

# JOHN CALVIN NEWS

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## PASTOR NOTES

The Lenten season is drawing to a close and Holy Week approaches more quickly than I would prefer on the one hand and not nearly as fast as I would like it to on the other. By this I mean that there still remains much preparation to accomplish for our worship services of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at JCPC and Good Friday at 7:00 p.m. at New Harvest, Easter Sunrise and Easter morning services.

You have to love the Caring and Fellowship Committee for all their efforts in preparation for the many meals they plan for our congregation and in this season for our Easter morning breakfast. I hope all of you will take advantage of sharing in this fellowship time between our Sunrise service and the Easter morning worship. (This year the Easter Sunrise service will begin at 6:30 a.m., with breakfast at 8:30 a.m., church buddies at 9:30 a.m., and Easter morning worship at 10:30 a.m.)

Please come to our Sunrise service. For the first time in many years we will hold this service on our east lawn. In case of inclement weather we will move inside to the Fellowship Hall. Reminders of these times will be placed elsewhere in the newsletter.

On a similar note —Easter is a joyous and festive time of renewal. Many come to worship on this occasion. People expect to hear the glorious Easter message and special music, to sing Easter hymns, and to see beautiful Easter Lilies abundantly decorating the sanctuary. All of this is designed to frame the Easter setting and heighten the Word of God that we may grasp more fully the impact of the dying and rising with Jesus our Lord. Easter is a time for renewal. It is a time for new beginnings. It is a time for forgiveness and renewal of life within ourselves and with the community. Our Lenten Study has been a wonderful time of searching our hearts through a fictional but challenging story. Its emphasis has been to get us to view how the resurrection and our resurrection faith is an integral part of our daily lives. As our study progresses, I am more and more convinced that the power of God’s grace does live in our daily lives through Jesus’ death and resurrection. If you take a quiet moment to listen, you can hear the Alleluias of the angels, the powerfully wonderful music that comes in the sunrise of each day, the celebration of the blooming flowers of the season, and the celebration of the saints gone before us as they once again worship with us this Easter. This is a symbolic yet powerful time for many. I pray that this Easter will be so for you. Invite your friends and family to join in this Paschal celebration with you. May you find and celebrate the Easter grace offered to you.

Easter peace and Easter blessings to all,

Pastor Paul



## SESSION NEWS-MARCH 20, 2006



Joe and Martha Caskey were received into membership by letter of transfer from Surfside Presbyterian Church (PCA).

A Member Inquiry Class is being planned for persons interested in becoming members and for recently received members. This four-session class will be held during the Sunday School time and will begin after Easter.

The Finance Committee reported that revenue exceeded expenditures by \$1,400 through February. Session agreed to move \$600 from Sessional Funds to Pastor's Discretionary account and to close the Puppet Ministry account and make those funds (\$364) available to the Mission Committee. Session will ask Christian Education, Caring and Fellowship, and Building and Grounds for proposals to use approximately \$6,000 currently in our Undesignated Memorial Fund.

Session voted to call a congregational meeting on April 2nd, following morning worship, to hear a report from the Church Nominating Committee.

The Easter Sunday worship schedule was confirmed: Sunrise Service at John Calvin—6:30 a.m.; Fellowship Breakfast—8:30 a.m.; Sunday School—9:30 a.m.; and Morning Worship—10:30 a.m. To communicate the time changes, Worship and Music Committee is asked to lead notification efforts with the help of Evangelism and Outreach and Caring and Fellowship.

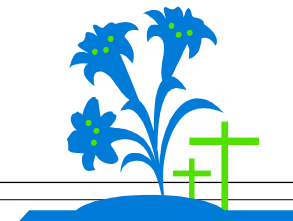
Session approved Worship and Music Committee's recommendations: (1) to improve the flow of morning worship by starting gathering music and welcome at 10:55 a.m. and revising the order and content of the service with Pastor Paul's guidance; and (2) a summer schedule for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. followed by morning worship at 10:30 a.m. to begin on the first Sunday in June and end on the Sunday before Labor Day. We will mark the return to regular hours with a Rally Day and luncheon on the Sunday following Labor Day.

