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## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Continuing our theme for Lent and Easter, we are quickly closing in on the final days of the Journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday!

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**MARCH 6, 4th Sunday in Lent “Gilgal & Passover: A Moment to Be Present” (Joshua 5:9-12 and 2 Corinthians 5:16-21)**

- Special guest preacher, Rev. April Lewton (Vice-President of Development and Marketing for National Benevolent Assn.); Adult Choir

**MARCH 13, Jazz Worship**

- Rev. Tatham preaching, “God’s Fresh Ways,” John 12:1–8

**MARCH 20—PALM SUNDAY**

- We celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

**MARCH 24—MAUNDY THURSDAY (see article, page 2)**

**MARCH 27—EASTER SUNDAY—Worship & Easter Eggs!**



- With flowers and music and celebration, we come together with the joy of Easter Sunday. A string quartet and trumpeter will be our special guest musicians along with our choir. We will also decorate a cross with flowers of spring and new life!

In case of inclement winter weather, please check our website at  
[www.nc4disciples.org](http://www.nc4disciples.org) or  
listen to WTOP (103.5)

**Become a member of the  
Permanent Endowment  
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To find out about the Legacy Circle, talk to anyone of our Permanent Endowment Fund Trustees:

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**BOARD MEETING—Tuesday, March 1**

**7:30 p.m.—Weir Lounge**

**TEAM LEADERS PLANNING & TRAINING MTG.—Sunday March 6**

**AFTER COFFEE FELLOWSHIP—Harlow Hall**

## ***Pastor's Sabbatical, 2016, Friday, July 1-Saturday, October 1***

According to the Lily Foundation Clergy Renewal program, "Renewal periods are not vacations, but times for intentional exploration and reflection, for drinking again from God's life giving waters, for regaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry. The renewal period is a time to engage in significant reflection, through reading, writing, and prayer, in order that the minister can understand his or her own vocation through renewed eyes. "

In our commitment to Rev. Tatham as our minister, we have covenanted together to plan and implement a "renewal period" called Sabbatical. This summer Rev. Tatham will take Sabbatical from Friday, July 1 through Saturday, October 1.

Studies have shown that the Sabbatical experience is good for both pastor and congregation alike. Besides offering exciting venues and encounters with new experiences, a Sabbatical can provide both the congregation and the pastor a time for in-depth, refreshing reflection on all that makes us "church." Without the pressures of regular responsibilities, as well as phone, email, administrative and emergency duties, your pastor is freed to ponder deeply the words of poet E.A. Robinson: 'The world is... a kind of spiritual kindergarten where millions of bewildered infants are trying to spell God with the wrong blocks.' Over the past several years, NC4 has been pursuing its call to transformation, with the understanding that the world in which we live is evolving faster than any of us can keep up with. The technology we're called to use, the mission that's now right at our doorstep, the realization that the message we have to share is competing with a world-wide web of information and misinformation, all challenge us to think and to act in new ways.

During her Sabbatical, Rev. Tatham will be making visits to churches that have moved through the transformation process in order to explore the challenges and achievements experienced by others. She will also continue her research and exploration of how the arts can continue to enhance and enliven worship through the development of an artist-in-residence program. Also included in the Sabbatical time away will be visits to family and other travel opportunities.

The Sabbatical Committee comprised of Wilsonia Cherry, Sally Coberly, Yvonne McGee and Board Chair Nancy Longo have been working with Rev. Tatham to plan the Sabbatical, as well as engaging in the process of interviewing and selecting an Interim Sabbatical Minister. Following the March 1 Board Meeting, you will be introduced to the person selected to fill that role for the 3-month period.

We as a congregation, along with Rev. Tatham can experience this time of separation as a growing time, a time of mutual learning, reflection, increased creativity, and renewal. This time allows us to learn to listen together for God's new call to us. Where will we go next? What will our dreams be? How will we realize them? Who will help us move ahead? How can we be both truthful and hopeful about the future?

As we continue to plan toward and anticipate this time of renewal, we ask you to be in prayer for our congregation, for Rev. Tatham, and for that one who comes to be with us in the interim. Should you have any questions or concerns about the Sabbatical, please feel free to speak to one of the Sabbatical Committee Members or to Rev. Tatham.





**Thursday, March 24, Noon & 7:30 p.m.  
Memorial Chapel & Sanctuary**

On **Thursday, March 24, at both noon and 7:30 p.m.**, our Elders will host a Maundy Thursday service.

The journey into Holy Week is one in which the Church opens itself up to reflecting on a full range of emotions – from the rowdy celebration of Palm Sunday through the disappointment of Christ praying in Gethsemane, the trauma and grimness of Good Friday and into the incredulous joy, fear, and amazement of meeting a risen Jesus on Easter Sunday.

