

Jefferson⁺town *United Methodist Church*

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Sunday School (for all ages)-9:30am

Transforming lives one at a time. Transforming our community, transforming the world.

By:

*Inviting people into the church; **Relating** them to the Christian Faith and Fellowship;
Helping them **Grow** as they understand their gifts and how best to serve;
and then **Go** into the world to multiply the process.*

From the Pastor's Desk

Easter Mediation and reflection:

To approach Easter we must journey through the final week of Jesus' life, commonly called "Holy Week" that leads to the crucifixion.

The day of the crucifixion was a dark day for all of humanity. We had taken the life of one who was the Savior of the world, who was without sin. Yet, he was tried as a common criminal and sentenced to die upon the cross.

As the nails are driven, the shouting ceases, but begins again after the nails are in.

The crowd begins to shout at Jesus, taunting him with his own miracles:

- "He saved others, himself he cannot save."
- "Miracle man, come down from the cross and we will believe."
- "You would build the temple in three days? You have nails, but no hammer!"

Shouting drowns out the words: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."

- One crucified thief mocks Christ, while the other puts his faith in Jesus.
- Jesus dies with a shout of victory: "It is finished!"

It was a sad day for the entire world and if the story ended here it would have been a travesty. However, God would not be defeated. He took this travesty and turned it into a miracle.

"*While we were yet sinners Christ died for us*", that proves God's love for us. His body was broken, his blood was shed that we might have life and have it more abundantly. And Easter is the exclamation mark of this love.

Yes, Easter is truly a day of celebration for all who bow at the name of Jesus. The Master has defeated the powers of death, decay and destruction. He is alive for evermore.

Many years ago, Rev. Robert Barnes was serving at a church in Philadelphia. The church had just bought a nearby lot on which to expand their parking lot. A small patch of Easter lilies had been growing in the lot for the last few years.

The paving company came in and bulldozed the lilies. Next, they poured the asphalt, then bulldozed over that. Soon, the congregation was using the new parking lot.

However, the following spring, they began to notice something strange going on. The pavement in the new parking lot was starting to buckle and crack. Sure enough, the Easter lilies were poking up through the asphalt.¹

You can bury life in the ground, but eventually it will spring up once again. Life is stronger than death. And love is stronger than hate. Moreover, because God loves us, God brought Jesus back from the dead to show us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ, not even death.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three until Christ comes again in final victory,

Steven

¹ Rev. Robert Barnes The Pastor's Story File, Mar. 2002, p. 5.

In The Footsteps of Jesus Upcoming Sermon Series by Pastor Neel

3/3-"Jesus Went Up The Mountain" *Matthew 5:1-2b, 7:24-29*

3/10-"Who is this that Even Storms Obey Him!" *Mark 4:35-41*

3/17-"The Outcast and the Poor" *John 4:3-10* **3/24-**"The Final Week of Jesus" *Mark 11:7-10*

3/31-Easter-"Your Defining Story" *John 20:19-23*

Wesleyan Circle Meeting-Tues., March 5th, 1:30 pm in the CAYA Classroom at the church. All women welcome & invited to attend. Please remember to bring paper products for Portland!

Relate and Connect Team Meeting-Wed., March 6th, 6:30 pm with training by Pastor Neel for ushers, greeters & those visiting first time worship visitors, in the Conference Room off the Fellowship Hall.

Book Club Meeting-Wed., March 6th, 7 pm in the church library. The book is “Nineteen Minutes” by Jodi Picoult (copies are in the church office). Everyone welcome!



MUSIC NOTES

The enjoyment of church music is vital to your worship experience, and with the Chancel Choir, the Chancel Ringers, and the Chancel Praise Band, we hope in some part that we are making your worship experience more meaningful.

We have plenty of seats in the choir area, and extra bells to ring, and if you play a praise band instrument, come and be a part of the music team program of the church.

It's true--music soothes the heart, makes the mind alert, and gives inner peace in ways you can only imagine! Join us, you're always welcome. --Ken

Do you know a youth (age 12-18) that might be interested in joining the members of our youth in fun, rewarding activities that will stimulate, challenge and entertain them? If so, call or email the church office with their contact information! We would LOVE to invite them to join us! We'd also like your suggestions for youth activities. Adult chaperones for youth activities are also needed. Please call or email the church office (502-267-1437; churchoffice@jtownumc.org) with contact information for any youth, or suggestions for youth activities, or if you'd like to volunteer.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

March is supposed to come in like a lion... and leave like a lamb. Well I think it will be most appropriate as it is snowing and sleeting as I write this, and the last day of March is Easter Sunday! We have a great month ahead, and so many things to do!

