



## **NORTHBROOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

### **APRIL 2018 MESSENGER**

The Easter Season is here! The earth is coming back to life. Our hope and our life cannot be defeated. This is God's promise and we hold on to it, as our ancestors down through history have held on to it. Helping us to see signs of God's hope and life among us is a large part of my pastoral work. Helping us to see God and signs of God's life and kingdom in current films is our sermon series and worship themes for this Easter season. You do not need to have viewed the films to participate in worship, but, please, spoiler alert, there may be scenes and lines and images from the films that will be shared in the sermons! Invite your friends for this worship series. And join us. Your presence on Sunday mornings makes all the difference. Practice and share the Resurrection joy.

Pastor Sherrie

### **EASTER SEASON WORSHIP 2018: The Oscars Meet the Kingdom**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**, APRIL 8, "Breath of Life," The Black Panther

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**, April 15 "Wondering and Questioning," A Wrinkle in Time

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**, April 22 "I Give It Up Because I Want To,"  
The Shape of Water

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**, April 29 "Remain in Me," Darkest Hour

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**, May 6 "Your Joy Will Be Complete" Coco

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**, May 13 "I Have Sent Them into the World" Lady Bird

## IMPORTANT DATES IN LEADERSHIP AT NUMC:

Trustees meeting April 3 at 7:00pm

Council meeting April 9 at 7:00pm

The numbers from the Auction in January are finally complete and we are thrilled to report that we had 67 people in attendance and our net income was \$8992. Thank you so much to all who attended, bid on auction items and mostly, shared in the friendship and fellowship of your church family. Many thanks again, to the auction committee: Gretchen Boyer, Susan Clark, and Erin Gosser.



## RAIN update - -

### Discussion on Race Issues Continues

The inter-faith discussion group RAIN (Racial Awareness in the Northshore) will have its next planning meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, in the Pollak Room of the Northbrook Public Library. We will be talking about future events.

Also, please plan to come to our next RAIN outreach at 7 pm on Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Pollak Room of the Library. What is special about June nineteenth as it is known in Black History discussions? Come and find out!

If you want to be on the RAIN email list to learn of relevant resources and future events, please contact Alice Lonoff: [alonoff72@gmail.com](mailto:alonoff72@gmail.com) Others in our congregation who are active in RAIN are Pastor Sherrie Lowly, John Cheung and Carol Konvalinka.

From Bruce Woolman, Financial Secretary

I am the new Financial Secretary and we have established a new e-mail for you to contact me with any issues regarding your donations to Northbrook United Methodist Church.

It is [financialsecretary2018@northbrookumc.org](mailto:financialsecretary2018@northbrookumc.org)

Please be sure to let me know if you make stock donations to the church at this email address

**Thanks you for your support of Northbrook United Methodist Church**

### FOOD PANTRY DONATION

The Northfield Food Pantry is asking for any non-perishable food items. Please help out those not as fortunate. This pantry has over 600 client families in need of food help.

Please bring all donations to Penberthy.



**Discussion of Way Forward.** For those interested in the future of the United Methodist Church, please plan to come to an information session on “A Way Forward,” at First UMC Evanston, 518 Church Street, Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm. Public parking is across the street from the church. A Way Forward is the Commission formed by UMC Bishops to work up a proposal of how to address the discriminatory language in the Book of Discipline (our Methodist “Constitution”), with respect to our LGBTQ friends and colleagues. Dave Nuckles, a member of the commission will be speaking. Pastor Sherrie plans to attend and we hope many of you can also attend.





## MARTHA CIRCLE

Martha Circle will meet on  
Thursday April 12.

We will meet at 10:00 a.m. ,  
Back to our regular time.  
All are welcome.

Any questions or need a  
ride, call Linda Reed  
[847-800-7008](tel:847-800-7008)

## CHOIR

Love to sing?

Love making new friends?

Love being part of a group?

Join the church choir.

Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings  
from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Please see Shirley Mosteller  
for more information



NUMC is excited to announce that you can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- Click link: [here](#)
- Click on the **Create Profile** button, then
- Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.



\*If choosing the option to donate via credit card; we ask that you consider adding 3% to your donation to cover the processing charges that NUMC would have to cover.

Please contact John Trout ([jwtrout01@gmail.com](mailto:jwtrout01@gmail.com)) if you have any questions or would like more information.

Christ is Risen! Easter blessings to your family. In a season of celebrating Christ's transforming power in our lives, I turn my focus to planning for the upcoming program year. As I mentioned in the Easter appeal, our priority for this year is to develop an innovative, research based, and creative plan for intergenerational, faith formation ministries.

In order to do this, we need people who are willing to invest time, think creatively, build relationships, and try something new. Are you curious? Please contact me for information about our May faith formation summit.

This past year we have experimented with intergenerational worship and faith formation activities like Pretzel Sunday, Advent, and All Saints Day. We have experienced people of all ages learning, growing and building relationships. In a society that is increasingly isolated and segregated by age, our church is a unique community. Children and youth need adult mentors who model what it means to follow Christ in everyday life. Adults need the curiosity and wonder that children bring to faith exploration. When we gather together for all ages worship, we experience the Holy Spirit in the liveliness of our music and prayers.

In the coming months we will be planning the 2018-2019 faith formation year. These plans will reflect the congregation's priorities and values, especially intergenerational faith formation. We will experiment with new structures that align with our vision of transformative, experiential faith formation. We'll invite all ages to experience the wonder of Godly Play. Our confirmation class will include opportunities for adults to learn the essential parts of our history and tradition alongside youth. We'll continue to be attentive to the busy schedules of youth and families as we plan. We hope to continue and expand our opportunities for online, flexible faith formation through our Faith at Home blog.

In an uncertain and chaotic time, the hope of Easter is vitally important. Thank you for your support of faith formation at NUMC.

Grace and peace,

Christine

# Upcoming Events: Please note highlighted changes

## April 2018:

1	10 a.m.	EASTER - All Ages Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Egg Hunt
		No Youth Group
8	9 a.m.	Youth Breakfast and Faith Discussion
	10 a.m.	Faith Formation for PreK-5 <sup>th</sup>
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Meeting for Fall 2018
15	10 a.m.	Faith Formation for PreK-5 <sup>th</sup>
	5-7 p.m.	Youth Group –
22	9 a.m.	Youth Breakfast and Faith Discussion
	10 a.m.	Faith Formation for PreK-5 <sup>th</sup>
29	10 a.m.	Faith Formation for PreK-5 <sup>th</sup>
	11:15 a.m.	Children’s and Youth Ministry Meeting re: Summer
	5-7 p.m.	Youth Group

## May 2018:

6	10 a.m.	All Ages Worship – Graduation Recognition Sunday
	5-7 p.m.	Youth Group – End of Year Celebration
13	10 a.m.	Mother’s Day, Faith Formation for PreK-5 <sup>th</sup>
		NO Youth Group
20	10 a.m.	Pentecost, Faith Formation for PreK-5 <sup>th</sup>
	5-7 p.m.	NO Youth Group – Prom Weekend
27	10 a.m.	All Ages Worship – Memorial Day Weekend
		NO Youth Group

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