



# ***THE CROSSWORD***

**Manahawkin United Methodist Church**  
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**March/April 2020**

*Open Hearts*  
*Open Minds*  
*Open Doors*

## **2020 WALK WITH JESUS**



**NOTE: DUE TO THE CURRENT COVID-19 HEALTH SCARE,**  
**ALL SCHEDULED EVENTS ARE TENATIVE.**  
**PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT COORDINATOR FOR VERIFICATION.**

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### 2020: Walk with Jesus

Pastor's Corner (note: Since Crossword is published bi-monthly, it is tricky to write an Easter article in March at the start of Lent when Easter is 40 days away. Thanks for your understanding---kc).

**“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said”** (Matthew 28:6)

Spring is almost here.

Spring is my favorite season. As a matter of fact, many of us love this season. Every form of life comes back to life after a long winter, and everywhere we can enjoy the beauties of God's creation.

Just checking out my front yard. I see some plants, such as daffodils, are coming out. Even birds like robins, juncos, chickadees, sparrows hasten the coming of this great season, the season for revival and renewal.

What about the spring for our faith? As spring is good for the creatures in nature, I believe it is a great season for our faith to come alive. In fact, Easter is the best time for faith to be renewed and resurrected. Especially, if it is faith that has been dead—away from God, from God's church, from God's people, and from God's missions. Some of us have lived a life where we no longer needed God and His guidance, including the resurrection and Eternal life.

As Easter is fast approaching, I urge you to meditate on the resurrection. Many a believer, scholars and laity alike, love to interpret the resurrection to be the renewal of heart. However, I believe it carries far more important meaning than the renewal of our soul. I do believe it literally, that is, the historical and physical resurrection of Jesus Christ. I further believe in our own resurrection after our physical death. Otherwise, our faith is futile, and we, the believers in Christ, would be pitied the most in the world (1 Corinthians 15:19).

As we celebrate another Easter season, let us remember the resurrection of Christ. Let us thank Jesus for what He has done for us through His own resurrection. He assures us that our physical death is not final. He gives us hope, that one day we, too, will be resurrected and be joined with our loved ones who have died in Christ. Then, we will be together in the presence of God forever.

Have a blessed Easter!!!

Kyewoon

**Please make a special effort to keep your Offerings up to date. Send to MUMC  
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### MUSIC NOTES BY VEL

Note: Due to the health scare all events scheduled are tentative

The choir is busy preparing music for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. In addition they are also preparing to present the cantata “A Festival of Faith” by Joseph Martin on (tentatively) Sunday, April 19 at 4:00 pm. Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to join us for the cantata. We practice it beginning at 7:30 on Wednesday evenings and are out no later than 8:30. We especially need additional men. Please consider joining us as your Lenten “sacrifice”.



### Junior Bells:

Junior bells will play for worship on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please note that is Daylight Savings time. Set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night. They will also play on Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.

If your child plans to join, please contact Vel so she can plan accordingly. Her phone is (732) 915-0995 or (732) 961-1168, or you can see her in church after services. Music is a valuable experience for children. Please encourage your child to participate.



Dear MUMC Church Family.

On behalf of my father, brothers, sister and me, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers during the recent illness and passing of my mother, Clare McShea. Your love and kindness will remain with us during these difficult months ahead.

God Bless all of you and thanks again.

Love,

Jim and Pauline McShea and the McShea Family.



Kimberly Cascone (in the picture, holding a rose with ribbon) is a member-to-be on Sunday, March 8 along with her husband Chris. She was recently chosen to be teacher of the year. She is a second grade teacher at George J. Mitchell Elementary School



**Past Events:**

During the month of February, the Sunday School had a party dedicated to celebrating God's love for us! We received special Valentine cards, ate some yummy treats, made a mug craft to take-home, and made a Valentine's project for the Mystic Meadows Nursing Home residents. Below are some pictures of all the fun and love we shared during our event!

**Upcoming Events: (tentative)**

**March 25, Palm Sunday, 9:45 Fellowship Hall:** The Sunday School will present "The Road to Easter: What Happened During Holy Week?", followed by our annual Egg Hunt! Leading up to the event, the children will be reviewing the events of Holy Week during Sanctuary time.

**April 1, Easter Sunday – No SS classes – attend service in place of class. He is Risen! Hallelujah! Have a blessed Easter.**

God Bless,

Marissa Barry



**KNITTING GROUP:** Our knitters hold our weekly get-together on Wednesdays, at 3:00 PM in the Lounge. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn, please come and join us. We make sweaters, baby bonnets, and blankets for needy children all over the world.



