



# Middletown Press

March 2010

## Coming Events:

- 3/7 – 4:30 & 7:00 PM Upward Celebration
- 3/7– Aid for Friends 2:00 PM Kitchen
- 3/10 – Adventure Club Dinner and Program
- 3/15 –PrimeTimePlus noon in Martin Chapel
- 3/20 - Elder/Deacon Retreat 9AM
- 3/21 – Pancake breakfast 11:30
- 3/26-28 – Ocean City MD for Sr Highs
- 3/29-31 –Holy Week Services 7:30 PM
- 4/1 – Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 PM
- 4/2 – Good Friday noon
- 4/4 – Easter 10:30 AM

*We invite you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and confession, by prayer and fasting, by works of love and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.*

The Book of Common Worship

## Countdown to EASTER

**L**ent is the 40 days, not counting Sundays, before Easter. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which gets its name from an ancient tradition of throwing ashes on one's head to demonstrate sorrow for sins; and ends with Easter Sunday. The idea of new clothes for Easter comes from the Easter Sunday tradition of some churches to bring in new members or to baptize new believers dressed in white.

The word "Lent" is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning "to lengthen" and refers to a season when the days become longer, i.e., spring. For our Roman Catholic and Episcopalian friends Lent is a season of fasting and "giving up" as a method of identifying with Christ's suffering. For most Protestant churches Lent is greeted with perplexity or ignored completely. In some reformed churches instead of abstaining and fasting, there is a focus on service to others –both actively involved or through supporting offerings like One Great Hour of Sharing.

Lent is one of the oldest observations on the Christian calendar. Like all Christian holy days and holidays, it has changed over the years, but its purpose has always been the same: self-examination and penitence, demonstrated by self-denial, in

preparation for Easter. Early church father Irenaus of Lyons (c.130-c.200) wrote of such a season in the earliest days of the church, but back then it lasted only two or three days, not the 40 observed today.

In 325, the Council of Nicea discussed a 40-day Lenten season of fasting, but it's unclear whether its original intent was just for new Christians preparing for Baptism, but it soon encompassed the whole Church.

The season of Lent alternates times of remembering Christ's suffering with celebrating the Resurrection (every Sunday during the season). How will you experience the season of Lent? Will you stop and re-examine your life and repent, if necessary? And then seek the filling of the Holy Spirit to celebrate the resurrection.

## Scriptures and Sermons

March 7 - *"Don't Ever Forget: My Ways are Not Your Ways,"* Isaiah 55:1-9

March 14 - *"Don't Ever Forget: Keeping the Passover,"* Joshua 5:9-12

March 21 - *"Don't Ever Forget: I Will Make a Way,"* Isaiah 43:16-21; Choir presents *And the Son Arose*

March 28 - Palm Sunday, *"The Stones,"* Luke 19:28-40

April 4 - Easter Sunday, *"An Idle Tale?"* Luke 24:1-12

## Session Notes

The Session met February 16 and received the following reports and approved:

- The annual statistical report was submitted to PCUSA.
- Presbytery of Philadelphia's Clerks annual questionnaire was submitted.
- Presbytery of Philadelphia's database for congregational ministries was updated and submitted.
- Craig Cassey attended the Clerk of Session training seminar.
- A report from the Mission Action Network of Evangelicals (M.A.N.E.) was received.
- A thank you note was received from City Team Ministries.
- March 3-5 Pastor King will be in Cambridge, Maryland. Pastor King will be the keynote speaker at the Young Life Banquet on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Towne House Restaurant. March 13<sup>th</sup> Pastor King will be leading a men's breakfast at Thompson's Church in Washington Crossing, Pa.
- Pastor King reported on the M.A.N.E. meeting held on January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Membership team presented the names of inactive members who have been so for at least one year and for as many as seven years and have not responded to our notifications. The members have been removed from our rolls.
- We received the slate from the nominating committee of those members chosen to serve on the Pastoral Nominating Committee. The elections will be held on February 28 at our annual congregational meeting.
- The Elder/Deacon retreat will take place on March 20 from 9:30-3:00 in Martin Chapel.
- Nominations for Officers of the Corporation include President-Kent Thompson, Vice President Bill Mayer, Treasurer JoAnne Gallagher and Secretary Craig Cassey. The election will take place at our annual congregational meeting.
- Session approved the use of the sanctuary and fellowship hall on April 10 from 1-5 for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor.
- Session also appointed Bill Mayer as our liaison/representative to the Boy Scouts.

