

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 14, 2010

Today is the fourth 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 “Reducing Waste and Pollution.”

The flowers this morning were given by Mary and Roger Hedin in honor of our pastor, Joanne Whitt.

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. 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.

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

Tonight we host the premier performance of the Monteverdi Consort: The a cappella sextet will sing *Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation* featuring music by Monteverdi and Lasso. 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.

The Memorial celebration for the life of Lucky Phelps will be held in SFTS’s Montgomery Chapel on April 17 at 3:00 pm followed by a reception in Alexander Hall.

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.

Horizon Bible Study continues this Thursday, March 18th, in the Fireside Room at 10:00 am, led by Seminary Student Elizabeth Campbell. Our study of Joshua is well connected to events in the Middle East today. Call 454-7205 for more information.

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 for 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: Next 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.

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 this Saturday, March 20 at 2:00 pm. to watch the featured film, 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. Admission is free, but we ask you to bring a donation for the food bank barrel. Refreshments will be provided. Sign up today or call Martha Spears at 459-0267 to reserve your spot.

Parents’ Night Out: Let us provide childcare while you catch up with a loved one. Kids can come for some or all of the evening, every third Saturday of the month. (March 20 this month.) Pizza dinner, games & crafts, stories, & a movie will be provided. Suggested donation is \$25/child, \$10/additional sibling. Your children will be supervised by 2-3 adults and several mid- and high-schoolers from the FPC Youth Group. Funds go directly to First Presbyterian Church’s Youth Group for their annual trip to the Gulf Coast for post-hurricane rebuilding projects. Sign up at San Anselmo Preschool or contact Bond Francisco, 342-3295 or ebondfrancisco@comcast.net

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 Nancy Thompson, Jan Richert, Roger Richert (3/14), Jennifer Holm (3/18), Florence Ahlers, Max Meissner (3/19).

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**LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY ARE:**

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| Joanne Whitt   | Pastor and Head of Staff                                  |
| Kevin Buchanan | Interim Associate Pastor                                  |
| Martha Wall    | Director of Music                                         |
| John Parfitt   | Organist                                                  |
| Sally Johnson  | Piano                                                     |
| Greeters       | Judie Donovan and Helen Horen                             |
| Ushers         | Wendell Butler, Miriam and Phil Kazan, and Barb Shindelus |
| Coffee Servers | Fran deVinny and Betty Stott                              |

**THE MUSIC THIS MORNING IS:**

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| Prelude:                     | ◆ I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus ◆        | J.S. Bach                 |
| Introit:                     | ◆ Make My Steps Steadfast ◆           | Giovanni Asola            |
| Anthem:                      | ◆ If Ye Love Me ◆                     | Thomas Tallis             |
| Offertory Anthem:            | ◆ Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley ◆ | Spiritual, arr. Buryl Red |
| Communion Music:             | ◆ God So Loved the World ◆            | John Stainer              |
| Choral Benediction Response: | ◆ 2-Fold Amen ◆                       | Dresden                   |
| Postlude:                    | ◆ Prelude in b minor ◆                | J.S. Bach                 |

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THOSE WHOM WE WISH TO HOLD IN PRAYER

To comfort those in mourning: The Tiedeman and Fox families, 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, Helen Morita, Bill New, Julie Osterloh, Lynn Penny, Lois Remmey, Candida Rosa, Ellie Ryan, Robert Shaner, Rob Shea, Lloyd Skanks, Joy Snyder, Linda Standish, Betty Stott, Chuck Swensen, Henrietta Tiedeman, the Thompson family, Astrid Voelker-Buchanan, Michael Volpat, Ian Moon-Wainwright, 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 Titaly and his family; for deployed military personnel.

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