

Church of the Palms

Worship

May 1, 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

3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, Florida 34239

Phone: (941) 924-1323 Fax: (941) 923-9594 - www.churchofthepalms.org

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 in Christ. 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

Proclaiming The Word

Scripture Reading

Prayers of Supplication & Intercession

Songs for Illumination

Proclamation

Pastor Tim Reynolds

Responding To The Word

Celebration of the Eucharist

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.

*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.

Worship Leadership

Pastor: 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

Second Sunday of Easter

9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(9:15 a.m.) Mary Lou Moulton

(11:00 a.m.) Marty Guice

Holy God, Creator of all, the risen Christ taught from scripture of his death, resurrection, and ascension into your glorious presence. May the living Lord breathe on us his peace, that our eyes may be opened to recognize him in breaking bread, and to follow wherever he leads, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Meditation on Este’s Psalmes”

arr. Anderson

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #478** “Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

*SENTENCES OF PRAISE

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (together)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. 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.)

MUSIC MEDITATION "The Lord is My Light" (from Psalm 27) Frances Allitsen
Tom Koenig, Baritone

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though a host of men were laid against me,
Yet shall not my heart be afraid;

And tho' there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.
For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me,
And set me up upon a rock of stone.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 a.m.)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

RECOGNITION OF CHUCK AND JUDY FULTON (9:15 a.m.)

OFFERTORY

“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, how 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 sing 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,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

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!

***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 5:43-48 (Pew Bible N.T. p. 5)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Love of the First Step” Dr. Stephen D. McConnell

HYMN #122 (seated)

“Thine is the Glory”

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

“Revelation Song”

Jennie Lee Riddle

Susy Welsh

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Holy, holy is he;
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven’s mercy seat.

Holy, holy holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was, and is, and is to come;
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev’rything and I will adore you.

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory
And power be to you, the only wise King.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
At the mention of your name;
Jesus, your name is power, breath and living water,
Such a marv’lous mystery, yeah. I will adore you.

Prayer of Praise

WE GO

***HYMN #376** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***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 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

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 where we are growing disciples, with fun food and a group Bible lesson. We will then venture out onto our beautiful campus to learn about what it means to be a disciple and start growing. We will end in the Chapel. Come celebrate the 1st Century church 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

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 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

The first century Christians had to suffer for the faith that Jesus was the Messiah. The Book of Hebrews, circulated among the early church, explains why that faith is important for their salvation and exhorts them to persevere in the face of adversity. A famous quote comes from 11:1, “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Discussion led by Tom Webber.

Book Group - Sunday, May 15, 3:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room

The book we’ll be discussing is Sarah by Marek Halter. This Biblical fiction story is based on the Biblical account of Sarah, the wife of Abraham, and their combined journey as they follow the one true God. Everyone is most welcome to join us for this enlightening and enjoyable session! We do plan to continue our monthly discussion opportunities right on through the summer. 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 Margarett Bliss, 359-6688.

C.S. Lewis Reading Group Led by Dr. McConnell Tuesday, May 10, 6:00 p.m. - Chapel Reception Room

We will be discussing Letters 1-5 of The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. Newcomers are welcome.



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

Beginning a Study of the Book of Hebrews. Origen, a theologian of the early church, wrote that “Only God knows who wrote Hebrews.” Luther attributed it to Apollos, a contemporary of the Apostle Paul, who is mentioned in his letters. Regardless, Hebrews is an excellent study - half interpretive and half exhortation to stay firm in the faith. Led by Tom Webber and Rev. Fred Marsh.

Adult Spiritual Formation (continued)

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 - May 4, 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. Deadline: noon on Tuesdays.

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!

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 211

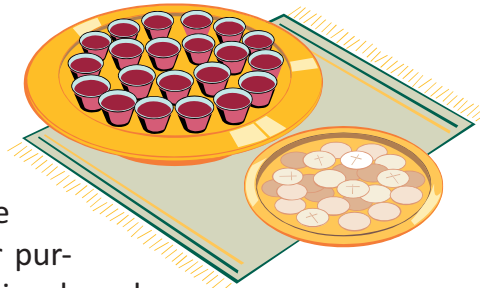
Friday Morning Bible Study continues the study of Mark. Review Chapter 13 in preparation for discussion. Final message of the Minor Prophets-- Malachi told his people (and us today) that when we outwardly profess to be religious but inwardly don't practice our faith, God is offended and we dishonor him. Please email barzel@comcast.net for more information.

