

April 2006

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Sunday Schedule

9:45am
Hymn Sing

10:00am
Worship

11:15am
Fellowship

11:30-12:30pm
Sunday School
for all ages



Birthdays This Month

April

- 1 Mary Johnson
- 2 Kendra Guttridge
- 4 Lynne Deshler
- 5 Gilbert Shibley
- 5 Robin Fisher
- 6 Ellen Ingamells
- 7 Judy Coyne
- 17 Rick Parfrey
- 18 Eileen Parfrey



Anniversary
April 25 Carol & Peter Sturman



Palm Sunday — April 1, 2007

Maundy Thursday — April 5, 2007

Good Friday — April 6, 2007

Easter Sunday — April 8, 2007



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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

There is a disadvantage to preaching from a single text through a whole liturgical season, as I did this Lent. The disadvantage is that, even more than with the different-text-each-week practice, depth-preaching reveals there is so much more to be said.

We've only just scratched the surface of the double-healing story of Jairus' daughter and the bloody woman. Ignoring all the other dimensions to Luke's story, we focused on healing. Spiritual, emotional, physical, relational. Our youth even did their part, sharing with us the Presbyterian understanding of miracles from The Presbyterian Handbook.

One important thing I discovered in concentrating on that one text, was that trouble does not have the final say. We can trust God to act like God. Isn't that great? Trouble does not have the final word in our lives because God is always God.

Beginning the Season of Easter

Which is a perfect beginning to Eastertide, the time between Resurrection Sunday and Pentecost. Each year, the purpose of Eastertide is to unpack implications of Christ's resurrection. This being the Luke year, we're blessed with that distinctive implication, the Church.

For Luke, the Church is the logical implication of the resurrection. Jesus' resurrection was not the end of his story, because the Church is literally The Body of Christ. Luke was so convinced of this, in fact, that he wrote his gospel in two volumes—Luke and Acts—with the crucifixion and resurrection in the middle of the story. We are "what happens next."

How to Be the Church

It's not a "personal faith" for Luke. He actually believes we need each other in order to be Christians. Volume II of his gospel, the Acts of the Apostles, portrays the community of Church as holding Christian faith in trust. Certainly the Church is the place where the world finds out about faith. Who else is going to pass on the word of God's redemptive work in Christ Jesus? We call that "evangelism." But it's more than hanging onto and passing out Right Theology and Tradition.

The Church holds faith in trust for individuals, as well. Truth be told, there are times when it's just too hard to believe. Where is a "loving" God when children die or suffer abuse? Where is a "loving" God when civil war continues on for decades? Where

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is a "loving" God when one of my loved ones is hurt? Thank God it doesn't depend on me to have faith. Church is the place where we remember God's loving.

That Thing That We Do

Periodically someone will tell me they can't pray a certain Prayer of Confession we've used in worship. My answer is always, "It isn't about you." When we confess on Sunday mornings, we aren't making a personal confession. Although sometimes what we say might actually apply to us. The corporate confession is always on behalf of the world.

The Words of Assurance that we hear each week are received both on our own behalf and that of the world. That's one reason why it's so important to be in worship on Sunday. We need to hear on a regular basis that we are forgiven. The Church helps us remember that. That's what it means to say "The Church holds faith in trust." We need each other to remember that. Left to our own devices, we are too prone to think "It all depends on me" or that "What I've done is not forgivable." We need each other to remember.

See you in church. *Eileen*

Easter Breakfast - Cooked for you

You are invited to come to breakfast at the Grange Hall between 8:30 - 9:30am on Easter morning.

But, here's the best part: You don't have to bring any food. Just come and enjoy yourself. Visit with old & new friends, bring someone with you or just bring the kids (all the kids).

And here's the only thing you will be asked to do besides eat: We need your help to clean up. It won't be very much work, the word is that the food will be served on throw-away plates and utensils. We still need to leave the Grange neat and clean though and store the tables.

Sound like fun? Springwater's Easter Breakfast is always worth attending!

