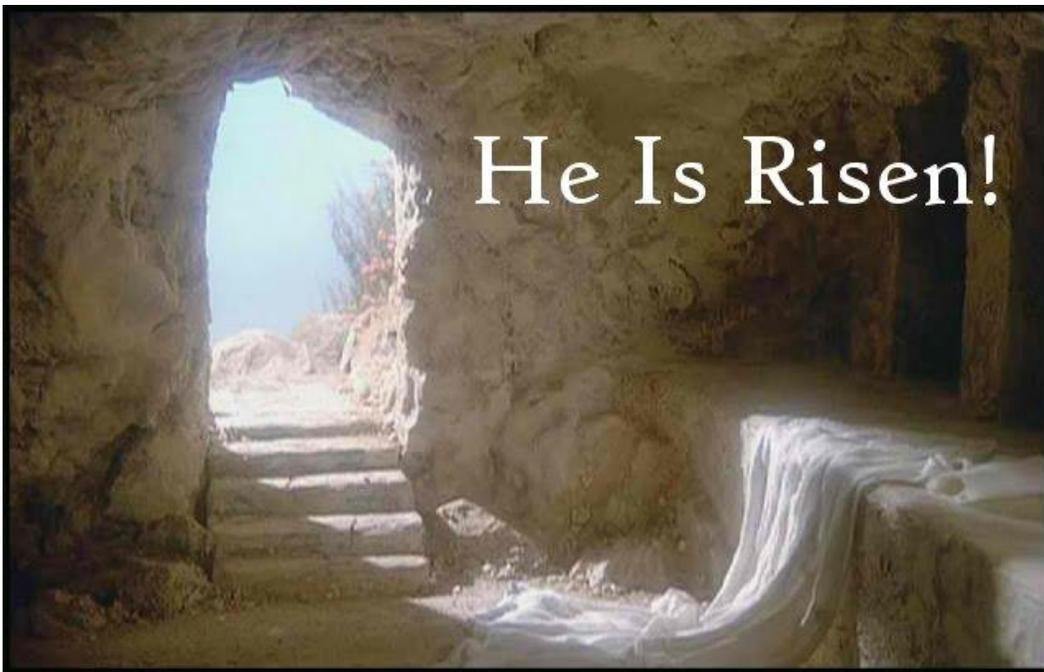


April 2015

Good News

Verse of the Month: *“The Lord your God is with you. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love.” Zephaniah 3:17*



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Holy Week Services

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 29, and service will open with a Processional of the Palms led by our Sunday School children. We will give out palms and the bell choir is preparing special music.

Holy Thursday is April 2, and we will observe this holy night of the first communion at the Methodist church. We leave silently from this service as the first disciples did with Jesus.

Good Friday we begin at 8:30 a.m. in the vestibule of our church. We will enter quietly and stand at the altar. The short service sponsored by the Doug Jablonski Men's Fellowship will feature music and readings with Good Friday Thoughts by Vic Werner. After the service we will move to Madden Hall for breakfast prepared by the Men's Fellowship. There is no charge, but there will be baskets on the table for donations. Many last year found this to be the most moving part of their Lenten experience.

At noon on Good Friday there is an ecumenical service at St. Mark and All Saints church sponsored by the Absecon/Galloway clergy. Come and keep this vigil at the cross.

On Easter Sunday, April 5, we will meet at Heritage Park at 7:00 a.m. to welcome our Lord's resurrection. Bill Zeltman will play trumpet. Join us for a time of joy in nature's surroundings.

The worship schedule at our church is normal on Easter – 9:30 and 11:00. Rev. Scott Morschauer will be preaching. Bring flowers with you to put on the cross in the front yard.

What To Do When The Fire Alarm Goes Off

On occasion our fire alarm system will go off, sometimes it is from an activity or work being done that will trigger a sensor; sometimes it is an emergency. In either case there is one rule and only one:

GET OUT OF THE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY

There are also some "Do Nots":

DO NOT panic. Yes, the alarm is ear-splitting...and scary. Get your coats and personal items, look for those who may need assistance, and leave by the closest exit. It's much quieter outside and you're not in the way of responders.

