

March 11, 2018

10 AM

Scripture Lesson Numbers 21: 4-9 Old Testament Page 134

Welcome to Sunday Worship

We Are a Church that Lives God's Love in All Places

*All standing in body and/or spirit
Please turn off or silence your cell phones.

Prelude "God So Loved the World" Stainer

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship Judy Dobbs

One: Brothers and sisters in Christ, why have you
come to worship this morning?

All: **We come to celebrate the love of God in the
form of Jesus Christ.**

One: This love reaches through the shadows of our
lives to embrace us. Our challenge is to trust
the light of God's love in the midst of our
struggles.

All: **We come to celebrate the light of God in
Jesus who offers love and acceptance, not
judgment and rejection.**

One: If only we will trust, Jesus leads us in the way of
light and love.

All: **We come to celebrate our God who loved
and loves us so much!**

*UM Hymnal "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light #206

*Passing of the Peace

Opening Prayer (to be said by all)

Lord, as we gather here, on this day of sharing, remind us
that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord
Jesus Christ. Help us to model our lives after his messages of
compassion and service to you and to all your world. In Christ's
Name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

Anthem "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" Jason W. Krug
Bell Choir

Children's Message

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer #895 (UM Hymnal)

Offering Invitation

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory "Wondrous Love" Landon

*Doxology #94 (UM Hymnal)

Prayer of Dedication

*UM Hymnal "Because He Lives" #364

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Anthem "Create In Me" John Purifoy
Chancel Choir

Sermon Rev. Phil Richards

*UM Hymnal "What Wondrous Love Is This" #292

*Benediction

***Benediction Response "Go Now In Peace"**

**Go now in Peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in Faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in Love, and show you believe;
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in Peace, in Faith, and in Love.***

***Postlude "To God Be the Glory" Doane, arr. Broughton**

Announcements and Upcoming Events

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Welcome! We're thrilled that you chose to worship with us. We offer the following to enrich your worship and fellowship experience:

- *Nursery Care during the 10 AM Worship Service – first room on the left in the Education Wing off the Welcome Area (lobby).
- *Hearing Assist devices and large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.
- *Restrooms are located on the right in the Education Wing just off the Welcome Area (lobby).
- *If you have trouble hearing near the outside end of a pew please move towards the center aisle.
- *Pew pillows are located under the rear pew by the audio board.
- *If you miss church, the bulletin and announcements will be available Monday mornings at www.plattsburghumc.org

Church Leadership 2017-2018

Lay Leader ► Bea Parks

Leadership Board Chairperson ► Judy Dobbs

Staff Parish Relations Chairperson ► Susan Kelley

Trustee Chairperson ► Bonnie Black

Finance Chairperson ► Gina Gratton



Joys and Concerns at 10 a.m. - If you have a Joy or Concern to be shared during worship, please write what you would like to be shared during the service in the book on the podium by the last pew in the sanctuary. Pastor Phil will share these Joys and Concerns during worship at prayer time. We want to conserve time and still be able to share your Joys and Concerns during worship. Please write clearly. Joys and Concerns letters will still be available at the back of the sanctuary to be signed after worship.

United Methodist Men

March 13th

The United Methodist Men meet each second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Perkins Restaurant on Route 3 for good food and light conversation.

We also tend to the business of the Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop which we sponsor. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 13 where we will discuss two exciting new Scouting programs.

All men are invited to join us for breakfast and project planning on the second Tuesday of each month.

March 14th

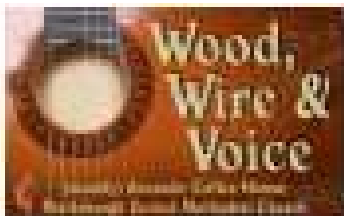
The Queer Virtue Study A 5 week - Interactive program to:• explore the Queerness of Christianity• strengthen our community• increase the power and impact of our witness

Wednesday Nights – from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Classroom A , March 14, March 21, March 28, April 11, April 18

Cost of Book - \$15.00 - place order with Pastor Phil Sign up by emailing Pastor Phil (pastorphils@gmail.com) or calling the Church office – [518-563-2992](tel:518-563-2992).

