

- THE CIRCUIT RIDER -
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ISLIP
APRIL 2024

Pastor: Douglas Madlon
Worship Service Sunday 10:00AM
Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9-2, Wed. 9-1, Fri. 9-11
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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

Greetings and Blessings to you, people of the United Methodist Church of Islip, in the name of our Risen Savior, Christ Jesus.

During the Easter season, we sing the "Hymn of Promise."

*"In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory.
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see."*

Thank you to all who made the season of Lent and Holy Week and Easter such a Holy time around our church and parish. Thank you to the pastors of the West-end South Shore Parish, Rev. Melissa Boyer, Babylon UMC; Rev Daniel Park, Bay Shore UMC, Rev. Calvin Collins First UMC Amityville and Rev Barbara Whitlow, for making Holy Week and Easter very meaningful as we commemorated the Passion of our Lord Jesus and the Great Day of Resurrection on Easter at the Islip Town Beach. We had an overwhelming amount of people at our Easter Sunrise service as we shouted Alleluia.

I also want to thank Paoulina Rubinson and our choir for their cantata during our Palm Sunday service. Thank you to Milton, Linda, Janet, Yannie, Maria, Julie, Don, Thomas, Fred, Mark, Christian, Judy for your beautiful hymns and narration.

Thank you to Frank and Karlyn Grasso for the reading of the Passion according to Mark.

Following the Palm Sunday service, we all enjoyed some wonderful fellowship and a catered lunch provided by Frank Grasso. Thank you, Frank! Frank also organized a church

outing to see “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat.” The musical was outstanding. We all enjoyed a God-wonderful Palm Sunday celebration.

April 2024 reminds me that we have entered the Season of Eastertide. I will admit, it was a new word for me. In the world of church calendars, it is the season following Easter Sunday that extends either 40 days to the day of Jesus’ ascension into heaven, or 50 days until Pentecost, when the church celebrates the arrival of the Holy Spirit.

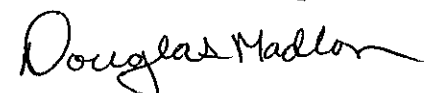
Eastertide! As a 40 or 50 day journey, Easter sets the pace for a new way of living. We are to practice resurrection. We are to be participants in the life – giving, life-renewing work that Easter proclaims.

All those who witnessed Jesus’ resurrection on Easter Sunday, had observed the Sabbath the day before. They had paused their work and busy lives, cultivating, even amid their heartbreak, an openness to what God might still be up to in their midst.

May we do so as well, as we journey into the Season of Easter. Practice resurrection – new life! Cultivate wonder! Stop and see and hear the Good News coming that can sustain us in the days ahead. There are wonderful things happening here at the United Methodist Church of Islip.

God’s Holy Spirit is at work and divine results are coming forth; increased attendance in worship, new members, more children attending Sunday school, outstanding fellowship. These are all signs of God at work here at the Islip United Methodist Church. Please join in and respond to what God is up to in our church.

Grace and peace,



Rev. Douglas Madlon

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Church office 631-581-7663

Visit the New York Annual Conference website to read messages from Bishop Thomas Bickerton.

Go to www.nyac.com Get up to date information within the New York Annual Conference.

LITURGISTS FOR MARCH

Thank you to our liturgists each Sunday.

March liturgists were Tom McAlpin, Judy Crawford, Brant Brown, Angella Osborne
Please see Ken Gesseck, Angella Osborne, Rich Gleason or Pastor Doug if you would like to participate in the worship service by reading the scriptures.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Greg and Diane Austin, Jennifer Austin, Kim Bach, Lil Ball, Janice Bates, Peter Bender, Blandino Family, Alejandra DeVries, Dieta Dinano, Jim Engeldrum, Lynda Freitag, Jim Halliday, Jim Hatt, Doug Hebbard, Bill Kimbley, Terri Knabbe, JJ Lambert, Heather McNamara, Sondra Muller, Ryan Pearl, Betty Perrone, Debbie Pinkall, Steve Pullman, Laurin Renner, Rocco, Anjel Rokosz-Kelson, Joseph Salvaggio, Grace Schretzlmeir, Lee Sharkowitz, Sharon Sweeney, Alice Turturro, Christopher Walker, Mark Warner, Walter Williams, Beverly Wells and Hazel White.

Prayer Cards for the deceased are available in the church office during the week. A small donation is requested.

Memorial gifts may be mailed to the church at PO Box 507, Islip, NY 11751

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.

