

## MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Time
Mon. Apr. 1	1 Church 1 Prayer event – EFC, Middletown	7:00 pm
Wed. Apr. 3	Bible Study - parlor	12:30 – 2:00
Wed. Apr. 3	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Thur. Apr. 4	Hand Bell rehearsal	4:30 pm
Thur. Apr. 4	Soup, Bread & Devotional -Calvary UMC	6:00 pm

### NOTE:

**JOYS & CONCERNS FORMS** –\*\*The forms can now be found in your bulletin. Please fill out your Joys and Concerns forms and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. Please leave any unused forms in the pew or on the clipboard. We appreciate your help in recycling whenever we can.

**ATTENDANCE PAD CLIPBOARDS** – Please fill in your information so that we can continue to get better acquainted with one another. We appreciate your help each week with the process of becoming more welcoming and open to sharing the love of Christ with all of our neighbors.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** – if you would like to publish information in the bulletin please get it to the church office by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday morning.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK included 80 hearty Christians on Sunday.** ~We celebrate and appreciate those who invite their friends and neighbors.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Church Secretary: **Maryteresa Hicks: M – Th:10-2pm; Mary K to cover F: 10-2**

Pastor: **Rev. Michael Pike: T, TH & F:10 -12**

**\*note these hours DO change from time to time - please check the latest bulletin or call ahead, for the most accurate times**

## EVENTS

### **GOD'S COMMUNITY GARDEN: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY**

**10 AM – 12 NOON:**

to help with general garden maintenance

### **FARM STANDS:**

The farm stand at PUMC is closed until further notice while the community garden is preparing for spring planting.

### **BIBLE STUDY:**

**Mon. 7 – 8:30 pm** at the home of Fred and Christine Dube, Portsmouth (studying “Who I Am in Christ” by Neil T. Anderson). **CANCELLED 4/1**

**Wed. 12:30-2:00 pm** in the parlor- Study of Galatians and James.



### **SOUP, BREAD & DEVOTIONAL GATHERING –**

Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 pm at Calvary UMC, 200 Turner Road, Middletown. As Part of our Lenten journey the UM churches of Aquidneck Island will come together each Thursday in Lent to share in soup to nourish our bodies, a spiritual message to stretch our souls and the opportunity to become better friends in Christ. The schedule of these gatherings is posted on the bulletin board;

**There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are going to attend so Calvary can have a head count for seating.**

**PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST** - We will be holding a Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast again this year. It will be on **Sunday, April 14 from 8:00 - 9:45 am**. Volunteers are needed to donate food items, help with cooking, set - up and clean - up. If you are able to help please contact John or Karen Meyer

## Meditation for the Day

The power of God's spirit is the greatest power in the universe. Our conquest of each other, the great kings and conquerors, the conquest of wealth, the leaders of the money society, all amount to very little in the end. But he who conquers himself is greater than he who conquers a city. Material things have no permanence. But God's spirit is eternal. Everything really worthwhile in the world is the result of the power of God's spirit

~ Hazelden: *Twenty-Four Hours a Day*

**TODAY IS PINK SUNDAY** – For at least the past 30 years, our community has celebrated **PINK SUNDAY** in the middle of the Lenten Season. You can Google Laetare Sunday and learn that this tradition goes back into the middle ages in the Catholic Church. (I'm not sure if it is before or after Martin Luther) The pink reminds us that in the midst of this Lenten Season when we are reflecting on our spiritual lives, that it is all right to take a break and look forward to the joy that will be ours on Easter morning. We have the same use of pink during the Advent season as there are 3 purple candles and a pink one!

~Carol Hutchinson

### COFFEE HOUR GOING GREEN -

Have you noticed the last couple of weeks at coffee hour that we are using mugs/cups instead of styrofoam cups? Thanks to Diane Peckham and her Kitchen Committee and to Susan Walker, who donated 2 dozen mugs to help us get started. Naturally, the mugs have to be washed, BUT, we have a wonderful dishwasher to do that job for us. Directions on what to do with the dishwasher will be posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. You can also ask Carol Hutchinson, Diane Peckham, Carlton Johnson, Gar Weymouth, or Dave Brock, among others.

### UMCOR Sunday – March 31<sup>st</sup>:

UMCOR is able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday, (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing). In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Please consider an additional offering beyond your pledge to help those in need.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS March 30-31, 2019

**WELCOME VISITORS** – We are glad you are here. Please fill out your information on the Attendance pad and check off "Visitor".

**ADULT CHOIR**- Weekly rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the parlor. All are welcome!

**HAND BELL CHOIR** – Weekly rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 4:30pm (as scheduled by Janet Rego). Check with Janet for the latest info on rehearsal times.



**EASTER FLOWERS** - We are asking for your help to beautify the Church for Easter with your choice of Lilies, Tulips, or Hyacinths. Flowers are \$15.00. **Orders must be received no later than Monday, April 15th.** Order forms have been placed on the bulletin board and in the newsletter. Questions, please call Diane Peckham at.

**"THE CASE FOR EASTER"** by Lee Strobel - booklets are available today for anyone who wants to have evidence that the resurrection of Jesus Christ actually happened. Take one - Read it – Pass It On. Thanks to a generous church member these are only \$1.00 each (if you can afford to pay) - Pastor Mike

