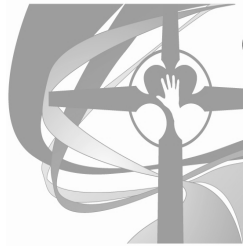


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Palm Sunday

“Save Us!”

During Lent, we’ve moved through the events in the life of Jesus during Holy Week. We began with Monday on the first Sunday of Lent and this past Sunday finished with a look at Thursday. Now we go back to the beginning of that week by looking at the day we refer to as Palm Sunday.

Over the past several years, we have seen a movement from labelling the day Palm Sunday to calling it Passion Sunday. The reason for that change is the problem we’ve been addressing throughout the season – the tendency to completely avoid the events of Holy Week. Since we have, in fact, been focusing on those events, we can stay with the traditional designation of this Sunday as Palm Sunday and look at the events of that particular day in the life of Jesus.

The entry into Jerusalem is one of the most well-known stories in the gospels. We have a very clear picture in our mind of Jesus riding on the back of a donkey while those in the crowd wave their palm branches and shout “Hosanna!” There are a variety of different questions about that event –

How big was the crowd?
Was there another grand entry in Jerusalem that same day?
Why a donkey?
Why palm branches?

This Sunday, as we celebrate Palm Sunday, we’ll look at another question – Why did those in the crowd shout “Hosanna?” and what did they mean by it?

We’ll continue to use Mark as our guide. Read Mark 11:1-11 as we hear the crowd shout “Save Us!”

Palm Sunday Blessings,
Dennis



The Great Egg Caper
Is This Sunday
April 9,
immediately
after 10:30 a.m. worship!
Rain Date
Sunday, April 16.



Congratulations to the following for
completing their assigned memory work!

Carson Lee
Tyler Kuhs
Daniel Holden
Chloe Webb
Jacob Webb
Sydney Webb



Several of our children are just a few memory
work pieces away. Keep up the great work!



Bible Memory
Contest Trophies
will be Awarded
Sunday, April 23!



Prayers & Concerns

Please pray for the following individuals:

Dr. Gary Peterson, Dale Roth, The Stevens Family,
Ginny Marvel & Ronnie McGinnis.

Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017

8:00 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST **USHER**
Mark Nicholson Rebecca Conen

10:30 A.M. SERVICE

LITURGIST **HEAD USHER**
Mark Nicholson Mel Ellsperman

USHERS & GREETERS
Cheryl & Ron Ison & Team
Pat, Jayne & Tracey Manis

ACOLYTE
Jocelyn Kuhs

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP LEADER
Annie Engelbrecht

FLOWER DEACON
Chris Kuhs

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A Maundy Thursday Not to Miss! Thursday, April 13, 7:00 PM

We say it every year – “If I was told I could only attend one worship service in an entire year but could choose which service it would be, I would choose Maundy Thursday.”



That is, perhaps, more true this year than ever before. You may have noticed some extra facial hair being sported by some of the young men of our congregation over the past few weeks. Those young men are (and, yes, in some cases we're being generous with the “young” part) - Mark Nicholson, Chris Walsh, Dan Engelbrecht, Mike Lee, Corey Fritz, Dan Irmscher, Dan Tipton, Chris Kuhs, Yancey Ferguson, Jason Webb, Matt Hummel, Trey Fulkerson and Isaac Holden.

The reason for the extra facial hair is that those 13 men will be doing a live re-enactment of the most well-known religious painting ever created – Leonardo da Vinci's “The Last Supper.” They'll not only re-create the painting but they'll also share the inner thoughts of the disciple they represent in the moment that painting memorializes – the declaration of Jesus that one of them would betray him.

We strongly encourage you to not only plan to attend this very moving and meaningful service, but to invite friends and family members to join you as well.

“I wonder if I should sign up for the Prayer Vigil?”

The short answer is “yes.” Over the years, those who have participated in the Thursday-Friday Prayer Vigil have said that it's one of the most meaningful and memorable experiences of their entire year. What you do is up to you, but there are a number of books and CD's appropriate to Holy Week and Easter as well as a self-guided Stations of the Cross opportunity.

To be a part of this experience, simply sign up for the time you choose on the board in the narthex.

Holy Week at Eastminster

A popular style in literature and movies seems to be the back-and-forth approach – events being shared outside of a straight linear time frame. That's what we're doing this year during Lent. We've gone from Monday-Thursday of Holy Week and now we'll go back to Sunday, skip to Thursday and Friday and culminate on Easter Sunday. Here are opportunities for you and others to share in the most meaningful events in history.



Palm Sunday – April 9

We'll have our regular 8:00 and 10:30 services with our children's palm processional at 10:30 and The Great Egg Caper following worship that day.

Maundy Thursday – April 13 at 7:00 p.m.