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! There are still some hours available to work in the front office on Sundays. It is only two hours, once a month from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. We could also use someone to work the 5th Sundays of the month. If this hospitality-oriented position is a fit for you, please call Carol Boehmke, 923-9410. We will equip you to serve!

Can You Sew A Panda?



We need to sew a few panda bears to be used as table decorations for Vacation Bible School the week of June 13. After that week, we will donate the bears to our local Fire Department to share with kids they encounter. We will share this special project to serve others with all of our kids at VBS. If you can sew for us, please contact Cindy Lanoue, 922-1826 or email cindy@kangastel.com for the pattern and directions.

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.



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 live out what he taught, we will 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 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.

Food Pantry Distribution Center Needs Substitutes

Substitutes are a vital part of the operation of the food pantry distribution center. Without them it would be impossible to keep the pantry open five days a week. Volunteers to substitute in the food pantry are needed, especially beginning now and until the winter residents return. If you can help during these months please call or e-mail Margaret Wenger at 941-870-3737 or pwenger4@comcast.net.

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 today.

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.

Children's Music Ministry

Have you been to school lately? Are you seeking the Keys to Life? "Life School Musical" will be presented by Kids of the Kingdom on Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Campus Center. Life, what a blessed gift from our Lord! Please join the children in the classroom on May 11 as they present the Keys to Life. "Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior and my hope is in you all day long." Psalm 25:4-5.

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 Tutoring table under the Fellowship Tree or call Ruby Dailey, Tutoring Director, 922-3294 for more information or to volunteer.

Time Tithers Serve Others

Time Tithers are persons who have made a private and personal covenant with God, promising Him that they will, on average, devote at least one-tenth of their discretionary time to studying his Word and doing his work. They strive to use our God-given gifts in service to 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. If you know of anyone, who needs some helping hands or if you are interested in learning more about becoming a Time Tither, please contact the Time Tither's cell phone at 941-927-8585 or email timetithers@gmail.com.

Resurrection House "Replacing Homelessness with Hopefulness"

The clients at RH are appreciative of everything that is done for them. A new client feels that he/she may not fit in with other clients but soon discovers 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 backpacks, bug spray/wipes, rain gear, and 3X tee shirts. Please drop off your donations in a bag or container marked "RH" in the Administration building. Because of your response, COP is a "caring church."



Church Inventory

Over the years we have invested in substantial amounts of equipment, supplies and worship materials. The EPC (Emergency Planning Committee) is preparing an inventory so we can provide a list, pictures and estimated replacement cost to the insurance company should a major storm occur. If you would like to help take this comprehensive inventory of the Church's contents, contact George Jenkins, 345-3243 or 378-381, or email uncgeorge@comcast.net.

Ushers Serving You in the Sanctuary in May

9:15 a.m. - Glynn Armitage, Joe Cullen, Judy Falkenthal, Paul Gardner, Bob and Janice McKee, Robert and



Joyce Rietveld, Paul Ross, Chuck Volkert, Norm and Darlene Yost. Co-Captains: Jim and Penny Mathews

11:00 a.m. - Walter and Norma Babjak, Jeannie Chase, Elmer Compton, Jackie Garn, Len and Carole Higley, Dennis Wood, Curtis Timms, Peg Tonn. Co-Captains: Larry Mulkey and Carol Spangle

Thank You For Your Support of Our Students and LOVE146

Thank you for supporting our student led effort to raise money and awareness for LOVE146. Because of you, we are a step closer to ending child slavery and exploitation. With your generous donations and Carrabba's Lunch tickets, we raised \$1,100 for Love146. Love protects, love defends, love restores, love empowers.



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.