Session will host a Congregational Luncheon on May 21st following morning worship. The purpose of this luncheon is to receive congregational input for the direction of John Calvin Presbyterian Church with special emphasis for the Pastor Nominating Committee.

## THE CROSS ROOM

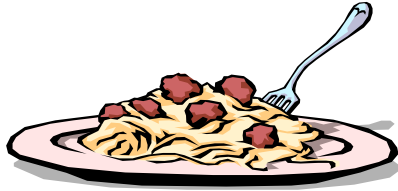
The young man was at the end of his rope. Seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer. "Lord, I can't go on," he said. "I have too heavy a cross to bear." The Lord replied, "My son, if you can't bear it's weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then open another door and pick any cross you wish." The man was filled with relief. "Thank you, Lord," he sighed, and did as he was told. As he looked around the room he saw many different crosses; some so large the tops were not visible. Then he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one, Lord," he whispered. And the Lord replied, "My son, that's the cross you brought in."

-Unknown



## Spaghetti Dinner

Don't forget the Youth Group spaghetti dinner on **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. You may dine in or take out (6-8 p.m.). Homemade desserts will be available. Come enjoy a little taste of Italy and receive some excellent service. Thank you for supporting the Youth Group of John Calvin.

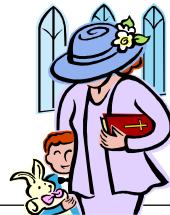


## LENTEN CALENDARS FOR CHILDREN

On Sunday, April 2nd, each family with children will receive a special Lenten calendar with simple activities for the children and parents to do together each day for the two weeks before Easter.

The children will get to open a flap each day to discover the activity. Be sure to attend the worship service to receive yours.

If you are unable to attend, contact the church office or Betty Anne Smith (665-1345) to get one for your family.



**Several members have found various church doors unlocked over the past few weeks. If you have occasion to unlock a door, please check carefully before leaving and be sure all is secure.**

## Youth Group Schedule for April 2006

**Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>** – Spaghetti Dinner (We need you at church by 5:00 p.m. to help set up)

**Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>** – Meet at Church 4:30-6:00

**Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>**– Easter (No Meeting)

**Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Surprise! Meet at Church 4:00

**Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>** – Meet at Church 4:30-6:00

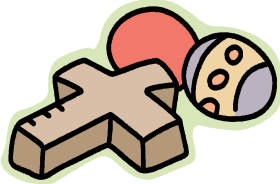
Vacation Bible School will be held June 11th – 14th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for children and adults. Please contact Betty Anne Smith if you are able to help with Bible School.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hopefully everyone realizes that we have some members who can not attend services because of limitations which are greater than ours. These individuals are called ESPs (Extra Special People).

Caring and Fellowship Committee and your pastor are in the process of resuming the **tape ministry** for the ESPs who would like to have tapes of the worship service on a weekly basis. We need volunteers to help with the tape delivery. Hopefully, many of you will volunteer. All we will need is for you to go by the church on Monday afternoons or Tuesday mornings to pick up a tape and deliver it to one of our ESPs.

Please call the church office (662-8571) and tell Linda that you would like to be a part of the tape ministry so that we will be able to deliver tapes as soon as possible.



**INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT  
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2006**

*Breakfast 8:30*

*Children's stations 9:30*

*Worship 10:30*

The stations will be for children and adults to do together but everyone is welcome. Church buddies are urged to get together for this event. Adult classes may do as each class wishes, either having their regular classes or participating in the Intergenerational Event.

Child participants will have the opportunity to make their own set of resurrection eggs.

**EASTER LILIES**

We will place Easter Lilies in the church on Easter Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate a lily in honor or memory of someone please fill out the form below and have it to the church office by Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Cost this year is \$10.00 per lily.

Given By \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of \_\_\_\_\_

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
APRIL 16, 2006**



Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

**Distribution of Receipts**

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent.

### Women's Sunday

**April 23, 2006**

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, the women of John Calvin will lead the service and our guest speaker will be our very own **Whitney Moss**. Whitney is head of Christian Education at Second Presbyterian Church Spartanburg. After church, please join us for a covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall. The women of the church will *provide chicken and dessert*. We look forward to this day and hope you will make a special effort to be with us.

