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Holy Week Calendar

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April 17th, Palm/Passion Sunday

10:30 a.m. — Worship Service with palm branches heralding Christ's triumphant entry into the Holy City of Jerusalem

April 21st, Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. — Light Soup and Salad Supper in Martin Hall

7:00 p.m. — Holy Week Cantata: *Colors of Grace*,
Accompanied by Slide Presentation

Worship and Communion will take place in Martin Hall

April 22nd, Good Friday

7:00 p.m. — Tenebrae Service

This worship service moves from light to darkness. As the lights are extinguished, the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus is symbolized. Also portrayed is the fading light of the world as Christ was placed in the tomb.

April 23rd, Community Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m. — For Children 5th Grade and Younger

April 24th, Easter Sunday

8:30 and 10:30 a.m. — Celebration of the Resurrection—

"He is not here...He has risen."

Communion will be served at both services

Child care will be provided for both services

No Sunday Church School

Bring fresh-cut flowers to put on the Narthex lawn cross





Thursday Prayer Group at St. John's

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" (Corrie ten Boom, *Clippings From My Notebook*)

Members and friends of St. John's meet Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for prayer and a bring-your-own brown

bag lunch in the Geneva Room. Join us as we support our Church and its parishioners in prayer.

Sunday Child Care Reminder!

Infant care through two years of age is available Sunday mornings during the worship service. The Nursery is located in D-100, across the hall from the Geneva Room, her-

alded by the 'Nursery' banner outside the 'D' wing doors. Erma Scott and Brooke Dutton, St. John's Nursery Care Directors, as well as trained youth, are ready and will-

ing to take care of your little ones.

If you have questions, please contact the Worship Committee Chair, Ralph Voss.



Communion Sunday, April 3rd, 2011

The Holy Eucharist will be observed on the fourth Sunday of Lent, April 3rd, 2011, and will be offered to those who are unable to attend the

worship service. If you know someone who may need Home Communion brought to them, please contact Marian Stroh (825-1224).

NOTE: The small cups in the center of the bread trays contain gluten-free wafers. Also, only non-alcoholic grape juice is served.



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“Looking Ahead for Brighter Days” by Pastor Tom

Spring has officially arrived. However, it is still snowing. That is not unusual for those localities within the range of the Sierra Nevada. The good news (for some) is that the snow melts fairly fast and the roads are soon bare. I don't know about you, but I am ready for warmer weather and “longer days”.

However, we are still in the season of Lent. Perhaps it's a bit too early to celebrate. We celebrated on Fat Tuesday, March 8th, with a pancake supper and then began Lent the following day on Ash Wednesday. Lent is often viewed as a time of repentance and self-reflection. It is not usually perceived as a time of celebration. We use the phrase “observing” Lent rather than “celebrating Lent”.

Although Lent is not usually seen as the most “celebratory” season in the church year, it may be particularly suited to help us make the shift to a more hopeful outlook on life. As we look at our world, circumstances seem pretty dismal. The earthquake in New Zealand, the political upheaval in

Egypt and Libya, the tsunami and its devastation in Japan, and the economic troubles in our school systems have recently given us reason to pause, reflect, and meditate.

During the 40 days of Lent, perhaps we need to renew our efforts to read our Bibles, to pray, to worship God daily. Perhaps we will find some solace in this discipline, and find that we are not alone on this journey through difficult and uncertain times. In fact, Lloyd Ogilvie suggests in his book, *The Autobiography of God*, that God desires to enter into our lives especially in these difficult times. It is at a time when we often think God is farthest away from us that God is indeed most near. God is waiting for us to invite the Holy Spirit into our situation. God's plan is always to help us, not hinder us. It is when we are least in control of what is happening around us that God chooses our dismal situation to make God's presence known. God uses the impossible situations of our lives as opportunities to reveal what God can do in us

and through us. It is in our weakness and helplessness that God's strength and power are made clear.

