

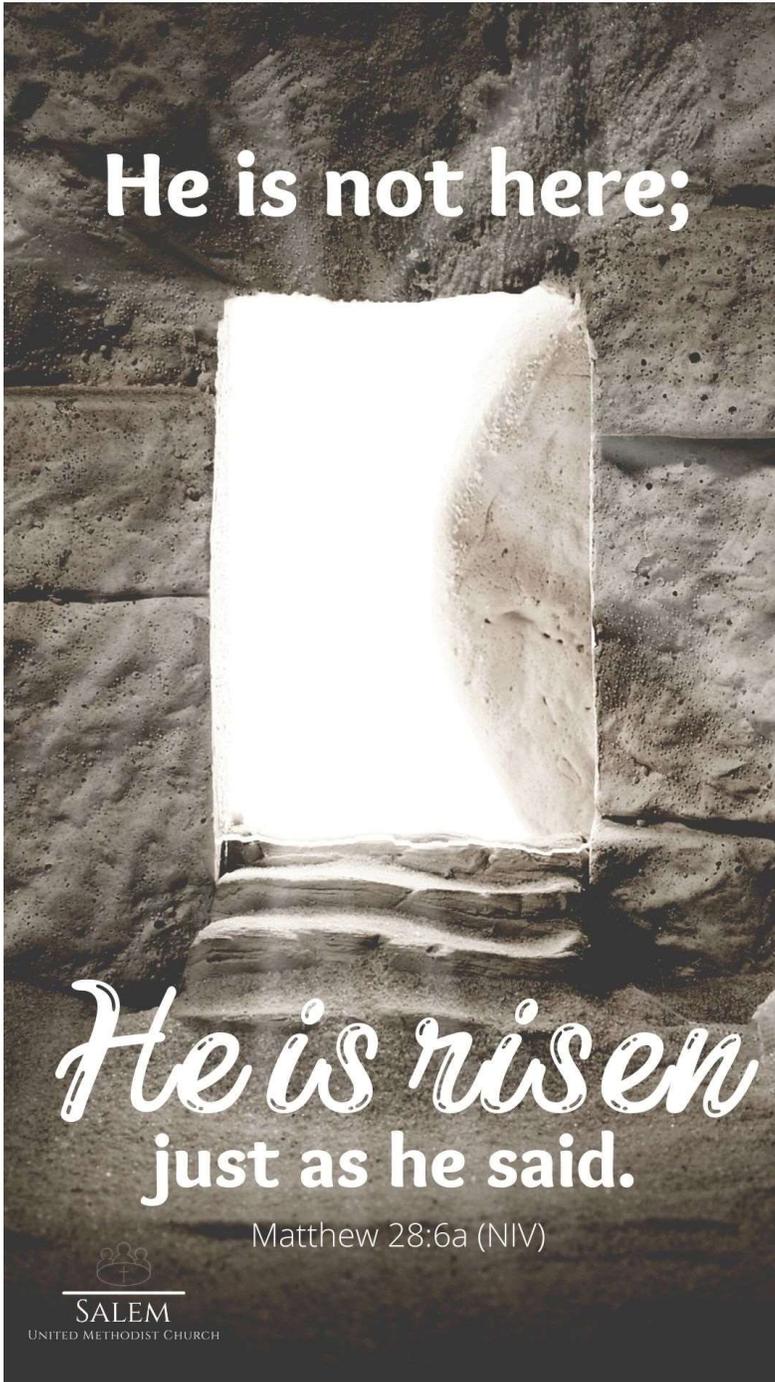


SALEM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER

April 2022



He is not here;

*He is risen*  
just as he said.

Matthew 28:6a (NIV)



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**Salem United Methodist Church**  
7901 Bradshaw Road  
Upper Falls, MD 21156  
Phone: (410) 592-2543

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8:00 am in Chapel

10:45 am in person and ZOOM  
[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7212](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008)

**1826008**

By Phone: 1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID #72121826008

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday

9am – Noon

Other hours by appointment

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## Pastor's Message

We are more than halfway through our journey of Lent. How are we doing with observing a holy Lent?

