

March/April
May
2016

The Tower

Harmony
Presbyterian
Church



Mark your Calendar

MARCH 2016

- 3-6 Communion
- 3-13 Girl Scout Sunday
Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3-20 Palm Sunday
- 3-23 Session Meeting - 7 p.m.
- 3-24 Meal in the Upper Room–5
pm/ Maundy Thursday–7 pm
- 3-25 Good Friday – 7 p.m.
- 3-27 Easter – 7 a.m. Worship
followed by Continental
breakfast & 10 a.m. Worship

APRIL 2016

- 4-3 Communion
- 4-10 Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 4-27 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.

MAY 2016

- 5-1 Communion
- 5-1-5-8 InterFaith Hospitality Network
- 5- 9 Mother's Day
Deacon Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
- 5- 15 Children's Program/Graduate
Recognition Sunday/Day of
Pentecost
- 5-27 Session Meeting – 7 p.m.
- 5-29 Last Day of Church School
- 5-30 Memorial Day

Message from the Pastor

From the "Whatever it's worth department..."

What's the #1 thing you think about when you think about Easter? It's CHOCOLATE, right? Maybe not, but what do we really think about Easter? Do we truly think about the magnitude and incredible nature of the Easter event? Are we aware of the impact an execution in the Middle East, which occurred approximately 1,987 years ago, has really had on world? Or is it just another holiday (the term *holiday* is the secularization of *Holy Day* a special day of praise and celebration in the church's calendar year)? Why is this day so important and different than any other Sunday? Maybe it's the special hats and dresses!

Let's begin by realizing the fact that every time we write a calendar date down we are referring to the person of Jesus! He lived and His life was extraordinary and worthy of that recognition. Why? What was it about Jesus that changed and influenced history to the extent that He is THE focal point in history? Recorded history is even divided by His life! It wasn't His birth, life; teaching, ministry or execution that created His unfathomable impact on history. It was Jesus' resurrection that makes this impact! The resurrection is THE most extraordinary event ever witnessed in history. It proved once and for all that Jesus was who He said He was; "... by being raised from the dead He was proved to be the mighty Son of God, with the holy nature of God himself." (Romans 1:4, LB). And, it proved the depth and breadth of God's love for sin filled humanity. Jesus says in John 3:17; "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him". And in John 12: 47 He says; "...For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it". That's why we celebrate Easter! That's why the world's calendar revolves around Him. Jesus is God and is the Savior of the world.

So, what does this ultimately mean today? Well, I believe Jesus is still on trial in our society just as He was about 1,987 years ago. He's on trial in the public arena and on trial in the hearts and minds of those who don't know Him. And, He is often on trial in the hearts and minds of those who do acknowledge Him. WE do this by deciding whether or not to truly allow Jesus the position He deserves in our daily lives, not just on Sundays or holydays, and to be the focal point in our lives as He has been in history. In some ways, we sit in judgment just as Pilate did when he asked; "what shall I do then with Jesus who is called the Christ?" We also have to decide what we're going to do with Jesus, Messiah! When we come to Easter Sunday is it about the "pageantry" of the day, or is it about Jesus resurrection and the fact that He is who He says He is and deserves more than us just showing up. From the whatever it's worth department... Pastor Scott

REMINDER

Bible study meets every Sunday at 8:45 a.m.
Come join us!

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UPDATES

Session Update

Regular March Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular April Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Regular May Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Deacon Update

Regular March Meeting

Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

Regular April Meeting

Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

Regular May Meeting

Sunday, May 8, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MARCH

MARCH 6, 2016 – 4th Sunday in Lent/Communion

Assisting Elder John Ehasz Greeters Evans Family
Assisting Deacon Vicki Stevens
Servers Russell Scott, Nancy Farley, Lori Frankenfield, Lance Evans

MARCH 13, 2016 - Girl Scout Sunday/5th Sunday in Lent

Assisting Elder Becky Brandt Assisting Deacon Suzanne Swanson
Greeters David Ehasz Family

MARCH 20, 2016 – Palm Sunday

Assisting Elder Lynn Ehrhardt Assisting Deacon Gail Bragin
Greeters Louise Harris, Ben Rose, Ray Bragin

MARCH 24, 2016 - Maundy Thursday

Assisting Elder Ruth Skirbst Assisting Deacon Sue Gentle

MARCH 25, 2016 - Good Friday

Assisting Elder Natalie Dutt

MARCH 27, 2016 - Easter Sunrise - 7 a.m.

Assisting Elder Bert Kuhn Assisting Deacon Jan Kuhn

MARCH 27, 2016 - Easter – 10 a.m.

Assisting Elder Joe Marchie Assisting Deacon Tina Evans
Greeters Jeff and Melissa Fehr

APRIL

APRIL 3, 2016 – Communion

Assisting Elder Lance Evans Assisting Deacon Emily Swanson
Greeters Indyk Family
Servers RayLalley, Sandi Skibenes, RAex LaBarre, Lynn Ehrhardt

APRIL 10, 2016 – Fellowship

Assisting Elder Kate Harris Assisting Deacon Dianne Marchie
Greeters Dick and Loyce Johnson

APRIL 17, 2016 –

Assisting Elder Scott Aydelotte Assisting Deacon Richard Fehr
Greeters Victoria Stevens

APRIL 24, 2016 -

Assisting Elder Nancy Farley Assisting Deacon Ray Lalley
Greeters Matlock Family

WORSHIP SCHEDULE (cont)

MAY

MAY 1, 2016 – Communion

Assisting Elder *Niki Carr*
 Greeters *Indyk Family*
 Assisting Deacon *Sue Gentle*
 Servers *Joe Marchie, Geri Lynn Flynn, Scott Aydelotte, Sherri Aydelotte*

