

# The Word

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*"I want to know Christ  
and the power of his  
resurrection."*

Philippians 3:10, NRSV

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## Minister's Musings

This edition of *The Word* is coming to you quite late in April, for a number of reasons, the latest of which is Covid-19. There are at least ten members of the church who have come down with Covid in the past week. Because of that, we cancelled church on Palm Sunday and will cancel both the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday evening services. We will gather to celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday morning, at 6:15 at the cemetery and again at 10:30 in the sanctuary. There will be joy.

I will miss the worship of Holy Week. It's a sad story we hear, of Jesus' betrayal and arrest, the trials, the crucifixion, the death and burial. It's filled with people who do things we are appalled at, and things we can identify with even if we wish that weren't true. There are bright spots – the palms waving, the feet washed, the meal shared, and love commanded. You might read all of these parts yourself in Luke, chapters 19 and 22-23, and in John, chapter 13, or add in 14-17 for more of Jesus' words that Thursday night. Or you might remember the story in other ways. The Lenten cards we started Lent with have particular observances for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week; the cards are on the church Facebook page daily. I often listen to Jesus Christ Superstar or Bach's St. John Passion in Holy Week. There are numerous movies about Jesus' life, many of which focus on this last week. There will still be a Walk of the Cross, on Friday at noon, starting outside our front doors. I'll still be in isolation, so I won't be there, but you are welcome if you're well.

Then we celebrate Easter (with masks) – and we keep celebrating it! We will sing Alleluia for weeks and weeks, and we will live as Easter people all year long – trusting in love, giving with grace, practicing resurrection and hope in all that we do. The resurrection is at the core of all that we do and all that we are. I look forward to living into new life with you, throughout the Easter season and beyond.

Grace and peace,

Cathy

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*Lord, walk with us through this Holy Week. Open our hearts to the pain of so many in the world as we remember Jesus' pain; remind us of the injustice suffered by people abused by authority as we read of Jesus' trial. And bring peace and comfort those who mourn the death of someone they love. Hold us in your love, Lord, throughout these days, and prepare our souls for the joy and hope of resurrection. In Christ's holy name. Amen.*

## Announcements for April



We will greet the resurrection on Easter morning with shouts and songs of joy and with beautiful flowers and much love! Please join us for the greatest festival of the Christian year – Easter worship is at 6:15 am at Woodland Cemetery or at 10:30 am at The United Ministry of Delhi. Hope to see you there to share the joy!



We're taking up a special offering in worship on Sunday, April 24 (moved from the 10<sup>th</sup>), for those suffering in Ukraine. There will be envelopes in the bulletin, you can add Ukraine to the memo line on your check, or you can give online.



The Trustees have a work day planned at the church and at the parsonage for Saturday, April 30. Come early and come hungry because there will be breakfast on the grill outside for everyone, students, neighbors, church people, and anyone else who shows up, too. There's plenty of work to do, too – gardens and planting and painting and other stuff, too.

## Highlights of March Parish Council

The March meeting of the Parish Council started with a recap of their retreat that was held earlier this month. Plans are in place for the Pot Luck dinner on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. A committee is being developed for a community breakfast. It was suggested we might want to start our work day on April 30<sup>th</sup> with a breakfast. Congregation members would be invited to attend the breakfast and work day even if not able to work. Council had continued discussion on Play School including fund raising, registration and the need to be proactive not reactive.

Eloise presented the Play School report from Laura Mills. It was reported that the bottle drive raised over \$400 and that bottles will continue to be collected and can be dropped off at Dutch Redemption or at church. Plans are in the works for a fund raiser in the Spring and a presence at the Fair on the Square.

In the Finance report Laura Clark pointed out that we should be at 16% of income and we are at 13%. Expenses are at 14%. The March report will show the first draw of \$20,000 from the investments. Carol Greene reported that the Town of Delhi's assessor has declared the parsonage tax exempt going forward.

Jeff Ackerly reported for Trustees that they are working on a railing for the hallway between elevator and music room as well as reinstalling a piece of railing in the sanctuary at the altar. They also discussed the parsonage needs and decided what the Trustees would do and what would be handled by a contractor. Trustees discussed a handicap accessible ramp for entrance to the pulpit area. Jeff is taking measurements to see what would be

possible. Trustees work day is going to be April 30<sup>th</sup>, which is community clean-up day. We look forward to volunteers from the college and can use members from the congregation to help supervise. There is a sink hole in the parking lot that will be repaired. A Technology worship sub-committee is being formed to continue discussion on improving the streaming of our worship service from the sanctuary.

Stephanie McCann reported that she has been meeting with Pastor Cathy and is becoming familiar with our finances. A meeting will be scheduled soon. The collection from the organ recital and reception will be shared between Curt and the church.

