



The Church Herald

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“Time to Run, Time to Shout”

*Mary...saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran...Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together.”
(John 20:1b-4)*

As Easter and Spring finally arrive, I find myself looking out the window at the fourth Nor-Easter that we have experienced in three weeks. And although the calendar says that today is the first full day of Spring mother nature doesn't seem to have received that memo. I guess March has decided to go out like a lion. I would imagine that most of us have had enough of the cold and darkness of the winter months and are waiting in hope, anticipating the coming of the warmer weather and longer days of light. As we await Spring in these final days of cold, snow, and darkness, there are still many probing questions that we all have in this season of Lent in light of the promise of new life that both Easter and Spring offer. The doubt and questioning that we often experience in this life seem to mirror the pain, darkness, and doubt of holy week. Yet, we must remember that such doubt and questioning, which comes with a life that includes these Holy Week experiences, will be followed by the greatest revelation, the greatest good news of all time and space: new life in a risen savior, the Son of God.



For as Henri Nouwen proclaims:
The Easter season is a time of hope in the midst of life. There still is fear, there still is painful awareness of sinfulness, but there is also light breaking through. Something new is happening, something that goes beyond the changing moods of life. We can be joyful or sad, optimistic or pessimistic, tranquil or angry, but the solid stream of God's presence moves deeper than the small waves of our minds and hearts.

Easter brings the awareness that God is present even when God's presence is not directly noticed. Easter brings the great good news that, although things sometimes seem to be getting worse in the world, evil has already been overcome. Easter allows us to affirm that, although God seems very distant and although we remain preoccupied with many little things – that are not so little to us – our Lord walks with us on the road and keeps explaining the scriptures and life to us, just as he did for the disciples along the road to Emmaus.

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Consequently, there are many rays of hope casting their light on our way through life. What joyful news this is! This is the great good news that should cause us to want to shout ALLELUIA and share such joy-filled news with all those we meet!

Yet, for the moment, we've been walking. Walking through Lent, deliberately, slowly, praying toward the cross with Christ. We still have the reality of the events of holy week ahead of us; Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the cleansing of the temple, the last supper, the betrayal of Jesus by Judas, his trial, scourging, mocking, and crucifixion! Yet Easter is on the horizon and as the SON rises on Easter morn our mourning is over and Easter will become a time for running. Yes, running! The time for walking is over. The risen Jesus calls Mary by name, and suddenly she glimpses the shocking and awesome power of God and realizes that life and death are not certain anymore. And so she runs; she runs to declare this unfathomably wonderful news to her friends!! Can it be? Christ is risen!?

What response does this life-changing and awesome news elicit in you? Some people are so excited – even in our church – that they want to run and tell the good news to everyone they meet. We are walking on the road, and the risen Christ calls our name. The love in his eyes seems to be calling out to us. Does this resurrected Christ want to resurrect us too? He proclaims the news that “New Life is possible.” What does this promise mean for you? for the people of the world? for the people of Florida and Austin, Texas? for our troops who have been sent into harm's way at home and around our small globe? for those struggling with family issues and health problems? for those who have lost all hope?



After apartheid was abolished in South Africa, a reporter tried to interview Bishop Desmond Tutu. Tutu told the reporter that he would talk later, but now he wanted to dance. On the day of resurrection we sing “Alleluia!” We dance and run to tell others about the new life we have received, the new life that has been let loose into the world. For that is one of the greatest blessings we can experience in all of life – the sharing of the good news of new life in Christ Jesus - especially in the midst of such fear and confusion. Let us be people of the resurrection this Easter. Let us be people who proclaim and share the light in the darkness. Let us be followers of the resurrected Jesus, offering life-giving love, compassion, forgiveness, and joy to the world around us in how we choose to live our daily lives!

Let us be the ones who make it our call, our business, to tell the world of the great good news of Jesus, the resurrected Son of God who came to take away the sins of the world, for you and for me! Who are you going to tell first? Who are you going to invite into the kingdom of God's joy, mercy, grace, peace, and love? Go shout it from the roof tops: Alleluia! He is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed and the world will never be the same!

May God's blessing be upon you in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. God is Good... Christ is Risen!!

In God's love, joy and hope,
Pastor Chuck

Don't Miss These Special and meaningful Holy Week Services:
Maundy Thursday – Last Supper at SBCC - 7:30 PM, In the Sanctuary.

Good Friday Ecumenical Community Service at Setauket Presbyterian Church, Noon – 3 PM

Good Friday Service – A Poetic Remembrance of the Stations of the Cross at SBCC – 8 PM, In the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday – Sunrise Service at the Stony Brook Village Green – 6:30 AM
Easter Sunday Full Worship – 10 AM in the Church Sanctuary
Easter Egg Hunt Immediately after Worship!



April Lectionary

April 1, Easter Sunday 2018

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18
Mark 16:1-8

April 8, Second Sunday of Easter 2018

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133 (UMH 850)
1 John 1:1-22
John 20:19-31

April 15, Third Sunday of Easter 2018

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4 (UMH 741)
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 23:36b-48

April 22, Fourth Sunday of Easter 2018

Acs 4:5-12
Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

MYF

The SBCC youth had a busy month in March, and there are some amazing things coming up.

We attended the Interfaith Dialogue on Guns in America held on March 4th. It was very informative and sparked a good discussion afterwards. Our SBCC youth were the only youngsters in attendance, which perhaps encouraged other attendees to get their youth more involved. One of the best things to come out of it was a better understanding of people of other faiths view guns in our society. It was a good learning experience.

On March 16th, we held the “Irish Spaghetti” fundraiser and generated \$318 in donations. The kids enjoyed good food and fellowship as they pulled together to make it successful. They did a great job on every aspect of the event, from decorating to serving and cleaning up. Many thanks to the parents who contributed as well.

The youth are getting registered for the 30 Hour Famine so they can begin their individual fundraising efforts. This is the biggest event of the MYF year, and we are making the most of it. The kids will be visiting the Irish Hunger Memorial in Manhattan on Sunday, April 8th (weather permitting). This site is dedicated to the memory of all those lost in the Irish Famine; it also serves as a reminder that starvation remains a threat to people all around the world today. It should be a meaningful way to augment our other 30 Hour Famine activities.

We have a few more “fun and fellowship” events lined up through summer. All MYF youth are encouraged to invite friends that they think might enjoy a particular event. Youth outreach remains a top priority not just as a youth group, but as a church; and we are committed to welcoming teens into the fold.



April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday! 6:30 Sunrise service 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour, Children's Egg Hunt	2 7:00 (pm) AA	3 7:30 Finance	4 1:00 and 7:00: Disciple classes	5 7:00 AA 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	6 11:15 AIA non	7
8 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 5:00 MYF	9 7:00 (pm) AA	10 SPRC 7:30	11 1:00 and 7:00: Disciple classes	12 7:00 AA 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	13 11:15 AIA non	14
15 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 12:00 Food Drive 5:00 MYF	16 7:00 (pm) AA	17 7:30 (pm) Church Council	18 1:00 and 7:00: Disciple classes	19 7:00 AA 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	20 11:15 AIA non	21
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29 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship TBD Spring Concert	30 7:00 (pm) AA	1	2 1:00 and 7:00: Disciple classes	3 7:00 AA 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	4 11:15 AIA non	5



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Coming soon: SBCC Apple Festival
September 22, 2018
Rain date September 23, 2018

For almost 60 years, the Stony Brook Community Church has held an annual fair. In the early years, it was a country fair often held in the summer. During the bicentennial years, the fair had a patriotic theme. Most recently, the fair has been in the fall, celebrating all things apple. But no matter what the fair was called or the time of the year, all had one thing in common: it was an “all hands on deck” affair!

Now all of us at SBCC love showing up on the day of the fair. The camaraderie we all experience is a joy and a blessing. But, so much of what makes the fair a success takes place beforehand, often months ahead. And so, the fair organizers are offering an opportunity to everyone - a chance to get involved.

Planning has already begun, and we need your help. Each of the following areas needs someone to organize and coordinate. A job description will be available and hand-holding provided by the committee! So step right up, sign up, and make a difference in the success of our fair.

Any questions? See Donna Smith or Pat Martin.

Wanted: a coordinator for Country Kitchen, Food Court, Signs, Advertising, Parking, Attic Treasures, Apples, and Food Manager



Food Drive April 15th

SBCC's next Food Drive at Stop & Shop (25A, Setauket) to benefit local school pantries will take place Sunday, April 15 from 12 to 2 pm. Our last food drive was very successful. Two and a half carloads and \$345. in Gift Cards were collected. People were amazingly generous. It was a most heart-warming and uplifting experience for those who volunteered. Please sign up in the community room to support this important mission.



WILLIAM SILKWORTH FAMILY

In Memory of Adelaide Silkworth

Adelaide Silkworth passed away peacefully at age 96 on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Adelaide was a longtime member of SBCC before she moved to Hickory NC in 2006. She was a member of the Trustee Board, the choir, UMW and many other church committees. She was a strong and wise woman, "a force to be reckoned with". In addition to her active church presence, Adelaide held the position of Director of the Senior Citizens Division of the Town of Brookhaven. Later she was appointed as Director of the Suffolk County Office of the Ageing. She was instrumental in starting the Meals on Wheels Program in our community. Those, who were privileged to know her, remember her fondly as friend, mentor, artist and wise woman. UMW would like to honor her memory with a donation to the Good Samaritan Fund of the First Presbyterian Church of Hickory NC.

Adelaide Silkworth and her family in 1967



Good-bye to an old friend:

The very old, giant, and damaged cherry tree in the church cemetery has reached the end of its natural life and is becoming a safety hazard. Sadly, it will have to come down. Once it is down, would anyone care to count the rings to find out just how old it is?



And till we meet again to another old friend:

Our long-term suppliers for the popular UMW plant sale have now retired. We wish them a joyous and relaxing retirement, but since we don't have time to find a new supplier this year, the sale will need to go on hiatus. We plan to be back next year with all the glorious flowers you need for your gardens.



The United Methodist Holy Week Quiz



1. What do palm branches symbolize on Palm Sunday?

- ☐ They symbolized victory in the Roman Empire.
- ☐ Palm is the Latin word for 'return.'
- ☐ Hearts of palm were considered 'kingly food.'
- ☐ All of the above.

2. What was Judas paid for identifying Jesus to the Roman soldier?

- ☐ 20 pieces of gold
- ☐ 20 pieces of silver
- ☐ 30 pieces of gold
- ☐ 30 pieces of silver

3. The Upper Room Chapel in Nashville displays a carved wooden representation of...

- ☐ The Nativity Scene
- ☐ The Last Supper
- ☐ Christ's Crucifixion
- ☐ Christ's Resurrection

4. What was not said by Jesus the night before he died?

- ☐ "All those who use the sword will die by the sword."
- ☐ "The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak."
- ☐ "Physician, heal thyself."
- ☐ "Friend, do what you came to do."



5. What are the Stations of the Cross?

- ☐ Place in Jerusalem where prisoners were sentenced
- ☐ Moments in Jesus' journey from his trial to the tomb
- ☐ Officially approved places for crosses in churches

6. What does a Tenebrae service consist of?

- ☐ A drama about the last seven words of Jesus
- ☐ A reenactment of the Last Supper
- ☐ Extinguishing of candles
- ☐ The receiving of ashes

7. What does INRI mean on a crucifix?

- ☐ Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Rome
- ☐ Nazareth, Kingdom of Jerusalem
- ☐ Sign of the Cross
- ☐ Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews

8. Why are eggs associated with Easter?

- ☐ They symbolize new life.
- ☐ They have a shell around the body inside, like the tomb of Jesus.
- ☐ They can be dyed pretty colors to represent the joy of Easter.
- ☐ All of the above.

9. Which of these Easter hymns did Charles Wesley write?

- ☐ "Because He Lives"
- ☐ "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
- ☐ "Lift High the Cross"
- ☐ "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

10. Why do some churches hold Easter sunrise services?

- ☐ Easter prayer vigils often ended as the sun rose.
- ☐ Three women visited the tomb early in the morning.
- ☐ Jesus is often called the light of the world.
- ☐ All of the above.

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