MAY 8, 2016 –Mother’s Day

Assisting Elder *Lori Frankenfield*
 Assisting Deacon *Jan Kuhn*
 Greeters *Shirley and Elisa Beers*

MAY 15, 2016 - Children’s Program/Graduate Recognition/Pentecost

Assisting Elder *Tom Wismer*
 Assisting Deacon *Brittany Marchie*
 Greeters *Lee Smith Family*

MAY 22, 2016 – Trinity Sunday

Assisting Elder *Karen Rose*
 Assisting Deacon *Vicki Stevens*
 Greeters *Austin Family*

MAY 29, 2016 –/Memorial Day Weekend

Assisting Elder *Dave Swanson*
 Assisting Deacon *Tom Wismer*
 Greeters *Russell Scott*

Usher Schedule

March 6 Communion Servers will be the Ushers

March 13 Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Tina & Lance Evans

March 20 Richard and JoAnn Fehr, Joe & Dianne Marchie

March 27 Suzanne Swanson, Rex LaBarre, Mark Marason, John Ehasz

April 3 Communion Servers will be the Ushers

April 10 Joyce & Charlie Cummins, Tina & Lance Evans

April 17 Richard and JoAnn Fehr, Dick and Loyce Johnson

April 26 Russell Scott, Lynn Ehrhardt, John Counterman, Jan Kuhn

May 1 Communion Servers will be the Ushers

May 8 Charlie & Joyce Cummins, Lance & Tina Evans

May 15 Becky Brandt, Victoria Stevens, Rich & Betty Salter

May 22 Suzanne Swanson, Rex LaBarre, Mark Marason, John Ehasz

May 29 Ruth Skirbst, Cindy Winters, Deb McKenna, Nancy Farley

HOME VISITATION

If you would like Pastor Scott or a member of the Board of Deacons to visit you at home, please contact the church office to set up a date. The Deacons are interested in visiting, providing meals, etc. However, they can not “read minds” so please let the church know of any needs.

CHOIR NEWS

If anyone is interested in joining the Children’s Choir or the Adult Choir please see Sandy Vliet. We are always glad to have new faces and voices. Choir rehearsal is from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Children’s Choir meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. sharp.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY

Remember the FOOD FOR THE NEEDY SUNDAY is the first Sunday of every month. As you come to worship, please place your nonperishable food items in the baskets located in the downstairs hallway. Poverty and hunger, like God, do not take a vacation.

REMEMBER THESE FOLKS IN PRAYER

Randa Barabas, Sue Ann Cook Barr, Jim Barr, Joan Barry, Emily Beaton, Shirley Beers, Benson family, Jared Bucey, Dick Collins, Mary Collins, Sheila Costanza, Christine Dancy, Glenn David, Flo Disarsky, Jean Dutt, Kelly Fox, Denise Frankenfield, Dick Frankenfield, Josephine A. Frankenfield, Paula Freese, Gail Gangaware, Wes Garrison, Sr., Anne Ginley-Yerkes, Judy Grace, family of Larry Hengst, Hoff Family, Eric Kirchgassner, Rex LaBarre, Ray Lalley, family of Terry Lee, Sam Marino, Tracy Matlock’s dad, Veronica Matus, Alice McElhinney, Susan Nowalk, Jace Nikoden, Rhonda Olswfski, Orsini family, Janice Prostack, Joan Richards, Betty Salter, Vickie Santini, Carol Scott, family of Richard Scott, Sandy Scott, Amy Shandor, Diane Shipe Armstrong, Sgt Ryan Skibenes, Sandi Skibenes, Tyler Skibenes and Marissa, Henry Skirbst, Ron Smith, Earl Steele, Sr., George Stevens, Sue Timke, baby Trent, Bob Vannatta, Joanna Vegh, Dave Ward, Diane Wilkinson, Kevin Wisner, Debbie Wittschiebe

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

If anyone is interested in attending summer camp, please contact the office for information about camps and possible scholarships.

CALLING ALL 2016 GRADUATES

If you or a member of your family will be graduating soon from junior high, high school, or college, or will have earned an advanced degree, please notify the church office at 908-859-0355 by **May 1, 2016**, so we can include them in the bulletin for Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 15, 2016.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary please contact the church office at 908-859-0355 or send e-mail to tomcat507@verizon.net. Please note that the birthday and anniversary lists will be no longer appear in the Tower but will be available on our website tpcnh.org.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting was held on Sunday, February 14. Reports from the various committees and program areas of the church were received. During the meeting the following were elected to serve the congregation during 2015:

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| Church Financial Secretary/Church Treasurer: | Sandi Skibenes |
| Personnel and Nominating Committee: | Becky Brandt, chair, Lori Frankenfield, Natalie Dutt, David Ehasz, Janine Austin |
| Auditing Committee: | Lance Evans, chair, Lynn Ehrhardt, David Swanson |

We commend all those who submitted reports and we thank all our committee chairs, program heads, and officers for the time they so willingly devote to Harmony Presbyterian Church.

HOLY WEEK IN HARMONY

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| <i>PALM SUNDAY, March 20</i> | Procession and Dedication of One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during 10:00 a.m. Worship |
| <i>MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 24</i> | 5:00 p.m. "Meal in the Upper Room"
7:00 p.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated |
| <i>GOOD FRIDAY, March 25</i> | 7:00 p.m. A worship of devotion and reflection |
| <i>EASTER, March 27</i> | Will celebrate with Holy Communion the Resurrection of our Lord.
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship, <i>followed by a fellowship Continental Breakfast.</i> Worship Celebration at 10:00 a.m. |

COME AND CELEBRATE CHRIST'S LIFE!



*In an attempt to save postage costs, the newsletter will be on the church website. **If you would be interested in not receiving a copy in the mail – please notify the church office.** Thank you.*

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