

**- THE CIRCUIT RIDER -**  
**OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ISLIP**  
**APRIL 2019**

Pastor: Douglas Madlon

Worship Service Sunday 10:00AM

Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9-2, Wed. 9 – 1, Fri. 9-11

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**United Methodist Church Mission Statement**

**The United Methodist Church of Islip provides religious and emotional support to the members of our church and community. We strive to do this by being an open, caring congregation that welcomes people of all races, ages and nations. With God's help we seek to be Christ-centered in our hearts, minds and actions. We extend to all people the hand of friendship in Christian love.**

**A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DOUG**

Lent is a time for renewing our baptismal commitment in preparation for Easter. It is a season of soul-searching and repentance as well as a time for reflection. Lent began on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Maundy or Holy Thursday, April 18th, forty days, not including Sundays. The Holy time of the Season of Lent corresponds with Jesus's withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

The word "lent" comes from a word that means "springtime". Just as nature experiences rebirth – flowers bloom and trees come alive – so during Lent, we experience rebirth. We work on our spiritual side to strengthen our relationship with God through Jesus, the Christ and with one another. We work on our holy side, in order to remember that everything we have including life itself is a gift from God.

Depending upon where your heart is and the issues you might be struggling with, you might want the forty days of Lent to be a time of prayer and meditation. Some of us may choose to fast and abstain or give something up to experience what our Lord Jesus did in the wilderness as he did to prepare for his ministry. In prayer, talk and listen more attentively to God. Remember the Season of Lent is about preparing for the great celebration of Easter.

Join us for our various services at Islip United Methodist church, culminating with Easter services on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

*April 14<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday worship in our sanctuary at 10:00AM*

*April 18<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday worship at Bay Shore UMC at 7:30PM.*

*April 19<sup>th</sup> Good Friday worship at Islip UMC at 7:30PM*

*April 21<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunrise worship at the Islip Town Bach at 6:30AM  
along with the Presbyterian Church of Islip.*

*Breakfast to follow at Islip UMC.*

*10:00AM worship at Islip UMC*

May we continue to ignite faith, invite others, and work hard so that others come to know and follow Jesus the Risen Christ into the fullness of life intended by God.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Douglas Madlon

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Jerry Anglim, Adelina Bellocco, Ellen Bergami, Jodi Bourque, Anne Brown, Jean Caravello, John Caravello, Janet Cassford, Virginia Ciccarelli, Harold Clock, Neola Crathern, Dominic Darmi, Ann Delaney, Michael Dulin, Bob Einhart, Owen Hanrahan, Marjorie Jenkins, William and Louise Keriak, Terri Knabbe, Joe LaBarbera, Keith Lombardo, Violet and Bernadette Martelack, Doris Miller, Ruth Milligan, Doris Nichols, Eleanor O'Brien, Alice Reilly, David Sacino, Jodi Schaefer, Lee Sharkowitz, Sugar Teuten, Allen Watterson, Bob and Jean Wilson, Ted Zimms. Those serving

**Please check the Prayer List and let the church office know if a name can be removed.**

*Prayer cards may be purchased in the church office to send to the families of deceased.  
Memorial gifts may be mailed to the church at PO Box 507, Islip, NY 11751*

**ALTAR FLOWERS \$30.00 BULLETINS \$5.00**

If you would care to order either item, please make your check payable to Islip United Methodist Church and forward to the church office. You may either mail the request or place on the secretary's desk. Payment must be made one week prior to the date wanted. If anyone currently owes for bulletins or flowers, please forward as soon as possible.

Just an idea: How about taking a month's worth of bulletins for \$20. Our bulletins are so beautiful but they do cost.

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH WERE GIVEN:**

By Jan and Ed Corwin in Honor of Jill Forstell and Jodi Schaefer's birthdays.

By Lynne Knippler in Honor of Bill Brown.

Rosebud in Honor of Alexandra Rhiannon Cruickshank's Baptism from James and Denise Cruickshank.

By Sharon Martelack in Loving Memory of Marty.  
By Steve Hunter in Loving Memory of his mom.  
Thank you for these beautiful gifts for the altar.

**BULLETINS FOR MARCH WERE GIVEN:**

By Sue and Sonny Feinman in Honor of their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.  
By Sue and Sonny Feinman in Honor of Nicole's birthday.  
Please sign up for upcoming months. This helps offset the cost of our beautiful bulletins. Thank you. See fellowship Hall bulletin board or call the church office.

