

APRIL 2021

John Wesley United Methodist Church

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“The Wesleyan”

THIS WEEK AT JWUMC

On Easter Sunday, we will offer the following:

Sunrise Service – 6:00AM Nobska Point Lighthouse. Church of the Messiah will not be participating this year, so it will just be John Wesley. Please wear your mask, and plan to socially distance.

Sanctuary Service – 8:30AM & 10:30AM. We will livestream both the 8:30 and 10:30 service, as well as offer limited in-person worship. We will be able to accommodate 60 people at each service, and we request that you sign up to make a reservation. For those who want to attend in-person, you must be willing to adhere to the attached protocols, including wearing masks during the service, and sitting in seats as assigned by the ushers. Here is the link to sign up – you must sign up each family member, including children

<https://www.timetosignup.com/jwumc/sheet/1311819>

Today is Maundy Thursday. Our service will be live streamed at 7 pm.

- **Lenten Walk.** The sanctuary will be open with eight different prayer stations set up for you to stop, reflect and pray. There will be various visuals, as well as a booklet with scripture and reflection questions for you to consider at each station. Music will be playing, and you will be left alone so that you can have a meaningful, sacred time with God. Times are as follows:

Thursday 9am- 5pm

Friday 9am-11:30, 2-4pm

Saturday 10am-noon

- **Prayer Wall.** Several people have shared their prayers on our John Wesley Prayer Wall, and you are invited to add yours. Instructions and everything you need to write and place your prayers are provided at the wall. It will be up through Easter, and on Easter Sunday, all prayers will be placed on the altar and I will lift them up and bless them during the service. Please invite your friends to drive in and add their prayers, as together we make a statement of faith to our community.

- **Easter Egg Hunt** for our church families. There will be an egg hunt, crafts, games and the Easter Bunny on April 3rd! So that we can plan accordingly, please sign up today April 1st by [clicking here!](#) Please bring your own basket to collect eggs and open them at the church so we can have all the eggs for next year's hunt!

- **Community Easter Goody Bag Drive Thru.** We will be passing out Easter Goody Bags to toddlers through 4th graders on Saturday, April 3rd from 11:30 am-12:30 pm in the church's front parking lot. Bags will include eggs with individually-wrapped pieces of candy, craft items, palms to make crosses and much more.

- **Thank you** to everyone who donated candy for our Easter events!



Announcements: The **LAST** day of Bible Club was March 28th. There will be **NO High School Youth Group** on April 4th due to Easter. There will be **NO High School Youth Group** on April 18th and **NO Middle School Youth Group** on April 22nd due to School Vacation.

Youth Group:

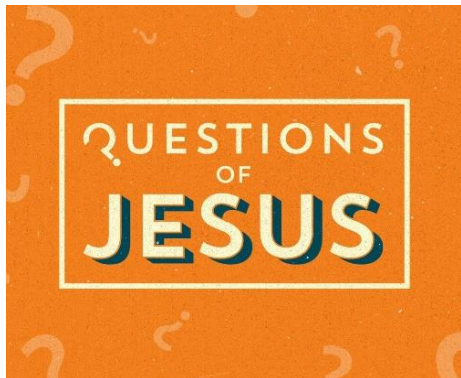
Our Youth Groups are having a wonderful time! Both groups meet inside from 4:00-5:00. Middle school (5th-8th grade) meets on Thursday afternoons and High school (9th-12th grade) meets on Sunday afternoons. Each meeting we get the chance to grow closer to each other and to God and learn more about the Bible!

Middle School Curriculum:



Our Middle School Curriculum is so much fun! This past month, our youth focused on the Bible and the importance of Easter. In April, we will be learning more about who God is! The lessons will focus on the character traits of God which will help us to understand him and love him more. Each week, we start with a small snack, socially distanced in the Fellowship Hall. We then head to the Chapel for our lesson, before ending back in the Fellowship Hall for some games. Any middle schooler is welcome to join!

