

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MARCH 16 - 23



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

Procession of the Palms and reflection on The Passion.



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

Celebration 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

ATaizé 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

We 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.

“The Sacred Art of Fasting”

9:30 a.m.

Upstairs in the Youth Education Room

Led by Margee Iddings and Doris Hendershot

Fasting, along with prayer and almsgiving, is a traditional Christian spiritual practice long associated with the season of Lent. What would it mean to revive this ancient practice for contemporary Christians, especially in a Protestant context? Drawing on the work of Father Thomas Ryan, Doris and Margee will lead a discussion where those who attend are invited to experiment with different approaches to fasting during the Lenten season, and then to share their experiences with one another during the Sunday morning class. Father Ryan writes, "Fasting as a religious act increases our sensitivity to that mystery always and everywhere present to us... It is an invitation to awareness, a call to compassion for the needy, a cry of distress, a song of joy. It is a discipline of self-restraint, a ritual of purification, and a sanctuary for offerings of atonement. It is a wellspring for the spiritually dry, a compass for the spiritually lost, and inner nourishment for the spiritually hungry." †



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

March 2 & 9

“Between Cross and Resurrection: A Theology of Holy Saturday”

9:30 a.m.

Downstairs in the Bird Room

Led by Jeffrey Krehbiel

Where was God on the day in between? For Jesus' first followers, Saturday was the day after the world came to an end on the cross of Good Friday, with Easter Sunday not yet even a thought on the horizon. After Easter day, the early Christians confessed that God was in Christ incarnate. What then does it mean for us to confess, with them, that God was with Jesus in the grave? What are the implications of such a dramatic and difficult assertion? What does it mean for us to make such a confession in a world that is more closely acquainted with the loss of Good Friday and the hopelessness of Easter Saturday than with the new life of Easter? How does that shape what it means for us to be disciples of the one crucified and risen? Drawing on the work of the late theologian Alan E. Lewis, we will explore a contemporary theology of the cross by paying close attention to the “three day story” at the heart of the Christian faith. †

Continuing March 4 & 10,
6:30-8:45 p.m.
at Church of the Pilgrims

**Monday Night Lenten Series:
Encountering Choices,
Finding Identity**

Led by Margee Iddings,
Ashley Goff and
Jeff Krehbiel

Throughout Lent, the five week period that begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with Holy Week, we will focus on gospel encounters with Jesus that shaped his identity-- and also, in the process, led him to the cross. For our Monday night series, we will focus on Jesus' encounter with women in the Gospels. We will explore how each encounter shaped Jesus' ministry. What choices did he face, and what choices did he make? How did those choices move him toward the cross? What do these encounters teach us about what it means for us to be Jesus' followers?

We will begin with a soup and bread supper, followed by a time of worship, Bible study, and reflection on the encounters that have shaped our own lives, the choices we face, and the risks we are called to take as Jesus' disciples. Participants will be invited each week to practice a "discipline of risk-taking." Even if you cannot attend each week, you are encouraged to attend as many weeks as you are able. †

WASHINGTON INTERFAITH NETWORK (WIN)

Neighborhoods First Ward 2 Accountability Action With Councilmember Jack Evans
Church of the Pilgrims

Wednesday March 12th, 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.

Accountability Action with Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans on the WIN Neighborhood First Agenda including: \$117 million in new revenue annually for affordable housing; Supportive Housing for the homeless; Neighborhood Investment Fund development projects. †



New Pilgrimage Program Manager Matthew Boote

PILGRIMS' CORNER

In January, we welcomed Matt Boote to the position of Program Manager of The Pilgrimage. Matt is a 2007 graduate of Hope College, having received a degree in International Studies, Religion and Philosophy.

Matt was raised in Deerfield, Illinois where he was heavily exposed to volunteering and service-based learning by an extremely supportive family and church. These experiences instilled a sense of social responsibility that Matt didn't begin to understand until college. Contact with new religious ideas and theologies in the classroom crystallized years of service providing him with a better framework for understanding the inequalities he faced while serving.

Matt discovered his personal connection between service-based learning and the positive impact these incidents had on daunting problems such as poverty or inter-religious hostility. He understands the importance of the experiences that influenced his life and realized he wants to help create opportunities for others. Matt is excited to work with Pilgrimage groups as they tackle difficult issues, challenge themselves and others, and engage in new experiences.

Matt would love to have lunch or coffee with anyone and everyone! You may contact him at 202-387-6615 or email, pilgrimage.manager@verizon.net. †

“Like most 21st-century Americans, the unused corners of my mind are filled with detritus from pop culture. Fragments from television shows, tabloid news, comics and toy commercials have invaded my brain and taken up residence. I don't really like the situation but my defenses are weak.

“While these images flit through my sub-consciousness sometimes I happen to be worrying about "The Meaning of Life" or something serious like that. Usually this happens late at night. Invariably these high-minded, serious thoughts collide with the pop culture left-overs in my mind. Then I get a mental picture created by the collision of high and low culture; thus these pictures that you see here.

“In closing, I would like to make a public apology to Barbie for using Ken for these photos. She probably thinks they're inappropriate. Last time they were together they cruised along Malibu beach in her pink Corvette with not a care in

New at the Dupont Pilgrims Gallery

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"Little Man/Big Troubles"

Color photographs by Bill Jenne
February 24-March 30, 2008

the world. So, I can't tell whether these pictures were done against his will or whether he's happy to have been away from Malibu for a while because he's not saying much. The fact is that he works cheap and I couldn't find anyone else to sit still for eight photo ses-

sions.

“But seriously, I'm glad that I can put Ken in situations that Mattel never intended. If I could put the picture of Ken being threatened by seagulls on his display box that he came packaged in I would be very happy indeed. In my "art" I like to use mass-produced items for unintended uses; It makes me feel like I'm subverting that aspect of our culture which relentlessly markets to us, packages our hope and dreams in plastic containers and offers them to us like cake on a silver (colored-plastic) platter.”

Bill Jenne



Bill Jenne is a self-employed professional photographer who does weddings, portraits, corporate work, and special projects. Visit his site at www.billjenne.com. Bill is a friend of Pilgrims who often joins us for worship with his wife, Shera Collins Jenne, who is a member. †

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



Charles Briggs '08: Clerk of Session

The clerk is responsible for recording the minutes of the Session meeting, and maintaining the Church rolls. The remaining 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.

Jeff Francisco '10: Mission/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.

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.*

THANK YOU

Three members of the Session concluded their terms at the end of 2007: Betty Rudolph, Mission/Outreach; Nancy Daugherty, Congregational Care; Bart Oosterveld, Christian Education. We thank them for their service for the past three years. †

newcomers find a place in our community of faith.

Calva Leonard* '09: Administration

The Elder for Administration serves as treasurer and works with the Trustees and Church Administrator to manage the finances of the congregation.

Anne Womeldorf '10: Christian Education

The Education Team is responsible for Sunday morning Christian Education for both children and adults.

Pat Goeldner '10: Congregational Care

The Congregational Care Team works to provide support to members of the congregation, such as coffee hour and buffet.

*These also serve as Trustees, together with At-large Trustee, *Mary Ester.* †

Jean Stewart '08: Worship & 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