



## ***The United Methodist Church of Port Washington***

***March 2018 – Newsletter***

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Dear Friends, Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ,

Easter means so many different things to so many of us – bunnies and baskets and bonnets for some; family pictures, spring dresses and big hair bows for others; or maybe it's all about that road trip to see Grandma and Granddaddy. And when the family gets together, there's laughter and we have this tendency to talk about the good old times – like you that one time, as a kid, remember accidentally knocking down that bowl full of punch? Or the following year when by accident you sat down in Grandma's fancy-schmancy three-tiered Easter cake – I mean who in the world puts a cake on the bed, right? True story, but really, it was kind of her fault! Or maybe it's that delicious meal or all those beautifully dyed Easter eggs and Easter egg hunts that our children love and expect.

Honestly though, no one seems to expect the resurrection, not even in the Bible: Chocolate bunnies and Easter egg hunts – we definitely expect those, but the “he is alive” business, deep down in our hearts, if we want to be hundred percent honest with ourselves, it doesn't make much sense. Even though Jesus sounds like a broken record throughout his ministry and keeps on pressing the fact of his upcoming death and resurrection, when all that finally happens, no one celebrates the news by saying, “Praise God,” no one repeats hosannas from Palm Sunday, there is no sign of confetti or balloons or bubbles, no sign of “I knew it! – Just like he said!”

Easter means so many different things to so many of us, and while bunnies and baskets and bonnets and family get-togethers may warm our hearts, they are not what this day is all about. Easter is not about marshmallow peeps – Pastor David's favorite, it's not about chocolate eggs, fresh cut flowers or carrots or fancy-schmancy three-tiered Easter cakes; it's about Jesus and his resurrection. It's about God entering our lives and our history simply to be with us, on our good days and our not so good days. God has given us the gift of life in God's Son Jesus – and it's through Jesus we're learning that what matters the most is not that we are confident in our hold of God, but that we are confident in God's hold of each and every one of us.

Happy Easter to you and your families,

Pastors Romi and David

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### **A note from our Children's Ministry:**

Here's what's happening in our Sunday school February 2018.

Our focus this month has been on exploring different spiritual practices to deepen our communication with God. We celebrated Black History Month with a moment of reflection and prayer read by one of our children to the whole congregation. To celebrate the Chinese New Year,

we performed the dragon dance at the end of worship with Miss Dorothy as the leader and Mr. Edmond providing music, as well as the dragons for our dance.

Some of our students participated, along with their parents, in our Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. Our children's choir has begun rehearsing weekly and is always ready to accept new singers. Our Sunday school as a big group, recommitted to the Lenten practice of burying the hallelujah. Our hopes were to deepen our awareness of Christ's suffering and to celebrate more fully on Easter Sunday with hallelujahs galore.

In March our confirmation classes will begin after worship every Sunday. Our whole Sunday school will be rehearsing for an Easter skit to be shared during our 10 AM service on Easter. In March, working with the raised beds committee we hope to invite our Sunday school children to serve our community by planting seeds for our raised bed community garden.

Plans are underway for a Friday afternoon vacation Bible school to be held on good Friday after our 11 AM service. We will be joining the Lutheran Church in offering this VBS at our church this good Friday.

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As some of you may already know, we have our new website up and running at our original web address, <https://UMCPW.org>. When you have some time, please take a look. We have already added some new features:

- [Sermon Podcasts](#), where you can listen to a sermon you may have missed on your computer, phone or tablet.
- [“From our Pastors - Blog”](#) An opportunity to share insights with our new pastors.
- Join our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1408259235935038/>
- Leave us your review on Yelp: <https://www.yelp.com/biz/united-methodist-church-of-port-washington-port-washington>

We sincerely hope you will like what you see, and, if you do, please share this with a friend. Please let me know if there is something you would like us to add or change. *Regards, Doug Weston*

<p><b>Holy Communion takes place once a month on the 1st Sunday of the Month. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.</b></p>	<p><b>March Birthdays</b> 1-Eddie Grove 12-Gabi Sandoval 16-Doris Markham 23-Josh Knight 23-Betty Buckhout 31-Diane Burton</p>	<p><b>Bible Study on the Gospel Mark Tuesday, March 6, March 13 and March 20 at 10:00 am in the Parlor.</b> Pastor Romi is leading this Bible Study. All are welcome to join us.</p>
<p>Brothers and sisters in Christ, hospitality hour volunteers are needed. It does not have to be difficult or expensive. Keurigs are in place and members are encouraged to bring pods. A coffee cake, cookies and grapes are the simple route and very manageable for most.</p> <p>Please see Diane Burton or Susan Oliva for help or questions, or sign up with a friend! Thank you!</p>		<p><b>Check out our great website!</b> <a href="http://www.umcpw.org">www.umcpw.org</a> <b>Podcasts of Sermon, blogs, and upcoming events.</b></p>  <p><b>Find us on: facebook®</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/umcpw/">www.facebook.com/groups/umcpw/</a></p>

