

Celebrating the Resurrection

Easter, the most important festival of the Christian Church, celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The Feast of Easter was well established by the second century, but controversy developed between the

Eastern and Western Churches over the proper day for its observance. In 325 the Council of Nicaea settled the dispute by deciding that Easter would be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon after

the vernal equinox, making it fall on variable dates each year between March 21 and April 25.

Still other pagan practices came to be associated with the feast of Easter. For example, sunrise services, while having some basis in the early dawn visit of the women to Jesus' tomb (Luke 24:1), were also part of traditional vernal equinox rites which welcomed the sun and its power to bring new life.

One wonders if the popular preoccupation with Easter as a time to celebrate hope for life after death also has its roots in ancient rites of spring. The New Testament clearly links hope for a general resurrection to Jesus' resurrection (I Corinthians 15, et al); however, the spring and rebirth symbols often used in churches at Easter may actually distort the meaning of resurrection. These symbols (e.g. butterflies) suggest natural cycles of life, death and rebirth. Resurrection in the New Testament sense is not natural. Rather, it is a radical action contravening nature for God's own purposes.

Although the resurrection theme of life after death is certainly valid, the larger significance of the resurrection is often ignored: that is, God raised Jesus from the dead to validate his ministry on earth - a ministry of healing, teaching, preaching and suffering on behalf of the poor and outcast that did not end on the cross. Through the resurrection that ministry became

the universal ministry for those who would follow Jesus. As Jesus said to the fearful unbelieving disciples on that first Easter, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

The commercialization of Easter makes it difficult to keep the real purpose of the resurrection celebration in perspective. In addition to the annual Easter clothes, card, flower and candy blitz, attempts by business interests to make Easter a "Second Christmas" have spawned an Easter oriented toy industry and a massive live-animal business selling millions of rabbits, baby chicks and ducks each year.

There is another significant level of concern with our Easter celebrations. Although many attempts have been made to link the Easter bunny and Easter egg traditions to the resurrection, those traditions actually divert attention away from celebrating the resurrection. "What happened on the third day?" asked the church school teacher to a group of preschoolers one Easter morning. "The Easter bunny brought eggs," was the immediate and unequivocal reply. As children grow and learn that the Easter bunny is a myth passed on to them as truth, they have less reason to believe what is taught them as truth about the resurrection.

(Source: www.simpleliving.org)



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We celebrate Easter on Sunday because it is the day of the week when Jesus rose from the dead. The Council's decision to time the celebration with the vernal equinox, however, suggests that the day replaced one or more pagan rebirth festivals observed at the time of the vernal equinox.

The derivation of the word "Easter" is not clear. The Venerable Bede, an early English historian (672-735), connected Easter to Eostre, an Anglo-Saxon spring goddess whose festival was cel-

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FROM THE RECTOR

A Spring Cleaning for the Soul

At this time of year, I am particularly reminded that Lent is a time for us to take a good long and hard look at our lives and our hearts. Just as this season's name comes from the Latin word for spring, Lent is a time for "spring cleaning," if you will excuse the pun. It is a time in our "calendar of faith" to look at who we are, who we have become and who we are called by God to be.

Brother Thomas Merino once said that, "Many poets are not poets, for the same reason that many religious people are not saints: they never succeeded in being themselves. Instead, they waste their years in vain efforts trying to become some other artist or some other saint. In short, they never really got around to becoming the particular poet or the particular monk that they were intended to be by God."

Or, to say it another way: when he came to his death bed Rabbi Michael's disciples gathered around him. "Tell us rabbi," they asked, "what has given you the most comfort and what has given you the most difficulty in this life?"

The dying Rabbi Michael smiled, slightly, and replied, "They are one and the same thing. The greatest comfort and the greatest difficulty comes from knowing when I die, the question I will be asked is not, "Why were you not more like Moses?", but rather, "Why were you not more like Rabbi Michael?"

Lent calls us to re-order our lives – to clear away all those things that clutter our hearts – to drive out everything that would distract us from God and God's love. For most of us, that may seem a daunting task. But,

I would also dare say that like Rabbi Michael, it can be the source of both our greatest challenge and our greatest comfort. For the way to holiness does not come by trying to be Moses or Jesus. The path to wholeness comes by being the people that God made us to be - blemished, gifted people - beloved of God.

