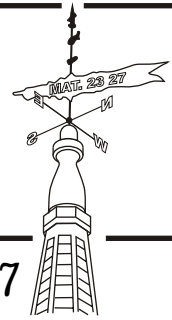


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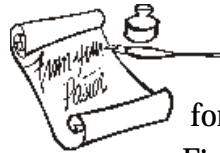
RAYMOND VILLAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, United Church of Christ Newsletter



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On April 12th, I will be meeting Joe in Miami, Florida, and the next day we will be flying to Lima and on to Cusco, Peru for about two weeks. I have several reasons for embarking on this particular adventure at this time.

First, our daughter, Heather, who has been teaching with The Traveling School, a study abroad program for American high school girls, will be in Peru for the last two weeks in April. It will be an opportunity to visit with her (and take shameless advantage of her fluency in Spanish) and meet "her girls," who have come from all of the U.S. to explore South America through this expeditionary learning program.

Second, Lent and Holy Week have been exceedingly busy for your part time minister. We have had a variety of learning and worship opportunities which I have planned or participated in from the PUP Lenten Discussion Group to an excellent Saturday workshop sponsored by the Maine Conference on creating a learning community for all ages in the church to learning how to make a "Faithbook, to walking both ways in the Good Friday Hunger Walk to creating worship opportunities on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter that hopefully told (or will tell) the old story in a new and meaningful way. I'm looking forward to my time in Peru to recharge my batteries!

Third, I have always wanted to visit Peru. It is a place with such strong religious and spiritual roots. The Spanish conquistadores brought Roman Catholicism when they colonized the area. However, the traditions of the indigenous Incan religion have always remained an important aspect of Peruvian culture.

Cusco, where we will be based, was the capital city of the Incan nation, and still has intact walls built by the Incans hundreds of years ago. There are Incan ruins outside the city as well as ancient sacred ceremonial sites. We will be privileged to have a friend of Heather, Puma Quispe, who has been trained as a religious leader of his native people, guide us to some of these sites.

The highlight of our trip will be walking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, high in the Andes. Machu Picchu is the site of the ruins of an Incan city that remained hidden except from the locals until 1911. We will hike about 8 miles a day for three days through such areas as "Dead Woman's Pass" (hopefully not too aptly named!).

My hope is to understand more deeply and personally the strong sense of spirituality that so many people have indicated permeates the country of

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Walking with a
friend in the dark is
better than walking
alone in the light.

- Helen Keller

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Articles can be dropped off at the church office, mailed or emailed to: Raymond Village Community Church, P.O. Box 285 (Main St.), Raymond, ME 04071 - office@rvccme.org or to John Hanley, 221 Valley Rd, Raymond, ME 04071 - weathervane@rvccme.org - Thank you for reading our newsletter!

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Peru. I have always believed that people seek out a connection to God in many ways, and we become stronger in our own faith by seeking in turn to understand their journeys. I will have lots to share with all of you when I return on April 28th.

Come Journey With Us Through Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY April 1st

9:45 A.M. - Join us in the Vestry for a hot cross bun and juice

10:00 A.M. - All-Church Processional with palms into the sanctuary for worship
Our Youth Singers will be singing music from "Godspell."

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 5th

5:30 P.M. - Soup and bread supper in the Vestry - Please bring some bread to share - Families are encouraged to attend.

6:15 P.M. - Celebrate the Last Supper as Jesus might have in Jerusalem
A traditional family Passover (seder) meal with Communion and Hand-washing Ceremony and special music on guitar

7:00 P.M. - Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary
A moving Candlelight Service reminding us of Jesus' last days. Our choir will be singing.

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 6th

8:00 A.M. - Good Friday Hunger Walk from Raymond Church to Casco Village Church

(Walkers going both ways will leave the Casco Church at 5:30 A.M.)

11:30-3:00 P.M. - Good Friday Prayer Vigil
The church will be open for meditation, solitude, and prayer. Materials will be available for you to read as well as a prayer list to which you may add your own joys and concerns.