Rather than hiding our troubles in the sand and treating our dismal circumstances as something to be avoided (which we can't do anyway), perhaps if we will invite God to be our partner throughout them, we will begin to see the light of Easter morning in a way that we never understood before. Perhaps we need to see Lent for what it really is: a season just like any other season ... only more so. Lent, however, is a season God gives us to listen intentionally to what God is saying to us. It's a God-provided time to give up our worries to God, so we can concentrate on the meaning of things rather than just their functions.

Perhaps God is reminding us through occasional snowfalls to notice the wonder of creation. While it is hard for us to wait to feel the warmth of the sun on our skin again, we may just gain a new perspective as we wait. God is with us in our seasons

of cold and darkness as well as in our seasons of warmth and sunshine. God gives us all our Sundays in the middle of Lent as little Easters, so that we rejoice always in the hope that springs eternal in Jesus Christ.

Please join us for our Holy Week worship services. God's blessings on you. Spring is here!



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News Highlights From St. John's Session

St. John's Session held its regular monthly meeting on March 22nd, 2011. Following are some highlights of actions taken by Session at the meeting:

• Elected the following to serve as members of the entities indicated:

- Maria Winchester was elected to serve as a member of the Mission in Action Committee.
- Marlene Hansen has been elected to serve on the Family Promise Hospitality Board.
- Elder Andrew Krater elected by the Nevada Presbytery as alternate commissioner to 2012 General Assembly and as commissioner in 2014.

St. John's members attending 2011 Spring Nevada Presbytery:

- Rev. Dr. Tom Baughman, Deacon Elsie Baughman, Elder Joyce Butcher (Stated Clerk of Presbytery), Elder Betty Squires (Moderator of Presbyterian Women), Elder Commissioner Bob Stroh (Committee on Ministry), Elder Commissioner Ray Bledsoe (Equipping Ministries Committee), Deacon Anne Sigurdson, Elder Andrew Krater, Elder Bruce Krater, and Elder Doris Krater (Mission Outreach Committee).

Thank you for your service.

- Christian Education Committee reported the St. John's Children's Center "Spring Sing & Silent Auction" will be held on Friday, April 1st, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. (Deliver auction items to Children Center office.)

- Christian Education Committee reported this year's "International Dinner" raised a grand total of \$3,000.00 to be used as 2011 'Camperships' for Summer Camp at Westminster Woods.

- Session approved a special Pentecost Offering to be used to supplement the Family Promise budget and to help with PC(USA) child advocacy, youth and young adult ministries.

- Elder Elaine York and Elder Andrew Krater will be delivering the message on Elder Sunday, May 22nd, 2011.

- Approved a request from the Presbyterian Women of St. John's Church to hold a paper goods drive the last of April, first of May, to benefit Hosanna Home.

- Received reports from Elder Bob Stroh and

Elder Ray Bledsoe, Elder Commissioners to Nevada Presbytery, from the 2011 Spring Nevada Presbytery meeting at Green Valley Presbyterian Church in Henderson, Nevada.

- Elder Elaine York reported the Fellowship and Nurture Committee is planning a congregational outing to a Reno Aces Game on June 24th, 2011.

• **Vital Statistics** as of press time for the April 2011 issue of *The Carillon*.

- **Active Members:** 359 members in 248 households as of March 18th, 2011.

- **Communion:** 173 Communicants were served on Sunday, March 6th, 2011 (168 were served at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and five Home Bound were taken Communion).

- **Baptism:** The following baptism has been recorded: James William Pierce, minor son of Mike and Christie Pierce, was baptized on March 13th, 2011.

- **Births, Weddings or Deaths:** No Births, Weddings, or Deaths have been reported since the last issue of *The Carillon*.

Stewardship Committee Report

We tend to think of good stewardship as financial management, giving God's share of our income to the church, which then uses that money to further God's purposes. That view is right as far as it goes, but God wants more from us. God wants our whole life. And that's not a burden, but a comfort and a joy.

