



# MOUNT KISCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



# THE NEXT CHAPTER

Parker H. Prout, Pastor

March, 2018

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

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+Choir Rehearsal Sundays 9:15 am

+Sunday Worship Service at 10:15am

+Nursery Care, Sunday School and Youth Education available



### Communion Sunday - First Sunday of Month

March 4<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday in Lent  
Communion Sunday

March 11<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 18<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 25<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

March 29<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service and Seder (Katonah)

March 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service

## SAVE THE DATES

St. Patrick's Dinner in Halstead Hall  
Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm

Lenten Bible Study March 7 - Mar. 21  
Held in Porter Library, Wednesdays  
at 2:00 pm

Soup & Soul Wednesday Evenings, Mar 7 -  
Mar. 21, 6:30 pm

March 25-April 1 Holy Week (See schedule)

Flea Market & Tag Sale May 5  
Flower Patch May 10-12  
150th Anniversary Festival June 2  
(rain date June 3)

### Need to Contact Us?

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If your contact information has changed, please contact us  
so we can stay in touch!

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday  
1:30 – 4:30 pm

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The United Methodist Church of Mount Kisco

## Pastor's Letter



***When the morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. When they had bound Him, they led Him away and handed Him over to Pontius Pilate the governor.***  
Matthew 27:1-2

We are now in the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday was the first day of Lent and the season runs for 40 days (excluding Sundays). The significance of the 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wandering by the Israelites and the temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness. As the calendar runs this year, the Lenten season extends through the entire month of March and ends April 1, Easter Sunday.

The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ - his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection. Such reflection is an important part of a Christian's life, as it gives a renewed focus on the meaning of Christ's ministry on earth which ended with him laying down his life -- the supreme sacrifice - for the sins of the world.

At UMC Mount Kisco, the congregation is observing this holy season in a number of ways - - we have committed to 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting, a district initiative, that reinforces the importance of praying and sacrifice in our faith; our lenten Bible Study, learning in the Book of Acts about the leadership and sacrifice of the apostles as they spread the word of the Gospel, giving birth to the church of Christ 2000 years ago; Soup and Soul, lenten fellowship and reflection continues each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in Halstead Hall through March 21, as does the Bible Study, which convenes at 2 pm in Porter Library.

Also, during Holy Week, two special joint worship services will take place: Maundy Thursday (3/29) Tenebrae and Seder at Katonah UMC, and a Good Friday (3/30) worship service at 12 noon in the UMC Mount Kisco sanctuary (more information about these events are in this newsletter.)

Lent is indeed a time for personal reflection and private prayer for all of us. We need to focus on how we live our lives. Are our own habits and activities all indicative of a healthy, open and loving Christ-like way? Probably not. Our humanity needs to be "tweaked" regularly by recognizing our less-than-great behaviors. And Lent is the time when you and I are encouraged to self-examine, repent our misdoings, and ask for God's Holy Spirit to show us a better path on our journey.

Lent is not only about giving stuff up by fasting, abstaining, and doing without; it's also a great time to take on something new that a disciple of Jesus Christ would do. It's up to you: how will you invest your Lenten season meaningfully? Volunteering? Tithing more to the church? Donating to value-added charities or service organizations? Spending extra, quality time in prayer? There are many opportunities to take such steps now; the how is up to you, and God!

Pastor Parker

# upcoming EVENTS

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Dinner Halstead Hall, 2:00pm

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Spring Flea Market & Tag Sale  
There will be more information in next month's newsletter.  
Please no donations at this time.

May 10 – May 12<sup>th</sup> Flower Patch

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Festival  
On the Front Lawn

## NEWS FROM THE:

### Food Pantry



Dear friends of the Pantry,

I want to encourage you to take a moment to visit the Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry's new website. <https://www.mountkiscofoodpantry.org/>

We are proud to be able to share our new look with you and invite you to explore our user-friendly site.

You will find our Volunteer Handbook in the Volunteering section of the website; please review the Handbook and complete the acknowledgement form online so we know you have familiarized yourself with our policies and procedures. Even if you have been volunteering with us for a long time, you may find some useful new information in the Handbook. **We are requesting that everyone who volunteers with us completes the form.** Additionally, if you drive on behalf of MKIFP or anticipate you may do so, (produce or bagel pickups, home deliveries) there is a Driver Policy for you to acknowledge as well.

Kelley Housman

Vice President and Volunteer Coordinator, MKIFP Board of Directors

## Lenten thoughts...



Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. “Come back to me, with all of your heart,” our Lord beckons. “We will,” we respond, but we aren’t quite ready yet, our hearts are not prepared. We want to squirm, evade, avoid. Our souls not yet perfect. We are not ready for God to love us.

Lent offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, Lent provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we’ve done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

Lent is an invitation to GROW, REFLECT, PRAY, EXPERIENCE, SORROW, BE GENEROUS....what an invitation!