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **March for our Lives, March 24 – 6:30 pm march from town, 7:30 pm Vigil & Call to Action** as we remember those killed in Parkland, FL, and a call to bring about change from local leaders.
- **Palm Sunday, Sunday, March 25 --** Procession with the palms and Children's Choir
- **Beach Clean-up: Sunday, March 25 after worship**
- **Church Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30 pm**
- **Maundy Thursday: March 29:** Congregational meal with the Sacrament of Holy Communion to follow
- **Good Friday: March 30: Worship Services offered at 11:00 am and 7:30 pm.**
- **Good Friday Workshop for the Children: March 30 at noon,** meal included
- **Holy Saturday: March 31 at 9:00 am:** Morning Prayer at the Parsonage, breakfast to follow
- **Easter: April 1 -- Sunrise worship service at 6:00 am**
- **10:00 am Easter worship service w/ Children's Play, immediately followed by our First Annual Easter Event**
- **Finance Committee meeting, Friday, March 16 at 2:00 pm**
- **Laundry Love:** March 15, between 5:30 pm and 9:00 pm. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please, talk to Maureen Peraza. In February we supplied over \$600 to help people with their laundry!
- **Lenten Soup, Bread & Book Study:** On Wednesdays March 7, March 14 and March 21 from 6-7:15pm we will share a simple meal in the Parlor while participating in a Lenten book study. Come nourish your body and soul.
- **Theology on Tap:** Join us on Thursday March 22, April 26 and May 24 at 7:00 pm, Finn MacCool's, for conversations about faith and life. All are welcome. If you have any questions please talk to Pastor David.
- **Alive@75:** Annette Weber is putting together a social group for people at, near, or over 75. Please contact her if you have questions or wish to know more.

## FIRST ANNUAL EASTER EVENT

**Sunday, April 1st**

**Immediately Following 10:00 am Worship Service**

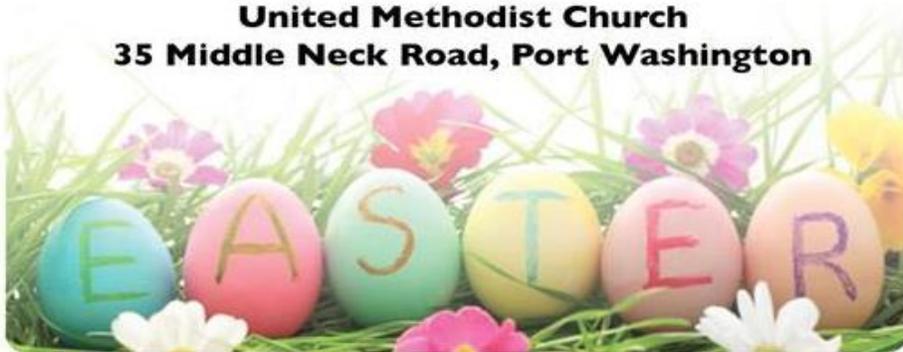


### SPECIAL COMPLIMENTARY ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

Easter Egg Hunt (Bring Your Own Basket)  
Easter Bonnet Contest for Children and Adults  
Sweets and Lemonade  
Cookie Decorating Station  
Marshmallow Roasting Station (Weather Permitting)  
Tractor Rides (Weather Permitting)



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Top Left: The offering baskets for Souper Bowl Sunday.  
 Middle Left: UMW at their February meeting.  
 Middle Left: Bill passing out hot chocolate at the Shrove Tuesday Event.



Bottom Left: Boy Scout Sunday with Troop 7 and Pack 77  
 Bottom Right: Burying the Hallelujah outside the front door of the sanctuary on a very rainy day.



Center Right: Celebrating the Chinese New Year with Dorothy and the Sunday School kids.  
 Top Right: Thank you to Dorothy, Doris, and Lee for putting together the Altarscape for Ash Wednesday. The pastors offered ashes all day in the sanctuary.



# SANDS POINT PRESERVE



## WINTER CHORAL CONCERT AT HEMPSTEAD HOUSE Sunday, March 4 2 PM

### FEATURING

Chancel Choir of United Methodist Church • Choir of Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Saint Stephens Episcopal Church • The Community Synagogue Choir

*Admission:* Conservancy Members: Free / Non-Members: \$10 per car. Includes Parking. Pay at the Gatehouse.



### CONSERVANCY MEMBERSHIP

Join the Conservancy for year-round programs and seasonal celebrations for families and adults.  
Free parking and discounted admission to select events.

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## In Memory of My Friend Hazel Nolan

I had a very difficult time during the Christmas holidays. Not only was I sick in bed for the entire holiday, but I also lost a very dear friend, Hazel Nolan.

I remember my very first time getting to know about the UMW organization when attending the NYC UMW Annual Meeting eight years ago. It was Hazel who invited me to join her to go. Since then we traveled together to attend UMW's meetings, leadership trainings, Mission u classes and all sorts of gatherings regarding the UMW.

She was my mentor, a sister in Christ, and a good friend. It was my privilege to see her every Sunday at worship service at the UMC of Port Washington. Not only did we worship at the same church, but we were also actively involved in church meetings, programs, bible studies, and children's ministries.

She was the person I could go and seek to discuss any church matters, insight into political issues, or simply advice in life. We shared our life journeys together as believers in many different areas of life. She encouraged me and shared her thoughts when I had difficulties serving as the Language Coordinator representing the NYC Korean UMW Network to the entire NY Conference UMW.

Those who knew Hazel, knew that she was a firm believer with strong opinions. Even when we had different views and opinions, we were closely connected by faith. Truly it was God's blessing that Hazel was part of my life journey in Christ.

Even though I will not see her on Sundays anymore, she will always be present with me in spirit.  
Even though I will miss her greatly, she will always be in my heart.

Submitted by Dorothy Kim, UMC of Port Washington  
LIE District Nominations, Chair

January 31, 2018

**SUMBISSIONS FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER NEED  
TO BE TO PASTOR DAVID BY MARCH 26!**

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