

April Gleam, 2011

From the Pastor

Dear Church Family:

One perfect life is impaled upon the tree on a hill called Calvary. It was a life that dared to love and show the cost. His hands were nailed against the wood: hands that touched and opened blind eyes, hands that healed broken limbs, hands of comfort and assurance, hands of peace and anointing, hands that stretched out and calmed a raging sea and fed thousands, hands that loved, and in that love, set free captive souls, set demonic evil on the run, and bestowed a peace the world could never take away.

Pontius Pilate tried desperately to wash his own hands, and gave in to the will of a riotous mob. Above the Cross he ordered that special sign to be carved in three languages: "This is Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." As we look upon that cross again, we know in our hearts that this sufferer was more than an extension of that royal blood of David's line— it was the blood of God's own Son spilling out life. And sometimes we wonder if all goodness was not crucified there with him.

He came and lived, he taught and healed, he died and rose so that each one of us might invite the Kingdom of love to rule in our hearts and our minds.

Those bruised hands still would lead us into the Kingdom of love. His hands and their wounds remind us of the price he paid to love us, and, in holy love, to make us good. Calvary has a way of demanding our all from us.

For this approaching holy season, I pray that you may be taken captive by his cross, that you may become truly free. Only the power of Calvary's love can roll away the stones of human despair.

Shalom,
Chuck Hartman, Pastor

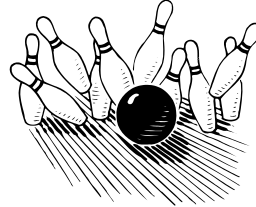


Many thanks to Rev. Chuck and Anona for their visit, support and prayers on the eve of my medical procedure. Also, thanks to Rev. Chuck for his phone calls and his willingness to help in any way. We are blessed to have both of you at F.U.M.C.

Thanks also to everyone for their cards, visits, and phone calls during my recent illness. Your prayers, support and encouragement were greatly appreciated. Shirley and I are lucky to have such a wonderful Church family.

Thanks,
Fred Hayes

Family Bowling Fellowship!
Ryan Family Amusement
Sunday, April 3
3:00 p.m.



AMONG OUR PEOPLE

Deaths

Tom Sohegian ~ 1/30/11
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**Church Office Hours are from 9 a.m. to
1 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

April Worship, 2011

April 3, 2011 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament *1 Samuel 16: 1-13*
Gospel *John 9: 1-41*
Sermon *There Are None So Blind*

April 10, 2011 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Old Testament *Ezekiel 37: 1-14*
Epistle *Romans 8: 6-11*
Gospel *John 11: 1-45*
Sermon *Rise Up!*

Holy Week

April 17, 2011 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

8:30 A.M. Ecumenical Breakfast at First Baptist Church
9:00 A.M. Ecumenical Procession to Ell Pond & Blessing of Palms
10:30 A.M. Sanctuary Palm/Passion Sunday Worship

Liturgy of the Palms

Gospel: *Matthew 21: 1-11*

Liturgy of the Passion

Old Testament: *Isaiah 50: 4-9*

Gospel: *Matthew 26: 14--30*

Sermon: *Choose Your Parade*

April 21, 2011 MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30 P. M. Evening Service of *Tenebrae* ("Gathering Shadows")
& Holy Communion

April 22, 2011 GOOD FRIDAY

12-3 P. M. Good Friday Afternoon Prayer Vigil in the Chapel
7-9 P.M. Good Friday Evening Prayer Vigil in the Chapel

April 24, 2011 EASTER SUNDAY

5:45 Sunrise Service Mount Hood
9:00 Sanctuary Easter Service of Word & Table
10:30 Sanctuary Easter Service of Word & Table
New Testament: *Acts 10: 34-43*
Epistle: *Colossians 3: 1-4*
Gospel: *John 20: 1-18*
Sermon: *The Body of Evidence*

Dear Church Family,



Yay! April is here, and spring is around the corner! Hopefully there won't be too many showers before we get to enjoy some truly nice weather.

April will be a busy month as we continue through Lent and celebrate Easter. There are a number of upcoming fellowship events. First is **Church Family Bowling** on Sunday, April 3rd at 3pm. We will be returning to Ryan Family Amusements where we had so much fun this past fall. Then will be the **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 16th at 1pm. The Sunday School classes will continue their tradition of making pretzels for Palm Sunday. I hope you take advantage of these opportunities to get to know your church family even better.

