



**Chester Associate Reformed
Presbyterian Church
CHATTER**

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March 17, 2009

PSALM SING ~ MARCH 29TH

5:00pm at - HOPEWELL ARP CHURCH

A Psalm Sing will be held at Hopewell Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church on March 29, 2009 beginning at 5:00PM. Members of the congregation are encouraged to join this group at Hopewell on the 29th for a time of singing the Psalms from the **Bible Songs** which will be followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall. The Session and members of Hopewell Church are delighted to welcome you to this opportunity for worship and Christian fellowship.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 6 - 10, 2009 ~ Daily at noon

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the Holy Week Services to be held at Chester ARP Church beginning at noon ~ Monday - Friday with a light lunch served daily.

FROM THE MAILBOX.....

Dear Members of the Congregation,
Thank you for your kindness and prayers during my mother's illness. I know she felt a tremendous amount of support from the church community. Thank you! My family and I are grateful for the delicious meal provided by the Women of the Church on the day of my Mother's Service. It gave us comfort and strength during a difficult time. Please continue to keep our family in your thoughts and prayers as we move forward.
Warmly, Mary Gage Stringfellow Davis & family

To all participants,
I would like to thank all that joined with us in the volleyball tournament that First Freewill Baptist Church conducted. It was refreshing to have all these Christian folks from different faiths (fourteen teams) out and playing with each other and having so much fun. Thanks to the young adults, "ARP # 2", that came out and played without ever playing or practicing with each other. A great job was done and everyone had fun. I also want to thank Brad for doing such a great job in getting a youth team, "ARP # 1" together with some kids that had never played volleyball. When you play in an atmosphere that we all played in there were no losers, all of us were winners by just having plain old good clean fun. All this was accomplished with very short notice to all. Thanks again for your participation. I hope we can do it again. Hope to get more of our good folks involved in outside activity. "We are never too old nor too young....to have fun with other good Christian folks."
Many thanks to all....
Grace and Peace, Ed Mauney

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 9th @ 7:00PM

On Maundy Thursday, April 9th, we will have a traditional service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary. During the meal, we gather at Table to receive the Sacrament.

CHILDREN/ YOUTH - EASTER FLING

APRIL 11, 2009

Home of Brian and Lore Gibbons

653 Grant Lakes Road

2:00pm - 4:00pm

All children and youth ~ nursery through high school and families are encouraged to attend this exciting event at the home of Brian and Lore Gibbons on April 11th. There will be something for all of ages with snack and drinks provided. Activities will be announced later.

SUNRISE SERVICE - EASTER MORNING

April 12, 2009 - 7:00 A.M.

HOPEWELL ARP CHURCH

Join us for Sunrise Service at Hopewell ARP Church at 7:00am as we gather for worship in the churchyard and then for refreshments in the Social Hall.

EASTER LILIES - 2009

Easter Lilies will be used again in the Sanctuary during our Worship service on Easter, April 12, 2009. If you would like to furnish a lily/lilies in Memory of, in Honor of, or in Appreciation of at \$11.00 each please contact the church office or drop a check in the mail to the church office, P.O. Box 174, by March 25, 2009. Following the worship service, the lily will be yours to keep or give to a special friend.

**FLOWERS ON THE CROSS
EASTER MORNING- APRIL 12, 2009**

This year families are invited and encouraged to bring flowers from their yard to be placed on the Cross- for- Easter Morning. It is our hope that the entire membership will develop a new joy by transforming the Rustic Cross. Lois Hall and Lou Watts will be in the Sanctuary Easter morning prior to and during the church school hour to assist individuals placing flowers on the cross.

MID - WEEK MEALS.....

- **March 18th** - Dorothy Melton & "Queens" will prepare the meal. Team # 5: Jr. High Youth, Brian Gibbons, and Patti Davis will assist with tea, serve meal, and clean up of kitchen.
- **March 25th** - Vinnie Lombardo, Dwight Pearson, & Ed Mauney will prepare the meal. Team # 1: Isabelle Young, Sandy Jordan, Jim & Janice Fuller, Tony Pope, Jeff Orr, Frances & Bobby Morrow, Valerie Taylor, Jeff Kerr, Billy Raines, and Rebekah Shillinglaw will assist with tea, serve meal, and clean up of kitchen.

FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Women's Ministries,

Thank you so much for the Valentine's Day treats that you sent me! It was such a wonderful surprise to open my mail box and find all of your homemade goodies! They have made studying much more pleasant! I am so blessed to have such a caring, loving, and generous church family. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and support, and I look forward to seeing you all soon! Love, Sarah Marion

Dear Chester ARP Women Ministries,

I would like to thank you all for the cookies and bag of goodies I received. It was a true blessing to receive them and lifted my spirit in these stressful times. Thank you so much! Sincerely, Tripp Cameron

Dear Members of Chester ARP Church,

Thank you all so much for all of the prayers, cards, love, and support during the past couple of months for daughter, Ashley and grandson, Aiden.

Ashley continues to improve daily but still has a long way to go for complete recovery. Aiden bounced right back and is doing just fine. You would never know what he experienced that day in January.

I feel very fortunate to be part of such a loving, caring, and supportive Church family.

Thank you again and May God continue to Bless All of You. Phil Stephenson

Youth News at Chester ARP Church

Brad Shillinglaw

- The Sr. Highs will be kicking off a new large group outreach gathering beginning on **March 16th**. Please be in prayer for their efforts and the ministry involved.
- **Children's News Change:** Ice skating has been swapped with Ice-Cream and Movie Night; Noted that **March 21st is now Movie night; Ice Skating is May 16th**

- **Communicants Class** will continue to meet each week at 4:00pm in the session room
- The Sr. Highs had a phenomenal trip to Bonclarken this month with wonderful fellowship, fun, and spiritual growth. I quote Bryson Pope: "It's the best retreat I've ever been on to Bonclarken!"
- The Jr. Highs are reminded that their retreat is **March 27th-29th**; please get in your info and \$35.00 check ASAP.

Communicants Class Funny Quotes

From the Mind of Jonathan Lewis: "If we are suppose to be the body of the church I sure hope I aint goin to be the behind." "I sure am glad that Adam ate that fruit cause if he didn't no one would die and we'd have no room cause everyone would be bunched up together and couldn't move."

From the Mind of Kaleb McKee: "Oh my I hope I'm not the body of Christ, his head would be too big for my little body, and I would just fall over."

From the Mind of Mitchell Gibbons:

After Brad makes the comment: "God even knows the number of hairs on your head," Mitchell states: "Well that wouldn't be too hard for you Brad; you can probably look in the mirror and count your own."

From the mind of Megan Simpson: "Rock On!"

Laura Coleman is just too smart and laughs at the others.

Kneeling In Jerusalem

By Ann Weems

LENT

Lent is a time to take the time
to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events
get up and walk around in us,
a time to intensify
our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over
the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem
or to walk along the sea and listen to his word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder . . .

Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of *God!*