

Church of the Palms

Worship

Easter, April 24, 2011

“Equipping Disciples for the Service of Christ”



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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 summer. Please watch the bulletin for 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, you may watch the live video stream of our 9:15 a.m. Sanctuary worship service on our website, www.churchofthepalms.org. 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.

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

Time With Children

Proclaiming The Word

Scripture Reading - Mark 16:1-8

Prayers of Supplication & Intercession

Songs for Illumination

Proclamation

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 are placed in the wheelbarrow up front. For more information about programs and activities at Church of the Palms there is a “5-Minute Window” at 8:55 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. in the Campus Center, or you may visit the “Welcome Center” just outside the doors. Following the service, Pastor Tim will be available in front of the stage for anyone with comments, questions or concerns.

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

Easter

9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

9:15 a.m. Linda Getzen

11:00 a.m. Jim Ashburn

God of amazing surprises, the story of Easter is ever new. Suddenly we are aware of your presence with us. We had lost touch with you. Our minds were full of worries and distractions, set on things of this earth. Our spirits felt the grip of death. Jesus seemed a legend from the past, not a real person who shared our common lot. But today, you awaken something new within us. We hear the cry, Christ is risen, and we want to respond. Dry our tears and call our name. We need the good news of Easter. Amen.

PRELUDE

“How Great Thou Art and Majesty”
Susy Welsh and Tom Koenig

arr. Joel Raney

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, thou great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sign sweetly in the trees; sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority.
Jesus who died, now glorified; his name be praised.
When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, “My God! How great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!

“A Celebration of the Resurrection” arr. Don Phillips
Caroline Decker, Pianist; Judy Lutes, Organist

CHORAL INTROIT “Hear the Music! Jesus Is A-Risen!” Graham/Angerman
Praise and Glory Singers; Katy Halloy, Soloist; Caroline B. Decker, Pianist

My Lord, what a morning
When the stone was rolled away.

Hear the music! Listen to the singing!
Hear the music! Glory, hallelujah!
See the stone has been rolled away!
Hear the singing, “Jesus is a-risen!”
Hope is reborn on this wonderful day.

Hear the music! Listen to the singing!
Hear the music! Glory, hallelujah!
See the garden resounds with praise!
Hear the singing, “Jesus is a-risen!”
Over and over we echo this phrase:
Hope is reborn on this wonderful day!

Hallelujah, Jesus is a-risen!
Hear the music! Listen to the singing!
Hear the music! Jesus is a-risen!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s King, alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, alleluia!
Praise eternal as God’s love; alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***EASTER DECLARATION** (responsive)

Pastor: The Lord is risen

Choir: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: The Lord is risen

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: The Lord is risen

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF PRAISE** (together)

God of empty tombs and empty hearts, fill us today with the joy of trusting and believing, that we might rise from the graves of our misplaced loyalties to live with Christ and serve wherever good news is needed. May gladness flow through us to bring inspiration and hope to sisters and brothers locked in prisons of despair, that all of us might have the courage to love as you have loved us. In Jesus Christ, Amen.

***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 Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WORDS OF GREETING

MUSIC MEDITATION

“Easter Medley”
Jubililee Handbell Choir

Sharon Elery Rogers

PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS/THE 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

“Crown Him With Many Crowns!” arr. Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir; Angela Smith and Al Stewart, Trumpet;
Jamie Ruetz, String Bass; Caroline B. Decker, Tympani

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne!
Hark! How the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
Awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee,
And crown him as thy matchless King thro’ all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, crown him the Lord of love,
Crown him the Lord of life, crown him the Lord of love!

(Congregation joins in)

**Crown him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail thro’ out eternity.**

(Choir) Crown him Lord of all!

*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**

“The Day of Resurrection!”

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own “All hail!” and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin,
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18 (Pew Bible N.T. p.114-115)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Dead Man Walking” Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Rejoice the Lord is King”

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God’s kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o’er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the judge, shall come
To glorify the saints for their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** (Congregation join in)

“Hallelujah!” (From “Messiah”) George F. Handel
Chancel Choir; Angela Smith and Al Stewart, Trumpet;
Jamie Ruetz, String Bass; Caroline B. Decker, Tympani

**Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.
And he shall reign forever and ever;
King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
Hallelujah!**

*Congregation, please stand if able.

