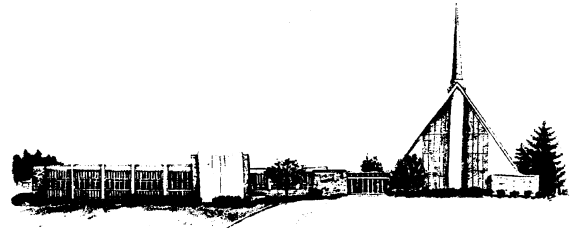


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Our Lenten Journey

As you read this, we are right in the middle of Lent, the period of time in our Christian calendar between Epiphany and Easter. Lent is a season of turning. It begins as a turning away from sin. The ashes we wore on Ash Wednesday are a sign of repentance, a sign that we are turning away from self-directed lives. The prayers of confession that are part of our weekly worship are a reminder that repentance is not a one-time event, but an ongoing activity. What is God calling you to turn away from this Lent?

There is another turning woven into our Lenten journey: turning toward God. In his image of a house swept clean but left empty in Matthew 12, Jesus reminds us that there's no such thing as a spiritual vacuum. We fast during Lent not to be empty, but to make room for the fullness of the God who fills everything in every way (Ephesians 1:23). One of the most encouraging things about Lent to me is the idea that Jesus fiercely desires for us to be with him. When the apostles were first chosen, their primary calling was to be with Jesus (Mark 3:13). That's still God's first claim on your life: to be with Jesus. Even in the solitude of the desert, Jesus was not alone. And even in adversity and suffering, as we walk the road of Lent, we are not alone. The same Spirit who led Jesus into and through the wilderness is leading us as well. We share in Jesus' suffering as we look ahead to sharing in his glory (Romans 8:17). It may be taking five minutes to read the First Church Lenten devotional. It might be programming a radio station for your commute that plays worship songs. It might mean serving neighbors who are hungry or homeless. How is Jesus calling you to turn toward him during Lent?

As we engage fully in this season of repentance, this time of turning, discover this secret, in the words of C.S. Lewis in his classic *The Screwtape Letters*:
"[God]'s a hedonist at heart. All those fasts and vigils and stakes and crosses are only a façade. Or only like foam on the sea shore. Out at sea, out in [God's] sea, there is pleasure, and more pleasure. He makes no secret of it; at His right hand are 'pleasures for evermore'. [God is]

vulgar [and] has a bourgeois mind. He has filled His world full of pleasures. There are things for humans to do all day long without His minding in the least - sleeping, washing, eating, drinking, making love, playing, praying, working."

Remember this secret, my sisters and brothers, as we go through this season of turning, of emptying ourselves in order to be filled to overflowing.

Peace,
Pastor Michael

One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday, March 14, 2010

Each year, the United Methodist Church sets aside six Sundays for special emphasis and a collection to support specific ministries. One Great Hour of Sharing is the second of the six church-wide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. One Great Hour of Sharing enables the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to live out its mission to alleviate human suffering. UMCOR responds to natural or human made disasters - those interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. One Great Hour of Sharing is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent each year.

UMCOR is humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church. One Great Hour of Sharing gifts underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business," which means every penny of every gift you make to a specific UMCOR project will be spent on that project - not on home office administrative costs.

Offering gifts over and above those used to cover administrative costs are channeled where they're most needed.

UMCOR receives no World Service funds or any other apportionments. Your gifts mean we're right there with hard-working families, people affected by storms or war, disaster or disease. Self-sufficiency is the goal.

There will be envelopes in the bulletins on Sunday, March 14. Please make checks payable to First United Methodist

Church and put OGHS in the memo line. Please give generously.

Revival Coming March 24 - 27, 2010



We will be having revival services here at First Church in March! In response to prayers and interest from many of our members, we will have a four-day revival March 24-27. Each of these four nights, we will have a wonderful time of worship, music and preaching beginning each evening at 7 p.m. in our sanctuary.

As our preachers for the week, we will welcome on Wednesday evening Rev. Cecil Begbie, from Cape Town, South Africa. On Thursday evening, the Rev. Kay Albury, pastor of Asbury Town Neck United Methodist Church in Severna Park, will challenge us, and the choir from Asbury Town Neck United Methodist Church will inspire us. On Friday evening, our focus will be on our youth and young adults, and Minister Jerome Jones from Brooks United Methodist Church in Saint Leonard will be our evangelist. Minister Jones will also be bringing liturgical dancers and mime troupe to minister God's word to us through movement.

On Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Rev. Begbie will be leading a seminar on "Evangelism and the Healing Ministry." In addition to learning how to share our faith, we will also examine how to pray for healing in our own and others' lives. Saturday evening we will again be challenged by Rev. Begbie's preaching. Plan now on attending every service and begin to plan who you will bring with you. Pray for God to pour out revival on us, so that our community will be blessed through us.

Daylight Savings Time

March 14, 2010



PATH Ministry

The PATH Workshop on March 27 will be invited to an Evangelism workshop that will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. as part of the four day revival that will be held from March 24 through March 27. The work that is done by PATH Ministers is evangelistic in nature and it is important to be part of this workshop. We will hear about Rev Begbie's evangelism and I am sure there is a lot for us to learn. More information is on page 1.

Clothing Distribution Program

Thank you for your generosity in bringing in the clothes and shoes for the homeless. Please keep them coming. What we are asking for is new or used clothing and gently worn boots for the homeless. First Church wants to help our community and we need your help. If you have any clothing items that you would like to donate can you please bring it to the church. We all love the feeling of buying new clothes from the store, so if possible can we please have them washed and folded, so they are like brand new when we take them to our brothers and sisters in the shelters and streets of DC? (But if you are unable to wash and fold them, please still bring them as they are, and we will wash and fold them.)

And while we are giving out clothes why not also spread the word of God? Let's spread the good news to those who may not be able to make it to church to hear it, or have no means to buy a Bible. So do you have a Bible, new or used, that you would love to donate? Please bring those to the church so we can spread the word to our brothers and sisters.

During our visits to the shelters and the streets, our brothers and sisters have told us of some other needs that you can help with. Specific items that were requested: flip flops (adult sizes), feminine products, deodorant, toilet paper rolls, long johns, sweat pants and sweatshirts (men's & women's sizes), tube socks, blankets, personal size shampoo, mouth-wash, body wash, zip lock bags (big enough to make individual toiletry bags).

Thanks in advance for all your donations as we serve the Lord by being servant to others.

Sharon Milton

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed to serve at either of the Sunday morning services. If you feel called to this ministry of hospitality, please contact the church office, 301-927-6133.

New Member Classes Held on Second Sunday

New member sessions will be held after both services on the second Sunday of each month starting on March 14. The participants will join on March 28. The New Member Team is working on the handbook that will guide new members into the church family at First United Methodist Church. The sessions will include responsibilities for both the participants and the church and will also include talks from our leaders. It is the intention of the plan to lead new family members into a relationship of a disciple. Please let all who wish to join know about the sessions being held after whatever service they attend.

Acolytes Needed

Children ages eight and older are needed to serve as acolytes at either Sunday morning service; but are especially needed at the 8:30 a.m. service. Acolytes light the candles, carry the cross and assist with the offering. Call Virginia Stinson-Brown, 202-494-9023, if interested.

HIV/AIDS Ministry

The HIV/AIDS Ministry kicked off its new year in ministry, advocacy, education and healing with its first meeting of the year held on January 16. We are rededicating ourselves to service, in support of those impacted by HIV/AIDS, by both serving as a certified testing site and providing ongoing education, awareness and healing. Coming the week of March 7-13, we will be inviting the First Church congregation to join with us in observing the National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS. Watch the bulletin for more information.

We are always looking for new members to the ministry and hope that you will join us at our next meeting on the third Saturday of the month.

Thank you to the congregation for your continued support of the ministry.

AIDS Awareness Ministry Team

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Worship Services
Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Caller copy deadline: 15th of December (for January-February), February (for March-April), April (for May-June), June (for July-August), August (for September-October) & October (for November-December).

Senior Ministry Luncheons Set Through June



The Senior Ministry Team has planned luncheon programs through June. On March 17 we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the program will feature a health talk around memory. On April 21 we will celebrate Women in the Bible and have a salad lunch.

