

# Fellowship Lantern

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“God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives. Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.” (William and Gloria Gaither, 1971)

Dear church friends, Spring has officially started and we are seeing signs of sun shine and new life as the snow banks melt away and the brown grass starts to grow and change to green. As we move on our Christian journey with Jesus towards Easter (April 20), we are also seeing signs of new life and new hope around our church and community. It is exciting to see children come to worship and then rush off to Sunday School with our teacher Twyla Hull. Stop by the Sunday School room and chat with her and the kids about their Bible story lessons and yummy treats too. Another sign of life is when our church family and friends gather on Wednesdays for Lenten dinners and a Christian program. We have heard personal faith testimonies about how God is working through Ron Elrod’s music ministry and Chris Klay’s mission trip to Columbia with Operation Christmas Child. We also continue to pray for change and transformation of Wayne’s downtown area and lift up government and community leaders who are working towards that change to a healthy community economy.

Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ is all about the hope and promise of new life in Jesus Christ. Jesus died for our salvation and also for the salvation and transformation of our communities and the world. Jesus saves people and offers the gift of eternal life for all people through the amazing love of God and the forgiveness of sins. Jesus died on the cross and conquered death and evil, and now offers us new life. Whatever our life circumstances and hardships, Jesus comes to save us and offers us new life and hope and love. **John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.”** God’s gift and promise to the world is Jesus Christ. Join with Christians every where as we sing **“Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!** Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!” (Charles Wesley 1939).

Happy Easter blessings. Peace,

Pastor Jennifer Jue

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**Holy Week and Easter worship services:** April 13 Palm Sunday service at 10:00am, April 17 Maundy Thursday service (at First Congregational Church) at 7:30pm, April 18 Good Friday service at 12:00noon, April 20 Easter sunrise service at 7:30am, and Easter service at 10:00am.

**Mission News: Our Cass Community Social Services Center (CASS)** mission project was on March 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday. A group of church volunteers went to CASS center to serve a hot meal and share God's love and abundance. Thank you to our volunteer cooks and servers who made this mission project happen in Jesus' name. Our March Mission Pot supported **UMCOR One Great Hour of Sharing**. UMCOR is our United Methodist Church's disaster relief agency that helps people and communities impacted by natural disasters in the US and the world. Our April Mission Pot is for the **First Step organization** that helps children and families, and addresses domestic violence issues and situations. Please support these mission projects by sharing generously to help people in need.



### LENTEN DINNERS AND PROGRAMS April 2 and April 9, Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Join us for our Lenten dinners and an entertaining program afterwards. Our hosts will provide the meat dish. We ask that you bring a side dish to share and your tableware too.

April 2    **Lenten dinner:** chicken    **Hosts:** Phil Shelly and Larry Nitzel  
**Program:** Rev. Jennifer Jue and Curtis Matheson, Songs and Hymns of Jesus

April 9    **Lenten dinner:** pork loin    **Hosts:** Anita Miller and choir  
**Program:** Ginger Cook, presentation on Women at the Cross

**Note:** A free will collection will be taken at the table to defray meat costs. A love offering will be taken to help with program costs. Give what you can.

### FISH DINNERS March 7-April 11, Fridays at 4:30-7:00pm



Join us for Fish Dinners on the Fridays of Lent; including April 4 and 11. A delicious meal of fried or baked fish, French fries or baked potato, cole slaw and vegetable, and rolls. Dinner is \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Pie is \$1.00. Soda pop is \$1.00. The kid's meal is fish or chicken nuggets.



## EASTER HOPE

*Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life.  
Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.*

**(John 11:25-26)**



Recently I read this story. "One Ash Wednesday, I attended a graveside funeral service for a 16-year-old boy, the son of family friends. He had died in an automobile accident days before. As the mourners gathered by the freshly turned earth, grief washed over us. "Why?" seemed to be the question on everyone's lips. "Why did this boy, bright with promise who loved God passionately, die so young?"