Worship Leaders in the Sanctuary Today

Dr. Stephen D. McConnell	Senior Pastor
Dr. Bruce 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

Easter Flowers and Plants

Your Chancel Committee is grateful for the generous gifts given for the Easter flowers and plants this morning.

Donor

Ray and Sue Angle
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In Honor of . . .

Their Parents
Their great granddaughter, Maddie Lynn
Their son, Richard D. Hager
Mernie Longman
Loved ones
Their family
Her grandchildren; Jack, Meiyin
and Shawn
Loved ones
Rudy Torres
The Creative Signers: Linda, Valerie
and Susy
Their grandchildren: Thomas, Emrey
and Evan
Our Savior
Their children and grandchildren
Their family
Their family

In Memory of . . .

Lee and Hazel Robbins
Their fathers and son, Steve
William Anderson
Frank Charles Ardito
Their parents, Dale and Mary Jane Belles
Their parents
Their parents
Tracy's parents, Wayne and Doris Platt
John A. Bartlett
Adrienne
Their parents
Her sister, Elizabeth Hanisek
Loved ones
David and Jim
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Her husband, Paul E. Burget

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In Memory of . . .

Her husband, Bill Bushing and her
parents, Walter and Lenore Gallond
Their son and their parents
Their parents,
Rev. and Mrs. James B. Muckle and
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Cavanaugh
Her husband, Thompson Chase
Helen and Ken Clark, Mozelle and
Ralph Martig
Harry Randell Colgate
Claire Dusek Cory
Family members
Mr. Richard DeRue
Their parents, Dick and Betty Dickinson
and Homer Haggerty
Jim Drymon
Their parents
William and Anne Berta
Loved ones
Tremper Longman
Floyd W. Ewalt
John, Bunny and Russ
Mr. and Mrs. Van Strander
Their parents
Pat's sister, Louise Kayser
Mr. Todd Fredericks, Jr.
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Michael M. Gregg
Their parents
Robert C. and Rose M. Geyer
and Robert W Geyer, Jr.
Her husband, Bill, and their parents
Doris Gowan
William Eric Getzen
Jean H. Grant
Those who have gone before us.
Family and friends
Their parents, Louis and Florence Greene
and Grace and Forrest Smith
Doris, David and George Wynne,
Lewis Hagen
Her husband, Sam Hart and their parents
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In Memory of . . .

Allen Higginbotham, Jr.
Their mothers
Their parents
Loved ones
Bob Rischmiller
Ralph "Snuffy" Jackson
Their parents
Alma C. Waters and George B. Kahmar
Their parents
Murrel Kelso
Ted Kern, Bill and Pattie Link
Joyce Kollenberg
Loved ones
Their parents
Her husband, Raymond A. Leary
Their daughter, Sheryl Lanning
Their son, Jeffrey Kenneth Lontz
Arthur and Edna Luedeka
Sean T. Leanord and Jessica Leanord
Raymond E. Mason, Jr.
Don May
Their parents
Edward, Virginia and Terry Davis
Dan H. McLeroy, Sr.
J.W. McQueen
Their parents
Loved ones
Loved ones
Their parents
Vince Moore
Charles New, Lester, Lillian, Marilyn
and Rachel
Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Hampton,
Bud Simpson, USMC and
Al Oliver, Chaplain, USN
James Hartman
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Loved ones
Ruth Price and Dave Fricke
Loved ones
Loved ones
Their parents

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In Memory of . . .

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Bob Sauer
Lou
Arthur Schomp
Mary Lou McLain Leffingwell,
John F. McLain and Virginia B. Schulz
Their parents
John and Alice Kendrick
and Charles M. Segó
Charles M. Segó
Jose Antonio Delgado
John H. Seyler, Jr.
Ned W. Shawkey
Sondra Thompson, mother
and grandmother
Their parents
Her family
Jan and Marsh
Arnold Tackett and Jordan Steele White
Vern and Marlene
Verne and Lee May
Sondra L. Thompson
Dr. and Mrs. S.M. Garrett

Nancy Volkert
Her husband, Herm
Mary Walters
Christopher Wilson and Jeffrey Deall
Zoe Lloyd
Her husband, Paul Wigton
Their parents
Rod and Tami Williams,
and Mary Longo
Phyllis and Ellis Galleher
Her husband, Jerry Woodward
Raymond Yow, MD
Eric Magill Ziebarth
Robert Bateson

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, 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 and Kindergarten	Room 114
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Faith Boosters – 1st through 5th Grades

Begin your day in the Chapel with a party for our Lord's Resurrection, with fun food and a group Bible lesson. We will then venture out in groups to search for the carefully placed signs around campus that Jesus has risen. We will end in the Chapel. Come celebrate Easter with us!