On May 19 we will meet at 11:30 a.m. for a performance by The New Dimension Singers and our lunch will be special sandwiches and salads. We are hoping Rachel Harding will be with us on June 16 for a special performance and our picnic. All these activities start at noon except May when we will start at 11:30 a.m.

Order Easter Lilies Now



Flowers indicate festivity and those used in the church, especially on Easter, speak specifically of the resurrection. While the order has been placed for other Easter flowers, there is still time to order lilies. Each lily will cost \$9. The flowers will be placed around the sanctuary for Easter services, after which families who have purchased a plant may take it home. For those who do not wish to take their flowers home, arrangements will be made to take it to a shut-in or a nursing home.

Easter is April 4 and if you would like to place a lily in honor or memory of someone, please contact the church office. You will be issued a number for each plant you purchase. The number must be presented to a member of the Altar Guild when picking up the flower. Checks for Easter lilies should be made payable to "First United Methodist Church" and marked "Easter Lily." **Please place your order by Sunday, March 28.**

"Celebrating Our Heritage" Saturday, April 17, 2010

The African-American Methodist Heritage Center and First United Methodist Church are sponsoring an evening with Barbara Talley, noted author, poet and inspirational speaker, and retired Bishop Forrest Stith, Director of the Heritage Center, Saturday, April 17, from 6:30-9 p.m., in fellowship hall. Bishop Stith and Pastor Joan will also speak. The theme is "Celebrating Our Heritage." The evening includes a catered Caribbean meal and music by Cultural Academy for Excellence Steel Pans. There is no charge but an offering will be taken for the African-American Methodist Heritage Center.

Call the church office, 301-927-6133, to make a reservation.

Opportunity to Be Part of Trip To Turkey and the Holy Land

Come travel to the Holy Land and Turkey with Pastors Joan & David Carter-Rimbach and fellow First Church family members this year. See and walk through the cities of the journeys of St. Paul and visit featured places in the first chapter of Revelation. Then travel to the Holy Land to Galilee and the site of the Sermon on the Mount. See Jerusalem and walk the Via Dolorosa; pray on the Mount of Olives; enter the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and see Shepherds Field.

Each place holds special meaning to renew our acquaintance with the sources of our faith. There will be time to pause and meditate and reclaim its truth for our lives today. This is a spiritual journey of 13 days of biblical discovery - a tour to stir hearts, renew faith and rediscover God's word acting in the New Testament. This tour will be 13 days/11 nights from October 28 through November 9, 2010. Departure will be from Dulles Airport for just \$3,298. Ground price is only \$2,798. The total cost of this trip includes: air travel, meals, hotel accommodations, sightseeing itinerary, entrance fees to sites and museums, taxes and tips. For more information, contact Imo Degbo, 240-475-8063 or Imodegbo@mris.com, or call the church office, 301-927-6133. Brochures are available at the church.

Shalom School Welcomes New Staff Member

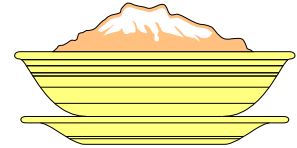
Shalom School is pleased to report that we have hired a children's choir teacher, Roosevelt Smith, who began teaching in February. Mr. Smith is the organist/pianist at Mentrotone Baptist Church, the organist/pianist, choir director for the Gospel Choir and Men's Chorus at Riverside Baptist Church, and the pianist/organist, voice coach, and piano instructor with Prince George's County Parks and Recreation. We are all very excited and honored to welcome Mr. Smith as a part of our performing arts team. He will bring a great spirit to our collective endeavors and we look forward to performing with him.

**Susan Halperin, Director
Shalom School for the Arts**

Easter Basket Project for Vets

Once again we are joining other Hyattsville churches to gather in small Easter gifts for the amputee ward and their visiting families at Walter Reed Army Hospital. A couple from Lewisdale efficiently heads this project. Kara and Carrie Hibler and Winnie Thorne helped with the gift distribution at Christmas. Anyone wishing to accompany the gifts in late March should contact Missions. The first of March there will be a decorated box in the narthex to receive the following gifts: Bibles or New Testaments, wrapped candy, hollow plastic eggs, artificial grass and Easter cards signed by you. Thank you.

Lyn and Bob Doyle, Missions Team



Help-by-Phone

Help by Phone is a ministry to people in need in Prince George's County. There are a number of food pantries throughout the county where people can come to get help. Many churches and other organizations help to stock these pantries through food donations.

