

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 7, 2010

**Today is the third Sunday in Lent.** Our theme for Lent this year is “An Acceptable Fast: An Environmental Challenge.” The way we live has damaged God’s good creation. Each Sunday in worship, we will focus on a particular environmental theme. Today’s theme is “Use of Energy.”

**The flowers this morning** were given by Maureen Kalbus in celebration of her husband’s Ralph’s birthday.

**Deacons’ Offering:** On the first Sunday of every month, we have a special offering for the Deacons’ fund. One of the many services your deacons provide is providing rides for those unable to drive. See John Cowperthwaite.

**Easter Blooms:** It’s time to order your Easter potted flowers for the Easter service and add some cheer to the homebound. All proceeds over cost fund the ministries of the deacons. Order forms are in the narthex.

**Lenten Devotional now here:** This year’s beautiful devotional, designed by Virginia Thibeaux, is now available to download on the church website’s homepage: [www.togetherweserve.org](http://www.togetherweserve.org). Limited printed copies are on the table in the narthex. If you wish to offset the cost of printing them, suggested donation is \$2 which you may place in a pew envelope in the offering plate.

**First Sunday Parents Lunch:** All primary caretakers and parents of young children are invited to join us for lunch today in Duncan Hall following worship. We will be continuing our discussion on temperament.

**Please note the following room changes:** *Earth Gospel* will be in Room 203 today. *A Conversation with Mark Braverman* will be in the Fireside Room.

**Adult Ed Lenten Series continues today in Room 203:** Dr. Sam Hamilton-Poore, Director of the Program in Christian Spirituality at SFTS, will lead this series based on his book *Earth Gospel, a Guide to Prayer for God’s Creation*. We’ll meet after worship at 11:30 every Sunday in Lent, today through Mar. 28.

**Our Guest Preacher this morning is Dr. Mark Braverman**, a Jewish American with deep family roots in the Holy Land. Braverman is a co-founder of Friends of Tent of Nations North America and serves on the advisory board of Friends of Sabeel North America and the Board of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions-USA. Dr. Braverman was a speaker at the Sabeel Conference here at FPCSA on March 5-6. Trained as a clinical psychologist, Braverman now devotes himself full-time to the cause for peace in historic Palestine. In his work he focuses on the role of religious beliefs and theology in the current discourse on Israel/Palestine and on the issue of interfaith relations. He is particularly concerned about how the Jewish quest for safety and empowerment and the Christian endeavor to atone for centuries of anti-Semitism have combined to suppress the conversations needed to bring about a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land. His new book, *Fatal Embrace: Christians, Jews and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land*, charts Braverman’s journey as an American Jew struggling with the difficult realities of modern Israel. Vividly describing the spiritual and psychological forces driving the discourse, Braverman turns to the prophets’ cry for justice and Jesus’ transformative ministry to show the way forward. For more information, visit [www.markbraverman.org](http://www.markbraverman.org). Following worship at 11:30 in the Fireside Room, you will have the chance to meet Dr. Braverman and discuss his sermon, his recent book, and his life vocation as a peacemaker.

**To find out the latest announcements, calendar, notice of events, programs, and information about our church, go to our web site at [www.TogetherWeServe.org](http://www.TogetherWeServe.org).**

**Dr. Whitt will be on vacation from March 8-11.** She will return Friday. Please call Dr. Buchanan, 707-280-2916, in the event of an emergency.

**Come hear Slavyanka**, the Bay Area’s own internationally acclaimed Men’s Russian Chorus perform an a cappella choral concert: “Slavic Highlights” featuring new repertoire of sacred and folk music. Here in the sanctuary on Saturday, March 13 at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$15 general, \$12 seniors and students.

**Saturday Afternoon at the Movies:** The Older Adult Committee invites you to our first afternoon at the movies for 2010. We will gather in the Fireside Room on Saturday, March 20 at 2:00 pm. Our featured film will be Disney Pixar’s “UP”. This movie is currently nominated for an academy award for best picture. Please plan on joining us for an afternoon of adventure on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Admission is free, but we ask you to bring a donation for the food bank barrel. Refreshments will be provided. Sign up today at coffee hour or call Martha Spears at 459-0267 to reserve your spot.

**Interfaith Freedom Seder:** Monday, March 22, 2010, 6:30 pm at Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, 200 No. San Pedro Road, San Rafael. Celebrate this festival of freedom with a delicious vegetarian dinner, traditional and new music with song-leader Fred Ross-Perry, and a gathering of old and new friends. Rabbi Ted Feldman from B’nai Israel Jewish Center and Reverend Veronica Goines from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church will lead the service. \$25 adults - \$20 students - \$15 children 12 and under. Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 17 to 415.444-8000. Have questions or need more information, contact Suzan Berns, 415.472-5128.

