

# Church of the Palms

## Worship

March 6, 2011

*“Equipping Disciples for the Service of Christ”*



***Need someone to talk to? A Stephen Minister can help, 924-1323***

***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](http://www.churchofthepalms.org).

### **Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert S. Brenneman, by his wife, Jean P. Brenneman; and in loving memory of Don Awbrey, by Larry and Wendy Ghezzi.

### **In Memoriam**

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Sarah Lawson, who died January 18; Frederick Callanen, who died January 24; Don Awbrey, who died February 26, and Winifred Keefer, who died March 1, 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 - Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

Prayers of Supplication & Intercession

Songs for Illumination

### ***Proclamation***

*Philippians 4:10-23*

*Pastor Tim Reynolds*

## ***Responding To The Word***

Celebration of the Eucharist

Invitation to Discipleship

Response of the People

Today we will celebrate “Kidz in the Garden” at the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the Garden. 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 inter-generational 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.

\*Communion in The Garden @ Church of the Palms is received via intinction. When instructed by the Pastor, please proceed to the center aisle. Upon reaching the Table, break off a piece of bread, proceed to the cup on the side on which you are seated, and dip the bread in the cup. Anyone needing to be served in their seat is asked to remain seated; you will be served where you are.

Following the service, Pastor Tim will be available in front of the stage for anyone with comments, questions or concerns.

# Worship in the Sanctuary

Transfiguration Sunday

9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

## WE GATHER

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(9:15 a.m.) Mari Usher

(11:00 a.m.) John Segó

Amazing God, as leaders of old sought high places of encounter with you, lift us up above the fogs of our technology and theology that we might meet you in this hour. If you have instructions for us, we want to hear them. If our lives need a change of direction, turn us around. If there is a prophecy we have ignored, reveal to us its meaning. If the Scriptures hold truth we have overlooked, awaken our attention and grant us courage to respond in new and positive ways. Amen.

### PRELUDE

“Berceuse”

Carl Simone

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #559

“We Gather Together”

### \*SENTENCES OF PRAISE

## WE CONFESS

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

God of dazzling splendor, we confess that we have lived in a cloud, hiding from your glory and pretending not to notice the wonders of your majesty. The mystery of life eludes us because we take for granted what seems commonplace and refuse to deal with matters beyond our understanding. We have tried to put our religion in a compartment separate from the rest of life. We have not thought to serve you in everyday encounters. Shake our complacency and awaken us to new life in all its fullness. In Jesus’ name we pray. 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.)

**OFFERTORY**

**"God's Love and Mercy"**

arr. Tom Fettke

Chancel Choir; Creative Signers: Valerie Alston, Linda Evans, Susy Welsh

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
Like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in his justice  
Which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner  
And more graces for the good.  
There is mercy with the Savior,  
There is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader  
Than the measure of man's mind.  
And the heart of the eternal  
Is most wonderful and kind.

If our love were but more simple,  
We should take him at his word.  
And our lives would be illumined  
By the presence of our Lord.

There is mercy, there is justice,  
There is healing in the presence of the Lord.

#### **\*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.**

### **WE PROCLAIM**

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 20:1-16 (Pew Bible N.T. p. 21-22)  
Philippians 4:4-14 (Pew Bible N.T. p. 198-199)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

#### **SERMON**

“The Theory of Relativity” Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

**HYMN #510** (seated) “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

#### **SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Words of Institution

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer (together)

**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.**

Distribution of the Elements

Music during Communion

“He Shall Feed His Flock”

John Ness Beck

Tom Koenig, Baritone

Prayer of Praise

## WE GO

**\*HYMN #356** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With thee began, with thee shall end the day.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the heart from shame,  
That in this house have called upon thy name.**

**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.*

### 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 Margarete 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 will take a break from our unit. The 1st and 2nd Graders will watch a Veggi Tales Movie and the 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders will join together for a special Bible Booster Brain Builder time. The 1st and 2nd Graders are to be picked up in the Chapel immediately following the 9:15 a.m. service.

1st Grade	Movie	Room 206
2nd Grade	Movie	Room 206
3rd Grade	Bible Boosters	Room 205
4th & 5th Grades	Bible Boosters	Room 205

\*\*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](mailto: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 continue our study of “The Nature of Christian Love” based on William Barclay’s commentary of I Corinthians 13. How do we practice a love that is “patient, kind, not envious, and humble?” Please join us each week as we learn, share and pray.

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

Our founding fathers believed in God, but their beliefs were diverse and not necessarily Christian. While God’s providence was understood by all, religion did not find its way into law, particularly the defining constitution. This discrepancy causes us to still debate the intentions of the founders and struggle with our Godless constitution.

