

Church of the Palms

Worship

February 27, 2011

"Equipping Disciples for the Service of Christ"



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Need to hear a prayer or have someone pray for you?
Call the Prayer Line 924-9979***

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**9:15 a.m. Sanctuary Worship broadcast live on Comcast Channel 189.
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Welcome to Worship at Church of the Palms

Whether you are a member or affiliate member of our church, a frequent attendee, or a first time visitor, we are glad you are here and invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship, growth, and service. If you would like to learn more about the church, are considering how you might be involved, or are ready to make a deeper commitment through membership, we invite you to contact Pastor Tim Reynolds, 924-1323. The next orientation will be in the spring. Please watch the bulletin for the date and time. Pre-registration is not required and you are welcome to attend.

Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers are trained, caring Christians who know how to listen and support people in crisis. If either you or someone you know would like a Stephen Minister's help, contact Dr. Bruce Hedgepeth, 924-1323.

Sanctuary Worship Aids - For your convenience, there are large-print copies of the Order of Worship and hearing devices that may be helpful as well. Packets containing worship activities designed for children are also available at the entrances to the Sanctuary and Campus Center. An usher can assist you with these needs.

Sermon Text - Copies of previous sermon text brochures are available in the Narthex in plastic tiered holders, the Campus Center, at the Welcome Center and in the Administration Building.

Televised Worship Service

On Sunday mornings our 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship service is broadcast on Comcast Cable Channel 189. For those who do not have Comcast, a video copy of the sermon is uploaded to our website the following Monday before noon. There is also an archive of sermons available on the website. DVD's of the entire service are available for purchase by calling the Church office. You may also watch the live video stream of our 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship service on our website, www.churchofthepalms.org.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Commander Allen Higginbotham, Jr. by Al and Linda Higginbotham.

In Memoriam

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Edward F. Humel, who died February 12, 2011.

The Garden @ Church of the Palms

Modern Worship – Ancient Truth – Spiritual Growth

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Around The Word

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

Songs of Praise & Thanksgiving

Greeting One Another

Proclaiming The Word

Scripture Reading

Prayers of Supplication & Intercession

Songs for Illumination

Proclamation

Philippians 4:2-9

Pastor Tim Reynolds

Responding To The Word

Songs of Affirmation

Invitation to Discipleship

Response of the People

The morning offering and gifts may be placed in the garden pail on your table or in the watering cans near the entrance. Canned goods for the food pantry may be placed in the wheelbarrow up front.

Next Sunday, March 6 we will celebrate “Kidz in the Garden” at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. This will be a children’s worship experience in The Garden led by and designed especially for children, with music and a message specifically geared towards the youngest among us from kindergarten through 5th grade. We look forward to having you join us as worship in The Garden becomes truly intergenerational every first Sunday! If your child would like to participate in leading worship (or you would like your child to!), sign-up sheets will be available at the entrance of the Campus Center.

Next Week: Philippians 4:10-23

Worship Leadership

Leaders: Tim Reynolds (treynolds@churchofthepalms.org)

Program Director: Steve Lenz (steverlenz@gmail.com)

Technical Director: Mike Bassett (mbass66@verizon.net)

Worship Leader: Megan Mooney (megmooney@hotmail.com)

Worship in the Sanctuary

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Jo Ross

Compassionate God, we come before you with gratitude, recognizing your gracious, unfailing care for this world and its inhabitants. You replace our laments with the song of your salvation, directing us along life-sustaining paths, and empowering us to be your servant people. You encourage us with the comforting presence of the Risen One who neither forgets nor forsakes. Receive our praises as we join our hearts and voices with your saints in all times and in various places. We worship you, living Lord, for you have given us a future and a hope. These things we pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

“With a Voice of Singing”

Martin Shaw

“Hallelujah, Amen”

Handel

“Homeland”

Randall Stroop

“Loch Lomond” Traditional Scottish melody

Alma College Choir; Dr. Will Nichols, Director; Tony Patterson, Accompanist

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #220** “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

*SENTENCES OF PRAISE

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Merciful God, you have called us to be a distinctive community under your lordship. We confess that we are steeped in the materialism of our culture, so we are guilty of having other gods before you. You have entrusted us with the eternal riches of the gospel, yet we have put our trust in the fleeting wealth of gold and goods. We cling to the illusion of self-reliance, forgetting that all we possess has come from your generous hand. These, our own failings, grieve us and we repent of them. Gracious Lord, we ask your forgiveness. Break the shackles that keep us bound to other masters that we might serve you whole-heartedly. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (together)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the commu-
nion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and
the life everlasting. Amen.**

