

# MALTA UNITED



**METHODIST CHURCH**

**APRIL 2022**

**HAPPY EASTER**

## PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

Luke 24:5c "He is not here, but has risen"

As a child I admit, I didn't understand why Easter was more important than Christmas. I fear I judged the Christian Holy Days on how many presents I might get. I also admit, I didn't like Easter because the week before we talked of crucifixion, and on Easter we talked of tombs (as a child I didn't like to think about graveyards, or tombs or such things.) I could tell part of Jesus' story was a sad story, and when I was young, I had a hard time seeing the rest of the story, so to speak, seeing that the story had a joyful ending.

This month of April we will finish Lent and the end of Lent is Holy Week. There is joy and fun on Palm Sunday as we wave branches, though I find profound peace and feel love through communion, which we will remember on Maundy Thursday. Fundamentally the stories of Holy Week are sad. A good person preaching love, was killed by people; some for religious reason, some for political reasons, all because they didn't want anything in the world to change. They were okay with torturing another person to death to keep things from changing and hopefully to scare others who might say God wanted the world to change. That is a sad story. I'd like to think there is no more sadness in our world, but of course there are still people who would cause harm, or even sacrifice lives so they can feel powerful and have their way. Humans tend to sin, and Jesus' crucifixion and all other unjust deaths inflicted by humans, remind us of the terrible consequences of sin.

However, and this is how Jeremiah W. Thompson at age 42 sees the world differently than I did at age 6 or 7. I now see the joy of Easter! We could focus only on the sad parts, but the story doesn't end with sadness. Christ arose! The power of sin, hate, and greed, are not more powerful than God's love. Christ lives again, resurrected to share with us hope. To let us know sin isn't the end, to let us know death isn't the end, but to show us that love is the end. Easter is about love and joy and life. This wonderful Holy Day comes in the spring when the flowers bloom (the crocuses are already blooming as I write this in late March), and the birds are singing, and animals are having new babies, and the world (in the Northern Hemisphere) is turning from winter to spring, to life, growth, food, and joy. Easter is the great sign that God's love can turn the world around, and that God is always loving and helping us.

So let us seek to live into being Easter people. Let us love, and rejoice, and share love with others, so that we can be more fully part of the change of all things towards love. The love that God showed us all on that first Easter Sunday long ago!

Happy Easter!!!

Pastor Jeremiah

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### **Maundy (Holy Thursday Worship)**

**Maundy Thursday Service** for the entire Hub cluster **will be held at Rochelle United Methodist Church on Thursday April, 14, 2022 at 7:00pm.**

This service is a drama centering on the experience of the disciples during Holy Week. Readers (not

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actors, but readers) to help with the service are needed, if you'd like to help please let pastor Jeremiah know by April 7<sup>th</sup>. You can email him at [castiger1@gmail.com](mailto:castiger1@gmail.com), or call/text at 815-592-3764.



### Holy Week Worship Services

Our Holy Week schedule will be as follows:

- **April 10, Palm/Passion Sunday,**  
9:00 AM Worship Service
- **April 14, Maundy/Holy Thursday:**  
The Hub Cluster churches are having a joint Maundy Thursday Worship Service at Rochelle UMC at 7:00 p.m.  
Everyone invited.
- **April 15, Good Friday,**  
7:00 PM Worship Service
- **Sunday April 17, EASTER,**  
9:00 AM Worship Service.

We will be having 2 people join as members during worship service and 1 also being Baptized. We will have Coffee Hour & Welcome after service.

**4H** – Meets on **Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
at 6:30 p.m. in church basement.

### Good Friday Worship

Malta United Methodist will be having **Good Friday worship at 7:00 PM on Friday April 15**, at our church. The service will recount the story of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion, using songs, prayers, and above all scripture. This is a service to consider how the world is broken then and now, and why we need God's help given through Jesus Christ to help turn this world to what God created it to be. It is a solemn service, though all ages are very welcome. You are invited to wear black or other dark colors, and we ask that at the end of the worship we all leave in silence. We hope you can join us for this time of worship and we ask you to invite others as well.

### AFTERNOON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will have **Afternoon Sunday School at 4:00 PM on Sunday April 3**, for K-3<sup>rd</sup>. Please invite any children in your life. Our topic will be Holy Week, and the events that happened that week.

