



March 30th, 2009

Message from the Church School Coordinator

CALLING ALL CHILDREN! ATTENTION PLEASE:
Invitations such as this do not happen every day. ALL children in the community are invited (and they should bring their family with them) to come on Friday, April 10th at 9:30 to Robinson Hall for THE WAY TO THE CROSS program to learn about the EASTER STORY.

Breakfast will be served—warm French toast sticks dipped in syrup—yummy! When you are finished eating you will decorate a bag for your visit to the Market Place. A very important visitor is due in town this day so the market is busy and there are many products to prepare to put in your bag before the “Preacher” is due. Suddenly the crowds gather round and a man named Jesus arrives and you will hear some of his stories. Two of the neighbors from the market place will lead everyone upstairs where you will hear more about Jesus and listen to music provided by the children’s choirs. Stories of Jesus as a boy and then growing into a young man and becoming a teacher and spreading news about God’s love will be told and then it will be time to go outside and line the path for Jesus and the donkey as they enter the city on Palm Sunday. We will follow them back to Robinson Hall for our own version of “*Theater in the Round*”. Special lighting effects will be provided by all the children and the story of Holy Week will be portrayed. Older students will be the theater cast, at the end of the story, to celebrate the good news that *Jesus is risen. He is risen indeed!* A gift of a cross necklace will be given to you to remind you of Jesus and God’s love. And, you will take the paper daffodil you made in the market home to give to someone to share your love.

Yummy French toast sticks, a trip to the market place, a visit with Jesus, beautiful music, waving your palms and seeing the donkey and Jesus pass by, visiting the special theatre presentation and receiving a gift—WOW!

NOW THAT IS A SPECIAL INVITATION! SEE YOU ON THE 10TH AT THE “WAY TO THE CROSS” PROGRAM planned by the Ministry of Children and Youth.
~Marty Lacey

**Palm Sunday
April 5th, 2009**

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8:15 Chapel Communion Service

**10:15am Worship with Communion/Church School
New Members Joining**

**The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Preaching
The Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Stinson, Presiding**

**Sermon:
The Bottom Line
Luke 6:31**

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**Child Care for the very young provided.
11:30am Fellowship**

Greeting you on Sunday morning will be confirmand Rob Brandell, his sponsor, Brad Bodell, and the Brandell family. The head usher will be Ken Underwood, assisted by Paul Brewster, Elizabeth Brewster, Samantha Finneran, Jim O’Brien and Michael Brandell. Communion Servers will be Robb Allen, Gary Dunkin, Sharon Harms, Libby Tallmadge, Bonnie Kingston, Jack Allen, Roben Dunkin and John Flippin. The Acolyte will be Lizza Waugh. The Videographer will be Jim O’Brien. Counters in the Treasurer’s Office, Sherry Brabham and Craig Wood. The flowers in the chancel have been given in loving memory of George Lomaga by his family. Theresa and Steve Messineo will deliver the flowers.

✧ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✧

- ◇ *At home:* Betty Sheppard, Jane O’Brien, Tom Horton, Lauren Smith, Ruth Payne, Lorraine Rieder, Susan Booth, Karen Augis, Phyllis Domenic, Fred Polixa, Madeline Edgar, Scott Spoerl, Robert Martin Schaeberle, Sandra Lefkovitz, Mary Keller, Bob Runge, Jim O’Brien, Bob Kansky, Barbara Underwood, and Jack Cusick.
- ◇ *In extended care facilities:* Ed Warren (Altera Sterling House, Stuart FL), Lacelle Stites, Art and Marilea Schlobohm (Green Hill), Betty Bishop (Carolina Meadows), Don Olson (Job Haines), Ron Goebel (Gates Manor).

Friends & family of our church: John Kingston, Stephen Strickland, Len Calvin, Ruth Mustachio, Andrea Row, Lewis Luring, Neil Connaghan, Maureen Sherman, Helen Brabham, George Boltnew, Georgianna Booth, Agnes Joy Busk, Anna Withington, Jill Reintjes, Dan Glitzer, Sue Potter, Merrill Roberts, Joan and Frank Lytle, Barbara Acosta, Claire Meeker Xenikakis, Thomas Bright, Jim O’Brien, Sr., Amanda Oliver, Jean and Barry Frere, Jim Marturano, Elizabeth Knox, Gilda Oliver, Pat and Betty Vigliotti, Paula Newman, Frank Pescatore, Mary Embree, Jeff Glock, Bill Phillips and UCC Missionaries Jon and Dawn Barnes in South Africa and Back Bay Mission in Biloxi. The men and women of the Armed Forces serving overseas in harm’s way.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday, April 5th
Communion Services at 8:15 & 10:15am
Maundy Thursday, April 9th
Dinner, 6:15-7:30pm
Office of Tenebrae and Communion, 8pm
Good Friday, April 10th
Way to the Cross, 9:30am
Good Friday Dramatic Worship, 7:30pm
Easter, April 12th
Two Services at 8:15 and 10:15am**

HALLELUJAH CHORUS

All are welcome to come up and join the choir in the choir loft for the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus at the end of the Easter service. Music will be available and it should be a thrilling climax to this festive service.