## Deacons Doings

March 21 is Daffodil Sunday. On this day as we celebrate the beginning of spring, Deacons decorate the sanctuary with daffodils, the first flower of spring. Purchasing bunches of daffodils is a way that the Deacons support the American Cancer Society. To this organization, the daffodils represent the hope we all share for a future where cancer is no longer a life-threatening disease.

After the worship service on Daffodil Sunday, the bunches of daffodils are distributed to members of the Praise Band and the Choir in recognition of their dedication and service to the church.

This month the Deacons also have supported the Haiti relief effort of Riddle Hospital by donating crutches, walkers, and canes from our hospital supply room.

## Another Step Closer!

The revised architectural drawings are complete. The revisions to the mechanical drawings will be completed the week of February 22. We are removing flooring and doing other work in preparation for contractors to bid on the project once all drawings are completed. Matt has moved into the office in the Youth Room, and everyone is aware the offices have relocated to the Education Wing until the construction is complete. We are moving forward!!!! We would all like this to move ahead quickly but there are entities we have no control over. Bear with us and pray for the Lord's assistance as we strive to do his will.

## Nominating Committee Update

The Nominating Committee has presented a slate of nominees to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The following were presented to the congregation for election at our annual meeting on February 28, 2010:

Brenda Abrams	Craig Cassey
Janet Gemsheim	Ken Schreffler
Beth Shoemaker	Bill Mayer
Jim Standish	Bernardine Steinmetz

## One Great Hour of Sharing (OGH)

*Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21*

For many people, life can be tough and disasters can destroy whole families, towns and cities. One Great Hour of Sharing gives us the opportunity to join our hearts with God's by providing decisive aid when disaster strikes and by helping refugees rebuild their lives. Your gift strengthens struggling communities with basics like education, health care, tools, seeds and wells. This year the earthquake victims in Haiti will be recipients of OGH gifts.

When we care for God's treasured children, we ourselves are transformed. We see more clearly what matters most in life and are inspired to live courageously. Our hope rises as we realize new life is possible.

May you find your treasure and your heart through sharing resources and changing lives with a generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing. The OGH campaign began February 21 with the offering received April 11.

## Adventurous Wednesdays

We will have our closing program on Wednesday, March 10 at 6:00 PM.

Families are invited to join us for dinner. We will have dinner and a sing along with Kim Fink.

We are so thankful for JoAnne Gallagher, Kim Fink, Carolyn Speakman, Carol Jones, Nancy Standish, Aubrey Fink, Theresa Gallagher, Linda Mariani, Irene Gardner, Lois Bowen & Shorty Mains for their dedication to our children. Adventure Club would not happen without the love and joy these people bring each week in this outreach to our families.

## PrimeTimePlus

PrimeTimePlus continues to bring people together for a spirited time of three "F's"—fellowship, food and fun. Why don't you come on March 15 --- the third Monday of each month—at noon to enjoy a time of good eating, conversation and friendship followed by a special program. If you plan to come and bring extra friends, do let the office know so we can be prepared.



## Looking Ahead to Holy Week

There will be Holy Week Services in Martin Chapel at 7:30 PM on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings (March 29-31). The theme will be "Shadows - Preparing for Maundy Thursday."

The Maundy Thursday Service will take place on April 1 at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary and will include Holy Communion and a service of Tenebrae.

The Good Friday service will be at 12:00 PM on April 2, focusing on "The Waiting Father and the Prodigal Sons."

Easter Sunday will include the celebration of Holy Communion on April 4 at 10:30 AM.

