

The Word



The
earth
is filled with
your love,
LORD;
teach me
your
decrees.

Psalm 119:64, NIV

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Pastor's Page

Easter Reflections

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Dear Beloved in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in this season of resurrection joy!

As April unfolds and Easter dawns upon us once again, I find myself reflecting not only on the story of the empty tomb, but also on the quiet, personal ways resurrection has been taking shape in my own life over this past year. Living here in the beautiful countryside of upstate New York has been, for me, an unexpected gift of renewal—a kind of lived parable of new life.

Nearly a year ago, I stepped into this new place with a mixture of anticipation and uncertainty. Everything was unfamiliar—the rhythms of the land, the cadence of conversations, the faces in the pews. And yet, slowly and graciously, life began to unfold in new and surprising ways. Friendships were formed. Conversations deepened. Names became stories, and stories became sacred connections. What once felt new and unknown has become a place of belonging and grace.

There is something profoundly Easter-like in that journey.

The resurrection of Christ is not only a moment we remember; it is a reality we are invited to live. Just as the disciples encountered the risen Christ in unexpected places—on the road, at the table, behind closed doors—I, too, have encountered glimpses of new life in the ordinary and the everyday: in shared laughter, in acts of kindness, in the quiet beauty of creation, and in the faithful presence of this community.

Easter reminds us that new life often begins where we least expect it. It emerges not fully formed, but gently—like the first signs of spring breaking through the soil. It comes as a gift, not because everything is perfect, but because God is at work even amid change, uncertainty, and transition.

What has been most refreshing to me is discovering what life looks like from a new perspective. In this new context, I have come to appreciate more deeply the

simple yet profound truth that Christ is not only risen long ago, but is alive—here and now. Living within us, shaping our hearts. Living among us, forming us into a community. Living between us, in every act of love, reconciliation, and shared hope.

This is the joy of Easter: not merely that Christ has risen, but that Christ is risen *with us*—bringing renewal into our lives, our relationships, and our world.

As we journey through this Easter season, my prayer is that each of us may become more attentive to these signs of resurrection around us and within us. May we rejoice in the new life God is cultivating in our hearts. May we embrace the beauty of becoming a renewed people together. And may we bear witness to the living Christ—present in our midst, guiding us, sustaining us, and calling us forward.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

With gratitude and hope,

Premkumar Immanuel Clement



Minutes of March Parish Council

3/16/26 Parish Council meeting

Called to order by Carol Greene 6:35 PM

Present: Gideon Frisbee, Pastor Prem, Ruth V, Stephanie, Carol Greene, Susan Frisbee, Eloise Henault

Excused: Barb Jones, Fred Onasch

Devotions: Stephanie shared a devotion focused on trust, strength, and God's presence.

Topic of the Month: 50th Anniversary. The banner advertising our 50th celebration came in and we got a preview of it! This will be mounted to the front railing of the church, facing the village square. The mailing is printed and ready to go. The banner will be placed before the St. Patty's Day Parade. The total cost was \$375, and \$200 was donated, so the final cost to the church was \$175. Gideon and Jeff met with the students assigned to the church for Architecture Tour through the college. They toured them around the church and answered questions about the history.

Approval of Meeting minutes –February 16, 2026. Eloise moved to approve, Ruth 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The corrected January financial report was presented. Carol made a motion to approve this report, 2nd by Eloise. Motion carried unanimously. The February report was presented and discussed. Ruth motion to accept, Eloise 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance: Finance met on March 8th after church. Brief discussion about Pat being out longer than expected with her heart surgery. Finance presented the following as a motion: Substitute choir director and Sunday music accompaniment substitutes will be paid out of the special music fund. \$75 per week for director and mileage, and \$100 per week for worship music accompaniment, until Pat can return to work. Pat will continue to receive her usual salary through her unexpected absence.

The Church received notice of receiving a grant for the food pantry. Susan made the motion to accept the \$3,500/year for 3 year grant from the Community

Foundation for South Central New York for our Food Pantry, and authorized Carol to sign for it. Eloise 2nd. Motion carries unanimously. This grant was not solicited for by the Church but was identified by the organization mentioned above as a way to support this community and the mission of that group.

