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WEEKLY MESSENGER

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Dear People of God,

It is hard to believe that Palm Sunday is next week! And that means Holy Week is just around the corner! Our pilgrimage from Ash Wednesday to Easter is nearly complete - but have we truly done the "work" of Lent? In the spiritual life it is often said that the destination is far less important than the journey. This journey has invited us to a pilgrimage in which we have been invited to:

Leave self indulgence	and	move toward sacrifice
depart preoccupation with self	and	journey toward ministry to others
leave behind our past	and	concentrate on future possibilities
remove our doubts and despair	and	focus on faith, hope and love
abandon self-destructive ways	and	hold on to that which brings life and vitality
denounce unhealthy habits	and	refocus our lives on healthy living
clean out the clutter of our lives	and	build on the important things in life
repent of our sins	and	arrive at forgiveness

If your journey has been diverted, side-stepped or shifted out of your priorities, so far this Lent, just remember that it is never too late to begin the road to the cross. There you will find a Savior with outstretched arms awaiting your return.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Scott T. Holcombe, Rector



THE MAUNDY THURSDAY

SEDER SUPPER needs some volunteers to help prepare the food, and serve the meal - this is actually a dinner! Children are welcome (and encouraged) to attend although it is recommended that they eat before they come, this is more adult-type food than for kids! Please sign up for the dinner or to help cook/prepare on the sign up sheets.



Can you help with the **EASTER EGG HUNT** or provide some safe candy-filled eggs for the Easter Egg hunt? Again please sign up on the sign up sheet for either!

HOLY WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH IN SHORT HILLS

Sunday, April 5 :: Palm Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

please gather in the Parking Lot across Forest Drive to prepare for the Palm Sunday procession

Wednesday, April 8 :: Tenebrae, 7:00 p.m

(Latin for 'shadows')- a series of readings and prayers during which the church eventually becomes completely dark- no communion at this service

Thursday, April 9 :: Maundy Thursday Seder and the stripping of the Altar, 7:00 p.m.

(from the Latin "maundatum"- this I command) we will gather in Parish Hall for a Jewish Christian Seder- the traditional ceremonial meal celebrated before Passover (roast lamb, haroseth, bitter herbs, unleavened bread) ending with Eucharist and an Instructed Stripping of the Altar
Reservations for dinner are required!

Friday, April 10 :: Good Friday Liturgy, 7:00 p.m.

in the church

Saturday, April 11 :: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil and Baptisms, 7:00 p.m.

recounting Salvation history , lighting of the paschal candle, Baptisms and renewal of baptismal vows

Sunday, April 12 :: Easter Sunday Services, 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

the Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord; Easter Egg Hunt starting at 10:45 a.m.



"HAVEN OF HOPE" ADULT FORUM APRIL 5

Carola Walton and Pamela Faris of Haven of Hope for Kids will be our speakers at the Adult Forum on **April 5**. A country retreat for urban New Jersey families who have children with life-threatening illnesses, Haven of Hope is an outreach of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Hope and one of CSH's grant recipients. "The goal is to give these families who are under enormous stress a chance to just come out and have fun together as a family," says Walton. Come and hear stories of this important ministry that Christ Church helps make possible.



MOSQUITO NET DRIVE continues through Lent. Our parish has collected \$720 (60 nets) to date. If you wish to contribute, please make checks to ERD NETS FOR LIFE and send or leave in office. Final count will be posted on Easter Sunday. For any questions, contact Barbara Senchak at 973.376.5587.

CHRIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT 2009

Christ Church Sunday School is raising money for *NetsforLife*. During Lent, children will be decorating their own coin boxes to collect money. They will take home their boxes, along with a booklet entitled "How do I thank you? Let me count the ways." Each day, families can read the brief devotion and make a donation in the coin box in thanksgiving for all of God's blessings. On Easter Sunday, children will bring their coin boxes to church as an offering to God for the important work of *NetsforLife*!

Sunday SCHOOL

March Sunday Nursery Family Helpers:

March 29 :: Amarante

Sunday School Advisory Group will meet on **Sunday, March 29** at 10:45 in Room 206.

RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS

With our new accounting system, we are able to email your record of contributions the first week of April. If you would prefer to receive it by USPS mail, please let Andi Hidalgo know. She can be reached by email at andrea.hidalgo@ccshmail.org and/or 973.379.2898, ext. 201.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CANTERBURY CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULES

The Children's Choir will rehearse on **Sunday, March 29** at 10:45 a.m. in preparation for Palm Sunday And Easter. Please plan to attend. - John

To all Canterbury Parents,

The Canterbury Choir Will rehearse during Godly Play class every week for the first 10-15 minutes. There will be a rehearsal on Sunday 3/29 after church at 10:45 in the Sanctuary. We have 2 songs to learn since we'll be singing on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. I will have song sheets available for you to take home on Sunday morning. Hope you can make arrangements for your children to stay. Thanks as always for your help!