**QUILTERS** -Are you looking for a fun service project with others? The Quilters are looking for more help on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 2:30 or any combination of time between. If you can make a needle and thread go up and down to make a small running stitch, then you can quilt.

We get our quilts from people in the area who hear that we "hand quilt." They are charged by the size and the amount of patterning done on the quilt. Our money goes to help fund church projects or charities that we all agree are valuable.

Hope to see you soon!

The Quilters

**Poets Corner****BENDING OF THE LIGHT**

Norma Paul

Bending of light from the east brings  
patches of revelation  
to all sides of my solitary chamber.

Here I lie in an effort to detect  
meaning from their placement, shape,  
their movement or stillness.

Striking directly across from the window,  
morning rays grace the wall as a palette,  
blending streams of luminance as one.

Streaking fingers skim across the ceiling,  
appear in splotches of puffy clouds,  
draw my eyes from shape to shape.

Light wavers north to south,  
gleams incandescent,  
lingers long before it fades.



## MUMW Events and Activities

March/April 2020

Friday, March 6

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Place: Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, Beach Haven, NJ

410 South Atlantic Avenue (between Pearl and Marine Streets)

Time: 1:00 PM

All are invited to attend this Ecumenical Service

Tuesday, March 10, MUMW Regular Meeting, 1:00 PM

Place Fellowship Hall, Manahawkin UMC

Program: Lenten Message

Leader: Rev Kyewoon Choi

\*\*Tuesday, April 14, MUMW Regular Meeting, 1:00 PM

Place Fellowship Hall, Manahawkin, UMC

Program: UMW Legacy: 150 Years and beyond

Leaders: Marian Whetstone, LBI UMW

\*\*Monday, May 4, Annual Mother- Daughter Covered Dish Supper

Place: Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:30 PM

Entertainment: Forked River Ballerina Troupe

\*\*Friday, April 24 ANNUAL "SUB" Sale

Place: Fellowship Hall

Coordinator: Ruth Farley

Sub Orders are due Sunday, April 19 PM

\*\* **PLEASE NOTE ALL EVENT DATES ARE TENTATIVE**, please contact Eileen Mahan for date verification***All women of the church are welcome to attend and participate in MUMC activities and events.***

Submitted by Eileen Mahan, President MUMW

**MUMC Scholarship Program**

Scholarship application forms are available in the church office. Applicants **MUST** be members or constituents of the Manahawkin United Methodist Church. Graduating high school seniors and adults who are pursuing higher education, are eligible to apply. Applications are due in the church office no later than Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

**ShopRite Card Sales**

**ShopRite Cards-** For those who have purchased ShopRite cards, we thank you! For anyone who would like to participate in this easy-to-do fund raiser for the church, please let us know; we can easily add your order.

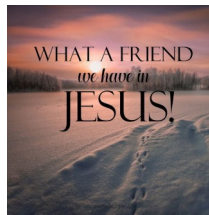
Additionally, we are looking for someone to take on this effort for the 11 o'clock service. If you regularly attend the 11 o'clock service and have 15 minutes to devote to this mission, please let Lynn Demenchuk or Alison O'Brien know you'd like to join our admin team.

Y T T  
(Thoughts to live by)  
by  
Kenneth Schorr

**Y** — stands for yesterday; how was yours? Chances are not so good. Perhaps you did or said something you should not have; we all do. Perhaps what happened was a sin and it still tugs at your conscience. You realize that what happened yesterday is now in the past and cannot be changed. It's where you have been. Do you wallow in the yesterdays and let it destroy any hope for the future or get the help you need and move forward with your future? It was your choice.

**T** — stands for today; it's where you are right now, reading this feature. The yesterdays still haunt you? What are you going to do about it? Today will bring problems of its own without still carrying around yesterdays baggage. Yesterday you had a choice; give your problems to the Lord or handle it yourself. How you feel right now tells you about the choice you made. Do you still want to feel that way not only the rest of today but into tomorrow? Are you so afraid to go to the Lord with your sins, no matter what they are? Big mistake! That is exactly what Satan wants; to pull you away from God, to make you think you are not loved and forgiven! Great danger!

**T** — stands for tomorrow; it will come, you cannot stop it! It's comforting to know Jesus is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow (Heb. 13:8); that His love for us is always there even when we have messed up in our yesterdays or even today! The Lord wants to have a relationship with you and wants you to have one with Him. No sin is too great that He will not forgive, if you confess and repent. You could have done this yesterday; you can still do it today! Today has enough troubles of its own without worrying about tomorrow. I would encourage you right now, today, to get on your knees and ask Jesus for forgiveness; to come into your heart and life. Your tomorrows will be more than you ever could have hoped for. Don't wait any longer! Your today is almost gone!



