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THE PASTOR'S PAGE . . .

EXTREME SOUL MAKEOVER: EASTER HOPE

The word “extreme” appears often these days in a variety of contexts. There are various iterations of the “extreme makeover” concept, from the benevolent to the absurd to the harmful. And, of course, the word “extremism” captures a sense of all that is the most wrong in our world. Extreme religious certainty gone awry is (and always has been) the root cause of much human violence.

“He has been raised; he is not here.” Was ever a more extreme sentence uttered—this one from Mark’s account of the Resurrection of Jesus? “He has been raised.” This claim is extreme in so many ways: extremely unlikely, extremely shocking, extremely outrageous, extremely ridiculous. Yet we embrace this narrative as one of the bedrock bases of our embrace of the divinity of Jesus and as a central tenet of our faith.

Is this a foolish sort of “extreme” or a good sort of “extreme?” The greatest pitfall of belief in the extreme claim of the Resurrection is that it can produce an excessive focus on the afterlife, causing a devaluing of life here and now. This sin of devaluing the present can be avoided in recalling that God in Christ came to this place to live and to teach and to be with us precisely to show us how **precious** are our lives and our planet, and to teach us the ways of redemptive behavior for the here and now. We may indeed rejoice in the Easter promise of the eternal life of the soul, but let us also rejoice that the Resurrection teaches us that sin, death and suffering will never have the last word in this life or the next! Rejoicing in this way, we participate in the best kind of extremism: the extreme hope of Easter!

As the landscape comes to springtime life, and as we journey away from the solemnity of Lent, may our souls also move from that necessarily solemn and introspective place to a place of vibrant spiritual blossom and color! Let us embrace fully what we might call the healthy extremism of Easter: a hope that never dies—a hope rooted in the promises, the love, and the unlikely Resurrection of Jesus! May your heart and soul be filled with extreme Easter hope, now and always!

In Easter hope,
Mary

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.

Luke 24: 5

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Review by Carol Lundgren:

Not Your parents' Offering Plate –
A New Vision for Financial Stewardship

By J. Cliff Christopher

This is a new book to our church library, but was published in 2008. As the new Stewardship Ministry Coordinator, I now have my own copy, feeling it important enough to the ever shaping effort of a positive relationship with our **financial stewardship**. From the title, you know it offers something different from business as usual. And it does, indeed. A considerable part of the book focuses on **charitable competition** outside of church giving. The author says that once upon a time churches enjoyed minor competition in charitable requests, but that has dramatically changed. The author lays the blame at the feet of churches for not being better marketers. **Ouch!** I learned that there are THREE factors that rank highest for donors: 1) belief in the mission of the institution (**Hearing God's Call, Growing in Love and Care**); 2) a high regard for staff leadership (**Pastor, Administrative Assistant, Church School Director, Music Director**); 3) the fiscal responsibility of the institution (**Wise and careful budgeting, investing, planning**). These factors are the same in the private sector as they are in our church. As Stewardship Ministry Coordinator, I invite conversation! Perhaps even a group discussion. Call me! 522-8235 Carol Lundgren After all, it is NOT your parent's offering plate.

We hope you will browse our shelves during the next coffee hour!

*Library Ministry -
Mary Beth Cook and Nancy Dee*

VISUAL AND DECORATIVE ARTS MINISTRY

Easter Flowers: Rachel White and I will be seeking help to set up the Easter flowers when they are delivered. Please let me know if you are interested in giving us a hand.

Mother's Day Baskets: Because our church has set up an account, we will have the opportunity to order Mother's Day baskets from Lovell Lake Food Center. I have asked for a price on arrangements containing daisies and carnations and am also awaiting a deadline date. Anyone interested in ordering an arrangement, please let me know.

