

Women's Month Celebration

MARCH 19, 2023
WESTCHESTER UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



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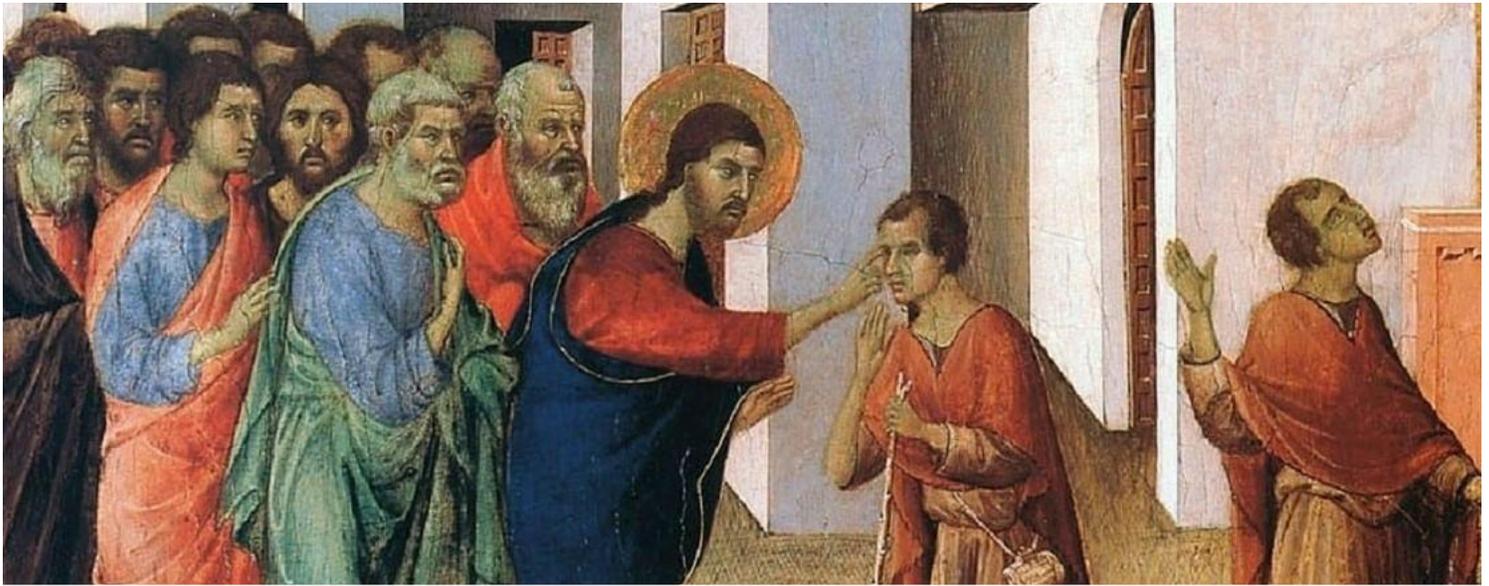




Westchester United Methodist

“A Friendly Family Church”

Celebrating over 200 years of Building up the Kingdom of God by Growing Disciples and extending our Ministries



4th Sunday in Lent

March 19th 2023 (10a.m Service) - Liturgical Color – Purple

Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton (Resident Bishop)

Rev. Simeon C. Law, (District Superintendent)

Rev. Beverly Hodges-Fairweather (Assistant to the Pastor)

Rev. Sonia Jermin (Ministries with Seniors & Spirituality)

Rev. Ivy Dawson(Evangelism Related Ministries)

Cora Doram - Lay Leader

Deaconess. Linda - Douglas Smith (Lay Minister Small Groups Ministries & Attendance Building)

Min. Earlwyn Benjamin(Lay Minister Prayer & Healing Ministries)

Min. Joshua Olabisi (Lay Minister Care Ministries)

Min. Jaslyn Challenger-Singleton (Family Life Ministries)

Rev. Gordon A.R. Edwards, Ph.D., Psy.D, Pastor

Pat Savage(Minister of Music) - Roland Samuels(Percussionist) – Roy Gomes(SteelPanist)

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Prelude

Pat Savage

Call to Worship

L. God, who loved us before we were born.

P. Who knows us even better than we know ourselves.

L. Give to the women of our time the strength to persevere.

P. The courage to speak out.

L. The faith to believe in you beyond all systems and institutions.

ALL. So that your face on earth may be seen in all its beauty, to your honor and glory.

