

MALTA UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH



MARCH

NEWSLETTER 2023



THOMPSON, Jeremiah
Pastor

PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

We've entered the season of Lent, and this is a time when I feel called to reflect on about faith, about my relationship with God, and about what it means to be a Christ Follower. This year in Lent, I've been thinking about something I have not considered before. Lent, is not just a time to grow personally closer to God, but also a time to consider how we can reach out in love to others.

There has always been a debate within Christianity, and perhaps particularly within Methodism, about making sure faith is both personal and public. Now when I say public, I don't mean making big showy displays about our faith all the time. What I mean, is how are we, in a sense, helping the public? How is our loving relationship with Christ inspiring us to show love to those around us and make a better world? This theme of both growing close to God and loving the world is a key part of our Lenten Bible Study of Luke.

For most of my life I've thought of Lenten activities as personal, a closer connection to God in this time of preparation for Easter. This year however, I am considering how God is calling me to reach out to

others. I believe that God is calling all of us to a deeper prayer life and a time of closer connection this Lent. However, what is God inviting us to do to show love to others? Would this be a good time of year to find a worthy organization to volunteer with, or is there a friend or neighbor we can support as they journey through a difficult time? Can we be part of some effort to help others, for instance those who lost their homes in the earthquake in Turkey/Syria, or war refugees from Ukraine or Ethiopia?

How can we all reach "up" towards God and reach out and help others this month (and every month)?



"Luke" Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws by Adam Hamilton

It's not too late to sign up for our church Lenten Study on Rev. Adam Hamilton's book "Luke" Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws. This study will meet after Fellowship on Sunday mornings (February 26-April 2). Please join us.

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4H will meet on

Thursday, March 9th

4H meets the 2nd Thursday of each Month at Malta UMC at 6:30 p.m.

NO 4H MEETINGS: JULY & AUGUST



MALTA /AREA MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Children's Afternoon



We continue to have Children's Afternoon Sunday School twice a month. This is time for children K-3 to meet at church for music, to learn about Jesus, crafts and games. We will meet on March 12th and March 26th, at 4:00 p.m. and we hope the children in your life can join us and bring their friends!

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| Almburg, Brett | Norman, Jacob |
| Bakken, Benjamin P. | Nunez, John |
| Bakken, Monique | Nunez, Nicolas |
| Builta, Andy | Page, Greg |
| Clark, Ben | Peterson, Eric |
| Clark, Kerry | Ritter, Matt |
| Howe, Chase | Swink, Ashley |
| Hoyle, Steve | Tucker, Bryan J. |
| Johnson, Brett & Mrs. | West, Jonathon M. |
| Johnson, Samantha. | Wilson, Kim |
| Madsen, Jeff | Woodyatt, John M. |
| Nelson, Michael | Yedinak, Pete |

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

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



TODAY'S SISTERS

Today's Sisters meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. In March they meet on Thursday, the 16th at 9:30 a.m. at OakCrest
Hostess: Noel Arndt & Shirley Kyler
Devotions & Minutes: Vicky Vint



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HELPING OUR KIDS AT MALTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Many students don't have the school supplies they need to succeed (particularly if they must transfer in during the school year) and others don't have the gloves and hats they need to stay warm in the cold months. But we can help! Below is a list of supplies and items we can donate to help the children. We will have a collection box for these items in the Narthex of Malta UMC.

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). Finally a donation of a new stocking hat, pair of gloves or mittens would be wonderful. (Hand-made mittens and hats are ok, as long as they are new).

I encourage you to consider making a donation today and let's help the kids of Malta, and our elementary school.