Arlene Leyare, Coordinator

SPIRITUAL LIFE AND FAITH FORMATION

(Aka: SL&FF)

This is one of the New Structure Teams within the FCCW-UCC. (I love writing in acronyms.) The SL&FF Team is made up of the following Ministries:

- Christian Outreach – Coordinated by Donna V Ackerman
- Christian Education – Coordinated by Margie Galabrun
- Library – Coordinated by Mary Beth Cook & Nancy Dee
- Diaconate – Coordinated by Cathy Koukal & Jo Szirbik
- Music & Theatrical Arts – Coordinated by Jan Stanley & Susie Goodwin
- Visual & Decorative Arts – Coordinated by Arlene Leyare
- Wider Mission – Coordinated by Connie Littlefield

These seven ministries are busy doing their jobs, like: keeping you informed about various opportunities to make a difference in the lives of people with needs in local and global settings; bringing you Church School and Adult Education opportunities; letting you know what kind of books are available for your learning and reading pleasure; and keeping you up-to-date concerning service opportunities that can make a big difference for our youth.

If any of this interests you, please consider this a *Gracious Invitation* to assist. With which of these ministry sub-categories would you like to participate? For example; Cathy Koukal has stepped up and will be running the Mother's Day Blanket + Program in May, Harriet Wilson has taken on the challenge of assisting with the coordination of next fall's Crop Walk. These are two Christian Outreach (CO) areas that have been set aside these past couple of years due to the over-whelming demands of coordinating CO. Most importantly this demonstrates how you can contribute in service to the needs of others. There is not a huge "meeting" requirement in assisting with any of these ministries. You do not have to speak in front of the congregation. You can even ask for help from any of the other ministries (i.e. Visual or Musical Arts, etc.). Volunteering a little of your time and passion is all that's needed.

So if you have a Spiritual Gift that is sitting dormant waiting for the warmth of spring and summer, let the light of God's Blessings energize your heart and speak to any of the coordinators listed above and accept this *Gracious Invitation* to serve.

LOL (for me this is not Laugh Out Loud, it is Lots of Love)

Donna V Ackerman

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Each year, quite a number of parishioners will mention that the evening service on Maundy Thursday is their favorite service of the church year. We gather in solemn reverence on this evening to remember the final hours of Jesus' life. During the service, Holy Communion is shared, and the Passion narrative is read aloud as the light in the sanctuary is gradually lowered. We invite all friends and members to join together in deep reflection and prayer, and in the hearing of these very powerful Gospel passages. Joining in for this service makes Easter morning all the sweeter and more meaningful. The service will begin at 7. It is recommended that youngsters be twelve years old or above. At the time of writing this, it is hoped that we will have child care available for younger children. Please watch announcements for updates on this.

Rev. Mary

MEN'S GROUP TO SERVE EASTER BREAKFAST!

On Easter Sunday our newly formed Men's Group will be providing an Easter Breakfast! If you are interested in helping out please contact George Ackerman. Serving will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the menu will consist of pancakes, eggs, sausage and more. Please join us for this great fellowship event!

All the men of the church are cordially invited to a conversation about how we can revitalize, re-energize, and expand the involvement of men in our congregation's life and activities! Hope to see you there—we need your ideas and talents! Saturday, **April 7th at 9 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Paul Carlson at pagcarlson@myfairpoint.net.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS? WHAT A CONCEPT!

Actually, more and more people are asking about it, so why not? We've had some very successful book study groups. Here's an opportunity for study without having to read or prepare. Just come.

Come to "Talking Faith", an eight part session on growing & sharing your faith. It's perfect for all adults and older youth as well. This will go where ever we take it, so come and join in the conversation. Come learn, share and grow.

Talking Faith begins on April 15th at 8:30 AM, location in church to be announced later. I hope to see you there.

Margie Galabrun

INTENTIONAL GIVING

It is time to talk with Jesus. Just you and our Lord. Pray about your Intentional Giving promise. Let your love shine through your promise so that God's Holy Word may flood over this congregation, this community and beyond. Many blessings can be counted by each one of us – and under our new structure and vision to "Hear God's Call and Grow in Love and Care" the many Coordinators of Ministries here at First Congregational are poised to do amazing things. The budget, presented to the Congregation 5 weeks ago, reflects innovation, newness and spark. This budget will be approved at the June annual meeting.



