



MARKET STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH APRIL 2020

Living Unafraid during Uncertain Times

What a month! No one saw this was coming. No in-person worship services, empty shelves in grocery stores, closed businesses and social distancing. This pandemic had changed our lives, and challenged our faith. At least for me, this experience made me realize how much I take many things for granted.

The Scripture is pretty clear that we should not be afraid when facing adversity. According to Pastor Adam Hamilton, more than 100 times the Scripture reminds us, "Do not be afraid." Why? Because our God is with us. God journeys with us, rejoices with us, struggles with us, grieves with us, and hopes with us. Psalm 56:3-4 (CEB) gives us a great reminder: *Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you— in God, whose word I praise. I trust in God; I won't be afraid.*

May we continue to trust in the Lord during this time of uncertainty. I hope that many of you will join Facebook Live on Sunday mornings! Keiko



Market Street Strong



"Facebook Live" Worship

Opportunities to Stay Connected

Weekly Emails & Robo Call

Contact the Church Office if you would like to be added to the list.

"Facebook Live" Sunday Worship

You can view it at 10:30 am on Sundays or at your convenience

Zoom Sunday School Class

If you are interested, contact Judy Hagan (judysan742@gmail.com) - she will send you an Email link to join the meeting.

*****Church will be open on Tue (3/31) & Thu (4/2) for prayers. 10am—Noon*****

Our Staff

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Robert Lewis

Youth Director

TBA

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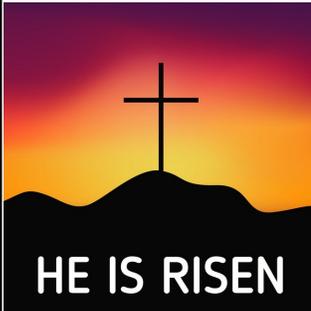
Children's Choir

Director

Linda Hart



Holy Week & Easter 2020
Please Join us on Facebook Live!
<https://www.facebook.com/marketstreetumc/>



Sunday, April 5 10:30 am
Palm Sunday Worship

Thursday, April 9 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday Worship

Sunday, April 12 10:30 am
Easter Sunday Worship



Although we may be physically apart, but we worship together as one people.... Christ is Risen!!

Prayers for Holy Week
(From *The United Methodist Book of Worship*)

Monday of Holy Week

God of strength and mercy, by the suffering and death of your Son, free us from slavery to sin and death and protect us in all our weakness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Don E. Saliers, USA, 20th Cent.)

Tuesday of Holy Week

Holy and compassionate God, your dear Son went not up to joy before he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified. Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.
(The Book of Common Prayer, USA, 20th Cent., Alt.)



Holy Week

Wednesday of Holy Week

Most merciful God, your blessed Son, our Savior, was betrayed, whipped, and his face spat upon. Grant us grace to endure the sufferings of the present time, to overcome all that seeks to overwhelm us, confident of the glory that shall yet be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

(The Book of Common Prayer, USA, 20th Cent., Alt.)

Holy Thursday

O God, by the example of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, you taught us the greatness of true humility, and call us to watch with him in his passion. Give us grace to serve one another in all lowliness, and to enter into the fellowship of his suffering; in his name and for his sake. Amen.

(W. E. Orchard, England, 20th Cent., Alt.)



Good Friday



Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

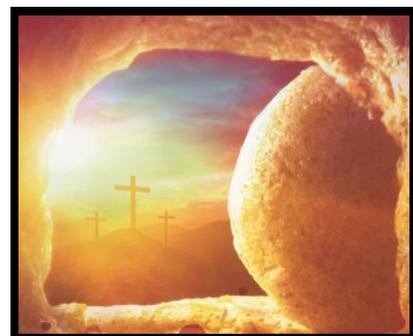
Holy Saturday

Merciful and everliving God, Creator of heaven and earth, the crucified body of your Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy day. Grant that we may await with him the dawning of the third day and rise in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

(The Book of Common Prayer, USA, 20th Cent., Alt.)

Easter Sunday– Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire, and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ's rising, that we may attain to the feast of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



April 2020

It's Tax Time!



Along with April comes the taxman asking for us to settle up with Uncle Sam. As Christians we respect our country and want to do our fair share. We want others to do the same. Whether that is the case is not for this column.

At the same time, we want to benefit from the deductions and exemptions that apply to us and are written into the code. The tax code has changed in the last few years and the personal exemption doubled, thus itemizing charitable contributions occurs less frequently.