WE SHARE

WORDS OF GREETING

(Please sign and pass the red covered friendship pad at the end of the pew.)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Mission Expo

MUSIC MEDITATION

"O Day Full of Grace"
Alma College Choir

F. Melius Christiansen

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom
come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our
daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY "Ain't No Grave Can Hold My Body Down" Ivory and Caldwell
Alma College Choir**

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***HYMN #327**

“O Word of God Incarnate”

WE PROCLAIM

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 20:16 (Pew Bible O.T. p. 66)
Matthew 5:33-37 (Pew Bible N.T. p. 5)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Swearing Solemnly”

Dr. Bruce Hedgepeth

WE GO

***HYMN #372**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Alma College Choir

POSTLUDE

*Congregation, please stand if able.

Worship Leaders in the Sanctuary Today

Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

Senior Pastor

Dr. Bruce E. Hedgepeth

Executive Pastor

Rev. Phil Bliss

Visitation Pastor

Rev. Fred Marsh

Visitation Pastor

John W. Ferreira, C.A.G.O.

Director of Music Ministries

Judy Lutes

Assistant Organist

The Ten Commandments

- 1 You shall have no other gods before me.*
- 2 You shall not make for yourself an idol.*
- 3 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*
- 4 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.*
- 5 Honor your father and your mother*
- 6 You shall not murder.*
- 7 You shall not commit adultery.*
- 8 You shall not steal.*
- 9 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*
- 10 You shall not covet.*

About the Alma College Choir

The Alma College Choir and Conductor, Will Nichols, tour across the United States every year singing concerts, visiting public schools, and participating in worship services. Alma College is Michigan's Presbyterian college, and the choir's extensive touring is one of the primary ways the college builds and maintains close ties with the church community. The students are preparing for careers in the sciences, business, education and the ministry – and some in music. Regardless of their academic majors, they have all decided that music deserves an important place in their lives. These students spend six hours each week singing together in rehearsal, and they spend weeks touring together – so, it is no idle boast that life-long friendships are formed in the Alma Choir. The 2011 tour to Florida is the Choir's fifth trip to our State since 1995.

Call to Prayer

Would you get up early to pray for your pastors?

Join us Sunday mornings, 8:00-9:00 a.m. - Chapel Study (leave when you must)
Questions? Contact Margarett Bliss, (941) 359-6688

Sunday Mornings for Children - 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Sunday School Childcare

Nursery	Room 101
Toddlers & Two Year Olds	Room 103
Three Year Olds	Room 103B

Children in PreK and Kindergarten begin their day in the Chapel for music at 9:00 a.m. After music they will be brought to their class. Parents are to pick them up at 10:15 a.m. from their class.

Pre-K	Room 105
Kindergarten	Room 114

Faith Boosters – 1st through 5th Grades

Begin your day in the Chapel for “Gathering Time.” A light breakfast will be served. Today we continue our unit “Bible Teachings.” The 1st and 2nd Graders are to be picked up in the Chapel immediately following the 9:15 a.m. service.

1st Grade	Zoom	Room 202
2nd Grade	Ingenuity	Room 205
3rd Grade	Edible	Room 206
4th & 5th Grades	Exploration	Room 207

**Attention 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students. Our “Bible Booster” program continues today. Remember to bring your Bibles with you each and every Sunday. Find out more details during “Gathering Time.”

Nursery care available - 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Room 101

Childcare for children age 2 - 7 available - 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Room 108

Children’s Choirs

God’s Kids Choir - 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel - Pre-K and Kindergarten.

Kids of the Kingdom Choir - 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel - 1st - 5th Grades.

If you have questions about the children’s choirs, please contact Judy Lutes, 921-4330 or jlutes@churchofthepalms.org.

“Sunday Morning Sabbath” for Middle and High School Youth

9:00 a.m. - Get refreshed, refocused, and renewed in the Lord. High school students meet in Room 208/210 and middle school students meet in Room 209 for worship and interaction before separating into age appropriate Bible study and discussion.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Seeds of Faith - Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Room 211

Today we begin a four-week discussion on "The Nature of Christian Love" based on William Barclay's study of I Corinthians 13. Please join us each week for learning, fellowship, and prayer.

