



NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Once Jesus taught that the Kingdom of Heaven was like a mustard seed that was planted and grew into an enormous plant. He also said it was like yeast that, when added to flour, makes the whole dough rise. His point was that the will of God at work in the world, the will to reach down to humanity, God's will to rescue us, begins the way a tiny seed begins or the way yeast first pushes outward on a ball of dough.

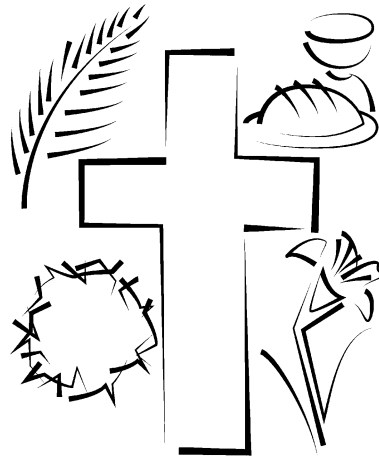
The force of a seed to push up through a layer of dirt is tiny, but it's enough. The same is true for the yeast. It's tiny, but enough. And so as we make our way through Lent, we, too are carried along by a force that is enough to move the church through the wilderness of Lent into the bright glory of Easter day.

It's a steady force that isn't flashy or attention-getting. It's a force that keeps the church moving forward.

And it's not only the church that is on the move, so it creation. For latitudes above the equator, the church begins its Lenten way in the dark, cold days of winter. The mornings are cold and the earth is dormant.

At our own particular latitude, there is still snow and ice, grey skies and clouds during Lent. The earth is in a

winter sleep while its mighty axis tilts away from the sun's energy. The afternoon shadows point in a different direction than they will point in six months. But slowly and with great force the earth is moving toward warmer days and springtime is on its way.



The Season of Lent is a journey from winter to spring, from wilderness to Easter triumph, from death to life. It is an unstoppable journey, and it has another facet to it...

It is an inward journey. Lent is a time to sift through all the stuff and activities and busyness of life. It's about ordering our to-do lists, and discovering (or rediscovering) that only one thing is truly first for an abundant, fulfilling life: the faith to trust and follow Jesus Christ into the world and share his love.

That's a collective activity, and the group God has called together for this work is the church. Here's the *Book of Order*

wording on that great work we are called to do: *In Christ, the church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at font and table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ.*

It is good to share in this work in our corner of creation. The Session is planning a couple of projects for the spring that will help us reach out to our neighbors in the Green Spring community. (More about this will follow soon.) I am excited about that because it means we might meet some new folks in our own community. But first, we need to be grounded in the triumphant news of Easter.

That is at the core of our faith and everything hinges on the triumph of Easter day. The resurrection – the empty tomb – is the sign that what we are about as a church is more than simply remind ourselves of an ancient history.

And so we look to a world in need and get to work. Together in Christ, Jon.



Nursery Helpers for March:

- March 3-Sally Brown and Lisa Bailey
- March 10-Linda Hall and Angie Cooper
- March 17-Mary Jane Crosby and Cassie Pochyla
- March 24-Karen McClanahan and Mike Catron
- March 31-Phyllis Briscoe and Lea Combs

Prayer List

Sasha Lee, Laura Mullins, Myrtle Winfrey, Carol Biemel, Donita Lambert, Bill Mylan, Angela Webb, Carrie Kimery, Leroy Jones, Bruce Clark, Rhonda Moore, Sara Lawson, Bob Elliot, Emma Barton, Jody Williams, Judy Williams, Mary Gustin, Sarita Mullins, Carrie Blevins, Judy Puckett, Karen Combs, Carter & Emerson Hale, Kitty Pelfrey, Barbara Adams, David King, Nancy Thompson, Barbara Knight, Bill & Marge Margerum, Janet McCauley, Eva Bailey, Bo Miller, Rickey White, Terry White, and Helen Carter.



Easter Lily orders are being taken thru March 17. The cost for each lily will be \$9.25 this year. If you would like to order a lily, please call the church office. They will adorn the sanctuary on Easter Day.

Lay Readers Needed

If you are interested in serving as a Lay Reader in worship, please see Kevin Flannagan or contact the church office. We would love to have a variety of ages involved in reading scripture during worship.