## With a Heart for Ringing

It is a joy to sing for the Lord, we do our best, and it is a joy to ring for the Lord.

Regarding the latter, our bells have been silent since we need a few more new ringers. While reading music can be helpful, it is not a requirement. It is helpful if you can count to four and can tell one color from another.

Please get word to Bill Young at 302-571-8007 or call the church office 610-565-4080 if you have an interest so we might schedule a time to rehearse.

## Sharing Heart with College Students

Adult Ministries sent 28 goody boxes to our students at their meeting in early February for Valentine Day. We still need a few more mentors to connect with our students. To be a mentor all you need to do is try to keep in touch with the students in one way or another. You might call, e-mail, text, twitter, face book, or write every once in awhile to see how your student is doing with college studies--even send them a *Birthday* or *Thinking of You* card.

# Bulletin Board

## KNITTERS NEEDED!!!



In January's newsletter, we reminded the church family that prayer shawls were available, and since then, we've gladly given away

several of them. We pray that those folks receiving them were blessed and that they felt the love and prayers knit into every stitch.

Now all we need are more busy fingers to keep the "shawl shelf" full and ready to go! There are plenty of supplies available: needles, yarn, and instruction (if you are just learning!)---we'll gladly help YOU help OTHERS. Join us for KNIT NIGHT (2nd and 4th Thursdays) or just ask for the materials---we are currently "renting" an area in the Resource Room and can get you all stocked up any Sunday morning. Need transportation? Give the office a call.

Call Linda Fox at (610) 574-0936 or Janet Gemsheim at (610) 891-1827 to request a prayer shawl or for more information.

## **Change for Christ**

April and Bill Reeser were unable to take their books to Thailand. To help them start their lending library we are collecting spare change to help pay postage and shipping costs for books to be sent to April and Bill. Overseas rates are very high. Anything you can give is greatly appreciated. The collection container is in the narthex. God bless you.

## **MPC Website**

Outreach and Publicity is delighted to announce the debut of the "new and improved" MPC website! Designed and laid out by our own John Bell and Karen Krissinger, it should be finished and current within the next 2 or 3 weeks. (Many people actually "shop" for a church on the Internet these days and we're convinced that when they see the Middletown site, they will see a very busy, warm and welcoming place. We may be nearly 300 years old, but we're also very 21st century!) Watch for news from each of the

ministry teams, photos of recent events, an historical section, Sunday sermon topics, and the entire monthly newsletter, complete with the calendar of upcoming events!

## **Videos or DVDs of Sunday Service**

Have you missed a Sunday service or are you unable to get out to worship? We have a library of DVDs and videos you can borrow. If you are unable to get out, someone will bring the DVD to you. Call the office (610-565-4080) or Linda Fox (610-574-0936) to request them.

## **Where is the Office????**

The pastor and secretary have moved to the first floor of the Christian Education Building and the Youth Director's office is in the lower level.

To get to the office follow the walkway in front of the sanctuary, walk past Martin Chapel and enter through the farthest door into the first floor of the CE Building. The nursery has been split into two offices for Pastor John and Tana.

## **2010 Flower Requests**

The 2010 flower calendar is available and you can make your requests to put flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones. Forms are on the table in the Narthex. The cost is \$30 per arrangement. You can either take them with you or have them delivered to a member.



## **Your Donations are Needed Now!**

Many people have been bringing in food items for the food cupboard in Media and City Team. Please continue to bring in nonperishable items such as canned goods, cereals, peanut butter, pasta, Jello, dry milk, mashed potatoes, etc.

## **What to do if another storm hits**

When severe weather hits, watch the local TV and radio (KYW) stations for worship and activities closing at MPC. Or, you can call the church and listen for a special announcement.

## *The Adventures of Michael Washington Continues*

Dear Friends,

The family whose name is most associated with the history of Wilman Valley is the Callowells. Their ancestors extended back to the late seventeenth century, before the founding of the town. Most of the land which now comprises Wilman Valley was sold to the town by the Callowells who received the land in a grant from William Penn. As the years rolled on, the Callowells maintained their resources and, in the early twentieth century, the wealth was passed on to two brothers, Paul and James, who were not only fine Quaker gentlemen, but excellent businessmen as well.

