

NATIONAL GUARD CITIZEN'S PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

On Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 pm, members of the New York State Air National Guard, Latham, will present a citizen's preparedness class. The training program equips attendees to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. Participants will learn on how to properly prepare for any disaster, including developing a family emergency plan and stocking up on emergency supplies.

CARE CORNER

Please pray for continued opportunities to invite people to faith and new people to fellowship in the church. Please pray for Bill Tucker (respiratory issues), Lucille Sheldon (ligament issues in her hand), Carol Wilsey (recovery from foot surgery), Joseph (Lucille Sheldon's greatgrandson – heart surgery), and Donna and Faye (Elaine Morris' coworkers – each with cancer), and Linda (Becky's friend – cancer).

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1	Jim Horton
3/5	Rose Smith
3/5	Don Wilsey
3/11	Elaine Morris
3/12	Nick Webster
3/14	Betty Weller
3/17	Christina Johnson
3/17	Ruth Sheldon
3/23	Zack Webster
3/29	Michael Lorey



During the last few weeks, we have been engaged in a walk with Jesus toward the cross. Jesus literally walked this path. He left his throne in heaven, faced the spiritual battles with the enemy, called companions for the journey, faced difficult decisions, had mountaintop experiences, was praised as a king, and died as a criminal.

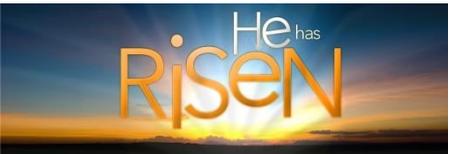
What does Jesus' journey to the cross all mean and why would He endure that ordeal? Jesus told us as he prayed. He said He did all these things so that He might give all people eternal life. What is eternal life? Is it something we append to the end of our mortal life? We seem to act that way; but that is not what Jesus said. He said eternal life is this: to know God and to know Him who God sent (John 17:3). Jesus also said, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life (John 3:36). Jesus words are in the present tense. This means that the joys of eternal life is knowing God and experiencing God's love now. It does not begin with our death but instead is to be lived in joy in the present as well as eternity.

As we approach Easter, we will continue to explore the Biblical story of Jesus walk to the cross. We will keep the message simple that Jesus came that we would live in the joy of eternal life now knowing God and knowing Him. Each of us must then make this experience relevant to others and invite them to join God in eternal life.

See you on the journey,

Pastor George

SCHEDULE OF MAJOR EVENTS FOR MARCH

	<p>Monday, March 7 at 6:00 pm – We will serve a community meal and distribute personal care items at Troy Area United Ministries.</p>
	<p>Saturday, March 12 – The Youth Group will go to see the new movie, “The Young Messiah.”</p>
	<p>Sunday, March 13 - We will be collecting personal care items for the CABA mission to the people in need in Troy.</p>
	<p>Saturday, March 19 - We will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for the youth of the church and our local neighborhood.</p>
	<p>Thursday, March 24 – We will host a Maundy Thursday service and fellowship meal starting at 6:00 pm.</p>
	<p>Sunday, March 27 – We will host an early worship service, a fellowship breakfast, and our traditional Easter morning service.</p>

EASTER EGG HUNT

On Saturday, March 19 at 11:00 am, we will host an Easter egg hunt for the youth of our church and the neighborhood children. This is always a fun event and a great opportunity to participate in the ministry of the church. We will need individually wrapped pieces of candy. We cannot distribute unwrapped items such as loose jellybeans or malted milk balls. We will also need cookies and apple juice. Please bring your donations to the church no later than Sunday, March 12. Please consider joining in the fun of filling the eggs on Tuesday, March 15 starting at 10:00 am.

MAUNDY THURSDAY CELEBRATION

On Thursday, March 24 at 6:00 pm, we will host a Maundy Thursday service. We will begin with a light meal and then reflect on the meaning of the cross of Christ and the coming days until Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, March 27 is Easter Sunday. We will host an early morning informal worship service in Fellowship Hall starting at 8:30 pm. Following that service, we will host a Fellowship breakfast. We will also host our traditional Easter worship service at 10:30 am in the sanctuary. Easter is one of the most important times for evangelism. Many people who do not attend church or have not attended for some time are stirred to come to church. However, there remains a reluctance to do so because they do not feel invited or believe they would not be welcomed. You have the opportunity to address the concerns of your neighbors, friends, or family members by inviting them to worship with us. Make this Easter special and bring someone with you.

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