For March and April we need you to choose from the following list: apple-sauce, baby foods, beef stew, cocoa, coffee, cold cereals, dry milk, fruit, grits, "jello," jelly, macaroni & cheese, oatmeal, pancake mix, pancake syrup, pasta, peanut butter, pork & beans, pudding, rice, spaghetti, tea, tuna, vegetables.

All foods must be canned or dried and in sealed containers to meet health department requirements. They should be brought to the church and placed in the Help by Phone box.

First Church Family in the News

Often we see the members of our First Church family only on Sunday mornings or only in the church building and do not know how they are involved in the community. "First Church Family in the News" tries to do that. We will give you information that appeared in newspapers, newsletters or other media about them. Items are needed for this space. Anything that makes the news can be turned in for publication in this space. Bring or mail your contributions to the church office.

It has been announced by Wesley Theological Seminary that Rev. Dr. Scott Kisker has been named the new director for the Course of Study program at the seminary. Scott and Roberta and their five children are active participants in the life of First Church. Congratulations to Scott.



First Church is open from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and has a security system to monitor the people coming to the building and to protect the property after closing. We are looking for additional volunteers to answer the phones, let people into the building and other tasks during the day, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m. We also need volunteers to monitor the system in the evening after the church office closes (between 5 and 9 p.m.). We also need substitutes. Students who need volunteer hours for school are always welcome. It's not too early for students to sign up for spring break or summer. If you would be willing to help with this ministry, please

call Elinore Sharp, 301-572-7223, or the church office, 301-927-6133.

JFON News

Greetings First Church family from the JFON Immigration Clinic. We have hit the ground running to begin the New Year with some new ideas spinning and events coming up. I will just take a moment to fill you in on two of these events as they are very important and are happening right now.

The first is the Haitian TPS workshop clinics. TPS stands for Temporary Protective Status and the deadline to file is in July. We have reached out to our Haitian congregation that meets in the chapel each Sunday to introduce this service as well as the clinic itself. We are looking at having the workshops again in March and April so if you know of any Haitians that could benefit from this service please let me know so we can arrange an appointment.

The second big event that we have coming up is of extreme importance and we would love to have all of you join us for this. Join us on March 21 on the National Mall. Here is a little bit about it along with the web page you can use to get more info: <http://changetakesfaith.org>. As people of faith, we can't sit by as our broken immigration system rips apart families and communities. We must march in Washington, DC to urge Congress to pass just, humane immigration reform. Please plan on joining us to let congress and senate know that the First United Methodist Church stands up for immigration rights and they must pass immigration reform know!!! Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or if you are interested in joining us. Thank you for your continued support of this much needed ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Cindy Harding (clinic coordinator)
charding8290@yahoo.com

Thanks Box

To our church brothers and sisters, we want to thank you for your prayers, calls, cards and care following Dani's fall, hip surgery and recuperation in October and in December when Jim had back surgery. **Jim & Dani Ritter.**

Special thanks to everyone for their donations and kindness for our thanksgiving dinner and to all volunteers. Thanks too to Stephanie Banks for organizing the dinner. **Jean Musgrove, Welcome Ministry Team**

Last Volunteer in Mission Trip to New Orleans

First United Methodist Church made a commitment to the people of New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina hit their area. We promised to help them rebuild their homes, lives and city for as long as it took. We have been faithful to our promise by sending Volunteer in Mission Teams to New Orleans twice a year, in April and in October.

It has been a rewarding and life-changing experience for us as we have been with the people of New Orleans in helping them to find hope in the midst of their storm. We give God thanks for the opportunity to serve the people of God!

This April, we will travel to New Orleans one last time to do mission work. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is the organization that oversees all VIM (Volunteer in Mission) teams all over the world. They are not scheduling any more mission groups to New Orleans because the funding is running out and will be depleted before the end of this year. Therefore, April 17-24 will be our last VIM trip to New Orleans. **We will not** go to New Orleans in October. So if you want to go to New Orleans to volunteer one last time - go with us in April.