The Play School and EVAN were unsuccessful in receiving the grants they had recently applied for through the O'Connor Foundation. There were 3x as many applicants as there was funding for this round. The next meeting of Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled for April 7th.

Trustee's Report: The radon mitigation system was installed two weeks ago. The initial follow up test revealed that the level was still slightly above acceptable levels, so the installer put in a larger air pump fan and initial tests are that the levels are now acceptable. Gideon made a motion to accept the grant from the Barney Foundation of \$4,000, earmarked for front steps repairs. 2nd Ruth. Motion carries unanimously. The Trustee's approved for Mike Simonds to complete necessary electrical work to facilitate the moving of the food pantry into classroom 5/6. This is for individual outlet circuits for each freezer/refrigerator unit. There will be a church cleanup day on April 25th in conjunction with the SUNY Delhi Community Service Day. We will also plan to move the food pantry that day.

SPR— SPR met on 2/24 working on updating the secretary job description and discussed Prem's upcoming vacation schedule (2 weeks in April, 2 weeks in June). Regretfully accepted Kendra Cardillo's resignation as sexton effective on 3/27/26. Many thanks to Susan Ackerly working to find a replacement. Meredith McCann has accepted the position as sexton, motion made by Carol to approve the hiring of Meredith McCann effective on March 20 to allow for on the job training prior to Kendra leaving. 2nd by Susan. Motion carries unanimously.

Pastor's Report:

Attended the NYAC winter clergy gathering 2/19-21. He made 2 pastoral visits. The Bible Study will start March 19 through mid-April. 5 people have signed up. No confirmation class signups yet. Prem attended Delhi Clergy Association on March 4th. A Good Friday service starts at United Ministry at noon on April 3 and then proceeds to the St. Johns Church and ends at the Cemetery. March 7th hosted the Farms and Forest Parish meeting at the Parsonage. Attendance for the month: 2/22- 32 in person, 3 viewing live online. Attendance for Communion

3/1- 35 served, 4 viewing live online. 3/8- 41 in person, 8 live viewing online. 3/15- 37 in person. Prem will be on vacation April 16th-30th. Pulpit will be filled by Chelsea Johnson and Bill Schenscal. He will also be away June 3-6 at the New England Annual Conference and then on vacation June 7, 14, and 21st. The substitute for June 7th will be for professional development.

Eloise – Playschool had a Board meeting. 2 members have left the board and Elaine Burt has agreed to serve. There will be a bake sale fundraiser during the St Patty’s Day parade. There will be a bottle drive fundraiser this spring. Next meeting is June 1st.

Mission: There was a successful food giveaway on March 14th.

Fred - Witness: absent

Next meeting of Parish Council will be April 20th, 2026.

Gideon moves to adjourn, Carol seconds, motion carries.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Gideon Frisbee



Historical Walking Tour of Delhi

Saturday, May 9th: SUNY Delhi History of Architecture II students will lead a walking tour of historical architecture on Saturday, May 9th. We will begin at 10AM at 98 Main Street, and end by 11:30AM. Please join us (rain or shine) for some exercise, views of historical architecture, and insights into local history. The tour will feature the United Ministry on Church Street which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. The tour will feature and wrap up at the United Ministry where historical materials will be displayed and refreshments will be served. The walk is free and open to the public.

Celebrating 50 Years of Faith, Music and Community

How exciting it is to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of The United Ministry!! Our new banner on the railing outside of the sanctuary is one way we are letting the community know about this celebration. Boards throughout the church have been created to remind us of all the many activities that have taken place at our church over the years. In addition, we will be posting memories on our website throughout the year. We invited anyone with pictures from the past to share those with the committee.

The first of our mailings went out last week to over 200 people who have in some way been touched by The United Ministry. The letter outlines all the events your committee is planning for this celebration. It also contains a pledge card and encourages you to consider making a gift to help carry on our rich history of faith, music and community for another 50 years. If you did not receive one, please be sure to contact the church office.

Our first event is coming up soon. Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday May 9th when the United Ministry will be included on the **Historical Walking Tour** of Delhi. It begins at 10:00am at 98 Main Street and will end at 11:30am at our church. We hope to have many historical items on display and will serve refreshments.

