



# PARISH PAPER

**The United Church of Christ**

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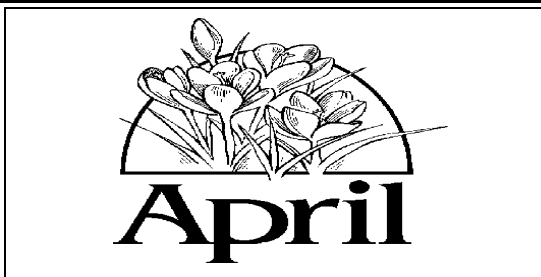
**Gaylord, MN**

**A Monthly Newsletter**

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**Come Listen, Go Serve, God is Still Speaking,**



**Ushers:** Ruby and Ewald Keller  
Agnes Schue, Jane Peterson

**Greeters:** Marian and Orville Saxton  
4-5, 4-12  
Grace and Roy Pfarr  
4-19, 4-26

**Acolyte:** Dylan Pauly

**Fellowship Hour:**

April 6 .....  
April 13 .....open  
April 20 ..... open  
April 27 .....open



## Holy Week Schedule

**PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**

Sunday, April 5, 2009 9:30 AM

All children are invited to share in the procession of palm branches.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Thursday, April 9, 2009 7:00 PM

Service with Holy Communion

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Friday, April 10, 2009 7:00 PM

Ecumenical Service at Church

**EASTER SUNRISE**

Sunday, April 12, 2007 7:30 AM

Youth-led worship followed by

**BREAKFAST**

**TRADITIONAL EASTER Worship 9:30 AM**

No Fellowship Hour or Sunday School



## Readings for the Month of April

### April 5 2009: Palm Sunday

UCC Theme: Risen Indeed.

### April 12, 2009: Easter Sunday

Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10. UCC Theme: Life Abundant.

### April 19, 2009: Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14. UCC Theme: A Place With God.

### April 26, 2009: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21. UCC Theme: Spirited Love.

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### **Remember in Prayer:**

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## Pilgrim Point Camp



Applications for Pilgrim Point Camp are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please fill them out and return by Sunday, April 27. Scholarships are available so please contact one of the Camp committee members for more information: Cindy Johnson, Deb Meyer, Megan Meyer, and Karen Peterson

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### *One Great Hour of Sharing*

#### *Sharing Resources - Changing Lives*

Our April 12 From the Heart Offering will be one of the five Conference offerings we collect each year and will go toward One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). With your gifts to OGHS the UCC offers hope and well-being to people around the world. Working with international ministry partners and with the domestic UCC disaster network, Wider Church Ministries uses the offering to help people make vital basic improvements in their lives. In cooperation with Church World Service, nine Christian churches support One Great Hour of Sharing—a tradition that began in 1949. By giving to OGHS, you connect with communities suffering from poverty, illiteracy, illness, and the dangers of wars and disasters. Together we make a world of difference to our neighbors everywhere. Sharing changes lives—including your own. Thank You.

*“Do not neglect to do good and to share  
what you have”* Hebrews 13:16a



## Highlights from the March meeting

This month the church council continues to work on several outstanding items. Some highlights include:

- ◆ We haven't had much progress on the sale of Pastor Marcham's home. At this time, we have a couple of challenges with the sale. First, Pastor Marcham has a sales contract on the listing of the home. Although we have asked the realtor to release Pastor Marcham from the contract, the realtor has been unwilling to do so. The realtor is actively advertising the home for sale but does not have an offer at this time. The existing listing agreement expires in May. The interested buyer who contacted the church directly is still interested in purchasing the home but they have yet to sell their home.
- ◆ Council members discussed and agreed that the Food Shelf Fundraiser was a big success with over \$2,000 being raised for our local food shelf. While community attendance was a little less than expected, council recognized that these types of events often take some time to get known in the community. Many church members participated with this event and council wants to thank everyone for their help.
- ◆ Deacons announced that a Polka Service is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. This service was well received last year and we hope everyone will enjoy the music filled service again this year.
- ◆ Council reviewed the UCC template for a safe church policy as well as our existing Anti Discrimination policy which includes sexual harassment. After review of our existing Anti Discrimination Policy it was decided that the existing policy is adequate for the time being. The personnel committee will put this as a "to do" item for future consideration.
- ◆ Council discussed the future for our mutual ministries committee. Pastor Lois has mentioned that the PPRC committee is more commonly used among UCC churches.

It was noted that in the past, Mutual Ministries or PPRC have been used as a conduit for conversation between the pastor and members and friends of the congregation. Until we get the Mutual Ministries or PPRC committee activated again, church members and friends are encouraged to discuss items of concern with Pastor Lois or with a church council member.

- ◆ The personnel committee is currently working on developing job descriptions and reporting relationships for our church.
- ◆ The planning retreat scheduled for March was postponed. We are in the process of setting another date in April. Anyone interested in attending should contact me and I will let you know the new retreat date.

Again, please call or email me if you have any questions or items you'd like to discuss or see addressed. Sue Keithahn

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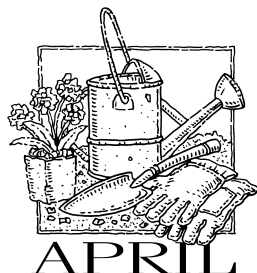
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### **Fund-raiser Update**

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the successful fundraising event we held on Sunday, February 24. Donations came to \$1843.19 and combined with our Souper Bowl of Caring Offering which was \$197.25 we were able to write a check to the Sibley County Food Shelf in March for \$2,040.44. All food and supplies were donated, so special thanks go to the entire congregation of our church, as well as to the following businesses:

- ◆ Ag Star
- ◆ ARLINGTON ENTERPRISE
- ◆ Big Gain
- ◆ GAYLORD HUB
- ◆ Itchin' To Stitch
- ◆ Jerry's Home Quality Foods
- ◆ Locher Brothers
- ◆ Michael Foods
- ◆ Neisen's
- ◆ ProGrowth Bank
- ◆ Sibley County Dairy Promotion Council

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Sunday Worship—9:30 a.m.  
 Coffee-Fellowship Hour Follows Worship  
 Sunday School—10:45 a.m. Sept.—May  
 Communion is the 1st Sunday of the month  
 Interim Pastor, Rev. Lois Vetvick  
 Council President, Sue Keithahn  
 Office Manager, Cindy Johnson

### April Birthdays

02.....Dennis Schultz  
 05.....Sandy Wentzloff  
 06.....Eric Schultz  
 07.....Michael Klimmek  
 07.....Stacy Pauly  
 08.....Alex Gasow  
 10.....Lauren Keithahn  
 10.....Luther Kolstad  
 10.....Anthony Pomplun  
 11.....Jeff Meyer  
 13.....Barb Max  
 15.....Tom Freeman  
 23.....Dylan Pauly  
 30.....Brady Meyer, Brock Meyer