This month we will be finalizing the members of our **Youth Mission Trip** group, and begin fundraising in earnest. I thank you in advance for your support. We will be having an **Auction** on Sunday, May 1st during the **Church Family Luncheon** following the 10:30 service. Those going on the mission trip will be auctioning off babysitting and lawn mowing services, but we could use your help as well. If you have any items or gift certificates you'd like to donate to the auction, please contact Moon or myself.

The youth will also be involved in providing music for two upcoming church services on April 24, and June 12. Moon will coordinate with the youth on the music they will offer.

Both the Intro Bible Study and Interreligious Encounters classes are continuing this month and new members are more than welcome. The Interreligious Encounters class will be switching gears from how Christians theologically account for other religions into basic introductions to major world religions on April 7th, so this is a perfect time to join.

Dates to remember:

- April 1st – Registration Deadline for Youth Mission Trip
- April 3rd – Church Family Bowling – 3pm, Ryan Family Amusements
- April 24th – Youth Providing Music for Service – 10:30am
- April 16th – Easter Egg Hunt – 1pm
- May 1st – Church Family Luncheon & Youth Fundraising Auction – 11:30am

Blessings,
Anne



April 1st

Registration Deadline for Youth Mission Trip
Contact Anne or Moon immediately to register.

Church World Service Kits

Church World Service is sponsoring their annual drive for service kits. Sunday School classes, UMW circles, or individuals are invited to participate. The kits need to be completed and turned in at the church office by **May 1st**. There are three different kits to choose from, listed below. Please call Diana Heise, 781-233-5109, if you have any questions.

BABY KITS

Around the world, in villages, mission hospitals and refugee camps, the baby kits you provide welcome the tiniest of God's children. Often they are given as gifts to women receiving prenatal care and studying family health and nutrition.

Each layette includes:

- ◆ 4 cloth diapers
- ◆ 2 shirts
- ◆ 2 washcloths
- ◆ 2 gowns
- ◆ 2 diaper pins
- ◆ 1 sweater
- ◆ 2 receiving blankets

Bundle items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Or, if you prefer, a donation of \$39 will allow Church World Service to provide a new layette for an infant in a mother-and-child program.

SCHOOL KITS

The first day of school new paper, new pencils, new crayons all because someone far away shared a school kit.

Each school kit contains:

- ◆ 1 blunt scissors
- ◆ 2 pads 8 ½" x 11" ruled paper
- ◆ 1 30-centimeter ruler
- ◆ 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- ◆ 1 2½" eraser
- ◆ 1 box of 8 crayons
- ◆ 1 pencil sharpener
- ◆ 1 12" x 14" cloth bag with cloth handles A school bag pattern is available on our website.

Bundle other items in bag, fold top over, and secure with two large rubber bands. Or, if you prefer, a donation of \$13 per kit will allow Church World Service to buy school supplies for use in classroom settings.

HYGIENE KITS

Clean hands, good grooming, bright and shiny smiles... you can share them when you provide health kits for friends around the world.

Each health kit contains:

- ◆ 1 hand towel
- ◆ 1 washcloth
- ◆ 1 wide-toothed comb
- ◆ 1 nail clipper
- ◆ 1 bar of soap (bath size)
- ◆ 1 tooth brush
- ◆ 6 Band-Aids

Bundle all items into the towel and tie it together with ribbon or yarn. Or, if you prefer, a donation of \$11 will allow Church World Service to provide a health kit.

**Please make checks payable to:
Church World Service**

Fellow FUMC Melrose members,

Another week, another snowstorm, or so it seems. This has been an extraordinary winter both in the mountains of snow we have seen, the icy walkways and the extended frigid weather. Understandably, this has prevented many of us from attendance on Sundays. Not surprisingly, lower attendance means less in the collection plate. Our operating expenses however are unchanged by attendance. Therefore it has become necessary to ask for a special appeal to cover operating costs for the winter.

We are asking all families who are able to consider making an extra gift of \$100 during March and any individual members who are able to consider an extra gift of \$50. This special gift does not have to be donated in one payment, but can be split up during the month of March. If you are able to help the church, please indicate "Special Appeal 2011" either on your envelope or your check.

We understand that these are difficult times for everyone and such a gift may be financially out of reach for some of us; however, it is necessary to help meet our operating costs. We ask that those of you who are unable to help out financially at this time will hold us in your prayers.

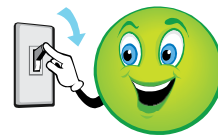
Thank you and God Bless,
Charlie Rhuda Chair, Finance Committee

A message from Trustees & Finance...

