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**This month
at Wayside:**

- Soup Sunday,
March 10th
- PW Retreat
March 15th & 16th
- Palm Sunday
March 24th
- Maundy Thursday
March 28th
- Easter Sunday
March 31st

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH... HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK READINGS

During Holy Week all those interested are invited to gather at 7:00 a.m. each morning (Monday – Friday) in the Prayer room to share the assigned Scripture readings for that day. We will follow with prayer and be on our way by 7:20 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

The Maundy Thursday Service will be held on Thursday, March 28th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The service will include the observation and celebration of the Last Supper in preparation for the events of Good Friday & Easter.

EASTER PRAYER VIGIL

An Easter Vigil is again being organized for Good Friday through Easter morning. To participate, select an hour for contemplation of selected scriptures. Please sign up in the Lobby. This is an activity you do in your own home, by yourself or with your family. Many have found the vigil to be an inspiring and meaningful experience. Please pick up your guide booklet on Palm Sunday.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP... 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

We will gather on this most important day of the Christian year to celebrate the resurrection. At both the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services on Easter Sunday, the Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Bells will provide special music selections. The Children's Choir will provide a special anthem at the 11:00 a.m. service.



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**WEST MILLCREEK
FOOD PANTRY**
Suggested items for
March:
Baked Beans, Bar Soap,
Tuna, Fruit, Spaghetti
Sauce, Cereal, Peanut But-
ter, Mac & Cheese, Soup,
& Toilet Tissue
*All non-perishable items are
always welcome.*



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WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"MISSION STATEMENT"
*Wayside Church is a welcoming, caring community of God's
people committed to developing Christian disciples.
We gather for worship, study, fellowship, and prayer. We
seek to reach out with Christ's love to our community and
the world.*

MANY THANKS

The Board of Trustees would like to express its genuine gratitude to several people who have gone out of their way to meet one of the specific needs of the church. Special thanks to:

- Mike Reed who has become our Church Treasurer.
- Kitty Menges and her helpers, who regularly prepare our soup on Deacon - sponsored "Soup Sundays" and get it delivered to the Emmaus Soup Kitchen.
- Karen Sidorowicz, Shirley Diller, and Nancy Fye who faithfully volunteer to assist in the church office every week.

There are many others who contribute generously of their time and efforts in support of the church; we are grateful to all of them.

Financial Report

as of January 31, 2013

Receipts:

Month \$74,723

Expenses:

Month \$35,083

Please remember to keep your contributions up to date.
Thank you

ELIZABETH INSPIRATION

"The person who often looks up to God, rarely looks down on anyone."

Anonymous

HABITAT BUILD IN JUNE

For the past four summers Wayside has been one of the "core" churches that supported the Habitat for Humanity summer blitz builds. In one brief three-week period each year a total of five complete houses were built and dedicated by workers from various churches (more than 40) in our community. All those were great efforts and very rewarding to everyone who participated.

The plan for this summer is slightly different. There is just one house for the blitz build, but we'll try to get it done in two weeks rather than three. The action begins on June 10th with the home dedication on Sunday, the 23rd.

Wayside will again be an active participant. As soon as we have more details we'll put out a sheet and allow volunteers to sign up. Until then, please keep the project in your prayers and those dates in mind.

MERCYHURST DANCE TEAM

The Mercyhurst Liturgical Dance Ensemble is a student directed organization. As volunteers, the ensemble is devoted to community outreach and involvement. The Liturgical Dance Ensemble gives dance majors an opportunity to utilize dance in exploration of their spirituality. The students will perform at the 11 a.m. Worship Service on March 10th, here at Wayside.

COATS FOR KIDS

Many thanks to all those who donated to the "Coats for Kids" program. More than 138 coats were contributed, plus boots, hats, gloves, scarves and other winter wear. Altogether we delivered more than 340 items that have been distributed, through the Caring Closet of the Erie City School District, to help God's children in the area stay warm this winter. Well done, Wayside.

ANNUAL WAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join us for our annual Women's Retreat as we deepen our friendships, renew our spiritual lives, and explore our creativity. The retreat begins on Friday night, March 15, at 7:00 pm. with a talk by Meg Maly, MSW, LSW, entitled "Make a Joyful Noise", followed by a social hour. We will re-group on Saturday, from 9-2:00. The \$20 fee includes the speaker fee as well as a light breakfast and a lunch by Request. Child care will be available if needed.

