

# NEWSLETTER

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### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 P.M.

This year, during our Maundy Thursday Musical Communion Service "Harvest of Sorrows", we will be celebrating communion in a different way – by Intinction. Intinction is an ancient way of partaking in The Lord's Supper – some would say the original way that Jesus and his disciples first shared bread and wine. At the appropriate time we will use the middle two aisles to come forward to the chancel steps where Elders will have a loaf of bread and a chalice of wine (grape juice). Worshippers will tear off a piece of bread from the common loaf, dip it into the cup and partake of communion before returning to their seats using the two side aisles. If you are unable to come forward, the Elders will bring the Bread and Cup to you. The Worship Committee and the Session hope this special Lenten communion experience will be meaningful to all.

### SHADOWS OF THE PASSION / GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE 8:00 P.M.

Come experience the power of this original dramatic piece that features the talents of local actors and musicians to tell the events of Jesus' last days according to Matthew. Feel the power of the Passion of The Christ.



Service of Darkness

### CWS "Heart to Heart" School Kits Being Assembled

If you would like to participate you can do so by purchasing and bringing the following items to church by March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- \*One pair of blunt scissors
- \*One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- \*Three - 70-count spiral or tape-bound notebooks of 8" x 10-1/2"
- \*One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- \* One hand-held pencil sharpener
- \*One large eraser
- \*Six new pencils with erasers
- \*\*or a monetary donation to help cover costs incurred in purchase of tote bags and shipping of completed kits.

### Easter Sunrise Service

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 a.m.

Come experience the joy of early morning discovery.



Easter Sunday there will be the fragrance of lilies in the Sanctuary. If you would like to place a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, please inform the office by March 16<sup>th</sup>. Cost of lilies will be \$8.00.



## One Great Hour Of Sharing Offering

This year our congregation will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter Sunday. This year completes 60 years of giving. Over the years the offering has become a symbol of Presbyterian ecumenical commitment. We work with many other denominations to coordinate the offering. Each denomination then decides how to use it. Presbyterians support it generously, giving about as much as all the other One Great Hour of Sharing denominations put together.

That support makes a tremendous difference to people around the world who are experiencing need. The ministries of One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Self-Development of People, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program – provide a range of responses that quickly address the most immediate and urgent needs while working patiently, in partnership with those in need, to address the underlying causes of chronic problems.

An offering envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Presbyterian support of the OGHOS mission has been making differences for the last 60 years in the lives of people we will never meet, yet we can never ignore.

## Applying Bible Principles

God uses money in a variety of ways in the lives of His children. One of the most important ways God uses money is to confirm direction. Simply stated, God uses the supply of money or the lack of it to confirm His direction for many of the decisions we must make in life.

If God gives us clear direction which is confirmed by His Word, then He will provide whatever is needed to carry out that direction. The only problem is that He expects us to step out in faith in obedience to His leading and His Word, usually without knowing in full the pathway that lies ahead.

Living that kind of life requires faith in God's person and His promises. It requires taking God at His Word and basing how we live on His Word. It requires trusting Him, even when circumstances appear to be contrary. It requires seeking first His kingdom, and then being confident that He will provide what we need. It requires < as the writer of Hebrews observed < believing that God " . . . exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Hudson Taylor, a missionary to China who lived in the 19th century, summed it up beautifully this way: "God's work, done in God's way, will never lack God's supply." This means that if we are not experiencing God's supply, either we are not doing God's work (that is, we are not seeking first His kingdom) or we are not doing God's work in His way.

Make no mistake about it: God is not a God of disorder. He will not provide specific direction which He confirms by his Word if He does not intend to provide what is necessary for us to obey Him fully. But He looks to us to be willing to trust Him by taking the first step, and then another, and yet another.

By the way, has God been speaking to you lately? Has He confirmed that direction through His Word? If so, remember this: You can be confident that as God works in your life, He will use money or the lack of it to confirm His direction.

For details about the PDA relief response to hurricane victims check out:<http://www.pcusa.org/pda/response/usa/gulfcoast/thanksgiving-gulf.htm>

## Upcoming Worship

### March 2

1 Samuel 16:1-13: David is anointed as King over Israel by the prophet Samuel.

Ephesians 5:8-14: The writer to the Ephesians gives instruction in how Christians should live as "children of the light."

John 9:1-41: Jesus heals a man who has been blind from birth. His healing immediately touches off a heated religious controversy.

### March 9

Ezekiel 37: 1-14: Ezekiel is shown a valley of dry bones that miraculously come to life through the life-giving wind sent from God.

Romans 8:6-11: The Spirit gives life to all, Paul writes to the church at Rome.

John 11:1-45: At Bethany the friend of Jesus, Lazarus, has died. Jesus goes to Lazarus's tomb and raises him back to life saying, "Unbind him and let him go."

### March 16

Isaiah 50:4-9a: The prophet Isaiah asks God to help him to minister to suffering and weary Israel with some word of comfort.

Philippians 2:5-11: "Though he was in the form of God, Christ Jesus did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave," Paul proclaims to the Philippians.

Matthew 26:14-27: On this Sunday we have our longest lesson of the year, the dramatic account of Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion.

### March 23

Acts 10:34-43: Peter tells the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection – how "God raised him on the third day."

Colossians 3:1-4: "You have been raised with Christ," Paul tells the Colossians, "your life is hidden with Christ in God."

John 20:1-18: John tells the story of the resurrection appearance of the Risen Christ.

### March 30

Acts 2:14a, 22-3: Peter joyfully proclaims the message of the resurrection of Jesus.

1 Peter 1:3-9: You are receiving the salvation of your souls, proclaims the first letter of Peter to a suffering church.

John 20:19-31: Thomas is moved from doubt to faith in the presence of the risen Christ.