Opening Hymn: *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

*1) Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*2) All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heaven reflect thy rays
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.*

*3) Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing ever blest
Well spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happiness
Thou our father, Christ our brother
All who live in love are thine
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine*

*4) Mortals join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.*

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed –a be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, hallowed-a be thy name
Done on earth as it is in heaven, hallowed-a be thy name
Give us this day our daily bread, hallowed-a be thy name
And—forgive all our debts, hallowed-a be thy name
As we forgive our debtors, hallowed-a be thy name
Lead us not, into temptation, hallowed-a be thy name
But deliver us from evil, hallowed-a be thy name
Thine is the kingdom, power, and glory, hallowed-a be thy name
For-ever and ever, hallowed-a be thy name
Amen, amen, amen, hallowed-a be thy name
Amen, amen, amen, amen, hallowed-a be thy name

Children's Moment

*I need you, you need me
We're all a part of God's body
Stand with me, agree with me
We're all a part of God's body
It is His will
that every need be supplied
You are important to me,
I need you to survive
You are important to me,
I need you to survive*

Steel Pan Ministry of Music

Rev. Beverly Hodges Fairweather

I pray for you, You pray for me
I love you, I need you to survive
I won't harm you with words from my mouth
I love you, I need you to survive
It is His will that every need be supplied
You are important to me
I need you to survive
You are important to me
I need you to survive

Roy Gomes

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY

The **two buckets** located in the front and back are for our **Tithes/Offering** to cover our current expenses, Scholarship Fund, and the **Apportionment**.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

16:1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

16:2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'

16:3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."

16:4 Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

16:5 He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

16:6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD."

16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

16:8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

16:9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD

chosen this one."

16:10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."

16:11 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."

16:12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."

16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-41

9:1 As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.

was born blind?"

9:3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.

9:4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

9:6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes,

9:7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

9:8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?"

9:9 Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man."

9:10 But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"

9:11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight."

9:12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

9:13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.

9:14 Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.

9:15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see."

9:16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided.

9:17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

9:18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight

9:19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

9:20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

9:21 but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself."

9:22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

9:23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

9:24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner."

9:25 He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

9:26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

9:27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

9:28 Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

9:29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."

9:30 The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.

9:31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.

9:32 *Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.*

9:33 *If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."*

9:34 *They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.*

9:35 *Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"*

9:36 *He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him."*

9:37 *Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he."*

9:38 *He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.*

9:39 *Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind."*

9:40 *Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?"*

9:41 *Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.*

Ministry of Music

Chancel Choir

The Sermon: Min. Linda Douglas Smith

Opportunities for Ministry

SENDING FORTH

Benediction followed by the Threefold Amen

Closing Hymn

“Glory to His Name”

1) *Down at the cross where my Savior died
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried
There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His name*

Refrain:

*Glory to His name, glory to His name
There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His name*

2) *I am so wondrously saved from sin
Jesus so sweetly abides within
There at the cross where he took me in
Glory to His name*

3) *O precious fountain that saves from sin
I am so glad I have entered in
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean
Glory to His name*

4) *Come to this fountain so rich and sweet
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet
Plunge in today and be made complete
Glory to His name.*

LET'S PRAY FOR

Hartley Humphreys, LaToya Meghie (Niece of Sister Wright), The Adeniyis ,Mr. Sydney Stevens(Brother of Mrs. Karen James) Derix & Delvin Skelton(Brothers of Donald Skelton) Desmond Williams(brother of Francis Wright), Dwayne Williams, Francine Brown & family ,The Shaws, Eldra Petrus.

Prayer Changes Things



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy
Birthday

Mon	Mar 20th	Earlwyn Benjamin
Tues	Mar 21 st	Ama Perkins, Debra Edwards
Fri	Mar 24 th	Henritta Buntin, Cartwright Chapman
Sat	Mar 25 th	Yvonne Davis



BRONX COOPERATIVE PARISH LENTEN SERVICES



Services begin at 7:30 pm

In person and streamed via Zoom.

The Zoom information is as follows:

<https://umcom.zoom.us/j/92390744028>

Meeting ID: 923 9074 4028 (No Passcode needed)

Dial in information: 1 929 205 6099 **

Meeting ID: 923 9074 4028

Wed. Mar. 22	Wakefield-Grace UMC-3757 White Plains Road	Rev. Stacia Robinson
Wed. Mar. 29	Fordham UMC -2543 Marion Ave.	Rev. Dr. Gordon Edwards



BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

COVID isn't over, but we are relaxing our mask mandate effective March 1st, 2023. One will have the option to wear or not to wear a mask when he/she comes to church. Remember! When you wear a mask, you not only ensure your own safety, but you protect others around you as well. If

before leaving home your intention was to wear a mask but forgot to take it with you, an usher will provide you one as you enter the sanctuary space. Our aim is to provide a safe environment for all and respect for each other's decisions. We do encourage High Risk Individuals to continue to Practice Precautions.



