



APRIL 2011



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ April 10—Confirmation
- ◆ April 22—Good Friday
- ◆ April 24—Easter Sunday

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GREAT JOB BY ALL IN THE SPRING MUSICAL "STORY-TELLING MAN"!

Holy Week & Easter Week Schedule:

Sunday, April 17—Palm Sunday

Worship: 8:00am & 10:30am

Location: First United Methodist Church

Thursday, April 21—Maundy Thursday

Worship: 7:00pm

Location: Baraboo First Congregational UCC

Friday, April 22—Good Friday

Worship: 7:00pm

Location: First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 24—Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service: 6:00am

Barabara & Terry McCormick's Spread

55373 Durwards Glen Road, Baraboo

Easter Brunch: 9:00am

First United Methodist Church, Singer Fellowship Hall

Easter Worship: 10:30am

First United Methodist Church, Sanctuary

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From the Pastor's Heart..... Pastor Donna

The breezes are warmer as the sun shines more often. The daylight is noticeably longer – all signs that Spring is trying to arrive, despite this past winter's snowstorm after snowstorm and cold temperatures onslaught.

Another sign of Spring's coming is Lent, which draws its name from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, meaning "spring."

Lent is a season of preparation, symbolizing the 40 days which Jesus spent fasting and praying in the wilderness. The Lenten season began on [Ash Wednesday](#) and culminates on [Maundy Thursday](#) [Thursday before Easter]. We Christians use the Lenten season to examine our lives and focus on our faith.

Three downtown churches (First United Methodist, First Congregational UCC and First Presbyterian) have the tradition of worshipping together during Holy Week. We will continue that tradition this year beginning with a combined Maundy Thursday service at the First Congregational United Church of Christ and Good Friday service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church. Both services will begin at 7:00 p.m. Join us in these two worship services during Holy Week.

The poem 'Easter Reflections' by Helen Steiner Rice portrays the author's musings on the splendor of Easter festival, and we realize that amid all the happiness of this season, it is through our heart and soul that we can reach out to God and receive many blessings. It is about the connection of our hearts with all God's creation.

Easter Reflections

With OUR EYES we see
The beauty of Easter
As the earth awakens once more.

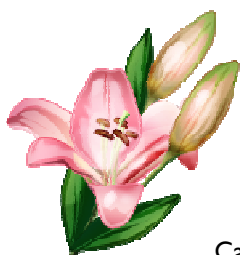
With OUR EARS we hear
The birds sing sweetly
To tell us spring again is here.

With OUR HANDS we pick
The golden daffodils
And the fragrant hyacinths.

But only with OUR HEARTS
Can we feel the MIRACLE of his LOVE
Which redeems all men.

And only with OUR SOUL
Can we make our 'pilgrimage to God'
And inherit his Easter Gift of ETERNAL LIFE.

Happy Easter everyone!
Pastor Donna and Bob



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A Walk Through Holy Week

Holy Week is the last week of [Lent](#) and includes Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday. United Methodists honor Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday as times of special observance of Jesus' last week on earth.

Various worship services are held during Holy Week. This year, we begin Holy Week by joyfully celebrating **Palm Sunday** and then changing our focus to remembering the last day before Christ's crucifixion which is **Maundy (or Holy) Thursday**. On that day, we remember Christ washing the feet of his companions; the meal he shared with them and others; the betrayal of Judas; and Jesus praying in Gethsemane as the disciples slept.

Friday of Holy Week is called Good Friday or Holy Friday. On this day, the church commemorates Jesus' arrest, his trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial. The service is one of mourning and the chancel and altar is left bare and / or draped in black covering. All candles are extinguished to symbolize the growing darkness not only of Jesus' death but of hopelessness in the world without God. The service ends in darkness, sometimes with a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. While it is important to place the Resurrection against the darkness of Good Friday, likewise the somberness of Good Friday should always be seen with the hope of Resurrection (Easter) Sunday. After all, "It may be Friday, but Sunday's a'comin'!"

UMW Events

April 6	Executive Board	4:00 pm	Work Room
April 7	Communion Brunch	9:30 am	at Portage UMC
April 19	Reading Group	4:00 p.m.	Library
April 20	New Circle	4:00 p.m.	Conference Room

Ten women gathered March 13 after 10:30 worship for the UMW Prayer and Self-Denial observance. We enjoyed a light lunch and fellowship and a program Give a Gift of Love.

Thanks to all who have called on and delivered goodies and devotional guides to our at-home members.

Thanks to all who helped with the pasty bake and those who ordered pasties in support of mission.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES: Pastor Donna's friend, Rev. Pat Lyon, will be traveling to Cambodia in June. She would like to take neck ties to the sewing women who will use them to create purses and flowers. If you have nice neck ties you no longer need, please consider donating them. They are also in need of navy blue slacks or skirts and white shirts or blouses for use as school uniforms. Navy blue or white fabric would also be appreciated. There is a collection bin in Singer Fellowship Hall for all of these items. They will be taken to Pat at Annual Conference at Chula Vista in the Dells.



Equal Exchange New Tea Line

We would like to share with you the reasons why Equal Exchange has increased prices on all the coffee products:

Farmers' expenses have been rising steadily for both agriculture supplies and farm labor. This is happening to all the farmer partners around the world. Climate change due to global warming is disrupting the once-predictable conditions and patterns of coffee farming. There is a decreased amount of coffee available for farmers to sell. This is particularly true for responsibly grown organic coffee beans of which fewer exist in general.