We are continuing to sign the children in for Sunday school and Children's church for grades K-5th grade. We meet in the Library at 9:30 am to sign in and then walk up as a class with the teachers so that everyone will be together. From there they can be taken to Children's Church as a group, and you may pick up your children in the Library after the 10:50 am service. If you

prefer for your child to sit with you in Church, they may be signed out after Sunday school and reunited with a parent/guardian. We thank you for helping us keep our children safe and accounted for!

March 3: The children are singing in service (10:50 am) and who doesn't love that! Thank you Patsy and Leslie for leading Cool Kids and having them sing in church. I hope all will come to share in this experience and praise God and the kids for a blessing. Cool Kids will be having a get together with parents and friends to see where the journey with Jesus has taken them, and to celebrate the end of one curriculum and the beginning of another.

March 30: Bunny Breakfast. A pancake breakfast will begin our yearly adventure with food, amusement, and the much sought after Easter Egg! I am sure the weather will cooperate by then, and we shall have fun and anticipation for a great and spiritual build-up through Holy Week until the blessed Easter Resurrection Celebration. More information to come about the Breakfast!

As we come into the final weeks of Lent, I pray we are taking a moment to teach, (and learn) why we celebrate Easter. As Christians we are called "Easter People." It would be a good time to do a little research and work with the children in your family to understand more about why we observe the 40 days of Lent, Holy Week, and the triumphant Resurrection. Did you know that Easter Eve is the **beginning** of the Easter season and not the end!?! It goes for 50 days, and ends on what celebrated day of the church calendar? I look forward to hearing from the children the answer to that question! Blessings to you all, and I pray for you to be a blessing to the children in your midst. --Debora

Wednesday Tutoring & Kid's & Family Café

- 4:00-6:00 p.m.-After School Tutoring
- 5:30-6:30 p.m.-Kid's and Family Café

***We NEED volunteers.** Please call the church office to volunteer or for more information.

Men's Breakfast-March 9th, 8am

All men are welcome and invited to attend this time of good fellowship, food and inspiration. No cost. Menu usually consists of: eggs, sausage, biscuits, gravy, hash browns, juice & coffee.

Daylight Savings Time Begins! Please remember to “Spring Forward” one hour Saturday, March 9th before you go to bed!

DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY-Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., led by Rev. George Quisenberry. A light lunch will be served following the Bible Study, to everyone who attends, at no cost.

Lenten Bible Study for Men- Thursdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m., led by Rev. Robert Moorloch (Director of Benefit Services for The Kentucky Conference). **Study Title: Quiet Strength** by Tony Dungy. Find your answers to the six questions that men often deal with: 1)What's my game plan? 2)What's my strength? 3)What's success? 4)What's my security? 5)What's my significance? 6) What's my legacy? All men welcome and invited to attend.

Bridge Club-1st & 3rd Fridays (March 1st & 15th), 7:00 p.m., in the Gathering Area.

PALM SUNDAY MISSION LUNCHEON-March 24th, following the 10:50 am service. Menu: Ham, Potatoes, Carrots, Green Beans, Deviled Eggs, Salad, Tea, Coffee, Lemonade & Dessert. A free-will offering will be received for the cost of the meal. All proceeds go toward our annual Red Bird Mission Trip. Anyone interested in going on the mission trip to Red Bird the week of October 6th, please call the church office to be added to the list.

Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Worship-Worship Services will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 28th (Maundy Thursday), and March 29th (Good Friday). Please plan to be here for all of the events/services during Holy Week. Watch your weekly bulletin and email “in” box for more information.



Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th, in the church Fellowship Hall. A pancake and sausage breakfast (no cost) begins at 9:00 a.m., followed by an egg hunt at 10:00 a.m. for elementary age children. Please remember to bring a bag or basket for your eggs! **NEEDED: Donation of individually wrapped candy that will fit in a plastic egg** (by Palm Sunday, March 24th). Place in the box in the Gathering Area.

Easter Sunday (March 31st)-ONE Service Only-10:00 am-Please mark your calendar and plan to be here as we celebrate the risen Christ!