CONGRATULATIONS RON GOEBEL!

Ron celebrated a 69th birthday at Gates Manor on the 31st.

NEW MEMBERS ON PALM SUNDAY

The church will welcome Lou Ferrara and re-welcome Phyllis Domenic into the congregation. Join us at the 10:15 service to greet them!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS TO STUDY MARK

Mr. Stinson announced his Wednesday class will read Mark next. The class seeks new members. How about you? Join us in the library, starting April 8th, at 10am.

EASTER SUNDAY - CHILDCARE HELP NEEDED

Please contact Marty Lacey to volunteer. Thank you to Wendy & Susan for helping this past Sunday and Palm Sunday. We need helpers for April 19th & 26th and the month of May. We invite parents of young children to visit our childcare room and leave your little ones there during worship. Notify the caregiver where you sit in church and if problems arise you will be contacted.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION:

Church School students and teachers will gather in Robinson Hall at 10 a.m. Instructions and palms will be distributed and classes will sit together during the first part of the service. (Late-comers should sit with their family and come to class during second hymn).

CIA: IT'S TIME TO COLOR EASTER EGGS!

When: Friday, April 10th at 11:30 (right after the Way to the Cross). We will fill plastic eggs with jelly beans for the GRCC Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring a dozen Hard Boiled eggs for coloring. We will supply everything else.



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

We welcome your donations for Easter lilies in memory of loved ones. Send your check (payable to the GRCC Flower Fund) and this form to Midge Bourne, 134 Forest Ave., GR.

Deadline for flower forms is this Sunday: **April 5th**. In order for your loved one's name to appear in the Easter bulletin, please return this form this week.

Your
Name _____
Flowers in
memory of _____

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER

The Ministry of Worship will serve a light dinner before the Maundy Thursday service. Please come before worship, have a bite to eat, and be part of the worshipping community of GRCC. Choir members will be served at 6:15 prior to rehearsal at 7:00. Congregants will be served from 6:45-7:30. Find new ways to join your church family in worship and fellowship.

PLEDGE UPDATE

We have 149 pledges in hand for 2009, for a total of \$438,568. Are you in a position to raise your pledge or make an extra Sunday's payment as a special Easter gift to the church?

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40 DAYS OF LOVE

"Love is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful." (1Cor. 13:5) Our three groups meet to discuss *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Palm Sunday's sermon on the Golden Rule is the culminating sermon in our Lenten series. Copies are on the table by the Clark St. entrance. "This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

TALLMADGE CHEESE SHOP

Allin Tallmadge opened his new business in Upper Montclair this weekend. To celebrate and help the church, he has offered a special for church members. Any purchase between now and Easter by a member will result in a 10% discount. Bring an offering envelope from your box or a pew and he'll fill it with your savings and contribute it to the church!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Sunday, April 5th **PALM SUNDAY**
 - 8:15am Chapel Worship with Communion
 - 9:00am Bible Study
 - 9:15am Chancel Choir
 - 10:15am Worship w/Communion/New Members and Church School
 - 11:30am Fellowship
 - 11:30am Ministry of Children and Youth
 - 11:40am Music Committee
 - 7:00pm YPS
- Monday, April 6th
 - 7:00pm Yoga
 - 7:30pm Carillon Bellringers
 - 7:30pm Lenten Home Study Group – Oliver
 - 8:00pm Men's Group
- Tuesday, April 7th
 - 3:00pm Confirmation
 - 7:30pm Lenten Home Study Group – Stinson
 - 8:00pm AA
- Wednesday, April 8th
 - 10:00am Bible Study—1st Class on *Mark*.
 - 3:15pm Children's Choirs
 - 4:15pm Chapel Bellringers
 - 7:30pm Lenten Home Study Group – Watson
 - 8:00pm Ministry of Finance
- Thursday, April 9th **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
 - 6:30am Morning Glories
 - 3:00pm SCEEP
 - 6:15pm Dinner before Service
 - 7:00pm Chancel Choir
 - 8:00pm Communion & Tenebrae
- Friday, April 10th **GOOD FRIDAY**
 - 9:30am Way to the Cross
 - 7:30pm YPS Worship Service

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