REMINDER: Please have all articles for the Circuit Rider in the church office **by the 15th of the month.** Have you any news to share with us? Who graduated, got engaged, celebrated an anniversary, welcomed a new baby, received a promotion? What has your committee been up to?

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR MARCH GIVEN BY:

Jan Corwin in Celebration of Jill Forstell's and Jodi Schaefer's Birthdays.

Sue and Sonny Feinman.

Mark Savino to Yannie "Just Because!"

Barbara Rowett in Loving Memory of Robert Einhart on his birthday.

Thank you for these beautiful gifts.

BULLETINS FOR FEBRUARY GIVEN BY:

Yannie Willis and Mark Savino for the month of March.

Many thanks for this gift.

ALTAR FLOWERS \$35.00 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 in the secretary's mailbox on the office wall.

Envelopes are provided by the Flower Chart in Fellowship Hall. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There is always room for your child to join us in Sunday School. We have a wonderful group of young Methodists.

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, even the neighbor's children to church. It is an important part of their learning years to hear the stories from the Bible and to learn to know God. Isn't it a necessity in this world we live in?

If you would like to assist in teaching along with Miss Krista, please call the church office or speak with Pastor Doug or Miss Krista herself.

ARE YOU ON A COMMITTEE?? WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE?

PLEASE CHECK THE BACK WALL OF THE SANCTUARY

for a listing of members on each committee. It is very important to attend scheduled meetings so business of the church can be discussed and carried out. A Calling Post or email is sent out and is also posted in the announcement sheet ahead of time. If you do not receive either communication, please see if the church office has your correct phone number and email.

HAVE YOU noticed the Lay Readers and pictured yourself at the podium leading your fellow congregants in participation of service? You know you can do this. You have the skills and only need a little push in the right direction. Contact the church office, Ken Gesseck, Angella Osborne, or Richard Gleason.

Visit the New York Annual Conference website to read messages from Bishop Thomas Bickerton.

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MUSIC LOVERS CLUB

is entering their 98th year. Check out the schedule for concerts and meetings. They are held the last Monday of the month beginning at 1:00 for meeting and 2:00 concert. Call Donald Warner at 516-993-9032 or John Eyre @ 631-727-6538 for more information.



On April 28th, Sunday, a Scholarship Fundraiser Concert will be held at the United Methodist Church of Islip at 2:00pm – Tickets are \$10

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL 2024

April 7, 2024

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 14, 2024

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 21, 2024

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

April 28, 2024

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Consider returning unto the Lord your gifts and talents through one or more of the numerous ministries of our church.

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| Sunday School teacher | Lay Preaching |
| Leader of Adult Education Class | visiting the shut in or sick |
| Arts and Crafts Ministry | Music Ministry/Choir |
| Thrift Shop Ministry | Food Pantry Ministry |
| Ushers, greeters, liturgists, projectionist | Computer ministry |
| Maintain the church building and grounds | |
| Speak with Pastor Doug for more information or guidance. God is calling you! Listen and respond! | |



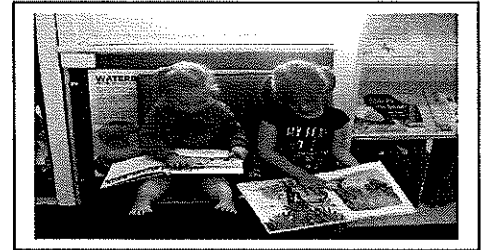
The Islip Community Nursery School

Good News! Due to increased demand, Islip Community Nursery School has added additional classes for our two and three year olds. Call us at 631 581 8925 or email islipcommunity@gmail.com for additional information.

If you're looking for a nursery school program in a friendly, loving, caring and safe environment, we are the program for you. We are ready for the 2023-2024 school year. Call for more information regarding our Two (Early Learners), Three and Four Year Old Programs 631-581-8925 – Where Children Come First.

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 Director Ginny 631-581-8925



FOOD PANTRY NEWS

The church continues to feed those in need in our community. We have our Regulars, and we have new families, as well.

Please try to remember the Food Pantry when grocery shopping.

Any sale items would be greatly appreciated, such as jelly, rice, beans, canned vegetables, hot dogs, spaghetti sauce, pasta, canned fruit and dry cereal, juice and snacks for the children.

Thanks to LI Cares, we received a good-size delivery to stock our shelves. A huge thank you to Rev. Lynda Bates-Steppe, Ray Scelzi and Trevor Scelzi for bringing the heavy delivery in and put away.



Susan Scelzi

THRIFT SHOP NEWS - HELP NEEDED!