When coffee brings a higher price, middlemen take advantage offering cash upfront for beans. This leads to individual farmers leaving the co-op which support their members during the bad and good years, often pay members a better price – but it is over the course of the year – after harvest. Equal exchange is proud to loan millions of dollars of pre-harvesting finance to co-ops to help mitigate this dynamic. but due to the loss of crops from these individual deals there is reduced amount of organic beans to sell and a weakening of the co-op system.

All of these factors – on top of the upward price pressure triggered by ongoing speculation in coffee and many commodities – have lead to increased competition for fair trade organic beans. For a number of years Equal Exchange has been paying farmers well above the commodity price even above our guaranteed minimum price. But the current factors have converged to create a crisis-making it harder and more expensive to secure high quality, organic, fair traded beans.

There are 15 coffees, 7 chocolate candies, and 4 powdered chocolate products to choose from. See Lou Rich for the complete list of products to choose from.

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Adult Choir Director

Kathy Hankins
Secretary

Gordon Krunnfusz
Organist

Yulia Pullen
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Chair, FOSB

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Mission Coordinator

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Youth Activities



The musical "The Storyteller Man" was such a joy to sit back and watch. Everyone worked so hard on it. I could just feel the energy and spirit in the church. Thank you to all the kids that participated and all the people that worked so hard in putting this play together. And finishing it up with a yummy brunch was the perfect ending. In April, some of the youth will be finishing up their Confirmation class. Please join us on April 10th at the 10:30 service for the Confirmation ceremony. Sun., April 17th will be the next Chouth Sunday. The children and youth will participate in the 10:30 service. Come early as the Cup O'Heaven Cafe will be serving breakfast treats from 10-10:30. Keep an eye out for the May schedule as the youth will be hosting a BBQ Hoe-down and Pie Auction fundraiser. Put on your cowboy boots and get ready to do some square dancin'!

Blessings, Kenda

Confirmation Sunday

April 10th is Confirmation Sunday. It is the day our confirmands will be received into membership of Christ's universal church as well as members of Baraboo First United Methodist Church. We will confirm their confirmation journey by receiving them into membership of the church **and** by promising to continue to walk with them of their faith journeys. May we continue to pray for them and care for them and fulfill the charge:

"Do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love" (*United Methodist Book of Worship Service of Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception*).

The 2010 - 2011 Confirmands are:

Chris Green
Aaron Hamilton
Emma Horjus
Oliver Horjus
Ian Krszjanek
Ethan Lien
Mallory Maxwell
Morgan Renn
Alex Zitzner

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:45am Conversation	2
3 8:00am Worship 9:00am Sun. School 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 2:00pm Choir at St. Clare Meadows 3:15pm Choir at Oak Park	4 1:30pm Neighborly 3:00pm Kids' Ranch 7:00pm Church Council	5 5:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Trustees	6 4:00pm UMW Executive Board SPIRIT NIGHT 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Music Time 6:30pm Youth	7 3:00pm Kids' Ranch 5:30pm Neighborly	8 6:45am Conversation	9 10:00am Confirmation Rehearsal
10 Confirmation Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:00am Sun. School 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship	11 1:30pm Neighborly 3:00pm Kids' Ranch	12	13 SPIRIT NIGHT 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Music Time 6:30pm Youth	14 3:00pm Kids' Ranch 5:30pm Neighborly 7:00pm Choir Practice	15 6:45am Conversation 9:00am Yoga	16
Pastor Donna at Conference Trial in Appleton						
17 Palm Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:00am Sun. School 10:00am Fellowship 10:00am Choir 10:30am Worship	18 1:30pm Neighborly 7:00pm SPRC	19 4:00pm UMW Reading Group 6:00pm FOSB	20 4:00pm New Circle	21 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Maundy Thursday service at First Congregational United Church of Christ	22 Good Friday 6:45am Conversation 7:00pm Good Friday Service at First Presbyterian Church	23
Baraboo School District Spring Break						
24 Easter Sunday 6:02am Sunrise Service at McCormick's 9:00am Easter Potluck 10:00am Choir 10:30am Worship	25 1:30pm Neighborly 3:00pm Kids' Ranch	26 5:00pm Staff Meeting	27 SPIRIT NIGHT 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Music Time 6:30pm Youth	28 3:00pm Kids' Ranch 5:30pm Neighborly	29 6:45am Conversation	30

Office Information

The church office is open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Bulletin information needs to be submitted to the office by 9:00 a.m. Thursdays. Please keep this in mind when leaving a message via phone or email.



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April Birthdays

William Moll.....	2	Virginia Church.....	30
Michael Strachan.....	2	Jill Ellinwood.....	30
Glenn Quale.....	3	Donna O'Keefe.....	30
Carol Cox.....	4		
Henry Meyer.....	4		
John Taapken.....	5		
David Greenhalgh.....	6		
Maurice Moyer.....	8		
Daniel Lewison.....	12		
Thiau Jackson.....	13		
Elizabeth Byers.....	14		
Anna Frye.....	14		
Karl Krueger.....	16		
Jane Ellis.....	17		
Seth Robson.....	19		
Pam Maxwell.....	20		
Gladys Orton.....	21		
Jenele Zitzner.....	22		
Don Fox.....	24		
Willem Pointon.....	24		
Morgan Renn.....	24		
Marilyn Quale.....	25		
Carley Frey.....	26		
John Goeckermann.....	26		



April Anniversaries

Evelyn & Gene Thompson.....	11
Warren & Martha Trager.....	23
Virgil & Ione Kasper.....	24
Don & Margaret Marshall.....	24
Monte & Patricia McFadden.....	25
Richard & Teresa Wolkowski.....	28