

THURMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2020

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Sunday Worship Times:
 Traditional - 9am
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 Contemporary - 10:30am

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Our Mission Statement

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"

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Bishop LaTrelle Easterling directs churches throughout the BWC to refrain from gathering in their buildings through Sunday, April 26th. Barring changes from local governments, the first Sunday for resumption of worship in our buildings will be May 3, 2020.

All regularly scheduled meetings, events are subjected to change or cancellation due to state and church guidelines.

APRIL 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Cancelled 1 Prayers 9:30am Prayer Rm PK Bible 7-8:30pm Adult	Cancelled 2 Moser 9am Barber 9:30am Karate 4, 5, 6:30 pm SH	3	4 Lana 9-1pm Sanctuary
5 Palm Sunday Live Stream 10:30 Contemporary Service - Web Site & Facebook	6	7	8 Prayers 9:30am Prayer Rm Plarn Class 9:30am SH PK Bible	9 Moser 9am Barber 9:30am Karate, 4, 5, 6:30 pm SH	10	11 Lana 9-1pm Sanctuary
12 Easter Sunday Live Stream 10:30 Contemporary Service - Web Site & Facebook	13 Missions Mtg 2pm, SH Senior Lunch, Noon, Mt. Gate Finance Mtg 6:30pm, SH SPRC 6pm SH	14	15 Prayers 9:30am Prayer Rm Craft Class, 6:30pm SH PK Bible 7-8:30pm Adult Rm 1	16 Moser 9am Barber 9:30am Karate, 4, 5, 6:30 pm SH	17	18 Lana 9-1pm Sanctuary
19 Confirmation Class 11:45am-12:30pm, SH (on hold) Youth Grp 6-7:30pm (on hold)	20 Council Mtg 7pm, SH	21	22 Prayers 9:30am Prayer Rm PK Bible 7-8:30pm Adult Rm 1	23 Moser 9am Barber 9:30am Karate 4, 5, 6:30 pm SH	24	25 Lana 9-1pm Sanctuary
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A WORD FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear Thurmont UMC Family & Friends,

Easter is the celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. As we witness Jesus' victory over sin and death, we recognize our own victory. Easter is not only the written word of Scripture, it is not only an historical event, it is not only the greatest story ever told, it is a hope and promise for ourselves, our neighbors, our community, and our world.

The role and witness of the church is to make Easter real in the life and experience of members, friends, community, and groups allowing the Word of God to become an active part of our lives. We make Easter real when we gather in church council meetings recognizing that God's Spirit leads us to empower ministry. We make Easter real when we gather for ecumenical events claiming the Spirit of Christ's love and care for one another. We make Easter real when we become instruments of peace in a world broken by war. We make Easter real when we reach out in mission to those who are in need.

What greater joy could there be than to witness broken and sinful lives discover life, hope, and promise in Jesus Christ! What greater experience could there be than to see people receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior! What greater moment could there be than to share in Christ-centered healing of a broken relationship! What greater work could we do than to hold up the values and ethics of Jesus Christ for each other, for our church, for our community, and for our world! What greater privilege could there be than to share the reality of Easter with our Community! We are an Easter people. Come join us as we celebrate Easter!

Our Easter Sunday Schedule is as follows:

Live

10:30 am -- Contemporary Service

Facebook page: [ThurmontUnitedMethodistChurch](#)

or Web page: www.thurmontchurch.org

*Happy Easter
Pastor Ken*



*Christ
is
Risen!*

A Word from Your Lay Leader

April 2020

"Revival"

“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, and walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardship for my name and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

Rev 2: 1-5

Webster defines ‘ Revive ‘ as, to come back to life, vigor, to awaken ,to resuscitate, to reanimate, to renew, to recover from neglect, to refresh. In the Greek “revive” is translated, to flourish anew, to blossom, to live again, spring to activity. Let us begin to seek God for that refreshing, reanimating, resuscitating “ breath” of his Holy Spirit that will cause us to” flourish anew” and “ Spring to life” spiritually. In much the same way that you stoke the dying embers of a neglected fire let us pray that God through his Holy Spirit will rekindle the flames within our hearts. Give us a burning desire to tell the Good News to everyone we know that we can have that peace that passes understanding even in the midst of a National Pandemic. We can have that peace because of what Christ has done for us and that they to, can have peace and security because he did it for them too.

Please pray and ask God to help you begin to prepare your hearts to receive what he has for you and that you can pass that on to those around you.

God Bless Tim Olsen



About the

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer tradition predates the founding of the United States of America, evidenced by the Continental Congress' proclamation in 1775 setting aside a day of prayer. In 1952, Congress established an annual day of prayer and, in 1998, the law was amended, designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May.