During these closing days of Lent do a little "spring cleaning." Take the time to reflect on who you really are as a child of the One who loves us "warts and all." And, may the following meditative poem by Teilhard de Chardin help you remember that as you walk this journey in life, God walks it with you:

Above all
trust in the slow work of God.

We are, quite naturally,
impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the
intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being,
on the way to the unknown,
something new.

And so I think it is with you.
Your ideas mature gradually,
let them grow,
let them shape themselves
without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on
as though you could be today
what time
(that is to say, what grace
and circumstances
acting on your own good will)
will make you tomorrow.

Only God could say
what this new spirit,
gradually forming within you will be.
Give our Lord the benefit
of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety
of feeling yourself in
suspense and incomplete.

Trust in the slow work of God.

Faithfully Yours,
Daniel

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

During tax time, Ross Groover finds herself preparing other people's tax returns. One evening, a mother and daughter sat down on the other side of Ross' desk. This was clearly the daughter's first tax return, a bit of a rite of passage. Both women were warm and friendly and quite pleased when Ross announced a sizable refund.

Immediately after hearing the amount she was to receive, the daughter turned to her mother and asked, "Do I have to tithe on this?" Through a short discussion, in which Ross couldn't help but participate, the women agreed that, yes, she should tithe on this, and the topic returned to the details of the task at hand.

This moment — this fleeting conversation captured from strangers — comes to us as a gift. Clearly, this young woman had grown into the expectation that the first fruits of all of her earnings were due back to God. Before the car insurance, or the new shoes, or whatever else she had in mind for this sum, she was giving back to God that which God had shared with her. It was the automatic, first thought of a person moving into a new stage of financial responsibility.

Picture yourself there, across the desk from Ross. Would you have said the same? Would this be your automatic, first thought? Are you living into the expectation that some portion of that which God has given you is due back to God's work on Earth?

I was listening to a story about the Innocence Project on NPR. As we are all aware, there have been numerous convictions overturned based on DNA evidence. Innocent people who have been incarcerated for decades have been released.

The most interesting subplot for me concerns the woman who had the job of maintaining the files of evidence in Virginia. She did such a diligent job of cataloging these pieces of data, and as a result, that jurisdiction has a wealth of information that has led to five exonerations so far. What an unlikely way to become a hero, i.e., by carefully and thoroughly doing a rather menial job. Because she died in 1999, this hero is unaware of how her meticulous work has made such an impact on others.

I am also reminded of a black Navy man serving in WWII whose boat sank

off the shore of one of the maritime provinces of Canada. He was one of the few ship's survivors picked up by fishermen. The Canadian rescuers had never seen a black man before. He recalls hearing, as he was drifting in and out of consciousness, one of the women, who was cleaning off fuel residue from his body, talking about how she'd have to scrub harder to get him clean. To her surprise, she found that his blackness didn't succumb to her sponge.

It didn't occur to the rescuers to treat him as a second-class citizen, as he'd been treated in the U.S. They simply saw him as a person who needed their help. He reports that this was the first time in his life that he was treated with dignity by white people. This experience, which in a perfect world would be routine, changed his self

image. Because he began to believe in his own self worth, his horizons broadened. He earned an education when he returned to civilian life, which allowed him to have a stable career to support a family. He didn't forget to thank his rescuers and tell them what their interactions with him meant in his life.

All of us have mundane or seemingly trivial tasks in our daily lives. Of course, if we knew that accomplishing them would have such a grand impact, our motivation would be phenomenal. Most of the time we will never know if and how our actions positively affect others. However, as the story that Dan has told us a couple of times about the monks who are told that "Jesus is among us," these stories speak to me of people acting as if they were interacting with Jesus in their daily activity.

BRIEFLY

Sexton Injured

Our Sexton, Bob Smith, injured his knee recently and will be on medical leave until further notice. In the meantime, please call the church office with any requests for building issues or needs. And, pray for Bob.

That's a Lot of Pancakes!

Chapel Day teachers and Board fed more than 90 people at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and donated \$215 to Christ Church. Our thanks to the parish for supporting the supper and enjoying our pancakes. Chapel Day is currently enrolling 3- and 4-year-olds for the 2006-07 school year. Tell your friends and neighbors with young children! For more information about our programs, please call 313.438.2833.