We are now in the season of Lent, a time for reflection on the meaning of our life here on earth. God created the world to be good, and called us to enjoy the gift of life and to share our plenty with others less fortunate. We are to use our gifts wisely – not only our money, but also our time and our talents. Elders,

deacons, and ministers in their ordination have promised to “seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.” We would all do well to follow in that path.

— Ken Meyer, Chair



Table 1. General Fund Balance (Month Ending February 28th, 2011)

Month Ending February 28, 2011					
	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Cumulative
Beginning Balance					72,475.52
Receipts	30,435.59	31,843.26	61,836.65	63,686.52	61,836.65
Transfers & designated receipts	3,353.58	-	8,957.83	-	8,957.83
Supported disbursements *	(3,353.58)	-	(8,957.83)	-	(8,957.83)
Disbursements	(30,201.63)	(36,321.92)	(72,232.73)	(84,427.94)	(72,232.73)
Ending Balance	\$233.96	(\$4,478.66)	(\$10,396.08)	(\$20,741.42)	\$62,079.44

* Expenditures that are supported by either revenues or contributions; not part of the General Fund

Table 2. Capital Improvement Fund (Month Ending February 28th, 2011)

Month Ending February 28, 2011					
	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Cumulative
Beginning Balance					307.55
Receipts	4,440.69	5,303.69	9,045.38	10,607.38	9,045.38
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-
Disbursements	(4,667.34)	(4,667.44)	(9,334.88)	(9,334.88)	(9,334.88)
Ending Balance	(\$226.65)	\$636.25	(\$289.50)	\$1,272.50	\$18.05



Deacons

Deacons' Dialogue

This month, we highlight the Deacons' Memorial Committee, chaired by Marian Stroh.

Memorial Committee—

The Deacons prepare for and host receptions as requested following memorial and funeral services. Requests for services are typically made through the Administrative Assistant, and communication about plans should be coordinated through her (826-0990). The Administrative Assistant can help determine

or relay information concerning the type of food requested, the time of the service, and approximate number of people expected. The Chair notifies the Church office of the number of tables needed, and maintains a list of those who are able to assist by setting and cleaning up, hosting, preparing desserts, or doing other tasks. The Chair also recruits ushers for the service and notifies the Administrative Assistant who they are. This committee adds a great deal to the welcome of

St. John's to people who may not regularly attend. If you are willing to help represent St. John's at memorial services, please contact Marian Stroh (825-1224).

Keep Deacons Informed—

Remember, Deacons need your eyes and ears to help them keep track of people who need assistance, or maybe just someone to visit them periodically. (St. John's current Deacons are listed on page 8 of *The Carillon*.)



Easter Lilies

We will continue to take orders for Easter Lilies on Sunday, April 3rd. This is a wonderful way to bring beauty to the

Church during Easter Services, and also to honor those in your lives who have meant so much to you. The lilies will cost

\$8.00 apiece. You may take your lily home after the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Easter, April 24th.



Spring Music Program

There are a few twists in the usual musical offerings this spring.

The Chancel Choir will present a Lenten cantata on April 21st, Maundy Thursday. Holy Week has such poignant imagery that we wanted to sing the story as part of a slide presentation that will be shown on the wall in Martin Hall following

the light soup and salad supper. Communion will be served around the tables at this very emotional, and meaningful service.

Music Sunday this year will be a bell celebration! On May 22nd, both bell choirs will provide special music, including one combined piece with hand bells and chimes.