High School Curriculum:



The High School Curriculum has been both fun and interactive! This past month, we talked about the importance of Jesus as our rescuer. This month, we are going to discuss why Jesus asked so many questions! In the Gospels, we see Jesus asking hundreds of questions- everything from "What is your name?" to "Who do you say that I am?" Any high schooler is welcome to join us as we discuss these questions!



WoW Bible Club Update:

Palm Sunday, March 28th, was our LAST Bible Club of the School Year. I have loved getting to know your children and spend time with them over the past few months and I am so excited to watch them grow in the church.

With the ending of Bible Club comes new beginnings! Starting Easter Sunday, I will begin providing a Bible Pack for families each week. Every Bible Pack will include a lesson/scripture passage, discussion questions, and an activity for your family to do at home! Each of the Bible Packs will include activities for older kids and younger kids. I am still working on the best way to get these Bible Packs to you and will provide more information after Easter. I have started to make a list of families I think will be interested in these Bible Packs. However, to ensure you are on the list, please let me know! I am very excited to begin this ministry which will hopefully continue through the end of the school year!



Upcoming Events:



Family Event - Easter Egg Hunt

All of the children of our church family are invited to join us for our much-anticipated, Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 3rd! The hunts and activities will take place from 10:00-11:00 am. In order to make sure we have enough eggs and enough space to spread out, please register by Thursday, April 1st by [clicking here](#)! Masks will be required for children

five and above. There will also be tons of opportunities to participate in crafts, games, take a socially distant picture with the Easter Bunny and so much more! Please bring your own basket to collect eggs and open them at the church so we can have all the eggs for next year's hunt!

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Family Event – Easter Goody Bag Drive Thru

We will also have a Community Easter Goody Bag Drive Thru if you are not comfortable gathering outside. The Drive Thru will be on April 3rd from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Each child (preschool - 4th grade) will receive a goody bag with different activities, candy, and more! The Drive Thru will be open to all of the families of the Cape Cod community.

Recap: Family Bingo Night

On March 6th, we had several families gather in the Fellowship Hall for a night of Bingo! We played around ten rounds of bingo and had many different winners! Thank you to everyone who joined us, we will have to do it again sometime!



Men's Group April 20th: Larry Ward is coordinating a men's group for a combined in-person/Zoom meeting on the third Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 am for an hour. All men are welcome to join in. If you would like to be on the email list to receive men's group notifications, or if you would like help in getting started with Zoom, please contact Larry at lw7050@me.com or 617-803-6019. And if you plan to attend in-person in the Fitzgerald room, please let Larry know as we will limit the count to 6 men to ensure adhering to proper protocols.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

ALINE WARD

Yes, things are getting better my friends...Covid vaccines, venues are opening up, warm weather is coming our way and we've gotten our permits from the town for our annual Plant Sale during Memorial Day weekend and our annual Fair in November. Hallelujah! This is truly a blessing!

A little birdie told me the crafters will be starting up again shortly at church, Yippee! I'm truly grateful to all those working on projects for the Fair at home, planning has begun! Now's the time to do it!

It amazes me how fast the puzzles fly out the door. Holiday decorations, can you believe we've sold almost our entire stock of Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day decorations and Easter is selling very well. We need to replenish the stock for next year.

So, we're looking for....PUZZLES....HOLIDAY decorations....current books

Come to the Fellowship Hall at church. New seasonal wreaths adorn the perimeter of the room and we are offering DVD's, books, puzzles, holiday decorations and even Attic Treasure gems. How about homemade cards by our own Bob McIntire. Come check it out. Thanks for your support. Questions... Aline Ward. Aw7050@comcast.net. 508-444-6038

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Rebecca and John will be on a family vacation from April 19th – 24th. She will be in church on the 25th, but we will welcome Rev. James Large to the pulpit.