DO NOT call the fire department and cancel an alarm. They are required to respond even if it is an accidental trigger.

DO NOT touch the keypad. A location code is displayed on the screen which helps first responders. If the code is cleared, responders don't know where to go first (sanctuary, hall, education wing, or daycare).

We can take a cue from Alphabet Alley and Mrs. Barnes' Play House and consider those "accidentals" as practice fire drills!





Women's Circles

As we continue our Bible study of 2nd Corinthians, we discover that some false teachers called Judaizers were spreading a different message than the one Paul had preached to the people at Corinth. These false teachers boasted that they carried letters of recommendation from the "important people" in the Jerusalem church and they pointed out that Paul had no such letters. Paul answered these charges by saying he needed no such letters. The believers to whom Paul had preached were enough of a recommendation.

The Sarah Circle is changing its meeting date. From now on we will meet on the first Wednesday evening of each month instead of the second Wednesday.

The **Sarah Circle** will meet in Cobb Lounge at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1st. The **Ruth Circle** will meet at 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 3rd at the home of Betsy Cunius. The **Martha Circle** will meet at the home of Carol Thomas Thursday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m. Please join us for fellowship and Bible study at the circle that will best meet your time schedule. You will be warmly welcomed.



Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery doesn't get used much on Sunday mornings, but if needed we'd like to be prepared. Our volunteer list for nursery rotation could use some additional names. If you are willing to be available if needed in the nursery please sign up with Jennifer Platt.



Worship News

And so our adventure continues. We are following policies & procedures, and it takes a bit longer than we would like. But the good news is that we have been hearing from some really wonderful Pastors and speakers. Thank you all for being so supportive of our guests. And thanks to Bob Gillis and family for a great service and wonderful music.

Have a Blessed month,
Karen

MEN'S CLUB GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST

8¹⁵ am CONGREGATION ASSEMBLES
in LOBBY

8²⁵ • INTRODUCTION + MEDITATION
in LOBBY

SINGLE ENTRANCE toward ALTAR
Remain STANDING in front

• BIBLE READING/PRAYER

• **GOOD FRIDAY THOUGHTS VIC WERNER**

RECESSIONAL - Front side Door and DIRECT to Dining Room
BREAKFAST

2015 Flower Chart



Altar Flowers

The 2015 Altar Flower chart is hanging in the vestibule. If you would like to donate flowers to decorate the altar on any Sunday please mark the chart to reserve your date and fill in a form (which can be found next to the chart). The cost of a single urn bouquet is \$55.00 which includes the delivery fee.

If you would prefer to place your own order and arrange your own delivery, you are welcome to do so. Be sure to reserve your date on the chart and fill in the form with the information you would like in the bulletin.

Forms and payment (if applicable) are due in the church office no later than noon the Tuesday before your reserved date.





Mission/Evangelism News

Session unanimously approved our motion to become a host church for the **Family Promise program of Atlantic County**. Things won't start happening for a while because a few things must happen first. A 13th church must sign on like we did. A site for the Day Center must be secured along with several 15 passenger vans to transport families back and forth from the host churches to the Day Center. We'll have our work cut out for us, but we believe we have the people and resources necessary to support this program.

Families that qualify for this program are screened carefully. We will host up to 14 people at a time four times a year. This could be a combination of 3 or 4 families each with at least one child. The families will stay with us for a week. They will leave our church daily by 7 am and head to the Day Center. From there, daycare is provided for little ones and school age children are bussed to their schools. Adults receive assistance to restore housing and financial stability. Families will return to us at 5:30 pm to prepare dinner and participate in evening activities such as homework, games, crafts, and movies. In addition to our own people, we thought some high school students from Holy Spirit or Absegami might like to help out with the kids. The families settle down for the night between 9:00-10:00 pm. There will always be a minimum of two members from our own congregation with the families including two who will spend the night.