Geneva Choir—

Do you know a child in 2nd to 5th grade who likes to sing? We need their voices in the Geneva Choir! We rehearse on Sunday evenings, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.; this would be a great time to join. Email Sue Goode now (fourgirls@sbc-global.net) with questions.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3 Family Promise 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship and Communion Service 5:00 pm Eastminister Bell Choir 5:00 pm Worship Band Rehearsal 5:45 pm Praise Music 6:00 pm Youth Connection 6:30 pm Geneva Choir 6:30 pm Youth Connection 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Balls of the Cross 7:15 pm Craft/Activity Time</p>	<p>4 9:30 am AlAnon 9:30 am Together Time 3:15 pm Browne Troop 479 5:30 pm Mission In Action Comm. 6:15 pm Meditation Group</p>	<p>5 1:00 pm AlAnon 6:00 pm Sierra Highlanders 7:00 pm Worship Comm.</p>	<p>6 7:00 am Men's Bible Study—Lili's Restaurant 10:00 am PW Coordinating Team 2:45 pm Elementary Together Time 3:30 pm Browne Troop 26 5:30 pm Wednesday Vw Feed 6:30 pm Troop 107 Board Meeting 6:30 pm Wednesday Vw Feed Lenten Class</p>	<p>7 11:30 am Prayer Group 4:00 pm Sierra Nevada Children's Choir 5:00 pm Welcoming Comm. 5:30 pm Christian Education Comm.</p>	<p>8 1:00 pm Rebecca Circle 4:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 10 Den 5</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 Blood Pressure Sunday 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship Service 11:30 am Annual Joint Meeting of Elders and Deacons 5:00 pm Eastminister Bell Choir 5:45 pm Praise Music 6:00 pm Youth Connection 6:30 pm Geneva Choir 6:30 pm Youth Connection 7:00 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Balls of the Cross 7:15 pm Craft/Activity Time</p>	<p>11 9:30 am AlAnon 1:30 pm St. John's Book Club 6:15 pm Meditation Group 7:00pm The Compassionate Friends of Reno</p>	<p>12 9:30 am Together Time 1:00 pm AlAnon 5:30 pm Personnel Comm. 6:00 pm Sierra Highlanders 7:00 pm Deacons 7:00 pm Sewarship Comm.</p>	<p>13 7:00 am Men's Bible Study—Lili's Restaurant 12:00 pm Presbyterian Women Luncheon 2:45 pm Elementary Together Time 5:00 pm St. John's Children's Center Board 6:00 Lenten Potluck 6:30 pm Troop 107 7:00 Lenten Study</p>	<p>14 11:30 am Prayer Group 4:00 pm Sierra Nevada Children's Choir</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p>18 9:30 am AlAnon 9:30 am Together Time 3:15 pm Browne Troop 479 6:15 pm Meditation Group</p>	<p>19 1 pm AlAnon 1:30 pm Martha Circle 6:00 pm Sierra Highlanders 7:00 pm Session</p>	<p>20 7:00 am Men's Bible Study—Lili's Restaurant 2:45 pm Elementary Together Time 3:30 pm Browne Troop 26 5:00 pm Fellowship and Nurture Comm. 6:00 Lenten Potluck 6:30 pm Troop 107 7:00 Lenten Study</p>	<p>21 Maundy Thursday 9:30 am Mary Morning Circle 11:30 am Prayer Group 1:30 pm Lydia Circle 4:00 pm Sierra Nevada Children's Choir 6:00 pm Light Soup and Salad Supper 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service</p>	<p>22 Good Friday 12:00 pm Senior Singles 7:00 pm Good Friday Teatime Service</p>	<p>23 10:00 am Community Easter Egg Hunt</p>
<p>24 Easter 8:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Worship Service</p>	<p>25 9:30 am AlAnon 6:15 pm Meditation Group</p>	<p>26 9:30 am Together Time 1:00 pm AlAnon 6:00 pm Sierra Highlanders 7:00 pm Ruth Circle</p>	<p>27 7:00 am Men's Bible Study—Lili's Restaurant 2:45 pm Elementary Together Time 6:30 pm Troop 107</p>	<p>28 11:30 am Prayer Group 4:00 pm Sierra Nevada Children's Choir</p>	<p>29 Youth Connection—"30 Hour Famine"</p>	<p>30 Youth Connection—"30 Hour Famine"</p>

