



SUMC at 51 Church St., Schuylerville  
Sunday Worship Service at 11 AM



QSUMC at 466 Route 32 South  
Sunday Worship Service at 9 AM

# *The MESSENGER*

*Of the Schuylerville and Quaker Springs  
United Methodist Churches*

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## March 2020

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays	@ SUMC Bell choir
Sundays	QS Choir rehearsal after Fellowship
Alt. Mon	Girl Scouts 6:30PM @ SUMC
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	SUMC Administrative Council 7 PM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Even months QS Administrative Council
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Odd months QS Worship Committee
4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Emmaus (informal worship) 7 PM SUMC
Tuesday	Pastor's Sabbath (time to rejuvenate)
Thursday	Bible Study 2 PM @ Gloria's
Thursday	SUMC Choir rehearsal at 7 PM
Friday	Pastor's Sabbath (time to rejuvenate)
Friday	Overeaters Anonymous 10 AM @ SUMC
Saturday	Alcoholics Anonymous 8 PM @ SUMC
March 1-7	Pastor John away at Seminary
March 4	Ecumenical Lenten Service at 7 PM Faith Chapel
March 8	Daylight Savings Time starts
March 11	Ecumenical Lenten Service at 7 PM Fort Miller

March 14	Bible In One Year 9 AM @ SUMC
March 15	<b>April Messenger deadline</b>
March 16	QS Worship Committee at Marion's at 5:30 PM
March 18	Ecumenical Lenten Service at 7 PM Bacon Hill
March 20 & 21	Bag Sale at The Way
March 25	Ecumenical Lenten Service at 7 PM Quaker Springs UMC
March 27 & 28	Bag Sale at The Way
March 28	Bible In One Year 9 AM @SUMC
April 1	Ecumenical Lenten Service at 7 PM Notre Dame- Visitation
April 9	Ecumenical Lenten Service at 7 PM Maundy Thursday – Schuylerville UMC
April 10	Good Friday Quaker Springs UMC Soup and Bread Dinner @ 6 PM Ecumenical Lenten Service at 7 PM
April 11	Spring clean-up at QSUMC 9 AM
April 16	Mission Team fundraiser at The Way 3 to 7 PM
April 18	QS Roast Turkey & Ham dinner 4 to 6 PM

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR**

### Transcendent Truth, a Reflection of Faith

“Transcendent Truth, a Reflection of Faith” is the theme for this year’s ecumenical Lenten services. The wording of this theme may sound complicated, but the essence of the theme is straight-forward and hopefully very helpful. The theme is a call for us to lift our eyes above the ebbs and flows of life, above our circumstances, and upon the never changing love, truth, and grace of Christ. As our ecumenical clergy group prayed and discussed what the theme should be for this year we all agreed that there is an unusual level of unsettledness in the world right now. Both the United Methodist Church and Reformed Church of America are at cross-roads moments which are making many unsure and concerned about what may lay ahead. Additionally, the presidential primaries, coming general election, rise of coronavirus, as well as many other geo-political circumstances all combine to make for a perfect storm of division and worry. It is in times like these that we all need to pause and reflect on our faith and the truth of Christ which transcends all circumstances. It is deeply encouraging to remember that no matter what paths various denominations go down that God will continue to be at work in our world revealing His love and truth, saving souls, and transforming the world. Similarly, no matter who becomes president, what diseases may arise, or what geopolitical tensions may develop - Christ will always be King and will one day return to establish a perfect kingdom where all wrongs will be made right. Christ is, indeed, our firm foundation – our rock, our fortress in whom we find refuge. So, this Lent I want to call all of us to lift our eyes upon Christ and receive encouragement, peace, and love so that we may go forth as a healing balm to a world so in need of restoration.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor John

## **Pastor John’s Office Hours**

Monday 3 PM to 5 PM @ Parsonage

Thursday 3:15 PM to 5 PM @ QSUMC

## **PRAYER LIST**

***During our Worship services, please raise specific names for prayer during our Joys and Concerns. Please let Pastor John know of anyone in need of prayers.***

***Please keep in prayer:***

- ❖ *Family, friends and folks we know who are ill, undergoing rehab, chemo, surgery, treatments, recouping or just in need of our prayers.*
- ❖ *The Women and Men of our Armed Forces who are working for World Peace*
- ❖ *Family and Friends in Nursing and Health Care Facilities*
- ❖ *World disaster victims*
- ❖ *Families and friends of the victims of violence*
- ❖ *Safe travel for all those traveling to be with family and friends for the holiday season*





## **Ecumenical Lenten Services**

The Greater Schuylerville community is blessed to be able to take part in these ecumenical services. There are

few communities that offer this unique type of worship services during Lent or any other time of year. These services not only provide the attendees with an inspiring message and spiritually rewarding worship service but also a time of great fellowship with members of our community. Below is a list of the 2020 Ecumenical Lenten Services of the Greater Schuylerville Community. Hope to see you there.

