



FUMCAH NEWS

APRIL 2019

A Time of Waiting

Humans spend a lot of time waiting – sometimes gleefully anticipating, sometimes anxiously dreading, but often, just waiting: waiting in line at the store, waiting to board the train, waiting to see the doctor, waiting...

We think of Holy Saturday as a time of waiting because we are waiting for Easter – but for Jesus' first disciples and friends, that Saturday was a time of grieving and despair. Whatever hope they had in Jesus had died with him. There was no possibility of a different outcome.

When we are grieving death, we need our Holy Saturdays. We need a time to let go, a time to realize that the way we originally pictured life is no longer possible. We need a day –or a season– to grieve before we can begin to imagine something new. While the “same old thing” might never exist again, the possibility of better awaits. For some of us, it is difficult, if not impossible, to move beyond Holy Saturday; it is tempting to just stay put. Going ahead is too challenging. Either we cannot move through our grief or we cannot conceive that anything new and better could exist.

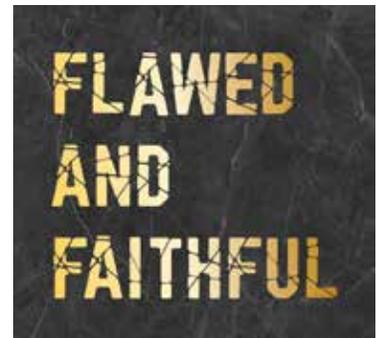
You may have experienced “Holy Saturday” days or seasons in your own life. Many have made the analogy that we are in a “Holy Saturday season” in the United Methodist Church. Something died at the General Conference in Saint Louis and we are not exactly sure what comes next. But we do have hope of resurrection. We know that the message of God's love and grace can never die. We can be “resurrection-refusers” and resist welcoming something new or we can be “resurrection-receivers” and embrace that new life offered through Jesus, the life that redeems and transforms. What can be true for our church is also true for us as individuals.

Resurrection is God's gracious gift of New Life and a sign of the Kingdom of God. In God's Kingdom, the expansive nature of God's love is fully realized. It is both a promise in eternal life and something we experience partially now. After Jesus' resurrection, life was different. Jesus still bore the scars of his wounds, he still was Jesus, but it wasn't the same. Relationships had changed, expectations were revised. Without Jesus' death and resurrection, there would be no Body of Christ alive in the world today. In resurrection, death cannot be denied but there is hope of new life, not a promise of restoration but one of redemption. This Easter, we will celebrate and give thanks for resurrection, as we do wait to see just what it might bring.

Pastor Lynn

Worship Schedule

- April 7** “I Will Not Deny You” Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75
- April 14** Palm Sunday, including a processional with palms and the children and the Easter Choir Cantata
- April 19** Good Friday, 7:30pm, “The Cross with a Contemporary Twist”
- April 21** Easter Sunday, 9:30am & 11:15am (Egg Hunt after 9:30 service), “From Cowardice to Courage” John 21:12,15-17
- April 28** “What Now?” Matthew 28:16-20



Easter Egg Hunt, April 21, 10:30am: Children in groups from toddlers through 6th grade will gather under the portico at the south entrance and parade over to the Egg Hunt on the church campus, indoors if it rains.

FUMCAH CALENDAR

April Event and Contact Information

- 3** JAM rehearsals for Children's Spring Musical, every Wednesday, April 3-May 8, 5-6pm. For preschoolers through 6th grade. Performance at the May 12 worship service. Contact Pastor Lynn at 847-255-5112.
- 7** Viator House Pasta Night, 5:30-7:30pm, Maggiano's Little Italy, 1901 E. Woodfield Rd. in Schaumburg. Tickets are \$45 per person. Go to www.viatorhouseofhospitality.com for details.
- 9** Faithful Citizen Workshop, 7:30-9pm in the ROC. Learn how to advocate for environmental justice. Sponsored by Faith in Action and the Green Team. Contact Christina Crusius with any questions at 847-917-9641.
- 14** Building For All Church Conference, after worship. Learn about the church building's final design and its financing. Kaleidoscope Earth Day, after the Conference. Learn how to go paperless and green your kitchen. All ages welcome!
- 17** Queer Stations of the Cross, 5:30-8:30pm, sponsored by Reconciling Ministries Team and Rainbow Circle. Join us for song, meditation, prayer and a queer take on the ancient crucifixion of Jesus. Contact Liz Evans.
- 18** Maundy Thursday Potlucks. Families can host church members and their friends for Maundy Thursday with a coordinated potluck at the host's home or other location. Get details at FUMCAH.com or the church office.
- 19** Good Friday Worship at 7:30pm "The Cross with a Contemporary Twist". Liz Evans, Director of Justice and Reconciling Ministries, will be preaching.
- 21** Easter services at 9:30am and 11:15am. Sunday school at 9:30am. Nursery care available at both services. All children through 6th grade are invited to our Easter Egg Hunt after 9:30am worship.
- 27** Women's Night Out, 6:30pm at Woodcrafter's DIY Studio in Arlington Heights. UMW is sponsoring this outing, but all women are welcome, to a maximum of 24. Go online to tinyurl.com/paintApril27 to register.
- 28** Des Plaines River Clean-Up. After worship, we're going to the Cook County Forest Preserve to remove trash. Wear work clothes to church, bring a water bottle and a bag lunch. We'll provide work gloves and bags.

