

# *CHIMES*

*Red Hook  
United Methodist Church's  
Newsletter  
Spring 2022*



*Christ is risen!  
Christ is RISEN! Hallelujah!!!  
Go and preach the good news!*

## *A Message from Pastor Steve Ernst:*

Greetings My Friends,

This is a trying time. We are thrust from the troubles we faced because of COVID to the horror of the destruction of a nation before our eyes on the other side of the planet.

We don't know what to do. We think we must do something! We feel helpless. How helpless and hopeless did the disciples feel watching their Lord and hope be taken away from them and crucified. The end of everything they had hoped for. But then, something happened.

On Easter morning, a young man met the women in the garden tomb. He's dressed in white, he's calm and seeming to be waiting for the women, in, what for them, is the most unexpected of meetings. This young man has only a calm confidence in what has happened to the former resident of this dark abode. He greets them, "Hi ladies, you're looking for Jesus, who was crucified, right? He's not here! He has been raised. Look, see for yourself, he's not here. Right there is where they laid him." Then, he gave the Marys and Salome a new mission. "Leave the spices and the oil here and go tell the disciples what has happened." What they came to do was no longer necessary.

Death's victory was no longer. Death, where now is your sting? He said, "Go tell the disciples and Peter." And Peter? What's that about? The last time we saw Peter, he was totally into denying Jesus! Had Peter done anything to deserve this restored recognition? Absolutely not! Had the Marys and Salome done anything? No. Mark makes it very clear, "they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." What did any of the players in today's story do to make this Easter moment occur? Nothing. What have we done to make this Easter thing happen or to receive it? Nothing. What have we done to deserve Easter?

Nothing. Of all the players in this Easter story, it's not us, it's not the Marys, Salome or the young man dressed in white. It's really only Him.

Mark's own ending to this greatest of stories, doesn't even give us a glimpse of the Risen One. The ladies don't meet him in the garden or anything like that, but there

is a promise, a promise of a presence. “He’s going ahead of you” to Galilee or to Red Hook or Rhinebeck or Tivoli. He’s going to be waiting for you where you live. But you have to get going. Easter is going on, with you or without you. Maybe that’s what we do on Easter. Try to catch up to the one who went on before us, the One who was raised for us. What we can be sure of though, is that we did nothing to make Easter happen, that we can do nothing to deserve Easter and that we can’t stop it or make it any better than it is. Easter is, was and will ever be. It is not of our doing. I guess this is Mark’s way of telling this greatest of stories. It’s not our story. It is God. God is the primary player here.

But... We are someone because of Easter! Not by our doing, but by God’s grace. We are made new, not by our doing, but that God gives it to us. We have hope, not because we are so strong or work so hard to claim or respond to it, but that God gives it to us. Easter is the resurrected Jesus and he is our hope. It’s the resurrected Jesus that leads us home. He went on ahead, remember? Get going.

You will see Him, just as he told you. Peace, Pastor Steve

**Pastor Steve is available for pastoral care visits, meeting at the church, homes, or other locations. Please feel free to call or email 914-329-7597; [Pastor.stephen.ernst@gmail.com](mailto:Pastor.stephen.ernst@gmail.com)**



Pastor Steve is inviting you to subscribe to his YouTube page. If it receives enough subscribers, Sunday Worship Services will be live streamed. For more information, please ask Pastor Steve or Kristi Colburn



***PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:***  
Our Pastor and Our Entire Congregation.

All of the NYAC staff and Cabinet.  
Our Ministry and Churches around the World.  
The Sick and those who continue to care for them.  
Those who give their lives for our Country and  
who protect us every day.  
All people, animals, and communities of the world  
as God created them.