Clawson Memorial Library Hours
Sundays—10:00 a.m. to Noon
(closed during worship service)
Wednesdays—9:30 a.m. to Noon

Upcoming Events at St. John's

- **April 1st** — SJCC Spring Sing and Silent Auction
- **April 9th** — Spring Cleanup Day
- **April 10th** — Potluck Meeting of Church Deacons and Elders
- **April 17th** — Palm/Passion Sunday
- **April 21st** — Maundy Thursday Service
- **April 22nd** — Good Friday Tenebrae Service
- **April 23rd** — Community Easter Egg Hunt
- **April 24th** — Easter Sunday (two services: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.)
- **May 7th** — Mother/Daughter Mother's Day Luncheon



2011 Church Officers

Elders:

Ann Anderson
 Susan Day
 John Dutton
 George Griffith
 Joan Jeffers
 Andrew Krater
 Rolando Magdamo
 Lynn McLaughlin
 Ken Meyer
 Alice Nevin
 Richard Priest
 David Stover
 Ralph Voss
 Elaine York

Clerk of Session:

Ray Bledsoe

Deacons:

Jan Peck (Moderator)
 Elsie Baughman
 Laura Engel
 Erin Etnyre
 Suzanne Griffith
 Dan Hansen
 Bob Jeffers
 Reena Khan
 Peggy Meyer
 Kat Parker
 Pam Ramseth
 June Rosta
 Ron Scovill
 Mary Sherman
 Anne Sigurdson
 Rubyanna Staunton
 Marian Stroh
 Barbara Voss

Deacons (cont'd):

Carolyn Williamson
 Amy Willoughby
 Maria Winchester

2011 Session Committee Chairs:

Building & Grounds—John Dutton (626-4455)
 Children's Center—Ann Anderson (691-7602)
 Christian Education—Joan Jeffers (827-4355)
 Fellowship & Nurture—Elaine York (624-2696)
 Mission In Action—George Griffith (829-0197)
 Nominating—Joan Jeffers (827-4355)
 Personnel—David Stover (856-4823)
 Stewardship—Ken Meyer (453-1957)
 Welcoming—Rolando Magdamo (425-2615)
 Worship—Ralph Voss (852-9141)

April Participating Elder Assignments

April 3rd —	10:30 a.m.	Ken Meyer
April 10th —	10:30 a.m.	Alice Nevin
April 17th —	10:30 a.m.	Richard Priest
April 24th —	8:30 a.m.	David Stover
	10:30 a.m.	Ralph Voss

Mother/Daughter Mother's Day Luncheon on May 7th

The Fellowship and Nurture Committee will sponsor a Mother/Daughter Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 7th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The speaker

will be Jan Albright, Head Coach of UNR Girls' Basketball Team and the winner of the 2010 Kay Yow "Heart of a Coach Award" from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' na-

tional organization. Tickets will be sold beginning Sunday, April 17th, at our display in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please call Elaine York (624-2696).



Lenten Study and Potluck Continues on Wednesdays

On Wednesdays, through April 20th, we will hold a Potluck (6:00 p.m.) and Lenten Study (7:00 p.m.) in the Geneva Room. (Note: On April 6th, the Lenten Study will be at 6:30 p.m., following WWF, which will take the place of the potluck.)

Most of us have celebrated the Lord's Supper many, many times, but have we invested much time considering its true meaning? Join Pastor Tom for an inspiring study on the greater meaning of

the Lord's Supper, called *God's Abundant Table*. Cynthia Campbell begins with the premise that the Lord's Supper is far more than a reenactment of the meal in the Upper Room. Rightly understood, the Lord's Supper is connected to Jesus' entire ministry, to the entire story of God's relationship with God's people, to our everyday meals, and to the ministry to which each of us is called as Christ's followers. The devotional readings, *Lectio Divina*, and

study guide will invite you to discover the many connections between what we do in the Lord's Supper, what it means to be in relationship with God, and how God would have us live every day.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to expand your understanding of one of God's most endearing commandments. Books are \$10 and will be available the night of the class or from the Church office.

