

## Happenings and Events at Messiah March 24-31, 2024

- Sunday, 24:** PALM SUNDAY: Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Ivell  
*Easter gift bags due today*  
9:00 a.m.: Vocal choir practice  
9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist, Palm procession, with music, Sunday school; worship in person & live streamed on [www.facebook.com/messiahchester](http://www.facebook.com/messiahchester)  
10:30 Coffee hour, in parish hall  
11:00 Choir practice
- Monday, 25:**
- Tuesday, 26**
- Wednesday, 27:**
- Thursday, 28:** St. Elsie's Thrift Shop, 1:00-5:00 p.m.  
Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm: Holy Eucharist, with Choir, Foot washing and Altar Stripping, The Rev. Elizabeth Ivell, Celebrant.
- Friday, 29:** Good Friday, 7:00 pm: Solemn Prayer and music, with Deacon Gail Kertland
- Saturday, 30:** St. Elsie's Thrift Shop, 10:00-2:00 p.m.  
The Great Vigil of Easter, 6:00 pm: – the first Communion of Easter.  
The service consists of four parts: a service of light; a service of lessons, Baptism (we renew our baptismal vows) and the Holy Eucharist. Both The Rev. Elizabeth Ivell and Deacon Gail will celebrate with us.
- Sunday, 31:** EASTER: Deacon & Preacher: The Rev. Gail Kertland  
9:00 a.m.: Vocal choir practice  
9:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer, with music, Sunday school; worship in person & live streamed on [www.facebook.com/messiahchester](http://www.facebook.com/messiahchester)  
10:30 Coffee hour, in parish hall  
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30  
11:00 Choir practice

*A.A. meets weekly @ Messiah: Sat. 10 am; (Women only) Mon. 7pm*

*Adult Children of Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the conference room, lower level, on Thursdays, @ 7pm*

The Parish Administrator's office hours are: Mon., Tues, & Thurs. 10:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

You can now pay for your pledge or donate to Messiah using the QR code:  
Using your cell phone's camera, center your camera over the code image, snap a picture of the code below then click on the link that is automatically displayed over the code. This will open a page to donate at.



### **Holy Week worship:**

**Maundy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm:** Holy Eucharist, with Foot washing and Altar Stripping, The Rev. Elizabeth Ivell, Celebrant.

**Good Friday, March 29, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.:** Long Valley Community Cross Walk “Jesus’ Last Words”. Begins at Long Valley Presbyterian Church, 39 Bartley Rd follows Bartley Rd to West Mill Rd. then ends at Zion Lutheran Church, 11 Schooley’s Mtn Rd. Join Deacon Gail Kertland as she leads those representing Messiah, on this symbolic journey.

**Good Friday, March 29, 7:00 pm:** Solemn Prayer and music, with Deacon Gail Kertland

**The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, March 30, 6:00 pm:** The Great Vigil is the first service of Easter Day. The service consists of four parts: a service of light (we begin in “darkness” with the entry of the Pascal candle), a service of lessons (telling our salvation history), Baptism (we renew our baptismal vows) and the Holy Eucharist – the first Communion of Easter. We celebrate and proclaim “Christ is risen!”. Both The Rev. Elizabeth Ivell and Deacon Gail will celebrate with us.

**Easter Day, Sunday, March 31, 9:30 a.m.:** Morning Prayer with Deacon Gail preacher.  
*Easter egg hunt* following the service during coffee hour.

### **Save the Dates**

**Sunday April 14th: Bowling!** Circle Entertainment on Rt. 46 in Ledgewood, more details to come.

**Sunday April 21st: Rectory Open House and Blessing 4-7 pm** 2 Saint Mary's Terrace, Sparta

**Saturday, May 4 : Meet your local Artisans Event, 1:00-5:00 PM.** Interested in being a vendor? Contact Karen Brunner, [ddob2409@gmail.com](mailto:ddob2409@gmail.com) or 201-230-8765.

**Sunday, May 19, 2:00 pm** Chester Black River Theatre “Ms. Holmes and Ms. Watson – Apt 2B”  
Let Kathy Kremins know if you’d like tickets so can reserve a block at a discount, 201-919-4565 or [kmkremins@aol.com](mailto:kmkremins@aol.com). Kathy has purchased tickets for the play fundraiser. If interested, seats are \$25 each. *Checks payable to Church of the Messiah.* First come first serve. She can get more if needed

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