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Church of the Monterey Peninsula.



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Dates to Remember:

April 5
Pancake Breakfast

April 7
Bible Study

April 9
Maundy Thursday
Supper

April 10
Good Friday Service

April 12
Easter Sunday!!

April 2009

Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula

Welcome

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Wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula. We are a nondenominational Christian church, governed by the members. Openness, independent thinking and inclusivity are critical for our journey together. We encourage individual spiritual exploration and do not require adherence to a creed or a single view of what it means to be a Christian or follow Christ. We journey by heart and our goal is to love God and all that God loves.

In our worship and activities beyond Sunday, we invite you to experience the transforming power of God and walk daily with Jesus as you live out your spiritual journey. Welcome to the journey!

Our Mission

The Mission of The Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula is to welcome independent-minded people of all ages, build a diverse Christian community, and nurture one another to love God, neighbor and self.

Our mission is grounded on ten core values:

- God loves all people.
- We welcome all people, wherever they are on their faith journey.
- Worship is the life breath of our community.
- We are the heart and hands of Christ serving others.
- We grow spiritually in Christ.
- We provide creative, open, lifelong Christian education.
- We are stewards sustaining all of God's creation.
- We promote understanding and cooperation among people of all faiths.
- We are independent, nondenominational and democratic.
- We joyfully support our mission with time, talent and treasure.

Please Keep In Your Prayers

Joanne Anderson

Prayer is a powerful tool during times of special need and joy. You are invited to pray for the following people.

Pat Horton
Laurie Jackson
Margarete Knacke
Ruth Rhoda

Next Newsletter Deadline: April 16th



Wednesday Circle

Ada Morton

Our March 11 meeting at Forest Hill Manor was well-attended. Hostesses were Roxie Blanks and Bessie Linvill. After grace by Bessie we all enjoyed a delicious lemon tart with tea or coffee. Devotions and the program on the history of our beautiful cross and Holy Spirit, crafted by charter member, Don Berry, was given by Susan Adams.

In lieu of an April meeting we will be busy polishing the pews and brasses in our sanctuary along with other volunteers.

Our next meeting is May 13 at 12:15 p.m. in the church library. Lisa Sargisson is co-hostess. Bring a sandwich; tea/coffee and dessert will be served.

Roxie Blanks will give a program on the history of the founding of the church and our stained glass windows.

All interested women are invited. For those not on our calling list, please call Beverly Pugh (624-5524) or Ada Morton (624-7420).

Polishing Day-The Tradition Continues

Some 26 years ago, Charter Member Barbara Berry, chairperson of Wednesday Circle, organized the first pre-Easter Polishing Day to bring a shine to the pews and brasses in our lovely sanctuary. Don Berry, who designed and crafted the beautiful Holy Spirit and Cross has climbed the ladder to remove, polish and re-hang them for many years. Recently his son Ron has assisted in this delicate task.

Men and women volunteers are welcome to join us on Wednesday, April 8, 9:30 a.m. - Noon, with gloves, rags, small vacuums, and lots of energy and happy spirits. The sanctuary will be cool in the morning hours so a sweater is advised. Polish and extra gloves will be available. Tea/coffee and snacks for break-time will be supplied.

Many hands make light the work!!

Godly Play Corner

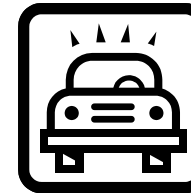
Linda Lyon

Hey everyone: Just a few dates to remember:

March 29, 2009	Religious Education meeting at 6 p.m. in the Youth Room
April 05, 2009	Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m.-noon (Tickets on sale now after the service or at the door the day of-\$10 adults, \$5 kids, \$25 for family of four or more)
April 12, 2009	Easter Egg Hunt 11 am

If anyone is interested in volunteering in the nursery on Sundays, please contact me. We are currently not hiring a nursery care attendant. I would like a volunteer weekly to insure that if there are children in the nursery, someone will be there for them. If you are not needed that Sunday, then you may attend church. Thanks for any help you can give.

Keep an eye out in the next Beyond Sunday for a spring clean date in the Sunday school room. Many blessings!



BECOME A "PICK-UP ARTIST"!

If you are able to offer a ride to someone coming to and from church services or other church activities, please call our Membership Director Joanne Anderson at 624-2916. Thank you!