Service Opportunities

We're looking for people to serve as wedding consultant and United Thank Offering Chairperson. Jo Reiner is eager to find someone who can assist her or take over the reins in helping bridal parties on their wedding day. "I've really enjoyed serving in this way, but I'm ready to let others serve in my place," she said. We're also in need of a chairperson for the UTO. If you're interested in either role, please call the church office.

Thanks to our Teachers!

A group of six parishioners who work with our youth participated in the March 11 "Safeguarding God's Children" training at St. John's in Plymouth. The Diocese requires that

all people working with children attend this training. Those who attended remarked that the training was very beneficial and that the time was well spent. We thank you for continuing to give your time to care for the youth in our parish. The next training session will be June 10 at St. Stephen's in Wyandotte, from 9am to 1pm. Please contact Monica McLeod at 313.581.6268 or monicamcleod@yahoo.com to register.

Bookmark Contest Gets Underway

Have you made your mark yet? Your bookmark, that is, for our Summer Reading Adventure Bookmark Contest? The program will track our readers' journeys around the world this summer, and with 6,000 books in our library to choose from, we anticipate some wonderfully exciting journeys. All bookmark designs must include the number "6,000" and the winning bookmark will be ready for all at the program kickoff on Sunday, June 4. Pick up your entry blank in the library.

Cruise Supports Trinity Soup Kitchen

Come enjoy the Sixth Annual Gordon Bugby Boat Cruise fundraiser for Trinity Soup Kitchen on Saturday, May 20, from 6-8:00pm. The cruise will be on the Diamond Belle and will board from Bishop Park Public Tour Dock in Wyandotte. There will be a buffet dinner, music by a Christian band and door prizes. Tickets are \$22/person and must be purchased in advance by cash or check made payable to Trinity Soup Kitchen. Order yours from Susan Ward, 313.791-0483, or Rick Aussicker, 734-285-6052 (please call before 9:00pm). No refunds, as the boat will sail rain or shine!

JOIN US

Speaking of Suicide with Adults and Children

Tuesday, April 4, 6:30PM

Rose Kormann, therapist at Dearborn Pastoral Counseling Center, will be at Christ Church on Tuesday, April 4, at 6:30pm to give us the opportunity to express our feelings at the loss of a loved one through suicide and to discuss how to speak to our children about it. The session is designed for those 16 years old and up and will last about one-and-a-half to two hours. Grief counselors and representatives from Suicide Support Groups will also be on hand should any follow-up sessions be necessary. Child care will be provided.

Palm Cross Making

Saturday, April 8, 9:30AM

The Altar Guild, and anyone who wants to help, will craft more than 300 palm crosses for distribution on Palm Sunday. Bring scissors, a sharp knife and a cutting board. An Altar Guild meeting will be conducted before the craft session at 9:00am. Please bring your membership dues and schedules.

Easter Sunday Refreshments

Sunday, April 16, 11:30AM

Bring a breakfast entree or side dish to share at the Easter Sunday Coffee Hour after the 10am service.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 16, 11:30AM

Annual children's hunt for candy-filled eggs hidden on the church lawn. Bring a basket and join in the search.

FAMILY INTEREST

Baptism at Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 15 —

Preparation Class: 10am-12pm;

Baptism: 7PM

The Baptism Preparation Class is designed for parents and godparents of the children being presented for Baptism during the Great Vigil of Easter service. Call the church office no later than Monday, April 10, if you're interested.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Soup Supper at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Wednesday, April 5, 6:15PM

Your last chance to enjoy the hospitality and fellowship offered to Christ Church during Lent. Lenten meal at 6:15pm and a meditative version of Evensong at 7:00pm.

Breakfast Bunch

Sundays, 9AM

Meets after the 8:00am service at Leon's Restaurant in Dearborn.

St. Mary's of Bethany Prayer Group

Tuesdays, 10AM

Intercessory prayer offered for the needs of those on our current and sustaining prayer lists. All welcome.

The Adult Forums

Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM

Apr. 2 Beyond Conflict, Part III (Toc Dunlap)

Apr. 9 Get to Know Your Fellow Parishioners at this Extended Coffee Hour

Apr. 16 Easter, no Forum

Apr. 23 "Global Warming" with Orin Gelderloos, of U-M Environmental Center, on being good stewards of the planet in honor of Earth Day.