Letter From A Friend

I just had to write to tell you how much I Love you and care for you. yesterday, I saw you walking and laughing with your friends; I hoped that soon you'd want Me to walk along with you, too. So, I painted you a sunset to close your day and whispered a cool breeze: to refresh you. I waited — you never called — I just kept on Loving you.

As I watched you fall asleep last night, I wanted so much to touch you. I spilled moonlight onto your face — trickling down your cheeks as so many tears have. You didn't even think. of Me; I wanted so much to comfort you.

The next day I exploded a brilliant sunrise into glorious morning for you. But you woke up late and rushed off to work — you didn't even notice. My sky became cloudy and My tears were the rain.

I Love you. Oh, if you'd only listen. I really love you. I try to say it in the quiet of the green meadow and in the blue sky. The wind whispers My love throughout the treetops and spills it into the vibrant colors of all the flowers. I shout it to you in the -thunder of the great waterfalls and compose love songs for birds to sing for you. I warm you with the clothing of My sunshine and perfume the air with. nature's sweet scent. My love for you is deeper than any ocean and greater than any need in your heart. If you'd only realize how I care.

My Dad sends his Love. I want you to meet Him- He cares, too. Fathers are just that way. So, please call on Me soon. No matter how long it takes. I'll wait — because I love you.

Your Friend,  
Jesus

## World Day of Prayer 2020



Women, men, and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 6, 2020. This year, the women of the WDP Committee of Zimbabwe call us to worship considering the words "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk." With these words as backdrop, we are invited to learn about Zimbabwe's history and rich cultural diversity. The WDP 2020 program is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given (John 5:2-9a). Jesus asked, "Do you want to be made well?" "Rise! Take your mat and walk," said Jesus. Our sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. The action verbs in Jesus' command suggest that we should not be afraid to act on the word of God. God is offering us the steps for personal and social transformation.

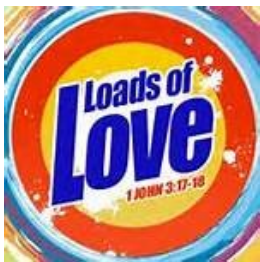
This year's service was held on March 6 at 1:00 PM at Holy Innocent's Episcopal Church in Beach Haven, NJ

Invite your friends, family, and communities of faith to join the women of Zimbabwe in prayer and song to support ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace and healing. The annual offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in Zimbabwe and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence, and injustice.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable in the service of God's kingdom. Each year a different country's committee serves as the writers of the World Day of Prayer worship service. Each year, we are called to action in response to the concerns raised by the writer country.

For more information, contact GT; Eileen Mahan, Joyce Trainor or the national office of World Day of Prayer USA ([www.wdp-usa.org](http://www.wdp-usa.org)).

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### LOL February 27th

A steady busy night. No big rush throughout the evening.

The treats brought in by Bob & Beth to help celebrate Edna's birthday were great!!

Beth, get well real soon.

9 clients, \$108.00

March LOL was cancelled for Thursday the 26th.

April LOL is tentatively scheduled for Thursday April 30th

Don Estelow

### Prayer Group

*Psalms 86:7 King James Version (KJV)*

*'In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me*





**A MESSAGE  
FROM OUR  
BISHOP**



**UNITED METHODISTS**  
OF GREATER NEW JERSEY

Dear GNJ Church Leaders,

Thank you for your leadership over the past few weeks and particularly these past few days. In a very challenging season, pastors and congregational leadership have been taking appropriate steps to ensure the safety and well-being of people. I am particularly grateful for the creative use of online worship and Facebook live worship by many of our congregations. We will continue to update you about the resources, measures and best practices congregations are using to ensure healthy safety while ministering to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of their people and the community.

The staff executive leadership team will be meeting tomorrow at the MRC to assess how we will support staff, our pastors and congregations in the weeks ahead. We will be receiving mail and phone calls at the MRC during this period. You may call 732-359-1000 for information or to connect with a staff person. If the phone is not answered it will be checked regularly so please leave a message. One of the best ways to connect during this period is to use email. You may [find each staff person's name, role and email address here](#).

Our Future With Hope Ministry is taking the lead in coordinating response efforts. A Future With Hope was created to respond to disaster relief during Superstorm Sandy. Most recently, the Director of Emergency Response for the State of New Jersey was added to the AFWH board. We are also grateful for Rev. George Morris who is responding to the needs and questions of pastors concerning the Coronavirus during this time. You can [contact Rev. Morris here](#). We in GNJ are grateful for AFWH and the people with wisdom and commitment to help during times of tragedy.