**Have you news for the monthly Circuit Rider newsletter?** We would love to hear from you! Have you gotten engaged, married, received a promotion, a new arrival to the family, graduated high school, college? Have you a God Moment you would like to share? Please submit to the church office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. We would love to hear from our young Methodists as well. What did you do during your vacation, school break, what classes do you find exciting in school? Any Church Committee news to share.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**Alexandra Rhiannon Cruickshank, son of Sean and Danielle Cruickshank was baptized March 10<sup>th</sup>. Alexandra is the granddaughter of James and Denise Cruickshank.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL**

**April 7, 2019**

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

**April 18, 2019**

*Holy Thursday*  
Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31-35

**April 21, 2019**

Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
John 20:1-18 or  
Luke 24:1-12

**April 14, 2019**

*Palm Sunday*  
Luke 19:28-40  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Isaiah 50:4-9  
Psalm 31: 9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke  
23:1-49

**April 19, 2019**

*Good Friday*  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18: 1-19:42

**April 28, 2019**

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

**THANK YOU TO OUR MARCH  
LITURGISTS**

Ken Gesseck, Richard Gleason,  
Ron Schimmenti, Georgia  
Kalivas.  
If you would like to read the  
scriptures at Sunday morning  
worship, please call Fred Dymek  
or the Church office.

*Read the Vision at [www.nyac.com](http://www.nyac.com)  
Click on "The Vision" under quick links  
for United Methodist News*

**USHER / PROJECTIONIST**

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall as an usher or a projectionist. When we don't have a volunteer for these purposes, it is missed.

Please see Lay Assistant Pastor Fred Dymek if interested.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Meets every Wednesday morning at 7:30am with breakfast for a half hour. Then we adjourn to the parlor for our Bible study.

No Bible experience is necessary and joining in the discussion is purely voluntary. The breakfast is prepared by different members each week and the discussion is led by a different member each week also. Participation in these tasks is voluntary. The cost of the breakfast is \$5.00. The session ends about 8:30am. Please join us.

Join us on Wednesdays every other week at 2:30pm in the parlor. See Sharon Martelack, Georgia Kalivas or Pat Dymek for more information.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**April 7<sup>th</sup> – Communion Sunday / Lenten Bible study begins / Sunday school Lenten Fair**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> – Committee meeting 7:00pm**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday/ Sr. Choir Easter Cantata / Sunday School Easter Egg hunt**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> – Holy Thursday Worship service at Bay Shore UMC 7:30pm**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday Worship service at Islip UMC 7:30pm**

**April 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter Sunday 6:30AM Sunrise service @ Islip Town Beach**

**Breakfast at Islip UMC / 10AM worship in our sanctuary**

**April 24<sup>th</sup> – Church Council meeting 7:00pm**

**April 27<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – Annual Yard Sale / Rain date May 4th**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – Music Lovers Scholarship Concert Tickets required**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> – Bake Sale for Food Pantry's Garden of Eat'en /**

**Native American Ministries Sunday offering**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> – Annual Council of Churches Blood Drive at Islip Presbyterian Church  
3:30 – 9:00**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> – Soup Kitchen at Bay Shore UMC 4:00 – 5:30**

**May 11<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Tea Party 12 noon to 3:00**

**May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, Mission Walk at Heckscher State Park, Great River**

**May 19<sup>th</sup> – Promotion Sunday**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Soup Kitchen at Bay Shore UMC 4:00 – 5:30**

**CHRISTY EDWARDS PRINTS**

Have you seen the Christy Edwards prints of the Islip UMC? There is one hanging on the back wall of the sanctuary. They are a limited edition with only 100 prints made available. They go for \$60 each. Treat yourself or someone who has cherished memories of Islip UMC. We all have many special memories of Islip United Methodist Church.

**TREE OF LIFE**

*Leaves are available for inscription to remember a loved one or to celebrate a special date such as a birth, anniversary, etc.  
or to celebrate God's love.  
They are \$75.00 each.  
Please see Doreen Burke  
or call 581-3297.*

**FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you to the Scouts of America for the donation of twelve bags of food from their "Scouting for Food Drive". Thanks to Lynne Knippler and Janet Gesseck for picking up the food on March 16<sup>th</sup> in Lindenhurst.

Melanie from Eat Smart New York continues to come in on Thursdays to educate our customers on healthy choices. She hands out recipes along with the samples – simple recipes with minimal ingredients. Stop by and speak with her.

**Volunteers are needed occasionally to unload food delivery trucks. If you are available between 9am – 2pm, please email Susan at [Scelzifamily@verizon.net](mailto:Scelzifamily@verizon.net)**

Sue Scelzi, Lynne Knippler, Janet Gesseck, Fred Knabbe

The staff of the Food Pantry is going to be holding a BAKE SALE to benefit the "Garden of Eat'n" Sunday - May 5<sup>th</sup> after church.

The garden provides fresh vegetables to the families that frequent the Food Pantry helping them provide nutritious food to their families.