Anyone wishing to help out one day a week, **especially on Saturdays**, please see Jan Corwin or Robin Werner. We could use your help. Randomly, we could use help on Sundays after church to move heavy totes for us. Donations are constantly coming in and we need to go through them, sort them, and hang them

If we don't get Saturday help, we may not be able to open regularly.

Our young adults would be an asset to us. Please contact the thrift shop to give us a few hours, please! Thank you to Louise Kane for her help volunteering your time! Good luck in your upcoming schooling and studies. **The Thrift Shop Elves**

PRC Practical Resources for Congregations and Families

SO MUCH to offer. Check out their website at www.prcli.org

Monthly Meetings - Teacher Training, Children's Ministries, Virtual Book Club

Other topics are Helping Newcomers Connect, Talking with Kids about Injustices, Bedtime Stories and Prayers

Go to their website at www.prcli.org or email elizabeth@prcli.org

They are located in West Islip and Mt Sinai

They have webinars and workshops, books and resources. Check out the website.

UMC of Islip is a member.

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

2) Scroll down past the picture of Pastor Doug and click on the red button in the center of the screen.

3) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring or one time contributions.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy at 631-553-1437 or nli33@optonline.net

****As per Chase Bank, all checks that we deposit require the following payee "United Methodist Church of Islip". Thank you!**

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Please remember to submit your pledge card if you have not already done so. It helps us to plan the upcoming year's budget, events, activities, etc.

ISLIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Become a member of the Islip Chamber of Commerce! Volunteers or committee members to help in ways to revitalize Islip Town, teach kids to respect the property, work with businesses, homeowners, etc. See the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for more information.

Also, mark your calendar for the 24th Annual Islip Street Festival to be held on Sunday, May 5TH.

We ♥ Islip!

6TH ANNUAL MISSION WALK



New Location!

SAT., MAY 11 @ 9:30AM
AT BELMONT LAKE STATE PARK
OAK PAVILION

Register Here



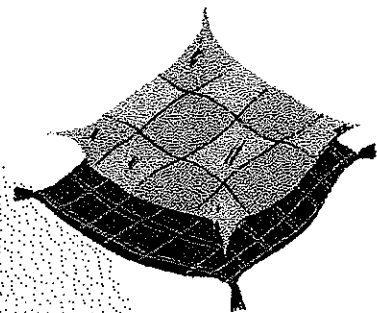
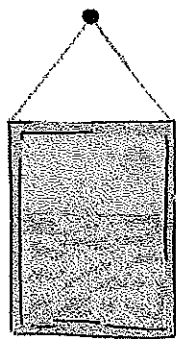
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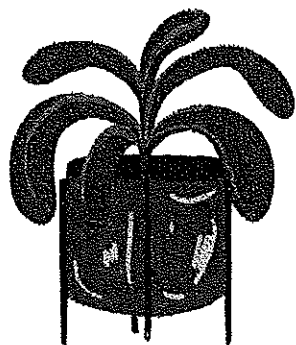
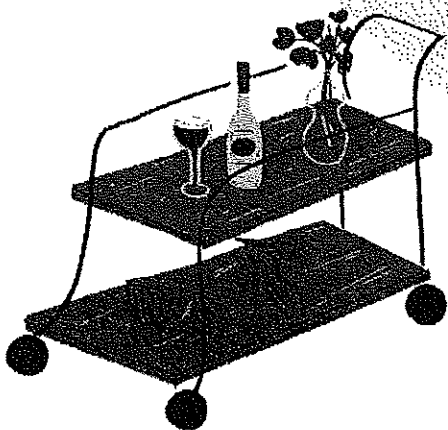
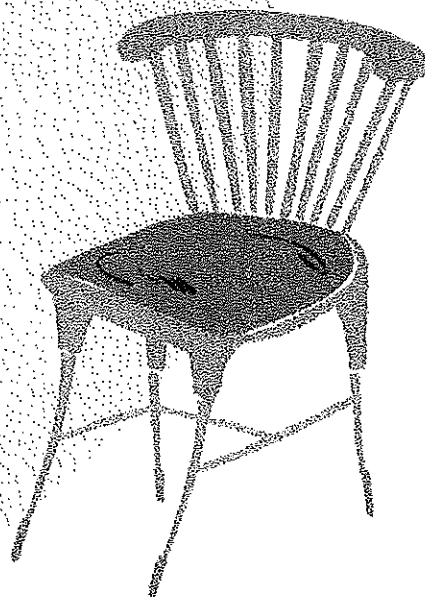
WALK STARTS: 11AM



