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# The Methodist Chimes

April 2018

## PASTOR NIKKI'S APRIL MESSAGE

### **1 Corinthians 15:12-20, from *The Message* translation by Eugene Peterson:**

*Now, let me ask you something profound yet troubling. If you became believers because you trusted the proclamation that Christ is alive, risen from the dead, how can you let people say that there is no such thing as a resurrection? If there's no resurrection, there's no living Christ. And face it—if there's no resurrection for Christ, everything we've told you is smoke and mirrors, and everything you've staked your life on is smoke and mirrors. Not only that, but we would be guilty of telling a string of barefaced lies about God, all these affidavits we passed on to you verifying that God raised up Christ—sheer fabrications, if there's no resurrection.*

*If corpses can't be raised, then Christ wasn't, because he was indeed dead. And if Christ weren't raised, then all you're doing is wandering about in the dark, as lost as ever. It's even worse for those who died hoping in Christ and resurrection, because they're already in their graves. If all we get out of Christ is a little inspiration for a few short years, we're a pretty sorry lot. But the truth is that Christ has been raised up, the first in a long legacy of those who are going to leave the cemeteries.*

As I write this, the celebration of Easter is just a few days away. In the Easter season, we are invited to celebrate the deep and abiding love that God has for God's creation. God raised Jesus up from the clutches of darkness and death to new life. Death did not have the final word for Jesus. Christ is alive today, right here, right now, in our world. Do you believe in the resurrection?

Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ invites us to reflect deeply on its meaning for our lives. Death did not have the final word for Jesus, and death does not have the final word for us, either. Are you living a life that reflects a belief in the resurrection?

We have likely all experienced times of darkness and death. Maybe someone close to you died. Perhaps you have experienced failure in your job or in a relationship. Maybe you've been forced to let go of something that means so much to you, or to move when you were not ready, or were thrust into a transition when you were content to stay where you already were. Disappointments and losses can be overwhelming in their vastness and depth. Death is real; as Paul says, Jesus really did die.

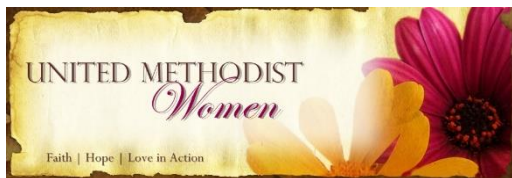
But death is not the end of the story for Christ, and it is not the end of the story for us. Yes, we will each suffer and experience the grip of darkness on our lives. But as believers in the New Life promised by God and demonstrated in Jesus, we are upheld by Resurrection hope. Jesus is but the first to be plucked out of the cemetery of death by God and given new life. Jesus continues to be raised again and again in each of our lives. What part of your life story reflects Jesus resurrected? Where in your current life are you longing, maybe even crying out, for resurrection?

If you are currently wandering around in darkness and have lost your way, I encourage you to remember that our hope in Jesus is not just a little bit of inspiration. Jesus was not only raised from the dead that one time. God is oriented toward resurrection

at every moment and in every situation. We are a Resurrection People. If we stay focused on God, we can see resurrection moments in our midst all the time. God loves you and death will not have the final say. Resurrection is here today, right now. Christ is alive! Hallelujah!

Peace,  
Pastor Nikki

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## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Our Days 4 Girls project is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm. Please join us in making personal kits for the girls in countries that do not have the conveniences that we do. The redemption of cans and bottles is providing funds for the Days 4 Girls project. So far, we have raised over \$90 and it is much appreciated that the donations have been empty and clean! Donations may be left in the bench at the door to the Educational Wing.

Our next United Methodist Women's meeting is scheduled for April 23 at 6:30 in the church lounge. Plan to join us. All women are welcome. Please call Joan Murray if you would like a ride, 845-758-5189. Monthly meetings are educational and fun. We experience a lot of fellowship. In addition, we always have delicious refreshments.

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## **FOOD PANTRY AND WEAVERS**

All are Welcome Here. The Pantry provides food to residents of the Red Hook School District regardless of citizenship or immigration status. We are not a government agency. We do not collect nor share information about immigration status. We protect your personal information and do not share.

April 17 is next Food Bank delivery.

Hand to Mouth Weavers will be at the Chancellor's Sheep & Wool Showcase at Clermont Historical site on Saturday, April 21 11 - 4 pm!