EASTER APRIL 8th

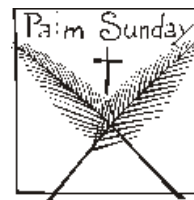
6:30 A.M. - Daybreak Service with Casco Village Church at the Casco Church

10:00 A.M. - Celebration worship with special trumpet music
There will be no Sunday School, so families can worship together

Lectionary Readings for April

April 1st – Palm and Passion Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 19:28-40



April 8th – Easter

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

April 15th – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31



April 22nd – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-24
John 21:1-19

April 29th – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-42
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30



PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers of concern go out to:

Those in our Church Family
Ivan and Rita Gerry,
Jane Jordan (recovering from surgery),
Frank Sullivan.

In our Extended Family
Lisa Plummer Ladd (following surgery)

In our Community
The Webber family, Heather MacLeod and
Jason Morgan, all of our service men and
women, and all others near and far who are
sick or in need.

Summary of March 8, 2007 Coordinating Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM, on Thursday March 8. Present were: Rolf, Rodney, Dick, Nancy (Yates), Rev. Nancy, and John

John opened our meeting with a prayer of guidance, service and thanks.

Minutes from our January 9th Council Meeting were unanimously approved, as amended.

Rev. Nancy opened with Reflections around Community. She asked the Council to define Community. Responses ranged from a group of people who live together, in same town or neighborhood to People who come together, for a common purpose to a church community, which gathers to fellowship and worship. Nancy asked if Being there makes one a part of that Community?

Most felt not necessarily, examples being in a neighborhood yet not knowing hardly any neighbors. What communities do we belong to? Responses were our towns, RVCC, our school districts, our workplaces, even online communities. Church communities have some unique characteristics such as people wanting to be part and traveling to get there. We also share common interests and have desires to fellowship, learn, serve and share.

The Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed and one revision made (Half the monies pledged to Missions goes to OCWM and half goes to RVCC Missions projects.). The revised Minutes will be presented for member approval at the 2008 Annual Meeting. Lessons learned from our Annual Meeting were discussed. These included:

- Publicly asking for support for church activities, such as Pot Roast Suppers, can be effective.
- We need to get someone to partner with and job-shadow Rodney, to be ready to assume the Treasurer position and responsibilities for next year. There are a couple of congregants who have expressed interest in performing some/most of the Treasure duties, so Council and Rodney will follow up with them.

Treasurer (Rodney) reviewed February month-end Financial Report with Council. Income YTD = +\$1200. Expenses YTD = \$2757 over Budget. Net Income YTD = \$1397 under Budget. Rodney asked that all who incur Invoices please record the account number and your name (signature) so we can validate all Invoices when the Audit is conducted. Rev. Nancy noted one church that reports its overall finance

summary in the monthly newsletter. We may consider doing this as well.

Church Clerk (John) read an invitation from the Cumberland Association inviting RVCC clergy and delegates to an Ecclesiastical Council to examine Peggy Wolf Dunn for Ordination. It will be held Sunday March 11, 2:00pm at Blue Point Congregational Church in Scarborough ME. Joan Morton and Frances Mains will attend.

Trustee (Dick) noted that our organ has been repaired, from the summer electrical incident. Total cost was \$1653. Dick plans to file an insurance claim, as the repairman was quite sure such damage was likely due to a nearby electrical storm.

Missions Committee (Brian): No report absent.

Christian Ed Committee (Rev. Nancy):

- The Adult Lenten Discussion rotating (four area churches) series is going well. Approx. 20-30 attendees. Final discussion will be March 28, at RVCC.
- Rev. Nancy has started a study for our 5-6 graders, after church, to focus upon Service Projects. Group is working on their first project.
- Nancy will email Walt Read about a possible summer Adult Bible Study.

Stewardship (Shannon absent): Council reported that the Calendar Dinner went very well, attendance and earnings-wise. The first Pot Roast Supper will be held in June. Dick has received a number of Floor volunteers, needs more for Prep and Kitchen duty.

Deacons = no report. There was no February meeting (due to the big snow storm) and they will be meeting next week.

Moderator (Rolf): Nothing to report this month.

Pastor (Rev. Nancy):

- A UCC minister and her daughter stopped by our church. The daughter plans to be married outdoors this coming September. They wish to reserve our church in case of inclement weather. Council noted that is permissible, and that non-members will be charged a fee, if the church is used.
- Rev. Nancy and Lori have put together a Weathervane Deadline spreadsheet; listing key church events, dates and deadlines (for

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Weathervane submissions). It was handed out to Council members, and we were asked to provide any revisions.