For further details, contact Barbara MacKinnon.



Youth Activities



Easter Saturday: April 7th, Youth group will see "Lion, Witch & the Wardrobe"

April 28th, Saturday: Earth Day Celebration. Will do clean-up at Estacada Community Center.

Looking way ahead:

May 19th: Work together at the Oregon Food Bank (see below)

Save May 19th

We have the opportunity to help at the Food Bank from 9:00am - 12:00noon. We will meet at the church and leave at 8:00am. You may contact Jim Roden for more information.

Why You Should Care About Global Warming

As children of God, we are called to care for God's creation. That includes all the earth: the land and sea, the plants and creatures, and humans too. Consider this passage, taken from the National Council of Churches Eco-Justice Program, "As Psalm 24 states, "the Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." Humans do not own the Earth, but are called to care for it as a sacred trust. Global warming will hurt God's creation.

As God's people we are "our brothers' and sisters' keepers" and are to attend to the well-being of our neighbors. Global warming will hurt God's people.

God requires us "to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly..." Because we of the industrialized nations created the increase of greenhouse gases, and because global warming will affect the world's poorest communities with much more severity, we have a special responsibility to do something about it."

You might want to do something important in the fight against global warming. On April 14, people are rallying in hundreds of communities across the country to ask Congress to finally do something about bringing us into a clean energy future. This will be the first big nationwide rally against global warming. Bill McKibben, journalist and author on environmental issues, says these rallies are important because they will say to our elected officials everywhere that global warming is an issue we are serious about, and action is needed now.

Renate Jeppeson is attending a rally in downtown Portland at 1 PM on April 14th, after the gathering at church; speak to her if you would like to know more.

For more information, head to www.StepItUp2007.org and www.ncecojustice.org/index.htm .



Wedding Invitation



*Charlotte Rice and Bud Robinson
invite all of their Springwater friends to share
their happiness
by attending their wedding on
Saturday, April 28, 2007.
The celebration will begin at 2:00pm
at the Milwaukie Presbyterian Church
located at 2416 SE Lake Road,
Milwaukie, OR 97222*

A little history: Bud and his wife Marilyn served as agricultural missionaries with the Methodist Church and also spent a year in Japan where Marilyn was teaching. Bud lost Marilyn last year to cancer after a deeply happy marriage of 55 years. He and Charlotte were drawn together by common backgrounds and experiences, their long happy marriages and their faith.

Pastor Eileen will be participating in the marriage service. Please watch for an invitation on the bulletin board in the fellowship room and be sure to attend.

The Latest Word From Our Session

The Mission and Ministry of Springwater

Your Session asks you to join us in fellowship to review, discuss and pray for the Mission & Ministry of Springwater Church. We will meet at church on April 14th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Who should come?

- All who are called to worship at Springwater
- All who feel called to participate in, teach or lead Christian Education including parents of our children
- All who feel called to Member Care & Fellowship for our congregation
- All those who feel called to the charitable outreach ministries both local and global

We will gather together in loving community, infused and uplifted by the Grace of God, to discuss the life of the church we love.

See you all on April 14th!



Help Wanted: Save your church \$100!

Dedicate two hours of your time to clean the church. It only takes two hours and will save the church \$100 a month! Cleaning involves vacuuming, dusting, sweeping and cleaning the bathroom. Contact Renate Ryan-Jepesson right now to volunteer for this opportunity—503-637-6855.

New Adult Study Offered: The Cry of Creation, A Call for Climate Justice

So you think you should know more about global warming? Do you wonder why people of faith should care about climate change? What can we do about it, anyway? Attend this four week class and discover answers to these and many other questions about climate change. This class is tentatively scheduled for Sunday evenings 6:30 to 8:00 PM beginning April 15th and continuing for four weeks, times can be changed to meet the needs of participants. Please contact Renate Ryan-Jepesson or sign up in the fellowship hall if you would like to participate.