Sign up at the Information Table in the lobby!

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends:

As we continue our Lenten journey and make our way closer to Easter I hope we are all taking advantage of the various options this season presents to spend quiet time with God, to reflect on our faith and to grow in our understanding. Throughout this newsletter you'll find announcements about some of those special opportunities designed to do just that.

Much of what transpires during Lent is intended to prepare us for the glad day of celebration that is Easter. God knows we need that kind of great, life-changing news. But even in our joyous worship, in our festive dinners, in new clothing and flowers and raised spirits I think we are also invited to a more active reflection on what difference the crucifixion and resurrection make. What difference, that is, does it make to know that God entered fully into our human life – our joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments, loves and losses? What difference does it make that God therefore understands us deeply? What difference does it make that God suffered even death as one of us? What difference does it make that God raised Jesus from the dead, signaling a new reality and new life that not even death can overshadow?

These are all big questions and they stand at the very heart of the Christian faith. And yet I fear that most of us – myself included – don't take enough time, or haven't developed enough confidence, to contemplate and answer them. And, if we don't answer them, are we depriving ourselves and those around us of the potential changes that we might find? Obviously there is no final, correct set of answers; each of us much provide our own. I hope and pray that as we explore the questions we'll also find time to share our insights.

I look forward to seeing you in church as we ask the questions and turn to God for the answers.

Peace.

Jim

Rev. James Haas

PS – My thanks to everyone for their thoughts and kind words and prayers as I get ready to begin my chemotherapy. I'm grateful beyond measure and am confident that, with such loving support and God's grace, I'll have a good remission story to tell at some point in the coming months.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program is looking for men, women, or couples to provide guidance and to share life experiences in a one-on-one relationship with a child in Erie County. Volunteers over the age of 19 spend 1-2 hours per week with a child for a minimum of one year. To find out more about this opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child, call Paula Hayes at Family Services (866-4566) or email her at paulah@fsnwpa.org

Thanks.



TALENT AUCTION 2013

Spring will soon arrive, which means it's almost time for Wayside's 16th annual Talent Auction! This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th. We'll have an evening of fun and fellowship and our annual opportunity to bid on the many talents of Wayside's members. Proceeds from the auction will be evenly distributed between One Great Hour of Sharing & special projects at Wayside. We look forward to another great year of interesting auction items and an evening of fun to raise funds for these worthwhile projects.

Auction donations are currently being sought. Please consider your talents and sign up at the Information Table. Auction item lists will be available about a week before the event.

As always there will be a lots of great baskets to bid on and a "Pound Auction" for the children. More details about both of those will be coming shortly.

Auction registration will begin at 4:45 p.m. on April 6th. The auction will begin by 5:15 p.m. At 6:15, we will take a break from the auction and enjoy a light supper and dessert. All those attending are still asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share. The committee will provide sandwiches and beverages. We will resume the auction between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m. in anticipation of completing the event around 8:00 p.m.

Silent bids can be made if you are unable to attend the auction. Silent bid forms will be available on the Information Table. Complete the form after previewing the list of talents for sale and submit it to the office at the church.

Bring your whole family and plan to attend this fun event!

Let's fill Fellowship Hall and raise a record-setting amount at this year's Talent Auction!

See you on April 6th!



TALENT AUCTION THEME BASKETS

The Congregational Development and Nurture Committee is once again encouraging families and groups to sponsor and supply a theme basket to be auctioned during this year's event. The sponsoring family or group is asked to contribute a variety of items related to the theme of the basket and prepare the basket for auction.

For instance, a basket with a movie theme may include movie tickets, microwave popcorn, a gift card for movie rentals, candy, soft drinks, etc.

Theme suggestions include but are not limited to: Gardening, Cooking, Coffee, Movies, Spa, Chocolate, Italian Dinner, Summer Fun, Breakfast or Books.

The baskets will be auctioned at the Talent Auction on Saturday, April 6th.

Please sign up now at the Information Table in the Lobby.



FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Peggy Bules, Alice Edwards, Elaine Glass, Kent Jacoby
- 2nd Heidi Utley
- 3rd Austin Jewell
- 5th Reed Catrabone, Jan McEllroy, Tom Momeyer, Pattie Pora
- 6th Rita Weaver
- 8th Joy Jewell, Rachel Martone
- 9th Harry Eighmy, Hal Harrington, Char Popson
- 10th Andrea Jacoby, Mary Marsh
- 11th Colin Potocki
- 13th Gary Christensen, Eva Duska
- 14th Morgan Anderson, Barb Richardson
- 15th Alexandra Murphy
- 16th Chris Hoyt, Joan Moore, Justice Severance, Sue Swanson
- 17th Karen Sewell
- 18th Roman Bojewski,

- 19th Hanna Pardini, Matt Popson, Cheryl Sealy
- 20th Staci McGill, Jennifer Taylor
- 21st Zachary Dulabon, Ian Hamza, Eric Hamza
- 22nd Carrie Bastow, Ramon Watkins
- 23rd Jane Hamza, Mardy Marsh, Betsey Miller, Richard Warnaka
- 24th Marcy Goodwin, Joey Kocan, Nolan Martin
- 25th Nathan Latimer
- 26th Jeff Brinling, Alice Duer, Matt McGill
- 28th Aaron Garrity, Scott Jackson
- 29th Barb Reese, Bonnie Tansey
- 30th Barb Trisket, Pam Weaver
- 31st Mike Anderson, Samantha Wismer

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jim & Mardy Marsh
- 2 Bill & Linda Bremmer
- 14 Ed & Bonnie Tansey
- 19 Judd & Dot Smith
- 26 Richard & Marilyn Spensley

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- Joan Cross
- Alice Duer
- Ethan Johns
- Florence Joifrita
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NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the lovely reception and gift given to me for my 16 years of service to Wayside as Treasurer. I was overwhelmed by your kind words and generous gift. It has been my pleasure to serve in this capacity for a place that has been such a blessing to me and my family. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. *Shawn Babcock*

WALK TO JERUSALEM

Lent is a time for Christians to stop and reflect on their lives and practices. Are we taking time to accept God's grace? Are we using the teachings of Jesus to guide our everyday lives? Are there changes we should make? In Luke 10 we learn "you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." The Walk to Jerusalem has been expanded this year to provide everyone with an aid for Lenten reflections, using the passage from Luke.

You will find a guide in the bulletin every week, with many possibilities for study, reflection, worship, service and of course, exercise. Participation in any of the suggestions will allow you to claim mileage on our journey. We hope you will all find something meaningful to you and that you will fill in the form every week and drop it in the collection plate so we make it to Jerusalem by Easter.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

For years Wayside has been a generous contributor to the One Great Hour of Sharing. The Offering supports the work of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self-Development of People Program, and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Last year our gifts totaled more than \$8,000, with the bulk of that coming through the annual Talent Auction. With faith we can do even more this year to alleviate suffering and grant hope to more of God's children.

There will be several "minutes-for-mission" and bulletin inserts during worship services to help raise up the needs, which this year are greater than ever. Please give as you are led.



THROUGH THE EYES OF THE ARTIST.....



Many times one's path in life veers off the planned course. Bob Jares, a skilled art teacher, traveled extensively across the continental United States as well as living and working in Alaska. Bob enjoyed the great outdoors, canoeing and hiking, cross country skiing and snowboarding. He was a master in ceramics as well as stained glass. His teaching position in Kane, PA brought Bob back to this area. In a tragic traffic accident in March 2006, Bob suffered severe head injuries. The trauma to Bob's brain has left him permanently disabled. We are able to see his remarkable

works of art here in Wayside parlor....his gift to us all. (Note: the photo of the hands throwing a clay pot are those of Bob some years ago. The photo, taken prior to his accident, was given to his parents while Bob was in the ICU at the hospital. His friends presented it to Bill and Nicki.)

Nicki Jares, Bob's mother dreamed of being an airline stewardess. Her path took her to cosmetology school as her profession. Nicki became a beautician! Somewhat later in life, Nicki took Tole painting classes, joined the Quilt Guild for twenty years and her artistic gifts blossomed. The rest is history!

