



MARCH SCRIPTURES

April 1
Easter, Communion, Choir
Scripture: John 20:1-18
Message: They ran

April 08
2nd Sunday of Easter
Scripture: John 20:19-31
Message: Eternal Life

April 15
3rd Sunday of Easter
Kaehler Sisters

April 22
4th Sunday of Easter, Choir
Scripture: 1 John 3:16-23
Message: LOVE

April 29
5th Sunday of Easter,
Shane Titus on Piano
Scripture: John 15:1-8
Message: Fruit Bearers



EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 7AM Youth Service
- 8AM Easter Breakfast
- 9AM Easter Celebration Service with Communion (Bring Bells)



Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

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Pastor Carolyn's Conundrums:

Matthew 28:5-10 (NIV)

5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." 8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

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This takes place as the women arrive at the tomb. Notice that the Angel and Jesus greets the women saying "Do not be afraid." They knew that the women would respond with fear. Every time God calls us to do something, there is often fear on our part. Sometimes that fear is debilitating. The doubts in our own abilities surround us, and we just can't seem to move past it. That got me wondering about how often we encounter being afraid as we read through the Bible. I researched the word afraid. There are 105 instances of that word in the entire Bible. For all of those times it is when people were called to trust God and do what God had asked.

I started thinking about how God responds to those times, as in our passage above. I researched "Do not be afraid" – Jesus said this phrase 21 times – it occurs in the entire Bible 100 times. After the resurrection, Jesus uses the phrase "Peace be with you" four times, and that phrase does not occur anywhere else in the Bible. That is a total of 104 times that people are told not to be afraid, with most of those being God saying them and the rest are from representatives of God; encouraging individuals to follow where God is leading in spite of their fear. Most accompanied with a reminder that God will be with them and help them. What does all this mean for us (especially in this time of transition, with just hearing about me moving to Florida and a new pastor coming in July)? Often, one of our reactions we experience when we encounter the Living Lord is fear. It is natural to experience fear when we are called to do things that are outside our comfort zone. It also means that God recognizes that, and promises to help us, to be with us, so that we can move forward courageously. This does not mean we will move forward with the absence of fear, but with the confidence – knowing that all things are possible through Christ who strengthens us. This Easter may we take the words of Jesus to heart and "Rejoice!" and to not be afraid follow where God leads!

The editor reserves the right to edit any or all articles for content and/or spacing.





Members of the United Methodist Church. Thank you for all the love and support. Thank you for caring. The Roberta Hickey family.

Dear PIUMC Family



We are so blessed with the gift of the Baby Quilt and Bible for Adia's Baptism. We label each baby blanket we receive so that we always remember the giver when we use it. This from our "Church family" is **so special!**

The **Bible** is already Adia's favorite book (and both her parents' favorite book, too). She didn't yet have a "board book" Bible (specifically intended for young children / toddlers.)

We are grateful for a Bible she can "touch" without worrying that she'll wreck it (though she might use it as a "teething book" if we are not supervising.) :) (wink)

We are so blessed to be part of this loving community of believers—FAMILY!

Marni, Duane and Adia



Dear Pine Island United Methodist Church,

We are so grateful to you for honoring our mother and our family with such gracious service for the funeral. From opening doors as guests arrived to serving individuals at tables during the luncheon; the efforts of so many volunteers is not overlooked and is so appreciated.

May God bless each one as you have been a blessing to us!

The Family of Florence Alberts



We want to thank our Church friends for their calls, cards, and beautiful flowers. I have never been affected with such health issues and your caring means so much. Thank You. Mardelle & Kenny Rueber



On Sunday, March 18, I announced that I have accepted a projected appointment in the Florida Annual Conference. My last Sunday here will be June 10. This has nothing to do with any circumstances within the church. I love it here, and you will be greatly missed. I am looking forward to no more cold winters (because of my health issues) and being closer to Dave's and my parents.