United
Women
in Faith

**You are invited to Metropolitan's District's Annual
Communion Brunch!**

Guest Speaker: Katie Reimer

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Time: 11:00 am- 2:00 p.m.

Location: Church of the Village UMC

Address: 201 W 13th Street

New York, New York 10011

Theme: Mosaic in Faith

Continental Breakfast and Light Lunch will be served!

Donation: \$25.00

Write Checks/Money orders to:

Metropolitan District United Methodist Women

***Mail to: Renee C. Airhuoyo**

66 Main Street, apt. 526

Yonkers, New York 10701

Free Will offering for the United Women in Faith Legacy Fund

Registration is a must! Deadline Friday, March 17, 2023.

Email: ReneeCAirhuoyo@gmail.com or

Call Renee @917-365-6032 with the following information:

Your First and Last Name, Church, Phone number

Space is limited (maximum 75 people).

Covid protocols will be in place.

***We encourage you to bring your own coffee mug and
water bottle.**

*United Women in Faith, Metropolitan District President, Renee C. Airhuoyo
Metropolitan District United Methodist Church Superintendent, Rev. Simeon C. Law
The New York Annual Conference/ The United Methodist Church: Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton*

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Chancel Choir Ministry of Music Sundays



April 1st

April 2nd

April 15th

April 16th

April 29th

April 30th

May 13th

May 14th

It's
too
short
to wear
boring
clothes



Saturday -April 1st Westchester Fashion Show

Get Ready!!

WUMC 2023 Events Calendar

April

Saturday -April 1st Fashion Show

May

Sunday-May 7th Celebrate Nurses

Monday-May 8th Seniors Day Apart – A day celebrating body, mind and spirit.

Sunday-May 14th Mother's Day

Saturday-May 27th Awards Ceremony

June (Men's Month)

Saturday-June 10th Ministry Workshop #2

Sunday-June 18th Men's Day

Sunday-June 25th Church Picnic

July

July 9th thru 15th Vacation Bible School (via ZOOM)

Sunday-July 16th Gloster B. Current Scholarship promotion Sunday

Saturday-July 22nd Food Fair (11am -4 pm)

August (Stay tuned)

September

Sunday-Sept. 3rd Pastors Welcome Back Celebration

Saturday-Sept 16th Ministry Workshop #3

Saturday-Sept 30th GBC Scholarship Ministry sponsored PLAY

October (Church Anniversary Month)

Saturday-October 7th Prayer Breakfast

Saturday-October 21st Auction --Sunday-October 22nd Anniversary Closeout

Saturday-October 28th thru Nov 6th Mission Journey to Antigua

November

Saturday-Nov. 11th Ministry Workshop #4

Sunday –Nov 12th –Senior Day Sunday-Nov. 19th Harvest Celebration

December

(Steelband Concert) Date &Time TBD Seniors Advent Workshop Stay Tuned

EVANGELISM CORNER with Min. Ivy Dawson



Maria Woodworth-Etter (July 22, 1814- Sept 16, 1924)
Maria Woodworth-Etter was born in New Lisbon, Columbia County, Ohio. She was born again at the beginning of the Third Great Awakening at the age of thirteen. Maria immediately heard the call of God and dedicated her life to the Lord. Of her calling she would later write, "I heard the voice of Jesus calling me to go out in the highways and hedges and gather in the lost sheep."

She studied the scriptures and began preaching the Lord's divine will in healing. It didn't take long to see that evangelism and healing went hand in hand, as thousands were won to Christ as a result of seeing others healed. Sister Etter pioneered the way for Pentecostal manifestations that are so common in Charismatic and Pentecostal groups to day. She was pivotal in founding the Assemblies of God church in 1914.

The Gospel tells us to spread the teachings of Jesus. All who believe will be saved.



To all members of the Awards/Anniversary Committee, please note the following dates, times and venue when we will meet

3/24, 3/31 @ 7pm via Zoom

4/4, 4/19 @ 7pm via Zoom

5/2, 5/10, 5/17 @7pm via Zoom

5/21 after worship service

Final on 5/24 @7pm via Zoom

Kindly pin these dates to your calendars.