Special Thanks from Debby Wendell

For those who contributed to the beautiful book of memories and for the many others who sent letters and cards, I offer my sincere appreciation. The 23 years spent at Church of the Palms were filled with all that makes life precious: children, families, friends, laughter and tears, joys and sorrows. While we may never understand all the "whys" of life, it is comforting to know that God is faithful and people like you care. Please know that my love and prayers are forever yours. May God continue to bless each one of you.

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. Join us on May 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. for the Welcoming Party for our newly confirmed 8th graders.

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 All Faith's 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 Children's table under the Fellowship tree today or contact Linda Nippert, 809-6343 or email linda.nippert@yahoo.com.

Calling All High School Seniors

Graduation day is quickly approaching. Ironing out all the details of what high school seniors will do next year can be overwhelming. We'd like to recognize and congratulate all graduating seniors on Sunday, May 15 in all four services as they pass this wonderful landmark in their lives. We will be giving them something to take on their future journey and hopefully remember the place Christ and Church of the Palms have in their lives. If you have a high school senior you'd like to be recognized, please contact Derek Thompson, 924-1323 so that his/her name will be on the list.

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.

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.

Edward Barth, Mae Borger, Adrienne Combs, Michael Couden, Vickie Croucher, Pat Erickson, Betty Farrington, Evelyn Griffith, Rick Hager, George Hallen, Jim Hart, Howard Hays, Donna Hughes, Marvin Keyser, Barbara Montgomery, Bernie Morgan, Tom Nevin, Norma Parker, First Lt. Tracy Prohoniak USMC, Herb Redemski, Robert Riedel, Richard Rosham, Jim and Catharina Scambelleurie, Lee Stewart, Sophie Stewart, Marguerite Taylor, Dolores Thooying, James Travers, Richard Wilfenger

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.

A Prayer for Your Week

Dear Father in Heaven,

The joy we experienced on Easter morning is still fresh in our hearts and minds.

Our redemption and hope of eternal life are confirmed in the resurrection.

In Communion, we remember the death and suffering of your beloved Son.

In the giving of his life, your love for us has had no bounds.

Today we pray for our families, friends, those we love, and ourselves in need of your love, guidance and forgiveness.

Hear our prayers for those on our church prayer list in need of your grace, healing, comfort, and peace; send your Holy Spirit to be with all.

But, O Lord, your words command us also to love and pray for our enemies;

those from whom we are separated by acts, words, or opinions unresolved.

Help us to take that first step to love them as you have loved us – being forgiving, compassionate, merciful, giving to them good without expectation of return.

Strengthen us through the Holy Spirit, to love our enemies and all of your children.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today, Sunday, May 1, 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 9
9:00 a.m.	Faith Boosters (Children)	See Page 9
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 101
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

Monday, May 2, 2011

9:00 a.m.	PW Spring Retreat	Off Campus
9:00 a.m.	Note Writers	Chapel Reception Room
4:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee	Chapel Reception Room
5:30 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 Reception Room

Tuesday, May 3, 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
5:00 p.m.	Creative Signers	Music and Arts Building
7:00 p.m.	Strategic Planning Committee	Room 211

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Wednesday, May 4, 2011

7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study	Chapel Reception Room
10:00 a.m.	PW Coordinating Teams	Chapel Reception Room
11:00 a.m.	PW Bible Study	Music and Arts Building
4:00 p.m.	Faith at Work	Chapel Reception Room
4:00 p.m.	Building and Grounds Committee	Room 211
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

Thursday, May 5, 2011

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
7:15 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Music and Arts Building
7:15 p.m.	The Palms Bridge Club	Chapel Reception Room

Friday, May 6, 2011

9:30 a.m.	Friday Morning Bible Study	Room 211
9:30 a.m.	Priscilla Circle Mission Trip	Off Campus

Saturday, May 7, 2011

7:30 a.m.	ReHabitat Project	Off Campus
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Sunday, May 8, 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 9
9:00 a.m.	Faith Boosters (Children)	See Page 9
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

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Sunday, May 8, 2011 (continued)

10:15 a.m.	Later Service Childcare (ages 2-7)	Room 101
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
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



Important Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 15 at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary to act upon the request of the Rev. Tim Reynolds to dissolve his pastoral relationship with the Church of the Palms.