The parlor displays just a small portion of Nicki's massive collection of her many skills and gifts. Later this Spring (along with other congregational members) Nicki will display some of her quilts. We are fortunate to have such gifted members as Bob and Nicki at Wayside. Nicki's home resembles a magic shop with arts and crafts everywhere.

POTENTIAL FOR A NEW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In several recent meetings of the Trustees discussion about various projects has led the group to consider whether there is a need for a new capital campaign. Nothing has officially been decided as yet, and any decision will ultimately need the approval of the Session, but the Trustees would like to think about this further.

In order to gage the need for such a campaign, all boards, committees, and groups within the church are invited to submit ideas that could possibly be addressed. Those suggestions should be passed on to the Trustees by May 1st and will be considered for inclusion should the decision be made to move ahead. Any questions about the possible campaign should be directed to a Trustee.

This is everyone's opportunity to have input into the potential project. Please take note of the date and submit your good ideas.

PER CAPITA APPEAL

Did you know that each confirmed member of every congregation provides financial administrative support for the General Assembly, Synods and Presbyteries which enables us to be a connectional church? Without this support the structure of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. at the national, regional and local levels would not exist. For our part, this "per capita" assessment, as it is known, is included in Wayside's annual budget. In 2012 an appeal was made to the congregation to have every active member (596) contribute to the per capita offering to help offset the \$16,431 actual expenditure. 193 members responded for a total of \$5,426 and those contributions were very much appreciated.

In 2013 the per capita is **\$29 per active member** and we now have 612 members (hooray....we've passed the 600 mark!). The Session and Trustees once again encourage each active member to support the per capita offering in one of two ways: use the specially marked envelope in your packet of offering envelopes or send in a check made out to Wayside, noting "per capita" on the memo line. The 2013 budget anticipates per capita receipts of \$6,250 to help offset the actual budgeted expense of \$17,284. It's a modest but important goal. What a wonderful show of faith and support it would be to exceed this projection and with your participation it can happen. For those of you who have already sent in your per capita contribution, we thank you and for the remaining Waysiders, a positive response to this request would be most welcome.

2013 STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL APPEAL FINAL REPORT

We would like to provide the congregation with the final results of our 2013 "Grow in Graciousness" Stewardship Financial Appeal and to thank you for your generosity. The number of financial commitment cards received to date is 174 (out of a possible 304 pledging units), totaling \$399,867. It is a blessing to note that although the number of pledge cards received was lower than the previous year (185 cards), the actual amount pledged increased by \$10,400. God opened hearts and wallets!

We wish to thank all those Waysiders who submitted a commitment card because your written pledge was very helpful to the Budget Committee in their planning for 2013. We also thank those members who continue to support the church financially through your unpledged contributions. Wayside would not be able to further God's Kingdom without the support of its faithful and generous members who witness a willingness to "Grow in Graciousness".

Mary Marsh, for the Stewardship Committee

WOW KIDS CLUB

4:00 - 6:00 WOW Club Program
5:30 to 6:00 p.m. Primary Choir
(1st grade & younger)

March

- 6 Plant marigolds and wax begonias
- 13 Cook WOW Dinner; make placemats
- 20 Visit to Anchor Inne - Brain Injury
- 27 Holy Week - no club

MIDDLER WAYOUTH

on WEDNESDAYS:

6:00 -6:30 Dinner/ \$2 Donation at church
6:30-7:30 Program:
Recreation, or Game & Discussion

March

- 6 Visit to the Funeral Home
- 13 Plan Eggs-perience
- 20 Dinner at Moe's (bring \$10.00)
- 27 Holy Week - no club

MIDDLER WAYOUTH - SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year the class is exploring the New Testament: Jesus and the early church. This is one of three surveys offered to help them prepare for Confirmation.