Our next Afternoon Sunday School will be Sunday, May 1, time TBD, and we will be doing a craft for Mother's Day and talking about how God loves us like a loving parent. (We are not meeting for Sunday School on Easter Sunday)

If you have any question or would like to help, please contact Pastor Jeremiah, 815-592-3764, or via email at [castiger1@gmail.com](mailto:castiger1@gmail.com)



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## MISSION LINKS 2022

Becoming familiar with the “Missing Links” Projects our Church has chosen to support this year thru our Apportionments: **II.** See **2<sup>nd</sup> Mile-Giving** on chart to the left and also page numbers for your Mission Links Book.

### GLOBAL ADVANCE PROJECTS

#### Lithuania in Mission Together (A12168A)

Supporting church development, pastor's salaries, pastor & lay leadership, training and out-reach is the purpose of Lithuania in Mission Together. Our primary goals are: **Development of indigenous committed and skilled spiritual leaders** by providing at least two significant training events for pastors each year for their personal growth and the growth of the church in Lithuania; **Development of new congregations in Lithuania** by starting 3 new congregations in the next four years in new communities in Lithuania; **Development of social-diaconal out-reach ministries in Lithuania** by increasing the avenues and connections with partner churches, so that more resources are available for outreach ministries; **Expand Partner Newsletter** to include information about all the programs of the Lithuania UMC; **and Develop local out-reach programs** through the local churches to assist with human and spiritual needs.



## MISSION LINKS 2022

(FORMERLY RAINBOW COVENANT)

Living the Beatitudes 2021-2024

Mission Links Book

### I. APPORTIONMENTS 2022 - First-Mile Giving: \$10,836 Pg. 5-7

We are committed to meet our apportionments in full, and we set these additional goals.

### II. Advance Projects – Second-Mile Giving:

#### Global Advance Projects Pg. 13

Lithuania In Mission Together (#12168A)

#### UMCOR/Emergency Relief Projects (Undesignated) Pg. 20

Midwest Mission – MMDC (#50000150)

#### US Based Advances Pg. 21

Tree of Life Ministry – Prairie, S. Dakota (#123615)

#### Northern Illinois Conference Projects Pg. 23

NIU Wesley Foundation at NIU (#50000135)

Outdoor & Retreat Ministries “Camperships”

Scholarships (#50000036)

#### NIC District Projects Pg. 26

Rockford Work Camps (#60000234)

Pastor: Jeremiah Thompson

Mission Chair: Mary Lynn McArtor

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### UMCOR/EMERGENCY RELIEF PROJECTS (UNDESIGNATED)

#### Midwest Mission – MMDC (#50000150)

Since 2000, MMDC has shown God's love in practical ways through the distribution of education, health, micro-business and disaster relief supplies, meeting basic human needs around the world and around the corner. MMDC distributes its kits, resources and supplies after receiving a request. Supplies are given free of charge, regardless of gender, race or religion. MMDC connects with local aid organizations by providing items that are received that do not meet kit requirements. One of 10 cooperating depots in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Supply Network, MMDC distributes UMCOR supplies in response to disasters within the U.S. MMDC also partners with Christians in Mission, Food for the Poor, Franciscan Mission Warehouse, and U.S. Southern Command.

[midwestmission.org](http://midwestmission.org)

### US BASED ADVANCES

#### Tree of Life Ministry – Pierre, S. Dakota (#123615)

Part of the working hands and feet of God to the Sicangu Lakota Nation residing on the Rosebud Reservation serving the body, mind, and soul. They feed, clothe, shelter and love. They demonstrate God's love, power and grace to a broken, hurting society. Goals are: **Increase Soup Kitchen quality and quantity of food** in support of greater overall health and wellness because of diet. **Increase direct service in Thrift Store Ministry** to increase revenue, create faster turnover of inventory and

serve more individuals. **Increase Volunteers in Mission visits** to increase relationship building toward reconciliation, depth and breadth of stakeholder's knowledge. Thereby expanding the number of people praying, caring and supporting them. [treeofliferelief.org](http://treeofliferelief.org)

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE PROJECTS

#### NIU Wesley Foundation at NIU (#50000135) Campus Ministries

#### OUTDOOR & RETREAT MINISTRIES "CAMPSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS" (#50000036)

Camp Scholarships help persons from throughout the Northern Illinois Conference attend camps and retreats when they are in need of assistance. Funds are directed to either/or both sites, Reynoldswood and Wesley Woods, as camper needs arise. [niccamp.org](http://niccamp.org)

### NIC DISTRICT PROJECTS

#### ROCKFORD WORK CAMP (#60000234)

Put your volunteers to work in Rockford, Illinois! Mission groups from around the country stay in Rockford at local United Methodist churches and do good work for nonprofits and families in need. Your support purchases materials so that repairs can be made for local non-profit programs and individual families.