New member discussions will be held this coming and next Sundays. Joining date will be March 25th. There may be 3-4 new members in consideration.

Our Website Development Committee, headed by Dan Lambert, has been meeting and working on the new RVCC website. It is coming along quite well, with much Content already written. Planned transfer to the new website and domain name is expected within the next month or so.

Rev. Nancy will be gone the last two weeks of April (April 12-28). Will be going to Peru to visit and hike with her daughter. She has one Sunday covered with a substitute pastor.

We need to set a date for Installation of Officers. This may be deferred to May, possibly May 6th,

Rev. Nancy wishes us to consider another Planning Retreat, to review and celebrate last year's ideas and generate new ones for this year. Joe Foran will facilitate, to allow Brain Walker to participate.

Old Business:

Rodney will follow up with the potential new Treasurer candidates, to explore their interest and commitment.

Rodney also provided an update on his co-worker's spouse who is being treated for cancer. He really appreciates our cards and prayers in this most difficult period of treatments. Treatments are going fairly well, but he is continuing to work to the extent his health allows. Our continued prayers and cards will be appreciated and very helpful to him and family.

New Business:

Rodney mentioned watching a movie titled "Facing the Giants". It is about the power of prayer, containing many good and useful lessons within it. A testimony as to how God works through his people. Well worth renting.

John also mentioned how good the (in theaters now) movie "Amazing Grace" was. It tells of how William Wilberforce fought many long years, in the English Parliament to abolish the slave trade in the English Empire. He felt led by God

to do so, and sacrificed a very promising political career to focus upon this mission. Very moving film.

- Rodney noted that he feels we need to establish more protocol around ensuring a quorum at Council meetings (we had only two who showed up in February). Absentees should let Rolf know when they cannot attend. It was suggested we institute an RSVP policy, requesting all Council members reply to Rolf as to whether they will attend or not. Try it for awhile to see if it works.

Next Council meeting will be Thursday April 12, 2007; at 7pm. Prayer will be offered by Nancy Yates.

Respectfully submitted,
John Kirby, Church Clerk.

RVCC FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT	
- Through February 2007 -	
Year to Date Receipts Budget	11,314.00
Year to Date Receipts Actual	<u>11,658.89</u>
Favorable (Unfavorable) to budget	344.89
Year to Date Expense Budget	10,762.72
Year to Date Expense Actual	<u>11,699.50</u>
Favorable (Unfavorable) to budget	(936.78)
Net Income (Loss) Budget	551.28
Net Income (Loss) Actual	<u>(40.61)</u>
Favorable (Unfavorable) to budget	(591.89)
Actual Receipts for the Month	6,273.88
Budget Receipts for the Month	<u>5,657.00</u>
Favorable (Unfavorable) to budget	616.88

Shalom Club Making Pet Packs for Animal Shelter

The newly formed Shalom Club decided to make Pet Packs for dogs as its first service project. They will making dog toys and are also seeking donations of items such as food and treats, small toys, worn blankets and towels. There is a box in the Vestry for your donation. They also hope to plan a small silent auction to earn money for items to supplement the Pet Packs as well as to offset some of the costs of future projects.

Shalom Club is for all youth in 5th and 6th grade and meets from 11:30-1:00 on the last Sunday of each month in the Youth Room. Lunch is provided, and everyone is encouraged to bring a friend or two. The more the merrier!

Next meeting - April 29th!

So You Think You Know The Raymond Village Church?

Thanks to Joan Morton for responding with her memories which follow of Easter at RVCC:

EASTER MEMORIES

By Joan Morton

One of the things I remember about Easter services while I ve attended Raymond over the last 32 years is the sunrise services on Raymond Beach. There would be a bonfire to keep us warm and a large wooden cross (at least 6 feet tall) for a focus point. Two important things I remember that happened during these services:

The time that Frank Sullivan was being baptized two ducks swam up to the beach and watched. As soon as he was baptized they swam off.

Another time some geese flew in our direction, flew overhead, went to the church and then circled over it and then flew north.

We always went back to the church vestry afterwards for breakfast. Here is the recipe for the Easter Breakfast Casserole we had:

Grease a 9X12 pan

325 degrees for approximately 40 min.

Checks center to make sure it is done.