YARD SALE

**SATURDAY
APRIL 27, 2024
10AM - 3PM**

**ISLIP UNITED
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**Event: Auschwitz & Stutthof Concentration Camps
Holocaust Survivor Presentation plus Q & A**

Survivor: Edith Gross, Age 95 - Speaker

Sponsor: Rabbi Stillerman

When: May 9, 2024, Thursday, 7 pm

Where: Chabad Temple

283 Ocean Avenue

Islip, NY 11751

The Islip United Methodist Church coordinated a once in a lifetime, exclusive Presentation and Discussion for the Members of the South Shore Cooperative Parish. **This event is not open to the general public.**

Seating is limited, so please register by sending your RSVP to Frank Grasso at fgrassol@gmail.com.

While there is no cost to attend, donations will be accepted as the spirit moves you. Donations will fund a "Memorial" in Honor of Edith Gross, Holocaust Survivor.

Refreshments will be provided.

Edith, age 95, is a survivor of the holocaust and a survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp. In 2023, CNN interviewed Ms. Gross where she vibrantly shares her experience in Auschwitz.

Ms. Gross's story is impactful, memorable, and meaningful. As Christians, we will hear first-hand, how events from the past are significant to us today.

Thank you, and God bless.

For more information, contact:

Frank Grasso, United Methodist Church of Islip

(631) 838-8028

FGrasso1@gmail.com

Karlyn Grasso, United Methodist Church of Islip

(631) 786-1881

kbgrassol@outlook.com

RSVP to FRANK GRASSO

FGrasso1@gmail.com

SEATING IS LIMITED

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY is APRIL 14TH

You can support this Special Sunday by giving online at UMC.org/SSGive, through your local United Methodist Church or mail a check to:
GCFA. P.O. Box 340029, Nashville, TN 37203
Please include Native American Ministries Sunday in the note section of your check.

An offering is taken on this Special Sunday to support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities. The offering allows The United Methodist Church to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Last year, your generosity delivered **over \$243 thousand** towards these ministries:

- ► **Fifty percent** of the funds collected on Native American Ministries Sunday remain in the Annual Conference to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the conferences. To assist in developing these programs, each conference has a Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM). These committees seek to advocate for ministry with and by Native Americans to share the diverse culture, history and traditions of Native peoples. The committees determine the distribution of the Native American Ministries Sunday offering, coordinate the promotion of that Special Sunday, and monitor Native American ministries within the Annual Conference. Learn more about CONAM [here](#).
- ► **Twenty-five percent** of donations received fund scholarships designated scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. A significant shortage exists of Native American pastors and trained professionals and these scholarships provide development, implementation, and assessment of a higher education recruitment/retention for Native Americans. Learn more about the Native American Ministries scholarship [here](#).
- ► **Twenty-five percent** of the donations collected are used to create beneficial programs. These funds allow the UMC to partners with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Some of those efforts include mentoring programs, peer support systems, funding for economic development projects, and restoring traditional and historic ways that bring forth new leaders for Native American communities Learn more about the grant application [here](#).

One of the wonderful aspects of The United Methodist Church is that we can do so much more together than we ever could do on our own. Your generosity provides funding for strengthening and development of ministries with Native Americans.