Years ago, I was doing our taxes with a tax software program and after inserting our charitable giving, a message appeared on the screen with words similar to this, "This is a higher than usual amount. Check your numbers." Why did we get that message? Primarily because we are tithers!

We choose to tithe as a response to God's gracious love and as a spiritual discipline.

According to statistical data accumulated over 50 years, the average American family gives away 1-2% of their annual income. Therefore, when Christians give as God asks us to give, the doorkeepers, the tax accountants, find it surprising. They say, "Check your numbers."

Would it not be wonderful if the culture of generosity were so much a part of the life of the Christian that software programs and tax accountants would not express surprise at our giving? They would just say to themselves, "Another Christian!" In that culture of generosity, they would know that Christians practice this spiritual discipline routinely. In fact, the tithe is not so extravagant that it merits notice; it is simply a matter of obedience. I frequently say, "Generosity begins after the tithe." Having said that, I know for some the tithe is a HUGE commitment and not easy to do given economic/financial situations. It was not always easy for us, but it was always important. I believe it is a benchmark we should all strive to meet and to exceed as able.

The taxman cometh, but the church engaged in making disciples moves forward through the dedication and generosity of her people. Please practice generosity. Always practice generosity!



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Stewardship: It's not what you think. It's what you believe and DO!

General Conference 2020 Postponed

Due to ongoing challenges with the coronavirus pandemic, General Conference of the United Methodist Church, originally scheduled May 5-15, 2020, has been postponed to a future date.



MARKET STREET'S NEWSLETTER IS CHANGING!!

Due to increasing bulk mail fee, starting in May we are changing the way we distribute our church newsletter. If you do not need a printed newsletter, provide us with your email address-- it will be emailed to you. →If you want to continue receiving the newsletter, please indicate your preference to have it mailed or sent electronically. Please contact the Church office with your preference. 540-662-6709 or email to vamarketst@gmail.com

**Men's Breakfast for April...
Cancelled**

All men are Welcome!
Every 2nd Saturday of the
month. We meet at Rock Harbor
Gold Club at 8:00
am.



**WORSHIP &
FELLOWSHIP**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR
WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP**

*SUNDAY WORSHIP-10:30AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL ALL AGES- 9:15AM*

OTHER GATHERINGS

Youth Group—Check Calendar
Adult Choir Practice – 7pm Wednesday

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:

Kinser Kern Circle –First Monday 7pm
Full Circle – First Monday 6:30pm
Susannah Wesley –First Monday 11am

**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS**



- Georgia Campbell 4/2
- J.W. Pangle 4/6
- Trey Amick 4/10
- Julius Armel 4/11
- Johnny Craig 4/13
- Betty Lausier 4/16
- Linda Bynog 4/20
- Bill Baber 4/21
- Gary Pugh 4/29



**UMW Prayer Breakfast
March 7**



Prayer Group *Meeting via Zoom*****

Join us every Wednesdays at 1:30 pm

**Contact the Church Office if interested in joining...
we will send you a Zoom Link.**

Let us Prayer for One Another...

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS & BEYOND



For the world in the face of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic
All those who are under medical care, recovering, and/or quarantined

All those who are mourning the death of loved ones

All Children & Families

Medical and Health Professionals

All who are serving others (First responders, those who are providing necessary service, etc.)

Our friends and family at Market Street:

Adrian O'Connor, Susan Peer, Faye & Julius Armel, Dick Carpenter, Ed Henshaw, Betty Shackelford, Joe Lausier, Marilee Ramtino, Mary Grim, Brian Aronhalt, Virginia Saunders, Betsy & Larry

Whitehead, Earlene Cone, John Castle, Lee Harris, Diane Amick's brother Steve, Ben Mathis, Mable Carter, Chris Sweeney II, Janet Moore, Maxine Korb, Judy Fogle, Tom Dickinson, Al Blank,

Pat Jenck, Brenda Sine, Gloria Ann Trent, Pearl Ebert, Kevin Freeland, Jack Lake,

All of our shut-ins at Market Street, Pastor Keiko, Market Street Church/Market Street Commons,
United Methodist Church (General Conference in 2021)

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TO:

In compliance with the Virginia Conference guidelines, Market Street Church will be closed for the next 30 days.
Call Church Office, Pastor Keiko or Kathy for any assistance.

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Mission Statement of Market Street United Methodist Church:

Our mission is to nurture persons of all ages in their spiritual growth, to reach out with compassion to identify and address the needs of others, to boldly share our faith and invite all to become part of our church family.