Dates and times for the **Summer Music Concert** and the **Fall Worship & Celebration** will be announced soon.

Let's make this milestone special,

50th Anniversary Steering Committee



Food Mission



Moving day! Exciting and busy times. We have set Saturday April 25th as the day to move the pantry from its current location to room 5/6. The electrician has been and installed the outlets for our appliances. Carol is shopping for another refrigerator, her husband Allen is measuring the shelves, shopping and cutting the wood to cover them. Evie and Carol are busy cleaning out everything that has been stored in room 5/6. April 25th is SUNY college community service day so we should be able to get helpers from there. Anyone who can help is invited to stop in and see where their help is needed.



The other good news is the pantry has been given a 3 year grant of \$3,500 a year with unrestricted use to support our food programs.

The pantry will continue to be open it's normal hours during this process. We are hoping for a smooth transition but expect there will be some confusion as we settle into our new space.

Deb and Pattie continue their monthly distribution of boxes to those being housed at the Buena Vista. Carol and her crew delivered boxes for their giveaway on March 14th and will be scheduling more giveaways about every month to 6 weeks. We ask if you know of someone who would benefit from a box of food (for whatever reason) to let Carol or myself know so they can be added to our delivery list.

Wishing everyone a happy spring and a Joyous Easter.

Eddie



Women's Open Circle

Women's Open Circle will meet on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at noon in the Harder Room. Bring your own lunch and dessert and beverages will be provided. All Women of UMD are invited!

Play School Update - April 2026

Happy Spring!! Play School has had a very busy couple of months! Mrs. Arehart came in for our Dental Unit. The kids had a lot of fun learning about teeth, taking care of their teeth, dental stories and counting teeth. Play School has planned some fundraising events to help with our year end budget. Play School so far has hosted our annual bake sale during the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 21st. We are in the process of collecting a few extra donations and we will update everyone of our donation total as soon as we have it. Thank you to everyone that helped out!! What a wonderful variety and we had lots of very happy customers!! Mark your calendars for Play Schools upcoming events!

APRIL: We are planning to host a Bottle/can drive on Saturday, April 18th from 10-2 pm at Bagels and Cream. Anyone is welcome to bring down their 5¢ bottle and can returnables and help us fill the trailer! Play School would also like to remind you that we have an open account at Dutch Redemption for cans and bottles with a 5¢ deposit. If you would like to drop off your cans and bottles, please let Dutch know that you would like to add them to the Play School Account, or you can drop them off to Play School for us to take back, we would greatly appreciate it! If you don't have cans and bottles to donate and would like to make a monetary donation to Play School that would also be appreciated! Just please remember to write Play School in the memo section of your check.

MAY: Honoring those who served, we will host our 2nd annual Memorial Day Bake Sale, Monday, May 25th 9-1pm on the Delhi Square. Any baked goods or donations would be greatly appreciated!

JULY: Fair on the Square Events are being planned. Please keep watch for additional information to come and other future fundraisers Play School may host.

During the month of April, Play School received a donation of trees from the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District for our Earth Day Unit. Will Outsen will stop by for an Easter Egg Hunt with the class. We will have a class Easter Party. We have been busy learning our letters, counting, colors, listening to stories, painting with watercolors, poster paint, and finger painting. We have come up with so many fun and creative projects for our letter of the week, the kids can't wait to see what we do next! Please don't hesitate to stop by and say hello!

Reminder: Play School Registration is still open for families around Delhi and the surrounding areas for the 2026-27 school year. Anyone interested please contact Pam Savage at playschool.umod@gmail.com or through our web page playschoolumod.wixsite.com/home

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Savage

Play School Director







FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.


Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV


























1. Jesus	5. cross
2. weary	6. endured
3. endured	7. scorning
4. opposition	8. shame



1. Jesus	5. perfecter
2. lose	6. him
3. pioneer	7. faith
4. sinners	8. hand



1. eyes	5. right
2. us	6. grow
3. joy	7. God
4. heart	8. throne

"... fixing our  1 on  1, the  3 and  5 of  7. For the  3 set before  6 he  3 the  5,  7 its  8, and sat down at the  5  8 of the  8 of  7. Consider  6 who  6 such  4 from  4, so that you will not  6 and  2  2  4."