Gideon Frisbee reported for SPR that the committee is trying to set up some more structure for responsibilities of Personnel. Next meeting will be April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Cathy reported that Palm Sunday will include a reading of the passion narrative. Maundy Thursday service will be just our congregation but Good Friday will be a joint worship with First Pres. Pastor Cathy has been elected the chair of the Delhi Clergy Association. The walk of the cross will start at United Ministry and be officially hosted by St. John's. She threw out the idea of having a sunrise service. Pastor Cathy mentioned a few of the dates she will need to be off in the next few months. It was noted that Evelyn has been doing a beautiful job of chancel art.

Cathy Johnson (Nurture) reported that she is hoping for people to sign up for coffee hour. The coffee hour to celebrate Evelyn Jacksto has been postponed. Birthdays of the month may be celebrated at the first coffee hour of the month.

Eloise Henault (Outreach) reported earlier in the meeting on Play School. She had not received a Food Pantry report from Edie Campbell (absent from meeting) but many on council are aware that the pantry has been functioning well and boxes are still being distributed to the homeless at the Buena Vista.

Fred Onasch (Witness) reported that he had done some research on what UM witness role is how NOW should work together. He will work with Pastor Cathy to come up with a few goals for the year.

In new business the council received and approved use of building forms from Delta Kappa Gamma, Cub Scouts and Rebekah Efthimiou-Lamotte (harp recital).

Carol Greene reported that she signed the paperwork for the O'Connor Foundation \$3000 grant that we receive each year.

Carol reported that Karen Graves had approached the church about using her prints as a fund raiser for Ukraine. They sell for \$130.00, with \$100 going to Ukraine. After discussion it was decided that this was not something we were interested in and it was suggested that we take a special collection for Ukraine on April 10<sup>th</sup> during worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Greene

## Play School Update - April 2022

**Fundraiser Event Update:** Play School held a bottle and can drive on March 6th from 1-4:30 pm. The event went very well on a pleasant sunny afternoon. We collected 8,149 cans and bottles that day and raised \$407.45 dollars plus \$30.00 in cash/bottle slip donations bringing our total deposit for the fundraiser to \$437.45. The Play School Board was very thankful to the news of the anonymous donation to match the funds we raised. Thank You so much for your kindness!!! Dutch redemption is keeping our account open and allowing us to continue to bring in any additional cans and bottles so if you would please continue to save your empty cans and bottles to donate to Play School, it would be greatly appreciated!! Growing Strong Together!!



**Pre-registration for the 2022-23 school year is now available**, please contact Pam Savage at [playschool.umod@gmail.com](mailto:playschool.umod@gmail.com) for more information. Student

registration for the 2022-23 school year is open with hope to get the student registrations needed by the July deadline. Families that we currently have on the Play School list will be notified and registration forms will be sent. If you know of anyone interested in preschool, please share our information with them. We would love to continue to offer this wonderful program for many more years to come!! Call 746-2191 ext. 206 or email us at [playschool.umod@gmail.com](mailto:playschool.umod@gmail.com)

**Bake Sale:** Play School is in the planning process to host a bake sale on Saturday, April 30th during the Village All Day Clean-up. More details to come soon.

**Exciting news:** Play School has welcomed a new student, bringing our total to 6 in person students!! The children were so excited to come to school on St. Patrick's Day wearing their green shirts and they couldn't believe the shenanigans that the leprechauns were up to... things were turned upside down, tipped over, their golden coins were everywhere, and even green pee in the kids toilet!!! (Thanks Fran for your help!!)

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 <b>Palm Sunday</b> <sup>10</sup> <b>10:30am Worship</b>	<sup>11</sup> 1:00pm Food Pantry 2:00pm Alzheimers	<sup>12</sup> 9:00am OT - Mindy <b>6:30pm Trustees - HR</b>	<sup>13</sup> 6:00pm Harp Recital - Sanctuary <b>7:30pm Chancel Choir</b>
 <b>Easter Sunday</b> <sup>17</sup> <b>6:15am Sunrise Service</b> <b>10:30am Worship</b>	<i>Easter</i> <i>Monday</i> <sup>18</sup> 8:30am Play School 1:00pm Food Pantry <b>6:30pm Parish Council - HR</b>	<sup>19</sup> 8:30am Play School 9:00am OT - Mindy 11:30am Casual Cafe - HR	<sup>20</sup> 8:30am Play School 10:00am Pastor With Coffee <b>3:00pm Kid's Club</b> <b>7:30pm Chancel Choir</b>
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**For April:** We will continue our letters of the week, Spring, numbers, stories and writing our names. We have a donation of trees/shrubs for the children for our Earth Day Unit from the Delaware County Soil and Water District. We also have community members coming in to do a dental unit, germ/hand washing unit, and Easter Egg Hunt. We are also looking for any other community members to share their special gifts and talents with the children in the classroom. If you would like to share something with our class, please contact Pam Savage at [playschool.umod@gmail.com](mailto:playschool.umod@gmail.com) and we can plan a date.