### PRAYER

*Lord, help us to use your love as a way  
To persevere in our Lenten intentions.*

*We are weak, but we know with your help,*

*We can use these small sacrifices in our lives to draw closer to you.*

*Lord, let everything we do this day and in this season of Lent*

*Come from you, be inspired by you.*

*We long to be closer to you.*

*Help us to remember that nothing is important in our lives*

*Unless it glorifies you in some way.*

### “Burned Biscuits”

**Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16:** *You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory your father in heaven*

“When I was a kid, my Grandma liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day. On that evening so long ago, she had placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my Granddad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my Granddad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Grandma and ask me how my day was at school. He ate every bit of that thing – never made a face nor uttered a word about it! When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Grandma apologize to my Granddad for burning the biscuits. And I’ll never forget what he said: “Honey, I love burned biscuits every now and then.”

Later that night, I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, “Your Grandma put in a hard day of work today and she’s real tired. And besides – a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!” As I’ve grown older, I’ve thought about that many times. Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. What I’ve learned over the years is that learning to accept each other’s faults, and choosing to celebrate each other’s differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship. And that’s my prayer for you today...

# Lenten Schedule

Lenten Bible Study is being held Wednesday, March 7 at 2 pm in the Porter Library.  
We will meet weekly through March 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Bring your Bible and bring a friend. All Welcome

Soup and Soul will meet Wednesday evenings  
March 7<sup>th</sup>-March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm  
Join us for a Lenten discussion and a delicious bowl of soup.

All Welcome.



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| <b>Sunday, March 25th</b>              | <b>Palm Sunday Worship Service at 10:15am</b>   |
| <b>Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service and Seder at<br/>Katonah UMC beginning at 6:30pm<br/>(transportation to leave MK parking lot at 6:15pm –<br/>please bring a small food item to share if possible)</b> |
| <b>Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Joint Good Friday Service with Katonah UMC here at<br/>Mt. Kisco UMC beginning at 12:00pm</b>  |
| <b>Sunday, April 1st</b>               | <b>Easter Sunday Worship Service at 10:15am</b>   |



March 14<sup>th</sup> Katy FitzGerald  
 March 21<sup>st</sup> Bobbie McCann  
 March 25<sup>th</sup> Pat Visser

Does the office know when your birthday is? Please let us know if you haven't done so already.

## Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry



You can also help regularly by donating breakfast cereal, pasta, rice, tinned food. Please make sure cans are not dented and are not out of date.

If you would like more information, please contact or speak with Lisa Porter on Lisa's email is [wrporter115@verizon.net](mailto:wrporter115@verizon.net)

## WORKERS AVAILABLE AT NEIGHBORS LINK



Neighbors Link makes hiring workers simple, safe and efficient!

Skilled and general labor available including: House and Yard Clean-Up, Housekeeping, Home Companions, Painters, Carpenters, Masons, Catering Help and more

Neighbors Link Worker Center is open 365 days a year, 7am-7pm  
 27 Columbus Avenue, Mount Kisco, NY  
 10549 914-666-3410 •  
[www.neighborslink.org](http://www.neighborslink.org)

Workers available throughout Northern Westchester!

### UMCMK

Extends congratulations to former Pastor Matt Curry and his wife Maria On the birth of their daughter Charlotte, February 20, 2018



# EASTER LILLIES



Please send with \$12 per plant remittance to:  
**United Methodist Church**  
300 East Main Street  
Mount Kisco  
NY 10549

**Donated by:**

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**Number of Plants:** ..... \$12 each Checks made payable to **UMCMK**

**In Celebration of:**

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**In Memory of:**

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I will pick up my lily after the service.  Donate my lily to a homebound person.

**Please order your plants by Sunday, March 25th.**  
**Please call the Church Office if you have any questions. Please write clearly**



Save the Date!

The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry  
**SWING INTO SPRING  
DINNER DANCE**

May 5, 2018

Featuring— The Don DuPont Big Band  
with vocalists Don DuPont, Jr. and Michele DuPont Eames

Buffet Dinner Dance, 7–10 pm

At Knights of Columbus Hall One Turner Lane, Mt. Kisco

Tickets: \$75 per person

*Honoring André and Armella Ferrara*

*All proceeds benefit the Pantry*

For more information:

Contact Lena Cavanna, [outreach@mountkiscofoodpantry.org](mailto:outreach@mountkiscofoodpantry.org)

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*Please join us for the  
Katonah*

**ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION**

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**

**6:00 to 9:00pm**

**Parish Hall, Katonah Methodist Church**

**\$15 for Adults, \$10 for 21 years and younger (includes dinner & coffee/tea)**

**Reveal of 2018 Katonah ASP T-Shirt design winner**

**RSVP by March 9th (please RSVP with**

**# attending by email to [wrporter115@verizon.net](mailto:wrporter115@verizon.net))**

**Invite friends, neighbors and family**

**Over 50 items in the auction**

**All funds raised help to pay for the June ASP trip**