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

(Anniversaries are marked with an asterisk)

3/6-Les Speer 3/7-Margie Davis, Edward Halstead 3/10-Anastasia Bingham, Patsy O'Neal, Amy Watkins
3/11-Jeanette Johnson 3/12-Alvin Albert 3/13-Christine Watkins 3/14-Jacob Mattingly, Griffin Pfisterer
3/16-Lynn Harmon 3/17-Rick Sechrist, Cooky Thomas, *Eric & Michelle Edwards
3/18-Melanie Brown, Thula Vonnahme 3/12-Jim Johnson 3/25-Charles Breeden 3/27-Nicolle Speer
3/31-Rebekah Heath *If you have a birthday or anniversary in March*, and it isn't listed above, please call the church office so we can correct our records and wish you a happy “belated” birthday or anniversary.

Thank You . . .

. . . A special thank you to everyone who remembered me with cards during my recent hospital stay. I am now home (on oxygen), and feeling better. I miss my Jeffersontown UMC “family.” --*Sincerely, Lois Nantz.*

. . . Words cannot express our thanks to our church family during the past 3 months during my Mom's illness and recent death. The prayers, thoughts and cards have been comforting. Special “Thank You” to Bill Bowling and members of the GO (Outreach) Team, and also to those who have been teaching the Preschool-3rd Grade Sunday School class. Thank You. --*Rhonda & Jonathan Windhorst*

. . . Thank you for your prayers and cards during my recent hospital stays. --*Ron Poulsen*

Al-Anon and Alateen Meetings-Monday nights, 7-9 pm here at J-town UMC

Beginning Monday, March 4th, an Al-Anon group will begin meeting in Fellowship Hall, and an Alateen group will meet in one of our Children's Sunday School classrooms. If you would like more information, please call or email the church office.

2013 Chili & Decadent Dessert Contests



The 2013 JUMC Chili Cook-off and Decadent Dessert competition was held Saturday, February 23rd in the Fellowship Hall. We had eighteen chili entries and fourteen desserts entered this year. What a gastronomical delight!!! Prizes were awarded to first, second, and third place winners who got ribbons, Kroger gift cards and of course bragging rights for the rest of the year!

Competition for the best chili was HOT (Ha! Ha! Ha!). Paul Newsom (Irene's husband) won first place. Irene accepted the chili crown, 1st place ribbon, and trophy at the 10:50 am service on Sunday, Feb. 24th for him. Second place honors went to Melinda Rabuzzi, and Davie Saari, (a previous winner), came in third. All three chili's were outstanding and we'd love to get the recipes if the winners will share them with us.

With fourteen desserts to choose from, I don't know how anyone could choose just one winner! I personally skipped the chili and went straight for the sweets--- doesn't everyone eat dessert first? JUMC's very own sweetheart, Melanie Kiefer, ("sweet" heart---get it?) was crowned queen of desserts for 2013 for her first place raspberry cheesecake trifle. Kitty and Tiffany Sharber's coconut pecan chocolate bars won second place and Sarah Heaton's peanut butter bars earned the third place ribbon. How about sharing your recipes ladies?

I would like to thank everyone who entered a chili or a dessert this year--- we so appreciate you sharing your culinary talents with us! Without your participation, events like this would not be possible. I would also like to thank all those who attended--- we made \$333.00 and got about a dozen cans of food donated for JAM. But most importantly, we had fun!

Finally I would like to thank everyone who helped set-up on Saturday afternoon, those that worked during the event, and those that stayed to clean-up that evening. You really made that old adage "many hands make light work" ring true. One of the great things about JUMC is the willingness of our members to step-up and help out. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Lifeline Screening-Friday, April 5th- In the J-town UMC Social Hall. You can choose from 5 health screenings. See the pink flyers in the Gathering Area for more information. You MUST pre-register (online, or by phoning or faxing your registration form toll-free).

Mountain Mission Pick-Up-April 8th-Urgent Needs: Men's Winter & Summer clothing & shoes (special need: Men's Suits); Children's Winter & Summer Clothing & shoes; small kitchen appliances; Underwear for all ages. Please have your donations at the church (boxed, if possible) by April 8th.

Kentucky Wesleyan Choir Concert Sunday, April 14th, 5:00 p.m. here at J-town UMC Plan now to be here for this great concert! A pot-luck supper will follow. The church will provide the meat and drinks. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish/salad or dessert. Everyone welcome!

Neighbors Helping Neighbors-JAM Dinner and Auction-Friday, April 19th-Mark your Calendar and plan to attend! Tickets \$15 each-call (502) 267-1055 for more information.