Fund raising for the program needs everyone's support. An **art auction** will take place on Saturday, June 6th at 8 pm at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Galloway Township. Artwork may be previewed from 7:00-8:00 pm before the auction begins. Tickets cost \$10.00. See Priscilla Schultheis or Leo Ransone for tickets and more information. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the **Health kits**, especially the Sunday school who made quite a few kits on Palm Sunday. We will be sending the kits to Church World Service who will send them to areas that have been struck by disasters.

Our **One Great Hour of Sharing** will culminate on Easter Sunday. Thank you to all who contributed to this incredible effort. We truly are fishers of men!

We initiated discussion on this year's **Family Fun Day** which is scheduled for August 15 from 12:00-4:00 pm. The rain date is August 22nd. This will be our 3rd event and new ideas are already evident. It feels good having some experience with this under our belt. You'll be hearing more about this event soon.

We also talked about the possibility of being part of Camp Johnsonburg's "**Camp on the Road**" in which Camp Johnsonburg would come to us and run the camp for a week. This would include our sister churches: Brigantine Community Church, Victory Deliverance, Jethro, and Ocean Heights. Kids from all 5 churches could attend this camp, and volunteers from each church would help run it. What a great way to have fun, make new friends, and share our faith with each other in culturally diverse arena! We see tremendous opportunities with this concept and look forward to working with Christian Ed in the future. It appears that the summer of 2016 would be the best target for a venture as big as this. That would allow adults from all five churches to plan and prepare for this most unique opportunity.

More on **retreats** and **mission trips** later.

Our **next meeting** will take place on Saturday, April 18th at 9:30 am in the Cobb Lounge.

In His Service, Priscilla Schultheis

The World Is Bigger Than The Czech Republic Day for Cuba 2015

About 40 people gathered for an ecumenical worship service in Martin in the Wall church in Prague on Wednesday 18 March. They gathered as a part of day long activities called "Den pro Kubu-Day for Cuba." This now annual event marks the sense of solidarity the Czechs feel for their brothers and sisters in Cuba. The service was led by Moderator Joel Ruml of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren. The preacher for the service was well known Roman Catholic professor Tomáš Halík. He has written a number of books about faith

in many languages including Czech and English. Other participants included the Old Catholic Bishop Dušan Hejbal and representatives from other churches. Music included several pieces from Taize which were sung by the congregation. Milan Jakobec, a former diplomat to Cuba, sang two original songs he composed in Spanish. The congregation was also joined by a woman from Cuba. The gathering particularly noted the sacrifices of the “Women in White-Las Damas de Bianco.” These women are the wives and relatives of jailed dissidents who began their peaceful marches in 2003. Although they are regarded with suspicion by the Cuban government they continue to attend Mass weekly followed by peaceful marches afterwards. They wear white as a symbol of peace.

Many Czechs resonate with the struggles of those living in this Communist country. They too pray for peace and hope justice will prevail. They know of the struggles to remain faithful in the midst of persecution and misunderstanding. The Czech Christians hope their “Day for Cuba” can be a sign of their love and solidarity.

Now that the US has opened relations with Cuba I was very moved by my participation in this worship service. Particularly as we move through Lent to Easter, we can all be moved by this witness to love and peace. We all share the hope and prayer that a peaceful and just life will prevail for our brothers and sisters in Cuba. The Czech Christians are a wonderful example of how this might happen.

May the ultimate joy and peace of Easter be with you all,
Karen

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A Note From Lisa

I wanted to share a poem I have written about Barabbas, the prisoner who the Jews released so that Jesus would be crucified. As I read the stories in scripture, I often wonder what the full story would be. What would it be like to talk with Barabbas AFTER Jesus was crucified, after Jesus resurrected, after Jesus ascended? It would be fascinating to me to know how Barabbas’ life ended. What did he do with the extended freedom he was given? Did his life turn around? Did he start hanging out with Peter or John or any of the other disciples? Did Barabbas embrace the new path that Jesus made available to him? Do we embrace those moments of grace and forgiveness that Jesus extends to us? Have a blessed Easter as you embrace and celebrate all that Jesus sacrificed for you!

