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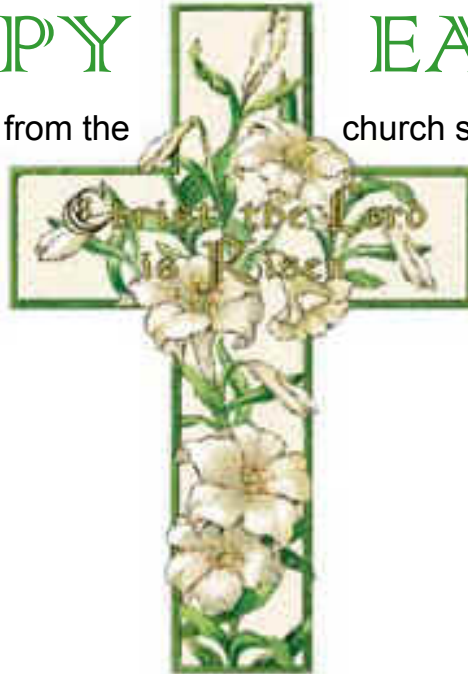
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HAPPY EASTER

from the church staff

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Easter Sunday, April 4

Communion Sunday food donations may be placed in baskets **in the foyer** this Sunday.

8:30 a.m. – Celebration of the Resurrection through the words of a speech choir;
Communion will be served. A quartet of OSU Chamber Choir members will sing.

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

10:15 – Easter Egg Hunt for Pre-kindergarten age through first grade, and second through fifth grade begins in the Fireplace Room. *[See page 2.]*

11:00 a.m. – Communion service, with music by the Sanctuary Choir, brass, and timpani. The children will decorate the Flower Cross during the first hymn.



NO youth group this week so that you can spend Easter afternoon with your families!

The **Senior High Youth** group will also be taking the midnight-1:00 a.m. slot in the Easter Vigil on *April 2/3*. We will follow our vigil slot with late-night dessert at Shari's. Please let **Ryan** know if you are planning to attend!

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT



We have our teens busily thinking of great hiding places for colorful plastic eggs (with prizes inside) to entertain our younger parishioners (between breakfast and worship) this Sunday! Children ages 1 through 5th grade are invited to gather in the Fireplace Room at 10:15 to decorate an "Easter Bag" to collect eggs. At 10:25 we will split into age groups and go on the great goodie hunt. Included in the hidden eggs will be special 'real eggs' decorated by the youth and **Ted McCann** who will share an Easter tradition from Mexico with any children feeling adventurous enough to follow him to Gatton Hall at 10:40!

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

The young adult group (anyone 19-30) will be participating as a group in the Easter Prayer Vigil during the 9:00-10:00 a.m. time slot on Saturday morning (*April 3*). Please meet at the church at 8:55 so that we are ready to take over

at 9:00 a.m. When we finish we will head downtown to share a mid-morning breakfast. Questions? Contact **Ryan** at the church or via e-mail.

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday, *April 1*

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 2*

8:00 p.m. – Service is based on the Stations of the Cross. The Sanctuary Choir will sing.

The Easter Vigil

Between 9:00 on Good Friday until 6:00 Easter morning, take one hour to attend, to meditate, to be present in the chapel in silence. This year there will be prayer stations available for those who wish.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL WOMEN'S RETREAT SET FOR NOVEMBER 5, 6, 7

This wonderful retreat happens every three years at the Beautiful Central Oregon Resort, Kah-Nee-Ta., for an amazing experience with other women of faith.

This year's keynoter is Carolyn Scott Kortge, author of *The Spirited Walker*. If you need a registration form go to www.nrwr-ucc.org. Questions? Contact **Linda Hadfield**.

NEW ORGAN FOR CHAPEL

The Baldwin organ that has served our chapel has reached the end of its musical life. Fortunately we have the opportunity to buy a barely used organ of the right size for that space for a fraction of its value—\$6,800 compared to \$40,000 if purchased new! The **Church Council** has blessed this new purchase, and much of the cost will be covered by some special gifts. The gap between what we have and what we need is about \$1,000 plus some moving and installation expenses. Before tapping endowment funds and other reserves to cover this cost, the Church Council suggested that we see if there are some of you out there who would like to make a contribution towards this new organ. If you would like to contribute, please contact **Liz Oettinger** or **Verlyne Phillips**, or write a check to the church with “organ” on the memo line. As always, thank you for your generosity.

CHURCH SOFTBALL STARTS!

The **Holy Sox** coed softball team will start practices the week after Easter. Our first practice will be *Wednesday, April 8*, 6:00 p.m., Jefferson Elementary School. Anyone wanting to play is welcome. Please let **Tammy Skubinna** (Skuby1@comcast.net; 541-752-4214) know that you are interested in playing and what nights of the week you are available for practice. We can change practice nights to fit the most people. Games start on *May 16*, with all games

on Sunday afternoons or evenings. Costs will be in the \$35-\$45 range. (We'll let you know the final amount).

MORE ABOUT "ECO-PALMS"

Last week we used "eco-palms" as we celebrated Palm Sunday. Eco-palms are harvested so as to prevent over-harvesting in the Central American forests where many towns are dependant upon revenue from palm fronds. Additionally, they were harvested by workers making fair-labor wages as designated by the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

TAKARAZUKA CHURCH NEWS

Our Church School students made “miso” from scratch. It has been three years since Church School students started making “miso” from scratch in February, 2007. It takes eight months for “miso” to mature for consumption. We sell our miso product at the church bazaar on the last Sunday in October. We also prepare and serve pork miso soup at the bazaar. It is very tasty.

Reported by **Takako Nobunaga**

Please see the Takarazuka Bulletin Board for a more detailed report with photos.

Our Thoughts and Prayers

...are with **Frances Agnew**, who is at Corvallis Manor, recovering from a broken leg.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Good Friday, April 2

7:00 a.m. First Friday Forum
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
 8:00 p.m. Worship
 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil begins
 Midnight Youth vigil shift

Saturday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Young adult vigil shift
 10:00 a.m. Flower arranging, Easter decorating
 Noon Speech Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 4

7:30 a.m. Speech Choir rehearsal
 8:30 a.m. Worship
 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir
 10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
 11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, April 5

Office closed

Tuesday, April 6

8:45 a.m. Staff

Noon Lectionary class
 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee
 6:30 p.m. Outreach & Evangelism
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1
 7:30 p.m. Diaconate
 7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wednesday, April 7

9:30 a.m. CPC Women's Cluster, Salem First Congregational [see p. 3]
 Noon Women's Fellowship
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 NO Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 8

6:00 p.m. Holy Sox practice, Jefferson School
 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 142

Friday, April 9

7:30 p.m. Badminton

REMINDER:

There will be NO Coffee Hour after worship this Sunday due to all the Easter activities.