ADULT EDUCATION

Issues of Faith Class (meets in the parlor)

March

- 3 Alternative Spiritualities: Peggy Rogers, Member of First Spiritualist Church of Erie, will share her faith in "Spirituality"
- 10 Alternative Spiritualities: TBA
- 17 Spring Convocation for Adults: "What Can We Learn from Atheists?" Dr. Jim Davison, Director, Continuing Education, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
- 24 Jim Dunn will address issues of faith and economics
- 31 Easter - no classes

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

- Devotional Booklets for children, youth and adults are available in the Lobby.
- A daily email devotional is available on-line with members and friends offering a Twitter sized reflection.
- Weekly devotions are offered throughout the year. A paper copy is available at the Information Table.
- Check out the “Journey to Jerusalem”

LENTEN EMAIL DEVOTION

Monday through Friday, participants are continuing to read a lectionary Bible passage and share a thought. We inform every one of the passage for each day and ask that readers reflect on it and respond with a sentence or paragraph about their insight. We collect comments throughout the day over the internet and then send out the compilation by 4:00 p.m. from the church office. Our focus this year will be on the gospel readings which are predominantly from John.

CHILDREN’S LENTEN SERIES

The Senior High students are teaching children a three week series on “The Ten Commandments”. Classes began on February 24th and continue through March 10th. There are creative lessons, crafts, special snacks and imaginary journeys back to Mount Sinai.

EGGS-PERIENCE 2013

Our annual Easter party for children and their parents will be on Saturday March 30 from 10:00 to 11:00 am. There will be a craft, a game, and a snack with our ever popular Easter egg hunt. Invite your neighbors and friends to attend.



SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN

Wayside has excellent written policies for the safety of children, youth and adults, but those carefully worded documents are just pieces of paper. Our policies work only as well as every parent, usher, pastor, teacher and member is willing to put it into practice.

We have such a friendly and welcoming atmosphere that I think it sometimes makes folks afraid to insist on adults following the policies. I don’t think keeping the practices takes away from our friendliness at all. If anything it asserts our love for every child that comes through the door.

To that end:

Parents: sign your child in and out of the nursery and the preschool rooms.

Parents with children up through 3rd grade are to drop off and pick up their child at the door of their classroom.

Parents: Do not let your young child wander through the halls unescorted between or during services.

Everyone: Bring an unattended child to the attention of the Christian Education Greeter during Sunday School and an usher during the worship hours.

Please Note: A new buzzer system has been installed in the Preschool room to prevent a child from wandering out of the room unnoticed. Parents are to drop off and retrieve their child at the main door of the room.

Thanks for your care of the children.

Keith

SERMON ILLUSTRATIONS

Our thanks to WOW Club kids and artist Jamie Borowicz for the beautiful illustrations for our Sunday worship. Each week a new water color will hang on the left side of the sanctuary to help us understand a little better the gospel lesson.

PW NEWS

PW MISSION

Our PW Mission Giving \$10 special donation request has had a wonderful response. To date, we have collected \$1,480.00. We thank you for your generosity and commitment to our Presbyterian Women’s mission work.

PW POTATO DINNER

PW held their semi-annual Baked Potato Dinner in late January. The freewill offering went to the Heifer Project International. Thanks to many very generous donations, we raised over \$238.00. These funds will enable families who struggle with hunger and poverty to receive animals that will provide life sustaining food and income. Once the family is able to, they will pass on one of their animals to a family in need, allowing them to help others as they have been helped.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this wonderful “Passing on the Gift”.

BLANKET SUNDAY

Thank you to all who took a moment to learn about and contribute to the Church World Services' (CWS) Blanket Sunday project. Stewardship in the Wayside community is a common thread. And we are all asked to be active in seeking out and responding to ways we can be stewards of our faith. Your active response raised more than \$1,540. CWS came together in 1946 to provide relief after World War II. Thank you for being a part of their worldwide efforts today.

Wayside Presbyterian Women

LUNCH BUNCH IN MARCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on March 9th at 12:30 p.m. at Joe Root’s Restaurant.

To make reservations call:

Jean Moore at 461-9665, or
Annette Rothschild at 836-0835.



Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery Spring Gathering Wayside Presbyterian Church, Erie, PA Saturday, April 20th 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Joy Temple Ray, a member of the 2010 PW Churchwide USA Mission Trip, *Meeting Our Sisters in the Dakotas*, will be the speaker for the PWP Spring Gathering at Wayside on Saturday, April 20. There will also be a special presentation, *The Colors of the Human Family*, which was a feature of the 2012 PW Churchwide Gathering. Registration will be from 9-9:30. Lunch will be \$6. Babysitting will be available if needed. Sign-ups sheets will be available in the lobby.