Barabbas

There were three of us in the prison cell discussing our terrible fate
We each had been caught taking what wasn’t ours to take

The other two were thieves, petty criminals, nothing grand
I had taken someone’s life, blood was dripping down my hands

Death on the cross, are they serious? How did I lose my touch?

I was part of an insurrection - I'm better than this bunch

The crosses are prepared, or so we have been told
Three thieves sentenced to die before the Passover unfolds

The one thief seemed repentant now that death was drawing near
The other guy still cold as ice, no tears, no sorrow, no fear

I'm not sure what I was feeling, ashamed at being caught
This was not the way to die, yet I know it was all my fault

I guess I'm living up to my name, Barabbas, "son of shame"
Dying on a wooden cross - I have no one else to blame

The guards begin to gossip aloud, someone else has been accused
That teacher Jesus has been arrested by none other than the Jews

Oh great, it can't get worse than this - my final moments on earth
Stuck in a cell with some crazy guy who talks about life and worth

Then just as they bring Him into the cell, they call me out by name
Barabbas, you are free to go, released of all your shame

What is going on right now, forgiven? released? I'm free?
Jesus looks me in the eyes, He knows who I'm meant to be

The other two thieves are shouting and yelling, this is unfair, unjust
What about us, we aren't like him - they continue to make a fuss

I walk out the doors of the prison that day, not really sure what took place
All I remember is the look in His eyes and the expression on His face

For some ridiculous reason - I go to the priest that day
I tell him I don't want to live up to my name, is there any other way?

He tells me something I never knew, I was not created for shame
Barabbas too means "son of Abba" - new life, new meaning, new name

I stood in the distance that hour He died, the man who took my place
Knowing one day, I will stand in His presence, again face to face

For what He did for me that day, is what He does for you
He took my place, erased my shame and gave me all things new

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Please pray as I travel to Croatia this month (April 20-May 9) to do several seminars in house churches and a youth group along the Dalmatian coast.

Thank you,
Lisa



It's That Time Again!

May 17th is right around the corner! If you have an interest in playing or dining, please stop over at the “golf table” that we will have set up on Sundays. We would like to get an idea of how many people will be joining us. If you would like a color registration form, let me know and I will email it to you. If black & white works, you can grab one at church.

There will be “Golf Bingo” for those who are joining us for dinner/auction portion of the day.

If you are interested in being a HOLE SPONSOR, please let me know. Our signs this year are 18”x24” and designed in-house. We will have one on display soon.

It is going to be a GREATE event!!!!

Karen



Thanks You's For March

Once again there have been many who stepped forward to help in various ways around the church and property. Please forgive if we missed anyone.

Kirk, Leo, Melvin, Vic, Jan, Richard, Donna, Dan, Elaine (and probably many others) have all been working hard in the manse.

Linda A applied some extra elbow grease to the pastor’s office and Lee and Alex started painting.

Priscilla, Bob and the cast and crew of our Easter play, “The Other Wise Man”, gave a magnificent performance on March 22 which touched the hearts of many.

Tina and Helpers gave their all to plan and carry out our lunch, egg hunt, games and activities.

Vic and Harold provided music and Pastor Heather of Reformation Lutheran led the Lenten service on March 18. Dawn, members of the Fellowship Committee, and other volunteers helped provide and serve the lunch which followed.



Pastoral Transition

Transition Update

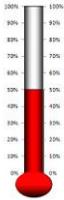
Since last month’s newsletter our session has been working diligently on narrowing the field of candidates for the interim position. They narrowed the candidates to two and by vote made an offer to one they felt was most suited to our church

family. As of this writing they are waiting for a response. When any offer is accepted by a candidate, the new interim will not start until the approval of the Committee on Ministry has been given. In the mean time we will continue with the pulpit supply and guest speakers. Watch for Sunday updates. We'll pass on any news as soon as we receive news!