**THOSE OF SPECIAL CONCERN AT THIS TIME:**

Nicki Anzivina, Maria Arleth,  
Gail and John Bamford, Carol Boeck,  
Nancy Brammer, Pete Buhler,  
Jan Bunce, Gabriella and Gavin Butz,  
Jean Bleibtrey,  
The Cox Family on the passing of Austin Cox,  
Rosaleen Donahue, Doris, Terri & John Doyle,  
Deborah Dunkle,  
The family of John Dwyer on his passing,  
Kay Egan, Beth Finn, Cathy Healy, Kay George,  
Reverend Paul Gingrich, Melissa and Myriam Godwin,  
Mike Goodrich, Toni Hamilton,  
Irene Harrison, Tom Hess,  
Haley Hines, Ron & Leslie Jones, Phyllis Keeler,  
Cynthia Morrison, David Muller, Caleb & Grady Nelson,  
Annalise Padley, Donna Schmidt,  
Kathy Stoppenbach, Carlene Straka,  
Ruth Van Vliet, Taylor Van Voorhis, Lindy Wright,  
Susie, Louise, Mary Beth, Bill, Rich and Maria,  
The Wikane Family on the passing of George Wikane,

**IN CHRIST'S NAME, WE PRAY. AMEN.**

**The telephone prayer chain provides a quick way to let people know of anyone  
needing prayer. Anyone wanting to be included on the chain can call  
Joan Murray 758-5189 or Betty Tabor 758-9011.**

# Holy Week Schedule

				
<b>Palm Sunday</b> April 10	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> April 14	<b>Good Friday</b> April 15	<b>Holy Saturday</b> April 16	<b>Easter Sunday</b> April 17

***You are invited to***  
***Red Hook United Methodist Church's***  
***Holy Week Worship Services***

*April 15th, Good Friday-Sanctuary is Open for Meditation, 12-3:00 pm*  
*Tenebrae Service, 7 pm, in the sanctuary*

*April 17th Resurrection Day (Easter): Sunrise Service, 6:30 am, at*  
*St. John's Reformed Church in Upper Red Hook*  
*Easter Worship Service, 10:30 am in the sanctuary*



## **Bible Study with Rev. Barbara Melzer**

Mondays, from 1 to 2 pm.

Rev. Barbara Melzer leads a weekday Bible Study.

Just bring a Bible of your choice.

**All are welcome.**

***If anyone is interested in providing special music, (singing, or playing an instrument), during weekly or special worship services, please let Reverend Barbara, Julianna, or Pastor Steve know.***





## **Trustees: 2022 Capital Restoration Project:**

The trustees continue to work with Dan Wheeler, Structural Engineer, in repairing the West Wall due to its deteriorating conditions. Bids for asbestos testing are completed. The trustees approved to hire S&B Environmental to complete the necessary testing.

Results and more information to come.

Please see Mark C., or any of the trustees for questions or comments. You are invited to the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Trustee Meeting, at 7 pm to gain a better understanding of the West Wall Project.



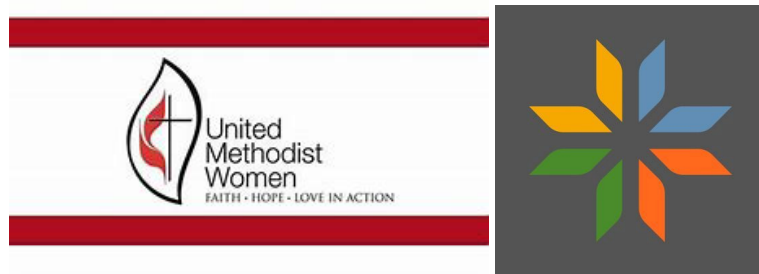
### ***A Word from the Financial Committee***

Once again the finance team would like to thank members, friends and guests for their generous financial contributions to the church. Even in these trying times, we have been able to stay ahead of the bills and keep our missions intact. I'm thinking maybe Julianna's beautiful music for the "musical offering" inspires us all to give more! Thanks to Julianna and to so many others who share their time and talents-big and small-working together to keep RHUMC alive and well. Money talks but it isn't the boss!