This Lent, PUMC will offer a five-week program to explore the queerness of the Christian tradition. Participants will read and discuss *Queer Virtue: What LGBTQ People Know About Life and Love and How It Can Revitalize Christianity* (Beacon Press, 2016), written by Episcopal priest Elizabeth M. Edman.

“Lent is a crucial time to explore these queer aspects of our faith,” said Edman. “During Lent, we pray, repent, and ponder the courage that Jesus showed and that he demands of us. Reading *Queer Virtue* together can help church members prepare to walk with Jesus through the strenuous events of Holy Week, and emerge into a new and even more powerful understanding of what Easter means.”



▼ **This Week's Events ▼**
March 12-18 2018

Food Shelf this week

Hours of Operation

Monday -Friday 9AM – Noon (Social Hall)

Friday 4 – 6PM (Social Hall)

PUMC Office

Hours of Operation this week

Monday -Thursday 9AM – Noon

Monday (12)

Vacation Bible Camp Organizing Mtg @6:30pm ► C1 A

Al Anon @ 7pm ► Family Room

Tuesday (13)

Men's Breakfast @7:30am ► Perkins

Al Anon @ Noon ► Family Room

Staff Parish Team @6pm ► Family Room

Trustees/Finance Team @6pm ► Social Hall

Leadership Board @7:30pm ► Family Room

Wednesday (14)

Scouts @ 5:30pm ► Social Hall

After 5 Brass @6pm ► Sanctuary

Queer Virtue Study @7-8:30pm

AA @ 8pm ► Chapel

Thursday (15)

Bell Choir Rehearsal @6pm ► Sanctuary

Chancel Choir Rehearsal @7:15pm ► Sanctuary

Al Anon @ 7:30pm ► Family Room.

Friday (16)

Confirmation Class @4pm ► Temple Beth Israel

Youth Group @4pm ► Temple Beth Israel

Wood, Wire & Voice @7pm ► Chapel

Sunday (18)

8am Worship

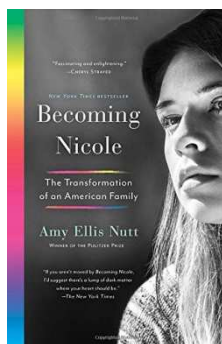
10am Worship w/ Nursery

1pm Nursing Home Worship ► Vilas Home

2pm Nursing Home Worship ► Meadowbrook

AA @8:00pm ► Chapel

Wood, Wire & Voice presents "Fulton's Folly" on Friday, **March 16.** Formerly known as Compass Rose, this group features Steve Fulton, Erena Fulton and Bob Bunnell. Starting at 7:00 p.m., enjoy the group's vocal harmonies on many of your favorite tunes. Refreshments are always available. There is no admission fee, but free will donations are welcomed and support the church budget. Financial support comes from Schneider & Palcsik Injury Lawyers, The Pepper and MaryAnne Bukolt-Ryder Law. Call or write Peter Cadieux at 518-568-2188 and woodwireandvoice@gmail.com for more information



March 24th

**UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN-**

SATURDAY MAR 24 at 2pm- Book

Discussion with tea and cookies in Family Room. Share in the discussion of the book "Becoming Nicole" by Amy Ellis-Nutt. This is written about a family and one of the twins (both born boys) becoming Nicole (female). Please see Marsha Lawrence or a UMW member

for a copy. If you finish reading please put your copy in church office so others can borrow/read it. Even if you don't have time to read the book please feel free to join our discussions about gender identity and this book. **NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A TYPICAL TUES. EVENING MTG. IN MARCH.**

March 24th

**An Invitation to
Make the Impossible Possible!**

Please join us on **Saturday, March 24:-** 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the Plattsburgh UMC, [127 Beekman St., Plattsburgh](http://www.plattsburghumc.org) 12901



Mike Block

Mike Block, Conference Director of Missional Engagement will share information with you to help you get more involved in missions within the United Methodist Church through your direct involvement, financial support, and of course, in prayer support as well.