New Orleans will not be our last opportunity to do mission work. When one door closes - another one opens. I am sure that we will be making plans to go to Haiti and help rebuild from the earthquake. There has also been talk of going to Cape Town, South Africa in the future to volunteer there. We know that the world is our parish and we are called to go wherever there is a need. We hope you will have an opportunity to serve in this way.

Pastor Joan

The 2010 Census

In early March you should receive the 2010 Census form in the mail. Please take time to fill it out and return it by April 1. In the year 2000, our county had only a 68% return rate, which translates into less money allocated to our state and local governments which are already having to cut services. All persons, citizens or not, legal or not, need to be counted. By law the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses on the census form with any government, immigration or law enforcement agencies. The form is available in several languages. There are only 10 questions on the form and you cannot complete it on the internet. If the Census Bureau does not receive the form after two mailings, a friendly Census Employee will visit. Employment opportunities for this job exist and can be reached at 866-861-2010. Please spread the word

about the importance of everyone filling out the form. People not counted deprive us of needed tax funds for schools, roads, police, etc. The first US Census was in 1790, so let's keep up this very democratic American tradition.

Lyn and Bob Doyle,
Missions Team

Calling All Volunteers for Christmas in April

Another year has gone by since the last time our First Church volunteers worked on a house for Christmas in April. This year the date is Saturday, April 24. The hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided on site.

I am looking for volunteers who would be willing to donate a day's work to help an unfortunate family with little income to refurbish the interior and exterior of their home. The home is located in the Chillum area of Hyattsville.

There is a need for at least 15 people who can help with this project. The scope of work that is planned involves drywall repair, painting (interior and exterior), hanging closet doors, cleaning, electrical repairs, changing light fixtures, replacing a storm door, installing new locksets, throwing out trash and landscaping.

If you could help with any of the tasks to be done (or would like to learn a skill) and could help our neighbor with this worthwhile project, please see me, Bob Doyle, in the narthex between services each Sunday in March to sign-up.

If we don't connect at church, please call me at 240-478-0079. Thank you.

Bob Doyle, House Captain,
Missions Team

A New Way to Give – EFT

In March of 2009 First Church began a new option for members to use to give their tithes and offerings to the church. This option is electronic giving. Electronic giving or EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) works in the same manner as mortgages, loan payments or insurance premiums that are automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account.

Electronic Giving makes life easier for you and yields very significant benefits for our church.

Benefits for you: The satisfaction of giving to God first; Easier to fulfill stewardship commitments; Allows you to contribute even when you're away; Easier personal budgeting; More secure than bringing cash or checks to church.

Benefits for our Church: Promotes consistent giving; More predictable cash flow for better planning; Less work for office staff; Secure and easy cash maintenance.

uary 17, 2010 was Zachary Jeremiah Smith, son of Enid & Melcon Smith.

from our national tradition of religious tolerance.

Lyn and Bob Doyle, Missions Team

Labyrinth Help Needed



The origins of the labyrinth design, a winding path that serves as a metaphor for a spiritual search, dates back to early Roman times. It has been used worldwide. The Episcopal Church revived this meditation tool about 15 years ago. Since then labyrinths have been used in churches, retreat centers, schools, hospitals and gardens.

Not a puzzle path, a labyrinth consists of a single path that guides you from the entry to the center and back. There are no dead ends or tricks on the path. Since the entire design is visible whether the walker is inside or on the perimeter, we are not confused by the complex path. Therefore we are able to engage in prayer, quiet time, stress reduction and right brain activity (creativity) while walking.

First Church's labyrinth is available in fellowship hall on the fourth Sunday of each month and on special days.

To enhance this experience, we need more help to open it and prepare the room with candles, music, Bibles and literature. More caretakers would make it appealing to new walkers. They would be available to answer questions, console and encourage.

There are few places in this area to use this remarkable prayer walk. Join us in this special ministry. The times caretakers are needed are: Saturday evening to prepare the labyrinth and the room; Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - caretakers are needed - for one hour each. Please call Phyllis Ramberg, 301-927-8329, to volunteer or for more information.