Spring Work Day Saturday, April 18

Many hands are needed to get our "Spring cleaning" done!! A sheet is posted in the foyer so that you can sign up for an inside or outside job. Donuts and bagels will be provided plus fresh hot coffee and juice!! So please sign up and show up at 9 am to help clean OUR house...the Lord's house. If you have any questions, please contact Kris Jenoriki at 748-1214.



Winter Fund Raiser

We did it!!! Donations to our manse renovations project as recorded by our counting teams came to \$20,755! Our session and trustees extend a heartfelt thank you for your support. Soon we will have a comfortable home to offer our interim and later our future pastor. Thank you all!

Holiday Office Closing

The church office will close at Noon on Good Friday and will reopen on Tuesday, April 7. All information to be included in the April 5 bulletin announcements must be in the office by March 30.

An Open Letter to All Churches in West Jersey Presbytery:

Thank you all for being the Presbytery of West Jersey last night. In word and deed, presentations and conversations, in table fellowship and small groups, in sacrament and song, in sermon and prayer, in care and compassion for one another: The Spirit of the Lord was in us and among us.

While we were voting the 86th vote was cast nationwide in the affirmative for Amendment 14-F to amend the current language of W-4.9000 regarding the definition of marriage. The new wording defining marriage as a "unique commitment between two people, traditionally a man and a woman, to love and support each other for the rest of their lives," will be a part of our Book of Order on June 21, 2015. The full wording of the amendment can be found as an attachment to this letter.

As we saw last evening in our vote of 71 in the affirmative, 51 in the negative and one "no action" that as a presbytery we are passionate about our expression in living in faithfulness to the call to follow Jesus Christ and our understanding of scripture. This is a time to listen to one another as our preacher shared with us and to encourage one another.

Please be reminded that the new wording allows every elder to listen to the Spirit in making decisions about officiating at a marriage ceremony; there is nothing that compels any pastor or session to participate in a wedding between two people of the same gender:

"Nothing herein shall compel a teaching elder to perform nor compel a session to authorize the use of church property for a marriage service that the teaching elder or the session believes is contrary to the teaching elder's or the session's discernment of the Holy Spirit and their understanding of the Word of God." [last paragraph of the new wording of W-4.9000]

This language underscores our shared value of mutual respect when we, as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, disagree. But we need more than a constitutional provision of mutual forbearance; we need a graciousness of compassion and humility of spirit. We need to remind ourselves that, in the end, we are judged not so much by our rightness or wrongness, but by our compassion and our ability to set aside our own opinions and hear, really hear, what Christ is saying through each other.

As your leadership, we promise to listen. Your congregation may also have questions as the media reports come in. Some will be happy and others angry. We will hold you in prayer and be here for you. We are available to come and talk with congregations, sessions, pastors and share resources as they are made available.

Please join us in prayer for the life of our Presbytery and of our denomination in this time of great change. Now more than ever we need each other.

In Christ's Service, The Officers of the Presbytery

Moderator Alice Wooden-Kelly

Executive Presbyter Debby Brincivalli

Moderator-elect Don Painter

Stated Clerk Wendy Boer

Resources: if you cannot open these please let us know

From Stated Clerk of the General Assembly Gradye Parsons

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga221/ga221-marriage/>

From the Office of the General Assembly Q & A sheet

http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/advisory_opinion_marriage_passage.pdf

From the Moderator of the 221st General Assembly

<http://larissakwongabazia.com/2015/03/17/a-pastoral-letter-to-members-and-friends-of-the-presbyterian-church-u-s-a/>

From The Fellowship Community:

<http://www.fellowship.community/a-pastoral-letter-in-response-to-marriage-redefinition/>



Fellowship Committee

On March 18th we hosted the Lenten Luncheon. The luncheon was well attended, and thank you to everyone that donated sandwiches and desserts, they were all delicious. Thank you also to our talented soup cooks Ann Wallace, Lee Wolff, and Leo Ransone.

Thank you also to the many hands that came out to help set-up, serve, and/or clean-up. Many hands make light work, and your help is always appreciated. A special thank you goes out to Rev. Heather Sugden from the Reformation Lutheran Church for handling the worship service part of our Lenten Lunch. She had a wonderful message for all of us.