Christians Under Construction - Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Room 209

According to the Bible, God granted man liberty, but God's people demanded a king, despite God's dire warnings of the consequences. In the fullness of time a people gathered on the shores of America under God and king, but a confluence of events led that people to demand liberty.

Men's Study and Breakfast - Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. At the Dutch Heritage Restaurant on Bahia Vista Street; just east of Beneva Road. We begin with prayer for one another and others, followed by Bible study on the Gospel of John. Led by Dale Vollrath.

Ladies Prayer Group - Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. - Room 211

Ladies! Praying for adult children? Need encouragement? Join us for prayer. Questions? Contact Margarete Bliss, 359-6688.

C.S. Lewis Reading Group Led by Dr. McConnell Tuesday, March 1, 6:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room

We will be discussing Chapters 7-9 of Miracles by C.S. Lewis. Newcomers are welcome.



Men's Bible Study - Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. - Chapel Reception Room

Join us in our study of the Gospel of Matthew. The Men's Bible Study has been a regular program since the formation of Church of the Palms in 1957. Led by Tom Webber and Rev. Fred Marsh.

Faith at Work - Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room

Faith at Work continues an investigation of the toughest objections to Christianity. This video-based series, "The Case for Faith," deals with those nagging questions and doubts that keep people from believing in Christ or fully committing themselves to him. How do we as believers grow in faith with our own lingering doubts at the same time? Join us in our study as we explore faith and reason. Moderators: Ben and Bernie Morgan.

Wednesday Dinner - March 2, 5:00 p.m. - Campus Center

Join us for food, fun and fellowship. This week, enjoy chicken and ribs. Adults \$8.00; Youth \$4.00; Children \$3.00; Toddlers 2 and under - free. Fill out your reservation cards in the pew rack or call the Church office, 924-1323 or make your reservation online, www.churchofthepalms.org. Deadline: noon on Tuesdays.

Adult Spiritual Formation (continued)

Wednesdays @ 6:12 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Why 6:12 p.m.? Because Leviticus 6:12 says that the fire on the altar should never go out. These spiritual formation classes are designed to keep the fire in our hearts burning so that we go out into the world to serve in the name of Christ.

On March 2, Dr. Steve McConnell concludes his series on The Parables of Jesus with the topic; Parables as bearers of truth - Matthew 5-7. Jesus used stories to communicate the truth of God's love, the reality of God's Kingdom, and the demands of following him. These stories are still read, studied, and told today by those who follow Jesus because the depth and many facets they contain continue to inspire, equip, and instruct us, even over 2,000 years later. What makes these stories so special? So relevant? So timeless? Please join Dr. McConnell for this enlightening and informative look at Jesus' parables as we continue to be inspired and instructed by them in the 21st century.

Companions in Christ - Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Room 209

The Companions in Christ program is a small-group study that nurtures the progress of spiritual formation. Registration for this class is now closed. Please watch for announcements of future opportunities being offered through Companions in Christ, or contact Fee Mercer, 371-8091 or pmercer10@comcast.net for more information.

Friday Morning Bible Study - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - Room 211

Pastor Tim leads "The Major Message of the Minor Prophets." Amos, the shepherd-farmer from financially poor Judah was sent by God to the political and financially prosperous tribe of Israel to remind them that God expected them to care for the aliens, orphans, and widows. Obadiah prophesied the down fall of Edom and reminded people that God promises retribution to those who disobey his commandments. We look at Micah on March 4. Please join us!

Remember in Prayer

A newly revised weekly list of prayer requests is available on the literature racks, at the doors in the Sanctuary, the Campus Center, and the office. It contains people for whom there is a special concern as well as those who are serving in the military from Church of the Palms and a list of our supported worldwide and local mission projects and missionaries that appreciate our prayers. Our particular prayer request is to lift up our Prayer Anchor efforts for the country of Nigeria as we partner in prayer with Wycliffe Bible Translators and our Wycliffe mission partners, Dale and Carole Hoskins, who work with 24 of the 231 Bible-less people groups in Nigeria.

A Prayer For Your Week

Our God and Lord,

We stand before you, knowing you see our every action
and hear the words we speak.

You have commanded us that we should not bear false
witness against anyone.

It is difficult to keep our words true and pure when
speaking of persons who have openly broken your law;
offended us or hurt those we love.

We are often tempted to tell only part of a story or
exaggerate facts to make our point.