Depending upon our prayer-filled Intentional Giving responses, your generosity ... and mine ... will combine to make this 2012-13 fiscal year soar. Jesus is waiting to speak with you.

Carol Lundgren

TREASURER'S REPORT

Operating Budget (Non-restricted): July 1, 2011 – February 29, 2012

Income:	\$90,911.79
Expenditures:	<u>\$88,595.61</u>
Net Income	\$ 2,316.18

Restricted Funds balance at 2/29/2012: \$2143.47.

I am happy to report we are still ahead for the fiscal year. During February, we lost a little ground with expenses out pacing income. Historically, March is usually a difficult financial month. Hopefully this year will prove the exception and I will have good news to report in the next issue of Steeple Views.

In February, Leadership Council approved the 2012-2013 proposed operating budget for distribution. A copy of this budget, in both narrative and numeric form, was included with the Intentional Giving packet which was distributed early in March. The proposed budget was derived from the requests of each Ministry Coordinator for their area of responsibility. For example, the Diaconate provided the budget team with the numbers for the Diaconate/Worship section and Personnel Team provided the numbers you see under the Personnel heading. The budget team (Harriet Wilson, Carol Lundgren and myself), the ministry coordinators and church officers, would appreciate your questions, comments and suggestions. Lenten blessings to all,

Janice Brejwo, Treasurer
jbrejwo@roadrunner.com

Z-TEAM NEWS

Here is an excerpt from the “Zim Post” – an email to family and friends of Lindley Kinerk and Rev. Andy Jepson, former NH Conference Minister, who are living in Chikore Zimbabwe and teaching at Chinaa High School. A few of our FOOT children attend Chinaa.

— *Connie Littlefield*

“Teaching fractions, teaching computers, hand-washing laundry all day every Saturday, passing out eyeglasses when we have them to people who come from farther and farther away, and ibuprofen to folks who think pain needs to be part of their lives, bicycle riding huge distances to far off preaching points located in stunning places, trying to help people who need them find doctors who are willing to put in a day’s work in spite of the lousy pay—these are the fun things that keep us stimulated, busy and enjoying ourselves. We try to guess which of our various nefarious activities is making it so challenging to the government to decide to let us stay – or figure out how to send us away.

The place we went last Sunday was amazing. I’d never been there. My bike is in lousy condition so I hate riding it but wanted to go with Andy so toughed it out, complaining all the way mind you. It is a three hour ride because the roads are awful, rocky and rutted. But this place was up on the top of a large hill—way up, with 360° views when we got there. Church is held in the primary school which is about 8 buildings in a U shape around a courtyard. The breeze was coming up the hill and it was lovely. The only piece of playground equipment was a 3” iron pipe about 16 feet long set in the crotch of a tree and used for a seesaw. I noticed lots and lots of broken windows. I’ve mentioned before that we don’t just mean missing or cracked. They are jagged and dangerous as well. Though the breeze was lovely in this hot summer I dreaded thinking about how those kids would freeze in the winter months. We told the headmaster that we could get funds to buy the glass and putty if and only if he could find volunteers to do the glazing. Today he sent me, through a student at our high school who does that walk EVERY DAY, a list of sizes for the 137 panes that are needed and of the volunteer teachers and 7th grade students who will do the work. So, I guess we have another nice project about to happen. And you know it’s not expensive. I expect it to cost \$275 total. A bargain, don’t you think?

You know we have no idea what is going on in this country. You guys get better news about Zimbabwe than we do on the ground. Papers are either owned by the government, supported by Zanu (PF) or contraband. Even when I do get a liberal paper I wonder how their slant distorts the news. We had a paper from South Africa that we really enjoyed but were only able to get it twice.

I told the women at school who were the first to ask for sewing patterns that some had come. They are excited. There is no electricity in the sewing room so the students use hand cranked machines, from China I believe. Older than the hills. They are stored in the office so you see kids walking between buildings

carrying these quite-heavy machines to and from class every day.