We are moving closer to our joyous celebration on Easter of the empty tomb and the new life Jesus Christ offers us. Before we can celebrate His resurrection, we must kneel at the cross and accept the forgiveness His sacrifice of love provides for us by faith in God's grace.

I would like to invite you to participate as much as you are able in our **Holy Week** worship opportunities. Here is a reminder of our schedule:

Sunday, April 10 **Palm and Passion Sunday**: 8:00 a.m. worship (in the chapel) and 10:45 a.m. worship (in person in the sanctuary and Zoom); we will be distributing palms and palm crosses. The 10:45 service will conclude with a palm parade outside (weather permitting) to the lawn where the Easter Egg Hunt will begin for our young ones. If you are worshipping from home that day and want to attend the Egg Hunt, please plan to arrive at church around 11:45/noon.

**Holy Thursday, April 14** – Service with Holy Communion at 7:00 p.m. both in the sanctuary and available on Zoom. If you are worshipping from home, please have your Communion elements (bread/cracker and juice) ready for the service. In worship we give thanks for our Savior as we remember the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples.

**Good Friday, April 15** – We are grateful that our community **Cross Walk** is back! You are welcome to park at our church or at St. Stephen Church. Beginning at 12:30 p.m. there will be a shuttle from St. Stephen to Franklinville Presbyterian Church (11846 Franklinville Road), where the walk begins at 1:00 p.m. Please note that we need to confirm the starting point; be sure to watch for final details. The walk will include a total of five places where we will read scripture and sing a hymn. There will be a Stations of the Cross service at St. Stephen Church if you wish to stay after the walk concludes. Everyone is welcome! This will be my first year to participate and I am looking forward to this time together on Good Friday with our family in Christ in our community.

**Easter Sunday, April 17**: We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Easter **Sunrise Service** – meet at church at 6:15 a.m. to walk to the cemetery for our service; Paul Krebs will be leading the service.

8:00 a.m. in the chapel and 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary in-person and on Zoom

**Breakfast** will be served in the fellowship hall from 6:30–10:15 a.m.

For the remainder of Lent, we are continuing our study of the Lord's Prayer, and our sermon series: "**Learning to Pray with Jesus.**" I am praying for our spiritual growth as individuals and as a congregation. I hope that you are using our at-home activities and sharing them with others. Please continue to pray the Lord's Prayer daily – at noon wherever you are. If you forget at noon, try not to let a day go by without you praying the Lord's Prayer. You may want to call a friend so that you can pray together the Lord's Prayer – I love when I get to do that with other members of our church family!

You are welcome to make your **Lenten Offering** whenever you would like. You may give online (on the dropdown menu, look for "Lenten"), by mail, or in-person. We have special envelopes, but you can also make a note on your check, "Lenten Offering." Our Missions Corner in this newsletter further explains our Lenten Offering for this year. Let's make a difference in our community through our Lenten Offering, and through our additional missions and outreach efforts. We serve in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

May we be instruments of God's love, grace, and peace together.

With humility and thanksgiving,

*Stacey*

## *Search the Sofa!*

Check the chairs, search the sofa, empty your car's ashtrays...we're looking for that loose change which always seems to pile up. Your change can be relocated from your sofa to Salem's sofa, which has taken residence in our Narthex. This will be an ongoing fundraiser that, combined with others, will help fill the gap until we can resume our larger fundraising dinners. Thanks for your participation!



## *Thank you!*

The Harford County Hope for the Homeless Alliance thanks you so sincerely for the wonderful donation to the homeless guests we are housing this year. Nothing can adequately express the depth or wideness of our gratitude for your gift of \$1,000. This year we are housing families as well as single guests due to the pandemic and the lifting of the eviction moratorium. We planned for 14 rooms divided equally between singles/two per room and families but quickly went to 16 and much of that is due to your gift. Nothing makes our volunteers happier than to know people, especially children, are safe from the rain and snow and freezing weather. Together we can...and we thank God for you all. Thankfully, Howard Magness, Volunteer Chair, Harford County HOPE for the Homeless Alliance

## *Helping Hands Food Pantry*

The Helping Hands Food Pantry needs more hands! We are looking for workers on Wednesday and Friday morning. If you are interested, please contact Sally Wagner (2salemshares@gmail.com) or call the church office.