Help us, O Jesus, this day and every day, to guard our lips
in all we say; speaking just the truth and only the truth,
as we would before an earthly judge; but even more so,
as we stand before you, our eternal judge and guide.

Now and forever more, we pray, Amen.

Sharing Your Gifts, Serving With Love

As we live into our mission statement “Equipping Disciples for the Service of Christ” we want to provide you with one place to look where you may find opportunities to fulfill a calling that God has put on your heart. God has gifted each one of us, so it is our responsibility and joy to serve others using these gifts. In doing so, we not only build up the body of Christ, but we grow in Spiritual Maturity, as well. Keep in mind, there are many ongoing areas to serve within our church, community and world. If you need more direction, please contact Laurie Haas, 924-1323 who will set you up with a coach to explore other mission and service opportunities.

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers

Calling all egg-heads for a fun time of stuffing, hiding or playing with eggs! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is April 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Bee Ridge Park. We have an opportunity to share God’s love with our adjacent neighborhood as well as for the families in our congregation. We need your talents for face-painting, game playing and craft making to entertain children on the morning of the event. The special talents of someone who has heart for bringing great joy to small children is needed to don a fuzzy Easter bunny costume! Before the event, we need donations of plastic eggs and candy and happy hands to stuff the eggs. Please contact our Easter Egg Hunt Coordinator, Marlene Petro, 554-4749, marlenepetro@gmail.com or Moira Dunn, 924-1323, MDunn@churchofthepalms.org if you can help in any way!

Manna From Heaven

We have a wonderful opportunity to help feed the hungry. Did you know that Panera Bread donates all of their unsold bread to Church of the Palms every Sunday? Volunteers are needed to pick up the bread from Panera at the Sarasota Pavillion shopping center at 7:45 p.m. on Sunday evening, take it home, wrap it in plastic wrap and deliver it to the Food Pantry on Monday morning. We will provide the plastic gloves and plastic wrap. Volunteers would adopt a month of Sundays and provide the love in action. Please contact Paul Ross, 923-7608 if you can adopt one month or if you could be a substitute.

Vacation Bible School Help Needed

It's going to be PANDAMANIA!! We need your help during Vacation Bible School, June 13-17, both hands-on and "behind-the-bamboo." For more detailed job descriptions, please go to our website and click on the cute Panda. For more information contact Toni Gardner, 487-0177 or email toni@villagegardner.com.

Chapel Time For Our Preschoolers

Do you miss your grandchildren? Do you miss the time when your children were so sweet and little, full of wonder and joy for the smallest of things? We have a wonderful way for you to experience that love again and to serve in a beautiful way that doesn't take a lot of time. During the school year, August through May, our Children's Ministry provides "Chapel Time" for our Early Childhood Preschool classes. On Wednesday mornings from 10:00-11:00 a.m., we tell a Bible Story, sing a song and say a prayer with 3 separate groups of 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Each gathering is 10 minutes long. We tell the same story in slightly different ways for an entire month. If you just have one month of Wednesdays to offer or you would like to serve every other month, or you just want to try it, we have a place for you. This will warm your heart like nothing else can! Contact Laurie Haas, 924-1323 to learn more.

Web Design Team

We are forming a team of individuals who have the heart to serve and the skills to bring forth an amazing website. This is an opportunity for folks with design and programming abilities who would like to roll up their sleeves, help plan the phases of the redesign, work together to create the new site and help maintain it once completed. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact Cathie Silbaugh, 924-1323.



Suncoast Concert Band

The Suncoast Concert Band will present a concert entitled “Old and New” Sunday, March 6, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The band will perform musical selections which are new to their library and selections which they have owned in the past. Some new selections include “Choreography” by Robert Sheldon, which draws its inspiration from dance movements found in contemporary stage, ballet, and theatrical productions; “Rhosymedre” by Ralph Vaughan Williams, a prelude on a familiar Welsh Hymn Tune, “Seventy Six Trombones” arranged by Leroy Anderson, and “March of the Two Left Feet” by Leroy Anderson, a happy polka style composition. Other selections will include “The Glory of the Yankee Navy” by John Philip Sousa, “George M. Cohan Patriotic Fantasy” arranged by Walter Ehret and Paul Yoder, and Soundtrack Highlights from “Hello Dolly”, arranged by Philip J. Lang. Our own John Ferreira will join the band in the presentation of “Alleluia! Laudamus Te” by Alfred Reed. Admission to the concert is only \$5.00. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, contact John Ferreira, 924-1323.