Apr. 30 "Huh?!" A Bible Study (Todd Kappauf)

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Prayer Room

Sundays, 10:05AM

Worship activities for children 3-7 years.

Church School

Sundays, 11:30AM

During Lent, Church School students learn about hunger, animals, land, environment and the needs of people around the world through The Heifer International Project's "Animal Crackers" curriculum. For ages preschool to 9.

Journey to Adulthood

Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM

Coordinators: Jerry Behm & Monica McLeod.

Rite 13

For youth ages 11-13. Contacts: Erika Morrison, 313.791.2709 and John Porter, 313.354.3169.

J2A

For youth ages 14-16. Contacts: Susan Gregg and Dale Taylor, 313.277.1975.

MEETINGS

St. Martha's Guild

Tuesday, April 11, 12:00PM

Registered Dietician, Damien Buchkowski presents some of the keys to a healthy lifestyle. Learn how to prepare healthy meals for one or two, how to make healthy choices in restaurants, healthy snack ideas and the importance of fiber in our diets. Don't miss this educational opportunity. Bring a sandwich and we'll provide fresh fruit, dessert and beverages. Hostesses are Angie Keller and June Anderson.

Not Necessarily Religious

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, May 3, 7:30PM

Group Contact: Kevin Green, 313.792.9839.

LOOKING AHEAD

Music Theater Day Camp

June 19-23, 10AM to 2PM

Week-long camp for children and youth that will culminate in the presentation of *Once Upon a Parable* by Allen Pote and Tom Long, a musical based on the parables of Jesus. Participants will receive coaching in drama and singing; some will also dance or play instruments or may help with set design and construction, props, costuming, lighting and sound reinforcement. Offered by St. Paul Lutheran Church; \$45 per person. Registration forms available in our church office.

Summer Arts Camp

June 26-30

A week of fun-filled opportunities for children and youth, including music, art, dance, recreational activities and a special field trip on Friday. See Sean Jackman or Tess Dowgiallo for more information.

"Regarding the debate about faith and works: It's like asking which blade in a pair of scissors is most important."

C. S. Lewis

Prelude and Postlude: *Bookends to Worship*

Each Sunday our 10:00am worship begins and ends with music. The Prelude serves as a transition from the outside world to worship and hopefully provides a chance for us to collect ourselves and put away the distractions of our everyday lives. The Postlude is meant to be uplifting and to inspire us as we go back into the world to do Christ's work.



When choosing the pieces for these parts of our service, Jung Yoo, our organist, considers the church

season we're in, the themes for the day and the hymns the congregation will sing that day.

During the Prelude, most service participants sit quietly to listen to the music. But there can be differing views on what is an appropriate response to the Postlude. Some people prefer to remain seated and listen, while others like to get up and talk with friends. Is one right and the other wrong?

The answer is probably a matter of preference. However, congregations that sit and listen to the postlude, have discovered the impact it can have on participants. By using this time to meditate on the scriptures and sermon and to prepare for their return to the outside world, they have experienced a meaningful end to the worship service.

We urge you to try this for a while and experience the many positive reasons to "listen to the postlude." And if you find you really must leave, please do so quietly out of respect for both those listening and the music.

WEEK OF APRIL 2

Acolytes A Joens, J Swiecicki, E Hines, M Swiecicki
Ushers (8am) T Foster
 (10am) Team 4 – J Groover, D Piernick, L Leduc, D Young
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) N Lehnert
 (10am) N Lehnert, youth, M A Zawada, M Amis
Altar Guild S McCullen, K Green, B Caldwell, J Shaw
LEVs S Mulkern, A Angel
VPOD K Green
Sunday Readings: The 5th Sunday in Lent
 Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:11-16;
 Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

WEEK OF APRIL 9

Acolytes A Behm, A Piernick, T LeDuc, B Green
Ushers (8am) R Peterson
 (10am) Team 5 – Brim, Mills, Searles
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) D Petts
 (10am) M McLeod, D Brehob, D Cardwell
Altar Guild K Hipp, D Hipp, J Reiner
VPOD S Quaint
Sunday Readings: Palm Sunday
 Isaiah 45:21-25; Psalm 22:1-11;
 Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