## *Trustees Update*

For everyone's safety, please leave the church parking lot by one of the two driveways in front of the sanctuary (down by Salem House). Do not exit at the driveway near the Dance Academy. The Trustees are in the process of getting a quote for the removal of the cedar trees along the parking lot that obscure the view along Bradshaw Road when exiting the area.

As our building has become busier, our fuel costs have markedly increased due to the significant increase in heating fuel costs. Please be sure to turn the thermostats back when you leave the building. When the heat is turned up and not scaled back at the end of an event, we may be heating a space that will not be used for days. This type of oversight is particularly costly, and it is difficult for the church to absorb. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Sersen.

## *Missions Corner/Lenten Offering*

The past few months have seen a number of brave lives lost across a number of city and county firehouses. These first responders are there, at the drop of a hat, answering the call to our emergencies. Kingsville Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) is in the process of procuring a new fire engine to replace its 2006 model and will be replacing a much-needed ambulance next year. The Salem Finance Committee has designated one half of the Lenten offering this year to the KVFD in memory of fallen firefighters and in honor of our Salem front-liners to be used toward the purchase of a new fire engine. Please mark your envelope and/or check or make your online donation during this Lenten season to show your support. The remaining half of your Lenten contribution will go toward the general fund to assist in paying our ongoing operating expenses. Please contact Cindy Carter or Karen Sersen with any questions.

## *Sight and Sound Trip*

We have tickets available for the "David" production at Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA for Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Group rate tickets are \$65.55 and should be prepaid to the church. We will be carpooling from the church at 9:00 am. Please contact Judy Jones or the church office if you want tickets. Also, please let us know if you are willing to drive.

## *Mission Opportunity*

We are looking for more volunteers for our Salem team to staff Found in Faith Ministries located off Joppa Farm Road. We need light duties performed such as folding linens and sorting through donations as well as heavier tasks such as moving furniture. There is a job for everyone! Please email Rita Talley or contact the church office if you would like more information. We are initially making a commitment to work every third week on Tuesdays from 5:00-7:00 pm. Found in Faith has a website where you can find more information about their mission: <https://foundinfaith.org>

## *2022 Graduate Recognition Sunday*

On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be celebrating those in our church family who are graduating this year. If you or a family member are graduating from high school, college, graduate school, or technical school, please let the church office know so that you can be included in the celebration. We don't want to miss anyone! Also, please send us a picture of the graduate to be included in our PowerPoint presentation on May 22, 2022.



## *United Women of Faith News*



United  
Women  
in Faith

Effective March 2022, the United Methodist Women (UMW) have become the United Women of Faith (UWF). The initial women's group, The Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary Society, was created in Boston during 1869 to address women's needs in India through women missionaries for education and health. The name has changed over the years with the United Methodist Women

created in 1972 under the United Methodist Church Board of Global Ministries. It was voted to be autonomous in 2012.

United Women in Faith, with a new logo, website, and programs, is a result of 5 years of information gathering through surveys, focus groups, and interviews. The rebrand is designed to address the different needs and life stages of members, as well as expand membership options to women of other faith traditions. New programs will be introduced during 2022. The UWF's mission statement is: United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Please look at the website for more details:

- <https://uwfaith.org/who-we-are/our-history/>
- <https://uwfaith.org/get-involved/become-a-member/>
- <https://uwfaith.org/press/2022/united-methodist-women-is-now-united-women-in-faith/>

Thank you to everyone who supported our Popcorn Fundraiser by either purchasing product or donating money. Approximately \$530.00 was raised. We are able to take donations at any time during the year to support our mission work. Any donations can be mailed to the church attention

Sharon Marquette, UWF treasurer, or put in the offering plate. Please put "United Women of Faith" on the memo line.

The UWF are looking for ideas for 2022 mission projects! In the past, we have donated to local and international agencies, and will be donating to the United Women in Faith mission fund for the Conference as well. Please share any ideas with Susan Yurek or Amy Krebs via phone, text, or email.