[rockfordworkcamps@gmail.com](mailto:rockfordworkcamps@gmail.com)

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## CONNECTIONAL GIVING GUIDELINES

Malta  
201 E. Sprauge  
P.O. Box 158  
Malta IL 60150

Church Name: Malta  
GCFA No: 520644  
Church No: 5030  
District Name: Prairie South

Fund Name	2022 Billed Amount
<b>CONFERENCE APPORTIONED</b>	
Conference Apportionments	
Conference Apportionments	\$10,836.00
Conference Apportionments Total	\$10,836.00
<b>CONFERENCE APPORTIONED Total</b>	<b>\$10,836.00</b>
<b>Apportionments forwarded to general church as received</b>	
<b>General Church Funds</b>	
World Service	\$1,572.00
Ministerial Education Fund	\$528.00
Episcopal Fund	\$468.00
General Administration Fund	\$192.00
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	\$36.00
Black Colleges	\$216.00
Africa University	\$48.00
General Church Funds Total	\$3,060.00
<b>Apportionments forwarded Total</b>	<b>\$3,060.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$13,896.00</b>

### GENERAL CHURCH FUNDS: APPORTIONMENTS

#### World Service Fund

When UM congregations give to the annual General Church apportionments, they contribute to work that is done around the world. This fund supports all UMC general agencies and supports missionary personnel and administrative costs of many areas.

#### Black College Fund

Supports the programs and ministries of 11 historically black colleges and universities, including one medical school. These gifts reflect the value our Church has on education, especially those who have been historically excluded.

#### Ministerial Education Fund

Provides funds for recruitment of clergy candidates and provides financial support for 13 UM seminaries, including Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston.

#### General Administration Fund

Helps maintain a system of management oversight and fiscal accountability, and underwrites General Conference and the Judicial Council.

#### Episcopal Fund

Provides for UM bishops worldwide, including salaries, housing, office expenses and travel costs of active bishops, and provide pension and health benefit coverage for bishops and family members in a bishop's household.

#### Interdenominational Cooperation Fund

Supports UMC's with ecumenical and interreligious partners such as the World Council of Churches, Churches Uniting in Christ, and World Methodist Council.

#### Africa University, Zimbabwe

Supports the first fully accredited UM-related institution on the African continent. The University promotes independence and empowerment through a diverse student body from across the continent.

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### Upper Room Devotionals

are available for March/April.

Call the church office at  
815 825-2118 if you want one  
mailed to you.



### HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARY

**7<sup>TH</sup> Tom & Nancy Plote**  
**(43 Years)**

**8<sup>TH</sup> Brian & Jacque Fucilla**  
**(17 Years)**



### HELPING "FOOD PANTRY"

You are welcome to bring Non-Perishable Food anytime throughout the year for the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Place your items in the box in the narthex marked "Food Pantry."  
Salvation Army appreciates all you give.



### MIDWEST MISSION

**DISTRIBUTION CENTER is in  
NEED of "PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS"**

Please help Midwest Mission by bringing contributions for their "Personal Dignity Kits." Place these items in the box in the narthex marked (Personal Dignity Kits).

**NEEDED: (Value \$15)**

**1 Bath Hand Towel – No Kitchen Towels**

**1 Bath Washcloth – No dishclothes**

**1 Adult Toothbrush – No multipacks**

**1 Bar of Soap – 3 to 4 oz.**

**1 Shampoo – 15 to 18 oz.**

**1 Deodorant – 2 to 3 oz. (Stick, roll on, or pump)**

**1 1-gal resealable Plastic Bag**

**\$2.00 donation for razor & toothpaste**

All items must be new and placed in a 1-gal resealable plastic bag.