Both men built very large mansions; Jim, on a hill in the center of town, not far from our church, and Paul, a magnificent home at the crest of the hill on Wilman Pike on the southern border of the town. Paul, the elder son, married a sweet woman, Adele, who absolutely adored him and was devoted to him and their two young children. Paul and Jim pooled their considerable business acumen and wealth to found the Wilman Valley Trust Company and as young men in their thirties, they gained the trust of the entire town. The magnificent building that housed their bank still stands on the corner of Wilman Pike and Letters Mill Road. It is now a Wachovia Bank, but the Trust Company title is still engraved prominently in the marble facing of the edifice. When Paul was in his late thirties, he tragically contracted rheumatic fever and, despite doctors doing everything they could, he died after battling the fever for six days. Adele was devastated. She insisted on moving out of the mansion and left everything just as it was on the day of Paul's death....clothes hanging in the closet, table set for dinner, children's rooms and toys remaining untouched. For forty years, the mansion remained deserted and untouched until some vandals broke in and set fire to it in the mid-sixties.

Jim and his family, also heartbroken by the loss of Paul, recovered from their grief and continued to build the family's assets with integrity and a wonderful grace, qualities that were passed on to the next generation. Eventually, long after Jim's death, the family left the mansion on what has come to be known as

Callowell Hill to be used as a home for the elderly. Their gift not only included the mansion, but a generous trust which enables many who could not afford long term care to receive it from a staff who deeply care about serving their residents.

The Callowells passed on a rich legacy to our town and, each time I went to visit the residents on Callowell Hill, I went with a sense of joy and gratitude for the wonderful provision that had been made for my friends there. Having completed our staff meeting at church, I was headed there this morning to lead a worship service with the residents, but first I had to stop at the high school to pick up my friend, Dean Banks, who had agreed to help me lead the service. Dean was a junior in high school, a talented musician and actor, whose life had been turned around recently when a group of Christian kids had quietly befriended him and shared their life in Christ with him.

Despite his giftedness, Dean's life had been a mess. He was heavily into the drinking and partying scene on weekends and then had begun to dabble in drugs. A couple of kids from our church and several others from other churches in town had begun gathering weekly before school for prayer and bible study and Dean was one of the guys for whom they began praying. Prayer led to friendship, friendship to deeper relationships and, soon, Dean was asking questions about their faith in Jesus. When Dean gave his life to Christ, the changes in his lifestyle were so pronounced that his family began to ask him the same kinds of questions that he had asked of his high school friends. His mom and dad and two sisters were now regularly worshiping at our church and they are checking us out very closely, looking for the same kind of qualities in our lives that Dean found in his high school friends in the early morning bible study and prayer group.

The high school has a community outreach program in which all students are encouraged to participate, so they were happy to excuse Dean for this special trip to Callowell Hill. He was waiting in the main office when I arrived and we quickly hopped back into my car and were off on the short drive to the mansion. Dean had never been inside and was a little intimidated as we entered and he was immediately greeted by a

band of residents sitting in the lobby who gushed over him....elderly people love kids! We had some time before the worship service was to begin so I led Dean to the room of one of my favorite residents, Ida Delano, who was going to be very surprised by the guest I was bringing to her apartment.

Ida is 96 years old. Her hearing has failed a bit, her eyes are still pretty good, but she can no longer get around on a walker which, despite her gratitude for her wheelchair, kind of cramps her style. I always wheel Ida to the worship service and, on the way back, she critiques my sermon. Ida has a very special ministry. When I was visiting with her once, she said, "I can't walk, I can't drive, I can't cook anymore, I can't get to church on Sunday, but there is one thing I can do.....I can pray!" From that time on, Ida's special prayer ministry began. She specialized in kids, particularly teenagers and she demanded that I bring her a list of names for whom to pray each time I visited. This tended to keep me on the ball, as well, and we both enjoyed the adventure of our prayer conspiracy.

