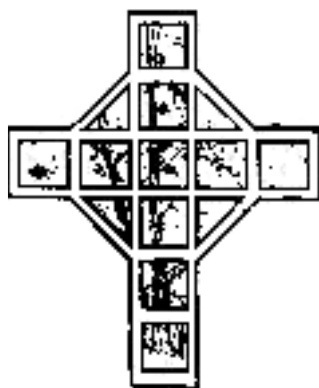


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The Triangle

April 5th, 2011

WORSHIP WITH US GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER

You are invited to a Good Friday service of worship the evening of April 22nd. United Churches, Lacey Presbyterian and Cornerstone Presbyterian will join us.



Sunday, April 24th

Worship at 9:00 and 11:15am

Sunday School Easter lesson and egg hunt at 9:45, April 24th

PASTORS' CORNER
The Rev. Dr. David R. Kegley

Spirituality and the freedom it creates is based first on God's grace and second on discipline. We are truly free in Christ's life; freed from our sin and freed from worldly masters. That is the result of grace (unearned help from God). How do you grasp such truth? The missing element is discipline.

Grace is top priority. We cannot have anything else in the faith without first receiving grace. It is God who takes the first step, God whose benevolent reach awakens us and God who makes it possible for us to notice. Before God's grace we are all infants reaching out to whom we first do not know, cannot interpret and from whom we can only receive.

However, if it stopped at that we would never be affected. We'd simply just leave it all up to God. Our Christian lives would be empty of action and void of any personal responsibility. The responsibility of the Christian life would be firmly tied up in God's grace and nothing more.

Our spirituality never gets off the dime until we are disciplined to do things in response to God's grace. One of the frequently said prayers in reformed liturgy is: "Lord, forgive us for our sin of presumption." Being a receiver of God's grace without the discipline to live the life of grace is presumption.

It is within the congregation that we support one another to do things that reflect our faith. We need each other for the mutually encouraged discipline to pick up the shovel, hand off the food, release our gifts of money, teach the truths of scripture, heal the broken hearted and reach out to the marginalized. When our bodies move to the rhythm of grace we begin to realize what we've missed. Acting out of God's grace confirms God's presence and abundance in particular ways. Then we realize our new freedom. Then we actualize the realities of shedding the sins that so cling to us and shifting our allegiance from worldly masters to God's kind companionship.

Leading as we are up to Christ's Passion it is my prayer that we will all more clearly dedicate ourselves to the disciplines of the faith so that we may better experience the grace God abundantly pours out upon us.

Peace, *David*

Calendar for This Week and Next

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

- 9:15am Book Group (library)
- 9:30pm Youth Group bowling

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

- 9:00am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15am Worship
- 12:30pm Youth Group
- 1:00pm Golden Delicious lunch at Oyster House

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

- 7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP
- 10:00am Horizon Bible Study (chapel)
- 6:00pm TuesdayNightTogether meal
- 6:30pm TNT classes and activities
- 7:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

- 10:00am Bible Study (room 12)
- 6:30pm Stephen Ministries (rm 7)
- 7:00pm Department meetings

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

- 9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters
- 12 noon Triangle articles due
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 17

- 9:00am Worship
- 9:45am Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15am Worship
- 12:30pm Youth Group

MONDAY, APRIL 18

- 7:00pm Rachel Circle

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

- 7:30am Men's Breakfast @ I-HOP
- 9:30am Elizabeth Circle (room 12)
- 11:00am Mary-Martha Circle
- 6:30pm Naomi Circle
- 7:00pm Bell Choir rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

- 9:30am Triangle folding (library)
- 10:00am Bible Study (room 12)
- 7:00pm Session (chapel)

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

- 9:30am "Sew Happy" Quilters
- 1:00pm Dorcas Circle
- 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir rehearsal

The Olympia Choral Society presents

MOSTLY MOZART Mass in C Minor

Directed by our own Terry Shaw

April Concerts: Friday and Saturday, 15th & 16th, 7:30pm
Sunday, 17th, 2:30pm

Koval Center for the Performing Arts FREE admission

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children and Youth

Join the 4/5th Graders to Watch the Film: *12 Stones*

On April 17th, during the Sunday school hour, our 4/5th graders are watching and discussing a beautiful and evocative film that documents Heifer International's work with illiterate women in Nepal and their journey out of poverty to self-reliance. This movie shows the remarkable transformation these women undergo, and illuminates Heifer's mission to work with communities to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. Our before and after film discussion will focus on God's call to us to raise the poor and lift the needy. Anyone interested in watching this powerful film with us is welcome! Join us in room 4 at 10:00am. Popcorn will be served!