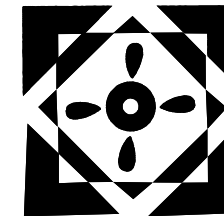
I-Help

We provide dinner for homeless men the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The dinner in April is on the 8th. The men are given a home-cooked meal and spend the night here at our church. Sign up in Woodhull Hall to bring part of the meal. Thank you!!

Church Women United

The Monterey Peninsula Church Women United will meet on Friday, April 3, for a General Meeting. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at The Church of the Oaks Congregational, 841 Rosita Road, Del Rey Oaks. There will be a speaker from "Kinship." Call Kathy Warthan, our church representative (and President of CWU this year!!) with your questions.

Tile Project



You can add a name to this special wall of tiles. A tile may be purchased in memory of a dear one, or in honor of someone special. This project is ongoing and has plenty of room to grow. This is an opportunity to contribute financially and physically to our Church. Large 6 inch tiles are \$200 each; the smaller 3 inch tiles are \$50 each. Send your check to CCMP with the name for your tile.

Worship

JoAnn Holbrook

How wonderful to share our worship service with more people! Thank you Dr. Wayne Martin for inviting and drawing new faces to our community. It is then up to us to give personal welcomes and friendly conversations. Let us all take this cue and invite a friend, acquaintance, or past member this season to "Spring (back) in" to our church, our community of faith and fellowship and fun!

There are ways for all to contribute to our worship service: flowers and music! For flowers, please sign up on the chart in Woodhull Hall and note that you would like to do them yourself or have a floral arrangement from our florist for \$35.00. For music please contact Nancy Phillips who will perform a song near and dear to you for \$35.

April Worship Calendar:

April 5	Communion and Palm Sunday, Breakfast 9-12
April 12	Easter
April 26	Guest Speaker

From Our Pastor Pro Tem

Dr. Wayne Martin

April 2009

Dear Community Church Family:

As I write this I am seated jet-lagged outside my daughter Jaymee's newly rented home in Charlottesville, Virginia. I can already tell that part of my far-too-brief three-day visit will be to help fill the place with basics—the furnishings and effects on which to sit and to sleep. She is, after all, 22 years old. Most of you have done the same for a child in your unwritten résumés.

Winter has broken. The clamoring birds have either risen from the dead or flown here from Florida. (My personal preference would be rising from the dead.) The avian calls and responses are in surround-sound. Spring is pounding the frozen ground with blasts of sunshine and heavens of warmth. Crocuses, tulips, and daffodils are exploding out of the simmering earth. Brown squirrels screech after each other like NASCAR drivers.

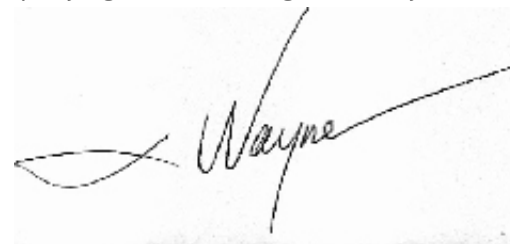
Winter has broken. And as in our own cases, sometimes when something breaks, it gets better. Perhaps our prelude to Easter will prepare us for what Lent prepares us to be— broken. Broken to be reassembled by the spirit of humility. Broken to be forgiven. Broken to be reconstituted as family and families. Broken to sing praises and psalms with a joyful noise, not as if we're asleep or shy, which we're not. Broken to be refitted as the shards in God's springtime and Easter mosaic masterpiece. Broken like communion bread to be the Body of Christ, ourselves a church returning from the near-dead. Alive again, arms upraised, reaching like the spring for God.

I am alive myself at this very moment where sunshine meets penmanship. I am alive with gratitude toward you, sweet readers, for what you are doing as the church comes back to life. Fifty-five at our March Music Vespers, twenty to serve homeless men at our IHELP Lenten meal and forum. Thirty at the women's (and Dodie's) salad luncheon. Thirty-four at Kedron's masterful Loaves & Fishes experience. Two great work days at the manse (Bravo, Pam and Clyde). The kind showing of support in remembrance of Kay Susott, Virginia Buby, and Peter Lyon.

It is spring in Virginia, and soon I move on to Leslee and her family in PA. It's all alive and teeming and breathtaking. And I'm alive with gratitude for all of you and what you're praying for and doing. It's a joy to be with you and alongside you. Thanks.

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Let the deepest river flow,



Labyrinth Walk and Reflection

Saturday, April 11
4:00-7:00 p.m.