The **NOON service** will take place in our Memorial Chapel, an intimate setting for a contemplative service of meditation and communion, remembering the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples.

The **7:30pm evening Maundy Thursday service** is designed to take a journey back into Lent and then on to Good Friday. You will have a chance to move through six stations for moments of reflection and meditation. You may move through the stations in any order. Once everyone has had the opportunity to share in the stations, we will together reflect on the art and the readings, and the service will culminate with communion.

We hope that you will make this meaningful service a part of your Lenten observance this year.



**Monthly Prayer Group  
Begins Saturday,  
March 5, 10a.m.**

As an extension of our Prayer Ministry, we are starting a once-a-month **Saturday Prayer Group**. Following a similar pattern to our Tuesday Prayer Group, we'll have a list of prayer concerns to review, but we will also be doing a Prayer study as a part of our morning time together.

If you've wanted to be a part of the Tuesday morning group, but Tuesdays just didn't work for you, come pray with us on Saturday, March 6!

~Hosted by our Elders Prayer Ministry

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## MEALS FOR CARROLL HOUSE MEN'S SHELTER

**5:00 p.m.  
3rd Monday  
of the month**

March 21

April 18

May 23

If you can prepare and serve a meal, you will be blessed in the experience!

IF you are willing to prepare, but cannot serve, you can bring your food to the church on the preceding Sunday and leave it (with warming instructions) in the kitchen refrigerator.

TO SIGN UP,  
LOG IN TO:

[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

## Movement for Wholeness in a Fragmented Word

Adults



**adult Sunday  
morning class**

Our Adult Sunday morning class continues its rotation cycle:

- March — Forum discussions
- April—Bible study
- May—Forum style

After May we will break from the rotation as we enter into the summer months with a new option.

**ALL adults** are invited to participate in this new pattern for learning together!

### CALLING ALL AUTHORS!

**Sunday, April 24, from 11am-4pm**



NC4 will be participating in the **City of Kensington Book Fair on Sunday, April 24, from 11am-4pm** and we want to host ALL you authors at our booth that day!

**Worship on that Sunday will be held at 9:30 a.m. with a fellowship/study opportunity to be held AFTER worship for those who will not be participating in the Book Fair event.**

**IF you are an author, and wish to participate, PLEASE EMAIL  
DEVI RAMBARRAN AT**



### SPRING CLEANING—SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1:00 P.M.

There are three areas in the church that we're going to tackle on Saturday, March 12, to throw away, cull and in general CLEAN HOUSE!

If you've got a few hours to join in the "FUN", don your grubbies and come help out.

We will meet in Cheryl's office to receive assignments for the afternoon.

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP FOR MARCH



### WORSHIP LEADER: Jewel Barlow

#### ELDERS:

- March 6** Diane Barlow & Laird Thomason  
**March 13** Alice Kessler & Chrissy Sherman  
**March 20** (Palm Sunday)  
Diane Barlow & Chrissy Sherman  
**March 27** (Easter)  
Anne-Marie Crawford & Alice Kessler

#### DIACONATE —

##### PREPARING:

- March 6** Sally Coberly  
**March 13** Yvonne McGee  
**March 20** Sally Coberly  
**March 27** **TBA**

##### SERVING:

- March 6**  
Andrea Sherman & Rose Bisengo  
**March 13**  
Laura Fisher & Yvonne McGee  
**March 20**  
Rose Bisengo & Yvonne McGee  
**March 27**  
**Rose Bisengo & TBA**

#### Sunday Duties

- March 6 -** Dorothy Brown  
**13 -** Laird Thomason  
**20 -** Diane Barlow  
**27 -** Rich Sherman



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| March 2  | Allie Morris    |
| March 11 | Glenn Zuber     |
| March 15 | Laura Peery     |
| March 16 | Jean Lowder     |
| March 21 | Miriam Norment  |
| March 22 | Roland Lippoldt |
| March 27 | Karen Barnard   |



### CARE SUPPORT GROUP UPDATE

Thursday evening,  
March 10  
7:30 p.m.  
at BeClaws  
2404 University Blvd. W

#### We have changed our focus!

ALL of us struggle at various times in our lives and need the support of others.

WHATEVER you are dealing with at this point in your life, if you need a group where you can be accepted, encouraged, nurtured toward healing and wholeness...