Today, I had two things to deliver to Ida. One was the list of names that I was carrying in my pocket. I was excited for these people because Ida would be praying for them faithfully each day. The second was Dean himself. You see, Dean was one of the kids for whom Ida had been praying. I had not yet been able to tell her about the change in his life, so I thought she might enjoy seeing him for herself! As we entered the room, I said, "Good morning, Ida. I want you to meet Dean Banks." Before Dean could say a word, Ida cried out, "Dean Banks....I've been looking forward to meeting you for a long time." Dean, completely ambushed, didn't know how to respond. He had never heard of this woman, let alone know her. She said, "And what has brought you to Callowell Hill this morning?" Dean, replied bashfully, "Mr. Washington asked me if I could help him lead the worship service, ma'am."

Ida pressed, "And do you have some good things to tell us about Jesus, young man?" Dean, baffled, replied, "Oh, ma'am, I have lots of good things to say about Jesus. He has changed my life." At this point, Ida realized that she was talking to a real life answer to prayer and her eyes began to well up with tears. As I handed

Ida a tissue and the list of names I had been carrying in my pocket, I explained to Dean that his name was once on one of those lists and that Ida knew him before today because she had been praying for him for a long time. Then, he started to get weepy and I was handing out tissues like they were going out of style. Finally, I said, "All right, you guys, let's get to work and get out of here. We have a worship service to lead."

We wheeled Ida down to the community room and Dean immediately sat down at the little electric organ that had been donated and began to play a medley of old hymns. Never had I heard such good sound come out of that old, hand-me-down organ. The residents began humming along and, when he finished, I gave a call to worship and we followed by singing a collection of their favorite hymns. They couldn't name one that Dean couldn't play. He kept carrying the old hymn book from the organ to the piano and back again....they could have listened to him play all day and, because he was a high school kid, they enjoyed it even more!

Eventually, I read the scripture lesson from Luke 8, the account of the woman who touched Jesus in the crowd and was healed after twelve years of hemorrhaging. I heard more "amens" during that ten minute message than I've heard in the Presbyterian church in twenty-five years! Then, I asked Dean to share with all of them how Jesus had changed his life. He started out nervously, but he was greeted by so many smiling, encouraging faces that he gained more and more confidence as he continued to speak. He made their day....and they made his week!

As we returned Ida to her room, no one called out, "Thank you for your message, pastor." Instead, they all said, "Thanks for bringing our new friend, pastor. Don't let him be a stranger around here." Ida was on cloud nine. She would have a good afternoon nap today. Not only did she have the privilege of worshiping her Lord, but she was wheeled around her home by a genuine answer to prayer.

As I drove Dean back to the high school, he continued to talk about how unbelievable his visit to Callowell Hill had been. I wouldn't be surprised if more high school kids might be joining Dean to visit with his new friends and make a little music in their midst that would bring all of them great joy. What a day!

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.....O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." (Psalm 118:24, 29)

*(to be continued)*

As we continue the Lenten season, "observing a holy Lent by self-examination and confession, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God," I would encourage all of us to be faithful in our prayer ministries. Like Ida, we may not be able to do anything particularly dramatic, but we can all pray for people who need the presence of Christ in their lives.

*Don't worry about anything;  
instead pray about everything;  
tell God your needs and don't forget  
to thank Him for His answers.*

*Philippians 4:6 (Living Bible)*

**John**

## **Mark your Calendars**

**Vacation Bible School - July 19 thru 23**

**Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

2010 Holy Land Adventure -Egypt- Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace!

In Egypt everyone gets to explore firsthand the culture of Joseph's world. They'll experience right alongside Joseph-the heart breaking trials, joyous victories, and tear-filled celebrations of this unique Bible hero. Children will build pyramids, jostle through a colorful marketplace, squish mud to make bricks, and join Joseph on this family friendly adventure.