Lenten Devotional Booklets Available

We are pleased this Lenten season to have daily devotionals available to members and friends of Church of the Palms. To coincide with Pastor Steve’s sermon series on The Lord’s Prayer, the ladies of the Companions in Christ classes have compiled their thoughts and reflections on The Lord’s Prayer into a devotional booklet for use during our Lenten prayer time. Filled with personal stories and spiritual reflections, this Lenten Devotional Booklet will guide the entire congregation as we reflect on and think about the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. It is our hope that this booklet will be a valuable companion to you this Lenten season. The booklets will be available under the tree on Sundays and in the church office the rest of the week. We are asking for a \$2 donation to offset printing costs for those who are able to do so.

Resurrection House Helps the Homeless

Located downtown and faith-based, Resurrection House is Sarasota’s only daytime resource center for our homeless population. Currently, more than 200 individuals every day (Monday thru Friday) find it necessary to visit RH seeking a “helping hand.” RH provides at no cost to the client these services: showers, laundry, clothes, caring counseling, medical services, city bus passes, haircuts, etc. Donations are always much needed (clothing - new or used): men’s sneakers, t-shirts, white crew socks, rain gear, men’s pants (small sizes), toiletries, etc. In short supply: batteries for battery-operated items. Backpacks are always needed! Please drop off your donations in the Administration Building, and place your items in a bag or container marked “RH.” Thank you for helping the homeless.

Journey of Stones –

A Garden Lenten Journey

This Lenten season worshipers in The Garden will be embarking on a Journey of Stones. This Lenten experience will draw upon the rich imagery of rocks and stones present in scripture and will use the metaphor of stones (and our willingness to throw them) as representative of our sins. Worshipers will be given a stone as they enter the Sanctuary each week that will serve as a concrete symbol of that day's theme; then as worship concludes we will be invited to place our stones at the foot of the cross. On Easter Sunday when the stone that covers the tomb of our Lord is rolled away, so will our "stones" be removed by the grace of God. We invite you to take this journey with us in The Garden beginning Sunday, March 13 at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

The Palms Bridge Club

We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the Chapel Reception Room. We'd love to have you join us. Please contact Bam Justice, 343-0521 to make your reservation.

Business People Needed Now!

If you have a business background, you know how important it is to have a good inventory. A complete inventory is being taken at Church of the Palms. Helping hands are needed. This inventory needs to be completed before any disaster or emergency occurs. If you can help with this very important job for your church, please contact George Jenkins, Chairman of the Emergency Planning Committee, 378-7813 or email uncgeorge@comcast.net.

God's Ten Point Plan for Abundant Living

Today in the Sanctuary, Pastor Steve McConnell continues a series on the Ten Commandments. Today we look at Commandment #9 - "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Did you know... that the birth of a wonderful, beautiful baby can also create a crisis? Even though it's a happy time, changes made by the arrival of a new child in its parents' lives can be stressful. New, and even experienced parents, can often get a lift from the caring support of a Stephen Minister. He or she will listen -- and be a quiet companion - trained to help you shape your way in dealing with the fuller family days that lie ahead. To find out more about the Church of the Palms Stephen Ministry, or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, you may use the Stephen Ministry request folder available in every pew rack, or feel free to contact Pastor Bruce Hedgepeth, 924-1323.

PW March Gathering

Presbyterian Women and men are invited to the March 11 Gathering at 6:00 p.m. in the Campus Center. Enjoy a meal and music from the Sinatra era performed by Ricky Russell. Reservations can be made under the Fellowship tree today and March 6 or contact Alberta Adams, 924-8464. Cost is \$15.00 per person.



Do you know your S.H.A.P.E.?

Created by God, we each possess a unique SHAPE that equips us to be disciples for the service of Christ. (Spiritual Gifts, Heart-passions, Abilities, Personalities, Experiences) If you want to discover your SHAPE, then please join us for a six-week series of mini-lectures, exercises and small group discussions that will give you insight into how you have been equipped for discipleship. We will meet on Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Music and Arts Building, March 8 through April 12. Childcare will be provided. Register online at www.churchofthepalms.org/shape.html. Class requires approximately one hour of preparation each week before class. The workbook can be downloaded when you register online or stop by the church office to pick one up. Questions? Call Bob Baarson at 400-9391 or email Baarson@comcast.net. You can also stop by the SHAPE table under the tree in between services.