### **Book Group - Sunday, March 20, 3:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room**

We’ll be discussing Erwin W. Lutzer’s book, Cries from the Cross: A Journey Into the Heart of Jesus. This book has earned excellent reviews and has been specially selected by our Group for Lent. It offers a greater awareness of truth and the tremendous love Jesus expressed in His dying moments. Please join us for this valuable and enriching opportunity to learn and share together. You would be so very welcome! Questions? You are encouraged to contact Doris Kamphuis, 360-8474, rakamphuis@aol.com or Suzanne Butsch, 378-3412, rando250@verizon.net.

**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 15, 6:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room**

We will be discussing Chapters 10-12 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.

## **Adult Spiritual Formation (continued)**

### **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 9, 5:00 p.m. - Campus Center**

Join us for food, fun and fellowship. 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](http://www.churchofthepalms.org). Deadline: noon on Tuesdays.

### **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.

During the six Lenten Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday, Dr. McConnell will lead a class in the Sanctuary on developing a deeper relationship with God, through which the priority is to hear what God is saying to our lives. We will explore the different spiritual disciplines through which we can understand more clearly what God might be saying to us about how his "kingdom will come" and his "will will be done on earth as it is in heaven." If you want to discover how to develop a closer walk with God, this is the class for you!!

### **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](mailto:pmercer10@comcast.net) for more information.

### **Friday Morning Bible Study - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - Room 209**

Pastor Tim leads "The Major Message of the Minor Prophets." Jonah, the reluctant prophet speaks eight words which change the lives of the people in Nineveh. The message for us: God's love and mercy are available to all, not just a few. Study Nathan with us on March 11.

## *Ash Wednesday Worship*

Please join us this Wednesday in the Sanctuary as we begin the Lenten season of spiritual preparation leading to Easter. You are invited to come to the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. to begin worship with a time of reflective music. As we take these first steps in our journey through Lent, we will sing and pray together. We will listen to God's Word read, proclaimed, and enacted in the sacrament of communion. And we will have the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes – a sign of the spiritual pilgrimage we are taking over the next forty days.

### **A Prayer For Your Week**

Our Father in Heaven,

Our thoughts and desires often focus on the people around us and their possessions; Forgive us, Lord.

We mentally compare what they have with our own situations.

The grass frequently looks greener in their yard with a larger house, glamorous lifestyle, better health, great careers, hired help to clean and trim; possessions about which we can only dream.

Help us, O Lord, to rejoice with them in their good gifts; then, to experience a sense of true peace, contentment, and gratitude; offering all thanks to you for all you have given us.

Remove all envy and greed which would drive us to covet anything belonging to others; their success, possessions; or influence.

Keep our eyes and hearts centered only on you that we may follow your commandments and live according to your will and your law.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### **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.

## *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**

Support the Community Easter Egg Hunt at Bee Ridge Park! Children’s Ministry will be hosting this event on April 9 at 10:00 a.m. for community and church children. We are in need of volunteers of all ages to help with the event from stuffing candy in eggs to hiding the eggs to supervising the games, and to dress in our Peter Rabbit costume! Donations of plastic eggs and candy (either pre-packaged in eggs or separate) can be dropped off Sunday under the tree or in the church office during the week. Interested helpers please contact our Easter Egg Hunt Coordinator, Marlene Petro, 554-4749, [marlenepetro@gmail.com](mailto:marlenepetro@gmail.com) or Moira Dunn, 924-1323, [MDunn@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:MDunn@churchofthepalms.org).

### **Manna From Heaven**

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 latex 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.

### **Sunday Morning Office Help**

We have enjoyed a wonderful response for office volunteers during the week. Thank you for filling our Monday through Friday spots. We currently have for a volunteer in the church office from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each Sunday. Could you volunteer during this time one Sunday a month? If so, please contact Laurie Haas, 924-1323.

### **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](mailto:toni@villagegardner.com).

### **Chapel Time For Our Preschoolers**

We have a wonderful opportunity for you to experience the love of children 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 re-design, 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.

### **Sanctuary Communion Preparation**

We have a very important "behind the scenes" ministry for you to consider. As you may know, we have the privilege of sharing the Lord's Supper together on the first Sunday of each month (and a few special times throughout the year). What you may not know is that Clayton and Ethel Webb have coordinated this effort for years. The Webbs are moving out of the area, so we need someone with organizational skills to manage this ministry. If you would like to be a part of the team, there are several opportunities to serve. On Friday night, bread is purchased and sliced. On Saturday, bread and Communion cups are set up in trays and filled. On Sunday, before services, trays are set in place; after services, everything is cleaned up and put away. If you can help, please contact Mary Baker, Chair of the Worship, Music and the Arts Committee, 926-2594.