Mobilizing Unified Public Prayer
 In Frederick County
 National Day of Prayer Frederick
 P.O. Box 3287 – Frederick, MD 21705
nationaldayofprayer-frederick.org

Saturday, March 28th, 9am, Kickoff Breakfast, 7th Annual Youth Prayer Rally
 Saturday, April 11th, Lillie B. Hobbs Memorial Award for Christian Service for Youth, ages 13-18
 Thursday, May 7th, Noon, Bible Reading Marathon, Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick, MD 21701
 Thursday, May 7th, 5pm, 7th Annual Youth Prayer Rally, Baker Park Bandshell, Frederick, MD 21701
 (see bulletin board for more details)

Update on Steven Clarke

Brothers and Sisters,

Thanks to the generosity of many in our congregation, we were able to send Steven Clarke a LARGE box (24 pounds!) of goodies and useful items! It took a while to get it to him, but he received it last week and was so appreciative of his church family.

Unfortunately for right now, Steven is no longer able to receive any kind of mail. His unit is basically under a quarantine. They can go to work and that is it - they closed the gym and the dining hall, and have to take their meals to their rooms. This is a very isolating situation and I'd like to ask everyone to keep all our soldiers in your prayers through this.

That being said, since Steven is not able to receive mail, I would like to flood him with electronic letters. Since overseas communication can be expensive through a cell phone service, there is an app that can be used to communicate with Steven so that he doesn't incur any cell phone charges. I would like to ask the congregation to send me emails that I will cut and paste into the app to send to Steven.

Please email me your letters/notes to songbird3679@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, please text me or call at 240-457-7367, or you can email me.

Let's keep letting Steven know we are here for him. I look forward to hearing from as many of you as possible! Please note that your messages to him can be as long as you want them to be, or can be just a couple of sentences. Sharing scriptures or jokes would also be wonderful.

In Christian Love,
Jen Bennett

APRIL CRAFTS NIGHT

April 15th, 6:30pm

Social Hall

Dazzling! Brilliant! Sparkly! Just a few ways to describe the craft for April. We will be working on Diamond Dotz key chains. They can be used as key chains, hang from back pack or purse, or hang in the window to catch the light. Small shapes covered in rhinestones are double sided and so much fun to make. All supplies are included for a small fee of \$1.50 per kit. My 5 year old grandson, Jack, made the dinosaur with very little help from me. You can do this too. Be sure to sign up on sheet in Social Hall. Questions see Shirley Greene.



SUBJECT TO CHANGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP: There is fellowship each Sunday following Sunday School from 10:00-10:30am prior to the second service. Whoever has snack that week is also responsible for cleanup, that includes taking out the trash. The schedule for **APRIL** is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
April 5	Olsen Grp	Lois Olsen	301-271-2576
April 12	CJ's Adult SS	CJ Cordell	301-271-4971
April 19	Women's Life Grp	Annette Barber	301-271-6931
April 26	Clothes Closet	Denise Bentley	301-845-6454



TUMC Cat's Meow wooden replicas are still for sale available. Your \$20.00 donation supports the building fund. Please contact Shirley Greene or stop by the church office, Monday - Thursday, 9am-1pm.

CAT'S MEOW VILLAGE

**CLOTHES CLOSET IS HOSTING
OUR ANNUAL
POT-LUCK DINNER AND
THE PRIZE IS RIGHT FASHION SHOW
Saturday, May 2th, Social Hall
Dinner @6pm, Games & Show @7pm
All Are Welcome!**

TUMC COMMUNITY CLOTHES CLOSET

The Clothes Closet is excited to announce that Dave Lewis has joined the Clothes Closet Board as Receiving Chairman. Dave is a lifelong member of the church. After he retired the end of last year from Moore's he is now taking his place at the Clothes Closet. You all might know Dave as the person who collects offering at the first service.

The Clothes Closet is still in need of one position to complete our board. We are looking for someone who would want to be our Special Events Chairman. They will coordinate and work with the rest of the clothes closet board for our special events. If you are interested and would like more information, feel free to contact Denise Bentley, or anyone else on the Clothes Closet board.

Speaking of Special Events, the Clothes Closet has its annual Potluck and Price is Right Fashion Show coming soon. Mark your calendars for May 2nd at 6:00pm. We will be in the social hall, and dinner will be at 6:00pm, followed by the fashion show at 7:00pm. If you want to be a model start thinking about it and speak to Denise Bentley or Deb Stottlemyer.

The Clothes Closet sent another box of medicine bottles to Samaritan's Purse last month. Thanks to everyone who continues to donate.

The Clothes Closet also is in need of Men's size small and medium clothing, and women's size small clothes.