## Quarterly Giving Statements

Please check your e-mails for your 1<sup>st</sup> quarter giving statement on or about April 1st. If you have not received it, please be sure to check your spam/junk folder. Contact Karen Sersen with any questions. Thank you for your faithfulness!

## Vespers

The return of milder weather brings the return of our Vesper service. Beginning Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Vespers will be held at 7pm on the Salem Lawn (weather permitting). We hope you can join us for this special time of worship. Please bring a chair. In the case of inclement weather, we will post an update on the church website and Facebook page. Share the invitation and bring a friend/neighbor!

## Mushroom Sale Update

Many thanks to Bruce List for suggesting and carrying out our first Salem Mushroom Fundraiser. We would also like to thank each person who supported this event; it was a great success, raising \$300. Barring any "unforeseens," we will be repeating this venture in late October or early November.

## Members Corner

Please remember our members who are unable to join us, with a phone call or card.

Kay Butler – 8810 Walther Blvd, #1318. Baltimore, MD 21234

Hank Danker – 506 Haverhill Road, Joppa, MD 21085

Betty Knight – 8810 Walther Blvd, #1626, Baltimore, MD 21234

Bill Packer – c/o Dr. Debbie Packer, 4172 Knollcrest Circle N., Augusta, GA 30907

Alice Stewart c/o Paul Stewart – 217 Garnett Rd, Joppa, MD 21085

Betty Zengel – 1617 Searles Rd, Baltimore, MD 21222



## Paint Night in the Fellowship Hall

Thank you to everyone who joined us March 18<sup>th</sup> for our paint night! A great time was had by all, and some wonderful artwork was created! This fun event was able to raise over \$1100 for Salem. Thank you to Su DeLeo and Sue Yurek for their artistic talents and to Lauren Simpson for the delicious snacks!

## Directory Information Updates

We are working on a new directory listing of our Salem Church Family. Please send any updates to your information that was listed in the 2019 directory to Tara at salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com so our member information can be updated!

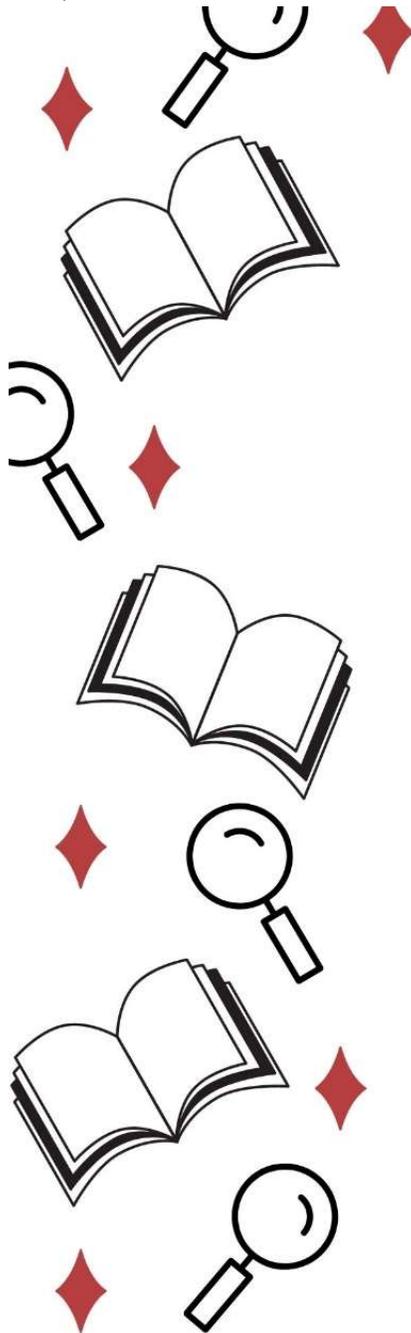
## God, Grant Us Peace Concert

Please join us for an evening of special music and prayer in support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR) work in Ukraine on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the Salem Sanctuary. A free will offering will be collected at the door. For more information on how UMCOR is responding to the crisis in Ukraine, please visit their website at: <https://umcmmission.org/umcor/faq-the-crisis-in-ukraine/>



## All Ages Fun!

Scavenger hunts are a fun activity for all! Try your hand at the scavenger hunt below. Whether you do it on your own, or make it a race between family members, let us know how it goes!