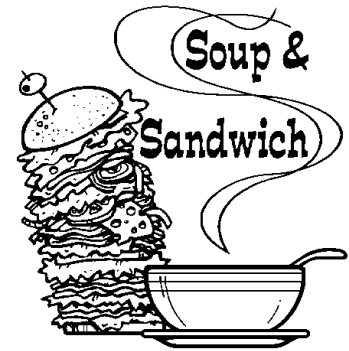
Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10th

Lenten Meals and Programs

Sunday evenings, Supper at 6 pm and the program at 6:45 pm

March 10
The Life of John Calvin

March 17
The Legacy of John Calvin



Holy Week Worship Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 24

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship



Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00pm Communion Service

Good Friday, March 29

7:00pm Tenebrae
(Glade Spring Presbyterian Church)

Saturday, March 30

1:00pm

In the Green Spring Church Yard



Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Day!

March 31



Easter Morning Breakfast

Sunrise Service – 7:00am in the Cemetery. Followed by Breakfast in the fellowship hall.

Morning Worship in the Sanctuary – 11:00am

Birthdays for March

March 2- Claudia Sprinkle
 March 3- Mary Lynn Singleton
 Burt Fletcher
 Betty Sparks
 Virginia Thompson
 Jerry Wimmer
 March 5- Jon Martin
 March 8- Eugene Altizer
 March 10- Carl McCauley
 March 15- Angie Cooper
 March 16- Dakota White
 March 18- Bucky Buchanan
 David Prater
 March 22- Bobbe Harris
 Patsy Buchanan
 March 24- Sam Evans
 March 26- Alex Brown
 March 28- Jeanie Evans
 John Clark
 March 29- Bubs Nichols
 March 31- Carolyn McConnell



Member DIRECTORY

Thank you to everyone who participated in the pictorial directory project.

PEANUT BUTTER OFFERING

2012 Total	1,340
So far in 2013	129
Overall Total	1,469

How soon will we reach 2013 jars?

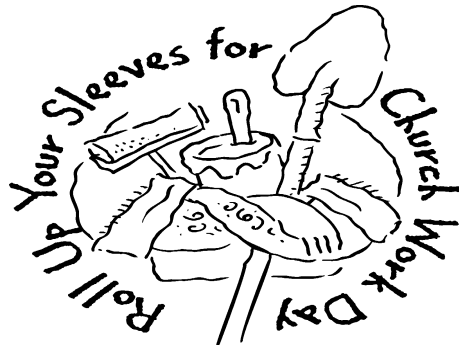
Responding to the Good News

Date	Attendance	Offering
1-27-13	111	\$ 3,254
2-10-13	114	\$ 5,705
2-17-13	128	\$ 3,489
2-24-13	116	\$ 5,255

Sunday School SCHEDULE

9:45-10:40am

Pre-School	<i>Jesus Shows His Love</i>	Teacher: Jeanie Evans
Primary	<i>Jesus is Our Friend & Savior</i>	Teacher: Patty Clark
Middle School	<i>Read Your Bible Every Day</i>	Teachers: Jane Prater and Erin Evans
Adult Bible Study	<i>The Kingdom of God</i>	Teachers: Tom Deaton and Jasper Reynolds
Warner Room	<i>The Book of Acts</i>	Teacher: Jon Martin



Spring Cleaning!
 March 23
 9:00 - 12:00noon
 Come and help out!

From the Choir Director, Kevin Flanagan

In just a few weeks we will be celebrating Holy Week and special music is planned for these holy days in the church year.

On Palm Sunday (March 24), the children of the congregation will be singing some special music. Our worship will also be enhanced by a beautiful duet by Erin Evans and Terry Major.

On Maundy Thursday (March 28), I will be a solo as part of the service that depicts the Last supper in song.

On Good Friday (March 29), we will once again be combining with the Old Glade Presbyterian Church in Glade Spring for a Good Friday Service of music and readings. The service will be held in Glade Spring this year. This is one of the most powerful services all year so make plans now to attend! Directions to Old Glade Church will appear in weekly bulletins.

On Easter Sunday (March 31), we are hopeful that the children of the congregation will be enriching our worship along with a guest trumpet player. During the serving of communion on this day, Teresa Halsey will sing a beautiful song and we will sing a couple of upbeat songs as a congregation that will enliven our Easter celebration. The choir will conclude our Easter service with the singing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.