Mike's primary role is to equip local Church and Conference leaders to be the "hands and feet of Jesus," providing help and hope to people in times of distress and disaster. He

directly supports our Volunteers in Mission and Disaster Response teams and oversees the development and use of the Mission Central HUB.



PUMC Holy Week Worship services & Prayer

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday, March 25, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Join us on Palm Sunday, March 25, for a festive celebration to begin [Holy Week](#). Palm Sunday is the first event leading up to Easter Sunday. It marks the

excitement that was created as Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem. As you come into worship, you will receive palms remembering Jesus entry into Jerusalem.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - Thursday, March 29, - 7:30 pm

On Thursday evening, join us as we commemorate the Last Supper through a living tableau depicting DaVinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper" and share the journey of the disciples as they gathered for a final meal with Jesus. This is a contemplative service.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE - Friday, March 30, 7:30 pm

Gather to commemorate the Passion of our Lord with a service of the Stations of the Cross read by members of the congregation. We remember Jesus trial, crucifixion and death. We will close the service with the congregation singing "Were You There".

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL - Starting Friday, March 30 at 7 am thru 6 p.m.

We will focus on the silence of Holy Friday, reflecting on the trial and crucifixion of Jesus, and the space between Golgotha and the empty tomb. You are invited to stop by in the sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 1st



SUNRISE SERVICE: 6:15 am

Celebrate Easter and Jesus' resurrection in the early morning with prayer and song. We will hear the Easter story and celebrate Holy Communion at the park by the Plattsburgh Boat basin and naked Turtle Restaurant.



EASTER BREAKFAST: immediately following the Easter Sunrise Service

Immediately following the Easter Sunrise service anyone who would like to join a group from our church for a Dutch Treat breakfast at Perkins Restaurant is welcome. No reservations are required. Perkins is located at 411 Route 3 at the entrance to Consumer Square.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00 am (There will be no 8 a.m. worship)

Easter worship service will celebrate new life and Jesus' resurrection. Join us for an inspirational and beautiful Easter Service. The 10 a.m. service will feature special music by the Chancel Choir. Pastor Phil Richards will share a special Easter message at both services. We will have Brass instrumentalists to enhance our worship service. Christ the Lord is Risen!

April 10th

There will be a *Special Church Conference on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m.* to elect a new Board of Trustee member. Randy Martin has agreed to fill a vacancy and serve on this committee. This will be the only agenda item at this Church Conference. All members of the church are eligible to vote.



Coupons for Soldiers Christina Loren, a teacher at NAC, through an organization called "Coupons For Soldiers" gets specific names of families that are stationed overseas at bases where the cost of living is high. A club at NAC called K-Kids (connected with Kiwanis) helps her count and sort the coupons she collects. The military families can use the coupons at commissaries. The coupons can be current or up to 5 months after their expiration date. Sue Burgiss, Friday evening Interfaith Food Shelf coordinator, collects coupons for this mission and clips them before sending them to Christina. A box for coupons is now located in the hallway with the other mission boxes just outside the narthex. Please donate any extra coupons you might have. Thank you!



Adult Education at PUMC - Spring Lay Servants Classes Offered at PUMC

Basic Lay Servant Class - Designed to develop personal spiritual gifts as God intended.

Advanced Class - Practice relational evangelism (prerequisite is the Basic Class)

April 13 from 5 - 9 p.m. and **April 14** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost - \$25.00 (includes books, materials, dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday)

Deadline for registering is **March 26th** (contact PUMC office)

More information is included with the registration forms in the back of the sanctuary.



UMW ASSEMBLY- COLUMBUS OHIO MAY 17-20. Please see either Kay Washbourne or Marsha Lawrence. There is an Upper NY bus trip heading to this (see Kay) and Marsha is driving and has a hotel room that can sleep 4. The bus trip may already be filled, so if that is of interest please contact Kay ASAP. UMW is 150 years old and the theme is 150 years **BOLD**. If there is a topic that lights your fire it is

something that UMW is addressing. Come experience amazing worship, great workshops and fellowship. To register for Assembly go to the United Methodist Women website. NOTE: Our local unit has some funds available to help with some of the costs. We split available funds with those attending. The cheapest way to go is to ride with Marsha and share hotel with Marsha.