**Here is a list of all the other KITS that are  
needed at Midwest Mission.**

Monetary donations are welcome for any of these kits: **Feminine Hygiene Kit- \$50; Home Care Kit -**

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\$20; Student Kit - \$16; Tornado Kit - \$50; Layette Kit - \$45; Birthing Kit - \$9.

Monetary donations can be sent to MMDC,  
1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558

national foreign policy.” (2016 Book of Discipline, Social Principles ¶165.C). We also know our God stands with the oppressed and calls on us to support them. United Methodist leaders, organizations and individuals are responding to the invasion of Ukraine through their prayer, aid and witness.

**The 2022 Northern Illinois Annual Conference “Bishop’s Appeal special offering” will go towards Ukraine assistance.**



## 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party for HARRY BERG

Please join us as we Celebrate  
Harry Berg’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
(Open House)  
at 4717 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Road in Sandwich, IL.



## HELPING OUR KIDS AT MALTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Below is a list of supplies and items we can donate to help the children of our Malta Elementary School. We will have a collection box for these items in the narthex of the church.

### School supplies NEEDED:

Boxes of crayons with 24 colors, glue sticks, boxes of #2 pencils, boxes of Kleenex, 3 ring binders, plastic school folders, black dry erase markers, scissors, (for younger and older children, and boxes of regular colored markers. (I believe they come in boxes of 8 colors).



## UNITED METHODISTS STAND with UKRAINE

United Methodists across the globe are condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine. As Christians “we believe war is incompatible with the teachings and example of Christ. We therefore reject war as an instrument of

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## **MALTA / AREA MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

Almburg, Brett  
Bakken, Benjamin P.  
Bakken, Monique  
Bulta, Andy  
Clark, Ben  
Clark, Kerry  
Howe, Chase  
Hoyle, Steve  
Brett Johnson & Mrs.  
Samantha Johnson  
Madsen, Jeff

Nelson, Michael  
Norman, Jacob  
Page, Greg  
Peterson, Eric  
Ritter, Matt  
Swink, Ashley  
West, Jonathon M.  
Wilson, Kim.  
Woodyatt, John M.  
Yedinak, Pete



**Send Cards & Letters (anytime) to the Troops,**

Send them to:

**Support Our Troops  
13791 N. Nebraska Avenue  
Tampa, FL 33613.**



## **CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS:**

Next meeting is Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Finance at 7 p.m. / CC at 7:30 p.m.

### Church Council Committee:

Pastor Jeremiah Thompson

Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek

Secretary of CC: Sue Augustine

Church Finance: Bill Augustine

Church Treasurer: Kevin McArtor

Board of Trustees Chair: Tom Plote

Lay Leader Delegate: Jodi Slade

Alternate Lay Delegate: Mary Lynn McArtor

Church Education: Kitty Jouris

Ruth Hueber

Church Financial Secretary: Nancy Plote

**\*\*\*Send all monies & donations for the**

**church to Nancy Plote at**

**411 S. Malta Road, Malta, IL 60150**



## **Chet Palmer**

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at**

**2:00 p.m. at the**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

**on Annie Glidden Rd, in DeKalb.** He was living in S. Carolina. Chet had been a Malta Veterinarian and a Malta Lions Club Member/ (Secretary) for many years before he moved away.

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**Malta UMC**  
**Lay Leadership**



Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek

Board of Trustees Chair: Tom Plote

Committee of Finance & Stewardship Chair:

Bill Augustine

Staff, Pastor & Parish Relations Chair:

Marcia Hueber

Worship Ministries Chair: Jodi Slade

Mission & Outreach Chair: Mary Lynn McArtor

Christian Education Chair: Kitty Jouris

Membership Care Chair: Sue Augustine

Committee on Lay Leadership Chair and

Discipleship Chair

Pastor Jeremiah

Committee on Records & History Chair:

Marilyn Berg

If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact the Chair. They would love to hear from you!

	APRIL
2	Jaycee Mattis
6	Nevaeh Slayton
9	Ed Cheek
12	Harry Berg
14	Paul Augustine
18	Gabbie Engstrom, Danielle Rempfer
22	Peyton Madsen
25	Kitty Jouris
27	Jennie Madsen



Spring is finally here  
as April comes along,  
flowers blooming bright  
and birds sing out their song.  
A birthday wish for you  
for blue skies up above  
and may your days be filled  
with family, friends and love.