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV



The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

What you need:

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe



What you do:

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5–6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

Answers: "... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

WORD SCRAMBLE

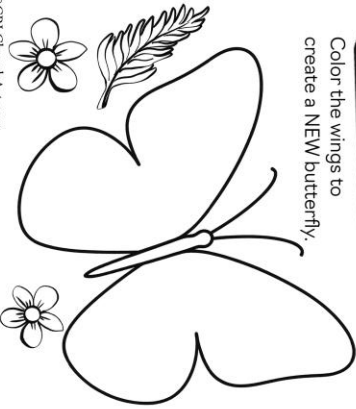
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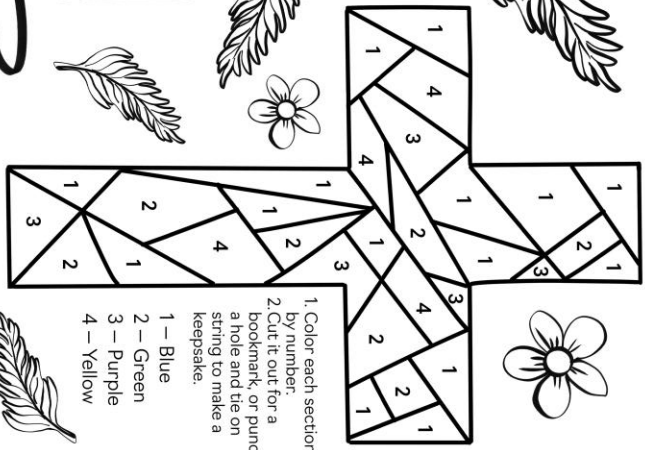
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JUST AS HE SAID. MATTHEW 28:6, NIV

Color the wings to
create a NEW butterfly.



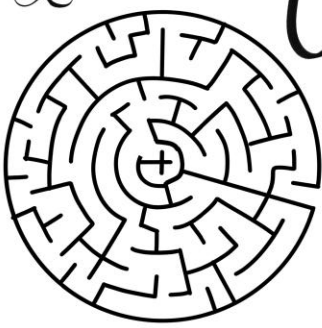
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FIND THE WORDS
EASTER LOVE
JESUS CROSS
RISEN
FORGIVENESS



1. Color each section by number.
 2. Cut it out for a bookmark, or punch a hole and tie on string to make a keepsake.
- 1 – Blue
 - 2 – Green
 - 3 – Purple
 - 4 – Yellow

How many palm leaves can you find?





Thursday, April 2
Maunder Thursday
7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3
Good Friday
Noon
Ecumenical Walk of the Cross

Sunday, April 5
Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service
6:30 a.m.
Woodland Cemetery, main entrance

Easter Morning Worship
10:30 a.m.
Easter Scripture, Hymns, Anthems,
Holy Communion, Joy!



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



Coffee Hour Hosts & Flowers for the Sanctuary



Have you signed up to host Coffee Hour yet? Coffee, tea, lemonade, and paper goods are

supplied. Cookies are optional. Sign up on the sheet on the Bulletin Board or call the church office to pick your date.

Would you like to commemorate a loved one or special event in your life? Garden and wild

flowers are always welcome! If you are uncomfortable creating the arrangement, call the office and we can make the arrangement for you.



Coffee Hour

Apr 5 _____
 Apr 12 _____
 Apr 19 _____
 Apr 26 _____

Flowers

Apr 5 Lily Plants _____
 Apr 12 _____
 Apr 19 _____
 Apr 26 _____

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office.

Word and Worship

April 2026

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-25; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17,
31b-35

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22;
Hebrews 10:16-25; John 19:1-42

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 114
Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 19

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, April 12

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25; *John 10:1-10*

Lectors

April 2 Maundy Thursday –

April 5 Easter – Fred Onasch

April 12 Ann Peet

April 19 Evelyn Jacksto

April 26 Liz Frisbee

Acolytes

April 5 Easter – Virginia Mills

April 12 – Olivia Kruppo

April 19 – Cameron Mills

April 26 – Wyatt Frisbee

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