

Palm Sunday

After throwing their robes on the donkey, they helped Jesus get on it. As He was going along, they were spreading their robes on the road. Now He came near the path down the Mount of Olives, and the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles they had seen. ~ Luke 19:35-37

The last Sunday of this month is Palm Sunday. This is one of my favorite days of worship. I love victory celebrations, and there isn't a greater victory won than that of Christ Jesus and His defeating death and sin. On the first Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem. Crowds cheered joyfully, waving palm branches as they followed Him into the city.

We know the story. These same people who were shouting "Hosannas" to the King ... five days later they would condemn Him. Within a week, Jesus would be dead and his close followers would be confused and scattered. They knew nothing of Easter. They had yet to experience joy of the resurrection.

Aren't you glad we can experience the joy of Easter? But first, we must move behind the joyful celebration of Palm Sunday that will lead us through the shadows of Good Friday and take us to an empty tomb and a risen Savior. I love Palm Sunday celebrations because I know where the journey ends!

A Palm Sunday Prayer: I worship you Lord! You did not enter your holy city Jerusalem on the back of a war horse, but humbly and on a donkey. You knew that you were surrounded by murderers, yet you came in peace, and by your sacrifice you would conquer death. You, oh Lord, are blessed and worthy of my praise. You have saved your people. You are my King and I long to live in the city where you sit on the throne. I will sing your praises until your Kingdom comes and is established. Amen.



Pastor Bill Kren

Messages from the Diaconate

Easter Flower Orders: On Sunday, March 1 we will begin taking orders for Easter flowers.

Easter Sunday is on April 5. This year, there are 4 varieties to choose from: tulips, lilies, hyacinths, and daffodils. There will be sign-up sheets in the church where you can indicate how many of each flower you'd like and the name(s) of those being remembered. The cost is \$7.00 per plant. You may pay for the flowers by placing the money in the Sunday offering and indicating "Easter" on the envelope.

"One Great Hour of Sharing" UCC Mission:

Our annual fundraising campaign for OGHS is underway. Designated envelopes will be in the pews through March 15, the formal date of the offering. Please consider a contribution to this worthy cause whose purpose is to bring Christ's love to individuals and communities around the world who are suffering the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship.

Volunteers in March: The Diaconate respectfully asks you to consider serving as an usher, liturgist, or fellowship host on Sunday mornings. Please sign up in the Mayflower Room or see Susie Wilson. The Diaconate would deeply appreciate your volunteering!

COMING SOON...Movie Night!: All are welcome to attend a special evening at Dearborn Congregational Church on Friday, March 20 starting at 7 pm when "Popcorn & A Movie", a first-of-its-kind event, takes place as we gather to watch a family-friendly movie in the Mayflower Room and munch on bags of freshly-popped popcorn! The films being considered for viewing are the recent smash hit, "Maleficent" or family favorite, "Seabiscuit". Be sure to bring the kids and grandkids too. It's an evening you won't want to miss!

Palm Sunday - March 29: The last Sunday in March is Palm Sunday. We hope you can join us for a worship service filled with special music and the carrying around of palms as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday in April: An early reminder to mark your calendars for Maundy Thursday, April 2, to mark the occasion of Jesus' Last Supper when a Middle Eastern dinner will be served at 6 pm followed by the traditional service with Communion at 7 pm. Sign-up sheets will be available for those who plan to attend the dinner so we know the amount of food to order. Also, please think about being one of the 12 candlelight readers for the service. A sign-up list for readers will circulate about mid-March.

Mini-Missions: We are continuing to collect warm clothing and personal items for those in need this winter. All donations can be placed in the bins in the hallway next to the church office. Thank you.



Treasurer's Report for January 2015

Income- \$3,308.00

Expenses- \$13,286.18

Capital Improvement Fund - \$12,059.55

Investments with UBS valued at \$251,902.28

Matthew Haling, Treasurer

Thank You...

...for your prayers, calls, notes, and thoughts during my recent surgery. What a great church family!

~~Marge Manspeaker

OUR CHURCH AT WORK In March

Helpers for Sunday Services

Greeters:

- March 1 – Ian Haas
- March 8 – Ian Haas
- March 15 – Ian Haas
- March 22 – Ian Haas

Ushers:

- March 1 – Marge Manspeaker & Carrie Goldie
- March 8 – Marge Manspeaker & Carrie Goldie
- March 15 – Available
- March 22 – Available
- March 29 – Available

Liturgists:

- March 1 – Matthew Haling
- March 8 – Matthew Haling
- March 15 – Available
- March 22 – Available
- March 29 – Available

PRAYER LIST



Bernice Hartling	Medical Concerns
Shirley Fedraw	Medical Concerns
Bunny Hoganson	Medical Concerns
Geri Sampson	Medical Concerns
Suzanne Van Ranst	Medical Concerns
Dotty Klein	Medical Concerns
R. Ferguson Family	Healing, spiritual guidance
Sean Goldie	Medical Concerns
Ron Hopson	Medical Concerns
Harley Fisher	Medical Concerns
Daniel Less	Medical Concerns
Irene Moxon	Medical Concerns
Marge Manspeaker	Medical Concerns



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 John Proctor
- 4 Michelle Fitzpatrick
Fred Bachert
- 7 Melissa Schilbe
- 10 Elizabeth Paul
Betty Radatz
- 14 Phyllis Preston
- 16 Polly Fitzpatrick
- 22 Grant MacKenzie
- 23 Zoe Martin
Marge Manspeaker
- 27 Michelle Martin
- 30 Michael Haling
- 31 Linda Meadows

Dedication of Flowers - March

- March 1 – Elaine Stacho
- March 8 – Available
- March 15 – Available
- March 22 – Available
- March 29 – Available

Fellowship Hour – March

- March 1 – Fred & Doris Bachert
- March 8 – Available
- March 15 – Available
- March 22 – Available
- March 29 – Available

DATES TO REMEMBER...

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| March | 11 | Trustees Meeting | 7pm |
| March | 12 | Diaconate Meeting | 7pm |

In lieu of Pat's column, we have the funny page....