Because this film is not age-appropriate for our younger children, during this time our Pre-K through 3rd graders will be treated to the movie, *Veggie Tales: An Easter Carol*, participate in a discussion about the true meaning of Easter - it's not all about the eggs - and if time allows, do a craft that celebrates the resurrection. Veggie Tales will be in room 3 at 10:00am. Popcorn will be served!

4/5th Grade Bible Retreat - April 29-May 1, 2011

The 4/5th graders are on their way to Westport for a two-day/overnight retreat. The focus of this retreat is to teach about the Bible and help young readers start on the road to life-long Bible study. Each child will be presented with a Bible that can be used today and beyond. The Bibles were carefully researched with that purpose in mind. Please consider sponsoring one of these Bibles for a child. Each costs \$20.00. Additionally, to help defray the cost of this retreat, consider purchasing some food items. Bible sponsorship and food donation displays with instructions are in the narthex. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Blessings, *Rachelle Dudley*, Director of Christian Education

SUNSHINE PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND

YES! Our play structure is in and the children are enjoying it whenever the weather holds up for us to go out. The playground is not complete yet. The teachers have many exciting ideas to make it a magical place for the children to explore. We are very keen on giving them lots of natural experiences along with the usual playground equipment. They already enjoy making dandelion bouquets and digging up "God's little creatures" and tilling the soil in our new flower bed (made by Josh Davenport). We would appreciate any donation of the following items.

1. Plastic playhouse
2. Child-size picnic bench
3. Sturdy log to walk along or stepping stone-type logs
4. Garden soil for our flower bed
5. Trikes
6. Tulips & daffodil bulbs

We are open to more ideas. Please contact me at 701-2183 or talk to Julie Taylor if you need more information or have any suggestions. Thank you for supporting our program and helping us give our children wonderful experiences.

Dinali Dhammapala, Sunshine Preschool Director

Welcome!

Hospitality – the friendly and generous reception of guests, visitors, or strangers.

Did you know Hospitality is a Spiritual Discipline? Practicing Hospitality is an important way to share God's love with all people. We welcome people into the family of Westminster and into our very lives as a family of God.

It's wonderful to have visitors join in worship at Westminster. It's important that everyone in worship feel cared for and included. Please make time each Sunday to talk with a few people that you may not know, either visitors or someone in the congregation you haven't met yet.

Name tags are very helpful. If you have a name tag, please wear it at church functions. If you need a name tag please contact Beth Julian at 943-7009.

Luci Kegley, Mission & Fellowship Department

SHARING THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

It is wonderful that our new fellowship hall is getting used and enjoyed so much, and for so many different things!

It is delightful to see the preschoolers, children, and youth, using it for games like basketball, hockey, as well as many other activities. It is equally wonderful to hear the sounds of voices and laughter when the fellowship hall becomes a “social” hall for potlucks, meals, and coffee hour, meetings, and classes.

For safety reasons, we are asking children, youth, and parents, grandparents, and friends to help teach and remind each other that we are all sharing the fellowship hall; and that when it is not being used as a social hall, especially during meals and coffee hour Sunday morning, or for meetings and classes, that it is not the time to be playing sports, especially ones that involve balls. Please use your discretion as to when ball playing is acceptable.

As an alternative, Rachele Dudley has set up a CHILDREN’S ACTIVITY TABLE that offers board games, coloring, drawing, and puzzles. There are also two new hula hoops that the children are welcome to use. Do you have any board games to donate?

We don’t want anyone to accidentally get hurt. We are all on a learning curve here of how to share, and the young people need to be included in the conversation and learn to exercise their own discretion.

