

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### PALM/PASSION SUNDAY (April 5)

Solemn reading of the Passion of Christ from the Gospel According to Mark

### MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 9)

Prayer in song and silence. Communion around the table in the sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer Vigil to follow from 9:00 p.m. through Good Friday 3 p.m.

### GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The Seven Last Words: homilies, prayers, music and silence  
St. Agnes Catholic Church  
April 10, 12 noon to 3:00 p.m.  
Come when you can; leave when you must

### EASTER SUNDAY (April 12)

Informal sunrise service at Rumsey Monument Park, 6:30 a.m.  
*(Dress warmly and bring something to sit on.)*

Bring a special reading, such as a poem, prose or scripture, or share a song with the group.  
Light breakfast to follow at the home of Becky Phipps. Bring breakfast breads or fruit to share.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD AND TABLE, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Special Offering: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING through PCUSA supports ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

## EARTHFEST

**SPC, Sunday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.**

**Celebrate the good earth in song, prayer, silence and community meal**

"We have forgotten who we are," says Pastor Tremba citing the United Nations Environmental Sabbath Prayer. "We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of the cosmos. We have become estranged from the Earth. We have turned our backs on the cycles of life. But we can join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery: for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life." We offer our prayers and songs of lament and hope as well as ourselves in the way and spirit of Francis of Assisi, patron saint of birds, animals and natural habitats.

The Earthfest band includes: Sam Felker, Scott Rockwell, Betty Jo Rockwell, Greg Lloyd, Olivia Lloyd, Joe Hill, Gina Rockwell, Jamie Gregory and Sam Janotta.

**AN EVENING WITH BETTY EGAN AND PHIL HILL Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Reflections on the people, places and events that influenced their lives.

## Yootz Corner...

*Youth and adults are welcome at both Yootz events.*

**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL LETTER WRITING**  
**Wednesday, April 1**, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.  
A letter writing campaign focused on child soldiers.  
Bring \$3 for pizza.

**ANNUAL POTOMAC RIVER CLEAN UP** **Saturday, April 4**, 8:30-12:30 p.m. We will be one of over 350 sites cleaning up along the Potomac. Meet at the church. Bring: sturdy work gloves, old clothes (long pants and old hiking shoes, rubber boots, or shoes), rain gear if it's raining, a change of shoes, and a bottle of water. Clean up site may be at the NCTC, Bakerton tunnel, or possibly in Shepherdstown.

Contact Natasha Baihly for more info on both activities or to let her know you're coming. 240-285-5946, natasha@rivertrail.com.

## Mark Your Calendars...

**EASTER RETREAT AT ROLLING RIDGE** This 24-hour retreat, **April 10**, 7:30 p.m.–**April 11**, 6:00 p.m., is designed to meditatively reflect on the following insights by Borg and Crossan in *The Last Week*. "The story of Holy Week as Mark and the gospels tell it enables us to hear the passion of Jesus—what he was passionate about—that led to his execution. His passion was the kingdom of God...It is the world that prophets dreamed of—a world of distributive justice in which everybody has enough and systems are fair...This is the political meaning of Good Friday and Easter." Retreat details on the table outside the church office or contact Verle or Vivian Headings, VvatRR@juno.com or 304-725-2312. —*Verle Headings*

**THE ENLIGHTENED HEART OF ISLAM** Are you aware that Islam traces its roots back through Jesus to Moses and Abraham; that Muslims believe in the same God we do; that a significant portion of the Quran reflects the life and teachings of Jesus; that an original precept of Islam is that Muslims, Christians and Jews who follow their faith will be united with God?

We will meet Sundays at 9:35 a.m. in Classroom 1, **April 26 through May 17**. Please join in our discussion of Islam from a Sufi perspective. Using the stories and verse of the great Sufi prophet Rumi, we will strive to gain an understanding of the principles and pillars of Islam. But more importantly we will hopefully learn how to be better Christians. —*Dave Scott*

**ANTIETAM WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE** spring concert "Tell Me a Story" at SPC on **Saturday, May 9** at 8 p.m. The performance includes texts by Langston Hughes and e. e. cummings and choral music by composers influenced by jazz, folk songs, and world music. The choir is joined by flutist Ann Munro and pianist Diane Holliman. A portion of proceeds will benefit a book

drive for students in Ghana, Africa, organized by Dr. Rasheeda Ayanru of Shepherd University. \$10 donation (all amounts appreciated), and you may also donate gently used books and learning materials.