Save the Date!

- May 4** Next Chapter White Elephant Gift Exchange, 6:30pm. RSVP Mary Ann Laforet at 847-870-8344.
- May 5** Edie Carey Benefit Concert, 6:30pm in the FUMCAH Sanctuary, tickets for sale at the church office.
- May 8** 3 Day Mission Trip, Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Call Naoki Nakamura at 847-650-3608.
- May 10** Spring Rummage Sale, 9:00am-3:00pm.
- May 11** Spring Rummage Sale, 9:00am-1:00pm.
- May 12** Children's Spring Musical at the 9:30am service. JAM children's choirs will sing.
- May 19** Confirmation: Our church's young people will confirm the vows made at their baptisms at our Confirmation service.
- May 21** Summer Supper for homeless or food insecure, 6:30-8pm. Contact Jacqueline Raitano at 847-612-8444.
- May 26** Baccalaureate: We will celebrate with our high school graduates and their families at worship service.
- June 2** Buffalo Grove Pride Parade, 10:30am.
- June 18** Summer Supper for homeless or food insecure, 6:30-8pm. Contact Jacqueline Raitano at 847-612-8444.
- June 30** Chicago Pride Parade, Montrose Avenue and Broadway, noon.
- July 15** Vacation Bible School, July 15-18, 3-5:15pm. Ages 3 through 6th grade.
- July 16** Summer Supper for homeless or food insecure, 6:30-8pm. Contact Jacqueline Raitano at 847-612-8444.
- July 22** Art Camp, July 22-25, 10am-noon. 3rd grade-adults welcome. Contact Thom Frerk at 773-507-5340.
- Aug. 12** Musical Theater Camp, August 12-15, 1-3:30pm, performing in August 18 worship.
- Aug. 20** Summer Supper for homeless or food insecure, 6:30-8pm. Contact Jacqueline Raitano at 847-612-8444.
- Sept. 7** 11th Annual Golf Outing, Rob Roy Golf Course, Contact Darnell McClaney at 773-412-9925.

Congregation News

McKenna Loren Bisailon, daughter of Kenny and Kim Bisailon, was baptized on March 24.

April Kaleidoscopes: Wesley Room after worship

April 7: “Will the real Paul please stand up?” series concludes with the most puzzling statements in the letters attributed to him. After summing up, showing what a radical he was, we turn to the Apostle’s basic theology, that “Christ crucified” is his key phrase in support of “Justification by Grace through Faith.” We ask, what is “justification” all about, and the related question, what is “justice” in the mind of God? We end with Paul’s most sublime teaching about “faith, hope and love.”

April 14: The Green Team and UMW host Kaleidoscope Earth Day. Learn best practices for going paperless at home with your current technology and discover how to green your family's kitchen with easy home cooking tips. Conservation of our paper products and removing processed items from our nutrition are just a couple of ways we can be better stewards of our Earth. UMW is providing food and drinks. All ages are welcome!

April 21: No Kaleidoscope on Easter Sunday.

April 28: “A Capitol Adventure: Oslo and Stockholm.”

April Mission: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Water, sanitation, and hygiene are essential for good health and well-being. We need it for drinking, bathing, cooking, cleaning, waste disposal, and agriculture. Yet, 668 million people around the world do not have reliable access to clean drinking water and even more people lack access to water for agriculture or to meet their everyday needs. 2.4 billion people around the world lack adequate sanitation facilities, with more than 1,000 children dying daily from diseases that are preventable with WASH.