Phyllis Ramberg

Purely Personal



*****Baptisms:** Baptized on December 27, 2009 was Zarryu Edwin Lewis, son of Maria & Zarryu Lewis. Baptized on Jan-

Religious Intolerance

On January 12 a young Pakistani woman, Persis Herbert, was sent to the Missions Ministry Team meeting by our pastors. She described graphically the discrimination and physical suffering of Pakistani Christians (only 1.5% of the population) by Pakistani Moslems. The first big problem is that the Pakistani judicial system makes illegal any suspected or real blaspheming against the Qur'an (Koran) and the Prophet Mohammed. But who decides what amounts to blaspheming? Physical assaults she described included gunfire on Protestant congregations which killed several, grenades thrown into Mission hospitals and churches, and frequent unindicted rapes.

Since her speaking to us, I have heard in the world news about clashes between Moslems and Christians in Nigeria and Malaysia. This violence is, unfortunately, not new, but one wonders if it is more frequent due to our worsened relations in the Middle East in the last decade. If you are interested in reading her lengthy report, it is in the Missions box in the church office. It is not authenticated by other sources.

I needed to talk to another person who has been frequently in Pakistan. Bill, our long-time friend at the World Bank, told us that in the rural tribal areas, one occasionally reads of rapes, etc. In these areas, traditional and religious law overrides conventional Pakistani views of justice. He said the Koran tells Moslems to respect people of the Book (Bible), i.e. Jews, and Christians. In fact, he said that there is much in-fighting and destruction between Moslem sects. Bill said if Christians do try to convert, there's trouble because that is legally forbidden there and in other Moslem nations. He said it's a case of how much education a Moslem has, in general the more education one has the more tolerance.

Persis said that Christians in Pakistan are like the Indian Untouchables, having the lowliest jobs and tolerating much discrimination. After Persis left our meeting, someone commented that it would be wrong to stereotype all Moslems as dangerous to Christians. The last thing we need is to rub salt into today's wounded world relations between Christians and Moslems.

If you would like to speak to Persis Herbert, she would be glad to talk to you. Her number is (240) 671-1809. She is soon returning to Pakistan with supplies to help Christians there. We are fortunate to live in a nation where religious intolerance is not a huge problem. But, let us pray, that we do not go backwards



Sunday May 2

You will want to participate in this year's 29th annual Hyattsville CROP Hunger Walk. CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. CROP is an arm of the ecumenical Church World Service (CWS) which began refugee and relief work in 1946. It operates in 80 nations including the US. Funds earned by the CROP Walkers go to basic projects like emergency food, well drilling for clean water, blankets and tents, refugee resettlement, improving food productivity by poor farmers, micro loans to women in emerging nations, etc.

The other recipient of funds from the CROP Hunger Walk is Help by Phone of Prince George's County. Last year 50,000 Prince Georgians were helped with food at one of their eight food pantries in our county. Many of you donate canned and boxed food in the bin in the narthex and that is taken to the nearest pantry at University Baptist, thank you. Help by Phone also gives car rides for medical appointments when there is no other ride available, has a used clothing center, organizes Safe Haven winter shelter, oversees the Partner School Project which we participate in, and gives budget counseling to the chronically financially disorganized. It has one modestly paid employee; she oversees 200 volunteers, and organizes all efficiently out of her kitchen. World and local hunger need our attention too.

In April my husband Bob and I will be in the narthex signing up walkers and joggers and babies. Doggies on leashes are very welcome. The trek around Lake Artemesia in College Park is approximately three miles and the walk will be held Sunday afternoon May 2. CROP Walkers get their sponsors from church, but also from co-workers, friends, and family, thus being an ecumenical charity is entirely appropriate. Walking is good for you and for the world. Jesus didn't sit in a pew, but was out walking all during his ministry. CROP Walkers believe it is possible to end hunger one step at a time.

**Lyn and Bob Doyle,
Missions Team**

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Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 28 - 8:30 and 11 a.m.
Our Procession of Palms as we sing our hosannas.

Wednesday, March 31 - 7 p.m. - MP³ - Service of Praise, Power and Prayer

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday
7 p.m. service - Holy Communion & Foot washing



Friday, April 2 - Good Friday
12 noon - 3 p.m. - Seven Last Words of Jesus
preached by seven pastors
7 p.m. - Tenebrae Service



Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday
10 a.m. - One Worship Service
Come celebrate the “Good News” of the Risen Christ
as our choirs sing, we hear the scriptures
and the power of God’s love is preached
We will share the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Christ Our Lord Is Risen