



# Congregational News

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*Happy Easter!*  
*from the church staff*

### **Maundy Thursday, April 13**

6:30 p.m. – Festival meal in Gatton Hall with a Tenebrae service in the sanctuary and the stripping of the church.

Following – A brief service of foot-washing in the chapel

### **Good Friday, April 14**

8:00 p.m. – Service will include a choral reading of the Passion, according to the Gospel of Matthew. The Sanctuary Choir will sing and cellist Julia Lont will play.

### **The Easter Vigil**

Between 9:00 on Good Friday and 6:00 Easter morning, take one hour to attend, to meditate, to be present in the sanctuary in silence. All shifts are covered, but please feel free to participate at any time.

### **Easter Sunday, April 16**

8:30 a.m. – We end the Easter Vigil and celebrate the Resurrection with scripture and stories, youth worship leaders and Communion. Music is provided by the Sanctuary Choir and youth musicians.

9:30 a.m. – Between the two services, Easter Breakfast is served in Gatton Hall.

11:00 a.m. – The celebration service includes the flower cross, with music by the Sanctuary Choir with brass, timpani and bell choir.



After a marathon weekend of worship opportunities there will be no youth groups on Easter Sunday.

On *Saturday, April 22* (Earth Day!),

the youth groups will be gathering downtown at 11:00 a.m. for EarthFaire 2006 and Procession of the Species. We will meet in front of American Dream Pizza and explore the event together. Plan to bring money for lunch and any snacks that you might like to purchase. More information about the event can be found at:

[www.peak.org/~ecenter/Outreach/procession.html](http://www.peak.org/~ecenter/Outreach/procession.html)

Questions? Contact **Ryan** at the church or at [rylamb@yahoo.com](mailto:rylamb@yahoo.com).

## Ask Reverend Manners

Dear Rev. Manners,

Where did the phrase “Maundy Thursday” come from? What’s a maundy?

Thank you.

**Inquiring Mind**

Dear Inquiring Mind,

“Maundy” comes originally from the word commandment. On Maundy Thursday in the church, we celebrate Jesus’ institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion at the last supper. To remember Christ through the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup is the new commandment Jesus gave us before his

death. That is why most Maundy Thursday services include a Communion service in them, and the liturgical mood of the day is that of remembering.

Thank you for asking. I’m sure there are others in the congregation who have wondered.

Cordially,

Rev. Manners

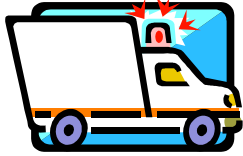
## BRING YOUR “WATER FOR WATER” GIFTS SUNDAY



For those who have participated in the “Water for Water” project, there will be a pitcher in the foyer into which you may “pour” your checks or cash on Easter morning. The money we and other Conference churches saved during Lent by drinking tap water instead of purchased beverages will go toward drilling a well in a third world country where the people have no access to clean, safe drinking water. (And we will learn where our well is drilled.)



**Gwendolyn Claire Snyder** was born in the early morning of April 8, weighing 8 lbs. and .06 oz. Happy parents are **Becky Flitcroft** and **Jeff Snyder**.



## Emergency

### Preparedness Kits: Order yours now

The San Juan de Fuca tectonic plate and the Cascadia subduction zone will someday result in another strong earthquake for our area. Suppose your water, gas, electricity, phone, and even the cable TV services suddenly all stopped and the wreckage of homes was widespread. Could you and your family survive for at least five days until emergency relief arrives?

FEMA, the American Red Cross, and our own Benton County recommend assembling a basic kit that would help you survive the immediate aftermath of a disaster.

<http://www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff/ems/documents/72HRKTwcolor.pdf>

Many of the items may already exist somewhere in your home, but initiating the collection of materials is just too easy to put off.

A starter kit for your home has been designed by the church's Health Ministry Committee to promote emergency preparedness at home. It contains items which address vital needs such as first aid, lighting, shelter, sanitation, and even a sturdy container to store them in. Careful selection and shopping sought to optimize function, durability, cost, and mobility of each item. These \$60 kits are sold at cost and compare quite favorably against those sold by commercial firms.

The starter kits encourage you to complete a basic kit when you add items that reflect your specific needs and preferences.

To receive a list of the items and order form for the starter kit, contact **Brian Lee** ([bclee@peak.org](mailto:bclee@peak.org) or 758-4697). Please indicate whether you would like spreadsheet, word processing text, or hardcopy format. Orders will be taken with prepayment through the end of April.

### QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENTS ARE HERE

The giving statements for the first quarter of 2006 are available for pick-up on Sunday. They are filed alphabetically in a box on the name tag counter in the foyer. Save the church a stamp and carry yours home!

There was a glitch in the printing of this batch of statements and a few may be missing. If you cannot find your statement in the box, contact **Jim Canterbury** (758-7437).

### GUIDE DOGS AT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENING

Women's Fellowship is sponsoring an evening meeting that is open to all—women, men and children. **Alice Mills Morrow** will be our special speaker. Alice has had a series of guide dog puppies that have been such a welcome part of our church community. Here's a chance for us to learn more about the program and her involvement.