As always, this will be a very meaningful experience of worship. Its meaning will be enhanced as 13 men of our congregation will present a re-creation of Leonardo da Vinci's “The Last Supper” and provide personal monologues from each of the 12 disciples.

We will share Holy Communion by intinction and hear inspiring anthems from our choir.

Maundy Thursday – Good Friday Prayer Vigil



Every year for more than two decades we have provided the opportunity to experience a meaningful and powerful hour in the sanctuary between the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday service and 6:00 PM on Good Friday. Sign up for an hour during that period

and we'll have appropriate music and books available along with our traditional Stations of the Cross arrangement.



Easter Sunday

6:30 AM – Sunrise Service in The Gallery
8:00 – Worship
9:00 – Sunday School
10:30 – Worship



Albuquerque New Mexico
Menaul School
Thursday, July 6 - Saturday, July 22.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex to get your name on the list to attend an informational meeting (to be announced) to find out more details. Questions? See Donna Cooke. Thank you!

Welcome New Members



Bob & Paula Lewis
2188 Crosswalk Lane
Newburgh, IN 47630
(812) 306-3805 (Bob)
(812) 204-7062 (Paula)

Paula was born and raised in Springfield, KY, and grew up attending Springfield Presbyterian Church. She studied to become an x-ray technologist at Louisville General Hospital/University of Louisville. Paula worked at Welborn Clinic for 30 years and retired from Deaconess Hospital, Inc. She is involved in various clubs and enjoys reading, watching movies, and playing cards.

Bob was born and raised in Hazard, KY. He grew up attending Hazard Baptist Church but became a Presbyterian when he married Paula 51 years ago. He attended the University of Kentucky. Bob was involved in x-ray sales and service and worked for CGR before starting his own company - General Imaging, Inc. Bob enjoys golfing, U.K. basketball, and spending time with his grandson.

Bob and Paula have three children - Ron Lewis, J. Carter Lewis, and Rebecca Conen - and one grandson - Nash Conen.

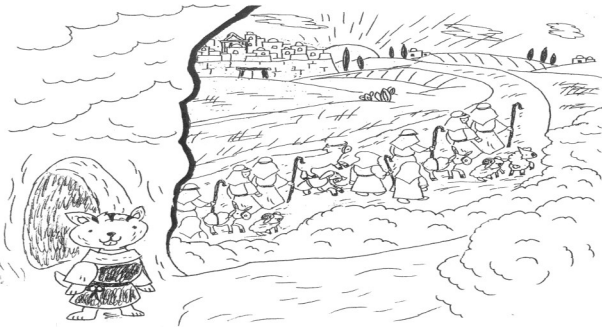
Bob and Paula unite with Eastminster by letter of transfer from Newburgh Presbyterian Church.



Rebecca Conen
7894 Margaret Circle
Newburgh, IN 47630
(812) 490-0580

Rebecca was born in Lexington, KY, but grew up in Newburgh, IN, where she and her family attended Newburgh Presbyterian Church. She received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Murray State University and a master's degree in Health Services Administration from the University of Evansville. She is currently the manager of Patient Financial Services at Deaconess Hospital, Inc. Rebecca is married to Bruce Conen - who attends St. John's Catholic Church. They have one son - Nash - who is 7 years old. Rebecca enjoys spending time with family, reading, and watching movies.

She unites with Eastminster by letter of transfer from Newburgh Presbyterian Church.



Meet a little chipmunk who has a big adventure to tell. His name is Japeth who lives in a tree at the mount of Olives. He's also the star of an Easter story by our own Miss Penelope, titled “The Easter Chipmunk.” The Easter Chipmunk will be presented to our children on Palm Sunday, April 9th! Little Japeth witnesses the story of that very first Holy Week in Jerusalem from the triumph of Palm Sunday, the heartbreak of Good Friday and on to the victory and glory of the Mighty Resurrection. Also, learn of how the customs and symbols of the Easter holiday came to be. To request a copy of this Holiday tale for your child or grandchild, be sure to call the church office. Make ready to welcome the spirit of springtime and with it, that Grand Morning of many Alleluias.

Easter Blessings & Greetings,
Roland Small, Jr.
Coloring Bookmaster

It's Camp Time!

We are raising funds to send 22 of our kids to camp this year, and we need lots of help!

We will be having a **spaghetti luncheon on April 23** to kick off our Send a Kid to Camp campaign.

Camp is June 11-17

To sponsor a camper is \$225.

Any portion of that is helpful and appreciated. You may send a donation in to the office at any time with "camp fund" notated.



Many of you have, for years, participated in the One Great Hour of Sharing program during the season of Easter. We hope that you will do so again. One Great Hour of Sharing contributions are distributed to three different programs of our denomination.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Self-Development of People programs enable these organizations to bring the joy and love of Jesus Christ to some of the most vulnerable and desperate people and places around the world. **We will be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday, April 16th.**