AT THIS TIME THE BOARD HAS DECIDED TO CLOSE THE CLOTHES CLOSET TO PUBLIC UNTIL MAY 4TH DUE TO THE CORORAVIRUS. ANY EMERGENICES PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AND ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.



CLOTHES CLOSET HOURS

CHURCH FAMILY: EVERY SUNDAY, 9:30am - Noon

1st & 4th MONDAY - 6:00 - 7:30pm

3rd TUESDAY - 10:00 - 11:30am

Emergency needs, please call the church office

Monday - Thursday 9am-1pm, 301-271-4511

SMALL GROUPS

TUMC have many groups to choose from if you are looking at deepening your relationships with your church family and with God, but do you see a need for a group that isn't already covered? Do you have an idea for starting a group geared toward a specific age group or life situation (parenting, aging, health, stay-at-home moms, etc.)? If so, talk to Pastor Ken.

These groups fellowship together and pray with each other every week.

The Olsen Life Group meets on Tuesdays, 6:30pm-8pm. Individual devotionals on different subjects and how they pertain to our daily lives. Call Tim Olsen at 301 271-2576. (suspended for now)

Mid-Week Prayers with Pastor Ken meets on Wednesdays 9:30am in Prayer Rm. (suspended for now)

Bible Study with Pastor Ken meets on Wednesdays 7-8:30pm in Adult Classroom 1 downstairs. (suspended for now)

The Women's Life Group meets on Thursdays at 9:30am. Currently studying the Ephesians. Call Annette at 301 271-6931. (suspended for now)

Fellowship & Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 9:00am. Studying the book, Jesus Always, Following God's Direction by Sarah Young. Call Dorothy Moser at 301-271-9104. (suspended for now)

Youth Group meets Sundays following our Contemporary Service. (suspended for now)



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

CONFIRMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

YOUTH 8th - 12th GRADE

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY'S

MARCH 1st - MAY 24th

11:45am - 12:30pm

PLEASE SEE PASTOR KEN

PRAYERS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS, MILITARY, AND FIRST RESPONDERS

COLLEGE STUDENTS - Whether they are away from home or commuting, please keep our college students in your prayers. Knowing they have someone praying for them can make all the difference.

Lauren Ames	Jessica Bentley	Hannah Hartness
Joshua Head	Victoria Hoke	Chrissy Kaas
Morgan Koch	Alex Mayhew	Meagan Mongold
Sydney Willard	Carly Crone	

MILITARY PRAYERS - Please keep all our Military in your prayers. Whether they are home or away, active or retired, they still need our prayers. They have served our country well and we will remember them in prayer.

Steven Clarke, PFC son of Charles and Tammy Clarke, address:
PFC Steven Clarke
A/2-10 TF Dragons
KAF, Afghanistan
APO, AE 09355

ALL MEDICAL PERSONNEL, FIRST RESPONDERS, POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS - Please pray for a safe work environment and personal protection as they care for the sick throughout this Coronavirus Pandemic.

Please notify the church office with any updates.

Wall of Giving



Help light
our way!

Visit the Narthex the month of March to participate in the Wall of Giving Fundraiser for the 2020 Puerto Rico Mission Team.

How it works?

1. Pick an envelope 1-100
2. Place that amount of money in the envelope
3. Return the envelope in offering plate or hand to one of team members



MISSIONS

We will be collecting baked beans, pork & beans, rice, canned meats (tuna, Spam, chicken, etc.) for March and April for Thurmont Food Bank.

PLEASE NOTE

Anyone in need of assistance w/utility bills, rent, medical bills please be in touch with the Seaton Center in Emmitsburg, 301-447-6102 or setoncenter.org



This Sponsored Girl Now Supports Another Little Girl!

As a little girl, Sosina's biggest worry was whether or not her mother would have enough money to send her to school. But she was sponsored, and now Sosina is in veterinary school!

She always wanted a way to give back, and now this inspiring young woman is doing just that! Though she lives on just \$12 a month, she gives a quarter of it away to help a girl in need — just as she was once helped.

Won't you please consider sponsoring a child through Compassion International? Go to www.compassion.com or see Shirley Greene.

GOOD NEWS CLUB THURMONT ELEMENTARY

Can't believe that our Club Year is almost over! Our last meeting for this school year will be April 14th at the Elementary School. We will celebrate with a picnic with ice cream in a rain gutter!!! This year we will be promoting twelve 5th graders to the Middle School. We will also celebrate Easter with an Egg Hunt and Communion.

We are looking for young people 14 years and older to participate in our ministry of 5-day Clubs this summer. Thurmont UMC hosted a 5-day club in the summer of 2018 and 25 children attended. It is basically a Good News Club meeting for 5 days (or evenings) at churches in the area. The youth are trained and prepared to lead clubs all over Frederick County. It requires a week of training and one month of service. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a leader, please contact me at janjones0626@gmail.com.