Easter Egg Collection

Plastic eggs and candy are needed for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on April 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Bee Ridge Park. Please donate pre-stuffed eggs or donate bags of wrapped candy and plastic eggs. Please do not fill them at home. Eggs and candy must be received by Sunday, April 3. If you are interested in helping us stuff the eggs, please contact our Coordinator, Marlene Petro at 554-4749, marlenepetro@gmail.com.

Two Cents a Meal - Today is the Day!

A statement from the Presbytery has revealed that Church of the Palms is one of the lowest donors to this program. Perhaps with a little reminder, we might all give some thought to making sure our donation for the month is in today. Remember, 2 cents a day totals \$1.80 a month for each person! This church-wide mission program is managed by our Presbyterian Women. Look for the red baskets with pamphlets explaining the program. They are located in the Narthex, Campus Center, Music and Arts building and under the Fellowship tree. Every cent is given to our Deacons' Food Pantry, Peace River Presbytery and PCUSA hunger programs. Jesus asks us to care for those who are hungry. Contributions are an expression of thanksgiving to God for our abundance. Please consider giving pennies, loose change, dollars or checks in any amount (memo Two Cents a Meal.) God bless you.

Loving Stitches

The Loving Stitches knitting, crocheting, quilting, and sewing group meets the fourth Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel Reception Room. We make baby quilts, quilts and lap robes for the Veterans Hospital, knit helmet liners for the soldiers overseas, prayer shaws for the visiting ministers to distribute as they wish, knit or crochet baby blankets, hats, socks, booties, sew receiving blankets, burping pads, teddy bears for the Sarasota Police and Sheriff's Departments. We are always looking for new ideas, and folks to help with these projects. Contact Alberta Adams, 924-8464.

Student Sponsorship

Students who follow Jesus take a different path, a narrow path that leads to life. This path is “No Ordinary Journey.” This journey needs your support! Today you are invited to sponsor our students who go on mission and retreat trips each summer. As a sponsor, you will not only impact the students through your investment (whether prayer, personal connection, financial, or all three) but you will be blessed as you learn more about who the students are and what they are doing to serve Christ in the world. Students will be at the doors of the 9:15 a.m. Traditional service to collect your sponsor card (extras are in pew rack). Bring your card back any Sunday, or mail it in to the church office. We ARE equipping (student) Disciples for the service of Christ!

Time Tithers Here to Help

Time Tithers promise to devote at least one-tenth of their discretionary time to study his Word and to do his work by serving others. Some of the projects they do to help and serve others in our community include installing grab bars (#1 job request), basic plumbing, Comcast box installation and minor home repairs. These acts of service are always given with a smile and a cheerful heart. If you need hand, or if you would like information on becoming a Time Tither, please call 927-8585 or email timetithers@gmail.com.

Practicing Hospitality Small Groups

Pastor Tim Reynolds is currently in the process of putting together a few small groups to meet for three months that will have a specific focus of practicing hospitality in our neighborhoods and communities. These small groups will meet to study Scripture, practice the Biblical idea of hospitality, and to reflect on and share learnings throughout the process. If you are interested in learning more about or being part of this small group experience, you are invited to attend an informational session on Sunday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Music and Arts Building. Please contact Pastor Tim, 924-1323 if you have any questions.

Suncoast Communities Blood Bank

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The Suncoast Communities Blood Bank will be a Church of the Palms on Sunday, March 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our goal is to have 15 donors. Walk-ins are welcome or if you wish to set up an appointment you can contact David MacMillan, 966-0425 or e-mail dbmacmillan@hotmail.com. Thanks for your support of this vital Deacon's ministry.



PandaMania VBS

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 13-17 for children who are 4-years old through entering 5th grade. (Volunteer opportunities available for anyone entering 6th grade through adult). Register your children by April 1st and receive a \$5 discount! (Payment must be included with registration). Forms and additional information available on our website or at the Children's tables on Sunday morning. Please contact VBS Coordinator, Toni Gardner with questions: 487-0177 or email toni@villagegardner.com

Middle School Pulse

Middle school students and their friends are invited to join us for PULSE each Wednesday from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Come up to Room 208/210 for dinner, wacky games, and great conversations about things that truly matter. We are on an exciting journey together as we learn that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves! Bring a friend and \$5 for food.