### **Suncoast Concert Band**

The Suncoast Concert Band will present a concert entitled “Old and New” today, 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.



### **Presbyterian Women 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 or contact Alberta Adams, 924-8464. Cost is \$15.00 per person.

### **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.

### **ReHabitat**

Work is moving right along on the home at 5017 San Jose Drive. Much of the interior is completed short of new carpeting and kitchen cabinets. Work continues on the exterior to finish painting and complete the soffits and fascia. We are pointing toward Saturday, March 19 for a big landscaping day with Student Ministry. Come join the fun on Thursdays or Saturdays, 7:30 - 11:30 a.m. As Pastor Steve tells us, even a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds, can do great things. We are just mustard seeds in God’s plans, but through us, good families are able to obtain affordable housing.

### **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.

### **Ushers Serving You in the Sanctuary in March**

9:15 a.m. - Katy Goodwin, Bob and Sally Irwin, Dutch Johnson, Jerry Laurila, Jim and Betty Mills, Jay and Kyle



Mitchell, Willie Mitchell, Nancy Sauer, John and Robin Sego, Mary Ann Usher, Norm and Darlene Yost. Co-Captains: Bob and Lynn White.

11:00 a.m. - Jeanne Chase, Elmer Compton, Jackie Garn, Joe Guyton, Babe Hart, Joyce Hesson, Pat and Wayne Kindt, Bob Luedeka, Bob Morgan, Pete Phillips, Eleanor Smith. Captain: John Mercier.

### **Resurrection House "Replacing Homelessness with Hopefulness"**

The clients at RH are appreciative of everything that is done for them. A new client feels that they may not fit in with other clients but soon discover that others are in a similar situation. Many soon find a job and are thankful for all of the help they received from counselors and volunteers. Others continue to use the services until they too, find a job. Now that the weather is warming up RH is in need of spring and summer clothing as well as much needed personal items. A special need is for all types of batteries. Please drop off your donations in a bag or container marked "RH" in the Administration building. Because of your response, Church of the Palms is a "caring church."

Suncoast  
Communities  
Blood Bank

1-866-97(BLOOD) • [www.scbb.org](http://www.scbb.org)

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](mailto:dbmacmillan@hotmail.com). Thanks for your support of this vital Deacon's ministry.

### **God's Ten Point Plan for Abundant Living**

Today in the Sanctuary, Pastor Steve McConnell concludes a series on the Ten Commandments. Today we look at Commandment #10 - "You shall not covet."

### **Last Chance To Get In 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 Room, March 8 through April 12. Childcare will be provided. Register online at [www.churchofthepalms.org/shape.html](http://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? Contact Bob Baarson, 400-9391 or email [Baarson@comcast.net](mailto:Baarson@comcast.net).



### **Student Sponsorship**

Thank you Church of the Palms for your beautiful gifts of love, prayers and support for Student Ministry. If you were gone last week, or forgot your card, you can still sponsor our students. Simply fill out a card (from the pew rack in the Sanctuary or from the table in the Garden), tear off the bottom portion, and drop it in the offering or return to the church office. You will be blessed as you partner with our students on their journey. We look forward to sharing with you more about who the students are and what they are doing to serve Christ in the world and in our neighborhood. Thanks again for helping us equip Disciples for the service of Christ. For more information, contact Derek Thompson, 924-1323.

### **Palm Singles**

The Palm Singles over 50 club meets each Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Campus Center for dinner and a program. Other events and activities are scheduled during the month. Dinner is \$8.00. For reservations or more information, call 924-7430.

### **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](mailto:timetithers@gmail.com).

### **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, 554-4749, [marlenepetro@gmail.com](mailto:marlenepetro@gmail.com).

### **Ending Hunger One Step At A Time - Crop Hunger Walk**

Have you ever been hungry? If you know you are going to be able to eat some time soon, it's not bad; hunger is just a reminder from our bodies that it's time to refuel. But, if you don't know whether you will be able to eat at all, that's something very different. And even worse, if you don't know if you will be able to feed your hungry children, that's crushing. Let's do something to help! The Sarasota area CROP Hunger Walk is being held Sunday, March 13, beginning at 2:00 p.m., and gathering at St. James United Methodist Church on Honore between Fruitville Road and University Parkway. We need people to walk. We need people to sponsor our walkers. Stop by the CROP Hunger Walk table under the tree in the courtyard today for more information. Together, step by step, we can make a difference in the lives of hungry people in our community and around the world.

