by the late Ann Palmer

## Meanings in the meal

Jesus instituted Communion while celebrating the Jewish Passover with his disciples. The meal’s ritual foods hold meaning for Christians, too, because our faith story is interwoven with that of Judaism.

**Matzoh:** This unraised bread recalls the Israelites’ hasty departure from oppression in Egypt. Jesus used the Passover bread to symbolize his body, which delivers us from bondage to sin and death.

**Salt water:** It symbolizes the tears of the Hebrews and of all who suffer in any time and place. Christians believe that in Jesus, God embraced human suffering so we need never face it alone.

**Parsley:** Dipped in the salt water, this green, leafy vegetable represents the Hebrews’ rebirth out of sorrow into the joy of freedom. Easter’s celebration of resurrection proclaims a coming day when God “will wipe every tear from [our] eyes [and] there will be no more death” (Revelation 21:4, NIV).

**Shank bone:** A lamb slaughtered for each Hebrew household meant life for those within. The meat strengthened them for the escape journey, and the blood, swabbed on their doorframe, signaled for Death to “pass over.” Jesus used wine at the Passover meal to symbolize his blood — of the Lamb of God — which he would shed for our salvation.

**Egg:** For Jews celebrating Passover, an egg symbolizes memory of the Exodus and renewal of faith. For Christians at Easter, eggs — especially open, empty ones — call to mind Jesus’ empty tomb, renewal and abundant life.



**FIRST UMC SCHOLARSHIP** The Trustees are awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are members of FUMC, Glassboro. Please pick up the application and guidelines from the Welcome Center in the narthex or the Church office, complete and return to the Church office by May 12.



**Women's Bible Study** returns on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00PM in the Fellowship House. We will be looking at Chapter 4. We still have some room if anyone would like to join us.

**Finance Team has gift cards available** in the narthex for Shoprite, Acme, Bed Bath & Beyond, the Blooming Group (Outback, Carrabba's, and Bonefish Grill), Staples, and the Darden Group (Olive Garden and Longhorn) on the first Sunday of each month. Checks payable to the Church are preferred, but cash is acceptable.

Please stop by the **Card Ministry Table** in the narthex to sign this week's cards. *Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who mourn.* (Romans 12:15). A word of encouragement goes a long way to comfort those who are sick or grieving, celebrate a joyous occasion, and share God's love. A greeting card allows you to show that you care even when you are not present physically.

**If you missed church on Sunday** or want to hear the sermon again, you can watch it on the church website at [glassboromethodist.org](http://glassboromethodist.org) or YouTube (search for First United Methodist Church Glassboro.)

**UPPER ROOMS for March/April** are available in the cabinet in the narthex.

**Wi-Fi is available** in the church and Fellowship House. **1UMCGUEST Password: fellowship1**

## FUMC GLASSBORO GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH  
7:00 PM  
60 STATE ST. GLASSBORO

PRAYER STATIONS  
OPEN AT 6 PM  
TO PREPARE  
YOUR HEART  
FOR WORSHIP

**"You Were There,  
You Are Forgiven"**

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES AND EVENTS

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES: SUNDAY, APRIL 14 AT 9:00AM AND 11:00AM

HOLY THURSDAY: "DINNER CHURCH"- THURSDAY, APRIL 18 AT 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: FRIDAY, APRIL 19 AT 7:00PM

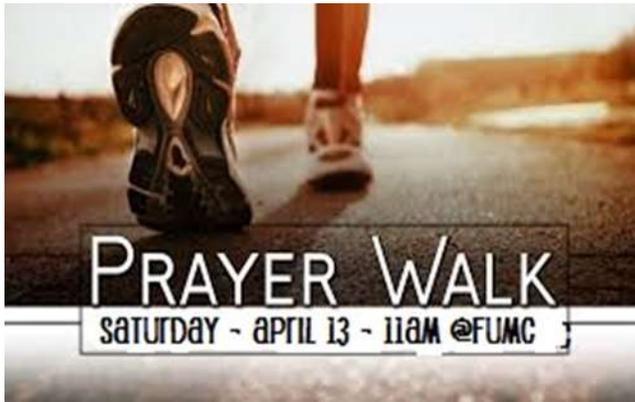
EASTER EGG HUNT: SATURDAY, APRIL 20 AT 11:00AM

EASTER WORSHIP:

9:00AM - "ELEVATE" CONTEMPORARY SERVICE  
WITH WORSHIP TEAM

9:50AM - "POWER HOUR" SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00AM - TRADITIONAL SERVICE WITH CHOIRS



# PRAYER WALK

SATURDAY - APRIL 13 - 11AM @FUMC

## WEEKLY GROCERY MISSION



You can **make a difference** every time you go shopping!  
Pick up an extra box of **cereal**, can of **soup**, or jar of **jelly**  
for the **Samaritan Center**.

