



Community Press

Holy Week

March 24 9:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

March 28 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday,

Seder Celebration & Communion

Plan to join us to celebrate a modified Seder meal and communion as we observe Maundy Thursday during Holy Week. Please sign up and indicate how many in your family will attend or would like to help set up at 2.

Easter Sunday Services

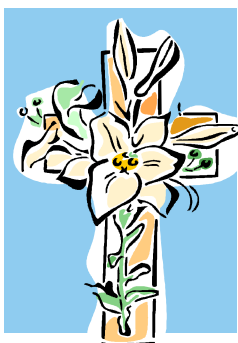
March 31 6:30 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Service

We will begin the service indoors
and conclude outdoors.

March 31 9:30 a.m.

Easter Service



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From the Pastor...

The Value of Being Connected: Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in love!



“We are all one body in Christ, and individually members of it...If one member suffers, all suffer together with it. If one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.” I Corinthians 12:12 & 26

A Presbyterian since I could first sing “Jesus loves me,” I have had a multitude of connectional experiences in this denomination that have transformed my life and deepened my faith! Even as a young teen, I followed the urgings of my local church: attending summer camp with Presbyterian youth from all over Southern California, serving monthly by distributing “commodity” foods in the inner city, and joining with cross border ministries every Spring Break to practice my Spanish and build medical facilities for the people of Baja California. Not only did I meet many adults who daily showed great friendship and caring for others in need, but also I met other young people who felt strongly about their faith just as I did.

What was impressed on me in my seminary’s Presbyterian Polity Class was that the heartbeat of our denomination is its connectional reality. Our structure encourages us to connect in prayer, worship, friendship and service with PCUSA folk all over our state, region, nation and world. My own children were impacted by the astounding hearts, intelligent passion and actions of compassionate lay folk and missionaries on the southern borders! They have played, sung and greeted new friends from over 5 states through camp and conference programs at Clearwater Forest, Triennium, Presbyterian Women, Young Adult Volunteers in Mission and Synod School.

I can’t tell you how thrilled I am to see that Community Rochester also values the connectional ties of our denomination. (Yes, it’s even required in my job description. :-)) The payback on those experiences is 100 fold. The lives of Presbyterians touch us every day! Did you know our mobile Labyrinth came from The Church Resource Center supported by our Presbytery? Did you know 20% of our Presbyteries Mission Funds keep Clearwater Forest operating and ministering to hundreds of children, youth and adults each summer and year round? Did you know your per capita portion to our Synod helps you connect at Synod School?

Since we are connected in so wonderful a network of vital Christians, I can only encourage you and your families to take advantage of these opportunities to get involved and be a part of this great movement of faith and love in the real world today! How about attending Synod School? Or in addition to sending your youngster to Clearwater Forest to learn more about their faith, why not tag along on a weekend with your family at their lakeside campground? Since you’re connected to it, treat yourself!

And if you don’t quite believe me...I hope you will keep reading on, because reflections from 2 of our members who attended the 2012 Synod School at Buena Vista University are on page 5.

Get Connected This Summer

Synod School

July 21-26, 2013

www.lakesandprairies.org

Clearwater Forest Camp

See summer 2013 schedule at:

www.clearwaterforest.org



March 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:30am World Day of Prayer	2 10am Aikido
3 9:30am Communion 9:30am Worship 10:45am God & Your Brain	4 6:30pm Mem- bership	5 6pm BIG 7pm Mission	6 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	7 7:30pm Aikido	8 7pm AS Support Group	9 9am-3pm Great Room Occupied 9am Presby- tery
10 9:30am Worship Girl Scout Sunday God & Me Award Channel One Sunday 10:45am God & Your Brain	11 5:30pm Build- ing & Grounds 7:30pm Per- sonnel	12 12:30pm Women of the Church	13 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	14 7:30pm Aikido	15	16 10am Aikido
17 9:30am Worship Noisy Can Kids shop for Ronald McDon- ald House	18 7pm Finance	19 5pm Christian Ed	20 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	21 7:30pm Aikido	22 5pm Saints on Second	23 10am Aikido
24 9:30am Worship Palm Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing 5pm Book Group	25	26 7pm Session	27 6:30am Prayer Group 7pm Choir	28 7:30pm Aikido 6pm Maundy Thursday, Seder & Communion Service	29	30 10am Aikido
31 6:30am Easter Sunrise Wor- ship 9:30am Easter Worship						

