



# The Parish Print

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Holy week devotionals will be held Monday April 3 through April 7. Each morning we will meet in the Narthex at 6:30 am. A continental breakfast

will also be served. We are in need of people to give a short devotional or supply a light breakfast. Please sign up on the clipboard or contact the office.

We will be having a sunrise service at 6:15 am on Easter morning. Weather permitting, we will gather in the memorial garden. Following the service, breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall.



MUMS met on March 17th for a potluck lunch. We had corned beef and cabbage. Miles Turner made up a trivia game relating to St. Patrick's Day. Lois and Everett Johnson and Jan and Ron Heppie were the

hosts.

We will be meeting on April 21st for lunch and games. Carole and Park Hollenbeck and Gale and Ron Dodge will be hosting it. Everyone is welcome to come.



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank all of you who reached out with sympathy cards and notes when my stepmom in Virginia died. The outpouring of love was overwhelming. Thank you.

Miles and Susan Turner

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE OUTREACH TEAM

For those of us who received the delicious soups, crackers and great cookies each month we thank you. In this way you are truly an example of the hands of Christ. May God Bless each of you.



Will the cluster churches meet their goal of \$8000 for "Sleep in

Heavenly Peace"? We are on our way. The Sunday night services are supporting this project along with our Lenten offering.

Have you ever had to sleep on the floor? Many children are in this situation. We want to make sure that all children have a bed to sleep in with adequate bedding.

I have been overwhelmed by the amount we have already raised. The project will be hands on from many of the churches in our cluster later this spring or early summer. Please keep those donations coming in at any time to support this amazing project.

Sue Turner, Mission Team



## A couple of thank you notes received from Indian Oaks students.

Dear Manteno United Methodist Church, Thank you so much! I enjoyed the cupcakes and the prayer shawl feels like a warm hug from God. Thank you again!

Olivia

Thank you so much for the gifts. The shawl is very warm and soft, and the cupcakes were delicious. I enjoyed it very much thank you.

McCartney

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At the March meeting, the Finance Committee was made aware that there may be a misunderstanding about the fact that our giving envelopes no longer include a "Building Fund" category. The concern was that it may have created the impression that we no longer had to make mortgage payments. In reality, we still carry a mortgage of over \$400,000 and monthly payments are still being made. Because the mortgage can be paid directly from the General Fund, it wasn't necessary to continue to separate our gifts into two different funds, unless you wish to. As always, we need your support to meet our monthly expenses and are so very grateful for your care and concern of Manteno United Methodist Church.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with any member of the Finance Committee.

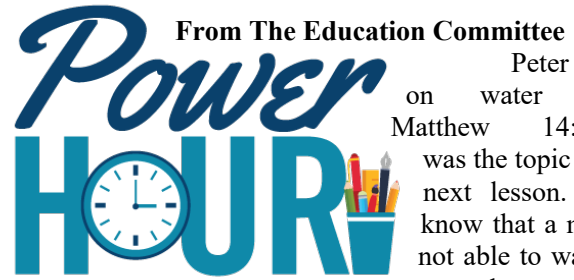


## Interfaith Committee

Interfaith is hosting the Cross Walk Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. We will walk to the Presbyterian Church, United Methodist Church, Nazarene Church, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church, and ending at the Christian Church. The Christian Church will serve lunch will be after the service. It is called a cross walk because people walk behind someone carrying a cross BUT you can drive from church to church, please do not stay away because you feel you can't walk from church to church.

The Manteno All-Church Musicfest is a fundraiser for the Food Pantry will be held on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm hosted by 1st Baptist Church. A free-will offering will be taken and ask everyone to bring a non-perishable food item for the pantry as well. Refreshments will be served following. It is a good time, so please come, and enjoy, and support our Food Pantry.

Thank You, Bob Hulford, Interfaith Representative

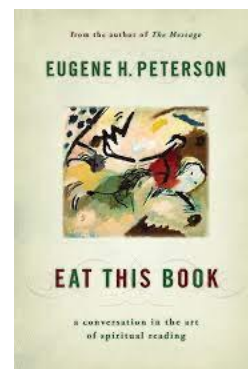


Peter walks on water from Matthew 14:22-36 was the topic of the next lesson. We know that a man is not able to walk on water but yet Peter got out of the boat and did it! This was a miracle. Jesus is the Son of God and it is nothing for Him to walk on water but Peter was just a fisherman nothing special. But Peter saw Jesus and wanted to go to Him and as long as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus he too could walk on water. Peter like many of us go distracted by everything around him and took his eye off the Master. When that happened he began to sink and cried out for help. Jesus reached out his hand and Peter focused on Jesus and they walked back to the boat. It wasn't Peter that was able to walk on water but Jesus gave him the ability to do so.

It was fun to show that a raw egg can't float in water by itself but if you add salt to the water the egg can float. It is not the egg that floats but the salt that holds it up. Like Peter we can do great things in our lives. Have faith! Believe that Jesus can do miracles through our hands and we will be amazed what happens next.

Now we are learning about a farmer planting seed found in Matthew 13:1-23. Jesus uses this parable to feature of four different groups of people who hear the Word. People hear and never let God's Word take root, others receive with joy but outside peer pressure causes it to fade. Others hear the word and grow for a time but worries and circumstances causes them to lose Heart. Last are believers whose faith grows and never stops. These are the ones we want to be, and encourage our kids to be. We need to feed our faith with prayer, Gods Word and Christian fellowship. This lesson reminded me that renewed commitment to God will make my faith grow stronger. Spring is the season of new life and renewal in nature. Making it the perfect for us to grow in our faith in our risen Lord.

Bob Hulford, Committee Chairman



Wednesday  
Book Study  
returning to  
3pm in  
April

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## APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY
2 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Choir practice – 8:15am Worship/ Sunday School – 9:30am Cluster Service @Caldwell AMC-6:30 pm	3 Early Morning Devotions-6:30 am  Bible Study – 7pm	4 Early Morning Devotions-6:30 am  United Women in Faith 6-pm	5 Early Morning Devotions-6:30 am  Book Study – 3pm  Men's Bible-6pm	6 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Early Morning Devotions-6:30 am Praise Band Practice – 6pm Maundy Thursday Service @Aroma Park 7pm	7 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Yoga – 8am Cross Walk @ St. Joseph Catholic - 10am Good Friday Service Bourbonnais Grace - 7pm	8
9 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Sunrise Service - 6:15am Choir practice – 8:15am Worship/ Sunday School – 9:30am	10 Bible Study – 7pm	11 Finance - 6pm Ad Council - 7pm	12 Book Study – 3pm Men's Bible-6pm	13 Loving Stitches – 1pm Praise Band Practice – 6:00 pm	14 Yoga – 8am	15
16 Choir practice – 8:15am Worship/ Sunday School – 9:30am	17 Bible Study – 7pm	18 <b>TAX DAY</b>	19 MUMS @ noon Book Study – 3pm Men's Bible-6pm	20 Loving Stitches – 1pm Praise Band Practice – 6:00 pm	21 Yoga – 8am	22 <b>EARTH DAY</b>
23 Choir practice – 8:15am Worship/ Sunday School – 9:30am	24 Bible Study – 7pm	25 <u>Articles due for Parish Print!</u>	26 Book Study – 3pm Men's Bible-6pm	27 Loving Stitches – 1pm Praise Band Practice – 6:00 pm	28 Yoga – 8am	29
30 Choir practice – 8:15am Worship/ Sunday School – 9:30am						