

CLEARWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023

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WORSHIP SERVICE: Sundays at 9:30 AM
Come and join us—our attendance is down
—we would love to have your presence,
invite family and friends. Plan to stay for
coffee and fellowship after church.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY Mondays at 10:30 AM
(Weather permitting)

MONTHLY: United Methodist Women in
Faith (1st Tuesday of every month at 2:00
PM) April 4

MONTHLY POT LUCK AND MOVIE NIGHT 1st
Saturday of every month (April 1) at 5:00
PM. Bring a dish to share and after dinner
will be a movie. We'll have popcorn also.
Invite your friends and family.

OUR CHURCH WEBSITE: [www.
Clearwaterumcmn.org](http://www.Clearwaterumcmn.org) Please remember
to log in and check it out.

LENTEN SERVICE Palm Sunday is April 2
Good Friday service is at noon on April 7
and Easter is on April 9.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

5 Dolly Beilke

19 George Bentley

If we are missing your birthday, please call,
text or e-mail Kitty and we will add it.

BUDGET OVERVIEW Our projected budget
for 2023 shows \$600 more per month of
expenses than our projected income. We

would welcome any suggestions for fund-
raising projects and volunteers to make
them happen.

SPECIAL PRAYERS Dick and Nita Wells will
be returning soon from their Winter in
Texas. They recently suffered the loss of
their son and Dick is having health
problems. Please keep them in your prayers
for their safe return

PASTOR ALISON HENDLEY

On my recent trip I spent some time in
Vancouver, Canada. Their spring season is
ahead of ours, with daffodils and crocuses
coming up, leaves beginning to bud on the
trees and bushes, and warmth in the air.
And while I did not get to see all my family
members, or do all we were supposed to
do, because I had CoVid, walking through
the woods and on the trails slowly basking
in the sun, filled me and slowed me and
helped me heal with the lushness of life
surrounding me.

I think of Christ in the garden of
Gethsemane, sitting in the quiet lushness
among the trees. On one of my hikes here
at Warner Lake there is an area I like to
think of as my local Garden of Gethsemane,
an unexpected turn through the woods
brings you to a flowing stream, gentle and
quiet. So I imagine a stream flowing through
the Garden Jesus went to that night. And
him sitting there, allowing the movement of
the water, the words he was praying, the
quietness of the night before the chaos that
was to come, as a place that filled him and
restored him and healed the human parts of
him that were afraid.

Where do you find peace? Where do you find quiet? Where do you go to pray?

I think we all need such places, where we can go to find God. To slow down and feel life. This could be a physical place inside or outside of your home. It could be a piece of scripture that takes you to a place of quiet... a psalm, perhaps, that reminds you whose you are. It could be a piece of art or a quiet hobby where it is just you and God. It could be a hymn. No matter what it is where is your garden of Gethsemane? Where is the place you can turn to pray?

I was recently sent this version of Psalm 23 and it quickly became a garden for me... somewhere to rest and reflect and sit in God's presence:

Love, you shepherd me; Generously, you place my life in my hands. You rest me in the meadow of your presence, I drink from the gentle brook of your peace. You are my next breath, and the next. You are my path, my steps. The way of life leads through death; you go there, and I willingly follow you. Your presence beside me, your wisdom before me. Despite my fears and doubts this life is a feast. You embrace me with such love, feed me with such delight. Your goodness and mercy shadow me; and with every breath I am returned again and again to you.

As we keep walking with Jesus through to Easter, return to your garden often. Find time each day to slow down and be filled with life once more. Seek ways to allow the lushness of life to surround you and bask in the presence of God.

<http://www.alisonhendleyhealing.com/>

“My soul is striving to remember who I am, to make who I am compatible with who I was born to be, to bring how I am into synch with who I will be.” *Stephen Foster*

A Promise

Easter is a promise of eternal life, on the third day, Jesus rose taking away all strife.

His coming brought much joy to each and every soul.

It happened just as it was written in the old scrolls.

All our doubts cast aside, Easter fills us with delight, that on this special day we have the promise of eternal life.

Risen, Jesus gave people new hope, so that mankind can cope!

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer

Submitted by Helen Cress

RECIPE

CHERRY SALAD DELIGHT

21 oz. Cherry pie Filling

20 oz. Crushed Pineapple

14 oz. Sweet & Condensed Milk

8 oz. Cool Whip Topping

Optional ½ Cup Pecan Pieces 1 Cup Mini Marshmallows

Mix together the cherry pie filling, crushed pineapple and the sweet and condensed . milk. You have the option to add the pecan pieces and mini marshmallows. Fold in the

cool whip topping and chill for 1 hour
before serving. Makes 8 servings

Submitted by Margaret Heinks