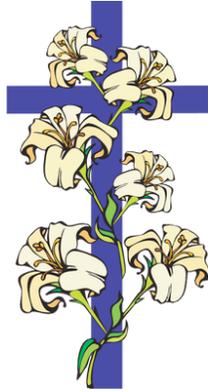


FLEMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH MESSENGER – MARCH, 2013



REED'S RENDERINGS...

The Path to the Cross

This month of March contains two “holy days” which surpass all others, one being Good Friday and the other, Easter. “Our faith is built on nothing less,” as the hymn tells us. In Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection we find the crux of what it means to be truly human and also designed in the divine image. In Jesus’ suffering or “The Passion” we find our God who has experienced the depths of human pain and knows the trouble we’ve seen. And in that same Jesus we are given hope of a life beyond this one, in peace and unveiled blessing.

This month, on the four Sunday nights—3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th—we will be gathering as a congregation of the faithful to learn and share around the topics suggested by these “holy days.” We will explore the role of desert/wilderness in the life of Israel, of Jesus and of Christians. We will visit the theme of “Passover” looking at the connections between God’s leading the people out of Egypt and the deliverance we find in Jesus. We will consider the meaning of “the cup” which Jesus chooses to drink during his time of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. I want to encourage you all to take another step along your life journey with Jesus as we meet together this Lenten season.

We will have volunteers bring various kinds of soup and some homemade bread, and plan to eat around 6 p.m. Suzanne Harper and I will provide soup for the first session; Don Harper will make the bread. Around 6:45 we’ll begin our reflection using Scripture, a DVD presentation by Ray Vander Laan filmed in the Holy Land, discussion and prayer. We’ll be finished by 8 p.m.

Right now as this newsletter goes to the copier, we have not decided on a location. Depending on numbers, we’ll either meet in a home, or in our church dining room. So far, the Slovaks, the Aros, the Judsons, the Hollmanns, the Harpers, Melissa Kernan and myself are signed up. If you are interested please let me know a.s.a.p.

May this season’s story of Jesus—his sacrifice and his victory—make a difference in how we each live our lives. And may blessings that are birthed in obedience to Him, bring great joy and satisfaction to all.

Pastor Pam

P.S. I was just informed that there will be a new Bible Series offered on the History Channel beginning March 3 at 8 p.m. Why not check it out, and if there are some people who want to watch and discuss it, we’ll do that! Now I have to see if I have the History Channel on my TV! :-)

Here’s the link: <http://www.history.com/shows/the-bible>

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY...

Connor Healy is recovering from back surgery.

Les Hoffman, Shirley's dad, was at HMC for gallstone surgery, followed by complications. He was then moved to rehab at Hunterdon Care Center.

Rosetta Bacon had a hysterectomy. All tests came back negative so she will not need radiation!

Margaret Kania has pneumonia and is very frail.

Jim Brown had more intestinal surgery on February 25 and came through the surgery well.

Jim Worthington passed away on February 7 after weeks of illness.

Bill Stoklosa asked for prayers for his girlfriend having a tough time with her job as a teacher.

Ernest Reid was in and out of the hospital several times recently. He began having a lot of swelling in his arms and tests showed he had a blocked artery so they inserted a stent.

Sue Stothoff was admitted to HMC because of fluid buildup. She is now home and feeling better.

Lou Cornick is having some more medical problems. He also took a fall recently, but is ok.

Fran Miller's infant granddaughter had heart surgery to fix a hole in her heart. Continued prayers are asked as she has since been put back on a ventilator.

Donna Slovak's niece, Kate and husband Tommy Mallery's 11-month old daughter, Ana, passed away peacefully at home. Please keep the entire family in prayer.

Pastor Pam visited with Larry Brydia in February. Continue to remember him in prayer.

Mary Fedorko fell and broke her femur. She is now at Merwick Rehab.

Jan Cody's Aunt Ruby in TX passed away.

Rosetta's aunt, her mother's elder sister, passed away, and Rosetta flew to WV with Kira to attend the service.

Continue to keep Gus Roth and Mary Norma in your prayers as he is having more difficult days now.

Continue to pray for: Connor Healy; Margaret Kania; Bill Stoklosa's girlfriend; Deanna Sealander's sister, Linda; Terrill Levering; Doris Stretch's cousin, Abby; Edna Austin's sister in CA; Tommie Lou's friend, Vicki; Rwagasore family.

Robbie Schenck has settled in well in his Marine Training Program, and is already shining his bright light, being given some leadership responsibility.

It was good to see Russ Stier in worship recently! He was home for a weekend, but is now back north with his son for a few more weeks.

Linda Krukovsky is now a great-aunt – also, daughter, Alexis, has a new job in North Jersey!

Emily and Darrell White will be having a son the beginning of July!

It was good to see Jan Cody in worship on February 24; she was up from Texas. She's now had surgery on both knees and is able to get around pretty well. May the recovery continue to go well, Jan.