**if you need some TLC from a group of non-judgmental, accepting individuals, come be with us on March 10!**



**ADD SUNSHINE,  
FELLOWSHIP & FUN  
TO SPRING 2016 !  
BETHANY BEACH  
SPRING RETREAT!**

**NEW DATE: Friday, May13-Sunday, May 15**

**ADULT REGISTRATION (16 & up)** \$150.00 (covers all meals, except Friday night)  
**YOUTH REGISTRATION (6-15)** \$ 85.00 (covers all meals, except Friday night)  
**CHILDREN (under 6) & 1st Timers** \$FREE

☐ **Please apply my last year's amount to this year's retreat.**

**PRICES FOR ONE DAY ATTENDERS—MEALS ONLY:** \$9 for lunch (16 & up), \$ 7 for kids (6-15), and free for those under 6

NAMES OF THOSE REGISTERING	AGE	I will need an ADA Room	FIRST—TIMER?

# _____ of Adult @ \$150	
# _____ of Children 6-15 \$85	
# of FREE children or adults	0.00
<b>Minus \$50 PER PERSON deposit</b>	\$
<b>Balance due by APRIL 1</b>	\$

Please answer as appropriate	YES	NO
1. I can provide transportation for _____ people.		
2. I NEED transportation for the weekend.		
3. If you can not attend for the full weekend, and if transportation were provided for <b>Saturday ONLY</b> would you be interested?		
3. I would be happy to help		
• Children's activity helper		
• Offering a prayer for a meal		
• Adult activity helper		
• Preparing "welcome" bags for all participants		

**ChR=Choir Room; CLR=Class Room; CR=Community Room; HH= Harlow Hall; LIB=Library;  
MC=Memorial Chapel; WL=Weir Lounge**

**OBF=Open Book Farm; RWC=Rwandan Congregation; SHN=Shirat HaNefesh**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1 6:00A: KBC (HH) <b>10:30A: TPG (Lib)</b> 3:30P: GS 6398 (CR) 7:30P: AA (HH) <b>7:30PM—Board Meeting (WL)</b>	2 4:00P: DGS 141 (CR) 6:00P: GM (HH)	3 10A CCCA COMMISSION FOR MINISTRY (WL)  7:00P: SHN (CR)	4 6P: SHN (CR) 6:30P: HSC (HH) 7P: RWC (MC)	5 8:30A: SHN (CR) <b>10:00A: SAT. PRAYER GROUP (MC)</b> 3:00 RWC (CHR) 11:30A: CMC (WL)
<b>6 SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER: REV. APRIL LEWTON</b>  <b>NOON— TEAM LEADERS MTG.</b>  <b>1:00P: CMC (WL)</b>	7 3:30P: GS 2835 (CR) 8:15P: AA (HH)	8 6:00A: KBC (HH) <b>10:30A: TPG (Lib)</b> 7:30P: AA (HH)	9 9:00A: NC (HH) 6:00P: GM (HH) <b>7:30P-Ensemble Reh.</b>	10 9:00A: NC (CR) <b>7:30P-CARE GROUP MEETS @</b>	11 6P: SHN (CR) 6:30P: HSC (HH) 7P: RWC (MC)	12 8:30A: SHN (CR) 10:00A: CMC (WL) 1:00P: RYA (CR) 3:00P: RWC (CHR) 3:00P: RWC (HH) <b>1:00P: CLEAN-UP DAY</b>
<b>13</b>	14 8:15P: AA (HH)	15 <b>10:30: TPG (Pot-Luck-Lib)</b> 3:30P: GS 6398 (CR) 7:30P: AA (HH) 7:30P: VNCC (CR)	16 6:00P: GM (HH)	17	18 6:30P: SHN (CR) 6:30P: HSC (HH) 7P:RWC (MC)	19 8:30A: SHN (CR) 3:00P: RWC (CHR)
<b>20 JAZZ WORSHIP/ PALM SUNDAY</b>  <b>3:00P: DSNMC (CR)</b>	21 3:30P: GS 6398 (CR) 8:15P: AA (HH)	22 <b>10:30A: TPG</b> 7:30P: AA (HH)	23 9:00A: NC (CR) 6:00P: GM (HH) 6:00P: SHN (CR) <b>7:30P-Ensemble Reh.</b>	24 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY NOON-SERVICE (MC)</b> <b>7:30P-SANCTUARY</b>	25 6:30P: SHN (CR) 7:00P:RWC (MC)	26 8:00A: CMC (WL) 8:30A: SHN (CR) 3:00P: RWC (CHR) 1:00P: RYA (CR)
<b>27 EASTER</b>	28 7:30P: NCCC (CR) 8:15P: AA (HH)	29 <b>10:30: TPG (Lib)</b> 3:30P: GS 6398 (CR) 8:15P: AA (HH)	30 9:00A: NC (CR) 6:00P: SHN (CR) 6P: GM (HH)	31		
<div> <div>←</div> <div>Rev. Tatham away until April 5</div> <div>→</div> </div>						

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Eric Pernell, Custodian  
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