We will need many hands to help with our Vacation Bible School this year as our time frame is longer and we are anticipating more children to attend because we will be having our VBS during the day. We need decorators, teachers, assistant teachers for bible memory, help with crafts or games.

We will be having our first meeting on Wednesday March 24 at 7:30 in Martin Chapel. If you cannot make this meeting and would like to help, please contact me at MPCkids@aol.com or 610-565-8317.

## **Upward Basketball and Cheerleading**

Invites each and every one of YOU to the  
**Season Celebration**

**When?** Sunday, March 7, 2010

4:30 PM OR 7:00 PM

(Suggested K - 2 early and older kids at 7:00, but come when your family can)

**Where?** Middletown Pres Sanctuary

**What?** *Marian and Friends Ventriloquist*

**Why?** Celebrating Season Four

**Who?** All league families and our church family will come together and enjoy songs, silliness and family friendly fun. Marian Gehman and her daughter, Jenny, will bring their zany cast of puppet characters to entertain us all.

*Upward kids will receive their season gift from the league at the program's conclusion.*

If you would like to help Upward host this outreach to the community, please let Chriss Benson or Don & Jinny know. Bring your nieces and nephews, grandkids or neighbors too. Don't miss this quality program!

## **Eat Pizza and Support Upward**

By purchasing Cocco's Pizza coupons and enjoying a family favorite, you can be helping Upward grow in our community. One policy that sets Upward apart is that children are never available for \$10 through the leadership team. They would make great gifts, too. See Don or Jinny Heilala, Chriss Benson or Keith Robinson.

Thank you for helping!

## **Rescheduled Games**

The games cancelled on February 6 due to the snow storm will be played on March 13.

## Joys and Concerns

God's people



**The people of Haiti and aid workers** helping in the aftermath of the earthquake.

**A church member** with cancer.

**Leslie**, sister of Linda Fox, as she travels 100 miles round trip for daily radiation treatment after removal of brain tumor.

**Myrtle**, sister of Ray

Fox, as she begins chemo and radiation to treat bone cancer.

**Paul Bunn** received a new kidney on February 15 and continues to recuperate.

**Leo Maloney**, friend of Craig Cassey, recovering from surgery

**Megan Tillman**, niece of Bill and Jane Evans, fell on ice and broke her leg in two places.

**Cora McCrabb** for recovery from surgery and fast healing.

David and Edna Kruse's daughter **Sharon Stradling** who is waiting to determine treatment for a brain tumor. Pray that it may disappear without surgery.

**Tom Speakman** recovering from kidney biopsy and under heavy medication.

Our **College Students** to develop healthy outlooks, consistent focus on their studies, good friends to keep away depression and harmful activities, to keep their paths straight.

### *Celebrate the Birth of:*

**Eryn Faith Burke** arrived at 5:44 AM February 18!

*Julie, Eryn and Mike are doing fine and thank everyone for all their prayers.*

*Eryn weighed in at 8 lbs. 5 oz. and 21" long*



**CaroleAnn Deane** passed away on Monday night, February 15. She was the BNIH counselor and the leader of our Women's Bible Study Group. Please keep

her family in your prayers.

**Brother-in-Law** of Sue Robinson and family died of a heart attack on Saturday, February 13 at

age fifty-two. Pray for **Judy**, his wife, and **three children**.

**Tracy McDonald**, friend of Cindy Boyer, passed away. She had been on our prayer chain. The Family appreciates all the prayers and love given to them by our church family.



### **Letter to the Congregation from David and Edna Kruse**

We send our grateful thanks to the congregation for their generous remembrance of us in the gift just received.

It is a privilege to have this long association with Middletown Presbyterian Church.

May the Lord guide and bless your ministry as you prepare for a new pastor.

In our Lord,  
*David and Edna*

### **Thanks**

Thank you to all those who helped clear the snow from the walkways during the recent snow storms. A special thanks to Andrew, Brenda and Rusty Abrams, Mike Burke, Paulino DeJesus, Ray Fox, Shorty Mains, Mike Quirk, Keith Robinson and Dave Van Zant. Everyone's help is greatly appreciated by the B&P Team and all the members of the congregation. If I missed anyone, thanks to you, also!