George and Doreen Roksvaag have a new grandson, Michael George, born February 27!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Anniversary Date</u>	<u>Years</u>
James & Judy Brown	March 21, 1964	49

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

March

- 1 Tony Giacobbe
- 2 Ben Nicolson
Dorothy Bush
Robert Schenck
- 3 Jaime Cherwinski
- 4 Joshua Woznicki
- 7 Bob Biggs
- 11 Collin Cunningham
Abigail Rossetti
Gus Roth
- 14 Alese Maniragaba
- 23 Kimery Levering
Boyden Stretch
- 28 Pete Nemeč
Gloria Slovak
- 31 Donna Slovak



April

- 1 Nora Krukovsky
- 3 Chris Hoffman
- 9 Audrey Braun
Doris Stretch
- 11 Donald Harper
- 8 Marie Day
- 13 Barbara Herder
Christine McQuilken
- 14 Susan Stothoff
- 21 Susan Burns
- 20 Susan Hoffman
- 22 Doris Case
- 24 Bien Rwagasore

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

GAME NIGHT - MARCH 1

All Sr. Highers and adults are invited to join us on Friday, March 1 at 7 PM in the parlor. Please RSVP to ddubs15@gmail.com or (908) 399-1982 for a head count. Bring your friends!

PRAYER BREAKFAST - MARCH 9

Join us for Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 9 from 8 - 9:30 AM at Country Griddle.



PRAYER WALK - MARCH 10

A prayer walk is being organized by Jan Martin for Sunday, March 10, 2013. It will be held immediately following coffee fellowship time. Since we are all interested in remaining faithful to our calling as church, which requires close relationships with God, everyone is encouraged to join us. Please meet at the church entrance. Bring your walking shoes and plan to spend about ½ hour walking outside our beautiful church in prayer and meditation. If you cannot walk, please join us for the prayers. In case of inclement weather we will change the date.

SENIOR LUNCH - MARCH 16

All seniors are invited to join us at FBC on Saturday, March 16 from 12 - 2 PM for a covered dish lunch! Come and invite your senior neighbors or friends to join us for this time of fellowship!

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 24

We'll begin Holy Week on Palm Sunday, March 24 at 10:30 AM with the donkey (hopefully Noah) and the FBC kids as they help us reenact Jesus' procession into Jerusalem. Palms will be distributed in worship.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 28

On March 28 at 7:30 PM please join us in the sanctuary for a Maundy Thursday communion service. Please make every effort to attend this service. Many people have said that this is the best service of the year!



EASTER SUNDAY! - MARCH 31

We start early on Easter, March 31, with a **sunrise service** at 6:30 AM at the tomb in Prospect Hill Cemetery. Then we meet together for a **covered dish breakfast** (bring a breakfast casserole, pastry, fruit or your own creation) in the dining room at 9:30 (no Sunday School classes). After the meal, children are invited to take part in an **egg hunt** on the church grounds. We'll complete the morning with a **festive worship celebration** of the resurrection at 11 AM. There will be no Happy Endings Lunch on this final Sunday of March.

CHURCH NEWS...

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Pastor Pam is beginning a class for any who might want to join our congregation this spring. Our tradition here is to invite into baptism and church membership any youth in 7th grade or older. Adults can join our congregation through baptism, through transfer of letter from another church, or through reaffirmation of faith if they have already been baptized. Please speak to or email the pastor at fbc pam@comcast.net if you are discerning this pathway.

TPH COLLECTION

The Auxiliary of Trenton Psychiatric Hospital needs Bingo prizes. Items they're asking for are: packets of tissues, playing cards, greeting cards, pens, small packets of cookies/crackers, combs, cosmetics, cosmetic bags, small size shampoo or lotion, hair ribbons, etc. Other items always needed: Current magazines – if you've read yours consider donating them! Men especially appreciate magazines about cars, trucks and sports (remove address labels before donating.) Tote bags are needed for people being discharged to carry their belongings instead of garbage bags. Contributions accepted through March at which time Lois Stewart will deliver items to the TPH. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause!

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

LOCAL CHURCH BUDGET THROUGH JANUARY 2013

YTD Income from all sources	\$25,629
YTD Total Expenses	<u>-20,310</u>
Carryover to February 2013	\$5,319

MISSION BUDGET THROUGH JANUARY 2013

YTD Mission \$ received from all sources	\$3,036
YTD Mission \$ paid out	\$3,036

MEMORIAL EASTER FLOWERS

As is our custom, we will place flowers in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to contribute toward these flowers in memory of loved ones, please return the bottom portion of this form to the church office.

You may contribute any \$\$ amount you wish when you donate Easter flowers, with any excess over the actual cost going to the Flower Committee for use in providing sanctuary flowers and decor throughout the church year. Names will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin, and flowers will be distributed to members who are ill, confined, or hospitalized.

Give the following information exactly as you wish it to appear in the bulletin on March 31. Please return this form to the church office no later than March 24.

MEMORIAL EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Name(s) of donor(s)

In memory of
