

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir Practice	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday Cents-A-Bility & Yokefellow Offering	6	7 Circle 1	8 BCM Study @ Good Life Café Choir Practice	9 Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Communion; MT Journey w/Christ (April 9-10)	10 Church Office Closed	11 Children's Easter Celebration; Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil
12 Resurrection of Our Lord; One Great Hour of Sharing; Flower the Cross	13 Church Office Closed	14	15 Choir Practice	16	17	18
19 Session Mtg./ Confirmand Examination	20 Newsletter Articles Due CE Meeting	21	22 BCM Study @ Good Life Café Choir Practice	23	24	25 After Prom Breakfast
26 Confirmation Sunday/ Covered Dish Lunch; Beacon Movie Night	27	28	29 Choir Practice	30		

Holy Week & Easter

Maundy Thursday Worship Service with Communion

If you had been one of the 12 disciples, what would have been on your mind during that Passover meal? Would you have understood what Jesus was telling you about his sacrifice? Or would you have been caught up in your own world? On **Thursday, April 9th**, we will experience Christ's last meal through the eyes of those closest to him. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Koinonia Room.

Maundy Thursday "All Night Journey with Christ"

Have you ever wondered what Christ's last hours were like on earth? On Maundy Thursday (April 9 & 10), we will spend the night traveling with Christ as we get a glimpse into his final hours on earth.

Our journey will begin at **11:30 p.m. in the Lighthouse. The journey is open to anyone 11 and older in the congregation.** The sign-up sheet is located in the upstairs foyer. Please see Shasta if you have questions.



Children's Easter Celebration

KIDS - Mark your calendars! On **Saturday, April 11th**, the Beacons invite you to an Easter party from 3:00-5:00 p.m. We will hear Easter stories and talk about the true meaning of Easter. We'll make Easter crafts, have refreshments and finish up with an Easter Egg hunt. So...bring Mom, Dad and your basket and come have fun with the Beacons as we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Sign up on the board in the upstairs foyer if you plan to attend.**

Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil

Beginning **Saturday night, April 11th**, at 9:00 p.m., we will "keep watch" in the Sanctuary as we await ***Sonrise*** and the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This will be a special time of prayer and meditation as we prepare for Easter Sunday. Groups or individuals may sign up for a time slot to keep watch. Members who have participated in this event before have said it is a wonderful and moving experience. Join us and see for yourself this year. **Sign up sheet is located in the upstairs foyer.**

Flowering the Cross

Remember to bring fresh Spring flowers with you to worship on **Easter Sunday, April 12th**, to help us flower the cross. **Remember - our Easter Sunday worship service begins at 10:00 a.m.!**



Three R's" **Highlights of the Green Team**

"Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."

1 Corinthians 4:1

In February, the Green Team entered FPC in the Regeneration Project's "Cool Congregations" Carbon Footprint reduction contest (see: www.coolcongregations.com)

In doing so, we calculated our church's carbon footprint for the preceding 12 months based on our energy use, our trash waste and all the other activities that influence the amount of carbon released to the atmosphere.

The result: 95,000 pounds of carbon.

To put it in perspective, it would take about 1800 acres of land to consume this amount of carbon, which is a little more than half the size of Pilot Mount State Park. What's more, approximately 13 developing world congregations could be supported on our congregation's energy use last year.

The purpose of this contest is to challenge the faith community in reducing their impact on the environment and is offering a cash prize (up to \$10,000) to the congregation(s) that is/are able to lower their impact the most. Regardless of this potential prize, FPC's dedication to serve as stewards of God's mysteries provides us the necessary motivation to do our best in lowering our carbon footprint and its impact on the environment. Over the coming months, the Green Team will be leading church-wide efforts in this endeavor, focusing primarily on our energy consumption and waste production. If you are interested in helping the Green Team with this mission please contact us at fpc-green-team@googlegroups.com.



APRIL 2009 SERMONS

Sign up for the sermon email list! Go to <http://themayberrypreacher.com> and enter your email address to receive Steve's sermons each week via email. Or visit www.fpcma.com and download them in pdf format. You can also listen to the worship services in their entirety.

April 5 - Palm Sunday
In The Wilderness: Homecoming Leads to Gethsemane
Mark 11: 1-11; 14: 32-42

April 12 - Easter Sunday
When The Wilderness Leads Us Home
John 20: 19-31


April 19
Witnesses Of These Things
Luke 24: 36b-48

April 26 - Confirmation Sunday
When God Sends A Letter
Romans 5: 1-8

Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!

It's springtime and you know what that means—time for Get Ready! Get Set! Worship! This is a program designed for Kindergarten & 1st graders to learn about our worship service and why we do what we do in church. It is recommended that children participate in this class two years in a row, as each year is a little different. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 5:00-6:00 May 6-27. If you'd like for your child to attend, please sign up on the CE bulletin board in the upstairs foyer.

Anniversaries

 **April 5**
Bud & Mary Kilby

 **April 16**
Chip & Wendy Carriker

April 8
Bob & Terri Keck

April 22
Grey & Ilene Boyles

April 9
Sean & Amy Sparks

April 24
Rabb & Mary Taylor

April 10
Felton & Joan Godwin

April 30
Eric & Christie Warren