



**Birthdays
April**

- 3-Neville Newby
- 6-Pat Rush
- 9-Cindy Ingersoll
- 10-Matthew Weston
- 14-Emma Ortenzi
- 19-April Micklin
- 20- Kelsey Weisburd
- 21-Maureen Peraza
- 22-Jon Pickow
- 25-Doug Paulsen
- 26-George Weiss

May

- 1-Geraldine Romeyko
- 7-Blake Sealy
- 10-Sтивен Rosenbaum
- 10-Alicja Sandoval
- 17-Lebi Sandoval
- 20-Elaine Hirschberg
- 24-Jean Larkin
- 25-Debbie Lefton
- 30-Howard Johnson

June

- 2-Ann Addis
- 3-Kayla Weisburd
- 7-Yun young Heo
- 12-Helen Duffy
- 12-Avery Dantes
- 16-Roland Knight
- 20-Grace O'Rourke
- 24-Margot Marchenoir
- 26-Liam O'Rourke
- 27-Gloria Marmor



United Methodist Church of Port Washington

April, May & June 2019 – Newsletter

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Beloveds,

We are nearly through the season of Lent and Easter will be here before we know it. This is a time of the year I've always loved, because back home the wisteria and azaleas are in full bloom (typically in time for Easter) and we had a lot of wisteria and azaleas around my childhood home. It was a sign that summer was only a few short days away

Easter, when we celebrate the resurrection of Christ, is a time where we can experience new life within our own part of the Body of Christ. Through this, our faith and connection with God has been cemented in truth and in love.

Yet as time passes, we, as part of the body of faith, are required to understand the reality and the truth about where we

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are at as a congregation. When I speak, though sometimes what I say may not be what we want to hear, it is spoken in truth through reflection, prayer, and discernment. A month ago, after Special General Conference, I said, "I was born United Methodist, and one day I'll die Methodist." I know that our denomination will no longer look as it does today, but what we will look like is only limited by the restraints we place on the Holy Spirit's presence among us.

For us as a local church, there are truths we must face as well. Though we've come a long ways since arriving in July of 2017, and ya'll have done so much hard work in mission and ministry together, we have to remain dedicated. It is a safe statement that no one person can make a church thrive, because it takes us all working together as the body of Christ in order to be successful in our mandate to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. Pastor Romi and I are here to make sure that each of you are as best equipped as possible to carry out this task, and we will try with every ounce of our being to help enable effective and missional excellence.

We as a congregation are on the edge of either continuing the progress and growth we've witnessed the last 21 months, or to slide down into a place where effective ministry within The United Methodist Church is no longer feasible. I don't know about you, but I'd rather be the former instead of the latter.

Pastor Romi and I are going to cut back on the number of "new events" that we ask you to support and participate in and shift our focus to making what ministries we already have even more effective than they are right now. If we are able to enhance the Christian education, especially children's ministries, aspects we have now, then we will have shored up our foundation even more. This is necessary because of a truth I hate to admit about the church in general – we live in a consumer driven society, so if what we offer as the church is not effective, meaningful, honest, and life changing, then how would we expect to grow as healthy disciples and followers of Christ?

Because I believe we should never leave on a down note, we are a place where our community can find an honest and genuine worship experience that is only enhanced through the different leadership styles that we and laity bring, as well as the song and music that enliven the worship experience.

Beloveds, we are called to work tirelessly and to love unconditionally. We can think of no other church right now where we'd rather be serving, and we give thanks to God for that assurance, but we all must remain fully committed, fully engaged, and fully enveloped in the Spirit to continue God's work here in Port Washington.

Blessings, Pastors David & Romi

To best meet the needs of the church, please note the following office hour times:

MONDAY: 9:00 AM through 2:00 PM
TUESDAY: 9:00 AM through 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM through 2:00 PM
THURSDAY: 9:00 AM through 2:00 PM
FRIDAY: **Office closed**

Pastor David's office hours:

MONDAY: 9:00 AM through 1:00 PM
TUESDAY: 9:00 AM through 1:00 PM
WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM through 11:00 AM
THURSDAY: 9:00 AM through 11:00 AM
FRIDAY: **Day off**
OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

As many of you may already know, our website is 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

Look What's Happening

Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 7. Theme: Commitment – Service.