UMCOR’s WASH program helps vulnerable communities become more resilient by self-organizing and defining their priorities. UMCOR helps communities take ownership of their water and sanitation systems and build lasting strategies for the future. Our integrated approach helps communities access the resources they need to thrive.



Faithful Citizen Workshop, April 9

Led by our Green Team founder and seminarian, Christina Crusius, this workshop will cover the basics of the Illinois legislative process, highlight our state's progress in adopting clean energy, and teach you how to advocate for environmental justice. It meets in the ROC from 7:30-9pm

Soothing Stitches

We have made caps to help save the lives of newborns in “caps to the capitol” (and eventually to Malawi and Bangladesh), scarves for former foster children in college, hats for new babies in weekday preschool and shawls for members and friends of First Church so that they might receive a tangible expression of God’s care.

To join the Soothing Stitchers, learn a new needlework skill, or have some time to work on your own projects, please come to the Parlor on the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm. We also have knitters and crocheters who work on their own at home and then donate their finished projects.

Mother's Day Card Fundraiser, April 28 and May 5

Mother's Day cards will be on sale Sundays, April 28 and May 5, for \$10. Card sale proceeds will go to Faith Community Homes. Faith Community Homes helps struggling northwest suburban families gain financial independence through mentoring, education, rental assistance and support services.

Clean Up Camp Pine Woods, April 28

The Missions Committee and Green Team invite all ages to clean up the river bed at Camp Pine Woods, from 12-2pm on Sunday, April 28. Wear weather-appropriate work clothes, bring a green lunch for a picnic in Fellowship Hall after the church service, and then carpool to the work site. We will provide garbage bags and work gloves.

Sign up with Sign Up Genius at www.signupgenius.com/go/8050c48abac2fa75-river or at church on April 14 and 21. If you have any questions, contact Wendy Dunnington at 773-972-4188 or Stephanie Sutton at 847-452-8452.

Financial Report through February 2019

February Revenue: \$57,207

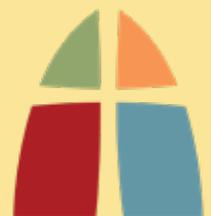
Year-to-date Revenue: \$148,294

February Expense: \$59,301

Year-to-date Expense: \$130,852

We have paid \$14,195 (18%) of our total 2019 apportionment of \$80,624.

Thank you very much for your good stewardship in 2019!





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Art Classes

Youth Art Classes: From 4-5:30pm on Tuesdays, for ages ten and older, and on Thursdays, for ages 6-9. Projects will include clay, jewelry, drawing, painting, mixed media, and more. The cost is \$6 per class or \$30 for a punch card of six. Participants need not attend every week.

Saturday Open Studio: Whether you are a beginner or have experience, our open studio allows you to work at your own pace on projects of your choice, such as painting, printing, drawing, mosaic tile, glass fusing, and more. Drop in for however long you wish in our relaxing, supportive setting. Saturdays, 9:30-11:45am. Open to ages 13 and up.

2-2-2 Art Workshops: One-time workshops the 2nd week each month during the Thursday or Saturday art classes. To sign up, contact Thom Ferek at 773-507-5340.

Yoga Classes

Christine Pellum, a certified yoga-fit instructor, welcomes adults on Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30am. Cost is \$10 per session. For more information, call the church office at 847-255-5112.

Voice Lessons

Voice lesson times will be offered on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Individual sessions are \$30 for 30 minutes with discounts available for the full 7-week course. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Scholarships are available. Contact Lorena (lorenacory@gmail.com) for more information about pricing and scheduling.

Zumba®

Burn lots of calories while dancing to a blend of Latin and World music. Routines can be modified for your level of fitness. Classes are led at FUMCAH by one of our own church members, Veronica Biazio, ACE certified group fitness instructor and licensed Zumba® instructor.

Regular Zumba® classes, Wednesday mornings (9:30-10:30 am), Thursday evenings (6:30pm-7:30pm).

Classes are open to all church members and the public (age 16 and over), \$8/drop-in class, save with a class pass (5 classes/\$35, 10 classes/\$60, 20 classes/\$110). Seniors (62+) and Students w/IDs (16+), \$6/drop-in or 10 classes/\$50.

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