### **Ecumenical Lenten Service Schedule**

#### ***Ecumenical Lenten Theme:***

Transcendent Truth, a Reflection of Faith  
From the Gospel of John

#### ***Stations of the Cross during Lent***

12:15pm Every Friday except Good Friday at  
St. Stephen's – Followed by Lunch  
Beginning March 6<sup>th</sup> and ending April 3<sup>rd</sup>

3:00pm Every Friday Including Good Friday at  
Notre Dame-Visitation, starting 2/28

#### **2/26- Ash Wednesday**

8:30am Mass at Notre Dame Visitation  
7:00pm @ Old Saratoga Reformed (*First  
Lenten Service*)  
Preaching: The Rev. Joyce deVelder  
The Lord's Table  
Imposition of Ashes

#### **3/3- Contemplative Prayer**

7:00pm @ St. Stephen's  
Dee Whitten leading the prayer service

#### **3/4-Second Lenten Service**

7:00pm @ Faith Chapel  
Preaching: The Rev. Virginia Cornell

#### **3/10- Contemplative Prayer**

7:00pm @ St. Stephen's  
Dee Whitten leading the prayer service

#### **3/11- Third Lenten Service**

7:00pm @ Fort Miller  
Preaching: Pastor John Iseman

#### **3/18 – Fourth Lenten Service**

7:00pm @ Bacon Hill  
Preaching: The Rev. Janet Vincent

#### **3/25- Fifth Lenten Service**

7:00pm @ Quaker Springs  
Preaching: Fr. Ed Kacerguis

#### **4/1 – Sixth Lenten Service**

7:00pm @ Notre Dame-Visitation  
Preaching: The Rev. Scott Cutting  
Prayers and Anointing for healing will follow the  
service

4/2- 7:00pm @ Notre Dame-Visitation

#### **Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation**

#### **4/9- Maundy Thursday**

7:00pm – Schuylerville United Methodist  
Preaching: *To Be Determined*  
Hand washing  
7:00pm- Notre Dame-Visitation  
Holy Thursday Mass

#### **4/10- Good Friday**

Noon @ St. Stephen's – Light lunch to follow  
Passion reading with Pastor Marcial Reyes  
preaching

3:00pm Stations of the Cross at Notre Dame-  
Visitation

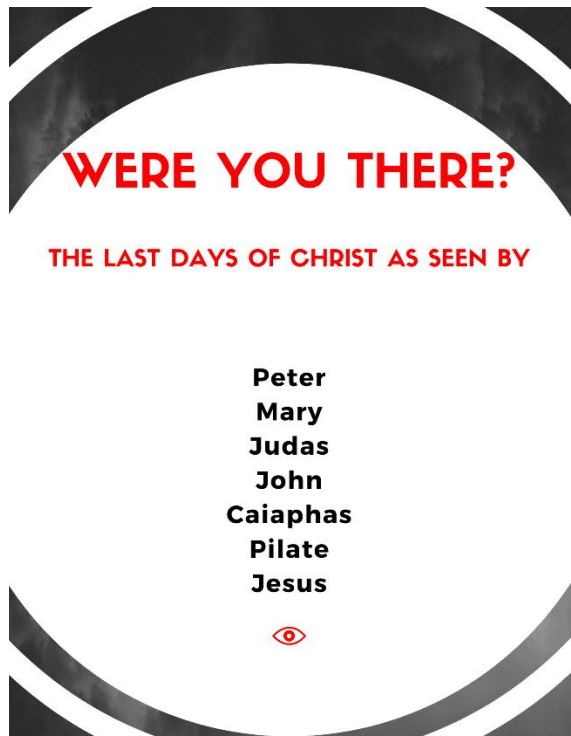
6:00 pm @ Quaker Springs UMC – Soup and  
Bread Dinner

7:00pm @ Quaker Springs UMC  
Pastor John Iseman – Preaching  
Prayers for healing and anointing will follow the  
Service

7:00pm @ Notre Dame-Visitation

**4/11- Easter Vigil** St. Joseph's in Greenwich,  
8:00pm

**4/12- Easter Sunday – details forthcoming**



Pastor John will be starting a new sermon series entitled **Were You There?** On March 1<sup>st</sup>. Each Sunday, he will focus on the last days of Christ as seen through the eyes of some of those who were present ( see names above),

**NEWS FROM SUMC**

**SQSUMC Youth Group news**

At the time of this writing, the youth are looking forward to helping serve at the church's Pancake Supper. They are also looking forward to planting a vegetable garden at the parsonage in the spring. They surveyed possible areas and decided on an ideal spot. The vegetables they raise will be donated to the community.