You will receive regular updates about how GNJ is responding and resources for your congregation. You may find resources and what other congregations are doing during this time on our home page, [www.gnjumc.org](http://www.gnjumc.org). We are updating these pages regularly.

We want you to report to your District Superintendent any needs or reports of the Coronavirus affecting your congregation. This information will remain confidential and we will ensure that appropriate reporting occurs. We do not have any reports of any of our pastors or laity contracting the Coronavirus, but we are aware of one situation in which a child of one of our pastors was in contact with another child whose father was diagnosed with the Coronavirus. The staff and congregation was made aware of the situation. The pastoral family has self-quarantined along with people who came in contact with the child or pastor. We have a strict protocol when this occurs which requires notifying the congregation, ministry participants that may be at risk, state officials and any others that need to be aware of the situation.

Following the executive staff team's meeting tomorrow, we will update you with further information.

We will move through this time and become stronger in faith and practices because of this challenge. I want each of you to identify how you will do your part in combating this pandemic – social distancing, prayers, identifying ways to be in ministry with vulnerable people in your community including those who need food and supplies and those who need companionship during a time of isolation. Your prayers for GNJ leaders is needed and appreciated at this time as well.

Thank you for being United Methodist. Our connectional system works during seasons of deep challenge.

Keep the faith!

John

John Schol, Bishop

United Methodists of Greater New Jersey

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**MARCH 2020 Calendar**

Worship Hours: Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.  
Communion: Sunday, January 5, both services  
Installation of New Officers: Sunday, January 5, both services  
Emily Eismann Blood Drive: Tuesday, January 7, 1-6 P.M.  
Staff Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 11 A.M.  
Men's Breakfast: Saturday, January 11, 8:15 A.M. @ Horizon  
SPRC Meeting: Saturday, January 11, 10 A.M.  
Trustees Meeting: Monday, January 13, 7 P.M.  
UMW Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 1 P.M.  
Pastor's Prayer Retreat: Monday, January 13 through Saturday, January 18  
Church Council: Monday, January 20, 7 P.M.  
Worship Committee: Monday, January 27, 7 P.M.  
Loads of Love: Thursday, January 30, 6 – 8 P.M.  
Shoprite Gift Cards: every Sunday  
Youth Group: every Monday, 6:30 P.M.  
Quilters: every Wednesday, 9:30 A.M.  
Choir Practice: every Wednesday, 7 P.M.  
Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.  
Bell Choir Practice: every Thursday, 7 P.M.  
Pastor's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 A.M.  
Secretary Hours: Monday 9 A.M. to 12 Noon. Wednesday—1 P.M. to 4 P.M. Thursday 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

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Dear members and friends of MUMC,

As announced before, we are doing online services during the COVID-19 shutdown.

Here is the Youtube link for March 22, 2020:

<https://youtu.be/S2y0BhLkBKg>

Join us in worship together tomorrow either at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. using the YouTube site.  
Feel free to share the link with your family and friends.

Don't be discouraged. This shall pass.

In Christ,

Kyewoon Choi, pastor



**APRIL 2020 Calendar**

Worship Hours on Sunday: Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.

Communion: Sunday, April 5, both services

Palm Sunday, April 5, Two Services, 8:30 and 11 A.M.

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 9, 7 P.M.

Good Friday Community Service: Friday, April 10, 12 Noon @ Ocean Community Church

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, April 11, 8:15 A.M. @ Horizon

Easter Sunday, April 12, Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.

Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, April 12

UMW Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 1 P.M.

Choir: Celebration of Easter, Sunday, April 19, 4-5 P.M.

Staff Meeting, TBA

Trustees Meeting: TBA

Loads of Love: Thursday, April 30, 6 – 8 P.M. @Mega Wash in Manahawkin

Scholarship Sunday, April 26, at both services

Choir Practice: every Wednesday, 7 P.M.

Bell Choir Practice: every Thursday, 7 P.M.

Quilters: every Wednesday, 9:30 A.M.

Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.

Youth Group: every Monday, 6:30 P.M.

Pastor on vacation: Monday -Thursday, April 13-16

Pastor's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 A.M.

Secretary Hours: Monday—9 A.M. to 12 Noon. Wednesday—1 P.M. to 4 P.M. Thursday—9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

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**Help Wanted**

**Greeters,  
Ushers**



**Candle  
Lighters**



**Readers**

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