(In case of rain we will meet in the Woodhull Hall at the portable labyrinth)

Join us as we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. Following a brief introduction to the labyrinth, you are invited to a prayerful and meditative labyrinth walk on Easter Eve. You may wish to bring your journal and a pen to record your reflections following the walk. You will have the opportunity to walk the labyrinth more than once if you desire. Join us as we celebrate the return of the Light in preparation for Easter morning. All are welcome!
Rev. Dana Reynolds will be our facilitator.

I/we would like to donate _____(no. of plants) lily(lilies) for the decorating of the sanctuary for Easter.
Choose one:

As a gift from _____

From: _____

In Memory of _____

From: _____

In Honor of _____

(Please return this coupon and \$15 per plant to the church or mail to: Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, P.O. Box 222811, Carmel CA 93922.)

Our Pastoral Search – New Beginnings

Our New Beginnings Train is a fourth of the way up the mountain. One car is for our Pastoral Search Committee (PSC). Pastor Wayne's stay with us will end mid-June. The PSC is tasked with arranging our pastoral care when Pastor Wayne leaves.

The PSC is marshalling opportunities for short and long term pastoral care within the context of our financial ability. We are blessed with an abundance of spiritual leaders in our region. The PSC will prepare an objective description of our Church (Profile), seek prospective pastors and make recommendations to our Board and Membership. It will examine short term and long term possibilities as well as part time and full time service.

We are further blessed by our fine Church Departments which provide our worship, fellowship, membership, religious education, property stewardship and mission activities as well as by our superb Womens' Association. All of the foregoing run our Church – create the loving, welcoming experience that we all enjoy. We have many other blessings.

I invite all members and friends to get on board the New Beginnings Train by calling with questions or kudos of encouragement – to join in the excitement and joy of planning for the future. Page through the Membership/Friends Directory and call someone. Lend your support to our quest through Prayer.

Blessings! George (Pastor Wayne is half way through his stay with us.)

Ada Morton

April Birthdays



6th Jeanne Brehmer
7th Claire Parrish
16th Regina Moritz
17th Katharine Chaffin

18th Sallie Conn
23rd Patricia Horton
26th Susan Adams

Women's Association

Kathy Warthan

Workers Are needed In the Women's Association Workshop each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until Noon to help mark and price things for our summer Rummage Sale. Come join them!!

Thank you all you fantastic people who helped prepare refreshments for Kay Susott's memorial service, Peter Lyon's service, all the Lenten Soup Suppers, the combined I-Help and Lenten Supper, Vespers' refreshments, our Women's Association Salad Potluck (and program by Wayne), Loaves and Fishes – you are amazing!!

BUT, Jane Heider Samuels did the biggest job of all – stripping 2 old layers of wallpaper off the small bathroom near the office, and double washing the walls so Bill can paint!



TICKETS ARE ON SALE

FOR THE PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
April 5, 9 until Noon.

Cost for adult is \$10; Children (12 & under) \$5; Family of 4 \$25.
There will be scrambled eggs (with and without ham), pancakes, and fresh fruit.

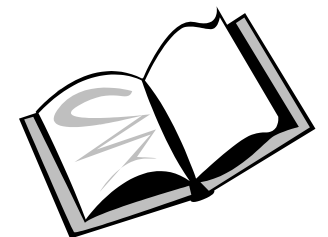
Books available on the book cart for the Lenten Season:

Padovano, Anthony:	Eden and Easter
Marshall, Peter	The First Easter
Moore, Paul	Seven Words of Men Around the Cross
Sangster, W. E.	They Met At Calvary

Seven Words of Men around the Cross is a small easily read book of 94 pages. The author enlarges upon the gospel description of the events surrounding the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. He also explores the background of each individual with suggestions on their thoughts, emotions, and reactions of (1) the Passerby; (2) Soldiers; (3) Bystanders; (4) Chief Priests; (5) Centurion; (6) Procurator; and (7) Revolutionary.

The second interesting book of 111 pages, They met at Calvary also describes the events of the crucifixion in a slightly different way, using these chapter headings:

Were you there ?
.....with the Teachers who hated him?
.....the Priests who bought him?
.....the Traitor who sold him?
.....the crowd who cried, "Crucify him"?
.....the Judge who sentenced him?
.....the Thieves who died with him?
.....the People who ministered to him?



I was there too!