EASTER 2024

Easter Lilies Given By

John and Carol Davidson in Honor of our family.
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Pat and Fred Dymek in Loving Memory of our parents Polly and Harry Butz.
Pat and Fred Dymek in Loving Memory of Marie and Charlie Dymek.
Sue and Sonny Feinman in Honor of our Church Family.
Sue and Sonny Feinman in Memory of Loved Ones.
Michael Giannone in Loving Memory of Elena.
The Gleason Family in Loving Memory of Carrie and Bill Gleason.
Frank and Jennifer Grasso in Loving Memory of John Grasso.
Frank and Jennifer Grasso in Loving Memory of Louise Meichner.
Frank and Jennifer Grasso in Loving Memory of Gloria and Burt Miller.
Frank and Jennifer Grasso in Loving Memory of Jeff Miller.
Frank and Jennifer Grasso in Loving Memory of Charlie, Hobbs and Ginger. (Woof Woof Woof)
Frank and Jennifer Grasso in Loving Memory of Paul Sarle.
Frank and Jennifer Grasso in Loving Memory of Larry Beer.
Amy Hart and Family in Loving Memory of Carol Hart.
The Herrle Family in Loving Memory of Joan Herrle.
Nancy and Greg Irace in Honor of Violet, Winter and Charlie.
Linda Janssen and Robert Flannigan in Loving Memory of Jane and Bob Phipps.
The Kanes in Loving Memory of Peter and Louise Kane.
The Kanes in Loving Memory of Bob and Rita Allen.
The Klein and Kirschner Families in Loving Memory of Frances Klein.
Albert Lindsey in Loving Memory of Ray and Barbara Lindsey.
Albert Lindsey in Loving Memory of Eddie and Diana Wangenstein.
June, Jessica and Christopher Link in Loving Memory of Richy. Beloved husband and father.
Rev Douglas and Janet Madlon in Honor of our beautiful Granddaughter, Annalise.
The Madlon and Simmons Families in Loving Memory of Janet Madlon.
Maria and Jon Nappi in Loving Memory of parents, Frank and Elizabeth Campagnola.
Maria and Jonathan Nappi in Loving Memory of Rev. Nicholas and Dorothea Nappi.
Fred Nelson and Family in Loving Memory of Lois Delorenzo.
Yohanna Olsen in Loving Memory of brother Chris, Dad Stephen, Oma, Opa, Grandma,
Grandpa, John-John and Florence.
Jeanne Otis in Honor of my Family.
Wayne Overton in Loving Memory of Lois.
Russell Pollinger in Loving Memory of Doris Pollinger.
Russell Pollinger in Loving Memory of Arthur Pollinger.
Russell Pollinger in Loving Memory of Greg Pollinger.

Russell Pollinger in Loving Memory of Dee's Mom.

Yannie and Mark Savino in Honor of the birth of Raegan Sarah Hook.

Paul and Melody Thomas in Loving Memory of Virginia and Frank Thomas.

Paul and Melody Thomas in Loving Memory of Pauline and Samuel Pennenga.

Paul and Melody Thomas in Loving Memory of Joan and Edward Hubert.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

April 5-7	Camp Quinipet, Shelter Island District Youth Retreat
April 14 th	Native American Ministries offering
April 17 th	Church Council Meeting 7pm
April 27 th	Spring Yard Sale
April 28 th	Music Lovers Scholarship Fundraiser Concert 2pm Tickets \$10
May 2 nd	National Day of Prayer
May 5 th	Islip Street Fair
May 9 th	Auschwitz & Stutthof Concentration Camps Holocaust Survivor Presentation
May 11 th	LI East District Mission Walk at Belmont Lake State Park
	Annual Tea Party
May 12 th	Mother's Day
May 19 th	Day of Pentecost
May 26 th	Peace with Justice Sunday offering
June 7 th	Annual Conference

CAN YOU HELP! Brian McNamara, a church member, is looking for someone to sit with his wife on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for three hours each day. There is a stipend. Interested parties, please call Brian at 631-732-1926

CRAFTS!!

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Our Craft Group will be starting up again on Tuesday, April 2nd from 1:00 to 3:00 on the third floor. All hands are welcome as we glue, paint, and sew our beautiful craft items for the Christmas Fair. Please join us for fun and fellowship. No experience necessary. If any questions, please call or speak with Barbara Siar at 631-793-2847 or Jan Corwin 631-943-3114

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FESTIVAL OF GOD'S CREATION

April 21st is designated as the Festival of God's Creation on the United Methodist calendar. It is usually the Sunday closest to Earth Day – April 22nd. The day celebrates God's gracious work in creating the earth and all living things.

Genesis says it was God who created the very first Earth Day: "The second day God said, 'Let there be space to divide the waters into two parts.' And it was so. God called the space Sky.' Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place and let dry land appear.' God called the dry land Earth and the waters that were gathered together, Seas. God saw that it was good." Genesis 1:9-10, New Revised Standard Version.

On April 22, 1970, the United States began celebrating Earth Day annually, creating a movement that now motivates people around the world to use the day to consider the planet, demonstrate their love for it and enact ways to protect it. Organizers anticipate more than one billion people around the globe will take place in events engaging in environmental issues.

The General Board of Church and Society works with ecumenical partners through Creation Justice Ministries to rally Christians on behalf of protecting God's creation.

The United Methodist Church is among 37 national faith bodies, including Protestant denominations and Orthodox communions, as well as regional faith groups, and congregants working with Creation Justice Ministries to protect and restore God's Creation.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Janet Gesseck
1 Dylan McKenna
3 Alex Herd
4 Jason Henry
4 Barbara Bell
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
19 Sharon Martelack
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