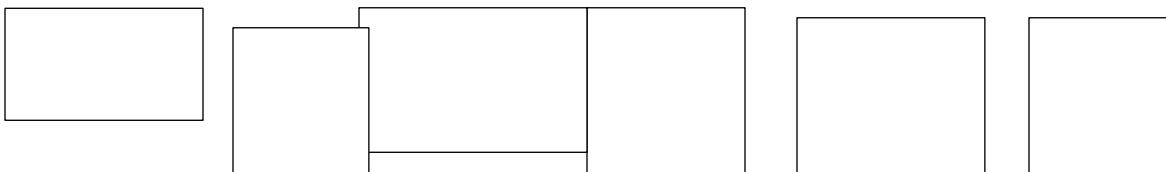
Anyone wishing to donate any home baked item can drop it off before church on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Many different and delicious items will be available. Please visit our sale!

**MOTHER'S DAY TEA PARTY**

***TEA PARTY***

Come and celebrate Mother's Day!!

On Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 3 \$20 per person. Please see Georgia Kalivas or Julie Henricksen for further details. (Men – come volunteer to help serve tea to the ladies!)



### SOUP KITCHEN

Upcoming dates are April 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. We ask for dishes to feed approximately 15 – 20 people. We require two main dishes, sides dishes such as vegetables, potatoes and fruit and dessert. We are blessed to have our volunteers for this community service. You make a difference in the lives of those who come for a hot meal and a warm gathering. Thanks in advance for volunteering.

Angela Gunther

### THRIFT SHOP

Help is always needed in the Thrift Shop. We are still overwhelmed and short-handed, especially on Fridays and Saturdays. There is much to sort through, to hang up, to help customers, etc. Please stop by and speak with Jan Corwin or Sue Feinman or any volunteer. The Thrift Shop is open 10 – 2 Mondays through Saturday. Sunday morning help for heavy items is also greatly appreciated.

Needed are bags especially large bags for our customer's great purchases. Can you lend a hand?

**The Islip Community Nursery School  
has a Face Book page.**

**Check it out!!!**

This is a wonderful, fun- filled program held right here at Islip UMC. In operation for 50 years of excellence! They offer early Learners program which is for 2 year olds and they do not have to be potty-trained. Call Directors Ginny  
631-581-8925



**Please remember to keep your pledges current. It is with your pledge that we can fulfill and ensure the continuation of our mission projects, ministries, activities, outreach programs, as well as prolong the longevity of the Islip United Methodist Church.**

**Thank you!**

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

**MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE:** Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions. You may view your complete giving history online at any time. Simply follow these easy steps:

1) Visit the church website at [www.islipumc.org](http://www.islipumc.org)

2) Scroll down past the picture of the church and Click on the green Donate Today! button on the left

3) Click on the Donations button or the Create Profile button

4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions

**PRC – Practical Resources for Churches**

**Called to Teach:** Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>

This is a three-week course covering faith development, physical, mental, emotional and spiritual age level characteristics; prayer and spiritual practices; the Bible, church history, curriculum, lesson planning, etc. Grow as a teacher as you meet and interact with others. You will be able to access this course at your own convenience; a minimum of four to five hours per week is necessary to benefit from the course content.

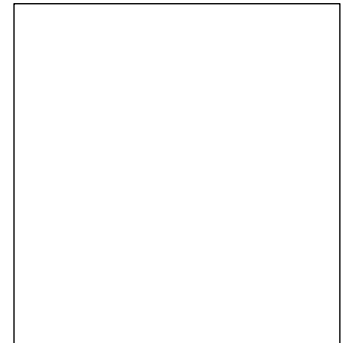
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**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Janet Gesseck
- 1 Dylan McKenna
- 3 Alex Herd
- 4 Jason Henry
- 4 Virginia Moeller
- 7 Jaclyn LaRose
- 7 Dave LaRose
- 7 Nicole Shaw
- 8 Betty Klages
- 9 Robert Iadanza
- 9 Nicholas Grottola
- 10 Reed Ingebretsen
- 11 Janet Madlon
- 12 Robert Feinman
- 13 Megan Shore
- 14 Bob Feinman
- 20 Julie Henriksen
- 21 Betty Winkler
- 22 Jessica Link
- 22 Jeremy Einhart
- 23 Donna Dickran
- 25 Dennis Forstell
- 27 Heidi Graziano

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Joan and Peter Palagonia
- 5 Jim and Margie Engeldrum
- 5 Jill and Dennis Forstell
- 20 James and Denise Cruickshank



**SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE**

*For a limited time, Sight and Sound Theatre is presenting "Noah" in movie theaters here on Long Island. It was filmed before a live audience. The dates are Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. I know it is being shown at The Arches in Deer Park.*

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*Tickets are \$12.50 The show runs 1 hour and 59 minutes. To find other theatres and showtimes, go to NOAHEVENT.Com*

*Many people have travelled to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Pennsylvania to see this performance. Here's your chance to see it close to home. I have been told it is wonderful. So gather the kids, grandkids and spend an afternoon or evening watching this epic production.*

*Get your tickets early! As I write this there are many seats available.*

Plant is given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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