God has blessed us this year with a group of wonderful children who are enthusiastic about the Gospel. We will begin again in October in the new school year. If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering next school year, please let us know. We will need at least 3 more volunteers next year.

Thank you again for your support and prayers. We praise God for His overwhelming blessings.



NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP

June 24, 2020

Graceham Moravian Church
 8231-A Rocky Ridge Rd.
 Thurmont, MD 21788
 (301) 271-2379

50 Seats Reserved



Short Visit to the
 9/11 Memorial
 11 am – Noon
 (depending on travel time)

INCLUDES:

Transportation – Atlantic Coast Charters

- 6:15 am Leave Graceham
 Moravian Church (8:30 am stop)
- 11:15 pm Arrive back to
 Graceham

Tickets for The Lion King, The Minskoff Theatre, 2 pm (2 ½ hour performance)

Cost: \$175 per person; **\$100 non-refundable deposit** per person required on or before **March 8, 2020; balance due by June 1, 2020.**

Not included: Dinner on return trip.

Bring a bag lunch and beverage.

Invite a friend to join you!

NYC 2020 REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s)	Phone	Email	Emergency Contact (Name)	Emergency Contact (Phone)

Please attach deposit of \$100 per person (or payment in full of \$175 per person) to this registration form and return to Graceham Moravian Church. Make checks payable to Graceham Moravian Church and include NYC Broadway or Lion King on the memo line.

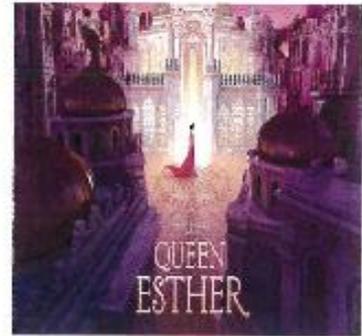
This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a memorable taste of the Big Apple in the company of friends and family. For questions, please contact Susan Baltic (301) 514-0190 swbaltic@gmail.com or call the church office at (301) 271-2379.

Sign-Up sheet in Social Hall

Thurmont United Methodist Church

Queen Esther

July 15, 2020



Itinerary

- 8:15 AM Depart Thurmont United Methodist Church
Rest stop, on own
- 10:30 AM Arrive at Sight & Sound
- 11:00 AM Enjoy the performance "Queen Esther"
Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, QUEEN ESTHER is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in this brand-new, original stage production!
- 1:30 PM Approximate departure for home with a fast food stop, on own
- 4:00 PM Approximate arrival back

Trip Includes:

- Transportation
- Show Tickets

Cost:
\$105 per person

To register:
Call Debbie
301-241-3622

Sign-Up Sheet in Social Hall



APRIL

<i>Cindy</i>	<i>Cassidy</i>	<i>4/1</i>
<i>Mearl</i>	<i>McCleaf</i>	<i>4/2</i>
<i>Schroeder</i>	<i>Matt</i>	<i>4/2</i>
<i>Robert</i>	<i>Vaughn</i>	<i>4/3</i>
<i>Christopher</i>	<i>Barnhart</i>	<i>4/4</i>
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Ness</i>	<i>4/7</i>
<i>Brody</i>	<i>Buffington</i>	<i>4/7</i>
<i>Kelsey</i>	<i>Stafford</i>	<i>4/7</i>
<i>Bob</i>	<i>Sanders, Jr.</i>	<i>4/8</i>
<i>Mary Michael</i>	<i>Richard</i>	<i>4/9</i>
<i>Tyler</i>	<i>Twigg</i>	<i>4/9</i>
<i>Max</i>	<i>Moulton</i>	<i>4/10</i>
<i>Colby</i>	<i>Bennett</i>	<i>4/11</i>
<i>Adrienne</i>	<i>Kurtz</i>	<i>4/12</i>
<i>Andrew</i>	<i>Sanders</i>	<i>4/15</i>
<i>Felicia</i>	<i>Albert</i>	<i>4/16</i>
<i>Janet</i>	<i>Fraleley</i>	<i>4/16</i>
<i>Andrew</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>4/18</i>
<i>Claire</i>	<i>Smith</i>	<i>4/18</i>
<i>Aiden</i>	<i>Dieterich</i>	<i>4/19</i>
<i>Heather</i>	<i>Markel</i>	<i>4/20</i>
<i>Carolyn</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>4/26</i>
<i>Doris</i>	<i>Dinterman</i>	<i>4/27</i>
<i>Joshua</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>4/28</i>
<i>Shirley</i>	<i>Greene</i>	<i>4/29</i>
<i>Doug</i>	<i>Ames</i>	<i>4/30</i>



But very truly I tell you, It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.