

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

John 20:1



**Thank you
for worship-
ping with us
this morning!**

**If you would
like to learn
more about
our congrega-
tion,
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Jefferson United Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009

HAPPY EASTER!

CELEBRATIONS TODAY:

In our worship this morning, we will celebrate two wonderful events in the life of our congregation: the reception of new members and the Sacrament of Baptism.

Karen Toombs will join our congregation, presented by Betty Alexander.

Travis Austin Repass will be brought forward for baptism by his parents Larry and Chasity Repass, joined by his big sister Natalie. Travis will be presented by his aunt Brittany Arnold.



Check us out online!
www.jeffersonmethodist.org

Pastor Sarah will be away April 13-20. During this time, Pastor Katrina Holland will be covering for pastoral needs. Please do not hesitate to call her if there are any pastoral needs. She can be reached at church (301-473-8626), cell (443-562-4904) or via e-mail (stpaulpastor1@comcast.net).

Please e-mail or call Pastor Sarah today or early tomorrow if you need any other information from her during that time.

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Easter Message from Bishop John Schol

To an Easter people who have everything to live for

Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for. -1Peter 1:3, The Message

The Familiar Becomes Fuzzy

Resurrection sometimes feels rare during times of great challenge. We are living in some of the most challenging times that many of us have ever experienced. Today, the instability in the economic, job and housing markets calls into question everything that once seemed normal - a job, a home, and a level of stability. Since the foundations of our economy have been shaken, people's lives and plans have changed. The familiar became fuzzy. The ordinary is no longer routine. All of a sudden, we begin to recognize what is really important.

Faithing over Self-Reliance

Because of the resurrection Peter writes, we have everything to live for. I wonder if when times are really good we actually stop living and start coasting or live as though life were a right rather than a gift. Faith becomes a confirmation of what we deserve rather than a deep commitment to live the way of Jesus Christ. Has faith lost its power? Do we rely on what satisfies us rather than on resurrection faith that sustains us? I invite you to stand up for faithing over self-reliance.

Ordinary Resurrections

Jonathan Kozol in his book, Ordinary Resurrections, tells the stories of children living in the South Bronx where the economy is never good, the job market is never stable, and housing is never guaranteed. Yet in the midst of this community, he sees resurrections everyday. He sees children whose simple belief adds up to a profound witness that life is worth living and that resurrection is not just a possibility but a reality in the South Bronx.

Kozol writes, I feel like gleaners in the Bible, not in fields of grain but in a field of love. In the children of the South Bronx, Kozol finds no pretense, no expectation that life, good life is handed to

us but that life is the deepest love in the hardest places to love. In the face of everything that is wrong with life, it is love, God's love, our love that conquers the greatest challenges we face.

The Greek word for resurrection is anastasis, which literally means, standing up again. For Jesus it was standing up again in the midst of persecution and death, and for children in the South Bronx it is standing up for love when everybody and everything else has given up on the South Bronx. In the church, it is reclaiming faith as an activity of belief in Christ and being passionate for justice and mercy. You see, for those who live in Christ, resurrection does not wait for Easter. In these hard times, I am witnessing ordinary resurrections. I am seeing faith becoming a verb again, where faith and love are not an entitlement but a gift to be lived and shared. I am witnessing churches starting or adding to their cold winter night shelters. I am hearing about faithful disciples starting support groups and workshops for the unemployed. I am seeing people assist people who are losing their homes and organizing to stop foreclosures. An Easter people standing up again, living ordinary resurrection.

I give thanks to God for so many Easter people and congregations in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. You are helping people to believe again that resurrection is possible.

Everything to Live For

Easter people have everything to live for. The economy, the job market, the housing market do not change them. They are the change Jesus Christ wants to see through them.

I write to you this Easter season,
 To not become too familiar
 with the things of the world
 To look for the ordinary resurrections
 that is standing up all around you
 To be the resurrection change.

Blessed Easter!
 John R. Schol

Our Stewardship of Time and Resources

	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Needed	\$1897.54	\$26656.56
Received	\$3577.00	\$25866.00
Fundraisers	\$2500.00	\$2500.00
Total	\$6077.00	+\$1800.44

MANY THANKS to those who give generously of their time and skills! This week, we want to especially thank:

CHRISTY QUIGLEY for coordinating last Sunday's wonderful brunch and Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks also to all who helped make that event a huge success!

CAROLYN SCARBOROUGH AND DORIS BROWN for coordinating this year's Easter lilies.

JOE AND NANCY KELLEY for their support and leadership of the concessions fundraiser.



Worship Helpers

Sunday, April 12

Greeters: Carolyn Gardiner and Betty Alexander
 Ushers: Larry and Nelda Cassell
 Lay Reader: Maurice Hoffmaster
 Acolyte: Tyler Shuck

Sunday, April 19

Greeters: Joan Sisk
 Ushers: Dave and Carol Waple
 Lay Reader: Eric Arnold
 Acolyte: Connor Kelley

Sunday, April 26

Greeters: Kelli Fisher
 Ushers: Dave and Carol Waple
 Lay Reader: Nancy Kelley
 Acolyte: Zackary Ruffy

Contact Lisa Pearre for more information.