Why? Why do bad things happen to good people? I wish I knew the answer. I have my own thoughts but they probably wouldn't satisfy the one suffering grief. But as we look at the whole picture it should help us. As Christians, we know that our story does not end on Ash Wednesday. Nor, does it end on Good Friday. Early on Sunday, the stone rolled away; Jesus emerged alive from a dark tomb and eternally shattered the grip of death. On resurrection morning, Jesus gave us the ability to look death straight in the eyes, and say, "It isn't over." To those who put their trust in the resurrected One, Jesus gives the assurance of eternal life. Jesus' words, "The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (John 11:25), bring immeasurable comfort and hope to all that believe, especially those dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Jesus has power over life and death as well as power to forgive sins. If He is the Creator of life, He can surely restore life. Whoever believes in Christ has a spiritual life that death cannot conquer or diminish in any way. When we realize his power and how wonderful his offer to us really is, how can we not commit our lives to him? To those of us who believe, what wonderful assurance and certainty we have reason to celebrate Easter with great joy and assurance. "Since I live, you too will live" (John 14:19).

*"Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55)*

*In all my prays for all of you, I always pray with joy! Phil: 1:4*

*Red Miller*

## Coffee Hour

*April*

- 6<sup>th</sup> Gene & Twyla Hull  
In Honor of Gene's 42<sup>nd</sup> Birthday
- 13<sup>th</sup> Roy & Jeannine Klay
- 20<sup>th</sup> Doug Dillingham  
In Honor of Dave's Birthday
- 27<sup>th</sup> Mona Beyer & Maxine Schutzler

## Altar Flowers

*April*

- 6<sup>th</sup> Twyla Hull  
In Honor of Gene's 42<sup>nd</sup> Birthday
- 13<sup>th</sup> Fay Tolk  
In Memory of Henry M. Tolk
- 20<sup>th</sup> ***Easter Altar Display***
- 27<sup>th</sup> Red & Anita Miller  
In Honor of Their Birthdays

## April Soup Pot Offering

The mission of First Step is to reduce the incidence of domestic and sexual violence and to provide services to individuals affected by these crimes. Prevention of domestic and sexual violence through education, advocacy and appropriate intervention is the ultimate goal of First Step.



From their website <http://www.firststep-mi.org/>



## CROP WALK 2014

Sunday, May 4

At the

First Congregational Church of Wayne

Registration is at 1 PM

Walking starts at 1:30 PM

See Jan Podgers

for more information

## GRADUATION SUNDAY



Are you graduating from high school or college this year? If you are, we are looking for you so that can honor you for your academic achievements.

Graduation Sunday is set for June 1, with a breakfast at 8:00 A.M. and our church service at 10 A.M. at which we would like to honor you as well.

If you are a high school, vocational school or college graduate, please call Vivian Speakman at (734) 890-1018

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

EXECUTIVE MEETING: TUESDAY, April. 1, 6:30 PM Parlor  
**NOTE: CHANGE OF DAY**

## CIRCLE MEETINGS

### CHARIS CIRCLE

Monday, April 7, 7:00 PM ~ PARLOR  
Program: Prayer and Self Denial  
We focus on United Methodist Women mission sites.  
Leader: Sally Nitzel  
All women are welcome to come join in the fellowship.  
Child care provided - Call Vivian Speakman, 734 722-4672

### ESTHER-MARTHA CIRCLE

Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 PM ~ Parlor  
Leader: Ginger Cook  
Hostesses: Ginger Cook and Jeannine Klay

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## **TIME FOR TEA**

### **Mother / Daughter Banquet**

Friday, May 2, 2012 - 6:30 PM

Reservation to Lucille Farmer by April 27

*Look for more information on flyer elsewhere in this Lantern*

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### SAVE THESE DATES:

Lenten Dinners - April 2 and 8  
Fish Frys - April 2 and 11  
Rummage Sale May 8, 9, and 10

Spring Potluck Luncheon - May 21 at 012:30 PM  
Speaker - Kay Mowry - Detroit Conference President

UMW Sunday - June 8 at the 10:00 AM service

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland  
 3 Town Sq. Wayne, MI 48184 (across from Post Office) 734-721-4801



April 13, Sun at 10am

The **Palm Sunday** worship service celebrates Jesus' arrival and welcome to the holy city of Jerusalem. Jesus is King of kings.



April 17, 7:30pm

**Maundy Thursday** at First Congregational Church (2 Town Square, across the street). A service to remember Jesus' last supper with his disciples.



April 18, 12:00 Noon

**Good Friday** A service to remember Jesus' death and crucifixion on the cross. It is a holy and meditative time of worship.



April 20, **Easter Sunday**

A time to celebrate Easter and Jesus' resurrection and gift of eternal life. Join us for a special Easter service with beautiful music and an uplifting message.