Cora Doram (Chair)

GOD'S SAVING WORD

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

2023

*Hear what God says:
"When the time came
for me to show you favor,
I heard you;
when the day arrived
for me to save you,
I helped you."*

*Listen! This is the hour
to receive God's favor;
today is the day to be saved!*

2 Corinthians 6:2 (Good News Translation)

MARCH

God's Saving Word:
Prayer

1 Psalm 3

2 Psalm 4

World Day of Prayer

3 Psalm 46

4 Psalm 48

Second Sunday in Lent

5 Psalm 54

6 Psalm 55

7 Psalm 56

8 Psalm 57

9 Psalm 59

10 Psalm 61

11 Psalm 62

Third Sunday in Lent

12 Psalm 70

13 Psalm 71

14 Psalm 75

15 Psalm 76

16 Psalm 77

17 Psalm 80

18 Psalm 84

Fourth Sunday in Lent

19 Psalm 88

20 Psalm 90

21 Psalm 91

22 Psalm 120

23 Psalm 122

24 Psalm 126

25 Psalm 127

Fifth Sunday in Lent

26 Psalm 130

27 Psalm 132

28 Psalm 139

29 Psalm 141

30 Psalm 142

31 Psalm 143

APRIL

God's Saving Word:
Hope

1 Psalm 31

Palm/Passion Sunday

2 Matthew 21:1-22

3 Matthew 21:23-46

4 Matthew 26:1-35

5 Matthew 26:36-75

Maundy Thursday

6 Matthew 27:1-26

Good Friday

7 Matthew 27:27-56

8 Matthew 27:57-66

Easter Sunday

9 Matthew 28:1-20

10 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

11 1 Corinthians 15:12-34

12 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

13 1 Corinthians 16:1-21

14 Romans 1:1-17

15 Romans 3:21-31

Pascha (Orthodox Easter)

16 Romans 4:1-12

17 Romans 4:13-25

18 Romans 5:1-21

19 Romans 6:1-14

20 Romans 6:15-23

21 Romans 15:1-13

22 Romans 15:14-33

23 1 Peter 1:1-25

24 1 Peter 2:1-25

25 1 Peter 3:1-22

26 1 Peter 4:1-19

27 1 Peter 5:1-14

28 2 Peter 1:1-21

29 2 Peter 2:1-22

30 2 Peter 3:1-18

How do you say thank you for your hard work and dedication?

You say it with awards showing approval, recognition and gratitude for each person's good works.

Join us Saturday May 27th 2023 as we celebrate Our 2023



Distinguished Educator – Mrs. Shannon Gomes-Mathis

Distinguished Religious Leader – Rev. Dr. Hugh B. Hamilton

Distinguished Health Care Professional – Dr. Spencer Ross

& Distinguished Community Transformers- Angela

Torres, Jasmine Bellamy & Jerome Simpson

Tickets Available

Older Youth

**16-24
Years Old**

Summer Youth Employment Program

Participant Application

2023

OY Eligibility

- 16-24 years old by July 3, 2023
- NYC resident
- Legally able to work in the US

Dates to Remember

February 13th, 2023
Application Opens

March 31, 2023
Application Closes

July 5, 2023
SYEP 2023 begins!



<https://application.nycsyep.com/>

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You can apply Online at
www.nyc.gov/site/dycd/services/jobs-internships/summer-youth-employment-program-syep.page
Or See Min. Challenger if you have any questions

Worship Sermon Notes

Date: _____ Preacher: _____

HEARING GOD'S WORD IN THE SERMON

Since we quickly forget 90% of what we hear; it has been suggested that note-taking will double the percentage of our take-home knowledge. I encourage you to try and see.

Theme: _____

Scripture Passages: OT: _____ Gospel: _____

INTRODUCTION: _____

Transitional Statement:

MAIN POINTS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

CONCLUSION:

What is the main idea?

What is God asking me to do right now?

What am I going to do about it?

Phenomenal Woman BY MAYA ANGELOU

Pretty women wonder where my secret lies.
I'm not cute or built to suit a fashion model's size
But when I start to tell them, they think I'm telling lies.
I say,
It's in the reach of my arms, the span of my hips,
The stride of my step, the curl of my lips.
I'm a woman Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman, that's me.

I walk into a room just as cool as you please,
And to a man, the fellows stand or Fall down on their knees.
Then they swarm around me, a hive of honey bees.
I say,
It's the fire in my eyes, and the flash of my teeth,
The swing in my waist, and the joy in my feet.
I'm a woman Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman, that's me.

Men themselves have wondered what they see in me.
They try so much but they can't touch my inner mystery.
When I try to show them, they say they still can't see.
I say,
It's in the arch of my back, the sun of my smile,
The ride of my breasts, the grace of my style.
I'm a woman Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman, that's me.

Now you understand Just why my head's not bowed.
I don't shout or jump about Or have to talk real loud.
When you see me passing, it ought to make you proud.
I say,
It's in the click of my heels,
The bend of my hair,
the palm of my hand,
The need for my care.
'Cause I'm a woman Phenomenally.
Phenomenal woman, that's me.