- 12 slices of bread cut into cubes
- 2 8 oz packages of shredded cheddar cheese
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups of milk
- salt and pepper
- margarine

Line bottom of greased glass pan with half of the bread. Sprinkle 1 package of the cheese over it. Beat the eggs and milk. Add salt and pepper. Pour half over the cheese and bread. Repeat using all the bread, cheese and egg/milk mixture. Dot with margarine. Refrigerate overnight.

(You may add bacon bits or cooked diced ham between the bread and cheese layers)

Don t put three layers or add extra amounts. It takes too long to cook)

I also remember the first year that Rev. Tulip was here for Easter. At the Maundy Thursday service we had taken a piece of paper and write something down that we had wanted to give over to God and

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Enough said. Here is the recipe:

250 Biscuits 400 degree oven 15-20 min.

12 lbs. flour

1 lb. 2 oz sugar

3 oz salt

4 ½ oz b. soda

9 oz bakewell cream

3 lb. shortening

4 ½ qt. water

1 lb. 2 oz powdered milk

The SYTYKTRVCC (“So You Think You Know The Raymond Village Community Church”) question for next month is: What memories do you have about MUSIC at RVCC?

All responses will be printed in next month's Weathervane!

Recently it was the first day of spring.

Spring is heralded by the vernal equinox.

An equinox happens when day and night are exactly equal.

Equinoxes occur twice each year.

On this day, light and darkness are equal.

In our lives, we often have a tendency to let the darkness overpower the light.

Remember, there is just as much light as there is darkness.

The thing about spring is that the light of each day increases while the darkness decreases.

Remember that.

You can choose which part you live in.

You can choose which part you will focus on.

Which part will you live in and focus on?

...light or darkness?

The light is increasing.

Remember that.

- from “Mountainwings,”

Do something that is good for you AND good for the community!

Save the date: Friday, April 6, 2007

The Raymond Village Church, in partnership with the Casco Village Church, is continuing the tradition of the Friday Hunger Walk on Good Friday, April 6, 2007. Everyone is invited to participate!

This year's walk starts at 8:00 at The Raymond Village church and travels up Rte 121 to the Casco Village Church a distance of about 8 miles. For those exercise enthusiasts, some walk both ways starting at 5:30 from the Casco Church and then join the one way walkers in Raymond. There is a wonderful soup lunch provided upon your arrival at the Casco Church.

Why would you do this?

- Help us raise money for the Raymond Food Pantry so they can continue their important work feeding those community families in need. Yes, there are people right here in Raymond that need some extra help putting food on the table.
- Enjoy the fellowship in walking with friends and family. We live in a beautiful area; take a few moments from your busy life to enjoy the outdoors and even some views of Panther Pond along the way. Ask your friends to join you.
- Get some exercise! You can walk at a leisurely pace or quicken that pace and get those heart rates up. Some will even jog. There will be support vehicles along the route.
- Some people have their best thoughts when they're walking. When did you last have time to take a contemplative journey and explore the messages of Good Friday and Easter?

Whatever your reason - mind, body or soul - join us in this journey and feel good about yourself for helping to feed those in need. Please consider taking the morning off from work to participate. We really need your support!

If interested, call Leigh Walker at 655-2135, email the Raymond Village Church at rvccme@fairpoint.net or call the church at 655-7749 for a pledge sheet. Any donation amount is appreciated! We do need to know how many walkers we will have, so please contact me or the church. Many thanks.

The Peace Bubble is Coming!

The Peace Bubble is coming to Maine this summer. Stay tuned for more information, but in the meantime, check out www.peacebubble.org

Christian Youth Summer Camp Scholarship Program

The Christian Education Committee hosted a Sweetheart Brunch in celebration of Valentine's Day. This was a very successful event and I would like to thank everyone who helped and everyone who attended. We received many donations and this money will be put into our Christian Youth Summer Camp Program. The Christian Education committee who sponsored this event have put together some guidelines to help parents (and grandparents!) understand how this program works.

- Scholarships are available for any Christian camp, not just Pilgrim Lodge.
- All the money that we collected from the Brunch, minus expenses, will be passed out in Scholarships this year. There will be no carry forward of this account.
- The money will be split according to camp cost and distributed before the end of the Sunday school year.

Please let us know by May 15th if you would like to participate in this program. You can make a request by writing a note to one of the Sunday school teachers or contacting Brenda Olsen (655-4670). There are some program catalogs for Pilgrim Lodge in the vestry if you have any questions about that particular camp. This is a great opportunity for the youth of our church.