This morning I was sleeping but Andy had gone out early. I was awakened at 6:54 am by someone calling, “knock knock” and then walking right in, into the bedroom! A woman said, “Knock, knock. Oh, you are sleeping. I’ve come for some tablets. You have some tablets for pain. Knock, knock.” There she was standing over me. So, I put my bathrobe on over my birthday suit, got up and got her a bunch of ibuprofen, but then could not go back to sleep. Believe it.

There has been a big upheaval at Chikore School which surrounds our little house. A couple of weeks ago there was a student demonstration that involved about 100% of the male boarding students. They were marching around the neighborhood chanting and singing. Reportedly they were demanding two pieces of chicken at dinner, beef twice a week, mattresses on all beds, a later start to the day and more text books. It happened again the following day during school and again in the evening. Coincidentally (or not so) the next weekend was parents’ weekend. The parents were NOT in support of their children. The text book situation is a nationwide problem and is being solved by UNICEF. The mattresses were being supplied in small amounts as they could be purchased. Parents said they didn’t even have two pieces of chicken at home and what would they want next—ice cream, for Pete’s sake? Also that the kids were here to study so they’d better stop complaining and get on with their work.

There was a big “zonal” sports day last Friday – track and field events – and Chinaa cleaned up. We have some kids who run like God invented it just for them. So there were some cheers and pom-poms yesterday at assembly. A pom-pom is a dignified little ritual clapping rhythm to express appreciation and congratulations. It’s in 4/4 time, allegro, clap on the numbers and rest on the Xs: 1, 2, 3, X; 1, 2, 3, X; 1, X, 3, X. Life is indeed good.

Love to one and all, and spring starts in 7 days for you, 6 months for us. It’s another sobering thought. Say hello to the Big Dipper for us, and we’ll greet Orion for you.”

Lindley, and Andy too

A POEM FOR LIBERTY POWER

The “jug” in the Narthex with Liberty’s name
Is waiting for the jingle of some of your change.
From pocket, or purse and piggy bank, too,
Liberty’s education can develop thru YOU!
Pennies, dimes, nickels and more,
Fit nicely into the jar by the door.
\$25 a month is all that is needed.
Then Liberty’s learning will go unimpeded!

Carol Lundgren

APRIL 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 PALM SUNDAY Worship and Holy Communion Church School—10 a.m.	2	3	4 Diaconate 5:30 p.m.	5 Scrabble 10 a.m. Weight Watchers—5:30 Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae—7 p.m.	6 Good Friday Sanctuary Open 12—3 p.m. For Reflection and Prayer	7 Holy Saturday Mens' Group 9 a.m.
8 EASTER SUNDAY Breakfast 8:30 Worship 10 a.m..	9 Choir 6 p.m.	10	11 Pairs and Spares 6 p.m.	8 Parish Helpers 1 p.m. Weight Watchers—5:30 String Band 6-Beg. 7-Int./ Adv.	13	14 MLK Service Day
15 Second Sunday of Easter Worship and Church School—10 a.m.	16 Choir 6 p.m.	17 Scrabble 10 a.m. Bible Study 12 noon	18	19 Weight Watchers—5:30 String Band 6-Beg. 7-Int./ Adv.	20	21
22 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY Worship and Church School—10 a.m. Coffee Hour Leadership Council Mtg.	23 Choir 6 p.m.	24 Bible Study 12 noon	25	26 Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. Weight Watchers 5:30 String Band 6-Beg. Level 7-Mixed Level	27 "Thy Will Be Done" Tamworth UU Church	28 Clean Up Day
29 Fourth Sunday of Easter Worship & Church School—10 a.m. Spring Mtg. Carroll-Stratford Wolfeboro UCC 3 p.m.	30 Choir 6 p.m.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Bell choir practice schedule: April 1 at 8:45 AM and April 8 at 8:45. After Easter, there will be a brief break and practice will resume on April 29 at 6:00 and May 6 at 6:00.</p> </div>				

MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 12 noon Caring Visitation Team Mtg. 3:30 p.m.	2	3 Scrabble 10 a.m. Weight Watchers—5:30 String Band 6-Beg. 7-Int./ Adv.	4	5
6 Worship and Holy Communion Church School—10 a.m.	7 Choir 6 p.m.	8 Bible Study 12 noon	9 Pairs and Spares 6 p.m.	10 Parish Helpers Luncheon—12 noon Weight Watchers—5:30 String Band 6-Beg. 7-Int./ Adv.	11	12
13 Worship and Church School—10 a.m. Coffee Hour	14 Choir 6 p.m.	15 Scrabble 10 a.m. Bible Study 12 noon	16	17 Weight Watchers—5:30 String Band 6-Beg. 7-Int./ Adv	18	19 Z Team Service Auction
20 Children's Sunday Worship — 10 a.m.	21 Choir 6 p.m.	22 Bible Study 12 noon	23	24 Prayer Shawls 10 a.m. Weight Watchers—5:30 String Band 6-Beg. 7-Int./ Adv	25	26
27 Pentecost Worship and Church School—10 a.m. Coffee Hour	28 MEMORIAL DAY	29	30	31 Weight Watchers—5:30 String Band 6-Beg. 7-Int./ Adv		

OPEN AND AFFIRMING SPECIAL EVENT: THY WILL BE DONE



We are delighted to be co-sponsors of a very special presentation. Our Open and Affirming Ministry Group will be co-sponsoring a showing of the film "Thy Will Be Done," the story of Sara Herwig, an ordained Presbyterian minister who is

a transsexual woman. Rev. Herwig will be present at the event to lead discussion on the film. The co-sponsorship is in tandem with the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Eastern Slopes in Tamworth. The date of the event will be Friday evening, April 28th, with the time to be announced soon. Car pools are already forming to bring Wakefield folk to the presentation. Please let the office know if you'd like a ride!

Here is a description of the film from the website of its production company, Mineral King Productions:

"Thy Will Be Done follows Male-to-Female Transsexual Sara Herwig in her journey to ordination in the Presbyterian Church. The Church's conservative groups do not recognize Sara as female and challenge her fitness and eligibility to be a pastor. In addition, it is crucial to Sara's success that she has support from friends and family. The documentary explores the way in which alternative lifestyles and permanent choices of identity have the power to tear a family completely to pieces, only to bind it back together again, more closely but differently, than it has ever been before."

"Thy Will Be Done highlights that point of tension where gender, family relationships and faith intersect as contextualized in the Presbyterian Church in particular, and in the broader religious community in general. At issue is the organized Christian Church, with all its political and financial power, as one of the fiercest battlegrounds for LGBT rights and gender recognition. And as for Sara, she actively seeks not only to participate in the Ministry as an openly transgendered person, but as an activist she seeks to transform a world - spiritual and otherwise - that operates by conventional notions of sex and gender. Sara's journey weaves an absorbing story of struggle, hope, and the celebration of the human spirit."

We hope that many of you will be able to attend--this is a remarkable opportunity to hear Rev. Herwig speak in person!

CAN YOU FIND IT?

Somewhere in this issue we have put a 😊 Can you find it? When you do, call the office and leave a message with your name, phone number, and the location of where the sentence is. On April 13 all the names of the callers with the correct answer will be put into a drawing for a fun prize.

HISTORIC TEA TRADITIONS

The Parish Helpers will host a presentation of historic tea traditions at their next meeting on April 12 at 1 p.m. In this talk, Hetty Startup will explore tea traditions and their histories in terms of decorative arts and social history. This presentation is made possible by the UNH Speakers' Bureau.