It has come to our attention that lights are being left on in the building after people have finished up their activities. In the interest of conserving our resources and lowering our electric bill, could you please double check that the lights are turned out behind you when you leave.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention to this matter!

The Board of Trustees &
The Finance Committee



Items are needed for the **Youth Fundraising Auction** on Sunday, May 1st. Donations of items, services, or gift certificates are greatly appreciated. Please contact Anne, Moon, or the church office if you have a donation. Thanks!

WEBSITE NEWS

Volunteer Online

The sign up sheet in the hall now also lives online! You can now sign up online to usher, greet, be a liturgist or slideshow operator at the 10:30 Service. Visit the church website, and click on the link marked "Volunteer @ FUMC."

Or, you can visit the sign up sheet directly at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/sanctuary>

You can add your name without providing any personal information. Just click on the position you want to volunteer for and select:

"I don't want an account. I'll just enter my name"

The sign up sheet in the hall will still be there. This just provides a second home for it. And now if you're wondering if you signed up for something you can check from home.

The **Sanctuary Service** involves many volunteers. Thanks to all those who give their time. I hope this online form helps!

Cory
jamescoryallen@gmail.com



Social Media for the Church

Do you have a Facebook account? If so, "like" the church on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fumcmelrose. You can also get to the church's Facebook page by visiting the church's website (www.fumcmelrose.org) and clicking on the Facebook box at the bottom of the home page.

Miss a sermon? You can watch it online at www.vimeo.com/fumcmelrose.



Visit to the Wolf Hollow Sanctuary

A trip to Wolf Hollow in Ipswich, MA., on **Saturday, May 21st**, is being organized, weather permitting.

Everyone is invited to attend this event, including children. The **Senior Saints** are encouraging young families to join us as well. At Wolf Hollow, we will learn how wolves live in a family group and how they benefit our environment.

We plan on leaving the Church by 12:00 Noon as the program begins at 1:30 PM. Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$5 for children ages 3-17. A visit to a local ice cream shop after the show is being considered as well.

If interested, please call the Church Office or notify Nancy Jackson.



Senior Saints

The Senior Saints are planning to have lunch at the Stearns & Hill Bistro
Tuesday, April 12th, at 12 Noon

The Bistro is located on Main Street, Melrose. Discussion on future plans will continue, i.e., visits to the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, Mass.; Pickety Place in Mason, NH; Lowell National Museum, Lowell, MA.; as well as the Harvard University Glass Museum.

If you are interested in joining us for lunch, please notify either the Church Office or Nancy Jackson by Friday, April 8th. We welcome any other suggestions you might like to offer.

All are welcome!

Widows & Widowers' Support Group

The first meeting of the support group for Widows and Widowers will be held on Tuesday, April 5th, 2011, at 1:30 P.M. in the Church Library. If you are interested in attending, please notify the Church Office or Nancy Jackson.

**Save the Date... UMW Indoor
Yard Sale
Saturday, April 30th
9 am to 2 pm**

Contracts are available from the church office
call 781-662-7060.



**UMW Bake Sale
Palm Sunday, April 17th**

In the library during Fellowship
coffee hour. Donations and cus-
tomers gratefully welcomed!

Easter Flowers



The church will be decorated with Easter Plants on Sunday, April 24. Someone will be in the library on April 3, 10, and 17 to take orders. Plants are \$9.00 for Lilies and \$10.00 for Tulips. The order form below may be returned to the church office anytime before April 18.

Easter Plants

I wish to order: Lilies/\$9.00 Tulips/\$10.00
(Please circle one)

Given By: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

I will take my plant after the 10:30 service on April 27.

I will leave my plant for a shut-in.



Upcoming Events

Youth Mission Trip sign up	
Deadline	April 1
Family Bowling	April 3
Widow & Widower Group	April 5
Senior Saints Lunch	April 12
Easter Egg Hunt	April 16
Palm Sunday	April 17
UMW Bake Sale	April 17
Patriot's Day	April 18
Maundy Thursday	April 21
Easter	April 24
Flea Market & Yard Sale	April 30
Youth Fundraising Auction	May 1



TV Ministry

Telecasting of the Sunday morning 10:30 worship services are on MMTV (**Melrose Cable Channel 3 & Verizon Cable Channel 39**) at the following times:

Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M. and
Monday at 8:00 P.M.



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May GLEAM Deadline
Will be on Monday, April 25th .