

# *The Crossroads*

*April 2021*

## *Watertown United Methodist Church*

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### From the Desk of Pastor Jenkins:

#### Spring Is Here!

Greetings Friends!

Easter is almost here! We are starting to see signs of spring- bird chirping, the sun is out, the snow has melted, and the days are longer. It gives us reasons to rejoice at the new life that spring brings. It reminds of the new life we have in Jesus. Thank you to everyone who has been helping with our in-person worship service. It has been such a joy to see people coming back to worship. I am looking forward to our Holy week services.

We are having **Maundy Thursday** service on April 1 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. We will remember the last supper and partake in communion together.

**Easter Sunday**, April 4. Service at 11 am. It will be a great day of worship to celebrate the risen Lord!

**Please pre-register** for the in-person worship service so we can reserve a spot for you. You can register by calling the church office or sign up on the website ([www.wumcct.org](http://www.wumcct.org)) or sign up on our Facebook page.

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 14. *The Call*. I will be sending out specific instructions on our next gathering.

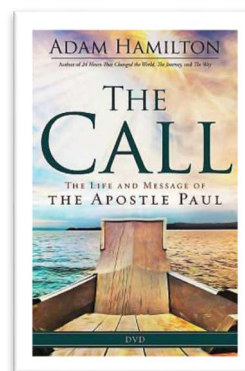
Thanks to everyone who helps with our worship service. I am so very thankful for everyone who helps preparing our weekly worship service. Your grace and gifts are not in vain. My verse for us this month comes from 1 Peter 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!" By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." May we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior this month. Remembering that it is through Jesus Christ that we have living hope for each day. I am so grateful to be your pastor.

God's Blessings!

Rev. Michael D. Jenkins  
Matthew 6:33

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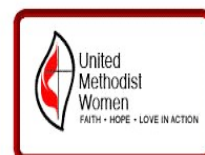
Class is held every other \*Wednesday at 6:30 pm and this study focuses on “*The Call*”, the life and message of the Apostle Paul by *Adam Hamilton*. Books are \$5.99 each and copies are available for purchase. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We hope you will join us for this study.



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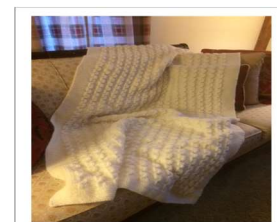
### Words from the United Methodist Women

GOOD NEWS!!! OUR UMW'S FIRST MEETING FOR THIS YEAR WILL BE THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH, 1 PM. in the church building.



The vaccines being administered to fight the Covid Virus are showing positive results and we can start having meetings. We will still maintain precautions for a bit longer – masks and distance – for the sake of safety. We will ask if you have completed the series of the two preventative shots when we put out the meeting call by phone. This will help us decide whether we meet in Asbury or the church building. This will be a “planning meeting” since it has been so long since our last gathering. The previously suggested trip to the Watertown Museum is still of interest and can be scheduled after they re-open. A trip to a nursery followed by lunch out was also suggested and any other suggestions are welcome. Our outreach activities also need to be discussed.

Please keep in mind that favorite bible verses are needed, so send your favorite verse to Pat Kurtz at [thisandthatfrompat@gmail.com](mailto:thisandthatfrompat@gmail.com) or you can drop it at the church office.



We have another lovely blanket, handmade and donated by Aurelia Woodbeck, to be sold to the first person with an offer of \$50.00. Per Aurelia's request, the profit is for use in our outreach program.

Keep Praying -- Prayer is the world's greatest wireless connection

*Bernice Proe, Secretary*

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## Church Work Day: Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

We will be having a church work day on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon. So, grab your rakes, brooms, tarps, leaf blowers, and gloves.



Stoney Brook will be sweeping the church parking lot; to keep the cost down we have agreed to sweep out the corners and the perimeter. The corners must be swept out at least 3 feet and the perimeter must be swept out at least 2 feet.

Other jobs include clearing the leaves from under the front hedges, leaf removal along the parsonage side of the parking lot, leaf removal along the dumpster fencing, and picking up sticks from the lawn.

If you are available to help out, please contact Bev Sklanka or myself.

Thanks,  
Sue  
(203) 525-5091



**Invitation Cards** – It is very important to our future that we become an inviting church!

Please take several of our Invitation Cards and pass them out! These are a great and easy way to invite others to come and experience the fellowship and activities of our church!