7:30am-8:00am

**Sunrise Service** A service of prayer and music.

8:15am

**Easter Breakfast** A time of fellowship at the church.

9:00am

**Adult Sunday School**

10:00am

**Easter Sunday Worship Service**



Join us on Tuesday, April 15 from 6:30pm-8:00pm for an Easter 'Egg'stravaganza. There will be plenty of crafts, food, and games so come and join us for this fun-filled family event!

# An Easter "Egg"stravaganza

calling all Families, Everyone is invited.

Join us for an evening of

**FUN, FUN, FUN**  
Tuesday, April 15th

6:30 to 8:00 PM  
In Fellowship Hall

First United Methodist Church  
3 Town Square..

Across from the Post Office in Wayne  
734-721-4801

Bring: Yourself  
and Hard Boiled Eggs

Provided:  
Crafts, Food, Games

Adults  
Join in the fun!



Make sure they're  
**HARD BOILED!**



# HIGH TEA PARTY MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET

ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS, WITH OR WITHOUT MOTHERS/DAUGHTERS ARE INVITED!!

## FRIDAY MAY 2, 2014

WE WILL GATHER AT 6:00 PM  
DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 PM AT  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
DINNER CATERED BY  
WM. D. FORD CAREER TECH. CENTER STAFF AND STUDENTS

### MENU

CHICKEN CORDON BLEU                      MASHED POTATOES  
CORN    SALAD  
ROLLS    TEA/PUNCH  
ASSORTED DESSERTS AND PASTRIES

### COST

\$11.00 WOMEN - \$6.50 GIRLS (AGE 5-12) - UNDER 5 FREE

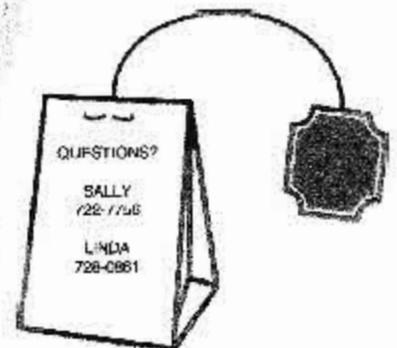
### PROGRAM

PHYLLIS WILKERSON - OWNER OF  
SWEET AFTON TEA ROOM IN  
PLYMOUTH  
WILL SPEAK ABOUT TEA ORIGINS,  
HISTORY, TEA TRIVIA AND FUN FACTS

### TICKET SALES

SUNDAY  
APRIL 13  
APRIL 20  
APRIL 27

OR SEE A UNITED  
METHODIST WOMEN MEMBER  
TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED  
IN ADVANCE





Thu.. May 8, 9 AM to 4 PM

Fri., May 9, 9 AM 4 PM

Sat., May 10, 9 AM to Noon

(Sat. Is "Anything you can fit into a bag day"  
\$2 and \$5 bags are available.)

**NOW IS THE TIME TO DONATE THOSE USEABLE BUT UNWANTED ITEMS...**

**Many hands make light work!!  
Volunteers are always welcome.**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY APRIL

**1<sup>st</sup> Curt Mathison**  
**April Phool**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Brenda Quinn**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Stephanie Wegryn**  
**Brooklyn Peterson**

**6<sup>th</sup> Mary Ann Powell**

**10<sup>th</sup> Rain Gallagher**

**12<sup>th</sup> Jimmy Gallagher**  
**Ricky Gallagher**

**13<sup>th</sup> Ray Kull Jr.**

**14<sup>th</sup> Gordon L. Powell**  
**Tricia Nault**

**16<sup>th</sup> Missy(Maylone) Katcher**

**21<sup>st</sup> Phil Shelly**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Anita Miller**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Mike Szabo**

**24<sup>th</sup> Dave Dillingham**

**29<sup>th</sup> Bob Simons**



*April 8<sup>th</sup> Ray and Donna Fox*

# April 2014

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																										
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## Mission Statement

We are the Congregation of First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland and are a committed, loving, Christian community of Jesus Christ, in ministry, witnessing to the love of God as experienced in our lives, and expressed by: worship together, Christian nurture, education evangelism, Christian fellowship and support of one another, invitation to others to share our faith, social awareness, involvement and support of world wide Methodism. Our witness embraces all people.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.  
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:00 A.M.  
YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 A.M.

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