### **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.

### **ECHO Farm Day 2011**

A trip to ECHO's Farm Day is planned for Saturday, March 19. It's a special day once a year where you can take tours, attend workshops and demonstrations on alternative fuels, water purification, solar cookers, wind turbines, take an inside tour of the seed bank and much more. Farm Day shows a different aspect of ECHO's mission than the regular tours provide. You will see how ECHO is networking with organizations to provide solutions to agricultural issues facing the poor of the world. We will depart from church at 8:00 a.m. and return around 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be available from vendors on site. It's a fun day and a great way to see what God is doing through ECHO to care for the poor farmers around the world who are struggling to feed their families. Learn more and sign up under the Fellowship tree. Contact Helen Dickinson, 923-0125 for more information.

### **Debby Wendell's Memory Book**

You are invited to spend a little time pulling together memories of Debby Wendell's ministry here at Church of the Palms. We will be presenting her with a memory book with submissions from church members. Include photos, stories, drawings, letters, and what her ministry meant to you. Submit your 8-1/2 by 11 inch page to Moira Dunn by March 21 - mail or bring to the church office during the week, or leave at the Children's Table in the courtyard on Sundays. If you have questions, please contact Moira Dunn, 924-1323.

### **Middle School Pulse**

PULSE will not meet this week for Spring Break, and will resume on March 16.

### **High School Student Ministry**

ThirtyThree will not meet this week for Spring Break, and will resume on March 13.

### **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 1 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](mailto:toni@villagegardner.com)

### **High School Service Project**

Put those muscles to work at the High School Rehab Party! Come on out to support Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, March 19 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. for a landscaping party. We will meet at the house being renovated, 5017 San Jose Drive, Sarasota, 34235. Please contact Derek Thompson to RSVP and for more information.

For more information or to RSVP for Children's or Student Ministry events, please contact Derek Thompson, Moira Dunn or Laurie Haas, 924-1323 or email [dthompson@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:dthompson@churchofthepalms.org), [mdunn@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:mdunn@churchofthepalms.org) or [lhaas@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:lhaas@churchofthepalms.org).

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## **THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

### **Today, 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

## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE (continued)

### Today, Sunday, March 6, 2011 (continued)

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.	Christians Under Construction	Room 209
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

### Monday, March 7, 2011

9:00 a.m.	Note Writers	Chapel Reception Room
4:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee	Chapel Reception Room
6:00 p.m.	Palm Singles	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
7:00 p.m.	Deacons	Chapel
7:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Committee	East Meeting Room

### Tuesday, March 8, 2011

7:00 a.m.	Men's Study and Breakfast	Off Campus
8:00 a.m.	Foundation Board	Room 211
9:30 a.m.	Mary Circle	Room 209
9:30 a.m.	Rachel Circle	Room 208-210
9:30 a.m.	Naomi-Lydia Circle	Chapel Reception Room
12:00 p.m.	Children's Committee	Room 202
1:00 p.m.	Martha Circle	Chapel Reception Room
4:00 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.	S.H.A.P.E.	Music and Arts Building

### Wednesday, March 9, 2011

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Chapel Reception Room
9:15 a.m.	Memorial Garden Board	Room 211
4:00 p.m.	Administration and Finance	Room 211
4:00 p.m.	Faith at Work	Chapel Reception Room
5:00 p.m.	Dinner	Campus Center
6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship Service	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Men's Ministry Committee	Chapel Reception Room

## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE (continued)

### Thursday, March 10, 2011

7:30 a.m.	ReHabitat Project	Off Campus
9:30 a.m.	Mary Magdalene Circle	Chapel Reception Room
1:30 p.m.	Claudia Circle	Chapel Reception Room
6:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Team	East Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Rehearsal	Campus Center
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building

### Friday, March 11, 2011

9:30 a.m.	Friday Morning Bible Study	Room 209
6:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Women Dinner	Campus Center

### Saturday, March 12, 2011

7:30 a.m.	ReHabitat Project	Off Campus
8:45 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Training	Room 209

### Sunday, March 13, 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
9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Off Campus
9:15 a.m.	Seeds of Faith (Adult)	Room 211
9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Suncoast Communities Blood Bank	Chapel Parking Area
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.	Christians Under Construction	Room 209
10:30 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Kids' Musical Rehearsal	Campus Center
5:00 p.m.	High School Boys Small Group	Off Campus
6:00 p.m.	Hospitality Small Group	Music and Arts Building
7:00 p.m.	ThirtyThree (High School)	Room 208-210