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## PRAYER LISTING

**Our World:** World peace; direction of our nation; the unsaved; USA leaders; parents and children; missionaries; the economy; teachers and students; veterans; jobs; firemen, policemen and others who serve; hurricane relief; addiction struggles; other community churches and members.

**Healing from Illness/Injury:** *Greg Chere, Christa Swanhall, Lois DeLisle, Melanie Milton, Diane Chere, Helen Collins, Aurelia Woodbeck, Steward Hopper, David and Joyce Perkins, Bernice Elwood, Marion Hubbard, Wendy Cronk, Michael and Jean Jannetty*

*In order to keep our prayer list up-to-date, please share updates and corrections as part of the Worship Service, by calling the church office at 860-274-3785, or emailing the secretary at [wumcsec@wumcct.org](mailto:wumcsec@wumcct.org)*

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**Sunday morning “in house” worship continues; however, we will not be meeting for coffee hour in the present time- please sign up to sponsor a coffee hour possibly starting in October.** This fellowship time we have after Sunday services is so very important in the life of a church and we need families or several individuals to band together and organize this for us each week. Please consider blessing us all in this way by signing up once every few weeks!

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April 2	Bernice Elwood
April 5	Cara LaFlamme
April 7	Susan Day
April 8	Samantha McCaffrey
April 9	Lori Van Buren & Marie Adams
April 10	Mitchel Wagner
April 11	Ashley Brandt & Carl Adams
April 15	Dan Guinipero
April 16	Hunter Maciokas
April 18	Wendy Cronk, Margaret Lanham, and Colleen Wagner
April 20	Cheryl Johnstone & Maeve Feeney
April 21	Brian Hudson
April 24	Rev. Sandy Mantz & Robby Archibald
April 25	Marie “Bunny” Wynn
April 29	Olivia Guinipero

**Your church family sends you birthday greetings and hugs from a distance!**

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#### **News from the Church Office:**

**Communication is the key** for all of us right now! At this time, some meetings are being scheduled on the church calendar. If you have a committee that will be meeting, please forward that information to the office so that it can be publicized for everyone’s interest. We publicize this newsletter for many people within our congregation and some not; so keeping everyone informed as to our ministries is vital to all.

If you need anything, please don’t hesitate to contact Pastor Jenkins directly at (203) 522-3453 or call the church office (860) 274-3785. Be safe, wash your hands and please practice social distancing for your safety and the safety of others too! Thank you for your patience and understanding at this crucial time for all.

Blessings,  
**Kathy Craig**, Office Manager

## Acknowledgements for Easter Flowers



The beautiful Easter flowers which adorn our sanctuary  
are given;

In memory of Pastor Jenkin's mother, Fannie Mae. Bless her as she rests in the bosom of  
Jesus; from friends of WUMC with love.

In memory of my family in heaven; from Karen Bronson.

In memory of Greg Fox (husband/father), Margaret Hubbard (mother/grandmother), and  
Charlotte Fox (daughter/sister); from Marion Hubbard and Adrian Fox.

In honor of Aurelia Woodbeck & Bernice Elwood, and in loving memory of Julie Johnstone  
(Ray's mom), Theodore & Malinda Mable (Cheryl's parents); from the Johnstone family.

To the Glory of God and in gratitude for spring and all new things; from Laura McEvoy.

In memory of our parents & our grandparents, Sherman & Virginia Slavin, Ed & Lynn  
Montambault, and Avis & Ed Montambault; from the Montambault family.

To the Glory of God; from Rose Norton.

In memory of my parents, Harold & Hermia Atherton, my husbands, John Sheehan & John Opalak;  
from Donna Opalak and the Sheehan children.

In memory of my husband, Bill Proe; from Bernice Proe.

In memory of my parents, Frances & Carl Thorsen; from Evelyn Russo.

To the Glory of God; from Jane Sandulli.

In memory of my husband, Joseph Sklanka, Sr.; from Beverly Sklanka.

In memory of our parents; Everett, Sr. & Minnie Cook and our sisters, Ruth Clark & Sally Schilke; from Beverly, John & Everett, Jr.

In memory of Ethel Butler (mother), Floyd Holden & Shirley Holden (sister), and Bill Wynn (husband); from Bunny Wynn.

In memory of Martha Vanfossan; from Kirstin Geer.

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**Matthew 6:33**

***“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;  
and all these things shall be added unto you.”***



***Learning to live our lives, God's Way!***

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**Note: Pastor is off on Tuesday &  
at Ansonia UMC on Friday**