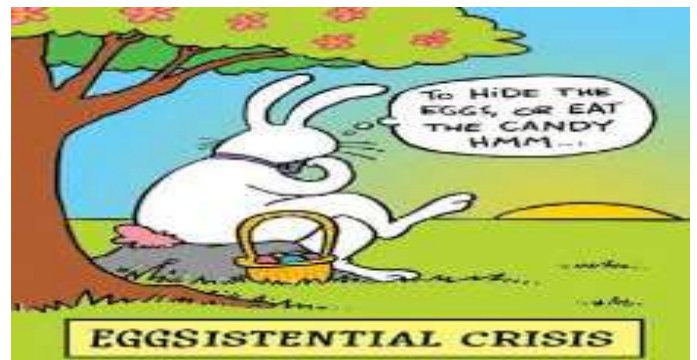


2	Jodi Slade
3	Mary Langley
6	Stella Glen
8	LuAnn Hudson
10	Nate Engstrom, Noah Engstrom
13	Larisa Willrett
14	Frank E. Jouris
15	Paul Hudson
16	Louise Willrett, Olivia Willrett
21	Conner Hill, Deven Hill
25	Austin Cook
28	Mary Lynn McArtor



"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."



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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 Augustlne

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

Lay Leadership & Discipleship Chair:

Pastor Jeremiah

Committee on Records & History Chair:

Marilyn Berg



Worship Services

April 2nd , Palm/Passion Sunday,

9AM Worship with Communion

April 6th , Maundy/Holy Thursday:

Cluster Worship at 7PM at Rochelle UMC with Communion

April 7th , Good Friday,

7:00 PM Worship Service

World
Day of
Prayer

FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd



Sunday, MARCH 12, 2023

**Turn your clocks ahead at midnight
on Saturday, March 11th**

He is RISEN

Sunday April 9th - EASTER, 9:00 AM

Worship Service. BREAKFAST:

7:30-8:30 a.m.

We celebrate that Christ rose, and that death and sin are not more powerful than God's love for us!



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ACTION GROUPS FOR 2023 / 2024

MARCH/JULY/NOVEMBER 2023

Co-Chairs: Heins, Vicke & Denny 815-252-0841

Hueber, Marcia 815-762-0010

Anderson, Ann & Marlin 815-825-2695
Berg, Marilyn & Harry 815-761-6232
Fenstermaker, Katie & David 417-291-2031
Hunt, Brenda & Jay 815-762-9845
Jordal, Linda & Jerry 815-601-6262
Quincer, Alice & Jim 815-761-8750
Siebrasse, Pat 815-970-5304

APRIL/AUGUST/DECEMBER 2023

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
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

MAY/SEPTEMBER 2023/JANUARY 2024

Co-Chairs: Sandberg, Terry & Steve 815-762-1035

McArtor, Mary Lynn & Jerry 815-751-3658

Plote, Nancy & Tom 815-751-2925
Augustine, Sue & Bill 815-762-5553
Burlison, Beth 815-384-3284
Cheek, Ed & Becky 815-761-0696
Langley, Mary 815-384-3333
Sandberg, Carol 815-761-1254
Sandberg, Sheli 630-677-7900
Showhalter, Denise 815-764-5238
Tucker, Joan 815-981-6209
Willrett, Donna 815-825-2870

JUNE/OCTOBER 2023/FEBRUARY 2024

Co-Chairs: Cook, Dawn & Doug 815-757-3303

Slade, Jodi & Ken 815-761-2753

McArtor, Denice & Kevin 815-751-5812
Anderson, Annika & Matt 815-762-7569
Arndt, Darla & Ed 815-825-2701
Engstrom, Amy & Rod 815-901-0286
Fucilla, Jacque & Brian 630-248-5695
Gommel, Jeanette & Dave 815-751-8224
Rempfer, Niki & Derek 815-501-7885
Willrett, Hope & Gene Hickey 815-901-8486
Willrett, Larisa & Jamie 815-761-4781

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- 5 Jim & Alice Quincer**
- 12 Denny & Vicke Heins**
- 19 Marcia Hueber**
- 26 Harry & Marilyn Berg**

Thank you for all your get well prayers,
cards & calls. They were greatly
appreciated. Thank you so much,
Gene Hickey

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EASTER LILIES

We are again offering Easter Lilies in honor or remembrance of friends or loved ones to share around the cross on **Easter Sunday, April 9th**. We are getting the lilies from Jacquie (Schafer) Young who has her own shop.

The Prairie Petal Company in Clare.

Price is \$21.00 for a single and \$30.00 for a double.

Return your orders to Jodi Slade

by Sunday, March 26th.

Checks can be made out to MUMC.