THANKS

The Yeary Family would like to thank all who provided meals for new parents James and Raya Yeary. The new family is doing well and appreciates all the support of the Jefferson UMC family!



Mother-Daughter Banquet
“Memories of our Mothers/Grandmothers”
 May 19, 2009
 6:30 p.m.

The ladies of Doubs/Epworth UMC invite the ladies of Jefferson UMC to be their guests for this special celebration. See the flyers in the entry for more information and RSVP to Chris Ott (301-874-5642).

Upcoming Fellowship Schedule

May 10	UMM
June 21	UMW
July &	NONE
Sept. 13	Trustees
Oct. 11	Youth
Nov. 8	UMW
Dec. 13	UMM

In the Life of Our Congregation...

Adult Bible Class

Meets in the fellowship hall immediately after worship. Led by Randy Yeary.

Children’s Church

Is held each Sunday morning during the 9 a.m. worship service. Contact Jackie Ruffy (301-473-9322) for more information.

Youth Group

Will not meet until the end of this month. Watch for more information.

Prayer List

Prayers for Healing:

Richard Bartholomew
 Jean Brown
 Benjamin Burdick
 Rev. LaMar Carlson
 Mildred Campisi
 Michael Carr
 Cindy Coelho-Harner
 Stanley Dade
 Carolyn Gardiner

Randy Huffer
 Lois Lux
 Emily Cassell Mass
 Cora Munday
 Tracey (Burgee) Painter
 Helen Rimes
 Beulah Shrewsberry
 Tyler Shuck
 Joan Thaxton
 Shiflet Family
 Harkin Family

Our Shut-Ins:

Betty Gibbons
 George and Lucille Hoffman
 Ginny Huffer
 Joe Long
 Don Plunkard
 Helen Seek
 Reba and John Wright



Saturday, May 2, 2009

9:00 AM until 12 noon

More specifics will be up coming.

Rain Date: Saturday, May 16

Update from the United Methodist Men

Sunday April the 5th the Jefferson United Methodist Men presented some donations at the morning Worship Service. The J.U.M. Men have traditionally donated to various outreaches on behalf of the J.U.M. Church. This year at our March meeting it was decided that we would also support the "general fund" of the J.U.M.C. by contributing \$1,000.00. A donation of \$150.00 to JUMC to assist in meeting a line item in the J.U.M.C. budget designated "The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs in Frederick County". This ecumenical organization provides cold weather shelter (over 50 clients are served per night), providing for hungry families (over 725 families are served per month – the organization behind our local Food Bank), providing prescription assistance (over 100 clients are served per month), providing utility assistance or rental assistance (over 40 families are served per month). These are 2008 numbers and "The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs" anticipates an increase in 2009. Donations were presented to high school seniors to assist the Brunswick & Middletown Safe & Sane and a donation for Camp Manidokan was presented to Chris Schlieckert for the Camping ministry.

Locally the Jefferson Food Bank has been a recipient of donations made through out the year. Last year we donated over \$900.00 and will make contributions as needed this year.

There will be more information on the outreach of the J.U.M.Men next week.

Easter Lilies

Many thanks to all those, listed below, who provided lilies for this morning's Easter celebration.

- A lily given by Talbott and Peggy Arnold in memory of Bernie Arnold.
- A lily given by Talbott and Peggy Arnold in memory of John and Mary Arnold.
- A lily given by Bill and Sharon Barr in memory of Mickey and Ann Barr.
- A lily given by Bill and Sharon Barr in memory of Red Stine.
- A lily given by Dolores Breeden in memory of John Breeden.
- A lily given by Bill and Doris Brown in memory of Chester and Evelyn Brown.
- A lily given by Bill and Doris Brown in memory of Attie Michael and George Stull.
- A lily given by Joseph B. Long in memory of Dorothy Long.
- A lily given by Cora and Martin Munday in memory of their parents.
- A lily given by the Omdahl Family in memory of Richard and Joanna Breithaupt.
- A lily given by the Omdahl Family in honor of Norman and Mary Omdahl.
- A lily given by the Omdahl Family in memory of Wendy Omdahl.
- A lily given by Donald Plunkard and family in memory of Dot Plunkard.
- A lily given by the Scarborough Family in memory of Joseph and Thea Scarborough.
- A lily given by the Scarborough Family in memory of William Sheppard.
- A lily given by Bess Todd in honor of her family.
- A lily given by Bess Todd in memory of Marvin Todd.
- A lily given by Dave and Carol Waple in memory of Connie Waple.
- A lily given by Dave and Carol Waple in memory of Karl Waple.