High School Student Ministry

All high school students are invited to join us for ThirtyThree tonight and most Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Room 208/210 for connections, conversations and fun. We are exploring the Biblical narrative.

Cry Out For Justice March In Tampa

The high school Cry Out for Justice Project will be participating in an advocacy march in downtown Tampa to support the Coalition for Immokalee Workers (CIW), next Saturday morning, March 5. Join us to learn more about the plight of farm workers in our area. Groups will be marching from multiple spots in Tampa and converging downtown to call attention to the painfully low wages and poor working conditions of farm workers in Southwest Florida. We will be meeting at First Presbyterian Church and carpooling to Tampa. To get more information, or to sign up for this meaningful event, contact Derek Thompson.

For more information or to RSVP for Student Ministry events, please contact Derek Thompson or Moira Dunn, 924-1323 or email dthompson@churchofthepalms.org and mdunn@churchofthepalms.org.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today, Sunday, February 27, 2011

8:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:45 a.m.	Childcare	Room 101
9:00 a.m.	God's Kids Rehearsal	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	See Page 8
9:00 a.m.	Faith Boosters (Children)	See Page 8

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE (continued)

Today, Sunday, February 27, 2011 (continued)

9:00 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
9:00 a.m.	High School Sabbath	Room 208-210
9:00 a.m.	Middle School Sabbath	Room 209
9:15 a.m.	Seeds of Faith (Adult)	Room 211
9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Kids of the Kingdom Rehearsal	Chapel
10:15 a.m.	Later Service Childcare (ages 2-7)	Room 108
10:30 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 208-210
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Kids Musical Rehearsal	Campus Center
4:30 p.m.	Praise and Glory Singers Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
5:00 p.m.	High School Boys' Small Group	Off Campus
7:00 p.m.	ThirtyThree (High School)	Room 208-210

Monday, February 28, 2011

4:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee	Room 211
6:00 p.m.	Session	Campus Center
6:00 p.m.	String Class	Music and Arts Building
6:45 p.m.	Beginning Orchestra	Music and Arts Building
7:00 p.m.	Orchestra Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

7:00 a.m.	Men's Study and Breakfast	Off Campus
2:30 p.m.	Tutoring	Campus Center
3:45 p.m.	Ladies' Prayer Group	Room 211
5:30 p.m.	Creative Signers	Music and Arts Building
6:30 p.m.	Financial Peace University	Room 208-210
7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class Small Group	Off Campus

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Chapel Reception Room
10:00 a.m.	PW Coordinating Team	Room 209
11:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study	Room 211
4:00 p.m.	Building and Grounds Committee	Room 211
4:00 p.m.	Faith at Work	Chapel Reception Room
5:00 p.m.	Dinner	Campus Center
6:00 p.m.	Pulse (Middle School)	Room 208-210
6:12 p.m.	Wednesdays @ 6:12	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE (continued)

Thursday, March 3, 2011

2:30 p.m.	Tutoring	Campus Center
6:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Team	East Meeting Room
6:30 p.m.	Companions in Christ	Room 209
7:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Rehearsal	Campus Center
7:00 p.m.	Sophomore Girls' Small Group	Off Campus
7:00 p.m.	The Palms Bridge Club	Chapel Reception Room
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building

Friday, March 4, 2011

9:30 a.m.	Friday Morning Bible Study	Room 209
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Saturday, March 5, 2011

7:30 a.m.	ReHabitat Project	Off Campus
8:30 a.m.	Elder Training	Room 211
8:30 a.m.	Deacon Training	Room 205
8:45 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Training	Room 209
9:00 a.m.	Cry Out for Justice March	Off Campus

Sunday, March 6, 2011

8:00 a.m.	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
8:45 a.m.	Childcare	Room 101
9:00 a.m.	God's Kids Rehearsal	Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	See Page 8
9:00 a.m.	Faith Boosters (Children)	See Page 8
9:00 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
9:00 a.m.	High School Sabbath	Room 208-210
9:00 a.m.	Middle School Sabbath	Room 209
9:15 a.m.	Seeds of Faith (Adult)	Room 211
9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Kids of the Kingdom Rehearsal	Chapel
10:15 a.m.	Later Service Childcare (ages 2-7)	Room 108
10:30 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00 p.m.	Suncoast Concert Band	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Kids' Musical Rehearsal	Campus Center
4:30 p.m.	Praise and Glory Singers Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building