*And a round of thanks goes to the chair of B&P, Lisa McWaters, for her tireless efforts to keep the building open and accessible. Thanks!*

## **Youth News**

### **Upcoming events and trips**

3/26-28 – **Ocean City, MD** for senior highs. Justin Lockadoo – terrific youth speaker is the featured speaker with Friday and Saturday night concerts.

6/21-25 **Middle School Wild Week** at the Church from 6:30-9:00 PM.


8/1-8/6 – “**Shack**” (Seneca High Adventure Christian Camp) in WV. Youth entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Cost –about \$450/person.


8/5/2011-8/14/2011 – **South Dakota Mission Trip**.





# Spring Plant Sale

The very popular Spring Plant Sale, sponsored by the Church & Community Committee, will be held again this year. A variety of plants will be available:

 Bedding plants (flats) of begonias, impatiens, alyssum, marigolds, coleus and ageratum (\$13)

 4" pots of dahlias, zinnias and geraniums (\$2 to \$2.50)

 10" hanging baskets of ivy geraniums, impatiens, petunias, begonias, and double impatiens (\$13)

 12" baskets of various flower combinations; 3-4 plants (\$18)

For those of you who would like to insure that your choice of flowers is available, we are accepting pre-paid orders. To place an order, complete the order form and return it with your payment to the church office or Bev Smith by Sunday, April 4. Plants will be available for pick-up after services on April 25.



## C&C Spring Plant Sale

### Order Form

QUANTITY	COST	COLOR (circle choice)
___ Flat of coleus	\$13	
___ Flat of impatiens [12-4 packs]	\$13	red/ salmon/ pink/ white/ blush/ mixed/ pearl blue/ violet
___ Flat of begonias	\$13	red/white/pink
___ Flat of marigolds	\$13	yellow/orange/ mixed
___ Flat of alyssum	\$13	lavender/white
___ Flat of ageratum	\$13	blue
___ Flat of petunias	\$13	white/ pink/ Blue/ red
___ 4" pots of dahlias	\$2	
___ 4" pots of geraniums	\$ 2.50	red/ white/ Salmon
___ 10" basket of impatiens	\$13	red/ salmon/ pink/ white/ blush/ mixed/ pearl blue/ violet
___ 10" basket of double impatiens	\$13	red/ salmon/ pink/ lavender
___ 10" basket of begonias	\$13	red/white/pink
___ 10" basket of Bonfire Begonia	\$13	scarlet
___ 10" basket of ivy geraniums	\$13	lavender/pink/ red
___ 10" basket of petunias	\$13	white/pink/blue
___ 10" basket million bells	\$13	
___ 10" basket fuchsia	\$16	
___ 12" combination	\$18	combination of 4-5 plants

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PLACE ORDERS BY SUNDAY, APRIL 4**

**PICK-UP SUNDAY April 25  
AFTER SERVICES.**

**ELDERS**

Class of 2010  
Margaret Essaf\*  
Lisa McWaters  
Ken Schreffler  
Bev Smith  
Karen Krissingner  
Craig Cassey

Class of 2011  
Brenda Abrams  
Kim Fink  
Tim Love  
Bill Mayer\*  
Kent Thompson\*  
Mike Burke

Class of 2012  
Jane Evans\*  
Linda Fox\*  
JoAnne Gallagher\*  
Steve Hixson\*  
Beth Shoemaker\*

**DEACONS**

Class of 2010  
Sue Brower  
Julie Burke  
Carl Hughes\*  
Meredyth Graham\*  
Nancy Standish  
Lois Bowen  
Charlie Bowen

Class of 2011  
Rusty Abrams  
Joan Davis  
Sandy Evans  
Janet Gemsheim\*  
Linda Lomas  
Lynda Mariani

Class of 2012  
Lisa Dutka\*  
Sheila Schreffler\*  
Don McBride  
Carolyn Speakman  
Steve Almond

**AUDITORS**

Class of 2010  
John Gosselin

Class of 2011  
Jim Sredenschek

Class of 2012  
Karl Dubendorf

\*Serving second term

**2010 Easter Flower Order Form**

*In consideration of the many people who suffer from allergies,  
the Easter flowers will consist of non-fragrant types.*

Please print clearly!