**Childcare for children Birth – 2nd Grade
is available from 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. in Room 101**

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 Students

There is no Sunday morning Sabbath for Students today. Students should worship with their families.

Adult Spiritual Formation

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

We will not meet today. Join us next week as we continue the study “Jesus, Lord or Legend.” In this series, Dr. Paul L. Maier uses the “three lanes” of geography, archaeology, and history on a journey back to the first century to retell the life of Jesus and the birth of Christianity by building bridges from evidence outside the Bible into the Scriptural record. Each segment of this DVD study is followed by discussion, fellowship, and prayer. Please join us as we learn, share, and pray together.

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

We will not meet today.

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, April 26, 6:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room

We will be discussing Chapters 16-17 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

Our small group study and fellowship begins a new series, “Old Testament Challenge - Creating a New Community.” This audio-based study, narrated by John Ortberg, offers a new discovery of the life-changing relevance of the Old Testament and its relationship to the New Testament. Join us in our faith journey. Ben and Bernie Morgan, moderators.

Wednesday Dinner - April 27, 5:00 p.m. - Campus Center

Join us for food, fun and fellowship. This week, enjoy pork chops and au gratin potatoes. 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 Continues in May

Now that Easter has come and gone, what does it mean for us to be Easter people? This is precisely the question we will be pondering as our 6:12 classes continue in the Easter season!

April 27 & May 4 – The Living Jesus

We proudly proclaimed on Easter Sunday that Jesus Christ was risen from the grave and is alive forever! But do we really live like this is true? What does it mean for Christians to say that Jesus is alive? How does that impact our faith on a daily basis? How would we live differently if we really believed and acted like Jesus was living? How can we experience the mystery, complexity, and richness of his spirituality and teachings in our lives today? Join Pastor Tim as we explore the mystery of Jesus' resurrection, its central role in our Christian experience, and the Gospels' powerful invitation to authentic Christian Spirituality.

May 11 – No class; all are invited to attend the Children's Musical

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

Friday Morning Bible Study resumes April 29 to complete the study of the Gospel of Mark. We begin with Chapter 12 and will complete the study on June 2. Please email barzel@comcast.net for more information.

Remember in Prayer

An updated list of our supported worldwide and local mission projects and missionaries that appreciate our prayers is available on the literature racks, at the doors in the Sanctuary, the Campus Center, and the office. 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 and Chris and Christie Winkler and family as they continue their work in Nigeria.

Below is a list of people for whom there is a special concern as well as those who are serving in the military from Church of the Palms.

Michael Counen, William Craig, Rick Hager, George Hallen, Jim Hart, Howard Hays, William Kelly, Marvin Keyser, Barbara Montgomery, Bernie Morgan, Robert Orders, Norma Parker, First Lt. Tracy Prohoniak USMC, Lee Stewart, Sophie Stewart, Gwen Sullivan, Marguerite Taylor

Names may be added to this list or extended for a period of 30 days by contacting the Church Office. Prayer requests may also be submitted to the Deacons' Prayer List on the green prayer cards which are located in the back of our pews and the Sanctuary Narthex.

The Hard Sayings of Jesus – A Church of the Palms Sermon Series

Some of Jesus' teachings didn't make sense, especially to the disciples; others were (and still are) controversial; most of them challenged conventional thought. (And still do!) He promised, however, that if we lived out what he taught, we would rest on a foundation that will withstand the uncertainties and storms of this life. But can this be done? Is it really possible to live out Jesus' teachings in this culture? Join us beginning next week in both the Sanctuary and The Garden for a 6-week sermon series entitled "The Hard Sayings of Jesus" as we explore some of the tougher, more difficult, and more controversial sayings of Jesus to examine what he really meant and how it applies to our lives today.

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.

Invite Some Friends Into A Meaningful Ministry

The Sanctuary Communion Preparation Team is still in need of new members. A team consists of 4-6 people who would be responsible for purchasing and slicing bread, filling bread trays and cups and helping to clean up after services. The more teams we have, the more folks who get to share in this wonderful ministry. Maybe you have a group of friends who would like to do this important ministry one month of the year. Or would you just like to plug into another group? If you can help in any way, please call Mary Baker, Chair of Music & Worship, 926-2594.

