

Woodlawn United Church Easter Letter 2017

Sunday, April 9th 10AM
~Palm Sunday~

Join us for a parade of palms and confirmation of new members.

Thursday, April 13th, 7 PM
~Maundy Thursday~

This will be an informal service where we will share communion together.

Friday, April 14th 1:30 PM
~Good Friday~

You are invited to an Ecumenical Good Friday service at Woodlawn United. This year's theme is "the feelings" of the Passion and death of Jesus.

Sunday, April 16th, 10 AM
Easter Sunday celebration!! Come and be part of the hopeful and joyous celebration!

"Everyone wants to go to heaven, but no one wants to die." -Unknown

In the Gospels, the picture painted of the disciples of Jesus is not that flattering. Time and again they either fail to understand the mission and purpose of Jesus or they flee in fear and despair, especially as Good Friday approaches.

What a difference the resurrection makes! In the book of Acts, these same disciples who have experienced Easter and the power of the Spirit are transformed into faithful followers who are both fearless and focused!

Easter and resurrection are indeed about the defeat of death & fear by faith & hope. They are also about "transformation".

The disciples were transformed and it is our Easter task as well - both personally and socially as church and world.


Death and resurrection are a pattern in life. We see this all around us. We see this in the annual change of seasons from winter to spring. Sometimes it takes pain for new birth to occur. Sometimes in order for new things to be born, other things must die. Transformation isn't always easy.

At Woodlawn, we have been in the midst of change and transformation for a while now and we have a little ways still to go. Death AND resurrection continue...

- ☀ Leadership is changing with both clergy and laity retiring from their positions and being replaced with new people, hopefully with new energy and ways of doing things. Losses and gains: death and resurrection: transformation
- ☀ 36 people died from our congregation last year but also many new folks joined our community of faith. Losses and gains: death and resurrection: transformation
- ☀ A joint needs assessment process beginning that will help us focus our visions and dreams for the near future. What new things does God have in store for us at this particular time in our history?
- ☀ Our building was transformed with the new extension and that loan for the Accessibility project is being paid down quickly thanks to the hard work and sacrifice of the congregation and Friends of Accessibility. What's the next project? Is it physical or spiritual? Where is God leading us in our stewardship of time talent and treasure?

Come and join us as we relive Holy Week and have the story of the meaning and pattern of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus seek even deeper into our souls.

Blessings, Rev. Phillip Kennedy, Rev. Holly Edsall & Shannon MacLean



Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies,
it remains only a single seed.
~John 12:24