A note of thanks: *Thank you for all the cards, prayers & food. I am thankfully on the way to recovery. Your support was wonderful and such a blessing.*

Dick MacKenzie

Garden Plot Available \$20 It's not too early to start thinking about gardening. Something to look forward to. I have 1 available. It is approximately 12' x 8'. We have it rototilled for you and a fence and lots of sun for great produce. We have tools available to use. You can plant whatever you want and keep what you need and/or donate any excess to the church. All we ask is that you keep it neat and weeded. If you had a plot last year, please let me know if you want to continue with the same one. Thank you. Contact Sharon Mulcahy at (508) 457-0950 or smulcahy1@comcast.net

Congratulations to Josh Leonard for being an Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout project was to plan, organize, and direct the building of the Gaga ball structure pictured below. Josh knows how much fun this softer, gentler version of dodge ball is and how much our youth groups love to play this active game. We thank him for his donation and dedication that brought this project to fruition. Josh has been an active member of our youth programs over the years and we congratulate him on his achievement of this high scouting rank. The youth groups have used it several times already!



Open Sanctuary: The sanctuary is open Tuesdays from noon – 6:00pm. Please feel free to stop by, relax, reflect, pray or just be with God in his house.

Confidential Prayer Chain: Please send all confidential prayer requests to Karen Camp at karencamp13@yahoo.com or call at 508-737-1636. If you would like to add someone to the Church prayer list, please contact Ruth at 508-548-3050 or jwumcfalmouth@comcast.net.

Opportunities for Prayer Our Wednesday prayer group is meeting both in person and via Zoom. We meet at 11:00 am for 30 – 45 minutes, and share joys, concerns and prayers. It is a special time as sisters and brothers in Christ as we lift prayers for those who are hurting, for the future of our church, for the issues in our country, for things we are thankful for, and whatever is on our mind. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81676218840?pwd=dFVSQloycU84NzVFamxLQU55cXdQZz09>

Bible Discussion: led by Tim Cline on Tuesdays at 10am. This is a fellowship/small group Bible discussion consisting of but not limited to topics such as: Faith–unbelief, selfishness, expectation-disappointment or phrases such as “Love with your whole heart” or “the counsel of the Lord.” Other topics: “Attitudes of the Christian”, “Spiritual Poverty and Riches”, “Unity and Strife.” As Tim says, “These few examples give a very general idea of the possibilities because the possibilities with God are endless” The meeting is in the Fitzgerald Room with masks and proper social distancing. Please bring your Bible. Contact Tim at c-line4u@comcast.net or 774-836-2081.

In light of the recent attack on Asian-owned businesses in Atlanta, some may wonder how the United Methodist Church is specifically working against anti-Asian racism. The day before the attack, a statement against the rise in anti-Asian racism had been released by a group of Asians and Asian-Americans of the United Methodist Church, signed by many bishops and pastors. A link to that statement, and other informative resources, can be found at: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/a-call-to-stop-anti-asian-racism>

Prayer Walk Do you have a desire to see the Lord answer your prayers?
Come, join us for a Saturday morning Prayer Walk as we grow in praying God's word & heart!



Be inspired by budding signs of spring as well as our community while walking various routes that pass: local schools, churches, town government, the library, nursing homes, the police station, the fire station, the post office, businesses and neighborhoods as we're inspired to stop and pray God's heart! Now that the weather is getting warmer, it's an even better offer! Walking in our community with a small group of prayerful companions is a great way to start your weekend! You can walk with others – masked and socially distanced, or by yourself.

Pictured here are Matt, Johanna and Ann on a recent enjoyable yet wet Saturday morning!

It's a trifecta of worthwhile activities: prayer, fellowship and exercise!

Saturday mornings from 9:00am – 10:00 am. Meet in the church parking lot.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Johanna Sambade johannasambade@gmail.com or text her at 774-313-7367.