Please pray for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. You may download a copy of the Mission Study of 2009 from our web site at <http://www.togetherweserve.org/Purpose.htm>. Click on the button under the picture of the banners. Or you may check out a copy from the library.

**Marin Hunger Walk:** On Sunday, Mar. 21, everyone is invited to walk, volunteer and donate to this county-wide event which supports local non-profits as well as the international work of Church World Service and other organizations. Registration begins at 2:30 pm in front of St. Vincent de Paul Dining Room on B Street in San Rafael. For more information, contact Patty Sanders: pattytri@sbcglobal.net or 515-6127.

**Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday night:** Daylight Savings time begins March 14.

**The Zephyr Experience for the whole family:** Reconnect with family and friends on July 4 - 9 at beautiful Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center in Lake Tahoe. Grow in faith and community in stimulating classes and in fun and fellowship. Information is available during coffee hour. Reduced price if you register before June 1.

**Creation Care Note:** During Lent we will focus on our stewardship of God's good creation. One way we can reduce, reuse, and recycle at our church is by using ceramic mugs instead of paper cups at coffee hour. Bring your donations of serviceable mugs to the Duncan Hall kitchen at any time during the week.

**Happy birthday this week to** Elizabeth Cowperthwaite (3/8), Ralph Kalbus (3/9), Betty McCalla (3/10), Margaret Shetlar (3/11), Sally Johnson, Kathryn Gant Bradley, Bev Heinecke (3/13).

**LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:**

Joanne Whitt	Pastor and Head of Staff
Kevin Buchanan	Interim Associate Pastor
Martha Wall	Director of Music
John Parfitt	Organist
Greeters	Vicky Carruthers and Barbara Shindelus
Ushers	Bev and Phil Heinecke, Jeff Holm, and Dorothy Thompson
Coffee Servers	Lauren and Stephanie Swalberg

**THE MUSIC THIS MORNING IS:**

<b>Prelude:</b>	◆ Whither Shall I Flee?	J.S. Bach
<b>Introit:</b>	◆ Sing for God's Glory ◆	Lobe Den Herren, words by Kathy Galloway
<b>Anthem:</b>	◆ I Waited for the Lord ◆	Felix Mendelssohn
<b>Offertory:</b>	◆ From Creation's Start ◆	Trad. Scottish, words by Kathy Galloway
<b>Communion Music:</b>	◆ All People Bemoan Your Sins ◆	J.S. Bach
<b>Postlude:</b>	◆ Allegro assai vivace <i>from Sonata I</i> ◆	Felix Mendelssohn

**THOSE WHOM WE WISH TO HOLD IN PRAYER**

To comfort those in mourning: Sue Missimer, Maureen and Ralph Kalbus, Sharon LeClaire, Julie Walker, Carol Cowperthwaite, Al Flood, Margie Smith, Betty Menist, Gerald Wehr, and the friends and families of Ernest Robinson, Judy Allen, Angus Crocker, and Christin Stock.

To ask for God's continued healing: Florence Ahlers, Marilyn Anker, Nancy Ardan, Donna Barnette, Diane Baumsteiger, Vicky Carruthers, Dixie Carter, Jim Cowperthwaite, Dorothy Crockett, Art Curtis, Eur Donovan, Patricia Epperhart, Diane Fairchild, Jan Fairchild, Grace Ferguson, Chris Francisco, Glenn Fuller, Tomas Gomes, Lisa Hamm, Oren Harari, Jenna Harris, Ed Hart, B.J. Hauge, Mary Hedin, Frank Hewitt, Jean Holm, Elsie Hostetter, Carol Houston, Dorothy Houston, Va Ilolahia, Bobbie Klein, Sharon LeClaire, Harriet Langworthy, Katie Linder, Michael Maeder, Betty McCalla, Faith McClellan, John McDowell, Helen Miller, Bill New, Julie Osterloh, Lynn Penny, Lucky Phelps, Lois Remy, Candida Rosa, Ellie Ryan, Robert Shaner, Rob Shea, Lloyd Skanks, Joy Snyder, Linda Standish, Betty Stott, Chuck Swensen, the Thompson family, Astrid Voelker-Buchanan, Michael Volpat, Bob Whitt, William Worden.

To ask for God's help and guidance: to the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee; in Haiti, India, Indonesia, Vietnam, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel, Palestine, Congo, Darfur, and wherever there is hatred and strife; for John Titaley and his family; for deployed military personnel.