Happy Easter!

Sincerely, Pat Bowman and the Financial Team

# UMW are now called, Women in Faith



United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith! The move is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth. The new programs are fruits of research conducted over the past five years with more than 24,000 United Methodists and women of other Christian traditions participating in the surveys, focus groups and interviews. This input informed the prayerful discernment of staff and elected leaders.

The changes are designed to address the different needs and life stages of current members and new women and expand options for membership and engagement. The new name also aims to welcome current members whose local churches may choose to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church as well as women of other faith traditions who want to join. (excerpts taken from women in faith website).

YES, our name is different but our PURPOSE is still the same. The RHUMC's unit continues to be involved with missions. At each monthly meeting, we have a program focusing on Social Action, Evangelism, and find ways to nurture our members. We continue to uplift each other by sending cards, praying for each other (Prayer Partners), and "checking in" with each other. We are a fun group too!

Speaking of fun, we are hosting our Tea Party on May 14<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall. We will have a hat contest, so get those hats ready. A silent auction will occur as well. Of course, we will have "delicious refreshments" at the tea. So, save the date!

Our next meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. If anyone would like to join us, please come to our next meeting. If you need a ride, please reach out to Joan or Kristi.

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**RHUMC's Food Pantry**  
**Open Sundays at 12:00-2:00 pm**

**Matthew 25:35-41**

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

We are blessed with a very active, well organized, and awesome Food Pantry. We continue to serve many families and individuals. In the month of March, we served 225 families with 252 children, 129 seniors & 343 Adults.

**Wow!**

The food pantry leaders thank everyone who volunteer to make it a success. Thank you to all who donate food, go for bread runs, attain donations from Tops or Hannaford, organize the shelves, give monetary donations, and most importantly pray. Because of **ALL** of you, we are fulfilling God's ministry!

Food Pantry Delivery dates are: April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am. Volunteers are needed and appreciated to help unload the truck, sort, and put food away. For more information, please contact Janice W. or call the Church at 845-758-6283

**Hand to Mouth Weavers** meet on Thursdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. They are turning rags into riches to help fund the RHUMC's Food Pantry. They will be displaying and selling their weavings at Red Hook's Apple Blossom Festival on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 10-4:00 pm, Clermont Sheep & Wool Festival, Saturday, April 30, 2022 11 AM-4 PM and at the NYS Sheep & Wool Festival on October 15-16<sup>th</sup> at the DC Fairgrounds.





***We adorn our sanctuary with beautiful flowers  
in honor and in memory of our loved ones.***

*The Bowman Family in memory of loved ones.*

*The Ernst Family in memory of Helen and Joe Ernst, in memory of Gloria and Frank Niles, in memory of Lorrie and Rev. Russ Hootley.*

*David and Sharon Johnson in memory of Bill and Harriet Johnson.*

*The Keeler & Race Families in memory of Ralph Keeler & in memory of Diane.*

*Reverend Barbara Melzer in memory of parents, Irene and Andy Melzer, in honor of Demi and Justin Shanahan, in honor of Kathy and Bob Longer.*

*Joan Murray in memory of Bill Murray*

*Lori and Joe Coon in memory of T.J. Coon*

*Kristi and David Colburn in memory of Gail Ingersoll & Pat Weisberg*

*Rosalie Rossi in honor of the Rossi Family.*

*Randall Stewart in memory of Shirley A. Henry, and in memory of Jim Van Voorhis.*

*The Stoppenbach family in memory of Frank Sr. and Priscilla Stoppenbach, William Sr. Agnes Kelly and Barry Kelly.*

*Betty Tabor in memory of George Tabor, Dorothy Tabor, and Grace McGee.*

*Rand and Kim Thomson in memory of loved ones.*

*Beverly Van Voorhis and family in memory of Vivian and Lewis Henry, Betty and Charlies Van Voorhis, and Jim Van Voorhis.*

*Jennifer Van Voorhis in honor of Beverly Van Voorhis.*



## ***Holy Cow St. Jude Fundraiser***

Thanks to the many for an incredible response to our St. Jude's "ice cream for breakfast" fundraiser. By changing your eating routine for a day or two, we were able to raise over \$11,000 for the children and families of St. Jude. WOW!