Sunday Morning Office Help

Thank you to all of the women who are currently volunteering in our front office. We couldn't do it without you! We still have a need someone on the fourth Sunday of the month from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If you have the gift of hospitality and you have two hours a month to help out, we would love to have you in our church office. We provide the training and the coffee! If this ministry sounds like a fit for you, please contact Laurie Haas, 924-1323.





Vacation Bible School Help Needed

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help for this year's Vacation Bible School- PANDAMANIA June 13-17. We still need two Pre-K leaders, one "Chadder Movie Time" leader (show a video & lead a discussion with each group-20 minute rotation), a leader for snacks and for games. Please save the date: Sunday, June 12 for a big panda party where we will decorate the rooms for a great space for our kids. For more information, contact our VBS Coordinator, Toni Gardner, 487-0177 or email toni@villagegardner.com.

Yellow Umbrella Greeters Needed!

Have you noticed that the snowbirds are starting to migrate back north? They have been so supportive of our Church of the Palms hospitality, by bringing their smiles under the yellow umbrellas and greeting all of our guests warmly! We have been able to welcome folks attending the services and have exchanged smiles and made new friends. Our ability to welcome first time guests and escort them to various activities has been helpful as well as rewarding. Our winter residents have been a big part of our Yellow Umbrella Team and we need some winning smiles and welcoming voices to take their places until they return next fall. Come and join us as we joyfully welcome those who step foot on our campus. Our promise: You will be blessed! Please contact: Jeannie Chase 685-6305 or Linda Lehman 567-6646 if you are interested in sharing your gift of Hospitality!

Memorial Service Teams

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Our church has a special ministry opportunity for members to assist with ushering and service arrangements for memorial and funeral services. When in grief, we look to God and his people for support. Caring volunteers are being organized to work in teams to usher and assist during the Memorial services. If you can offer help for just one month during the year or be on-call as a substitute, we need you. Pray about this important role through which you can serve God. For more information call Pastor Bruce Hedgepeth, 924-1323.

Time Tithers Serve Others

Do you need a project done in your home that you are no longer able to do on your own? Time Tithers want 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 a hand, or if you would like information on becoming a Time Tither, please call 927-8585 or email timetithers@gmail.com.

Home Bible Study Opportunity

Are you interested in Bible study and discussion? We are looking into starting an in-home Bible Study that focuses on the basics in God's Word. If this sounds interesting to you, let's explore the possibilities together! You are encouraged to phone or email Reyn or Doris Kamphuis at 360-8474, rakamphuis@aol.com on or before May 1.

Resurrection House Helps the Homeless

As we witness Florida's temperatures on the rise, a dramatically increased need for warmer weather donations also becomes very evident at downtown Sarasota's faith-based Resurrection House. RH is this city's only daytime resource center whose mission is dedicated solely to helping our homeless population. Right now, items especially needed (clothing, etc., new or used) are: t-shirts, underwear, white crew socks, women's jeans and shorts (small sizes), men's workpants and shorts (especially sizes 30-36), sneakers, rainwear, backpacks, batteries of all kinds. Also: toiletries to include sunblock items and deodorants. Thanks for assisting those in need, and please continue to drop off your donations in a bag or container marked "RH" in the Administration Building.

Two Cents a Meal - Today is the Day!

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.

PALMS' MEN



Men's Retreat - April 29-30

The Men's Spring Retreat is coming soon - April 29 and 30. The retreat will be held at DaySpring (in Ellenton). It's a great opportunity to relax, enjoy great food and fellowship, and grow in your faith. Stop by the Welcome Center under the Fellowship Tree to get more details and to sign up.

Presbyterian Women Spring Retreat

Interested in attending the Annual Presbyterian Women's Spring Retreat held at DaySpring, May 2-4? Applications are available in the Church office. You can attend all three days or just on Tuesday. We have good fellowship, fun, silent auction, food, games and a peek at the Bible study for the next year. This is held yearly with Tampa Bay and Peace River PW. You do not have to be a circle member to attend, but applications are required so DaySpring has a count on how much food to prepare. The theme this year is the BEE ATTITUDES, which will be next year's Bible study. Hope to see you there.