Youth group meets twice a month at SUMC from 1-2:30pm, led by Pastor John and Tara McCaughey. Youth are always welcome to bring a friend. Upcoming dates are March 8, 22, April 5, 26. Many thanks to Nellie Dumas and Terisa Clothier for providing fun snacks at each meeting!

----Tara McCaughey

**Schuylerville United Methodist Church  
Proposed Officers & Teams for 2020**

Lay Member to Conference	Morgan Flanders
Lay Leader	Stan Barber
Lay Servants	Stan Barber
	Richard Larmon
	Tom Bushnell
	Tary Bushnell
	Phoebe Fontaine
	Sue Harrington
Church Council Chair	Pat Poirier
Treasurer of Current Expense	Nellie Dumas
Financial Secretary	Pat Poirier
Treasurer of Benevolences	Donna Barber
Recording Secretary	Robin Nevins
Membership Secretary	Phoebe Fontaine

**Nominations & Personnel Committee:**

Donna Barber (20) Sue Harrington (21)  
Phoebe Fontaine (21) Tena Flanders (22)

**Staff/Parish Relations Committee:**

Stan Barber (Lay Leader) Tena Flanders (20)  
Sue Harrington (21) Nellie Dumas (22)

**Trustees:**

Richard Larmon (20) Skip Weed (20) Bill Schutz (21) Sue Harrington (22) Brad Allen (22)

**Worship Committee:** Pastor John (Chair),

Tary Bushnell, Brad Allen, Betty Polmateer, Pat Poirier, Skip Weed, Sue Harrington.

**Christian Education:** Tena Flanders (Chair),

Morgan Flanders, Tara McCaughey, Amanda Medick, Nellie Dumas, Sue Harrington, Tresa Hayes

**Membership Committee:** MaryAnne Schutz,

Phoebe Fontaine, Betty Larmon, Robin Nevins

**Safe Sanctuary Committee:** Tena Flanders

\*Note: the number next to name indicates the class and year for Team/Committee. For example, (19) means a member of that committee through the end of 2019.



## Easter Flowers at SUMC

For information about ordering Easter flowers at SUMC, please see Yvonne Wooley.

### NEWS FROM QUAKER SPRINGS



Colt (weighing 5lb.8.3 oz) was born to Jeanah Smith and Anthony Harrison of Mechanicville at 7 AM on January 22, 2020.

Grandparents are Bill and Moe Ormsby of Schuylerville; Arthur and Melissa Brownell of Ballston Spa; Brian and Mary Harrison of Ballston Spa and Cynthia Smith of Waterford..

Great Grandparents are Don and Peg Ormsby of Schuylerville.



### *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

Isaac Watts wrote "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" in 1707. Lowell Mason wrote the current melody in 1824.

Watts was born in England in 1674. His father was part of the Nonconformist movement and

was imprisoned twice for his religious views. (The Nonconformist believed in the literal interpretation of the Bible and a personal relationship with God. They believed in religious tolerance and began the child labor movement.) Isaac already showed promise in grammar school. A local doctor offered to sponsor his university study if he would be an ordained minister in the Church of England. Isaac declined the offer and attended the Nonconformist Academy near London. He left the academy at the age of 20 to spend two years at home.

After his two-year retreat, he spent the next six years working as a tutor to the son of John Halon, a respected Puritan leader. In 1699 he became the assistant pastor of a local independent chapel. Two years later he was appointed pastor of the church. It seemed that Isaac had finally reached his true calling. Unfortunately, his health entered a downward spiral. A serious illness finally forced his retirement in 1712 at the age of 38. He went to live with the Sir Thomas Abney family and served as a tutor and family Chaplin. The family took care of him until his death in 1748.

Watts wrote more than 60 books on a variety of subjects. He is best remembered for the more than 600 hymns he wrote. "O God Our Help In Ages Past" and "Joy To The World" are two of my favorites. It would be hard to find a better hymn for Easter than "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross". Charles Wesley once said that he would give up all his other hymns to have written that one.