Collection bins are in our **Grounded** coffee house!



# EASTER EGG HUNT!

Saturday, April 20 11am  
First United Methodist Church

60 State St.

Crafts, Egg Hunt & Lunch Provided!



ATTENTION STUDENTS



## GROUND COFFEE HOUSE

APRIL 22ND-APRIL 26TH  
APRIL 29TH-MAY 3RD  
5PM-9PM

FREE WIFI

FREE COFFEE  
AND  
SNACKS AVAILABLE

A SPACE TO RELAX  
AND STUDY

LOCATED AT 60 STATE STREET  
ONE BLOCK BEHIND LANDMARK

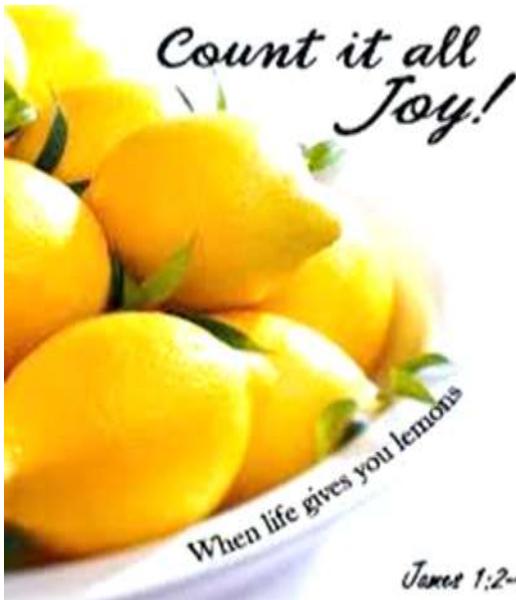
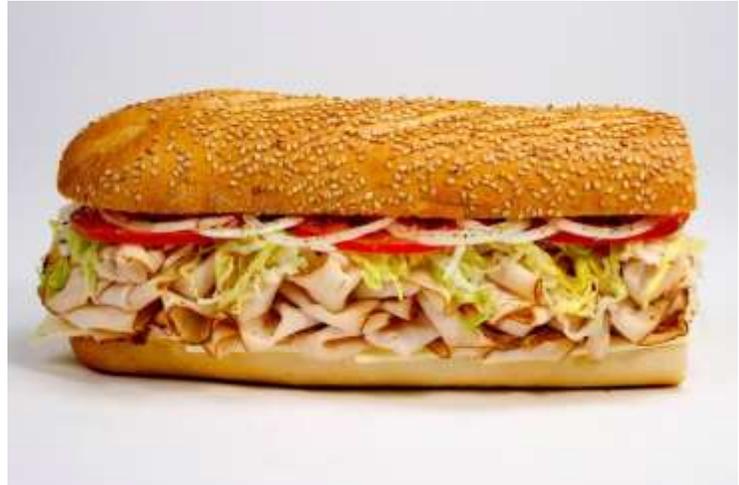
\* THURSDAY NIGHTS FROM 7-9  
WILL BE TRIVIA NIGHT  
QUESTIONS START PROMPTLY AT 7 \*

# Craft Night

Please join the Evening UMW on Friday, April 26 at 7:00 PM  
in the Fellowship House. We will be making a burlap cross  
wood sign. The cost is \$25 for all materials and guided  
instruction from Audio Art Adventures. A picture of the craft  
and signup sheet are in the narthex. Hope to see you there!



**HOAGIE TICKETS** The UMW is offering Heritage's Hoagie tickets outside the Memorial Room after each service every Sunday. Tickets are \$6.50 each, which includes hoagie and beverage of choice. To buy tickets, contact Joan Aveni or Audeen Conklin.



Please join us for a night of food, fun and music!

## Ladies Spring Banquet

Monday, May 6 at 6:00PM

in the Fellowship House

Call Joan Aveni (856-589-3196) for reservations.

Cost: Adult: \$13.00; Child: \$6.00

Under three: Free

Sue Duffield a singer, humorist, and Christian speaker will be with us for the evening.