Clawson Library Book Review

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, by William Kamkwamba, is an inspiring, remarkable autobiography. It is the story of a young boy in Africa who dreamed of building a windmill. Finding a few pieces of scrap metal, PVC pipe, a broken bicycle, some long wooden poles, and a few books

from the library, this young man was able to create a machine capable of generating sufficient currents of electricity to run lights and a radio in his family's hut. After years of struggle including poverty, draught, famine, fear for his family's survival, dropping out of school for lack of money,

and the constant teasing he received from his neighbors, William succeeded in building his dream and became an international hero. This beautifully written book will open your hearts and minds. It was donated to the Clawson Library by Suzanne Griffith and Martha's Circle.





Book Club

Clawson Library Hours

Sundays—
10:00 a.m. to Noon
(closed during wor-
ship service)
Wednesdays—
9:30 a.m. to Noon

St. John's Book Club

At 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11th, the members of St. John's Book Club will meet to discuss *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese.

From *Publishers Weekly*: "Lauded for his sensitive memoir (*My Own Country*) about his time as a doctor in eastern Tennessee at the onset of the AIDS epidemic in the '80s, Verghese turns his formidable talents to fiction, mining his own life and experiences in a magnificent, sweeping novel that moves from India to Ethiopia to an inner-city hospital in New York City over decades and

generations. Sister Mary Joseph Praise, a devout young nun, leaves the south Indian state of Kerala in 1947 for a missionary post in Yemen. During the arduous sea voyage, she saves the life of an English doctor bound for Ethiopia, Thomas Stone, who becomes a key player in her destiny when they meet up again at Missing Hospital in Addis Ababa. Seven years later, Sister Praise dies birthing twin boys: Shiva and Marion, the latter narrating his own and his brother's long, dramatic, biblical story set against the backdrop of political turmoil in Ethiopia, the

life of the hospital compound in which they grow up, and the love story of their adopted parents, both doctors at Missing. The boys become doctors as well, and Verghese's weaving of the practice of medicine into the narrative is fascinating even as the story bobs and weaves with the power and coincidences of the best 19th-century novel."

Ruth Covington will provide refreshments. If you have any questions or think you'd like to join us, please contact Kat Parker (849-3245).



"Wednesday We Feed" and WWF Adult Class, April 6th

Come join us at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6th—for "Wednesday We Feed". St. John's Youth Connection will be providing pizza, salad, and dessert. Gather together with us as we enjoy some good, old-fashioned fellowship. The cost is \$6

for adults, \$3 for children from two to Middle School age, and \$18 maximum per family. All proceeds will go toward the mission work of Youth Connection. After dinner at 6:30 p.m., join us for our Wednesday evening Lenten study.

(See page 9 for more information.)

If you have any questions, please contact Joan Jeffers (827-4355), Adult CE Coordinator, or Andrew Krater (826-0990), Youth Connection CE Coordinator.

"30 Hour Famine" on April 29th and 30th

Have you ever missed a meal and thought that you might not make it through the day? Well, imagine how millions of people around the world

feel who are suffering from starvation. Please join the Youth Connection this April as we address world hunger. This year we will be participat-

ing in the "30 Hour Famine". You can visit the group's website at <http://30hourfamine.org> for more information.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thank You!

The Christian Education Committee would like to say "Thank you!" to Kim Steinkellner for all of her work in putting on an incredible raffle and silent

auction at the All-Church International Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction. Also, thanks to all our donors! And thanks to all of you who came out and

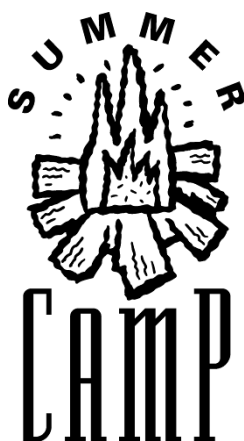
supported us this year. We raised \$3,000.00 to be used as 2011 'Camperships' for Summer Camp at Westminster Woods.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

St John's will be hosting a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23rd, at 10:00 a.m. We will start with the egg hunt at 10 a.m. followed

immediately by fun and fellowship in Martin Hall, where we will have craft tables and activities for all to enjoy. We still need donations of time and

materials for this great community outreach event. If you can help, please email Andrew Krater (akrater@stjohnschurch.org).