Hetty Startup is an instructor/adjunct professor of art history & architectural history at the University of New Hampshire Manchester. Trained as an architectural historian she has worked in the museum, higher education, and nonprofit fields, and is dedicated to creating teaching environments for art history, museum, and material culture studies that are content rich. She works with local cultural partners (such as the Manchester Historic Association and the Currier Museum of Art) to enliven students' understanding and uses the classroom and opportunities in the community to show students how to improve their writing and critical thinking skills. In 2009, She co-led and taught the NH Institute of Art's first summer school in Verona, Italy and serves on the board of directors of Rubia, whose mission is to develop economic opportunities through craft heritage, to support education and to promote health and well being for Afghan women and their families.

The Parish Helpers welcome all women of the church and community

INTRODUCING LINDA SHEPARD

Linda Shepard (she likes to be called Lyn) joined our church recently and has already been active in various ways. Linda grew up in Grafton, MA. She came to New Hampshire in 1983.

Her first job was in Bedford. Climbing the job ladder, she lived in Manchester, Londonderry, Milford and Hooksett. Linda studied biology in Kentucky where she got her BA and BS.. Later she obtained her BA in computer science. All of her jobs have been in computer technology. At this time, she is looking for a job. She works part time at the Elaine Connor Center for Wild Life in Madison, NH.

We welcome Linda to our congregation.

Titia Bozuwa

CELEBRATIONS!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4 Jean Lloyd	15 Ginny Schweitzer
4 Julia McCarthy	17 Aimee Ball
6 Dan Schnurbush	19 Jo Szirbik
7 Barbara Burkam	20 Susan Jacobson
9 Alyssa Hall	21 Amanda Boggs
10 Kristin Galabrun	23 Ciera Rose Dee
10 Debbie O'Connell	23 Natalee Royle
11 Michael Crew	24 Ann Eaton
11 Michael Weeks	24 Molly James
12 Darlene Clements	26 Sarah Kinville
13 Persis Hildebrandt	26 Raeyna Morann
13 Dayna O'Connell	28 Dawson Cotreau
14 Agnes Carlson	28 Madison Cotreau
14 Elizabeth Heinlein	28 Del Littlefield
14 Dorcas Knight	29 Lauree Royle
14 Adam Szirbik	29 Christine McPherson

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Ken & Penny Ellis	23 Scott & Nicky Mercer
5 Rick & Cindy Denver	25 Nathan & Debbie Fogg
15 Bill & Susie Goodwin	28 Frank & Pam Frazier
15 Anders & Nancy Jacobson	

FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Connie B.	Rick and Jennifer R.
Paul T.	Joe M.
David H.	Catherine D.
Dot R.	Tom T.
Andrew P.	Todd W.
Walter G.	Ginny S.
Maxine C.	George B.
Red C.	Sid S.
George H.	Curt C.
Jo W.	Art W.
Julia W.	Susan L.
Bob C.	Tom S.

Our global neighbors in places in which there is great strife.
Our servicemen and women, especially those deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Our friends in Rufumiso, Zimbabwe
Residents of the Nursing Homes and Retirement
Communities in our area

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

I am filled with gratitude for our whole congregation for the wonderful celebration of the fifth anniversary of our beginning our journey as pastor and congregation held on February 19th. The worship service and the reception that followed were so very memorable, and were truly reflective of the joy of God's good gift of human relationships within the church!

I thank you all so very much also for the contributions to the Feddern Diaconate ☺ Discretionary Fund, which addresses so many critical needs in our community. I continue to feel deeply blessed to have the honor of serving as pastor to this beloved congregation. Thank you!

Mary

THANK YOU TO THE SHEPHERDS

On February 24, 2012, I received a phone call that was a great surprise. The caller was a woman we had helped several years ago in the Shepherd Program. She has a horrible situation that she was living with and we all worried for her and hoped very hard that she would find a way to get out of the situation. When she got the courage to make the move and was looking for a place to live, it was one of our Shepherds and his wife who asked if she had considered Wakefield Acres, and they helped her find a real nice apartment there. I felt she was quite happy while she lived there.

When she made the move to her own apartment, the Parish Helpers gave her a basket full of baking goods to help her build her kitchen- she loved to cook.

The Shepherds continued to help her with her appointments until she moved away.

