

# HOLY WEEK



# WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**PALM/PASSION**  
SUNDAY WORSHIP  
11:00 A.M.  
IN THE SANCTUARY

**P**rocession of the Palms and reflection on The Passion.



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7:00 P.M.  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

**C**elebration of the Lord's Supper with an Agape Meal of bread, fruit and cheese, followed by a telling of the Passion Narrative by Pilgrim storytellers.



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
7:00 P.M.  
IN THE SANCTUARY

**A** Taizé style service of song and meditation focused upon Jesus' passion.



**EASTER**  
9:00 A.M. BREAKFAST  
9:30 A.M. EASTER CELEBRATION IN THE BIRD ROOM  
11:00 A.M. EASTER FESTIVAL WITH CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**W**e will gather at 9:00 a.m. in the Bird Room for a continental breakfast, followed by an intergenerational Easter Celebration at 9:30 a.m. An Easter Egg Hunt for children will follow.

The 11:00 a.m. service in the sanctuary will feature special music, procession to the cross, Easter sermon, and celebration of the Lord's Supper.

# Making My Heart Sing

**AS** I prepare in these final weeks for my sabbatical, which will begin the week after Easter on April 16, I am grateful to three parties. First, to the congregation, which has generously provided me with the time, resources, and support to undertake this twelve week leave. Second, to my family—especially Cheryl—who will cope with my long absences over the next three months despite her own demanding work schedule. Third, to the Lilly Foundation. Even though they did not finally give me the grant I requested, they asked the right question at the beginning of this process: What will make my heart sing?

That question prompted me to consider a sabbatical leave as much more than several weeks away from the daily demands of congregational leadership. What sort of activities will restore my spirit and renew my energies not just for ministry, but for life itself? I began by remembering those experiences in my life that have been most enlivening, and from that to dream about an itinerary that would fulfill the yearnings of my heart.

Flowing from an overall rubric for my sabbatical of “the journey inward and the journey out-

ward,” my activities will fall into two categories: A journey outward to Latin America, where I will study Spanish and visit Presbyterian mission co-workers in Guatemala, and a journey inward to Europe where I will visit two important pilgrimage sites, the Taizè community in France, and the Iona community in Scotland. My sister Janet, who was an exchange student in Guatemala thirty years ago, will spend time traveling with me in Guatemala, and Kelsey and Andrea will each join me in Europe—Andrea in Taizè and Kelsey in Iona. When I return from Europe, Cheryl and I will spend a week together visiting the wine country in northern Sonoma County.

I feel incredibly privileged to have this time away, and am grateful also to Ashley and the Sabbatical Planning Team who have worked to insure that this hiatus is also a meaningful time for the congregation. I am looking forward already to that time of transition when I return, when we will share our stories, and listen again with fresh ears and eyes for who God is calling us to be as God’s people in this place.

In peace,  
*Jeff*



Christian Education for Children

and Adults

Sundays at at 9:30 A.M.

**April 1st: Love, Sex and Marriage in the Bible**  
Bird Room

*Led by Jeff Krehbiel*

Does the Bible have a sexual ethic appropriate for our time? How does it understand the relationship between men and women, love and marriage, sex and procreation? What about sex and single adults? Married couples who choose not to have children? Same sex couples who seek the blessing of the church? Together we will explore these and other issues as we seek to construct a Christian sexual ethic for the 21st century.

**April 8th: Easter Intergenerational Education**  
Event, Bird Room

Special Easter Celebration during the Sunday School hour, beginning with a continental breakfast at 9:00 A.M. and ending with an Easter Egg Hunt.

**April 15th: No Sunday school**

**April 22nd: Earth Day! Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light (GWIPL)**



This is a non-profit initiative that helps congregations, religious institutions and others in the Washington, D.C. area work for a more just, sustainable and healthier creation by reducing the threat of global warming. GWIPL is part of a national movement, with additional Interfaith Power and Light programs currently in 16 states and more in formation. Come to hear and learn how Pilgrim’s can become part of the religious movement to reduce global warming and how we can make our homes and church building part of the solution.

**April 29: Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light.** †

## Sabbatical Preaching Schedule

**W**hile Jeff is on sabbatical, a community of “earthly saints” will be preaching at Pilgrims. Ashley will be preaching seven times throughout the sabbatical period and Pilgrim’s sabbatical committee is honored to present these preachers to fill our pulpit from mid-April to mid-July:

- Rev. Hector Mendez. Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Havana, Cuba. Within the past several years, Pilgrims has been part of several delegations with New York Avenue Presbyterian to Cuba. Rev. Hector Mendez is the pastor of First Presbyterian, the host church of the delegations. Rev. Mendez will be in the U.S. in May and he will preach at Pilgrims on May 13<sup>th</sup> (pending his visa is approved!).
- Rev. Margee Iddings. Ordained in PCUSA, Rev. Iddings is the former director of Rising Phoenix Retreat center in West Virginia. Margee also served Rockville and Silver Spring Presbyterian church. Margee will be preaching at Pilgrims on May 20<sup>th</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup>. Margee will also be leading our sabbatical retreat on May 19<sup>th</sup> here at Pilgrims.
- Rev. Christine Wiley. Co-Pastor, Covenant Baptist Church. The website of Covenant Baptist reads that Christianity is a “New paradigm for a new day. There is no more business as usual. We are excited about being radical disciples of Christ!” Rev. Wiley is a key leader in the Washington Interfaith Network and will be preaching at Pilgrims on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Rev. Louise Green. Director of Social Justice Ministries, All Souls UUA. Ordained in the UCC, Rev. Green was one of Ashley’s ordination mentors while Ashley was at Union Seminary in NYC. Louise is also a key leader in the Washington Interfaith Network and will be preaching at Pilgrims on June 10<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Each of these preachers will be preaching off the lectionary texts and how the texts connect us with our sabbatical themes of “connections and clarity.” Our hope is that each preacher will join us for the Adult Ed hour prior to worship and engage us in a time of reflection and storytelling. †

## Sabbatical Retreat

**M**ark your calendars for a Sabbatical Retreat on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 4pm at Pilgrims.