Sandy Crouch, elder for Christian Education

“SHARING BRINGS JOY”

2011 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, APRIL 17

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Four times each year the congregations of the Presbyterian Church (USA) join together in the shared work of mission and ministry. Through four church-wide special offerings, Presbyterians feed the hungry, respond to disasters, care for the sick, minister to children and youth, support racial ethnic schools and colleges, train young adult leaders, and make peace in homes, communities, and nations.

The first special offering of the year is the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), which will be received at Westminster on Palm Sunday. Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through OGHS to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Feeding the hungry, helping people build up their own livelihoods, responding to disasters – these are all ways that OGHS is changing lives, changing communities, and changing the world.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future. Our OGHS gifts support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

You will find envelopes in the pew racks. Let us thank God for giving us the opportunity to share our gifts generously to bring healing and hope to some of the world’s most desperate situations.

Kathy Marshall, for the Fellowship & Mission Department

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 1ST AS WE WALK TO FIGHT HUNGER!

Each year, hundreds of people from diverse backgrounds and faith communities join together on the steps of our state capitol as they prepare to walk together united in one cause – to fight hunger in our community and around the globe.



Please join us by signing up after worship April 10th and 17th to walk or to sponsor a walker! You may contact Elsa McLain at 357-9674 or Lorna Linden at 352-4361 / llinden@comcast.net for more information.

25% of the funds raised each year during the CROP Walk stay right here in our community to support feeding programs such as Meals on Wheels, the Thurston County Food Bank and the Community Kitchen. In 2010 the Thurston County CROP Walk raised \$54,188 and was ranked 29th out of 1600 walks in the entire nation. Thank you for your support!

Lorna Linden, for the Mission Committee, Mission & Fellowship Department

BOOKS REQUESTED FOR OELC'S USED BOOK SALE: The Friends of the Olympia Early Learning Center (formerly Olympia Child Care Center) is sponsoring a used-book sale in June. We would appreciate all donations of books (in good condition) for our sale. They may be marked OELC and left in the church library or given to Carol Sanborn or Elsa McLain. *Elsa McLain, for the OELC*

ATTEND THE CAMP SOUND VIEW FUNDRAISER! Camp Sound View will host a Saturday Market Fundraiser Saturday, May 21st, 10:00am - 3:00pm at Mission Woods Presbyterian Church in Milton. This will be a fun event to raise money for the Summer Camping Program! Come enjoy pancakes, art, crafts, games, and a silent auction. Have some fun for a good cause! The church is at 2003 Taylor Street in Milton, 98354. Please call (253) 884-9202 with questions. *Julie Johnson, Camp Sound View*

SIGN UP TO SERVE COMMUNION: Look for me in the fellowship hall the next few Sundays following worship to sign up deacons and elders to serve communion May, June and July. I will be as close to the coffee and cookies as possible. *Dorris Hensel, 455-1019, for Worship & Music*

HAVING AN EMERGENCY? Are family members ill? Are you facing surgery or in the hospital? Need a visit? Please contact your deacon! The deacons at WPC are ready and willing to help out those in need. They will contact the pastors, put in a prayer request for you, and will even serve communion for those unable to make it to church! Please call the church office if you need to contact your deacon for any reason. They are willing and want to help you. *James Mobley, Deacon Moderator*

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: The Feinstein Challenge (where monetary donations to the Thurston County Food Bank will be met with matching funds) continues through the end of April. Thanks so much to the many of you who have responded to this opportunity. If you would like to participate please note "Food Bank Feinstein Challenge" on your check that is made out to Westminster. We will submit those donations to the Food Bank after April 30th.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: We are planning to schedule a new member class for a Saturday in May – possibly May 21. The class will begin at 9:30am and end about 2:30pm. Lunch is provided. If you are interested in participating in this class and haven't let us know, please call the church office (357-5750). Or, you may indicate your interest on the back of a Friendship Card at worship. You will have the option to join the church following the class.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

March 20 – 233 – (76 at 9:00am service)
March 27 – 199 – (67 at 9:00am service)
April 3 – 223 – (64 at 9:00am service)



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