Blessings, Pastor Carolyn Westlake



Pine Island Auxiliary

The Pine Island Auxiliary will be having their *Annual Salad Luncheon* on Monday, April 9, at the Pine Island American Legion. Serving 11am—1pm. Assorted salads, meatballs & rolls. The cost is \$10.

SIDING UPDATE

Board of Trustees & Finance Committee

Many of you have probably noticed that the workers from Larson Siding and Windows are progressing nicely on the exterior of the church. The replacement siding is made of steel and the upper shakes are made of vinyl. It looks so nice and fresh as the old siding was discolored and deteriorating. Nobody knows the age of the old wooden shakes but if they were original, it would make them 117 years old. The steel siding is around 40 to 50 years old.



Next, on behalf of the Trustees and Finance Committees, I would like to thank everyone who has donated to this project. Our initial plans were to raise at least \$15,000 to kick off the project. The actual amount of this original donation was over \$34,000. Again THANK YOU for your support.

Other funds would come from the following sources:

Initial donations	\$33,500
Helen Mahler Fund	\$25,000
Trust funds	\$5,000
WAB's silent auction at the Harvest Home Dinner	\$1,329
Memorials	\$5,176
Berne Pizza funds	\$4,975
Methodist Men's	\$500
Total funds available are	\$75,980

The balance will be financed with a loan from the Pine Island Bank. The bid from Larson Siding was for \$87,300. At the beginning of the project, we had approval for borrowing as much as \$50,000. However, at this point it appears that we will need to finance only \$11,000. I believe it was God's will to complete this project.

If you are still considering a donation to this project, just send a check to the church office or put it in the offering plate marked "siding project." Maybe we could totally eliminate the need to borrow any funds.

MAY BUFFET

Thursday, May 10, 2018, 6pm with program at 6:45pm

Tickets \$8.00 per person \$20 per family (2 adults +students)

Available at the church office or Sundays on April 29 and May 6

Menu

Scalloped Potatoes and Ham

Baked Beans

Coleslaw

Bread and Beverage & Assorted Sweets

Program: "The Adventures of Ghost Hunting; Things that go BUMP in the night"

Presented by: Hawk Horvath, Owner and lead investigator of

AFTER HOURS PARANORMAL INVESTIGATIONS

JO CANNIFF

Jo Canniff was born the youngest Bowley in a family of twelve in Northampton, New Hampshire, and grew up in nearby Hampton. A lot of her siblings were born at home. With so many children, the house was like a dorm and never big enough. Because the house was heated by a wood stove, it was common to see clothes drying too close to the fire, Luckily, someone would smell the burning garments before the garments turned ablaze. Jo said, "We didn't think life was hard because everyone was the same." Her mother had four other children with Grandma.

Jo remembers the names of each of six or seven families that lived in the enclave. The children felt free to enter most of the houses to connect with their playmates. Jo said, "It's something you don't have today. We didn't have neighbors. We thought of them as family."

She was married at Judge Bragg's house when she was 18. After being married, she lived in Hampton. She worked at Toby's drugstore. When she was pregnant, one of the other employees asked her how she could work while she was pregnant. She told him, "Don't worry, I'll have the baby on Saturday and be back to work on Monday," and she was.

One of her friends, Mrs. Campbell, had a baby shower for her. Her present was a can of baby powder. Jo said, "Those were the days when things like that meant something. Now, people take those little things for granted."

Her husband, Eaton, passed away when Stephanie was 11. After three years, she married Bob and lived in Lexington, Massachusetts, where she worked at the Theatre Pharmacy. Still in existence, the store was the only independent pharmacy in Lexington. Jo said, "I loved that job. Chris, the owner treated his people well. If I still lived there, I could work there."

Jo said, "I had two great husbands." She has four girls, six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Her first great-great grandchild, Olivia Grace, is six months old. Another great-great grandchild is on the way. Sixteen years ago, right before two of her grandsons, Dillon and Alexander were born, she moved in with her youngest daughter Stephanie and her husband Eric. She said, "I'm thankful for being here."