Rev. Margee Iddings, former Executive Director of Rising Phoenix Retreat Center, will lead Pilgrims in a day long retreat that will help us fulfill, in one way, our themes of the sabbatical: connections and clarity.

The Sabbatical committee of Hannah Nutt, Jeanne Mayer, Anne Womeldorf, Gerry Hendershot and Carol Huls hope that by the time Jeff returns from sabbatical, we will have offered experiences that illuminate how as the body of Christ, both individually and in community, we are meaningfully connected, through our trust in God and Jesus Christ, to one another, to our city, and to the global village. The committee also hopes that by the time Jeff returns from sabbatical, we will be able to see, with a new perspective, the values and expressions of faith that matter the most to us, individually, and as a community.

It is Margee and the committee’s goal that the retreat will speak to these definitions of connection and clarity by focusing on spiritual formation, values clarification, and action steps to deepen our spiritual lives as individuals and as a community.

Child care and enriching experiences for children provided. More information to come! †

**A** group of Pilgrims

## Finding Connections and Clarity, with Dinner

has conspired

together to create experiences for the rest of us to find renewal and revitalization during the time that Jeff K. is off on his sabbatical endeavors. The Sabbatical Planning Group (SPG) has identified two objectives, “touchstones” if you will: connection and clarity. Connection: how as the body of Christ, both individually and in community, we are meaningfully connected, through our trust in God and Jesus Christ, to one another, to our city, and to the global village. Clarity: the ability to see, with a new perspective, the values and expressions of faith that matter the most to us, individually, and as a community.

A member of the SPG will be contacting you in the near future to invite you to a special dinner at a fellow Pilgrim’s home... or for those of us with tiny, tiny living spaces -- at the church. You will be asked to bring a few specific, low-

cost ingredients which may not, at first glance, seem

to go together. You will join with a specially selected small group (hand picked to be different from your cluster or any other group you may be used to) to make a meal from these ingredients. No particular cooking skill is needed (Carol Huls planned the menu - need we say more?) We hope that in the preparation of the meal -- and a special fun activity (your host will explain it all when you arrive) -- you will find *connections* in places you didn’t know existed and a renewed *clarity* about those values we share.

We hope the food turns out delicious and hope to have many of the dinner take place between mid April and our May 19<sup>th</sup> Sabbatical Retreat. Mark your calendars now -- you won’t want to miss that one!

The SPG: Carol, Hannah, Anne, Jeanne, Gerry, and Ashley †

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on Sundays for  
Worship, 11:00 A.M.



## From the Pilgrimage

*Jen McClurg, Program Manager*

**M**arch saw over 115 college students come through The Pilgrimage on an Alternative Spring Break and another 35 high schoolers on retreat weekends. We had groups from PA, NC, IN, ME, and CT. Talk about a busy month! We hosted 8 NCH panels, 4 workshops by David Harris, and another 7 educational workshops on top of that. All of our service projects were utilized this spring break; almost every group schedule included a trip to DC Central Kitchen and the Capital Area Food Bank. Yale University also sent volunteers each day they were here to volunteer with New Horizons, an outreach of Children's National Medical Center. In addition our group from Penn College joined several Pilgrims at the WIN Action Meeting on March 13. Their group leader even managed to get her picture taken with Mayor Adrian Fenty! All-in-all, March has been quite a flurry of activity, but even our March snow flurries couldn't keep our volunteers from serving those in need here in DC. ✝

**The Session:** *The Session is the governing body of the church. Its members are elected by the congregation. Each elder serves a three-year term. The Session meets the third Wednesday of each month.*

**Charles Briggs '08, Clerk of Session**—Responsible for recording the minutes of the Session meetings, and maintaining the Church rolls.

The following Elders are responsible for coordinating a team with a particular responsibility within the life of the congregation.

**Mitch Fulton\* '09, Building** —The building Team helps keep this big, beautiful building working well and looking good! They coordinate clean-up days, and help make decisions about building priorities.

**Melissa Rosenblatt, '08, Leadership Development** —The Elder for Leadership Development chairs the Officer Nominating Committee; helps identify and recruit new leaders, and works to insure that all the leaders in the church have the training they need to accomplish their various tasks.

**Betty Rudolph '07, Outreach** —The Outreach Team coordinates all of the congregation's local mission programs, including Open Table and WIN, along with other initiatives that arise from the needs of the community or

the interests of the congregation.

**Jean Stewart '08, Spiritual Development** —The Worship & Spiritual Development team is responsible for the planning of worship, including special services and offering opportunities for spiritual development outside Sunday morning.

**Jonathan Mertz '09, Membership Development**—The Membership Development Team works to make our community of faith more inviting and welcoming, and helps newcomers find a place in our community of faith.

**Calva Leonard\* '09, Stewardship/Finance; Trustee** —The Elder for Administration serves as treasurer and works with the Trustees and Church Administrator to manage the finances of the congregation.

**Bart Osterveld '07, Christian Education**—The Education Team is responsible for Sunday morning Christian Education for both children and adults.

**Nancy Daugherty '07, Congregational Care** —The Congregational Care Team works to provide support to members of the congregation, such as coffee hour and buffet.

Trustee, Mary Ester

\*These also serve as Trustees