Elder Celebration Sunday is on April 15th

Each year, the Deacons set aside a Sunday to celebrate the presence among us of our Elders. We are honored to have Pauline Cadotte, Rita Gerry, Ernie Knight, Ginny Parker, Al Rowe, Charlotte Rowe, Betty Shively, Rosemary Tripp, Wayne Whitney, and Muriel Yeager sharing their wisdom with us!

This year we hope that all of our Elders can be present on April 15th and that many of them will help in leading worship that morning.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the Peacemakers."

What does that mean? As the United States enters its fifth year of war with Iraq, here is one woman's response, click on <http://www.peacetakescourage.com/wwjd.html>

UCC Cumberland Association Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting of the Cumberland Association of the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 29th. Each church may send two voting delegates, the pastor, and as many visitors as would like to come. RVCC's delegates are Frances Mains and Joan Morton. We are grateful for their interest in and support of the wider church.

Calendar Dinner March 3rd - lots of fun, good food and great music!

We had a full house with 83 people attending the annual Calendar Dinner on Saturday March 3rd. After a few snacks and fellowship, there were introductions and door prizes, then a tasty turkey dinner with all of the fixin's. This year we had a special treat - Elaine York's maple oatmeal rolls! After eating all we could (knowing there would be a break before desert), we went to the sanctuary to hear Diana Hansen sing and play guitar - starting with "Ain't Misbehavin". She played a number of familiar songs and encouraged the audience to sing along (or make chicken noises!) Annie Cook joined her with violin and mandolin on a few numbers - blue grass providing the melody on violin. One of the highlights was Thalia (her daughter) singing "Inch by inch, row by row, gonna make this garden grow..." Lots of fun! The evening ended with yummy desserts provided by all the hostesses!



MANY THANKS!

to the kitchen crew: Linda Eldridge, Joan Morton, Karen and Caryl Gilman and the hostesses: Elaine York (with the help of her sisters), Rolf & Brenda Olsen, Adma Willis, Judy Day & Marilee Dunklee, Polly Dyer, Frances Mains and the youth group!

The proceeds from this event this year were amazing! The net profit from the people attending was over \$500. Muriel Yeager contributed an extra \$500 so our total topped \$1000! Fun, food, good music AND making money for RVCC! Thank you!

Caryl

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Snapshots from the Calendar Dinner



From the Deacons Table

Music is vital to our Sunday worship services. Each week, Donna Hurd and our choir enhance our services with their beautiful melodies of worship. Music enriches and enhances our lives and our worship of Him. Music is a gift that God gives us to express our hearts to Him in times of delight, as well as sorrow. It soothes fears, it renews joy and hope and enhances faith at all ages. Music brings man closer to God and brings pleasure to Him. We are told to make music vocal and instrumental in countless places throughout Scripture. 1 Chronicles 16:9, "Sing to Him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts". Psalm 98:5, "make music to the Lord with a harp, with the harp and the sound of singing". Ephesians 5:19 "Sing to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord," are just a few examples. About heaven, we are told there will be harps and trumpets and singing and how much more, the mind cannot even imagine. The apostle John gives us an inspiring description in Revelations 5:13, "Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing."

It is in that spirit of music to worship and praise God with a good old fashion hymn sing, that RVCC will honor it's Elders on Sunday, April 15th in a service "Celebrating Our Elders." The office of Elder is a way the church can honor those who have served long and well, there are no direct responsibilities, however, we have asked each of our ten Elders to provide us with hymns that have special meaning to each of them, as well as, taking a special part in the service of musical worship as greeters, and readers.

This service will celebrate the past and the present of RVCC and give us all a chance to remember the good times of the past and enjoy the good times of today. We hope everyone will get their best voices on, bring a friend to celebrate with and join us for this very special event.

Rev. Nancy and her husband are joining Heather in Peru from April 12th to April 28th. Along with this special service on the 15th, we are pleased that Sharon Rankin, who is a seminary student, and has visited RVCC on many occasions has agreed to be our worship leader on Sunday April 22nd. Please remember that we will have clergy coverage while Rev. Nancy is away. Call the church office for more information.

In Celebration of the Risen Christ,
Linda Eldridge, Deacon Coordinator.

