



*Seeking to make God's love visible*

From The Pastors desk:

To God's people called Methodist.

April is the month when we celebrate Palm Sunday, April 9, the entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the death of Jesus and on April 16 the start of the Easter season. It is not a one day celebration, but rather a 50 day period. The season of Easter, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church.

The church today is beset with challenges like issues regarding sexual orientations of one of our bishops, which might divide our church. Solemnizing same sex couples which runs contrary to our Methodist book of Discipline. Financial issues that limits the ministries that we do. Slow membership growth that makes our church weak and dwindling. Well, there has always been divisions and problems in the Methodist church and it is not new to us. We as a church was able to triumph and survive all these years despite many challenges and limitations. But as we celebrate the Easter season, it tells us that we are celebrating a living Christ and death does not have the final say. When Jesus appeared to his early disciples changes occurred to their lives and fears, doubts and uncertainty diminished. Easter is therefore expecting a better future to come to the present, making the present a time of courage, hope and happiness. There is a strong tendency for us to hate the unexpected, the new challenges that comes our way and wanting to remain on familiar grounds. If we do not do things differently, old conditions and situations remain the same, making our present degenerate. What is important is that the God who leads us, the God whom we pray to, the God who loves us and cares for us is alive and is leading us to new adventures of faith, new opportunities, and new challenges. Trust the one who died and lives again for us. . Who is seated on the right hand of God?

To God be the Glory!



## Deacon's Dialogue

During the 40 days of Lent—remember the Sundays are not part of that count—we intentionally focus on our own spiritual journey. That often means giving up something in remembrance of Jesus fasting 40 days in the wilderness, or we take on some special discipline or service in hopes of being more intentional in our spiritual journey. As we get closer to Easter, we hope and pray that our spiritual lives have been enriched by what we have done during Lent.

The Bible meets us where we are and tells us where to go and what to do if we take enough time to meditate on what we read in it. Has what you have done during Lent changed your life? The lives of others? A letter to the Editor in one of our denominational magazines had this insight. We often talk in ways that we think are theological, but may actually be more a reflection of our culture! This was the point: our culture talks about human wholeness using three words: body, mind and spirit. The writer of the letter said, that as people of faith shouldn't we put that order differently: spirit, mind and body?! Think about that!

As we approach Holy Week, also called Passion Week, there is a lot to think about as we relive the events of the last week of Jesus' earthly life. The suggestion has been made to spend more time with each of those events, and think about how you would see those events? What would you be hearing? Would there be any smells you could recognize? What might you touch? We know there is at least one day when you could taste the events if you live into them. With which of the characters in each of these events do you connect? What are your emotions as you walk through Holy Week with Jesus?

Suddenly it is Easter and we celebrate resurrection and new life! But we often forget it is not one day of celebration, but fifty days of celebration, right up until the time of Pentecost. There are a variety of stories of Jesus' appearances to various people after his resurrection and before his ascension. Take time during the fifty days of Easter to revisit these stories. Reflect on what resurrection and new life means to you. How can you carry new life out into your place of work or the community? Or maybe to some of your family and friends? We know there are many people who need to hear a word of hope. Can you deliver that hope?

Peace and Blessings, Alice Ann



## **Prayer Concerns**



### ***Prayer Concerns***

**Rowan's brother-in-law, Steve, who is living with brain cancer;**

**Chris O'Donnell for peace and comfort;**

**Pat Lockhart at Ave Maria; Alma Ogle at Canterbury Woods;**

**Flood victims everywhere;**

**Terrorism victims' families;**

**Welcome to all new families in our area;**

**Carolyn Bitter for continued recovery;**

**Amber Hsu's sister-in-law, Wenshin Chou is recovering from her breast cancer treatments.**



## TO MY LOVING CHURCH FAMILY

It is with sadness that I leave all of you, my church family of 35 years, but with excitement as John and I face our new adventure in South Carolina. I want to thank Giselle and Mike for taking over with our Youth. It is a wonderful group of young people, and I am confident that they will be in excellent hands as they continue in their Christian walk. The children and youth of the church are our best investment. Thank you for all your support. I can assure you that each and every one of them are aware and appreciate your important role in their lives.

I will carry with me for the rest of my life the beautiful memories of my years with all of you..... Christmas Eve with the bells and choir, Easter worship with special music and lots of food, feeding and providing shelter for the IHELP men every Sunday night for several years, Worship in the Park, Fourth of July hot dogs, BBQs, Children's pageant, VBS, rummage sales, memorial services for dear friends, Saturday work days, and Saturday morning three hour meetings. It has been a truly spiritual experience as we worked together "making God's love visible to all."

My new email address is [cynthiamhutcherson@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiamhutcherson@gmail.com) as Comcast has not reached So. Carolina. I look forward to keeping in touch with all Y'all, and re-claiming my Southern accent.

Love ya,  
Cindy Hutcherson

## Sign Ups

Date	Fellowship	Liturgist	Flowers	Children's Message
4/2	Michael Conaway	Youth	Giselle Young in memory of her Grandmother	Alice Ann
4/9	Amber Hsu in honor of her birthday, Melanie Winchester in honor of Charlotte Rother	Open	Baptism of Charlotte Rother	Alice Ann
4/16	* Easter Brunch	Open	Worship Committee	Alice Ann
4/23	Open	Open	Rowan Wolnick	Open
4/30	Masiana Tulua	Open	Alexie	Alice Ann
5/7	Nancy Jones	Youth	David Tulua birthday	Open

\* There is a sign up sheet for the Easter Brunch in the Narthex.

# A Look At April 2017

◀ Mar 2017	~ April 2017 ~						May 2017 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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2 Holy Communion	3	4 No ARK COTN	5 Bible Study at MUMC 6:30 PM	6 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	7	8	
9 Park Lane Hymn sing 1:15 – 2:15	10	11 No ARK COTN	12 Bible Study at MUMC 6:30 PM	13 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	14	15	
16 Easter Service and brunch	17	18 No ARK COTN	19 Bible Study at MUMC 6:30 PM	20 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	21	22 Leadership meeting	
23	24	25 No ARK COTN	26 Bible Study at MUMC 6:30 PM	27 Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM	28	29	
30	Notes:						

# GOD'S PEOPLE IN MINISTRY

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

**Park Lane Hymn Sing** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 1:15-2:15 PM  
"I Help Women" Meals 2nd Tuesday of each month  
Contact: Ellie Martin 831-373-0410

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## CHURCH STAFF

**Pastor:** Reverend Paul Cabotaje  
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**Accompanist & Hand Bell Director:** Nancy Jones  
**Nursery Attendant:** Kristen Therrien  
**Care Taker:** David Tulua  
**Office Manager:** Ed Blonski

## WORSHIP

Worship Service Sunday 11 AM  
Loving Childcare Provided

## MUSIC

Voice Choir Thursday 7:15- 8:00 PM  
Hand Bells Thursday 6:30 – 7:00 PM

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday school (During Sunday Service)  
The Ark (ages 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade) Tuesday 6-7:30 PM  
Youth (5<sup>th</sup> grade and up) Tuesday 6-7:30

## BIBLE STUDY

Wed afternoon 1:30-2:30  
Sunrise Senior Living, 1110 Cass Street  
Wednesday 6:30 PM in Pastor's office

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