**ROCK (Ride On For CASA Kids)** annual tri-county bike ride is **Saturday, May 30**, starting and ending on West King Street in Shepherdstown. Rides are 10, 25, 50 and 100 miles plus Tykes on Trikes for kids ages 2-7. Pre-registration by May 15 is \$35. Make check to SPC; Memo: CASA. To register for the ride or find out more about CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), call 304-263-5100 or [www.casaride.com](http://www.casaride.com). If you can help the day of event (registration table, rest stop support, etc.) contact Kathy Reid in the SPC office, 304-876-6466 or email her at [kathy@spcworks.org](mailto:kathy@spcworks.org).

**CHURCH PICNIC** **Sunday, June 21** at Chestnut Grove Park Washington Co., MD) including our farewell to Brandon Dennison.

"**THIS RACE IS FOR THE BIRDS**" *Friends of Mark Benedict* is one of the sponsors of the 5K run/walk, **Saturday, May 2**, which benefits the Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) environmental education programs. Remember your friendship with Mark and his passion for getting kids and families outside in the Eastern Panhandle. Please consider a tax-deductible donation of any size. Send your check to PVAS, c/o Carolyn Thomas, 4894 Scrabble Road, Shepherdstown, WV 25443. Come out and join us for the race at the National Conservation Training Center. Download a registration form at [www.potomacaudubon.org/2009racebrochure.pdf](http://www.potomacaudubon.org/2009racebrochure.pdf).

## SPC Monthly Activities...

**FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY** Coins for relief of hunger and non-perishables for JCCM (see list under **Notices: JCCM**). **Next: April 5.**

**CHURCH 101** for prospective and recent members led by Pastor Tremba. 9:30-10:15 a.m. **April 5:** SPC Polity and Programs.

**TAIZE SERVICE** First Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A Service of Prayer in song, silence and candlelight. **Next: April 1.**

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE** First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are welcome. **Next: April 2.**

**COLLEGE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP** including dinner and discussion with Pastor Tremba. First and Third **Thursdays** at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Next: April 2 and 16.**

**ROUNDTABLE WITH PASTOR TREMBA** First Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Any and all questions and topics related to faith and the church. **Next: April 4.**

## SUPPER GROUPS

Moveable Feast, **Saturday, April 4**, 6:30 p.m. hosted by Rie Wilson, 304-876-6591.

TGIF, **Friday, April 17**, 6:30 p.m. in SPC Fellowship Hall hosted by Elaine Hurd, 301-432-5522.

**CHURCH 201** with Pastor Tremba & Ethel Hornbeck. Discussion of *Quest for the Living God* by Elizabeth Johnson. Books (\$25). Pay what you can. **Wednesday, April 8** at 7:30 p.m.

**CANTERBURY SERVICES**, second Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. **Next: April 9.**

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** Third Sundays, balcony, 7:00 p.m. (Not meeting in April due to Earthfest.) **Next: May 17.**

**ROUNDTABLE WITH ETHEL HORNBECK** Conversation and reflection with and around scripture, poetry and other selected texts. Third Thursdays, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the balcony. **Next: April 16.**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Third Saturdays. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Discussion, 8:00–9:00 a.m. "Speak the Speech I Pray Thee." A discussion of the art of public speaking and speakers from Aristotle to Barack Obama." **Next: April 18.**

## Notices...

**MISSION OF MERCY (MOM)** Christ taught us to love each other. On **June 26 and 27** at Hedgesville High School we can demonstrate that love by helping those who cannot afford dental care. Last year MOM provided dental services to over 1000 individuals. MOM needs volunteers to do registration, escort patients, serve food, set up and take down, and direct traffic flow. We also need translators to help the Hispanic community.

In 2008, over 20 folks from SPC volunteered and it would be wonderful to see that number increase. Please register **NOW** at [www.heathysmileswo.org](http://www.heathysmileswo.org).

For more information, contact David Scott, [dbcpscott@frontiernet.net](mailto:dbcpscott@frontiernet.net), or 304-876-2263. Encourage your dental professionals to contact Dr. Tom Leslie at 304-258-2291, or [tleslie@earthlink.net](mailto:tleslie@earthlink.net).

Tell people, who cannot afford dental care, about MOM and to be there when the doors open at 5:30 a.m. Care will be given on a first come first served basis.

**PAPER RECYCLING** 4-H group at Christ Reformed Church, 8–9:15 a.m. Paper, cardboard, magazines, books. Place in paper bags, boxes, or tie securely. **NO PLASTIC BAGS. Next: April 4.**

**NEED SOME HELP?** Charlie Glenn is 17, extremely reliable and very strong. He can move heavy things, stack wood, mow, rake, weed, walk dogs, feed cats, get your mail, etc. Call 304-876-3078 or email [wvheidi@yahoo.com](mailto:wvheidi@yahoo.com).

