



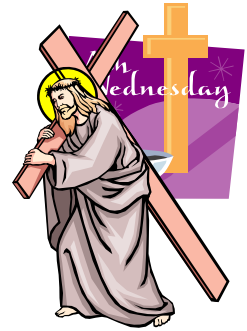
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## HE IS RISEN INDEED!

The EASTER Season of the church calendar will begin April 4<sup>th</sup> with the Easter services. Join us during this springtime as we come out of our winter shell and continue growing as Christians. Below are some of the church activities that are available during the next few weeks.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have a special **GOOD FRIDAY service**: TENEBRAE style. The word TENEBRAE means “in the shadows.” This ancient form of the Good Friday service will focus on scripture leading up to and including the crucifixion, and help prepare us for a glorious Easter. This type of service emphasizes the reality of the suffering and death of Jesus, done for all of us. We invite everyone to come and be made more aware of the sacrifice that Jesus offered for us.



Our EASTER celebration will begin with a **Sunrise Service** at 7:30am. This liturgical service will be celebrated as it has been for almost two thousand years: as a re-creation of that glad morning of Jesus' resurrection. The CVCC Sunrise service will be followed by a **pancake breakfast** at 8:30am. This is free to everyone, and will be a time of fellowship and celebration for the whole church.



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The regular **EASTER Service** will be at 11am. Our visual theme for the Easter season will be the lily. Christ is referred to as the LILY OF THE VALLEY. Please come and take part in our worship together as we start the Easter Season.

Our own Courtney Smalt is raising money to travel to Europe as part of the PEOPLE TO PEOPLE program. She will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday evening, the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. This dinner will be held in the New Brooktondale Firehouse from 5 to 8pm. The dinners will cost \$10, and takeout dinners are available. Reservations are required.



PEOPLE TO PEOPLE  
AMBASSADOR PROGRAMS

The annual offering to support the **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** will be taken on Sunday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of April, during the morning worship service. Please pray about how much you should give to this joint mission offering, sponsored by both the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church.



Caroline Valley Community Church is sponsoring four women to attend the 2010 UCCNY WOMEN ANNUAL CONFERENCE, held this year at Watkins



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Homestead in Painted Post, NY. Kathy Storck, Elaine Sapp, Carol Lavelle and Martha Phillips will be participating in this weekend event from April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please pray for them as they represent our church in this gathering of Christian women. If there are other women who would like to attend, please let us know. There are opportunities for day-trips to the conference if there is enough interest in this.



## **BE THE NEW**

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By Pastor Dan

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." II Cor. 5:17*

Easter is a time of rejoicing! It is a time of feeling that something new has happened in our lives. For some of us, it has been a long time since something really new and different has entered our daily routine. But that is what Easter is about.

The disciples, men and women, who visited the grave of Jesus were all surprised by what they found. They came expecting to see the body of the one they had followed from Galilee to Jerusalem. Instead, they found an empty tomb. It was a shock. They did not know what to think of this empty grave: what was going on? They were amazed and frightened.

We like to hope that all our surprises will be good ones. But we know from experience that they aren't. The rock in the path that stubs our toe: that's a surprise! We learn from



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life that something new can be hurtful. Like the disciples who visited the gravesite of Jesus, we react to the new with fear and anxiety, wondering what this thing will do to us.

Most of us quit trying to deal with the new things after a certain point in our life. We get into a routine, a series of life-habits, that suits us, and we don't change. We eat the same food all the time. We wear the same style clothes, we do the same things each day, and we go to the same places each week. We are comfortable.

But experiencing something new means that some part of our routine has to change. And we have insulated ourselves to change. We resist the new: that's why the empty grave is a scary thing. The risen Christ is a new creation, and He calls us to become a new creation. All this newness is a challenge to who we have been. And often we say no and go back to our Jerusalem, running away from what we have seen.

We need our annual Easter to remind us that God calls us to be different, to be a growing and changing people. We are challenged each year to be better, to be closer to God, to act more in line with Christ's commands. This Easter season, feel the NEW, be the NEW!

## **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED:**



If you have an article for the monthly newsletter, please send it to Pastor Dan at [dan.phillips@twcny.rr.com](mailto:dan.phillips@twcny.rr.com). If you want to say something to the whole church, or highlight an issue for all of us, or just talk to our church family, write an article for the newsletter.



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- April 2:** TENEBRAE/GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at 7pm  
**April 4:** EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at 7:30am  
**April 4:** EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST at 8:30am  
**April 4:** EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am  
**April 5:** Church Council Meeting at 7pm  
**April 8:** Handbell Choir resumes practice at 6:30pm  
**April 10:** Fundraising spaghetti dinner from 5pm to 8pm.  
**April 18:** ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING mission offering  
**April 23:** Special Missionary Speaker at 11am.  
**April 29-May 1:** UCC Women's Conference, Painted Post, NY  
**May 2:** Church Council Meeting at 7pm  
**May 8:** Mother's Day

## **The CURRENT PRAYER LIST of our church:**

Please contact Elaine Sapp at [esapp@twcny.rr.com](mailto:esapp@twcny.rr.com) or 347-9830 if you have information about someone who is ill, hospitalized, or in special need of prayer.

**Dr. Mary Tinker**

**Marjorie Klein**

**Dick Crispell and family**

**Marge Tilton**

**Bill and Roberta Schoch**

**Doris Paterson**

**Jaynie Davis**

**Karen Barden**

**Clara Caveney**

**All Members of the Armed Forces**





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## **HYGIENE KITS:**



As part of the preparation for the UCC Women's Conference that our women are attending, we have been asked to gather the supplies to prepare hygiene kits for mission support. The needed items include:

**Hand towels, 16" by 28"**

**Washcloths**

**Wide-tooth combs**

**Nail clippers**

**Bars of soap, bath size in original wrapper**

**Toothbrushes in original packaging**

**Band-aids**

The deadline for donations is April the 19<sup>th</sup>, and you may make a financial contribution to this effort if you wish. Donations should be given to Kathy Storck or Elaine Sapp.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY:**

We continue to work towards a new church directory, one complete with pictures of each person in our church family. Please remember that Martha Phillips will be at the church each Sunday taking pictures and gathering information for the directory. If you want to be in the directory, but cannot get to church during the next month or so, please call Pastor Dan at 607-319-5179 and set up an appointment to have your picture taken.





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## **MEMORIAL TO REV. RON:**

The following is a selection from an article written by **Amy Lynn Carrier** about Rev. Ron. This tribute is worthwhile, and helped me deal with ‘missing Rev. Ron’.

“When I was a child, Ron made me laugh, made me think and made me feel like I had an ally....His funeral was held at my childhood church yesterday and it was attended by so many who knew and loved Ron – by those whose lives he touched. Many of us could not attend – and more, I’m sure, don’t even know of his passing. Ron was a mahatma and he brought peace and joy and laughter to all whose lives he blessed.

Ron, I’m doing well (not “good,” of course) and I am so very grateful for every joyful, loving moment you brought to my life. In my childhood, you were pure peace to me and I will never, ever forget what you taught me. With love and laughter,  
Amy Lynn”

## **SPIRIT**

The Spirit is a troublesome  
thing  
Fiery heart pain on the wing  
Harrowing separating  
Opening our heart  
Rending stretching  
Taking us apart

The Spirit is a healing thing  
Warm soft breath calm in a  
ring  
Lifting raising  
Holding our soul  
Restoring creating  
Making us whole



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