

 **LECTIONARY READINGS**

March 19th Third Sunday in Lent Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

March 26th Fourth Sunday in Lent 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

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

March 19th: Karen Gierie Newman

March 26th: Tom Sattler

Communion Stewards

March 19th: Myrna Loudon, Tom Sattler,

Bob Carle, Danny Gastelua

April 2nd: Tom Sattler, Usha Singh,

Danny Gastelua, Nisha Misra

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor Shim will be on vacation from 3/19 thru 3/31. Betty Gastelua will preach on March 19th & Debbie Cala will preach on March 26th. For pastoral emergency during this time Rev. Bob Liebold of Simpson UMC Amityville & Grace UMC Lindenhurst will be available at 516-754-3691. *Please call FUMC Church Office first Mon-Fri 9:00-2:00pm.

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.

✠ LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM 2017 ✠

The theme this year is "A Journey Through Lent". Program includes potluck dinner and fellowship at 5:00pm; DVD and study 6:00pm. Topics for the upcoming Sundays: March 19 – Prayer of Thirst Psalm 42-43, March 26 – Prayer of Rest Psalm 9, April 2 – Prayer for the World Psalm 98, April 9 – Prayer for the King Psalm 110

PRAYER for the LENTEN SEASON

Gracious God, You take delight in those who trust in You and choose to work in response to the prayers of Your people. We praise You for the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have life, joy and peace.

Lord, we pray for our Lenten Journey that You will bless & use this opportunity to strengthen our walk with Christ and discover new dimensions of faith, hope and love that we may live to do Your will. Grant that we may experience afresh renewal and growth in our faith and in our church. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: March 26th. Envelopes are on the table in the So. Transept for your offering, which helps UMCOR provide relief in the form of food, health care and natural disaster recovery.

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

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!

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.

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 speaker will lead by example and training others onsite the healing ministry for the unreached people. 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 MARCH 19th

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

Mon. Scripture Yoga - F. Hall

Tues. 12:00pm Gold Circle
 7:15pm A.A. - Bike Room

Wed. 7:15pm Martha/Mary Circle

Thurs. 8:00pm Chancel Choir

Fri. 5:30pm A.A. - F. Hall
 7:30pm Covenant Group

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

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CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MARCH 26th

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

Mon. 6:00pm Lay Leaders' Mtg.
 7:00pm Church Council - Library
 7:00pm Scripture Yoga- Library

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

Thurs. 8:00pm Chancel Choir

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

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

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