*Place items for the three missions below in the baskets at the bottom of stairs on the way to the nursery:*

**JCCM** (Jefferson County Community Ministries) Current pantry needs: jelly, pancake mix, syrup, cereal (hot and cold), canned fruit, pasta, gravy, chili, Jello, boxed cake mix, toothpaste, toilet paper, crackers, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, laundry soap, dish soap, coffee (drip & instant; decaf and caffeine). SPC contact: Sally Fitzgerald, 304-725-3795.

**SHENANDOAH WOMEN'S CENTER** Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, kitchen towels, bath towels, washcloths, fabric softener, liquid hand soap, household cleaning supplies (such as Ajax, Windex, Clorox, Lysol, wet mops, rubber gloves), toilet cleaner, dish soap. SPC contact: Rie Wilson, 304-876-6591.

**HISPANIC MISSION FOOD OUTREACH** Most requested items include: rice; dry (not canned) pinto beans, potatoes, salt, sugar, cooking oil, and coffee. SPC contact: Jeff Hornbeck, 304-876-0566.

## LENTEN RETREAT REFLECTIONS

*Crisp spring day  
Flowers peeking out to greet us  
Lovely setting at PriestField Pastoral Center  
Comfy couches, interesting artwork, yummy lunch*

*Silence surrounded by silence  
Tinkling bell to break the silence  
Sharing spirits in voice and silence  
Uncomfortable, yet becoming comfortable, with silence*

*Tears, words, more tears  
Offerings of feathers, leaves, pine cones  
Offerings of Scripture, stories  
Listening to the offerings*

*Just listening—and being heard  
—Rie Wilson*

NOTE: 20 people gathered on March 25 at The PriestField Pastoral Center for a day of "Listening to the Beloved," led gracefully by Ethel Hornbeck. It was a very powerful and comforting day. We shared three listening times: with scripture, with God, and with community.

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**THE GOLDEN YEARS** There are 391 U.S. National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands in the continental U.S. and Territories. For all citizens and permanent residents, 62 or older, a Senior Pass is available for a one-time fee of \$10. It allows free admission to all 391 parks as many times as you choose in your lifetime. You can also take a carload in with you at no charge ("...but not a bus load," I was told). You must apply in person with a valid photo ID. I got my pass easily at the Visitors Center at Antietam. Now at the entrance to any park, I will show my pass (with a valid photo ID) and freely enter.

—*Jim Price*

## Keeping up with Members...

**JAY HOLLIMAN** is in *Seussical, the Musical* performed by The Goretta Players on **April 3 and 4** at 7:30 p.m. at Kepler Theater, Hagerstown Community College. He plays General Genghis Kahn Schmit who straightens out all the problems of your young boys, like "singing in the shower" or "having an opinion." Lots of music and fun with great costumes. Tickets, available at the door, are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.

**JIM PRICE** on March 18 was awarded the 2009 Landmark Historian Award by the Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission "for his years of service to our community through preservation and promotion of local history."

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Bill and Nancy Wilson on their 57th wedding anniversary March 22.

**NOAH**, son of Chris Morehouse and Lee Ebersole, made the third grade honor role (curved slightly, but in recognition of his effort and improvement) at Shepherdstown Elementary School. Thanks to his teacher, aide, special educator, speech therapist and occupational therapist. WAHOO!! (Chris's word)

## Thank You...

Dear Friends at Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church,

Your Mission has been very busy these last two months. With the cold weather more and more folks come to us seeking food, warm shelter, and warm clothing. We [Martinsburg Rescue Mission] have been able to provide for those who have come, thanks to you.

Many of those who turn to us for food, clothing, and shelter have been living with despair, believing no one could care for them and ashamed to have to rely on a Rescue Mission.

I wish I could describe for you how much joy they feel when they realize that others like you truly do care for them, and want to help them make a new and better life. Thanks for making it possible for other folks to find hope through your special Souper Bowl Offering.

—*In our Saviour's love, Pastor Crowe*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your ongoing contributions to the Shenandoah Women's Center (SWC). Your support enables us to continue serving victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. We really appreciate all you do for us.

—*God bless and thank you, Staff at SWC*

## Financial Corner..

**GENERAL FUND** through March 31. Expected to date: \$70,875. Actual giving: \$66,625. Building Fund pledged for 2009: \$34,400. Submitted to date: \$8,092.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER: May 2009.** Announcements, articles or news on our members? Contact the office, 304-876-6466 or <office@spcworks.org>. Copy deadline **April 22.**

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