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Education Opportunities
Sundays at 9:30

**(No Church School for all ages on
 Easter Sunday, April 16)**

The all combined youth class meets upstairs in the Ed. Center, as does Jr. Church.
 (Chris Hong)

Kerygma - Library (Carol Hough)

Searchers - Fellowship Hall (Bruce McCart)

Lent Study - Dining Room
 The last two sessions in "Questions of Faith" will be held on Sundays, April 2 and 9.
 (Pastor Casey)

(Family of Faith - cont. from pg. 6)

Margaret has three married sons. Paul and Lynn live in Charlotte, North Carolina. They have a son, David in the third grade. John and Lara have a photography business in Rock Island. Richard and Debra live in St. Louis and have second grade twins, Elizabeth and Christina and a fourth grader, Bruce.

Spring is almost here and Margaret will be planting her garden. The vegetables and flowers flourish I hear because she sings to them.

Fellowship Committee



The Cross should be raised at the center of the market-place as well as on the steeple of the church. Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves; on the town garbage heap; at a crossroads so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in Hebrew and in Latin and in Greek; at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. Because that is where he died. And this is what he died about. And this is where (disciples) should be and what (discipleship) should be about.

[from a sermon by the Rev. Dr. George MacLeod, founder of the Iona Community in Scotland in 1938]

The celebration of the Resurrection at Easter is a special time for us. It is the proclamation not only of Christ's empty tomb, but also that of our own re-birth into forgiveness and new life through God's grace. At Easter, we fill our churches with flowers, sing joyful hymns, and shout to the whole world that **Christ is Risen!** – that He is alive in us and throughout the whole creation.

And yet, once the lilies and the tulip petals drop, what difference does it all make? Do we carry the certainty of the empty tomb with us in our daily lives? Or, as Dr. MacLeod asserts, is our cross just in the sanctuary between two candles? While there are laws banning crosses in public places, the cross of Christ should also be a real part of our everyday experiences. In our daily encounters with others, believers and unbelievers alike, how do we demonstrate our awareness of the incredible – and **totally undeserved** – forgiveness which God has freely and lovingly given. How often do we ask ourselves, "Do I live in relationship with others in a manner which shows my amazement that **even I** have been forgiven?"

Elsewhere in this issue you will find several events that will help us to respond faithfully to this question as we move through the events of Lent and Holy Week into Easter Day and beyond. For our risen Lord challenges us to erect the cross not just in our churches, but in palaces and FEMA trailers, in market places and homeless shelters, on putting greens and garbage dumps, in cities, homes, farms, and hearts across the world. May we be ever more faithful in declaring through all our lives that Christ came in order that in Him **all** might find abundant life.

Pastor Casey

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Touchpoints Publication Schedule

Next Touchpoints will be mailed on **Thursday, April 27**. The deadline for articles to be submitted is **Sunday, April 16**.

Church Services Schedule (see enclosed April calendar for all events)

Church Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00-4:30

Remember: Turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, April 1.

Sunday, April 2 **Communion Sunday**

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Parish Nurse
8:15 Worship Sanctuary
9:30 Church School Ed. Center
10:45 Worship

Sunday, April 9 **Palm Sunday**

8:15 Worship Sanctuary
9:30 Church School Ed. Center
10:45 Worship
6:30-8:00 Confirmation Class

Thursday, April 13 **Maundy Thursday**

6:00 p.m. Simple Supper and Holy Communion around tables

Friday, April 14 **Good Friday**

8:30 a.m. Community Cross Walk (see pg. 3)
7:00 Service of Light and Darkness in the Chapel

Sunday, April 16 **Easter Sunday**

Churches United Food Pantry
8:15 Worship Sanctuary
9:30 Easter Breakfast Sanctuary
10:45 Worship
Touchpoints articles due

Sunday, April 23

Recycling
8:15 Worship Sanctuary
9:30 Church School Ed. Center
10:45 Worship Sanctuary
6:30-8:00 Confirmation Class

Sunday, April 30

8:15 Worship Sanctuary
9:30 Church School Ed. Center
10:45 Worship Sanctuary
1-3 Resurrection Walk
(Community Event) (see pg. 3)



Lent, Holy Week, Easter Schedule

Sunday, April 2

Daylight Savings Time begins
Holy Communion in Worship

Tuesday, April 4, 6:00 p.m.

Lent Soup & Study, Gloria Dei

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday

Youth Music

Thursday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Supper and Lord's Supper, Dining Room

Friday, April 14

Good Friday

8:30 a.m. - Community Cross Walk (see article, pg. 3)

7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Worship, in the Chapel

Sunday, April 16

Celebration of the Resurrection

8:15 & 10:45 - Holy Communion in Worship

9:30 - Easter Breakfast in Dining Room
(no Church School)

Sunday, April 30

1:00-3:00 pm - Resurrection Walk
(see article, pg. 3)

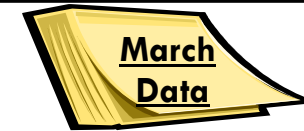
Easter Breakfast - The Fellowship Committee invites everyone to come and share breakfast in the Church Dining Room on Easter Sunday, April 16, at 9:30 a.m. Your menu will be egg/potato casseroles with ham, sausage, bacon, or cheese, choice of breakfast pastries, juice, milk and coffee. Your cost will be:

\$5.00 for adults
\$2.00 children 12 and under

Come and enjoy your breakfast after 8:15 service and prior to the 10:45 service.

Fellowship Committee/Jan Fitzpatrick

Church Events Calendar



Week of April 2 - April 8

Mon., Apr. 3
11:00 Staff Mtg (and every Mon.)
1:00 Circle of Faith
3:30 Stewardship
5:00 WEM
7:00 C.E. Committee

Tues., Apr. 4
9:30 Circle of Virtue
3:15 Tutoring (and every Tues.)
6:00 Lent Soup & Study at Gloria Dei
6:30 Fellowship
6:30 Handbells (and every Tues.)
7:00 Outreach

Wed., Apr. 5
6:30 Church in Society
7:30 Choir Rehearsal (and every Wed.)

Thurs., Apr. 6
9:30 PW Mission
7:00 Covenant to Care

Sat., Apr. 8
9:30 Book Club in Library
11:30 Sternwheelers to Lavendar Crest

Week of April 9 - April 15

Mon., Apr. 10
7:00 Personnel
7:00 Sternwheeler Board
7:00 Worship/Music

Tues., Apr. 11
7:00 Circle of Love
7:30 Finance

Thurs., Apr. 13
6:30 Maundy Thursday service with simple supper and Holy Communion
7:30 PP&E

Fri., Apr. 14
Office Closed
7:00 Good Friday service in Chapel

Week of April 16 - April 22

Mon., Apr. 17
6:30 Session
Tues., Apr. 18
7:00 Covenant to Care

Wed., Apr. 19
5:00 Meal Site

Week of April 23 - April 29

Mon., Apr. 24
1:30 PW Coordinating Team
Tues., Apr. 25
12:00 VIP

Thurs., Apr. 27
7:00 Deacons

Sunday Attendance:

	Feb 26	Mar 5	Mar 12	Mar 19	Mar 26
1st Serv.	40	36	41	38	57
2nd Serv.	82	63	105	80	98

Ash Wednesday Service, March 1 - 37

Income:

Feb 26	\$	3,448.98
Mar 5	\$	5,840.49
Mar 12	\$	4,830.57
Mar 19	\$	3,975.55
Mar. 26	\$	3,160.00
Mar Food Pantry	\$	151.00



Deaths: Brother of Marilyn Kieffer

Address Changes:

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Davenport IA 52807-2905
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Margaret McCauley
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1014 Mill Pond Lane
Green Castle IN 46135

Aaron & Christine Ferber (formerly Christine Morrison)
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Chicago IL 60661

Telephone Number Change:

Jim & Helen Peak (309) 788-8821	Delores Wiederkehr (309) 912-1090 - home (309) 912-1089 - cell
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Meal Site - Thank you to all who provided food and helped serve at the Meal Site on Wed., Mar. 15. There will be a sign up sheet in the Parlor in Apr. if you would like to help provide food for the Apr. 19 Meal Site.

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Sore Throat

It is not uncommon this time of year to get a sore throat, especially with the frequent weather changes. Most sore throats are caused by viral infections and accompany a cold or the

flu. Occasionally a sore throat is caused by a bacterial infection - usually strep (streptococcal). Strep throat may cause a painful throat, swollen lymph glands, fever or headache. It doesn't usually cause the cough, congestion or hoarseness of viral infections.

A sore throat caused by a viral infection usually goes away on its own in about a week. To get rid of strep throat requires antibiotics. Your doctor can determine if you have a viral infection or a bacterial infection by swabbing the back of your throat and culturing the cells for bacteria. People of all ages can get strep throat, not just children or teenagers.

To help ease the sore throat discomfort:

Get plenty of rest.

Increase the fluid intake.

Gargle - (but don't swallow) a glass of warm water with 1/2 tsp. of salt.

Use chloraseptic-type throat sprays or lozenges.

Eat foods that are gentle on the throat such as ice cream, soup or Jell-O.

Take pain relievers such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) and ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin).

Wear a face mask to keep the air you breath moist and warm.

A good way to keep from getting a cold, flu or sore throat is to wash your hands frequently and to avoid being around others that are sick.

Joanne Stice, Parish Nurse

FAMILY OF FAITH

Margaret Grossman has left a musical legacy at South Park Church. In her 23 years as Musical Director she was instrumental in seeing the new Allen Organ installed, buying bells to establish the bell choir and being an adviser when the sanctuary was remodeled so not too much soft, sound absorbing materials were used. Many of us remember fondly the wonderful concerts she orchestrated to help pay for the organ and bells. Margaret said the concerts became so popular the last few years they had to perform three concerts to accommodate everyone.

Now Margaret is the full-time organist at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. She also has thirty voice students ranging from Junior High age to adult. She grew up in Randolph, Wisconsin and belonged to the Welsh Presbyterian Church. Margaret started playing the organ at 16 and then when she went to Carroll Presbyterian College in Waukesha, Wisconsin, took organ lessons. Later she graduated from Wisconsin Conservatory of Music and received a Masters Degree from Iowa. For ten years Margaret taught at Augustana College.

Margaret met Bruce, her husband of 56 years, at Carroll College. Bruce passed away five years ago. They came to the area in 1967 when Bruce was asked to start a counseling service. The Marriage and Family Counseling Service he started is still in operation and serves Rock Island and Scott counties.

(cont. on pg. 8 - Family of Faith)

Points of Interest

Covenant to Care - will meet on **Thurs., Apr. 6 at 7:00 p.m.** at Bruce & "Pete" McCart's. Please read Chapter 2 (pages 35-41).

Our second meeting will be on **Tues., Apr. 18 at 7:00 p.m.** at Margaret Grossman's home. Please read Chapter 3 (pages 42-46).

Any questions, please call Donna or Jerry Schroeder at 764-8657.

Circle of Virtue - The next meeting is **Tues., Apr. 4, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.

Sternwheelers - We're going to Lavender Crest. Yes, we are planning to go for lunch at Lavender Crest Winery on Sat., Apr. 8. This is a pre-Easter party! We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 a.m. and carpool out to Lavender Crest Winery in Coal Valley. Their lunches are delicious and the fellowship will be great as always. Following our lunch, a tour of the winery will be available for those who are interested for a cost of \$2. All members and friends of South Park are invited. We promise you good food and a fun time. If you have any questions, please call Don & Marilyn Sale, at 764-3405 after Apr. 4, or cell phone 309-781-8509 before that date. See you on Apr. 8. *Don & Marilyn Sale*

Book Club - We will meet on Sat., Apr. 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the South Park Church Library. We will read and discuss the novel The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck. Contact Dorothy Meyer, 793-1323, if you have any questions.

Good Friday Cross Walk - For over 25 years, Christians from various Rock Island congregations have gathered on Good Friday in front of City Hall to walk the three miles to Gloria Dei Presbyterian Church carrying the Cross. It is a time of worship, a time to meditate on the meaning of Christ's crucifixion in our own lives, and a time to witness to the larger community by this action.

Walkers will car pool from Gloria Dei, 4200 12th St., at 8:30 a.m., on Fri., Apr. 14. The walk includes scripture, prayer and reflection at several stops along the way, concluding with a light lunch back at Gloria Dei. A relief car will follow for those who walk only part way. Please contact Rev. Drew Nagle, 788-8986, if you plan to participate.