## Bible Quiz

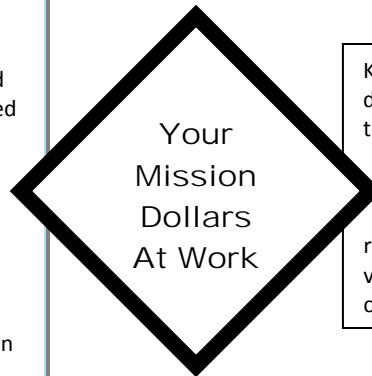


The Gospels tell us that after Jesus died, his body was placed in a rich man's tomb. This man wasn't a disciple but apparently believed in Jesus and followed his message. He came from a small town not in existence today.

What was the man's name, and what was his hometown?

- A. Joseph of Arimathea
- B. Aristarchus from Thessalonica
- C. Ariel of Moab

The answer is in Matthew 27:57-60.



Keep in touch with the work done around the world utilizing the contributions made by our congregation to our supported missionaries around the world. Copies of e-mails received are available in the vestibule or you can call the church office for information.

## Classifieds

**HELP WANTED:** We are looking for a new title for the monthly newsletter. Any ideas? Call the office or e-mail your suggestion today.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Per Capita amount for 2008 is \$24.39. Look for the blue envelope in your offering envelope box.

**THANK YOU:** A special thanks to the Deacons for their efforts in making the Lenten Soup and Bread Luncheon such a success.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Sue and Gary Moser won the "Newly Wed Game" held at the Lasagna Dinner. Thanks to all participants and to the Youth for providing a great evening!

### Sunday Morning Adult Education

- March 2nd "The Ark Comes to Jerusalem"  
1 Chronicles 15:1-3, 14-16, 25-28  
Teachers: Don Musgrave and Judi Paden
- March 9th "God's Covenant with David"  
1 Chronicles 17:1, 3-4, 6-15  
Teachers: Paul Gray and Susan Moser
- March 16th "God Calls Solomon to Build the Temple"  
1 Chronicles 28:5-10, 20-21  
Teachers: Ed Kelso and Joyce Johnson
- March 23rd "Fulfillment of God's Promise"  
2 Chronicles 6:12-17; Luke 24:44-49  
Teacher: Jerry Paden
- March 30th "Josiah Renews the Covenant"  
2 Chronicles 34:15, 18-19, 25-27, 29, 31-33  
Teacher: Bill Kutz



### Notes from the Choir Loft



Maundy Thursday is the renewal of the Covenant between Jesus and us. It puts us in the room with Jesus and the Twelve. The Worship Committee and the choir are offering a very unique and dramatic celebration of the Lord's Supper on that night. The choir will offer the cantata, "Harvest of Sorrows" by Joseph Martin with soloists Craig Coon and Peggy Dillman and narrators. It is the sincere hope of the Worship Committee and the choir that you make a special effort to share this deeply moving experience.

I am still in need of two bell rings. Music reading ability is not required. The bell choir has committed to presenting a program for the Mother's Day Banquet at St. Nicholas Church in Crates in May so if you have ever considered ringing, now is the time to begin. It really is a lot of fun.

The "Next Generation" youth choir will sing on March 30<sup>th</sup>. They will be singing the entire service including responses. All kids are encouraged to join us at 10:15 in the Education Building for practice every Sunday. The "Next Generation" will be a part of worship on a more regular basis.

Calling all trumpeters. We need your help with worship May 25<sup>th</sup>. E-mail me if you would be able to help.

\*\*\*There will be an extra choir rehearsal on Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> for the Cantata and Easter Sunday. \*\*\*

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## Presbytery Day 2008

April 20<sup>th</sup> 3:00-5:30 p.m.

### Punxsutawney Presbyterian Church

#### An Afternoon with Author Philip Gulley

Over a million readers have visited the small town of Harmony, Indiana. Join author Philip Gulley, the men of the Harmony Odd Fellows Lodge, and singing sensation Amanda Hodge as they travel to Chattanooga, Tennessee to visit the Reverend Lester Hickam's Gospel Hour and Variety Show and participate in the first-ever Christian Idol program. Philip Gulley will also be sharing stories from his next book, "My Life on Broadway; Memories of a Misspent Youth".

#### OR Bible Study with Peter Bower

Peter Bower returns with the 2008 edition of his popular Bible Studies on the power, passion, mystery, and intrigue of the biblical narrative. Don't miss what he has up his sleeve this year as he brings the Bible to life. Peter Bower is the Interim Pastor of the Rural Valley and Numine Churches.


# THIS JUST IN... KIDS NEWS

## MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL

### "THE TOMB IS EMPTY"

#### CAN IT BE TRUE?

#### COME SEE WHAT IT MEANS!



**Just for KIDS**

*Something Important to Remember Always*

Romans 5:8, NIV, tells us how great God's love is for us. Use the grid to complete this verse.

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Easter Party  
 March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 1-3 p.m.



Ages 3 to Grade 3 are invited to an afternoon of fun, games, crafts, and refreshments. Come to the Education Building and be part of the fun!!!

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ANSWER: "BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US."

Bible Quiz Answer: A Joseph of Arimathea

### Youth Calendar of Events

March 9<sup>th</sup>-Youth Sunday Planning: 5-7 p.m.  
 Come help plan and prepare. Be part of worship!

March 22<sup>nd</sup>-Easter Party 1-3 p.m. Ed Building  
 Helpers needed!

March 30<sup>th</sup>-Youth Sunday- Worship 11:00 a.m.  
 We need ushers, readers, singers, helpers.

April 18-19-Westminster Highlands Retreat  
 Come experience the ropes course and fun of early spring at camp.  
 Please sign-up by March 9<sup>th</sup>.