Info from: Hymns of Praise by Pamela Kennedy  
One Hundred & One Famous Hymns by Charles Johnson

Tim Lagoe  
Hymn Historian



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Certified Lay Speakers	Linda Campbell Connie Turner
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Recording Secretary	Deb Lagoe
Membership Secretary	Laurie Griffen

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Donna Dodd-Thomas (20) Linda Campbell (21)  
Marion Craine (22)

**Staff/Parish Relations Committee:**

Linda Campbell (Lay Leader) Deb Lagoe (20)  
Sally Snowden (21) Mary Jo Michaud (22)

**Trustees:**

Bob Greenfield (20) Laurie Griffen (21)  
Mike McLoughlin (22) John Roby (22)  
Scott Turner (20)

**Worship Committee:** Pastor John (Chair),  
Linda Campbell, Marion Craine, Deb Lagoe

**Christian Education:** Deb Lagoe, Laurie Griffen,  
Margaret Nolan, Sharon Roby, Connie Turner

**Stewardship Committee:** Paul Griffen (Chair),  
Tim Lagoe, Bob Greenfield, Mary Jo Michaud,  
Steve Griffen

**Revive and Thrive:** Deb Lagoe (Chair),  
Linda Campbell, Donna Dodd-Thomas,  
Gini Griffen

**Membership Committee:** Linda Campbell,  
Bill Lagoe

**Messenger Newsletter:** Deb Lagoe (Editor),  
Linda Campbell, Marion Craine, Bonnie Greenfield

**Altar Presenter:** Donna Dodd-Thomas,  
Deb Lagoe, Bonnie Greenfield

**Communications/Web Master:** Bill Lagoe

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**Spring Clean Up Help Needed**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Many of you have your own tree and yard cleanup to do after this year's storms, hopefully we have that early spring that was promised. If you have a little bit of energy left, the FAIRMOUNT CEMETERY will require another big cleanup this year. Lots of big branches can be seen in the snow and no doubt lots of smaller debris is hidden.

With the help of John Roby, his Scouts, their Dads and many members of our congregation, we made a huge dent in all the work that needed to be done. John has agreed to bring his troop again this year, in early May to do cleanup before the mowing starts so all is done by Memorial Day. No exact date as yet, but as an enticement to join us, we will have a picnic lunch to reward the workers this year!

More information will follow as we get confirmation of a date. Watch the Messenger, the Pastor's weekly Blast and the calendar in the Bulletin.

Lots of fun, and you get a great education of our history at the same time.

Bonnie Greenfeld.

## ***Spring Clean Up At QSUMC***

A spring clean-up workday will be held on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM until Noon.

Many hands make light work. So, if you free, please consider lending a hand in the spring cleaning of our church and grounds. All help would be greatly appreciated.



**Baked Ham and Roast Turkey Dinner  
On April 18<sup>th</sup> at QSUMC**

On Saturday, April 18 from 4-6pm Quaker Springs Church will be serving a baked ham and roast turkey dinner.

Please join us in any way you can. This is a fun fundraiser for our church and your contributions of time and money are very much appreciated. Please let Marion Craine know if you can help.

## ***EASTER FLOWERS AT QSUMC***

It is a tradition at QSUMC to have Easter flowers placed around the altar in memory of loved ones.

Please have your Easter flowers at QSUMC on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> no later than noon



## **A New Way to Support Our Mission Team**

On Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 7 PM, the Nisson team will be holding a fundraiser at The Way. Proceeds from the sale will go to help support the team as they prepare for their mission trip to Guatemala. Watch your bulletins for more information about this event.



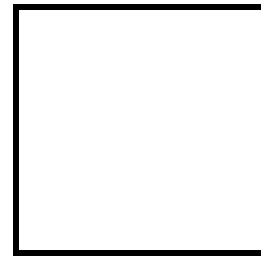
## ***Good Friday Soup and Bread Dinner***

The Good Friday Ecumenical service will be held at Quaker Springs UMC at 7 PM on Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 6 PM, a soup and bread dinner will be available. Come early and join us for dinner and fellowship before the 7 PM worship service . All are welcome.



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### **Pastor John's Office Hours**

**Monday 3 PM to 5 PM @ Parsonage**  
**Thursday 3:15 PM to 5 PM @ QSUMC**

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Morning Worship & Sunday School:  
9:00 am in Quaker Springs  
11:00 am in Schuylerville

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