- Sue

Children's and Canterbury Choirs Singing at 9:30 Eucharist:

Please note: Children should arrive in the choir room by 9:05 to get robed and rehearsed. Thanks so much for your support!

Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday, singing 'Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord'

Sunday, April 12 – Easter Sunday, singing 'Hallelujah, Salvation and Glory'



PRAYER STICKS

When you entered church this morning you may have noticed that there is a bowl in the back of the church filled with tongue depressors! On each of these "prayer sticks" there is a name of someone on our prayer list. You are asked to take a prayer stick each worship service and to be in special intercession for that person during the worship service (and hopefully during the coming week.) During the prayers of the people when encouraged to pray for those who are sick, for safe travel, or prayers of thanksgiving, simply offer aloud the name on your prayer stick (all at one time!) The intercessions will truly become the prayers of the people! You may even want to give that person a call or an email to let them know that they are in your prayers. When the offering plate is passed around, please put your prayer stick back in the offering- that way the prayer sticks will be symbolically offered along with the offering and the sticks will be removed and placed back in the bowl to be prayed for at the next service. You will also note that there are blank prayer sticks and markers for adding new names. You are welcome to take a blank stick and write "Mary Smith" -healing- and then put the date 03.29.09.



BIRTHDAYS

03/19 Julia Draper
 03/20 Jennie Graves
 03/20 Gary Busacca
 03/20 Ridley Lindstrom
 03/22 John Sogliuzzo
 03/22 Sophie Wang
 03/23 Amy Schott
 03/24 Alex Pelham-Webb
 03/24 Katie McChesney
 03/26 Peter Hansen
 03/26 Robert Arnold
 03/26 Caroline Richardson
 03/27 Patrick Haggerty
 03/28 Valerie Boyle
 03/30 David Graziano



ANNIVERSARIES

03/26 Anne + Peter Hansen
 03/27 Peggy + Robert Arnold
 03/29 Eileen + James Paduano

LENTEN CROSSES

Once again we are offering the small wooden pocket crosses that have become a tradition here at Christ Church. You will find them in a bowl on the shelf at the back of the sanctuary. We invite you to take a cross and carry it with you in your pocket. Somewhere along the line, you will meet someone who needs your cross more than you do. Give the cross to them and come get another. If you have not tried this form of pastoral care and evangelism, take the chance this year to make a difference in someone's life by showing them the reality of God in this world.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

March 29
 Laird Stephen Schober
 Albert E. Schober
 Myrtle Hager

EASTER FLOWERS!

During this Lenten period we look forward to seeing the altars once again decorated with flowers at Easter. If you would like to remember a loved one by making a contribution to the Easter Flower Fund, please send your donation to the Church office with the names of those to be remembered by April 6. Thank you.

REST IN PEACE

Mildred W. Siedler passed away on March 20. Notes can be mailed to her son: Kenneth A. Siedler, 5355 Sol Rue Circle, Vero Beach, FL 32967.



ARE YOU GREEN? If you would like to receive the Weekly Messenger by email only, please email Andi.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>29</p> <p>8:00am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School + Nursery Care</p> <p>9:30am - Morning Prayer + Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:45am -Coffee Hour</p> <p>10:45am - SS Advisory Committee</p> <p>11:00am - Adult Forum</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am - Yoga</p> <p>7:00pm - Worship Committee</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:30am - Staff meeting</p> <p>7:30pm - Education for Ministry</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30am - Education for Ministry</p> <p>7:00pm - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>7:45pm - Lenten Classes</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30am - Altar Guild</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30am - Interweave Bible Study "Why Did Jesus Die?"</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30am - Careers in Transition</p>
<p>5</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>8:00am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:15am - Sunday School + Nursery Care</p> <p>9:30am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:45am -Coffee Hour in honor of the MacCoys</p> <p>11:00am - Adult Forum</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:45 - Stewardship Council meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:30am - Staff meeting</p> <p>7:30pm - Education for Ministry</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30am - Education for Ministry</p> <p>7:00pm - Tenebrae</p> <p>7:45pm - Lenten Classes</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Seder and Stripping of the Altar</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30am - Interweave Bible Study "Why Did Jesus Die?"</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil and Baptisms</p>