Summer Camp 2011

St John's will be partnering with Westminster Woods Camp and Conference Center to hold our annual Summer Camp. St John's will be participating in two different camps this summer. Week one, which is from Sunday, June 26th, to Sat-

urday, July 2nd, will be for our elementary through middle school campers with an opportunity for our older high school students to serve as counselors. Week two, for our high school students to attend as campers, will be from Sunday,

July 10th, to Saturday, July 16th. Be sure to check your mailboxes and email inboxes for more information, or you can contact Andrew Krater (akrater@stjohnschurch.org). Hope to see you all there!

Thanks to Andrew!

The Personnel Committee has extended Andrew

Krater in the position of Temporary Interim Youth

Director for six more months.

Narthex Lighting

If you think it seems a little bit brighter in the Narthex, hallways to the Church office and Martin Hall, and the east balcony stairwell, you are right. The Welcoming Committee asked the Buildings and Grounds Committee

to see what they could do about brightening up these spaces. With about \$25.00 of materials and a little elbow grease, Building and Grounds was able to brighten up these spaces. All of the fixtures were cleaned and their

reflectors painted glossy white, and new compact fluorescent lights were installed. Thanks to Building and Grounds for their hard work!

— John Dutton, Chair
Building and Grounds



Mariners

Mariners

Anchors Aweigh—

- Skippers Rew and Sue Goodenow (851-2716).

Barnacles—

Will meet on Friday, April 1st (no fooling!) in Martin Hall for a catered lunch and program—"My Favorite Thing". Each member is asked to bring their most "favorite thing" to tell about and show to the group.

- Skippers Don Garrett

(787-3992) and Tom Boyer (323-4513).

Discipleship—

This month, we will have an event, TBA, hosted by Jeannine and Randall Stewart (338-0302).

- Skippers Rick and Ann McElreath (851-2495).

Flippers—

Won't meet in April. Thanks to all who celebrated Shrove Tuesday at

the Pancake Supper.

- Skippers Ken and Peggy Meyer (453-1957).

Senior Singles—

Will meet Friday, April 29th, in the Geneva Room at 12 noon. Bring a sandwich and an appetite for studying Daniel, chapter 6.

- Skipper Betty Squires (829-0354).

One Great Hour, Three Great Missions

The theme of One Great Hour of Sharing is simple, yet profound: Sharing Brings Joy – To Others, to God, and to Us. One Great Hour of Sharing gives us the opportunity to realize the joy of giving. We join with millions of other Christians to bring joy out of despair for those life has treated badly. And God rejoices for us and for them. Our One Great Hour of

Sharing offering gives joy through three different programs. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to catastrophes like Hurricane Katrina and the recent earthquake in Japan. The Presbyterian Hunger Program provides food for some of the millions who go to bed hungry every night through no fault of their own. Self-Development of People funds projects

that enable families and communities to become self-sufficient.

All of these programs are worthy of our support. Please join in the joy and give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

— Ken Meyer
Mission In Action



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

In March we began our study of Colossians, teachings about the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ, using the Bible and the commentary on Colossians by Alden Gannett and/or the study guide by William Barclay.

If there is a book that is supremely centered on the person and work of Christ, it is Colossians, a distinctive message said to be relevant today.

Bring a friend and join us for this time of fellowship

and study, from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. on Wednesdays, at Lili's Restaurant (formerly Jack's, 2325 Kietzke, in Franktown Corners). For more information, call George Griffith (829-0197).