Ushers Team 1 – Baker, Garris
Lector/L.E.M. B Hofmann, R Groover, A Johnson
Altar Guild C Goss, L Pedler, G Morrison
VPOD R Groover
Readings: Exodus 12:1-14a; Psalm 78:14-20,23-25;
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Ushers Team 2 – Ludwig, Sallman, D Leduc
Lector/L.E.M. D Petts, M Farquharson
VPOD D Brehob
Readings: Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 22:1-21;
 Hebrews 10:1-25; John (18:1-40)19:1-37

EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 15

Acolytes J Pellegrino, E Sallman
Lector/L.E.M. K Green, B Simpson,

Lector/L.E.M. (cont'd)

VPOD M Sallman, M A Zawada
 B Simpson

Readings: To be announced

WEEK OF APRIL 16

Acolytes (8am) A Green, B Green, E Brehob, C Kappauf
 (10am) S Matthews, L Culp, J Groover, T LeDuc
Ushers (8am) J Pedler
 (10am) Team 3 – M Piernick, Prokopp, Kedzo
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) T Dunlap, M Amis, D Cardwell
 (10am) B Hofmann, E Simpson, D Brehob
Altar Guild I Behm, K Green, A Green
VPOD S Mulkern, M Amis
Sunday Readings: Easter Day
 Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:14-29;
 Colossians 3:1-4; Mark 16:1-8

WEEK OF APRIL 23

Acolytes T Morrison, B Games, E Brehob
 E Sallman
Ushers (8am) G Borgeson
 (10am) Team 4 – J Groover, D Piernick,
 L Leduc, D Young
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) B Hofmann
 (10am) M Farquharson, R Groover, A Johnson
Altar Guild E Boyar, L Conklin, C Goss
LEVs C Goss, A Johnson, B Hall, M Shelton
VPOD S Cookman

Readings: The 2nd Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 26:2-9,19; Psalm 118:19-24;
 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

WEEK OF APRIL 30

Acolytes A Behm, C Bell, J Pellegrino, M Swiecick
 (8am) K Goss
Ushers (10am) Team 5 – Brim, Mills, Searles
 (8am) B Simpson
Lector/L.E.M. (10am) youth, B Hall, M Sallman
 K Hipp, D Hipp, L Pedler
Altar Guild J Anderson, M Pellegrino
LEVs A Johnson
VPOD
Readings: The 3rd Sunday of Easter
 Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 98:1-5; 1 John 1:1-2:2; Luke 24:36b-48

CONGREGATION 2 CONGREGATION

Journey of Faith Church

By Mark Jenkins

Last month in this space, I wrote about how I am often greeted with misplaced sympathy when I describe how we are selling our building. This month, I am pleased to report that when I met with the Standing Committee of the Diocese on March 14, there were no uncomprehending looks! As I described what we're trying to accomplish at Journey of Faith, the clergy and laity at the table got it! And not only did they get it, but they voted unanimously to approve the sale of our building. At this point, there are still a number of details to be seen to, but we are hoping to be able to close on the sale toward the end of April.

I will admit that the Standing Committee surprised me a little. All too often, it seems that our leadership doesn't quite understand what's going on in our congregations and in our world. We play what my parents used to call the "ain't it awful" game. We look at the way things are and we sit around saying "ain't it awful" that things are like this. We look at the post-Christian world in which we live and we say, "ain't it awful that people don't go to church anymore... don't

like the old hymns anymore... don't know the Lord's Prayer anymore... don't (insert frustration here) anymore..." Given such attitudes, it's little wonder that I've often heard that the Episcopalian approach to evangelism is to "get all dressed up and wait."

What's needed is leadership and congregations that are willing to stop wishing things were different and accept the way things are. And maybe, on occasion, even to celebrate the way things are. Frankly, I really love many of the new friends that I am making in the Interfaith Community of Dearborn (Thanks, Dan!). I celebrate the diversity of this community and think it is God's joy to see Muslims and Christians working side by side.

At the same time, I'm not suggesting that we stop trying to make a difference, but I am suggesting that we see that the place to start is by meeting people where they are, not where we wish they were. After all, isn't that what Jesus did? Didn't he meet people where they were? Doesn't he meet us where we are? This, I pray, is what we're trying to do at Journey of Faith and at Christ Church: taking the church to the people, instead of waiting for them to come to us.