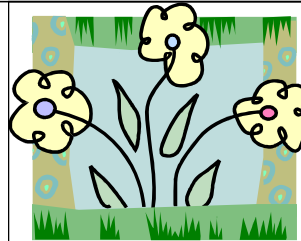
### Birthday Offering

**April 23, 2006**

#### What is the Birthday Offering?

In 1922, Hallie Winsborough, visited a girls school in Japan and came home to the United States and challenged every member of the Women's Auxiliary to contribute to the needs of the school. This tradition became an annual event and is known as the *Birthday Offering*. Presbyterian Women have given \$28,505,445 in support of mission projects throughout the world. The offerings have enabled a long succession of new and often innovative mission projects both overseas and in the United States.

The Birthday Offering will be collected on Sunday , April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please "give as you are blessed," because none of this would be possible without your help.



### SPRINGFEST!

**APRIL 29, 2006**

**3:00-6:00 P.M.**

#### ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



#### ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS



**SUPPER AT 5:00 P.M.**

#### DOOR PRIZES!!



#### CHOCOLATE DESSERT CONTEST

**Call the church office for more details- 662-8571**

**CHILDREN'S WORKERS FOR APRIL AND MAY**



If you are unable to meet your commitment, please contact the next person on the list. Parents, label your baby items. Thanks for your help.

INFANTS		2 and 3 Year Olds		Children's Church	
April 2	Kay Garren	April 2	Claire McNeill	April 2	Pam and Bob Barnett
April 9	Debbie Filyaw	April 9	Betsey Johnson	April 9	Rebecca and Bill Barnett
April 16	Mike Robb	April 16	Kelly Hewitt	April 16	Rhonda/Tim Dickerson
April 23	Leona Tomlinson	April 23	Jane Thrower	April 23	Karen Pattillo/Nola Marshall
April 30	Judy Feimster	April 30	Tom Hawkins	April 30	Celeste/Michael McCutcheon
May 7	Mary Gooden	May 7	Virginia McMillan	May 7	Annie and Bill Bigham
May 14	Marilyn Chapman	May 14	Romona Smith	May 14	Martha and Ronnie Houser
May 21	Virginia Jordan	May 21	Alice Baker	May 21	Mike Hawkins/Lee Carroll
May 28	Liz Gatchell	May 28	Heather Gerrald	May 28	Robin and Roger Harris

**MEMORIALS**

*Josephine Parker*  
JoAnn Reaves' mother by:  
Susan and Jerry Burley

*Jessie Mae Jeffords*  
Charles Carnell's sister by:  
Susan and Jerry Burley

*Landis W. Smith* by:  
His Family



**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

April 31 Jennifer and Tripp Pattillo



Thanks to our March newsletter folders:

- Dan McNeill
- Claire McNeill
- Romona Smith
- Leona Tomlinson
- Betsey Johnson

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

April 1	Skip Bishop	April 17	Charles Carnell, Roger Hux, Martha Davis
April 3	Cherry Gerrald	April 18	Ford Nalley, Jessica Rutten
April 4	James Collar	April 19	Betty Moore
April 5	Becky Montrose	April 20	Mary Beth Harllee Amber Hewitt, Keith Montrose
April 6	Joseph Touchberry Zachary Barrow	April 21	Jenna Kight
April 7	Leslie Rutten	April 23	Braxton Collins Claire McNeill
April 8	Martie Rushing	April 27	Rachel Horton
April 9	Mary Gooden	April 28	Carolyn Nelson Joe Stubbs, Kelley Ard
April 10	Suk Susser	April 30	Brad Pendergraft
April 12	Jean Beckman		
April 14	Harlan Hawkins Gwyn Voss		
April 15	Burnie Gerrald		
April 16	Matt Dickerson Irene McElveen		



## APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, April 2, 2006	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, April 9, 2006	Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 13, 2006	Maundy Thursday Communion @ John Calvin at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, April 14, 2006	Tenebrae Service @ New Harvest at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 16, 2006	Easter Sunrise Service @ John Calvin at 6:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m. Intergenerational Event at 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

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