Palm Sunday, April 14.

Maundy Thursday Congregational Meal w/ Holy Communion April 18 @ 6:00 pm in the Narthex. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex and via email.

Good Friday worship, April 19 @ 11 am and 7:30 pm.

Holy Saturday Breakfast and Prayer Service at the Parsonage April 20 @ 9:00 am, followed by the decorating of the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, April 21 @ 5:30 am.

Easter Sunday Worship Service, April 21 @ 10:00 am. Chancel Choir and Children's Choir & Children's Program.

Easter Event April 21 following worship. Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Hat Parade & Contest. Refreshments outside if weather permits. Volunteers needed for set-up.

Church office will be closed Monday, April 22.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 14 - 10 am



Those who want to process, please, gather in the parlor at 9:45 am



Maundy Thursday Dinner & Holy Communion - 6 pm April 18

RSVP on the signup sheet in the church office - seating is limited.

Good Friday Worship - 11 am and 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday Breakfast & Prayer Service at the Parsonage - 9 am

Decorating the sanctuary for Easter to follow

Easter Sunday - April 21

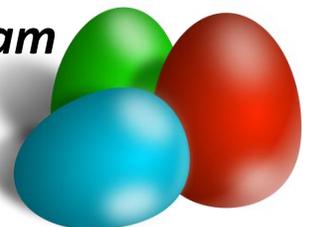
Sunrise Service at Harbor Acres - 5:30 am

Sunday Worship Service with Communion - 10 am

Children's Choir & Children's Play

Easter Bonnet & Hat Procession – those who want to process with their bonnets, please, gather in the parlor by 9:45 am

Easter Egg Hunt After Worship





Following the Special General Conference 2019 vote to strengthen the discriminatory language in the Book of Discipline against LGBT+, we as a congregation affirmed our stance as a place that welcomes all and knows all are created in the beloved image of God. Rabbi Alysa and members of PJC attended this affirming worship to stand with us in support.



On Transfiguration Sunday, the kids and others literally buried the Hallelujah. Easter morning they will dig it back up.

SUBMISSIONS FOR
THE JULY, AUGUST
& SEPTEMBER
NEWSLETTER NEED
TO BE TO PASTOR
DAVID BY JUNE 25!



The United Methodist Women gathered for the Annual Valentines Dinner.

UMW Sunday will take place on May 5 - congregational potluck to follow (please, bring a dish to pass); we ask men to clean up afterwards in honor of the women in our church

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My Trip to 150th Birthday Celebration of UMW

The New England Conference UMW putted together an event for celebrating 150 years of UMW. The event was on March 23, 2019 in Boston University not far from where it all began back in 1869. The UMW started on that 'stormy, rainy day, in March 23, 1869' with the 'handful of women of 8.' Back then the organization was named the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and its action was taken in a very short time from the initial meeting by sending 2 missionaries to advocate for women in India.

For this event the UMW members came together from 7 different states and 9 KUMW members from New England and New York conferences participating in this joyous event.

In order to celebrating 150 years of UMW, other organizations put their efforts to make the event possible; the New England Conference 150th Legacy Committee, the New England Conference Commission on Archives an History and the Boston University School of Theology, and the United Methodist Foundation of New England.

Two things that I highly gave thanks were;(1) the presentations and historic information on the origin of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (UMW) of the Methodist Episcopal Church (UMC) and its 8 women, (2) the presentation on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society(WFMS) stained glass windows.

The stained glass windows were installed in the Library of the Boston University School of Theology, celebrating the lives of the women that formed the WFMS in 1869 to assist missionaries across the world. One of the first countries they sent missionaries was India and soon after included China, Japan, Korea, Africa, Mexico and South America.

Although driving back from Boston to New York at night was little tiresome, but the day has been joyous with learning, sharing and envisioning together.

As God started His mission work for women, children and youth 150 years ago for the world, God will continue to work His mission for another 150 years and beyond. And I am thankful for being a part of His mission through United Methodist Women.

Written by Dorothy Kim