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WPC NEWS

Important Dates

- **April 17 - Palm Sunday**
 - 10:30am Worship & One Great Hour of Sharing
- **April 22 – Good Friday**
 - 6:00pm – Soup Supper
 - 7:00pm Worship
- **April 24 – Easter**
 - 8:45am Breakfast
 - 10:00am Egg Hunt
 - 10:30am Worship
- **May 13 - Spaghetti Dinner**
 - 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Birthdays!

April 17 – Wendy Grimm
April 19 – Annie Henrikson
April 20 – Justin Reed
April 23 – Jim Simpson
April 24 – Kathryn Thurber- Smith
April 26 – Mira Garman
April 28 – Lederle Tenney
May 5 – Buckley Eckert
– Kari Kelly
May 10 – Greg Thurber-Smith
May 14 – Josh Simpson

Missing a date? Or, got it wrong? Please contact Pastor Ken.



Pastor's Corner

We are in a period of transition here at WPC. March 27 was the last day Ester Sihite was on staff as Youth Director. We thank her for her two and a half years of service and wish her the best as she moves on to other adventures with school and work. In the meantime, I'm grateful to Gina Topp for agreeing to fill the position of Interim Youth Director for the next several months (as well as continuing to serve as our Director of Children's Ministry).

We are nearing the end of our Lenten journey this year. At the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, we gathered in the sanctuary for our evening worship service with members of the Korean Glory Presbyterian Church. We heard, both in the words of Scripture and in traditional Lenten prayers, stark reminders of human frailty and weakness, reminders of our mortality and our utter dependence on God. This holy season is a time to focus more intentionally on our spiritual lives.

That's why I've found it so wonderful to see how many people are involved in our *March to Holy Week* small groups this year. In studying portions of C.S Lewis' book *Mere Christianity* together, we are drawing closer to God. Each week, those participating have been encouraged and challenged to study, discuss, and pray together, culminating with everyone coming together to worship on Good Friday. I hope and pray that these small group meetings will help us to deepen our faith.

Holy Week is coming, and at its conclusion, a grand celebration of new life and new beginnings. As we stand together in these challenging days, never forget that we are people of the Resurrection.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Ken

Dear WPC family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful service, coffee hour, cards and gifts you gave me yesterday. They were beautiful and really touching. I cherish the kind words you left me and the memories of this time spent with you.

I thank God for the awesome privilege of getting to work with you and getting to know you. You are all in my hearts, and I will look back on this time with joy and gratitude, thanking the Lord for each of you.

Thank you again for a wonderful day and all that you put into this special and fun time together. I feel really blessed.

May God be with you here.

Keep in touch, and I will do the same.

w/ love and in peace,

Ester

One Great Hour of Sharing

The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be received on Palm Sunday (April 17th) and Easter Sunday (April 24th). This special offering began more than sixty years ago in response to the devastation of World World II and goes to support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People. Please prayerfully consider this offering and give generously.



Reconfirmation of Mira and Ellie
Garman's Baptisms

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Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday, April 17th

Our 10:30 am worship service on Palm Sunday will include a palm processional around the sanctuary led by the children, in remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem in the final week of his life. Following the worship service and coffee hour, we will go out into the Wallingford neighborhood to deliver invitations to Easter Sunday activities and a gift of a WPC pen/light. Please join us as we reach out to our neighbors.

Maundy Thursday, April 21st

You are encouraged to seek out a congregation in your neighborhood to join for worship in observance of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples prior to the events of Good Friday.

Good Friday, April 22nd

6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Worship Service here at WPC

The culmination of our March to Holy Week small group meetings is to join together in worship on Good Friday. This solemn service in remembrance of Jesus' death will include reading the last words of Christ from the cross, extinguishing candlelight in a gradually darkening sanctuary, and walking forward to stand around the foot of the cross. Childcare will be provided.

Easter Sunday, April 24th

8:45 - 10:00 am Easter Breakfast (proceeds to benefit youth mission trip to Campbell Farm)

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt for Children

10:30 am Service of Worship in Witness to the Resurrection

Save the Date

Annual WPC Spaghetti Dinner & Variety Show

Friday, May 13

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Bring family and friends for fun-filled evening of

- Spaghetti
- Desserts
- Door prizes & Raffles
- Entertainment by our middle and high school youth!

All proceeds will go to the youth mission trip to Campbell Farm