Continued Thanks to everyone who has donated to Play School and has shared their

time and support! This has truly been a blessing for the children's learning, growth and development!! They are so curious to see what we are going to learn about next! It's amazing to see the changes in the children from the beginning of the year to now!!

Wishing you all continued health and happiness!

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Savage, Play School Director





## UNITED MINISTRY HISTORY

### Activities and Participants

#### *Introductory Comments*

This month's article provides coverage for some of the years the United Ministry's steeple clock has served the Delhi community and crediting Bob Peet for bringing it back to life. I also will recognize Bob for other services he has provided U.M. and our community. Bob faithfully served as head usher for many years and has provided "coffee hour" for numerous times over the years. He was willing to sell U.M. a large portion of the backyard neighboring our property that allowed us to build our new building and expand our parking lot. In community service Bob - was a charter member of the Delhi Rotary Club, long time treasurer of the Delhi Fire Department, and an active member of the Masons. He also arranged for a horse drawn hearse for Delhi's sesquicentennial parade. Dedicated to a personal mission, Bob has donated blood and was recognized in 2017 for donating 200 times, reaching a total of 25 gallons. Many agree that Bob is a "stickler" for detail. A narrative on his serving as custodian of the U.M. steeple clock follows

*Don Haight*

#### *Bob Peet's Care*

An article in the Delhi weekly newspaper reported on the United Ministry church steeple clock's return to serving our community. It stated "After ten years of silence, the village of Delhi is once again hearing the ringing of the old church clock, as a local man has worked hard to bring life back to the United Ministry church steeple clock." That man was Robert Peet. Bob spent many hours studying the clock's design and movement, evaluating what repairs needed to be made. He succeeded in getting the clock moving and then turned his attention to get the clock chimes working and chiming on the quarter hour and on the hour. It required a lot of resynchronizing and readjusting cables and gears damaged through the years by weather and fire in the belfry in 1947. Bob replaced one of the clock faces (that was made of wood) allowing it to be illuminated once again now using a photo sensitive eye. Bob would see the clock from his property and worked diligently to keep the clock providing the community with accurate time – reportedly within two seconds. Bob, rightfully, took pride in his accomplishment and continued servicing the clock for many years. Thank you Bob for this dedicated service.



*~Don Haight*

Catskill Hudson District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries  
Rev. Karen Monk, District Superintendent  
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# Lay Servant Ministries Classes

## 2022 Lay Servant Course Basic Course

Instructor – Jeremy Mills

The Basic Course encourages people to recognize and use their spiritual gifts for work in the Church.

Sessions guide participants through thoughtful reflection on the areas of leading, caring, communicating, and spreading the love of Christ into the world.

Those who wish to begin the Lay Servant Ministries journey begin with this Basic Course. This course is also for those seeking to find their calling in local church leadership.

Location – ZOOM

LINK will be sent following Registration

Dates: Tuesday – April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Basic Course (\$25)

(There will be an additional \$5 per course for those registering after April 18 deadline)

Please return this portion and your Registration Fee to:

Carol Merante, 8 Dove Court Unit G, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520 ([carolmerante@aol.com](mailto:carolmerante@aol.com))

Make checks payable to: Catskill Hudson Lay Servant Committee  
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# Lay Servant Ministries Classes

## 2022 Lay Servant Advanced Class

### Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

Instructor: Carol Merante

This course identifies, defines and discussed 32 spiritual gifts including giving, healing, hospitality, service, evangelism and music. You will be encouraged to discover the gifts the Holy Spirit has given YOU and challenged to use these gifts to build up the body of Christ.

Location – ZOOM

LINK will be sent following Registration

Dates: Monday – April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm

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Chrystal Savage	4/1	Beth Hildreth	4/12
Ralph Dandignac	4/4	Delaney McCann	4/14
Renee Apthorpe	4/5	Martha Vink	4/18
Cathy Schuyler	4/6	Fran Ackerly	4/20
Carol Farley	4/10	Tom Briggs	4/25
Jim Ockenfels	4/12		

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## **Word and Worship**

### **April 2022**

#### **Sunday, April 3**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

#### **Sunday, April 10**

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

#### **Sunday, April 17**

*Easter Sunday*

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 98  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

#### **Sunday, April 24**

*Second Sunday of Easter*

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150  
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31