*Thursday, April 20* at 7:00 p.m. we will start with a dessert in the Fireplace Room, then move to the Meeting Hall for the program from 7:30 to 8:30. Please sign up for this event in the foyer of the church on Sunday, or call the church office to sign up. We would like to have a good idea of how many to prepare for.

“You See a Puppy, the Blind Person Sees the World” is the topic of this event. Alice Mills Morrow and guide dog puppy, **Gantry**, will be joined by Captain **Terry Christensen** and his guide dog, **Dutton**. They will show us the unique relationship between a Guide Dog and a person with vision loss. They will demonstrate the power of interdependence. If you need a ride or have questions, please contact **Pat Johnson** (619-4943) or **Monine Stebbins** (754-8039).

### WOMEN’S ANNUAL MEETING THIS MONTH IN VANCOUVER

On *Thursday, April 27*, women of the Central Pacific conference will gather at First Congregational UCC in Vancouver, Washington, for their Annual Meeting. The Rev. John Gantt, our interim Conference Minister, will be the featured speaker. He will discuss his experiences as director of Crossroad residential school in Indiana (the one we collect labels and boxtops for) and at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. The cost is \$10. Women from Cedar Hills Community UCC will give the worship service and

the offering will be for the Rev. Anne Smith Educational Loan/Grant Fund.

Reservations for the meeting are due by *April 21*. Contact **Nancy Klingeman** (753-3350), if you would like for her to telephone your reservation.

## Go Green!

Earth Day is *Saturday, April 22*. Do something good for the environment and human health: join over 2,700 Corvallis households and businesses that are purchasing renewable energy through Pacific Power’s “Blue Sky” green power program.

Renewable energy is good for our environment, our health and our economy. By purchasing green power, you are saying “yes” to energy independence and regional jobs and “no” to fossil fuels. And, through the end of April, your participation will help Corvallis get to its Blue Sky Community Challenge goal of 15% of all households supporting renewable energy. We’re currently at 12%.

If Corvallis reaches the goal of 15% participation, the environmental benefit will be removing 2,000 tons of greenhouse gas producing carbon dioxide, equivalent to removing 4500 cars from the roads.

Pacific Power offers three green power choices supporting wind, biomass



and solar energy. It costs a few extra dollars per month on your electric bill, and helps stimulate renewable energy development in our region.

The church Trustees decided at their last month's meeting to make a preliminary commitment to Blue Sky power by buying four blocks a month of green power energy from Pacific Power. Because our building is used so much, a complete conversion to Blue Sky power would require congregational approval and budgeting for the cost increase. In the interim, however, the Trustees wanted to show their support for the program, a reflection of the church's commitment to the integrity of our environment.

For more information about the Blue Sky program, contact **Teresa Bodwell** (609-0203, [Teresa@RNP.org](mailto:Teresa@RNP.org)), or go to [www.RNP.org](http://www.RNP.org). To express your opinion about the church and Blue Sky energy, contact Trustees chair **Frank Hall**, [frank@entredigm.com](mailto:frank@entredigm.com), or another of the Trustees.

### CANDY REMINDER

If you have not received your See's Easter candy ordered from **Kaia Larson**, please call her (754-9045).

### *A Note from the Parish Nurse:*

If you have signed up for one of the Medicare Rx Drug Plans, and you recently received a letter from the plan stating that your coverage will be changing, please call me! There have been changes made with some troubling consequences that may leave people without coverage for medications they initially were told would be covered. This is a justice issue as well as an economic one. I am willing to help you deal with the bureaucracy if this has happened to you. Just let me know.

**Caroline Zaworski**



## Our Thoughts and Prayers

... are with **Jean James**, who recently lost her brother. Jean is also recovering from pneumonia.

## CORVALLIS ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Our community's ecumenical Good Friday service will be held this year from 12:15-1:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 114 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Corvallis. All are welcome.



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, April 18.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

*Good Friday, April 14*

- 7:15 p.m. Good Friday rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. Service**
- 9:00 p.m. Vigil begins**

*Saturday, April 15*

- 10:00 a.m. Flower baskets set-up

*Easter Sunday, April 16*

- 7:00 a.m. Worship Committee
- 7:45 a.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 7:45 a.m. Youth servers
- 8:30 a.m. Easter worship**
- 9:30 a.m. Easter breakfast**
- 11:00 a.m. Easter worship**

*Monday, April 17*

- 5:30 p.m. Basketball
- 7:30 p.m. C E Board
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

*Tuesday, April 18*

- 9:00 a.m. Staff
- Noon Lectionary class
- 3:00-7:30 Stone Soup at  
Westminster House
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Board
- 7:30 p.m. Spirit Quest


*Wednesday, April 19*

- 5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball
- NO Sanctuary Choir**

*Thursday, April 20*

- 11:45 a.m. Lunch Group
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 142
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship  
dessert, program
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Spirituality

**LOOKING AHEAD: Friday, May 19:**  
 Our church will host the Women's Cluster meeting;

One Easter Sunday morning as the minister was preaching the children's sermon, he reached into his bag of props and pulled out an egg.  "What's in here?" "I know," a little boy exclaimed. "Panty-hose!"