Certainly, beyond any expectations, we might have had. I cannot say I am surprised (because you do it all the time) but I am humbled and grateful for how supportive you all are whenever Holy Cow comes up with some bizarre event!

I am so proud to be a part of this church-small in number, big in heart! Thank you again for helping us help the children & families at St. Jude.

Sincerely,

Pat Bowman and Holy Cow Staff

PS: And please, don't hesitate to make ice cream for breakfast a habit!



## ***Plant Sale***

***At***

***RHUMC***

**Red Hook's Apple Blossom Festival**

**May 7<sup>th</sup>, 10-4:00 pm**

We will be selling plants at the church during Apple Blossom Festival.

Please see Betty T. for details and for more information!



## **Church Street Community Nursery School**

We have been busy learning and having fun! Dr. Ross and his staff came and showed us to take care of our teeth. We smiled and had professional pictures taken. On St. Patrick's Day, the leprechaun visited. We have been enjoying the warmer weather and playing on our playground. We are looking forward to future fieldtrips to Holy Cow and CJ's Pizza. If you are in the RHUMC, check out our artwork.

Approximately 30 adults painted beautiful pictures during the "Sip N Paint" fundraiser. We were fortunate to have Barbara, (Board Member) organize and cook for our dinner fundraiser. It was a very success event. We look forward to other fundraisers in the very near future. We thank all the volunteers who helped!

We have open enrollment for the fall. If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact Mrs. Weber at 845-758-6282.



## **Volunteer Drivers Needed:**

Several individuals need transportation to and from their homes to the grocery store, doctor's appointments, and to other places. If you are able to provide transportation, please contact Kristi at the Church Office, 845-758-6283 or call Joan Murray for more details. Thank You!

## **Secretary Information:**

RHUMC's Part-time secretary, Kristi Colburn, office hours are:  
Tuesdays & Thursdays- 9:30-12:00 pm, and as needed.  
Contact info.: 845-758-6283 (RHUMC)  
email: [redhookumc@umcchurches.org](mailto:redhookumc@umcchurches.org).



Dear NY-CT District,

As you know, our D.S., Rev. Tim Riss, will be retiring this year. At the District Conference on April 30th, we would like to honor Rev. Riss' ministry among us and need your help with the following:

- Share with us stories of how Rev. Riss has helped you. (Please email: [Michael.Barry@nyac-umc.com](mailto:Michael.Barry@nyac-umc.com))
- Send cards to Rev. Tim, celebrating his ministry with us. (Please mail these to the conference center: Rev. Tim Riss, 20 Soundview Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606)
- Send contributions towards a gift for Rev. Riss (Please indicate "Gift for Rev. Riss" in the memo field and mail to the conference center: Attn: Carol Merante, NYCT District Office, 20 Soundview Ave, White Plains, NY 10606)

We are excited to tell you about the Annual Conference's decision to hire our dear friend, Carol Merante, as the Administrative Assistant for the Catskill Hudson and New York-Connecticut Districts. She will start April 18, 2022.

Carol will facilitate the ordering of the Superintendents' lives and enable us all to grow in grace and gratitude. She has been a leader in the Catskill Hudson District for many years, chairing important agencies like the Committee on Lay Servant Ministry and the Council on Ministries. Seven years ago, she was "promoted" to the Annual Conference level, and has served us in a variety of roles, from hospitality coordinator to administrative assistant to program associate.

We are glad to welcome her in this role, and we hope you will welcome her when she answers your phone calls and meets you at District events.

Blessings,

The District Superintendency Committee, DS Karen Monk & DS Tim Riss