Food for Fines - For the month of April 2018 the Tivoli Free Library will waive patron fines if they bring in non-perishable food items or personal care goods. Donations will benefit the Red Hook United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

May 12th is Apple Blossom Day; Hand to Mouth Weavers will have a booth!

United Methodist Women's Tea Party is Saturday, May 19th at 2:00 pm. Wear your favorite hat. There will be tea, sandwiches, treats, games, prizes, and a silent action!

I am happy to report that our Food Pantry Outreach served 125 families in our Community for a total of 393 individuals in March. Thank you to all our volunteers!

**Visit us on Face Book at <http://www.facebook.com/h2mweavers>**

## Help Wanted

**\*\*Food Pantry Assistant- Must enjoy helping our community\*\***

- Ability to work one Sunday a month from 11:30 thru 2:00pm
- Set up food for distribution
- Occasional bending / lifting

**All applicants contact, Janice Williams (845) 750-3057**

*Food Donations* are always welcome. To set up a drop off time; call the office (845) 758-6283 or Janice Williams (845) 750-3057

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## MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Music & Worship Committee will begin meeting after Easter to plan for the services for the rest of spring and summer.

*Barbara*

*Meltzer*

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## CHURCH STREET NURSERY SCHOOL

We are excited about our **Annual Yard Sale** tentative date April 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact the Director at 845-758-6282.

*Ashley L.*

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Program Director

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## April Calendar

*RED HOOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WENESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Choir 10am Worship 10:30am Food Pantry 12:30-2p	2	3	4 Trustees 7p  Weavers 7-9p	5 Bible Study 3-5p Woman's AA 6p Choir 7p	6	7
8 Choir 10am Worship 10:30am Food Pantry 12:30-2p	9	10	11 Membership Committee 2p Days 4 Girls 6p Weavers 7-9p	12 Bible Study 3-5p Woman's AA 6p Choir 7p	13	14
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"I call on you, O God,  
for you will answer me;  
give ear to me and hear my prayer."  
(Psalm 17:6)



## **PRAY FOR**

Our Pastor and Our Entire Congregation.  
All of the NYAC Staff 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 NEED OF OUR PRAYERS**

District Superintendent Betsy Ott and Family, Bobby Armstrong, John Bamford, Jane Bier, Donna Marie Blanche, Jean Bleibtrey, Carol Boeck, Ken Bonal, Pat Brammer, Kathy Browne, Pete Buhler, Linda Cebrian, Christine Chadwick, Roger Clark & Family, Debbie Corston, Family of Chad Currier, James Cushman, Sebastian Garber (Melissa's son), Kay George, Pastor Paul & Gloria Gingrich, Cindy Herman & Family, Haley Hines, Georgia Johnson, Ron Jones, Peter Kane, Sandy Kane & Family, The Family of Ralph Keeler, Susan King, Suzanne & Caroline Kraczor, Paul Lacey, Kathy Lungner, Regina Lungner, Dorothy Marion, Lis McCaffrey, Rick McGhee, Patrick McLaughlin, Barbara Melzer, Ed Meyer, Melissa Moore & Family, Jane Morgan, David Muller, Caleb & Grady Nelson, Helen Newkirk, The Family of Donna Orlando, Carl Pack, Mike Pardoe, Ron Parker, Joyce Riffenburg, Andrea Spucches, Jack "Jay" Sundheimer, Nancy Titus, Skip Tremper, Ruth Van Vliet, Taylor Van Voorhis, The Van Voorhis Family, Anna Weih, Mary Lou Williams, Rev. Bill & Marianne Wolf

## **IN JESUS' NAME WE PRAY**

To add or remove anyone from our Church Prayer List, contact the Office at  
845-758-6283, [redhookumc@umcchurches.org](mailto:redhookumc@umcchurches.org)



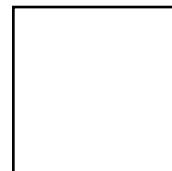
## **THE POWER OF PRAYER**

To use our Prayer Chain call Joan Murray 758-5189, Joan Morrison 758-5375 or Betty Tabor 758-9011 with your prayer request. Our prayer chain is always completely confidential and separate from the Church Prayer List, unless you would like to be on both.

## **PASTORAL CARE VISITS ARE AVAILABLE ROUND THE CLOCK**

Contact Pastor Nikki Edelman directly at 845-546-3260  
or by email: [nedleman@hotmail.com](mailto:nedleman@hotmail.com)

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