Kavanaugh Life Enrichment Center-Urgent Needs List (must be in good working order: Pickup truck (light weight); Truck (heavy duty to use to remove snow, etc.); Outdoor power equipment such as gas chain saws, gas weed whackers, hedge trimmers, riding lawn mowers, etc.; Golf Carts or utility vehicles such as Gators or ATVs; Vacuum Cleaners; Kitchen Stoves (electric); Refrigerators; Dishwasher; Mattress and Pillow Protective Covers; Plants, shrubs and trees for landscaping; Landscape rocks (any size); Carpentry and wood working tools (saws, drills, hand tools, etc.); Metal working tools (welder, torch, metal cutting saws, etc.); Donations of money to purchase any of the above; Volunteers! Contact Don Craig (502-241-9091) if you have questions, or need more information.

Participants Needed for a Research Study-Conducted by Dr. Benjamin Mast, with the University of Louisville Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences. If you are 65 years or older and a musician, you qualify. Participating takes 3-4 hours, and can take place in your home, or other place of your convenience. Contact Jessica Strong at 852-3542 or email her at: jvstro01@louisville.edu for more information or to volunteer.

Ministry Team Meetings in March

Staff-Parish-Sunday, March 3rd, 2pm Annual Consultation with District Superintendent (at Middletown UMC)

Worship-Tuesday, March 5th, 6:30 pm

Relate & Connect-Wednesday, March 6th, 6:30 pm

Staff-Parish-Tuesday, March 12th, 6:30 pm

Trustees-Tuesday, March 12th, 6:30 pm

Operational Team-Saturday, March 16th, 8am-1pm

Finance-Tuesday, March 19th, 6:30 pm

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All events/activities held at the church, unless otherwise noted.

		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>Watch your weekly bulletin, or call the church office (502-267-1437) to place an order for an Easter Lily!</p> </div>					1 -Last day of JCPS Winter Break-NO Backpack Buddy 10am-World Day of Prayer 6:30 pm-World Day of Prayer 7pm-Bridge Club	2 -Open Door Ministries (Help serve a meal at 4 th Ave. UMC)
3 -8:30am Worship* 9:30am Sunday School* 10:50am Worship* 2pm-SPR Consultation with DS (at Middletown UMC) 4:30pm-UMYF & Cool Kids <i>*followed by Coffee & Conversation</i>	4 7-9 pm-Al-Anon & Alateen	5 -10am-Staff Meeting 1:30 pm-Wesleyan Circle (CAYA) Program by the new director of Portland Promise Center, Carol Baron. 6:30 pm-Worship Team	6 -10:30 am-Daytime Bible Study followed by light lunch (no cost) 4-6 pm-After School Tutoring 5:30-6:30 pm-Kid's & Family Café 6:30 pm-Relate & Connect 7pm-Book Club "Nineteen Minutes"	7 -9 am-Deadline for submitting information for weekly bulletin 6:00 pm-Praise Team Rehearsal 6-7 pm-Men's Lenten Study 6:30 pm-Handbell Practice 7:00 pm-Boy Scout Pack 75 7:30pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8 -10:30-Noon-Backpack Buddies (Stuff backpacks at Tully Elem.)	9 8:00 am-Men's Breakfast 8am-2pm-Boy Scout Pinewood Derby (Fellowship Hall) "Spring Forward" (Daylight Savings Time Begins-Set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed tonight)
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24-Palm Sunday 8:30am Worship* 9:30am Sunday School* 10:50am Worship* Noon-Mission Luncheon 4:30pm-UMYF & Cool Kids <i>*followed by Coffee & Conversation</i>	25 6:30 pm-Girl Scouts 7-9 pm-Al-Anon & Alateen 7:00 pm-Willard Circle	26 10am-Staff Meeting	27 10:30 am-Daytime Bible Study followed by light lunch (no cost) 4-6 pm-After School Tutoring 5:30-6:30 pm-Kid's & Family Café	28-Maundy Thursday 9 am-Deadline for submitting information for weekly bulletin 6:00 pm-Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 pm-Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 pm-Boy Scout Pack 75 7:30pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29-Good Friday 10:30-Noon-Backpack Buddies (Stuff backpacks at Tully Elem.) 6:30 pm-Good Friday Worship	30 9 am-Bunny Breakfast 10 am-Easter Egg Hunt
31-Easter Sunday (one service only) 9:30am Sunday School* 10:00am Worship* Noon-Mission Luncheon 4:30pm-UMYF & Cool Kids <i>*followed by Coffee & Conversation</i>						