_____ **No. of Single Lilies (\$21.00 each)**

_____ **No. of Double Lilies (\$30.00 each)**

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Ordered by:

Thank you for sharing your Easter Lily

2023 OUTREACH & MISSION

MINUTES from 2/5/23

Members in attendance: Mary Lynn McArtor, Chair, Ed Cheek, Denny Heins, Marcia Hueber, Jodi Slade. Absent: Sue Vaughn & Pastor Jeremiah

The Outreach & Mission Committee met following Worship Service on Sunday, February 5, 2023. The purpose of this meeting was to complete a plan for the Malta United Methodist Church to meet the requirements of LIVING THE BEATITUDES.

A CALL TO ACTION AND CONNECTION.

We reviewed the 2023 Northern Illinois Conference General Church offerings 2023. There are seven Sundays which special envelopes will be bulletin inserts. Money collected as offerings will be mailed to the conference.

We are committed to be a connectional giving church. We will pay 100% of the churches conference and general church apportionments. The 2023 amount is \$10,834. Our church membership is 116 divided into our church amount equals \$90.00 per member.

Our church gifts are to be sent by the treasurer to P.O. Box 5656, Carol Stream, IL 60197-5656. It is suggested the funds be mailed each quarter.

We as the Outreach/Mission Committee unanimously decided to select the same Advanced Projects as we had in 2022. (See Mission Links 2023)

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Local outreach activities will be supported in the community as in the past.

MISSION COMMITTEE PLAN: Support the Giving Tree/Salvation Army, Crop Walk, Salvation Army Food Pantry, DeKalb County Community Gardens, Malta Community Garden Plots by growing produce for others, and other opportunities as they arise and Habitat for Humanity of DeKalb County, and Malta School children with school supplies, hats, mittens, etc.

Submitted by Mary Lynn McArtor



LIVING THE BEATITUDES

A Call to Action & Connection

Mission Giving Opportunities for advance projects and connectional giving have been made available by the Northern Illinois Conference Churches throughout the Conference and the world.

The projects and ministries are matched with a Beatitude that allows the Church to “Advance” the cause of Christ and work for the public good.

Each project links to at least one of the Beatitudes –
and NIC’s direct call to action in response to Jesus words.

THE BEATITUDES ARE ESSENTIAL AND RELEVANT TODAY!

In Matthew 5:1-12, Jesus offers a portrait of the ways in which it is possible to be a good person with respect to others – a description of the various forms human goodness can take – within the eight categories of the Beatitudes.

The categories describe people we can recognize in our own day, in homeless shelters and nursing homes to the halls of power.

The projects and ministries described in the resource are matched with a Beatitude that allows the Church to “advance” the cause of Christ and work for the public good.

Your congregation, mission committee, or small group can learn about apportioned funds through connectional giving, give to Advances in a specific category, or learn about the missionaries our Annual Conference supports.

Be encouraged and join with others in mutual support and strengthened connection.



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MISSION LINKS 2023

(FORMALY RAINBOW COVENANT)

Living the Beatitudes 2021-2024

Mission Links Book

I. APPORTIONMENTS 2023 - First-Mile Giving: \$10,834 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)

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Mission Chair: Mary Lynn McArtor

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SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2023			1 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7PM	2	3 World Day of Prayer	4
5 2 nd Sunday in Lent with Communion Lenten Bible Study after Fellowship	6	7	8 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7PM	9 4H 6:30 p.m.	10	11
12 3 rd Sunday in Lent Lenten Bible Study after Fellowship Pastor at Oak Crest 330PM Children's SS 4:00 p.m. Daylight Saving Time Begins	13 Confirmation Class 6-7PM	14	15 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7PM	16 Today's Sisters 9:30 a.m. at Oak Crest	17	18
19 4 th Sunday in Lent Special Offering: UMCOR Lenten Bible Study after Fellowship 1 ST Day of Spring	20	21	22 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7PM	23	24	25
26 5 th Sunday in Lent Lenten Bible Study after Fellowship Children's SS 4:00 p.m.	27 Confirmation Class 6-7PM	28	29 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7PM	30	31	

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TO: