

 **LECTIONARY READINGS**

April 2nd Fifth Sunday in Lent Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

April 9th Passion/Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 118:12, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

Ushers

March 19th: Dorli Retinger-9:30

Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

March 26th: Joyce Campanella, Bob Paine-9:30

Karen Gierie Newman-11:30

Liturgists

April 2nd: Susan Chung Carle

April 9th: Betty Gastelua

Communion Stewards

April 2nd: Tom Sattler, Usha Singh,

Danny Gastelua, Nisha Misra

April 16th: Myrna Loudon, Usha Singh

Tom Sattler, Rob Schozer

OUR NEW PASTOR: The Staff Parish Relations Committee is excited to announce that *Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie* has been appointed as our new pastor effective July 1, 2017. *Rev. Ewoodzie* and his wife will be moving to Farmingdale from Connecticut. *Rev. Ewoodzie* currently holds the position as Mission/Outreach Coordinator for the New York Annual Conference. *Rev. Shim* is retiring this year at the Annual Conference in June of this year.

2016 ANNUAL REPORTS: are available on the table in the So. Transept.

✠ LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM 2017 ✠

Our theme is “*A Journey Through Lent*”. Program includes potluck dinner and fellowship at 5:00pm; DVD and study 6:00pm. Topics for the upcoming Sundays: April 2 – Prayer for the World Psalm 98, April 9 – Prayer for the King Psalm 110

∞ **HOLY WEEK SERVICES** ∞

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY, April 9th:

Family Friendly Worship 9:30 AM

Worship with Praise & Songs 11:30 AM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13th:

Messiah in the Passover Presentation 8:00 PM

*Guest Preacher: Rabbi Stephen Fenchel
of Chosen People Ministries*

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14th: 12 Noon & 8:00 PM

*“The Seven Candles and the Approaching Darkness:
A Dramatic Presentation of the Crucifixion”
(at 8:00pm only)*

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16th:

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

6:00 AM Sunrise Service at *Tanner Park, Copiague**

**Offering will be directed to “Long Island Coalition for the Homeless”*

Family Friendly Worship 9:30 AM

Worship with Praise & Songs 11:30 AM

Fellowship between services at 10:45 AM

ALL WELCOME! BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS!

UMW GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, April 11th 7:00pm. All women are welcome – bring a friend!

ANNUAL C.R.O.P. WALK to fight hunger sponsored by *Church World Service* will take place on **Sunday, April 23rd**. Please plan on attending and collecting donations for this important cause. More info. to follow.

IN SYMPATHY: We extend sympathy to the family of *Mildred Jaisle*, long-time member of our church, who passed away on March 18th. Funeral service was Thursday 3/23 at FUMC, officiated by *Rev. Robert Leibold*. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to her daughter: *Mrs. Cheryl Parisi*, 32 Doud St., Farmingdale NY 11735.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: Two of our elderly congregants are in need of transportation to and from Sunday morning service. If we can start a transportation list, we will each probably have to drive only once a month. One member lives in Farmingdale while the other is in Massapequa Park. If you are able to take part in this ministry, please contact *Mary Bing* at 516-456-0248. Thank you!

J.C. CAFÉ: Saturday, April 29th we welcome back *Kim-Marie Vargas Muniz*, who will be joined by *Jim Rice* in performing original contemporary Christian songs that relate to everyday life. Doors open at 7:00pm; suggested donation is \$5.00.

L.I. EAST DISTRICT COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES invites you to “*The Elijah Challenge*” **Fri. to Sun. April 21-23.** *Friday 4/21 7:00-9:00 pm at Westbury UMC. Saturday 4/22 & Sunday 4/23* have morning & evening sessions at *Bible UMC in Dix Hills*. This is a strategic training for Christ-followers, both clergy and laity. The trainer is *Rev. William Lau* of *Elijah Challenge Ministries*, who has been a missionary in South East Asia, an evangelist all over the globe and has witnessed God’s power at work through hundreds and thousands turning to Christ. The training will lead us to understand the LORD has empowered His disciples to do “what He has done and will do great things than these.” Register at www.liedistrict.com

IN NEED OF PRAYERS: *Dorothy Paine, Frank Suwalski, Ken & Kim Bush, Carolyn Holzbaur, Emily Brown, Rose Marie Tiedemann, Barbara Middendorff, Muriel Knoell, Cynthia Hansen, Ruth Burkhardt, Laura Ohler, Ruth Mace* and ALL our troops seeking to restore peace. **If you know of someone in the hospital, or someone who wishes a pastoral visit, please call the Church Office.*

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 2nd

Sun. **9:30am Family Friendly Worship**
11:30am Worship with Praise & Songs
 1:00pm Soup Group - F. Hall
5:00pm Lenten Program

Mon. 7:00pm Scripture Yoga - F. Hall

Tues. 7:15pm A.A. - Bike Room
 7:30pm Trustees - Library

Wed. 1:30 pm Bible Study - Library

Thurs. 8:00pm Chancel Choir

Fri. 5:30pm A.A. - F. Hall

Sat. 8:00am Men's Group
 8:30am Tai Chi
 11:00am L.I. Yoga

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF APRIL 9th

Sun. **PALM SUNDAY**
9:30am Family Friendly Worship
11:30am Worship with Praise & Songs
 1:00pm Soup Group - F. Hall
5:00pm Lenten Program

Mon. 7:00PM Paisley Circle
 7:00pm Scripture Yoga- Library

Tues. 7:00pm UMW General Mtg. - F. Hall
 7:15pm A.A. - Bike Room

Wed. 1:30pm Bible Study - Library

Thurs. 8:00pm **Maundy Thursday**
Messiah in the Passover Presentation

Fri. **Good Friday - OFFICE CLOSED**
 12:00noon & 8:00pm
*"The Seven Candles and the Approaching
 Darkness: A Dramatic Presentation of the
 Crucifixion"*
 5:30pm A.A. - F. Hall

Sat. 8:00am Men's Group
 8:30am Tai Chi

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