

Calvary Presbyterian Church
3516 NE 71st Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97213

APRIL CHIMES

Pairs-n-spares

The “Wearin’ of the Green” theme was very well carried out, as 22 traditionally-clad “Pairs-N-Spares” gathered for breakfast on Saturday, March 14th at Heidi’s Restaurant in Gresham. Although there were no green omelets, pancakes or French toast, those three old favorites were the most popular menu items.

Before our food selections, we were favored with some “old sage” Irish Blessings by committee persons, Jan Jamison and Betty Winchell. Some on the serious side, and more humorous one added by our true “Irish Lassie”, Gina Walsh.

As our efficient waitress, “Barbara”, took our orders, a jam jar was passed around chock-full of, (what else?), Green jelly beans, for each person to figure out the quantity.

Winner was Maxine Labbe’, estimating 102 (actual count 113). Additionally, prizes were awarded for most “greenly dressed” and our “Irish colleen”, Ginny Johanesen, won for the gals, and “Stephen (Darby) O’Bradley for the guys. “Congratulations” to the prize winners.



We were pleased to have Tanya Miranda with us for this activity. Also “military-bound” Jennifer Anderson, escorted by Jonathan Reman.

Our “Thanks” again to those “leprechauns” Will and Jan Jamison, and Betty Winchell for planning this well-attended, (near), St. Patrick’s Day event.

PRESCHOOL RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

WHEN: April 24th &
25th

TIME: 9:00 AM to
5:00 PM

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

Come ~ Check out all the great treasures you
know you need or want!

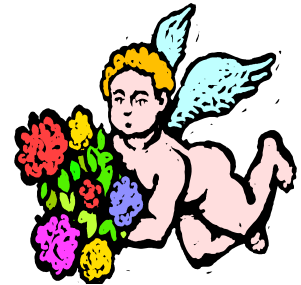


Next Chimes
Articles are due
on April 27th!

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I will trust and not be afraid, for the
Lord is my strength and my song; he is
my salvation.
I saiah 12:2

You can trust the man who died for you.
Lettie Cowman



April Flowers Stan's Class

SUNDAY WORSHIP ~ 10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 9:15 AM

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CALVARY CHIMES

2009



Dear Calvary family,

Greetings in Christ! As I write this, I am spending my first day in the office, feeling—I confess—a bit overwhelmed with it all. Where is the stapler? Which way is the bathroom? What was your name again? And oh yes, don't forget that we have a service to plan for Sunday too!

My children, Liam and Graham (ages five and three, respectively), have a Lenten prayer chain. Each week they pull a new strip off of the paper chain, and all week we read the one-line prayer together before meals, at bedtime, and so on, until Sunday comes around again and it is time for a new prayer. This week's prayer is, "Be still, and know that I am God." These are words I am trying to take to heart during Lent: "Be still, and know that I am God." I'm reminded of the way these words were used in a prayer-plus-breathing exercise I learned in seminary: inhale deeply and fully as you pray silently, "Be still," and then exhale completely and calmly as you pray, "and know that I am God." Then repeat indefinitely. This is a wonderfully calming exercise, and has brought peace to me in some of my most troubling moments. It is the peace I associate with Psalm 23, "He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul." "Be still, and know that I am God." A good message during a hectic Lent.

But we never stay still for long, for fear of becoming stagnant. Even Moses and Jesus—after they spent their forty days away, secluded from society in communion with their God—came back, rolled up their sleeves and got to work. And, with God's grace leading us, the powerful light of Christ showing us the way, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit giving us joy and strength, that is exactly what we—the community that is Calvary Presbyterian Church—will do. It is time to get to work, and although I am faced with the immensity of this ministry in this, my first week, I am comforted by the knowledge that I do not walk this road alone. From you, the members of Calvary Presbyterian Church, to the colleagues at Presbytery who encouraged me and enfolded me in their support when I went before the Presbytery for my "trials of ordination," and further, of course, to a loving and surprising God who promises always to be with us, this journey of ministry is very much a we-thing, not an I-thing. This is God's moment, and Calvary Presbyterian Church is invited to share in it.

"Be still, and know that I am God." And then let's get going, in the name of Jesus.

God's peace to you,
Pastor Ian

April Sermon Titles:

April 5: "The First Rose Festival"

April 12: "Hallelujah, Mary!"

April 19: "Marx Comes to Church"

Go Through The Day With God

Begin the day with God;
Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up your heart to His abode
And seek His love to share.

Open the Book of God
And read a portion there,
That it may hallow all thy thoughts
And sweeten all thy care.

Go through the day with God,
Whate'er thy work may be;
Where'er thou art~at home, abroad~
He still is near to thee.

Converse in mind with God,
Thy spirit heavenward raise;
Acknowledge every good bestowed
And offer grateful praise.



2nd ~ Anna Marie

Beebe

8th ~ Jennifer Anderson

13th ~ Jan Jamison

15th ~ Mary Johnson

16th ~ Barbara Giering

ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING

Jesus reminds us that it is in the offering others water from our well that we find springs of living water. When we open ourselves to the needs of our brothers and sisters, we find those springs filling the parched hollows of our soul.

Our gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing** are a wonderful way to extend to others the blessing of clean, safe water. For the communities in Pakistan destroyed by earthquake and those in southern Asia devastated by the tsunami, your gifts have enabled our partners to get water to those in need while wells and water systems are being re-established.

In **One Great Hour of Sharing** that love has flowed through Presbyterian hearts for decades, poured out of those who hunger and thirst around the world. As we open our hearts **April 5th Palm Sunday** with a special offering, may they know the inflowing of God's love.

DEACONS' CORNER

FISH ~ The response to "Fish" was fantastic! 52 pounds of food & 6 pounds of clothing from our Fish barrel was taken to Fish March 1st, and this is now March 17th and the Fish barrel is nearly brimming over again. What can we say? God Bless you all.

ENCOURAGEMENT CARDS ~ Are you remembering someone or some people that need a loving word of encouragement right now? Please fill out an encouragement card. Cards are located in each pew. Just drop it in the offering plate and our efficient secretary will make sure they are mailed out.

T H E H O L Y A L P H A B E T

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life with out His love
Joy would cease to be

Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp Complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking at the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start every day with worship
To "thank" is a command

Until we see Him Coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

PRESCHOOL

As I am writing this, we are into the week of Spring beginning! We will be on Spring Break next week with March winding down.

During this time in Preschool we are learning of Community Helpers.

Our classes have seen a garbage man/truck and the kids get so amazed. They will be going to the Fire Station, Library, and a Policeman and his car will visit. Others are also lined up after Spring Break.

It is good to have our annual Spaghetti Dinner behind us and thank you again for all who helped and attended. It was a very good night ~ more guests than usual, feeding around 230. Our merchants responded well even in this rough economy, and you all responded well to our food!

Upcoming in April will be our Annual Rummage/Bake Sale. We are already collecting items from our parents. If you would like to donate an item or two, just call me and we will gladly pick them up! This is always a fun event. Mark your calendars to join us either Friday or Saturday on April 24th & 25th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Just recently we lost a very dear parent of one of our Three's children, Jack. She was Brenda Killian, who had cancer during her pregnancy, had her little girl, Abby, and had gone thru Chemo and Radiation Therapy. Her cancer spread and it was very aggressive. Please pray for her family Larry and the dear children!

Thank You,

Love and Blessings,

Sharon Harness

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