Our meet and greet pot luck with the Interim is still to be announced. I'm sorry for the delay, but keep your eyes open for more information, as we are still in the process of hiring somebody.

The next 2nd Monday Lunch will take place on April 13th, and the next Brunch will be held on April 19th. This will be the last brunch of the year, as the third Sunday in May (17th) is our fourth Annual Golf Tournament, and we are hoping to see everyone there.

June will be a busy month. Our Annual Strawberry Festival will be held on June 5th from 6-8PM. John Channell and his friends from Albert Hall will be there for our listening pleasure. Then we will be participating in the City Wide Yard Sale on June 6th. The yard sale will take place in our parking lot this year, and there will be a sign up sheet for tables as well as a sign up sheet for anyone that is willing to help. We will be offering two different prices for the spaces. The price for the space alone (you provide your own table) will be \$10. The cost for a space with a table will be \$15. Be on the lookout for more information on both of these events as well as the sign-up sheet. Thank you!

There are also plans in the works for other activities over the summer; we will keep you informed. The next Fellowship Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, at 7PM in Cobb Lounge.

In Christian Love and Fellowship,
Dawn Duran, Chairperson



Evergreens Lunch Wednesday, April 22, at Noon

Evergreens will meet at 12:00 for their sandwich luncheon on April 22nd. We will have a SHOW AND TELL program so all can participate. It should be an enjoyable time for all. Dessert will be provided.

Our spring luncheon will be at Smithville Inn on Wednesday, May 27th. We will be making final arrangements and taking reservations.

Lunch Bunch to Olde Mill Street Pub April 8

Lunch Bunch will be heading to Ye Olde Mill Street Pub in Mays Landing on Wednesday, April 8. Meet at the church at 11:30 or the restaurant at Noon.



Sunday Brunch, April 19 at 10:30

Plan on joining us for Sunday Brunch following the 9:30 service on April 19! Cost for brunch - \$6 per person. Fun and Fellowship - priceless.

Ham & Cheese Souffle – Cheryl

French Toast Casserole – Kris

Beef Stew – Leo

Home Fries – Bryan

Mac & Cheese – John H

Glazed Carrots – Linda G

Fruit – Priscilla

Green Beans – Dawn

Biscuits & Sausage Gravy – Leo

Desserts

Cake – Rita

Pie – Dirk

Cheese Cakes – Betty

Doug Jablonski Men's Fellowship

The men's fellowship's annual winter dinner will not be held this year. Watch for information on our Memorial Day picnic.

There will be no meeting in April.



Announcing...

The healthy birth of Enya Sierra Mellon, daughter of Robert & Jaime and granddaughter of Barbara Mellon! Enya was born 3/21/2015 at 15:29 weighing 7lb 12oz and is 19.5 inches. Mom and baby are doing well.

Congratulations!



Thanks So Much!

The Morris family would like to thank the deacons and especially Loretta Metz for delivering the delicious soups, pork stew (YUM) and breads and great conversations.

Patti, Jim and Devin

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Grace Gras thanks everyone for their cards, calls, visits, and especially prayers during her recent hospital stay. Your expressions of care and concern were greatly appreciated.

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Thanks you to my friends. Your prayers and cards, calls were very much appreciated. It was quite a surprise for a big boy like me to have this appendicitis operation.

God Bless you all.
Bob Hunter

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It seems just about everyone was wishing me a happy 85th birthday and sang happy birthday that Sunday. You all warmed my heart, thank you. It was quite a surprise. But I had a bigger one when our daughter gave me a memory box full of cards, notes, and letters from my family, church family and many other friends. As I read them, the emotions took over and my eyes watered to the point of overflowing. Thanks to all for giving me a most unforgettable 85th birthday. I'm sure I will open that box many times over the coming years and read the love and friendship within. God bless you all.

Love,
Roger

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Dottie McCaffrey expresses her deepest thanks for the many prayers, thoughts, cards, calls, visits and good food sent her way after her fall. All are greatly appreciated!