## Easter Flower- Deadline April 14, 2019

### SCHOLARSHIPS – MEMORIALS HONORARIA

**DEADLINE *NO LATER THAN* April 14, 2019**

I would like to make a donation to the

MEMORIAL FUND \_\_\_\_\_  
CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND \_\_\_\_\_  
MUSIC FUND \_\_\_\_\_  
G. RICHWOOD MARSHALL LAY LEADER \_\_\_\_\_  
PERPETUAL CARE CEMETARY FUND \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to FUMC with notation of Easter

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each gift. Total \_\_\_\_\_

Presented in memory of:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Presented in honor of:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

These gifts and flowers will be in a bulletin on Easter.

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### EASTER FLOWERS

**DEADLINE *NO LATER THAN* April 14, 2019**

Please pay for your flowers when you order

# \_\_\_\_\_ Lilies 6" 4-6 bloom @ \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Tulips 6" 6 bloom @ \$6.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils 6 1/2" 6+ bloom @ \$6.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth 6" 3 bloom @ \$6.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Blue/Purple  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Pink  
# \_\_\_\_\_ White

Presented in memory of:

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Presented in honor of:

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I will take my plant \_\_\_\_\_  
Please give to a shut in \_\_\_\_\_

These gifts and flowers will be in a bulletin on Easter.

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On Easter, Sunday flowers help transform our sanctuary into a place of joy and celebration. We invite members and friends of First UMC to order a plant in HONOR or MEMORY of a loved one. Or perhaps you would like to give to one our scholarship funds. Please use this form or order online at:

**[www.glassboromethodist.org](http://www.glassboromethodist.org)** using your debit, credit, or checking account. The last day to order is Sunday, April 14th.



## Congratulations to Brielle Sarah Cooper

who was baptized on Sunday, March 24, 2019.

Seen here: Pastor John, Brielle, Aimee Cooper, Sarah & Brian Mickle.



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**Find us on YouTube:** search for First United Methodist Church Glassboro

**Directions:** Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image.  
If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)

Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)

Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)

This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)

Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)

Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)

Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)

While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)

This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)

These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)

These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)

Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)

Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, linen, silver coins

First UMC Calendar, Holidays in United States

Apr 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Rock-a-Then- Youth 9 am - Elevate 9:50am - Sunday School 11am - Bell Choir Plays 11am - Traditional Worship 12pm - Worship Committee 5pm - Confirmation Class 6:30pm - Youth	1 1pm - Care Team 6:30pm - Recharge 8pm - NA	2 5:30pm - NAMI Training	3 6:15pm - Lenten Meal 7pm - Bible study 8pm - AA	4 6:15pm - Children's Choir 6:30pm - Children & Family 7:15pm - Chancel Choir 8:30pm - Bell Choir	5 Garwan in Church Parking 6pm - Girl scouts	6 3am - Spring Cleaning Day 5pm - Phi Kappa Psi Church
7 9am - Elevate 9:50am - Sunday School 11am - Traditional Worship 12pm - Magnify Practice 5pm - Confirmation Class 6:30pm - Youth 7pm - Jesus and Java	8 8pm - NA	9 10am - UMW 5:30pm - NAMI Training 7pm - Men of Armor	10 6:15pm - Lenten Meal 7pm - Bible study 8pm - AA	11 6:15pm - Children's Choir 7:15pm - Chancel Choir 8:30pm - Bell Choir	12 6pm - Girl scouts	13 11am - Prayer Walk
14 9am - Elevate 9:50am - Care Olvers 9:50am - Sunday School 11am - Traditional Worship 5pm - Confirmation Class 6:30pm - Youth 7pm - Jesus and Java	15 Tax Day 6pm - Finance Team 6:30pm - Dentae Norton 7pm - Church Council 8pm - NA	16 5:30pm - NAMI Training 6:30pm - VBS Leads and	17 6:30pm - Refresh 8pm - AA	18 6:30pm - Holy Thursday 8:30pm - Bell Choir	19 6pm - Girl scouts 7pm - Good Friday Service	20 11am - Easter Egg Hunt
21 Easter Sunday 8 am - Play both services 9am - Elevate 9:50am - Sunday School 11am - Bell Choir Plays 11am - Traditional Worship 12:15pm - Ageless Angels 12:30pm - Magnify Practice	22 Easter Monday 10am - History Team 5pm - Grounded Coffee 8pm - NA	23 5pm - Grounded Coffee 7pm - Men of Armor	24 5pm - Grounded Coffee 7pm - Women's Bible Study 8pm - AA	25 5pm - Grounded Coffee 6:15pm - Children's Choir 7:15pm - Chancel Choir	26 5pm - Grounded Coffee 6pm - Girl scouts 6pm - UMW Craft Night	27 11am - Prayer Walk
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