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ETCETERA

In our Mailbox...

"Daniel hand-delivered to me this week [February 17] the check that includes your gifts the purse, I believe you call it. I am overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you so very much. I think of you all so fondly. Know that you are always in my prayers."

Sincerely, Margaret Haas

"Many thanks for your gift of \$750 and your continued support for the programs of the Whitaker School of Theology. Your assistance increases our ability to continue with our mission of educating, equipping and empowering our students to become lay and ordained leaders in the church and in the local communities. The generosity of the people of Christ Church is greatly appreciated."

Denise Crenshaw, Dean

"Thanks so much for your generous support of The Record. Your recent gift of \$350 is helping our newspaper remain a valued instrument of unity, community and information that is vital to the success of the Diocese of Michigan and its congregations."

Gerry Brisson, Chair,
The Record Editorial Board

Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Saturday, April 1**, so move your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before going to bed the night before.

FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of February 28, 2006

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$57,639	\$60,773
Other	\$2,196	\$1,820
Total Operating Income	\$59,835	\$62,593
Less Operating Expenses	\$71,386	\$71,273
Surplus / Deficit	\$(11,551)	\$(8,680)

Altar Flowers

Honor your loved ones at Easter by purchasing altar flowers in their memory. Just call the church office by April 12 and drop off or mail your check for \$20 made payable to Christ Church Altar Guild. You must call even if you've had a standing order in years past.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

20th Annual NCCJ Symposium & Interfaith National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 4

Symposium, 8AM-12PM; Day of Prayer, 12PM

Both events to be held at Wayne State University.

More information to come.

Courier Article Submissions

You may email articles for the *Courier* directly to JoAnn Amicangelo at joamicangelo@wideopenwest.com.
Articles for the May Courier will be due April 17.

PASSAGES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/01 Anna Behm, Emma Sawicki, Erika Morrison
4/03 Laura Brydges
4/04 Peter Kenney
4/05 Theodore Oelkers
4/06 William Behm, Toc Dunlap, Mary Jo Durivage
4/07 John Culp, Edwina Simpson
4/10 Paige Turmel
4/11 Heather Giberson, Emerson Percy
4/12 Daniel Angel, Carol Ward
4/13 Jean Oelkers, Joe VanDerZanden

4/14 Olga Most, Richard Polcyn
4/15 Virginia Ebling, Elsie Forbes, Elaine Passage, George Turmel
4/18 Eric Lowery
4/19 Julia Garris, Andrew Poceta
4/20 Carl Gray, Renee Kish, Benjamin Ward
4/21 Hardy Shelton, Jamie Konarski
4/22 Mary December, Robin Kedzo
4/23 Griffin Giberson, Alan Kurth, Richard Markowski
4/24 Jack Audi, David Leduc, Daniel Stanis, Katie Hayburn

4/28 Gary Gauthier, Ronald Juergens, Richard Konarski
4/29 George Borgeson, Mike Hipp,
4/30 Jeffrey Wojtowicz

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4/06 Paulsen Vandeventer & Caroline Serfass, 12 years
4/27 Gary & Catherine Gauthier, 29 years

DEATHS

Melissa Quaint, 2-21-06

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Palm Sunday, April 9, 8:00 & 10:00am
~ Blessing of the Palms and Passion Reading

Monday & Tuesday in Holy Week,
April 10 & 11, 5:30pm ~ Holy Eucharist

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 12,
8:00pm ~ Tenebrae Service in Chapel

Maundy Thursday, April 13
7:30pm ~ Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of Altar
9:00m ~ Prayer Vigil begins in the Chapel and continues through Good Friday, April 14 at 12:00pm (Sign up for one-hour time slots.)

Good Friday, April 14
12:00pm-3:00pm ~ Contemplating the Cross: Silent Meditation
7:30pm ~ Service with Solemn Prayer and Collects*

Great Vigil of Easter with Baptism, Saturday, April 15, 7:00pm*

Easter Sunday, April 16, 8:00am & 10:00am* ~ Festival Eucharist in the Church. Potluck Coffee Hour and Easter Egg Hunt following 10:00am service.

*Childcare provided.

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