## **BIBLE VERSE SCAVENGER HUNT**

Look up the verses in your Bible. Find the item named in the verse and check the box next to the verse after you've found it. At the end, take a picture of all the Bible scavenger hunt items you found in your home and send it to us at [salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com](mailto:salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com)! We might share your picture on social media or in our newsletter!

- MATTHEW 6:11**
- PSALM 109:105**
- JOB 19:23**
- MATTHEW 10:42**
- DEUTERONOMY 26:9**
- JOHN 12:3**
- LEVITICUS 24:2**
- MATTHEW 13:33**
- EXODUS 3:5**
- EXODUS 15:20**
- NUMBERS 11:5**
- JOHN 12:42**

# April 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8am Service 9:30am Adult Sunday School (Parlor) 10:45am Service 7pm "God, Grant Us Peace" Concert (Sanctuary)	4 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Parlor & Zoom)	5 10am Trivia with Judy (Zoom) 7pm Finance Committee Meeting (Salem Room)	6 10am Bible Study with Judy (Parlor) 7pm SPRC Meeting (Salem Room)	7 7pm Choir (Choir Room)	8	9
10 8am Service 9:30am Adult Sunday School (Parlor) 10:45am Service and Palm Parade 12pm Easter Egg Hunt (Lawn)	11 7pm Pastor's Bible Study (Parlor & Zoom)	12 10am Trivia with Judy (Zoom)	13 10am Bible Study with Judy (Parlor)	14 7pm Maundy Thursday Service (in person & Zoom)	15 1pm Cross Walk	16
17 6:30am Easter Sunrise Service (Cemetery) 8am Easter Service 10:45am Easter Service *Brunch will be served from 6:30-10:15am	18	19 10am Trivia with Judy (Zoom)	20 10am Bible Study with Judy (Parlor) 7pm Vespers (Lawn)	21 7pm Choir (Choir Room)	22	23
24 8am Service 9:30am Adult Sunday School (Parlor) 10:45am Service	25	26 10am Trivia with Judy (Zoom)	27 10am Bible Study with Judy (Parlor) 7pm Vespers (Lawn)	28 7pm Choir (Choir Room)	29	30

8:00am Service is in-person in the Chapel. 10:00 or 10:45am Service is in-person in the Sanctuary and on Zoom. Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72121826008>

Trivia Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83522269034> Pastor's Bible Study Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/86945193408>



# God, Grant Us Peace

A concert to benefit the United Methodist  
relief work in Ukraine

**Sunday, April 3, 2022 @ 7:00pm**

Salem sanctuary - free will offering at the door

With music from:

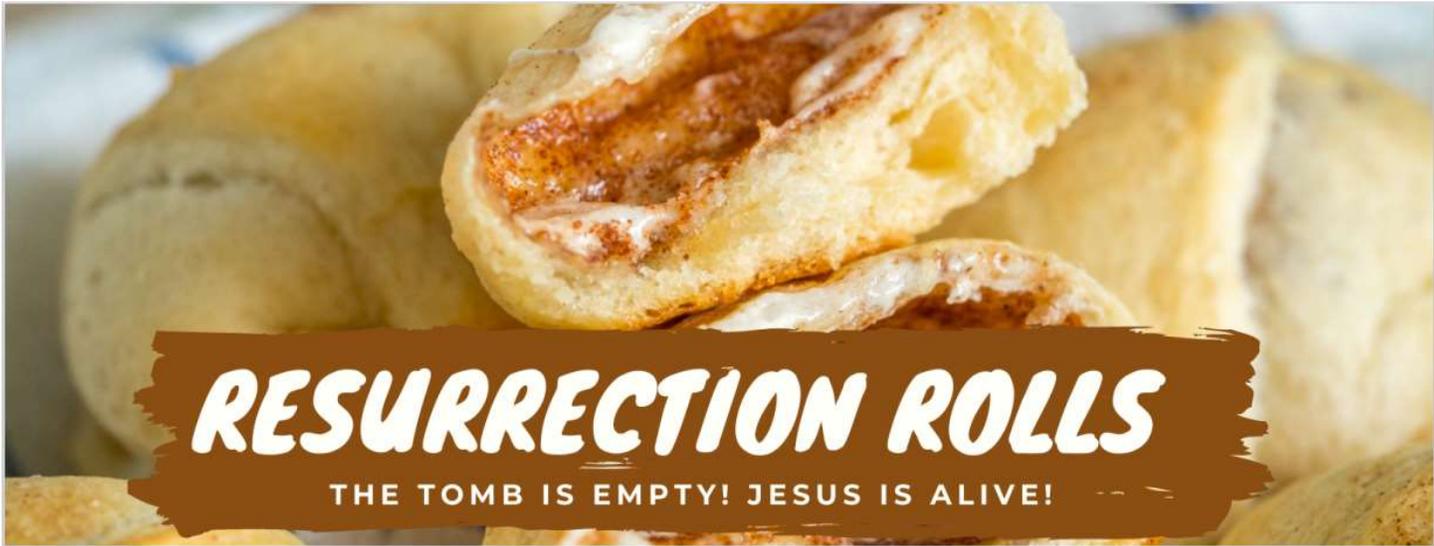
Matthew Bunn, Director of Music

Benjamin Boellner, Marie Herrington, Jane Martin,

Hannah Wardell and the Salem Handbell Choir

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# RESURRECTION ROLLS

THE TOMB IS EMPTY! JESUS IS ALIVE!

## EASTER FAMILY DEVOTION

Gather as a family in your kitchen with your materials on hand.

**Preheat your oven and have everyone wash their hands.**

**Read John 19 in the New Testament while the oven is pre-heating.** John 19 includes the story of the beating, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus. For younger children, listening to a re-telling of the story might be a good idea. Use the QR code on this page to access a good re-telling.

**Ask: How does this part of the story of Jesus make you feel?** Be sure to share your feelings too.

**Unroll the crescent rolls, separating each section.**

Explain that this is like the cloth they wrapped Jesus in. The people who watched Jesus die were sad. They loved Jesus very much.

**Ask: When was the last time you were sad?** Think about all the things that can make our hearts hurt.

**Give your child a marshmallow and explain that it represents the body of Jesus.** Hold the marshmallow carefully in the palm of their hands.

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

crescent roll can  
melted butter  
cinnamon and sugar, mixed  
marshmallows (vegan work!)  
stove or toaster oven  
baking sheet  
cooking spray/parchment paper  
Bible

a retelling of  
John 19



SCAN ME



SCAN ME

a retelling of  
John 20

**Ask: How are you thankful for Jesus?** Some things might include being thankful for the ways Jesus taught us to love others or the way that Jesus loves us! There are no wrong answers! Be sure to share your feelings too.

**Roll the marshmallow in a small bowl of water. Now, roll the marshmallow in the cinnamon & sugar mixture.** This is like the spices used to prepare his body for burial.

**Wrap the marshmallow in the crescent roll dough, making sure to pinch the dough together securely on the sides.** Don't worry about what they look like because they'll taste great no matter what! This represents how they wrapped Jesus' body. Repeat with each marshmallow.

**Place the rolls in the oven that symbolizes the tomb.** Bake for the amount of time specified on the package.

**Ask: How do you think the people who loved Jesus were feeling when they laid his body in the tomb?** Some answers might include feeling helpless, lost, or afraid.

**Read John 20:1-18 while the rolls are baking.** Either read from the Bible or use the QR code on the other side of this paper to access a link to a re-telling of the story. The story of the resurrection of Jesus reminds us that God is always working for love and goodness -even in hard and sad situations.

**Ask: What parts of this story are surprising? How would you feel if you were at the tomb, like Mary?**

**When they are finished cooking, open the "tomb" and remove the rolls. Set a timer for 3 minutes.** This represents the 3 days between Good Friday and Easter.

**Ask: Is it hard to wait? Why or why not?**

**When they are cool, let your children open the rolls.** The marshmallows should have melted - leaving the rolls "empty" just like a tomb.

**Ask: Were you surprised by the "empty" rolls? How do they remind you of the story of the Resurrection of Jesus?**

**Before eating, be sure to say a prayer of thanks.**