Presbyterian Women's Events

PW Coordinating Team—

The PW Coordinating Team will meet on Wednesday, April 13th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Geneva Room.

PW Bible Study—

Our 2010-2011 Bible Study is *Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*.

PW Luncheon—

The next PW Luncheon will be on Wednesday, April 13th, at noon in Martin Hall. Ruth Circle will host, and Mary Morning Circle will greet. Our speaker will be Helen Engeseth, who will speak

on the PC(USA) Hunger Program. Special music will be provided by the Willoughby girls and mom, Amy. We will also collect the Birthday Offering.

Lydia Circle—

Will meet on Thursday, April 21st, at 1:30 pm in the Clawson Library. (Chair: Elsie Baughman)

Martha Circle—

Will meet on Tuesday, April 19th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Clawson Library to discuss Lesson 8, led by Suzanne Griffith. (Chair: Suzanne Griffith)

Mary Morning Circle—

Will meet at Classic Residence (3201 Plumas) on Thursday, April 21st, at 9:30 a.m., to study Lesson 8. (Chair: Joyce Field)

Rebecca Circle—

Will meet on Friday, April 8th, at 1:00 p.m., in the Geneva Room. Stella Neidert will lead Lesson 8. (Chair: Lou Pitts)

Ruth Circle—

Will meet on Tuesday, April 26th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Doris Krater (3020 Rustic Manor Circle, 329-8581). Jo Barrett will lead Lesson 7. CAAW items are toothbrushes and toothpaste. (Chair: Dee Russum)



PW Mission Birthday Offering—"Jesus Christ Is the Foundation"

"Jesus Christ is the Foundation," adapted from I Corinthians 3:11, is the theme for the Mission Birthday Offering 2011 for Presbyterian Women. God is often symbolically portrayed as a master builder. We find in Psalm 89:4 where God was the builder of the throne of David; in Psalm 147:2, we hear of the building of Jerusalem; and in I Peter, we hear how God built church community.

The three recipients of

the 2011 Mission Birthday Offering have a common building and renovation theme, and part of the offering grant will help their ministries accomplish this program.

The first recipient this year is *Anderson Interfaith Ministries* in South Carolina. An interfaith organization, it provides assistance to people in need while also guiding them to function independently. One of their most successful programs offers various

supports to parents so they can return to school.

Across, in Jonglei, South Sudan, is another recipient. Its grant will provide teacher training workshops and help build a culture of peaceful coexistence between warring ethnic groups, increasing the value of children (especially girls) and acceptance of women as leaders.

Menaul School is the third recipient for 2011. Located in Albuquerque,

New Mexico, for than 100 years, the school has educated and equipped students for leadership in the church and in the larger society. Your generosity will help one of the existing dormitories to be refurbished.

The PW of St. John's invite you to participate in our special offering. With your monetary support, these ministries will demonstrate the love and faithfulness of Christian women in the PC(USA).



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Note of Appreciation

From Renie Hawkins—

Jesus said we'd have "trials and tribulations". We have found that to be so true on this tremen-

dously difficult life's "journey". Jesus also added "to be of good cheer". And that's what we thank all of you for: your thoughtfulness, time,

and especially your prayers in helping us to work through this healing process. St. John's is indeed a blessing. And we are so grateful.

Needed for Church Nursery

Do you have an unused crockpot taking up space in your kitchen? The Church Nursery has a

new use for it! We can use it as a bottle warmer. Please bring your unwanted crockpot to the

Nursery or leave it in the Church office. Thank you!

— Erma "Tutu" Scott

PW Collecting Paper Goods for Hosanna Home

Hosanna Home is a Christian ministry for Reno displaced women. PW is supporting the ministry by collecting paper goods, e.g., toilet pa-

per, paper towels, and tissues. Blue barrels will be available for donations which will be collected at the April PW luncheon. Hosanna Home is also

opening Esther's Closet at 1085 So. Virginia for resale clothing. Donations of used clothing can be taken there.

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