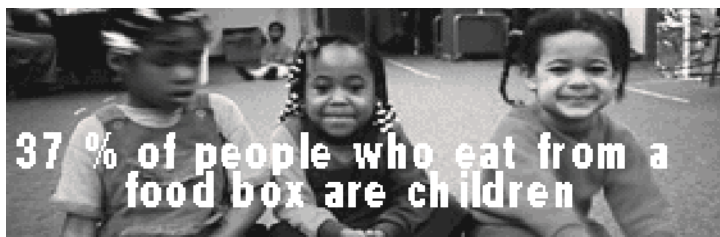


We Can Help!

Food donations are down. The more food we bring, the more people there are who can feed their children

Oregon Food Bank

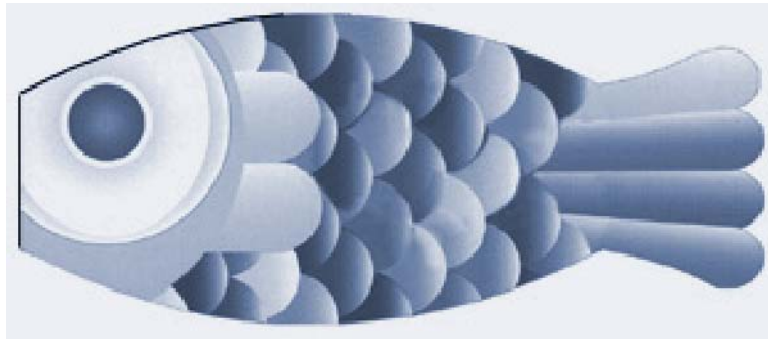
- Estimated number of people who ate meals from an emergency food box in an average month: 194,000
- Emergency meals served: 3.9 million
- The Oregon Food Bank network moved 57-million pounds of food.
- Average number of children who eat meals from an emergency food box each month: 72,000



Stories From OGHS

Cameroon Small Loans for Women's Businesses \$10,000

Similar to many African countries, Cameroonian women may not have much power in their society, but they are the cornerstone of the national economy. By providing small loans for the working poor, we enable women to help themselves. A loan of \$200 provides the necessary funds for a woman to rent a market stall and sell food—the income from which will feed her family nutritious food and provide for her children's schooling.



The season of Lent is the time of the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) campaign, complete with fish boxes, and updates on the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), one of the programs supported by OGHS.

During this Lenten season PDA has been active in Indonesia, as well as serving in the American southeast: the local Presbyterian church has served as shelter for the victims of the tornadoes in Lady Lake, FL, where two died and a church was destroyed; experienced pastoral counselors went to Enterprise, AL, after tornadoes hit that city and northern Georgia with several deaths; and PDA is an essential participant in the Presbytery of South Louisiana recovery plan for the greater New Orleans area, committed to restoring 350 home a year.

A gift to PDA allows people to restore their homes, and build lives beyond the restoration of their communities.

Thailand, Drug Rehabilitation Project \$15,000

Opium addiction is a long-standing problem amongst the hill tribe people in Thailand. Opium has been a primary cash crop and access to this highly addictive substance has caused many problems. Addictions are hard to break. Nevertheless, the Thai Tribal Narcotics Detoxification and Rehabilitation Project has proven—through its holistic approach--that rehabilitation of addicts is possible given adequate time and resources not only to break the addiction, but also to offer alternative employment or farming options. Something to celebrate: 97.5% of past rehab participants remain drug free!

One
great hour
of sharing.

Special offering collected on Easter Sunday

LECTIONARY READINGS



April 8 (RESURRECTION SUNDAY): Acts 10:34-43; Isaiah 65:17-25; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

April 15 (EVANGELISM): Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8, 8; John 20:19-31; Psalm 118:14-29

April 22 (EARTH DAY): Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19; Psalm 30

April 29 (ACTION): Acts 9:36-43; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30; Psalm 23



May 20th is "bring a friend" Sunday But don't wait for the 20th, do it every Sunday!

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