When she first went to PIUMC, she didn't feel welcomed at first, but she had always been a Methodist. She said, "If you persevere, you get accepted. Once you're a friend, you get accepted."

She said that she likes giving and has a hard time taking, but someone once pointed out, "How do you think other people get joy?"

Jo would like to see more children at the church. She thinks that name tags would be a good idea for strangers especially. If you recognized people, you wouldn't have trouble approaching people. She is very much at home at PIUMC. She said that other people in the congregation should not hesitate to do one of these interviews.

"I've had a great life," she said. Everyone has troubles and challenges, according to Jo. When that happens, she advised, "You have to rely on 'up there'."





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7am Youth Service 8am Breakfast 9am Sunday Worship Communion Choir <i>Easter Sunday</i>	2 NS Office Closed	3 NS 7pm Trustee in HR	4 NS 9am BB	5 NS	6 NS	7 PC Out
8 PC Out Bill Brueck Guest Speaker 9am Sunday Worship 10am SS & Fellowship Choir Rehearsal	9 PC Out 7pm Boy Scouts in HR	10 PC Out 6pm Girl Scouts	11 PC Out 6pm Meal & Children's Worship	12 PC Out 6pm Meal & Children's Worship	13	14 10am Cub Scout Leaders
15 Choir KaeHler Sisters 9am Sunday Worship 10am SS & Fellowship	16 6pm Lions in FH 6pm Girl Scouts in HR	17 Pine Chips Deadline 1:30pm Memorial 7pm Finance	18 9am BB 6pm Meal & Children's Worship	19 10Am Pine Haven Bible Study	20	21
22 Choir 9am Sunday Worship Communion 10am SS & Fellowship	23 7pm Council in HR	24 6pm Girl Scouts	25 9am BB 6pm Meal & Children's Worship	26 10:30am DCOSS Meeting in HR	27	28
29 9am Sunday Worship 10am SS & Fellowship 10:15am Evangelism 11:30am Lunch Bunch will be At Red Lobster	30 6pm Girl Scouts In FH					

PH = Pine Haven NS = No School BB = Betty Sue's Better Brew SS = Sunday School
 PC = Pastor Carolyn PH = Fellowship Hall HR = Heritage Room L = Library

MISSIONS

The **Mission Box for April** is looking for volunteers. Over the years, our Flowers for Friends program has been something many people look forward to.



We are asking this year for volunteers to help with the Flowers for Friends program. There will be a sign-up sheet available in April. It only takes a minute to deliver a flower and give someone a smile; a little longer if you would let them talk with you or paint a flower pot or pot a flower. However you do it, it is a great experience! Look for the sign-up sheet to see how you can help.

PINE ISLAND SHARING SHELF: April is Boxed Potato month.



KAEHLER SISTERS



SUNDAY MUSIC
APRIL 15
9AM SERVICE

We are just two sisters who give all the praise and glory to Jesus for allowing us to share our love for Him through the gift of music He has given us. All praise and honor be His and His alone. We are just instruments He uses to reach others for His glorious Kingdom. ♥♥

KIM SCHMIDT & KATHI KAEHLER



The Caring Ministry Team has had their first meeting. We wanted to give you an update as to what we are doing and planning. Thank you for your help and your care for one another!

Email and Phone Prayer Chains are being brought together.

Meals for those in difficult situations – We still would like to round out this list a bit. If you are willing to provide a meal for those who are in need of some help due to difficult situations, please sign-up. You, of course, will be able to decline if it is not a good time for you, we are wanting to make a master list to know who to contact.

Flowers – we have started sending flowers to those who are facing difficulty, as a way of letting them know that their church family is praying for them and thinking about them. If you are interested in offering a monetary donation to help with this ministry, it would be appreciated.