College Corner

Kaleigh - Hello to everyone back in Maine; how's the weather? We've heard that winter has finally come to Maine! Alaska is good and this semester is flying by. We are on our Spring Break at the moment and it is currently -2 degrees outside, and we're getting about 12 hours of daylight. Nothing much is new here. School is going well; I have all A's and B's showing on my progress reports. Kevin and I met a very nice Christian couple that we have been spending time with. Just in case you haven't heard, we are moving to the Juneau campus next year. The campus and area will be a better fit for us both. There is a lot more wildlife, mountains, the ocean and general outdoor activities. I will be spending the summer with my Auntie Missy, Uncle Mark and cousin Isaac in Hyder Alaska. I miss you and hope that you are all well. Maine and RVCC are always in my prayers and I love you all!

Erin Dodge, daughter of Cathy and Gary Dodge and granddaughter of Bernie and Kay Dodge made the Dean's List at the School of Visual arts in New York. Erin is a first year student at SVA, majoring in Illustration.

Tim Foran was accepted into the Carleton College Madrid Program and will spend fall term studying in Madrid and learning about Spanish culture. Tim is a sophomore at Carleton and intends to major in either International Relations or Economics and plans to work toward a Certificate in Advanced Studies in Spanish as well.

Presumpscot Union Parish (PUP) Sponsors Successful Lenten Discussion Group

Each week throughout Lent, 8-10 members of RVCC attended a discussion group on "Mysteries of Faith: The Prophets" coordinated by the pastors of four of the Presumpscot Union Parish (PUP) churches. Over 30 people participated in the discussion group, which featured evenings on prophets from the Old Testament, New Testament, Koran, and the Modern Day. The pastor of each church led at least one of the sessions.

The PUP Pastors continue to plan events for the churches, including a Progressive Supper, Concert, and Hymn Sing to celebrate music in the church on June 2nd and an all-PUP picnic at Cubby's Cove in Sebago Lake State Park on July 8th. Mark you calendars and watch for more details!

Kid's Korner

Or anyone who feels like a kid!

Connect the dots



Easter Story Code

Use the code to find how this animal was a part of the Easter story.

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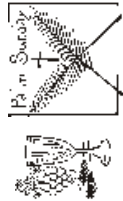


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Answers: Jesus said to Peter, "Peter, the cock crows twice; you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 am Worship 	2 6:30 pm Tiger Cubs Meeting	3 6:30 pm BS Troop 800 Meeting	4	5  Monday 5:30PM Soup & Bread Supper with Seder Meal. 7:00PM Tenebrae Service	6 7:00 pm AA Annual Good Friday Hunger Walk	7
8 6:30 am Daybreak Service with Casco Village Church at Casco 10:00 am Worship	9 7:00 pm BS Troop 800 Committee Meeting	10 6:30 pm BS Troop 800 Meeting	11 6:30 am Men's Fellowship 6:30 pm - Pack 800 6:30 pm - Deacons Mitg.	12 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Church Council	13 7:00 pm AA	14
15 10:00 am Worship Elder Celebration Sunday	16	17 6:30 pm BS Troop 800 Meeting	18 6:30 am Men's Fellowship 6:30 pm - Pack 800	19	20 7:00 pm AA WV articles due	21
22 10:00 am Worship	23	24	25 6:30 am Men's Fellowship	26	27 7:00 pm AA	28
29 10:00 am Worship	30	6:30 pm BS Troop 800 Meeting	6:30 am Men's Fellowship 6:30 pm - Pack 800			
						WV Weathervane  Choir rehearsal after Worship



Easter Stories

Easter is not just one day; it is a season of 50 days. This year it goes from April 8 (Easter Sunday) through May 27 (Pentecost). The Bible has many Easter stories - several accounts of people going to the tomb on Easter morning and other stories of people encountering the risen Christ in the days after that first Easter. These are the Easter stories in the Bible: Matthew 28:1-15, 16-20; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12, 13-35, 36-48, 50-53; John 20:1-10, 11-18, 19-23, 24-29; John 21:1-14, 15-23.

Read some of these stories throughout the Easter season and talk about them. You might ask questions such as:

- What intrigues you about this story?
- If you were there, what might you notice? What sounds, sights, smells, feelings?
- If you could talk to the people in the story, what might you ask them?

**Please come and join us at
Worship and bring a friend!!!**

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