A mission project of the Sophia Circle will be featured at the Gathering. Women will be asked to “Rock the Reading” by bringing new or gently used books that will be distributed to First Graders at Wayne Elementary School in the City of Erie. Details to order books on line from Scholastic will be available.

Wayside is hosting this Gathering and volunteer help will be needed. Sign-up sheets to help with registration and lunch will also be in the lobby. Call Shawn Babcock or Chris Hoyt with questions. We are excited to have the opportunity to welcome Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery to Wayside!

WORSHIP IN MARCH

March 3rd Third Sunday in Lent/Celebration of Holy Communion
 Text - Luke 13:1-9
 Title - "What's Fair?"

In the first century world there was little question about fairness. The basic assumption was that disease, suffering, and even death bore a direct correlation with human sinfulness. The greater the sin the more likely the misfortune to follow. Though scientifically we know better, that line of thinking seems to continue in our own day. What does Jesus have to say about that?

March 10th Fourth Sunday in Lent
 Text - Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
 Title - "What are You Doing Here?"

The Prodigal Son may be a poorly named parable by editors. His older brother is as much shamed by his own behavior. The father is really the focus and his ability to put aside even the worst of behavior to love the unlovable.

March 17th Fifth Sunday in Lent
 Text - John 20:1-10, 1Cor. 8:4-6
 Title - "Why Read the Bible?"

Guest Preacher and Speaker for Spring Convocation: Dr. Jim Davison has been the director of continuing education and a lecturer in Greek and exegesis at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary for the last 11 years. He is known for his books that guide a reader through the Bible in a year's time. His programs have aided church members and pastors alike in continuing the journey of faith growth. He will offer a class on Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour entitled, "What Can We Learn from Atheists?"

March 24th Palm Sunday
 Text - Luke 19:28-40
 Title - "To Be Continued"

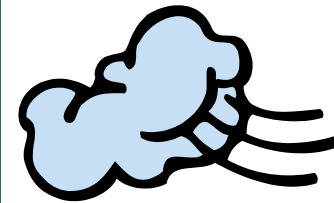
We tend to love Palm Sunday. It is filled with excitement, with celebration, with large crowds and great joy. In some settings it generates almost as much enthusiasm as Easter itself. And yet we know it is just one significant chapter in a much larger story; that the real climax is still a week away. But the day does present us with some good questions that we do well to consider before we get much farther into the week.

March 28th Maundy Thursday

On this holy night we remember the last meal that Jesus shared with his friends. It becomes the basis for our sacrament of Holy Communion, which we will share this evening. We gather to worship, knowing that the cross looms in the shadows.

March 31st Easter Sunday/The Resurrection of our Lord
 Text - Luke 24:1-12
 Title - "Delirious!"

We've heard the Easter story so many times and the resurrection of Jesus is the central tenet of faith. So it's almost natural that we almost take it all for granted. There are times when we approach as if it is no big deal. That certainly was not the case for the first disciples when they heard the initial reports of an empty tomb. Let's try to imagine how they reacted to the news and what it came to mean to them.



MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:45 a.m. 2nd Saturday Project-Habitat
					OFFICERS' 6:30 - 9 p.m.	RETREAT 8:30 a.m.
3 COMMUNION 8:30 a.m. Early Celebration of Worship 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir 9:45a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship Noon - Fellowship Time	4	5	6 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:00 p.m. WaYouth Choir 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 p.m. Dinner Middlers 6:45 p.m. Adult Study	7 Noon - Martha Circle 12:05p.m. Lenten Service/Lunch	8 7:00 p.m. Sophia Circle	9 12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch
10 SOUP SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. Early Celebration of Worship 9:30 a.m. Chancel Choir 9:45a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Worship Noon - Fellowship Time	11 Noon - Trustees	12 7:30p.m. Outreach	13 4:00 p.m. WOW 5:00 p.m. WaYouth Choir 5:30 p.m. Primary Choir 6:00 Dinner/ Middlers 6:45 p.m. Adult Study 7:30p.m. Session	14 12:05p.m. Lenten Service/Lunch 7:00p.m. Chancel Choir	15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	16 PW RETREAT 7 - 9 p.m. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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