



May 2019



# UM CHAPEL OF THE VALLEY Chapel Challenge

**From Julie's Journal**

*"Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing."*

– William James, *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*, UMH #304

"Who are 'Easter people'? Easter people are people who live their lives knowing the story of Easter is real and Jesus is alive! The work of figuring out what it means to be an "Easter people," is precisely the task of these 50 days of Easter. And to consider the deep implications of being a people who believe that God doesn't leave dead things dead.

Being an Easter people is to know what happens when the Resurrection takes hold of the lives of individuals and communities. Rev. Jessie Larsen says, "There is the movement from hiding in fear to the courageous witness, "We have seen the Lord!" by the disciples in John's gospel. There is the gift of peace offered by the empowering breath of the Holy Spirit. There is the commissioning of the disciples with the power to

forgive. In lessons from Acts and the Epistles we see marks of unity, generosity, and fellowship. The individuals who encounter the risen Christ in the power of God's Spirit aren't just transformed as individuals, but they are made into a new kind of community, an "Easter people."

The 50 days from that beautiful Easter morning where Jesus stepped out of the tomb until the day of Pentecost, and then beyond, we are a people that know that death has been beaten.

If I am totally honest, there are still times where fear, anxiety, disunity, selfishness, and unforgiveness in my own life and that of the church still show signs of being present. We sometimes still hide in the upper rooms of our lives. We are not yet fully the "Easter people" that God's grace is making us to be. Not yet.

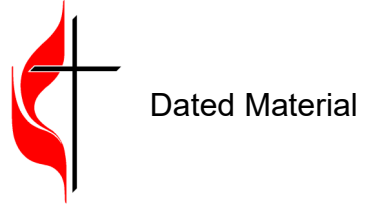
However, there are signs that Easter's courage, peace, unity, generosity, and forgiveness have begun to "infect" our lives, witnessing to a reality greater than ourselves. When a child is able to explain that an empty egg is just like the empty tomb...we begin to be an Easter people. When we see a youth help an elderly person up the stairs and carry the groceries...we begin to be an Easter people. When neighbors reach out to neighbors...we begin to be an Easter people.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



## Worship Schedule

- 5/5 Rev. Kevin Jones Preaching  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2;  
Mark 12:28-31  
**Communion**
- 5/12 *Devoted*  
Acts 9:36-43  
**Mother's Day**
- 5/19 *A New Day...A New Church*  
Acts 11:1-18; John 31:31-35  
Revelations 21:1-6
- 5/26 *No More*  
John 14:23-29; Revelations  
21:1-10, 22:1-5  
**Memorial Day Weekend**
- 6/2 *Looking Out*  
Acts 1:1-11; 16:16-34  
**Communion**

### Seminar on Spiritual Disciplines

On June 1, Pastor Julie will be teaching a one day seminar on Spiritual Disciplines. We will be looking at various forms of spiritual disciplines and how to practice them. The seminar will be from 10 am until 2 pm. There will be a lunch served for a small donation. It will be an informative and interesting day.

#### COTV Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Julie Elkins  
Organist: Mary Ellett  
Choir Director: Elaine Harvey  
Lay Leader: Paul Elkins  
PowerPoint: Delyth Owen  
Ushers: Mike Magnuson  
Diane Wellman

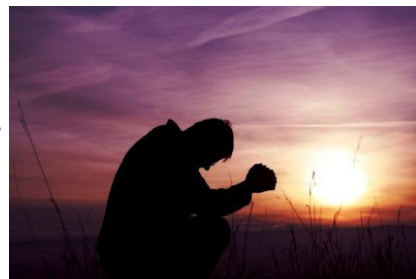
### (Julie's Journal continued)

Rev. Jessie concludes with this thought and I agree, "In the midst of a world where evil, sin, and death roar louder than the quiet sounds of peace, of sharing and of forgiveness," Easter people may often go unnoticed. But, friends, it is Easter now and the powers of death have lost their sting. May we be so blessed as to be able to find and name "the abundance of grace at work" among the Easter people of this world on this day and every day (Acts 4:33).

Together on the Journey, Pastor Julie

#### Pastor's Day of Prayer

This month the Pastor's Day away for prayer is scheduled for May 23. Our Pastor will be away from campus to pray for the church and all persons and situations in need of prayer. If you have prayer concerns to be included in her prayer time, please let the office know by May 22. You can join Pastor Julie in prayer on that day and please pray for her as well.



#### Mission Luncheon

Our own Edna Munro will be cooking a lunch to raise funds for our missionary outreach on May 26. It will be following church on that Sunday. It is a donation based luncheon and will go to our local outreach ministries we are involved in. Watch for more details.

#### Faithful Disciples who are Answering the Call to Serve during the month of May.

5: Candy Schauer  
12: Stuart Harvey and Del Owen  
19: Ed LeClair and Arnie Aranico  
26: Stuart Harvey and Del Owen  
6/2: Candy Schauer

Henry Brown  
Robert and Ellen Draper  
Patsy McKinney  
Becca McLachlan  
Vi Moore  
Steve Mohr  
Ron Schlichtenmyer  
Renee Calsmer



Kay Roberts  
Family of Joyce Mohr  
Candy Schauer  
*Friends and family dealing with illness, treatment, and transitions*

If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office, or Pastor Julie, or Candy Schauer and we will start the prayer chain (both email and phone).



The Church office will be closed on May 27 in honor of Memorial day



#### Meeting Schedule for May

May 13	Finance Meeting 6:30 pm
May 13	Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm



#### Methodists in Motion Relay for Life

We are still looking for people to get involved with our Relay for Life Team. We are looking for survivors of cancer, caregivers, participants to walk laps, people to help cook our fundraiser dinner, people to serve the dinner, people to clean up, people to donate to our team, people to purchase luminarias in memory or in honor of someone (\$10).

The opening ceremony is at 9:00 am on May 4th and then the survivor /caregiver lap will be at approx. 9:35. The luminaria ceremony will be at 9:00 pm. The dinner shifts will be from around 4:00 until 6:00 at church and 5:00—8:00 at the site. You can work for an hour or more. This event will be at Greenfield Junior High, 1495 Greenfield Dr. in El Cajon. You can sign up by going to <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/methodists>. Or you can fill out a form after church or by calling the church office. Foothills UMC, Santee UMC, La Mesa First UMC and Lemon Grove UMC will also be a part of the Methodists in Motion team. We would love as many as can to participate. Come and join in the fun and help fight cancer!