Lay Assistants

- 05 9:30 Linda Gillis
11:00 Priscilla Schultheis
- 12 9:30 Dennis Scardilli
11:00 Linda Gillis
- 19 9:30 Kirk Conover
11:15 Lee Wolff
- 26 9:30
11:00 Dawn Duran

Head Ushers

- 05 9:30 Rita & Vic Abelson
11:00 Tina Brown, Jean Delesantro
- 12 9:30 Elaine Risley, Carol Thomas
11:00 Shirley Smith, Tina Brown
- 19 9:30 Jan & Carol Jorgensen
11:15 Mary Bew, Betty Lloyd
- 26 9:30 Bob & Barbara Hudak
11:00 Joanna Howell, Nancy Swank

Offering

- 05 Joan Nale, Franklin Nale
- 12 Jack & Dee Heil
- 19 Bill & Dorie Keener
- 26 Mae Sterling, Jo-ann Weller

Deacon for the Month

1st Svc. Carol Jorgensen

Acolyte (9:30)

- 05 Franklin Nale
- 12 Terri Villegas
- 19 Elisa Wong
- 26 Jordan Hawkes

Nursery (11:00 Sarah Gillis)

- 05 Jordan Hawkes
- 12 Gloria Achamizo
- 19 Jennifer Platt
- 26 Jordan Hawkes

Van Drivers

- 05 John Channell
- 12 Barb Hughes
- 19 Tina Brown
- 26 Vic Abelson

Refreshment Hosts

- 05 Happy Easter!
- 12 Dawn Duran, Janet Gee
- 19 Join us for Brunch!
- 26 Jackie Bhatti, Jack & Dee Heil

Breakfast Club Kitchen Crew

- 05 Set-up – Libby Little
Cook – Ed Little
Clean-up – Ginny & Bill Davenport
- 12 Set-up – Kris Jenoriki
Cook – John Channell
Clean-up – Vic & Rita Abelson
- 19 No Breakfast - join us for Brunch!
- 26 Set-up – Jordan & Christian Hawkes
Cook – Bryan Hawkes
Clean-up – Olga Davies, Jean Delesantro

Counter Schedule

- 05 Leo Ransone, Nancy Conover



Sunday School and Related News for April

It has been a busy and exciting Month! The movie night was a great time; the kids made homemade pizza and learned how to train a dragon. Pennies for Pins was a huge success. We had a great turnout, and not only did everyone have a great time but we raised money to make hygiene kits. To wrap things up the kids will be putting them together with JoAnn on March 29th. Also, on Palm Sunday the Sunday School will call us to worship with a celebration of the journey Jesus made into Jerusalem. Finally, the snow didn't stop our Annual Easter drama and Easter Egg Hunt. Our Sunday School Team couldn't be prouder of all those who participated in "The Other Wise Man". It truly was a moving and wonderful production. Once again many thanks to Priscilla Schultheis & Bob Gillis for their directing abilities and amazing coordination. Our Easter Egg Hunt was a little different this year, this year the kids searched for eggs with prizes and Legos inside. Together they were able to build a cross from the Legos they collected and each received pre-made goodie boxes filled with wonderful treats. Together they were able to build something as a team for God. It was a blast! I would like to recognize Priscilla, Bob, JoAnn, Linda, Roger Wolcott and all of our teachers and aides for all the time, effort, love and support they have and continue to give to our program. Huge thanks to those who helped in the kitchen making our luncheon a success as well: The Hughes family, Cheryl Hawkes, Kris Jenoriki & Dirk Williamson to name a few. God has blessed us with so many wonderful people who constantly demonstrate the gift of servant hearts.

Highlights and Up Coming Events

- ◆ May 3rd we will be holding another Freedom USA event, if you have never participated it is a wonderful experience. If you would like to help a planning meeting will be held on April 12th at noon in Cobb lounge.
- ◆ Confirmation classes will begin soon, if interested please contact Bob Gillis.
- ◆ Check the Presby Post and the bulletins for more upcoming events.

Our Sunday School is in need of volunteers; please check your calendars and your hearts!

In His Service,
Tina