March 2013 Worship Schedule

Date	Worship Assistants	Greeter	Liturgist	Nursery Attendant	Library
3	Amy Ward, Penny & Ron Murray	Amanda Ross	Paul Harkess	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Margaret Nelson
10	Girl Scouts	Girl Scouts	Girl Scouts	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judi Berg
17	Connie Holst, Peggy McCarty, Rick Orvold	Marita Heller	Jane Burgstaler	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judy Pucci
24	Pillers Family	Jeff Swinbank	Ivy Pillers	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Judy Kereakos
28	Jean Abels, Amy & Dave Anderson	Nancy Massaro	Dick Massaro		
31	Powell Family	Linda Overton	Doug Marker	Elizabeth Deeds, Tabitha Harland	Margaret Gardner

Communion Servers for March: Gwen Riggins, Dave & Darlene Lucas, Margaret Nelson

Coming up at CPC!
 Lots to look forward in the days to come at our church!
March 10
 Girl Scout Sunday
March 22
 Saints on Second
March 24
 Palm Sunday
March 28
 Maundy Thursday, Seder & Communion Service
March 31
 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
 9:30 a.m. Easter Service

To Clap or Not to Clap?

No need to be confused about if and when to clap during our worship services. Just follow these suggestions from our Worship and Music Committee:

- * When the Holy Spirit moves you to glorify or thank God with your hands, feet or voices, do it!
- * Don't feel obligated; if you don't feel moved to clap, dance or cheer when others might, that's okay.
- * There will be occasions when our worship readers and musicians present stunning yet contemplative pieces for worship. At that point, there will be a written request in the bulletin for the congregation to Please *appreciate the piece by reflecting on it and letting it quietly settle into your heart and mind.*

Pastor Teresa and the Worship & Music Committee

GIVING REPORT	
<i>January '13 Weekly Average</i>	<i>Special Offerings</i>
\$3,440.84	<i>One Great Hour of Sharing</i> \$1,186.00
<i>Year to Date Avg. '13</i> \$3,440.84	<i>Christmas Joy Offering</i> \$922.00
<i>Budgeted Weekly for '13</i> \$3,034.150	<i>Thank Offering</i> \$458.00
<i>Per Capita Received '13</i> \$391.57	<i>Peace Offering</i> \$751.00
<i>Total Per Capita Paid '13</i> \$4,402.00	

(Per capita contribution per member is \$32.37 for 2013)

March**Birthdays**

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|----|----------------|
| 5 | Ann Simms |
| 10 | Ivy Pillers |
| 11 | Maggie Hall |
| 11 | Katherine Ross |
| 12 | Amy Anderson |
| 14 | Dan Hill |
| 14 | Liz Koehler |
| 15 | Don Nicholson |
| 17 | Claudia Rank |
| 17 | Eloise Rank |
| 18 | Frank Jones |
| 22 | Bonnie Kinion |
| 24 | Judy Pucci |
| 25 | Paul Remtema |
| 25 | Aaron Simms |

**Anniversaries**

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|----|---|
| 7 | Mark & Mary Jensen |
| 26 | Carole Kinion Copeland
& Dave Copeland |

Synod School Stimulating, Fun, and Tiring for an Old Lady

Three classes a day (chosen from a list of 68), General Sessions, worship, music, crafts, visiting with people from many Presbyterian churches in the Midwest, and dormitory living all occurring in five days on a beautiful campus in Storm Lake, IA made Synod School a very worthwhile experience. My favorite class was learning to work with people of different personality types, my favorite craft, quilting, and the humorous presenting of the news of the day each morning was worth getting up early for. Evening activities consisted of movies, mini-courses, coffee house, and dances. Attended last summer by 669 people, ages 2 to 92, this year's "School" will be from July 21-26. So get it on your calendars and in a few weeks the complete program will be available for your selection.

Margaret Nelson

***Synod School***

When I decided to go with Tammy Rider's yearly encouragement to attend Synod School, I was very glad I did. Margaret Nelson was an excellent travel companion, navigator, and roommate and Synod School was a great experience. I didn't realize the diversity of classes – things like yoga, seems like there was a class where people brought their musical instruments and composed new tunes. For my classes, I attended African Drumming, Choir, Children's Literature and Improvisational Theater. I registered late, so I didn't get into all the classes I wanted but I was very pleased with the classes that I took. There were traditional classes with a Biblical focus and there were classes on current issues. In addition to the regularly scheduled classes, there were also interest groups at night (like one on the Bible and Star Wars), followed by a movie if you wanted to attend. (By the way, the Children's Lit class was really good – can't remember the last time I could just sit back and listen to books being read to me.)