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## **ACTION GROUPS FOR APRIL & MAY COFFEE HOUR**

**MAY/SEPTEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023**

**APRIL/AUGUST/DECEMBER 2022**

**Co-Chairs:**

**Jouris, Kitty & Frank** 815-751-3238  
**Vint, Vicky & Larry** 815-751-5178

Abbott, Joanne & Dennis 815-825-2563  
Arndt, Noel 815-751-0404  
Augustine, Sue & Bill 815-762-5553  
Butler, Florence & Paul 815-761-4788  
Glen, Stella 815-761-2302  
Hill, Rachel & Jason 630-441-0585  
Hueber, Ruth 815-764-9932  
Kyler, Shirley 815-751-2435  
Schafer, Sandy 815-825-2364  
Thompson, Pastor Jeremiah 815-592-3764  
Willrett, Hope & Gene Hickey 815-901-8486

**Co-Chairs:**

**Sandberg, Terry & Steve** 815-762-1035  
**McArtor, Mary Lynn & Jerry** 815-751-3658  
**Plote, Nancy & Tom** 815-751-2925

Burlison, Beth 815-384-3284  
Cheek, Ed & Becky 815-761-0696  
Langley, Mary 815-384-3333  
Lynch, Connie 815-825-2722  
Sandberg, Carol 815-761-1254  
Sandberg, Sheli 630-677-7900  
Showhalter, Denise 815-764-5238  
Tucker, Joan 815-981-6209  
Vaughn, Sue 815-762-5414  
Willrett, Donna 815-825-2870



**SORRY BUNNY –  
EASTER IS FOR JESUS!!!!**

### **EARLY NOTICE MORE TO COME**

**2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE** IS SCHEDULED for **JUNE 8-10, 2022.**

IN-PERSON at the **RENAISSANCE SCHAUMBURG CONVENTION CENTER**

**“Connected in Christ  
COME TO THE WATER”**

**Early Registration opens April 4<sup>th</sup>.**

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUES

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<div>2022</div>					1	2
<b>3 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>in Lent</b> <b>with</b> <b>Communion</b> Afternoon Sunday School 4:00 p.m.	<b>4</b> <b>Finance Mtg</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>Church</b> <b>Council</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Prayer &amp;</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Lenten Study</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Choir</b> <b>Practice</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 PALM/</b> <b>PASSION</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11</b> <b>HOLY WEEK</b> <b>4H 6:30pm</b>	<b>12</b> <b>HOLY</b> <b>WEEK</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Prayer &amp;</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Lenten Study</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>HOLY WEEK</b>	<b>14</b> <b>MAUNDY</b> <b>THURSDAY</b> <b>Worship at</b> <b>Rochelle UMC</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>15 GOOD</b> <b>FRIDAY</b> <b>Worship at</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>HOLY WEEK</b>	<b>16</b> <b>HOLY</b> <b>WEEK</b>
<b>17 EASTER.</b> <b>9:00 a.m. Worship</b> <b>Service we will have 2</b> <b>people joining as</b> <b>members and a</b> <b>baptism. Coffee Hour &amp;</b> <b>Welcome after service.</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Prayer &amp;</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Choir</b> <b>Practice</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> <b>Today's</b> <b>Sisters</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday</b> <b>after Easter</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Prayer &amp;</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Choir</b> <b>Practice</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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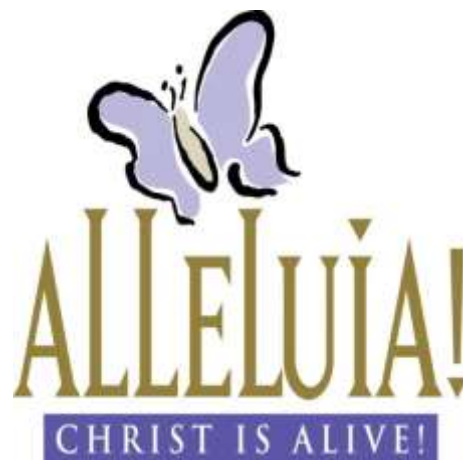
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Rev. Jeremiah Thompson, Pastor

Vicke Heins, Adm. Assistant

Mon – Wed – Thurs 8-Noon.



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TO: