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THE METHODIST MESSENGER

MONTHLY UPDATES OF THE ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

312 E. Main St., P.O Box 236 Fruitland, Maryland 21826

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For April

I will need everyone's submissions for the newsletter by the 1st or the 2nd week because by of every month to get everything together for the following months newsletter and the most the birthdays won't be over Unless someone wants me to edit something then I will, but if not then I will and paste as is.

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It comes in 10 on a sheet for \$10 dollars.

You can email me for more information.

Thank you



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Just a reminder of AVON SSS BUG GUARD sales all profits will be donated to St John's. Please call Jean Powell 443-235-2431 for more information.

Thank you for your support!

Fruitland School

It's again time to provide 30 children with a weekend food bag. If you would like to help with this Mission's project, we need snack donations of assorted chips or individually wrapped cookies.

Items are needed by the third Sunday of each month starting in September. We will pack the bags after the service on the fourth Sunday.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Frieman at
410-603-2028.

Thank you for your support.

April begins with the most sacred days in the Christian calendar—**Holy Week**—as we walk together through the story of Christ’s love, sacrifice, and resurrection. In the tradition of The United Methodist Church, we gather around Word, Table, prayer, and service, remembering that God’s grace meets us wherever we are and calls us forward in faith.

Spring reminds us that resurrection is not only something we celebrate once a year—it is something God is always bringing into our lives and our community.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday – Sunday March 29- “Celebrate and Wait”

We begin Holy Week remembering Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. Children are invited to join the palm procession as we wave palms and sing *Hosanna!*

Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday) – April 2 “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

6:00 PM Service with Holy Communion- A reflective service remembering the Last Supper and Christ’s commandment to love one another. In the United Methodist tradition, **the Communion table is open to all who seek Christ.**

Good Friday – April 3

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross through the eyes of the Centurion

Easter Sunday – April 5 “The Stories Women Tell”

9:45 Celebration Worship Experience

We proclaim the good news of the resurrection: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

A Message from the Pastor

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, believed that God’s grace is always at work in our lives—before we even know it, beside us in every moment, and transforming us day by day.

Holy Week reminds us of this grace in its fullest expression. We see:

- Love that kneels to wash feet
- Sacrifice that bears the cross
- Power that rolls away the stone

As we celebrate Easter, may we remember that resurrection is not just a moment in history—it is a promise for today. God is still renewing hearts, restoring hope, and sending us out to serve the world.

Rest of April Messages and Scriptures

April 12th- Pastor off- Nathan Vaughn from Camp Pecometh preaching- TBD

19th- Empowered by the Holy Spirit- Psalm 16, Colossians 2: 6-10

26th- Love Boldly- Leviticus 19: 9-18, Mark 12: 28-34