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants you wish to purchase: \_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00/each

For a total cost of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication to be placed in the bulletin should read:

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**DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS: Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

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## March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 	<b>1</b> <b>3:25 PM</b> Kidz Good News Club <b>6:30 PM</b> CEF Teachers <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>2</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Quilting <b>6:30 PM</b> Teaching Children Efficiently <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>3</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>4:45 PM</b> Adventure Club <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Teens Bible Study	<b>4</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Trevose Weight <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>5</b> <b>4:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts <b>7:30 PM</b> Seeking 2 Serve Small Group <b>7:30 PM</b> Standish Small Group <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>6</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Mayer Small Group
<b>7</b> <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Break & Fellowship <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service <b>12:00 PM</b> Youth Group <b>2:00 PM</b> Aid for Friends <b>4:30 PM</b> Upward Celebration <b>7:00 PM</b> Upward Celebration	<b>8</b> <b>3:25 PM</b> Kidz Good News Club <b>6:30 PM</b> CEF Teachers <b>7:30 PM</b> Deacon's Meeting <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>9</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Quilting <b>7:00 PM</b> Children's Ministry Team <b>7:30 PM</b> Delco Cruiser's Car Club <b>7:30 PM</b> Youth Ministry Team <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>10</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Adventure Club Dinner & Closing <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Teens Bible Study <b>7:30 PM</b> Adult Ministry Team	<b>11</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Senior Care Ministries <b>1:00 PM</b> I & S Team <b>4:30 PM</b> Trevose Weight <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Knitters <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>12</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Seeing Eye Puppy Club <b>7:30 PM</b> Standish Small Group <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Break & Fellowship <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service <b>12:00 PM</b> Youth Group	<b>15</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Prime Time Plus <b>3:25 PM</b> Kidz Good News Club <b>6:30 PM</b> CEF Teachers <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>16</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Quilting <b>7:00 PM</b> Session Prayer Time <b>7:30 PM</b> Session Meeting <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>17</b> Women's Bible Study sings @ Fair Acres <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>6:30</b> Service <b>7:00 PM</b> Teens Bible Study	<b>18</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Trevose Weight <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Mom's Club of Media <b>4:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts <b>7:30 PM</b> Seeking 2 Serve Small Group <b>7:30 PM</b> Standish Small Group <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>20</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Session & Deacons Retreat <b>7:30 PM</b> Mayer Small Group
<b>21</b> Pancake Breakfast following the Worship Service <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service <b>12:00 PM</b> Youth Group	<b>22</b> <b>3:25 PM</b> Kidz Good News Club <b>6:30 PM</b> CEF Teachers <b>7:15 PM</b> Lydia Circle <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>23</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Quilting <b>7:00 PM</b> Fruit of The Spirit <b>7:30 PM</b> Delco Cruisers' Board Meeting <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>24</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Adult Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Teens Bible Study <b>7:30 PM</b> VBS meeting in Martin Chapel	<b>25</b> <b>4:30 PM</b> Trevose Weight <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Knitters <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>26</b> Ocean City Sr High conference <b>7:30 PM</b> Standish Small Group <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>27</b> Ocean City Sr High conference
<b>28</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> Ocean City Sr High conference <b>9:00 AM</b> Sunday School for all ages <b>10:00 AM</b> Coffee Break & Fellowship <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>29</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Holy Week Service <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>30</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Quilting <b>7:30 PM</b> Holy Week Service <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>31</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Holy Week Service	<b>1</b> <b>7:30 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Service <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>2</b> <b>Good Friday</b> noon Good Friday Service <b>8:00 PM</b> Easy Does It NA Group	<b>3</b>

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10:30 AM Worship  
12:00 PM Youth Group