Synod School made me proud to be a Presbyterian. In addition to the classes, there were morning and evening worship sessions. Carol Howard Merritt, author of *Tribal Church, Ministering to the Missing Generation* (I think she means under 30 or 40), talked about the need for churches to adapt to shifts in the culture. There were a fair amount of individuals there from small churches (like maybe 30 or 40 members or less), so it gave me a different perspective on our own congregation. I would encourage anyone interested to look at the schedule and attend – if you're interested in classes with a limit on enrollment, would encourage you to register early to reserve your spot.

Jean Abels

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

On Sunday, March 24, Marita Heller will lead our discussion of Chinua Achebe's "Things Fall Apart." Okonkwo, a farmer and leader of an Igbo village is forced to leave his village following an accidental shooting. Returning seven years later, he finds everything changed. White missionaries have come to convert Africa to their ways.



We will have 10 copies available for anyone who wishes to join us in that discussion. We meet for just one hour, at 5 p.m. in the church library. Contact Gwen Riffin for a copy, and please join us.

Saints on Second—March 22

Make plans to join us at Saints on Second (<http://www.saintson2nd.com>) on Friday, March 22, starting at 5:00 p.m. This is an annual gathering where you come and go at the times that work best. These Happy Hours have been well attended and very enjoyable. You can stop by for conversation and the beverage of your choice and even have dinner.



Upcoming Events in 2013

April 14	Spring Fling (garden/church work day)
May	TBD
June	Gathering at Spring Glen Winery
July	No event
August	Church picnic
September	Outdoor service/pancake breakfast
October	TBD
November 2	Progressive Dinner
November	Church Christmas decorating
December	No event

One Great Hour of Sharing

Sunday, March 24

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Many of us enjoy the abundance of God's blessings, and by living an open-handed life and sharing these blessings with others, we can offer an outward sign of thanksgiving for the presence of Christ in our lives while bringing joy to God and to our sisters and brothers. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36% of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32%.



Longfellow Spring Break Food Drive

To help supplement the backpack program over the scheduled Spring Break, we have organized a congregation-wide food drive. We are seeking donations of:

- * 28 oz plastic jars of creamy peanut butter
- * Easy Mac cups
- * 14 oz box of Ritz crackers

Please bring the items between Feb 17 and March 17. Thanks for your awesome support as always. Thank you for bringing indicated sizes only. Larger quantities are too heavy for the children to carry.

Choir

This is your chance to give the CPC choir a try! No auditions...no choir robes...just a love of singing!

One time limited engagement for Tenors/Baritones/Basses

March 17 at CPC morning worship service

Rehearsals: March 6 and 13 at 7:00 pm

One time limited engagement for Altos/1st and 2nd Sopranos

March 10 at CPC morning worship service

Rehearsals: February 27 and March 6 at 7:00 pm

Contact Denise at 753-2420 or djswinbank@embarqmail.com

Library Attendant Schedule

March 3—Margaret Nelson

March 10—Judi Berg

March 17—Judy Pucci

March 24—Judy Kereakos

March 31—Margaret Gardner

Noisy Can

CPC youth will be shopping for Ronald McDonald House on March 17 using funds from our monthly noisy collection.

We will also deliver the pop tabs collected this past year. Parents are welcome as drivers and shopping supervisors!

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Women of the Church

Women of the Church will meet Tuesday, March 12, at 12:30 p.m. We will have a tour of the Channel One facility on Wood Lake Drive. Car pools are planned.

We will be delivering 20+ Birthday Boxes for children. They were packed at our February meeting.

Plans are underway for our second annual Mother-Daughter-Friend luncheon on April 13 at 12:30. Make plans to save the date and watch for posters and ticket sellers.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions, who come together to observe a common day of prayer. The Rochester World Day of Prayer 2013 will be held at Assisi Heights on Friday, March 1. There will be a continental breakfast at 9:30 with the worship service at 10. The service, "I was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me," was written by Christian women in France.



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“Open Hearted—Open Minded”

Come Be Our Guest!
 Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. (September - May)
 Nursery is provided during Worship
 and Sunday School.



Everyone had a wonderful time at the All Church Talent Show and Chili Feed.