When she called today, she said she was going through old papers and found my name and address and took a chance and called- how great it was to hear from her! Her life seems to have turned around. She is happy and well cared for by her partner.

What you need to know is that she said "THANK YOU" more than once for all we did for her way back then. She was so appreciative!

Glenna Nelson

35 YEARS OF SCAMP!

Please come and see the spring play, "SCAMP, the First 35 Years" (memories, musical and otherwise, of the survivors) at the Wakefield Opera House, April 13th at 7:30 PM, April 14th at 1:30 and 7:30 PM and Sunday April 15th at 4:30 PM. Tickets (\$4 and \$5) available at the door or by calling 244-9251. Several church kiddoes are involved!

Cindy Eggleston.

CLEAN UP MINISTRY

We will be having a cleanup day on April 28. There are many things that need attention: we have 4 classrooms, 3 bathrooms, 5 hallways, 2 storage closets (in fellowship hall), fellowship hall, kitchen, Parish Helpers Room & kitchen and the sanctuary.

So here is a thought --wash walls, windows, floors, pews, vacuum inside base board heaters (they come apart & go together easily). Someone who has a tall ladder and is daring, the chandelier needs to be cleaned, the globes washed.

Outside the yard needs to be raked, gardens tended and behind the church needs to be cleaned, there are items that need to be disposed of.

This project needs everyone's help, I know it's a huge job and it may take more than one day but we need to start somewhere. If you can't make it that day perhaps you could choose an area and work at it on a schedule that is better for you.

We are very optimistic and hopeful that we can continue to keep the church adequately clean if many of us pitch in, but unless we do we will have to entertain re-

introducing a budget line to pay someone to do it for us. The Resource Stewardship and Management Team will evaluate this effort between now and annual meeting; if all goes well there will be no need to suggest adding this budget line at annual meeting.

Please let me know if you can help out on the 28th. I'll be making phone calls to recruit helpers if need be. This Ministry of Building & Land care belongs to all of us ! Thank you.

*Ann Bilodeau
Buildings & Grounds Ministry Coordinator
e-mail: Pineriver@roadrunner.com*

PAIRS AND SPARES

The next meeting of Pairs and Spares will be held on Wednesday April 11 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to the delicious pot-luck supper and to enjoy the fellowship. After the meal we will be entertained by Paul Hopkins of Rochester who is a photographer and mountain-climber. He will show slides of his latest mountain climbing adventures. His narration is outstanding and he will identify various tress and plants he has encountered. Just bring your utensils and a dish of any food to share. For further information just call the church office at 522-3189.

Janet Carr

PRAYER CHAIN – 2012

Thanks to all our prayer chain participants! Bless you for being part of this important ministry.

Harriet Wilson	522-8956
*Cindy Eggleston	522-3772
Jan Stanley	522-3540
Jo Szirbik	522-3004
Connie Littlefield	340-2116
Gail Feddern	522-3577
Deborah Smiley	475-4347
Elizabeth Fogg	522-5116
Berit Johannessen	522-3268
Glenna Nelson	539-4312
Rachel White	522-2063
Ginny Schweitzer	522-9593
Jan Fairchild	522-2123

The purpose of the prayer chain is to create immediate intercessory prayer for anyone in need. Anyone may start the chain; you may call anyone on the list above and that person will pass along your request to the rest of the prayer chain. This prayer power is available to anyone – you need not be a member of this congregation.

If you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact the Coordinator, Harriet Wilson (522-8956 or dhwilson39@gmail.com). We'd love to have you!



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HOLY WEEK
 APRIL 1—APRIL 8
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APRIL LECTIONARY

April 1— Palm Sunday/ Passion Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms
 Luke 19:28-40
 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Liturgy of the Passion
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49



April 8—Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43
 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

April 15—Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
 Psalm 133
 1 John 1:1-2:2
 John 20:19-31

April 22 — Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
 Psalm 4
 1 John 3:1-7
 Luke 24:36b-48

April 29—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
 Psalm 23
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