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Mundy Thursday, April 9

6:30 p.m. – Service starts with a festival meal in Gatton Hall. Worship continues with a Tenebrae service in the sanctuary and the stripping of the church.

Good Friday, April 10

8:00 p.m. – "Seven Last Words of Christ" with choral meditations by the Sanctuary Choir.

The Easter Vigil --Between 9:00 on Good Friday until 6:00 Easter morning

Easter Sunday, April 12

8:30 a.m. – "Images of the Resurrection," led by our youth, offers visual and spoken meditations on the Easter text. Communion will be celebrated.

9:30 a.m. – Between the two services, Easter Breakfast is served in Gatton Hall (\$2.50/person).

11:00 a.m. – Celebration service, with music by the Sanctuary Choir, brass, and timpani.

Scriptures: Isaiah 25:6-9, Mark 16:1-18, Acts 10:34-43

Sermon: "A Strenuous Blessing" -- Elizabeth Oettinger

ATTENTION BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Annual reports are due to the church office by the Monday after Easter, *April 13*.



There will be no regular youth group meetings this week; have a happy Easter afternoon with your family! There are still many things going on this weekend. Middle and high school youth who are helping (reading, serving Communion, playing music, ushers etc.) with the 8:30 a.m. Easter service need to meet in the sanctuary at 7:45 on Sunday morning. Please wear appropriate Easter clothing (no jeans or shorts) and be on time so that we can get everyone set up before worship begins.

The high school youth will be participating in the Easter Vigil at midnight on Friday night and will follow their prayer time with late night dessert at Shari's restaurant. Let **Ryan** know if you plan to participate (ryan@ucc-corvallis.org) so he can arrange rides for everyone.

SOFTBALL SEASON BEGINS

It's time to get out your gloves and get them oiled and start throwing and running! The **Holy Sox** co-ed softball team's first practice will be *Thursday, April 16*, 6:00 p.m., Chintimini Park. As usual, if we do not get on one of the two diamonds right



away, we will find an open space between the diamonds and practice there. We will have weekly practices throughout the season, but we can discuss whether Thursday and 6:00 p.m. are the best times for everyone. The roster will be at the practice to sign and you can also pay your player fee, which will be \$35 per person for Corvallis residents and \$45 for those living out of town (checks payable to **Pete Nelson**).

The season starts on *Sunday, May 10*, and will go through early August. All games will be on Sunday afternoons or evenings, unless we have a make-up game due to rainouts, which are usually on Fridays. As I am using last year's e-mail list, please forward this message to anyone whom you think might be interested in playing for the Sox this year.

For further information, contact Pete Nelson (752-1278 or Peter.Nelson@oregonstate.edu) or contact **Tammy Skubinna** (752-4214 or tammy.skubinna@oregonstate.edu).

SPRING CLEANING HELP THROUGH PROJECT ACTION

The **Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center** has started **Project Action**, a program that helps people in recovery find stability through work. Workers can be hired at a rate of \$9/hour for yard clean-up and maintenance, mowing, weeding, pruning, and attic and garage clean-up. You provide the tools and they provide the labor. References include **Aleita Hass-Holcombe** and **Barbara**

Ross. Work can be scheduled by contacting **Tom** (224-2812) or **Hundley** (738-7500). For more information, please see the community bulletin board outside the church office.

READ & FEED MEETS

Read & Feed will gather to discuss *The Stubborn Twig* by Lauren Kessler, at 7:00 on Easter evening. **Doris** and **Paul deLespinasse** are the hosts.

Islam class finishes with food and festivities

On April 1, members of the Corvallis Muslim community joined us at a meal which featured dishes from their native countries, cooked especially for us. They dined and conversation, a wonderful conclusion to a most enjoyable class was delicious and the company, delightful.



LEFT: Fatimah Salman Al-Ramadhan (l), from Saudi Arabia, and **Jehan Jabareen**, a Palestinian from Israel, tend the pot of vegetable beef soup.

RIGHT: Fatimah, Jehan, and Rimah Sathamh (also from Israel)--with daughter **Celine** -- explained what we were to eat.



LEFT: Happy, hungry class members and guests are set to enjoy an array of exotic (to us) dishes -- including mujadara, kafta, and cracked wheat, --and local dishes we brought. Even better was the opportunity to get to know our guests.

[Thanks to **Mousa Diabat**, Jehan's husband, for the photos.]



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, April 14.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Good Friday, April 10

- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 p.m. Worship
- 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil begins

Saturday, April 11

- 10:00 a.m. Flower arranging,
Easter set-up

Easter Sunday, April 12

- 8:00 a.m.** Worship
- 9:30 a.m.** Easter Breakfast
- 11:00 a.m.** Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Read & Feed,
deLespinasse

Monday, April 13

- Office closed**
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Board

Tuesday, April 14

- Noon Lectionary class
- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Board
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1

Wednesday, April 15

NO Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 16

- 11:45 a.m. Lunch Group
 - 7:00 p.m. Endowment Board
 - 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 142
- Friday, April 17*
- 5:00 p.m. Camping Lock-in
(though 1:00 April 18)
 - 8:00 p.m.** Badminton

**WOMEN'S MEETINGS
 SCHEDULED**

Please mark your calendars for *Friday, March 24*, and *Thursday, March 30*, for two important Central Pacific Conference Women's meetings. Our church will host the valley cluster meeting on the 24th which will focus on Women Mystics beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m. On the 30th, the Women's Annual Meeting will be held in Eugene with registration beginning at 11:30. That program will feature a trunk showing of fiber art from around the world by Mary Maxwell. More details will be in next week's newsletter.

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