Choose UMCOR: As you may know, when you shop with Amazon Smile, they donate .05% of eligible purchases to your favorite charity. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is one of the charities and Amazon recently made a donation of \$15, 391, bringing

the total donated to UMCOR up to \$58,673.56. If you have not participated in the Amazon Smile program, you may want to check it out.

Here's how to sign up for AmazonSmile:

1. Visit **smile.amazon.com**.
2. **Sign** in with your **Amazon.com** credentials.
3. Choose a **charitable** organization to receive donations, or search for the **charity** of your choice.
4. Select your **charity**.

APRIL MEETINGS AT JWUMC

Monday April 5th, Worship Ministry Team and 9am and Leadership Team at 6:30pm

Tuesday April 13th, Finance Ministry Team at 4 pm

Tuesday April 20th, Men's Discussion Group at 7:30 am

Weekly Meetings:

Tuesday at 10 am Bible Discussion Group with Tim Cline

Wednesday at 11 am Prayer Meeting

Saturday at 9 am Prayer Walk with Johanna Sambade

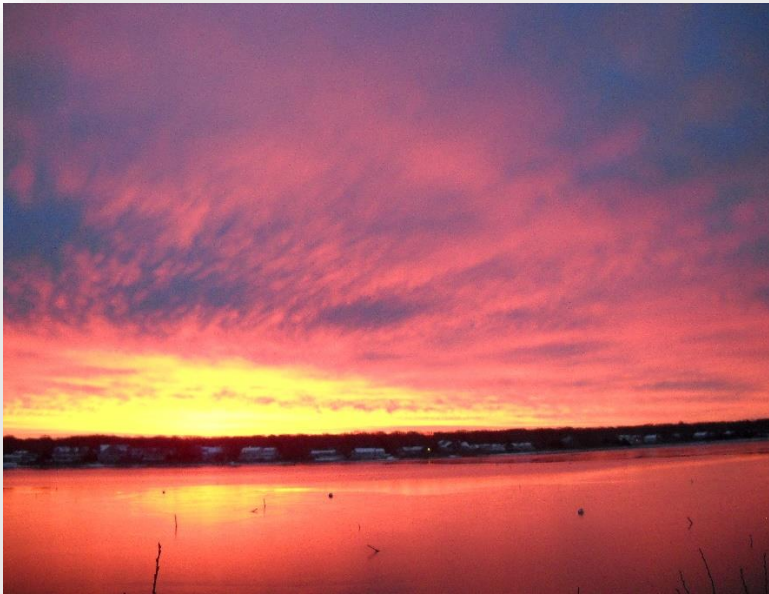
Wednesday evenings, following the Music Directors schedule, Handbell or Chancel Choir rehearse.

APRIL BIRTHDAY BESSINGS

God's blessings to our family members celebrating birthdays in April: 2 ~ Tamica DeGrace, 4 ~ Wendy Bloomberg & Frances Shibata, 5~ Betty Smith, 10 ~ Marilyn McFarland, Gary Bernhardt, & Carmen Espinosa, 11~ Pearl Jurentkoff, 13~ Karen Camp, 15~ Charles Bresnahan, 16~ Cyndy Jones, 21 ~ Steve Adams, 25 ~ Noreen Byrne

Let us celebrate life among our church family. It's a great thing to have a birthday, a gift from God. Please give your birthday information by recording it on the calendar on the Fellowship bulletin board.

Easter



*He has risen, so let's praise Him;
He did not die in vain;
He gave His life to save our souls;
Eternal life we'll gain.*

*A crown of thorns upon His head,
A heavy cross to bear,
Whipped and tortured along the way,
No comforting or care.*

*How meager is our suffering
In this, our lowly life;
Compared to what our Lord endured...
Pure torture and such strife!*

*We all have crosses we must bear,
But faith and hope will give
Us strength for torments in this life,
Until with Him we live.*

*As the sun rises each morning,
Let us remember that Jesus rose from the dead ~*

*Joy Stosz
March 3, 2012*

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