Back to Basics Tutoring

The one-on-one tutoring on Tuesdays from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. and on Thursdays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. continues in the Campus Center until May 19. Since many of our tutors are returning to their northern homes, additional volunteers are needed for the students they tutor to continue in this ministry. Volunteer tutors are needed in subjects ranging from elementary reading and math to high school algebra, pre-calculus and biology. Stop by the Welcome Center under the Fellowship Tree or call Ruby Dailey, Tutoring Director, 922-3294 for more information or to volunteer.

Inventory Team Meeting April 30

Members will meet for an organizational meeting on Saturday, April 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel Reception Room to initiate the process of taking inventory on all the contents of Church property starting May 1. If you would be interested in helping out with this large task, please join us. You will be working with a team labeling contents and marking down items on an inventory sheet. The EPC (Emergency Planning Committee) is preparing this inventory so we can provide a list, pictures and replacement cost to the insurance company should a major storm occur. Contact George Jenkins, Chairman, 345-3243 or 378-7813, or email uncgeorge@comcast.net.

It's Easter Sunday... the time of resurrection!

The joyous signs of new life are all around.

Except the love of your life has passed on.

Bleak days stretch ahead... But please, take heart. At this difficult time, a Stephen Minister would like to be there for

you -- to listen and care while you work through your sorrow and pain. To find out more about our -- actually your -- Stephen Ministry, or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, you can use the Stephen Ministry request folder available in every pew rack -- or feel free to call Pastor Bruce Hedgepeth, 924-1323.

STEPHEN MINISTRY





Pandamania Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 13-17 for children who are 4-years old through entering 5th grade. 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

Stamp Out Hunger

Children's Ministry would like you to help us sort food for the Annual Letter Carrier's Food Drive on May 14. This has become the nation's largest single-day food drive. In 2010, they collected a record-setting 77.1 million pounds of food donations. We are partnering with our Sarasota Food Bank to sort all of the food that comes into the Ashton Post Office. We need volunteers to sign up for a 2 hour shift: 2:00-4:00 p.m. or 4:00-6:00 p.m. Families with small children can just sign up for one hour. Last year, we had a blast and we learned that they couldn't do it without us! If you can help come to the Welcome Center today or contact Linda Nippert, 809-6343 or email linda.nippert@yahoo.com.

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, mdunn@churchofthepalms.org or lhaas@churchofthepalms.org.

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. in Room 208/210. We have dinner, awesome games, and share our thoughts about God and his word. Bring a friend and \$5 for food.

High School Student Ministry

There will be no ThirtyThree tonight or next week. Join us on May 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. for the Welcoming Party for our newly confirmed 8th graders.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today, Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011

6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Worship Service	Lido Beach
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.	Sunday School	See Page 13
9:00 a.m.	Faith Boosters (Children)	See Page 13
9:00 a.m.	The Garden Worship Service	Campus Center
9:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
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

Monday, April 25, 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, April 26, 2011

7:00 a.m.	Men's Study and Breakfast	Off Campus
2:30 p.m.	Tutoring	Campus Center
4:00 p.m.	Ladies' Prayer Group	Room 211
6:00 p.m.	C.S. Lewis Reading Group	Chapel Reception Room

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Chapel Reception Room
9:00 a.m.	Planned Giving Meeting	Room 211
4:00 p.m.	Faith at Work	Chapel Reception Room
5:00 p.m.	Student Ministry Orange Conference	Off Campus
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

Thursday, April 28, 2011

7:30 a.m.	ReHabitat Project	Off Campus
2:30 p.m.	Tutoring	Campus Center
6:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Team	East Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.	The Garden Worship Rehearsal	Campus Center
7:00 p.m.	Sophomore Girls' Small Group	Off Campus

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE (continued)

Friday, April 29, 2011

9:30 a.m.	Friday Morning Bible Study	Room 209
5:30 p.m.	Palms' Men Spring Retreat	Off Campus

Saturday, April 30, 2011

7:30 a.m.	ReHabitat Project	Off Campus
8:00 a.m.	Palms' Men Spring Retreat	Off Campus
9:00 a.m.	Session Retreat	Campus Center
1:00 p.m.	Inventory Team Meeting	Chapel Reception Room

Sunday, May 1, 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 13
9:00 a.m.	Faith Boosters (Children)	See Page 13
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.	Christians Under Construction	Room 209
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
5:30 p.m.	Session Confirmation Class Celebration	Campus Center
7:00 p.m.	Montreat Team Meeting	Room 208-210