Resurrection Walk, April 30, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

This walk/ride would reverse the Good Friday Cross Walk as a witness to the power and joy of Christ's resurrection. The stops would be in the sanctuaries of various churches, with readings from the Resurrection texts and prayer. Our church van would be available for those who participate. Please contact Pastor Casey, 786-6466.

One Great Hour of Sharing - Your contributions to this cause will be used by the PC(USA) for disaster relief and to aid in providing clean water in many places in the world. Offerings taken on Palm Sunday or Easter.

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill

V.I.P. - will meet on Tuesday, at noon April 25 for their monthly potluck in the Church Dining Room. Everyone is invited to gather for good food, fellowship, and share with Bob Dravis his "Passion for Woodcarving" program. Bob is a self-taught woodcarver starting his hobby about 40 years ago. After years of countless books and projects - including years of teaching classes in woodcarving at Blackhawk & Scott Community Colleges, his passion is enjoyed by our entire community.

The host committee will be Elnora Benson, Lois Siwy, Mary Jo Wagner, Mary Mehan and Barb Weber. Annette Iglehart will share devotions. LaNeva Birkel will be our MC.

Please bring a dish to share, your own table service and a friend! Anyone that is unable to attend the potluck is welcome for the program at 12:45/1:00. **Come, share, laugh, and take home a smile!!** *VIP/Jan Fitzpatrick*

"Darfur Diaries" - This documentary film sponsored by Churches United, will be shown at Augustana College, on Sun., Apr. 23. This film depicts the terrible genocide occurring in the Darfur region of the Sudan in eastern Africa. The showing begins at 7:00 p.m. on the Augustana campus. Check local papers for specific location.

PW Gathering - Kay O'Brien will represent "The New Kingdom Trailriders" on Thur. May 4, at the PW Gathering. The trailriders is an organization that works with mentally and physically handicapped people, giving them experiences with animals. This program boosts the morale and interests of special people. Dessert will be served at 12:30 with the program following at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. Every one is welcome.

Yom Hashoah Observance - Churches United and an interfaith group will sponsor an evening service on Apr. 30 to remember the Holocaust. It is a time to remember and to remind the world that such a tragedy must never be allowed to happen again. All are welcome at the 7:00 p.m. service which includes a recognition of those in the Quad Cities who survived the Nazi death camps, as well as a special speaker. Location: Temple Emanuel, 1115 Mississippi Ave., Davenport.

Memo: About the Merger Team

The Merger Exploration Committee (MEC) has met twice - at Good Shepherd on Mar. 13 and at South Park on Mar. 27. As with any merger, be it corporations, businesses or churches, there is much to consider. The team members are:

from Good Shepherd - Stewart Adams, James Bertelsen, Karen Beshears, Brian Bollman and Mike Wendland

from South Park - Kathy Davis, Joanne Fritts, Patty Henneman, Mary Jones, Duane LaMere.

**Flea Market
Church Parking Lot**

June 10, 2006 - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
(Rain date - June 17, 2006)

Were you planning to have a garage sale this summer? Rent a space at the flea market instead; \$15 for a space 18' x 18'. Spaces will be limited so reserve early. This is strictly a flea market - no rummage. Our annual rummage sale will be in August. For further information about the flea market contact the Fitzpatricks at 794-0834, Igleharts at 788-6200, or Duane LaMere at 794-1450.

The Team/Annette, Bus, Duane, Jack & Jan

**HIGHLIGHTS
of the March 20 Session Meeting**

- New Members Joyce and Bob Cross, Bob Conklin and Matthew Garrison will be welcomed in worship on Sunday, April 2 at the 10:45 worship service.
- Additional Sunday morning volunteer van drivers will be needed on a rotating basis.
- Christian Education dates were approved for Confirmation Sunday (May 7), Senior Recognition (May 21), and Educator Recognition (June 4).
- Fellowship dates were approved: Easter Breakfast, April 16, 9:30; Men's Brotherhood Dinner, May 11; Flea Market/lunch counter, June 10.
- Summer office hours will be 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, June 1 through September 1.
- WEM monies designated for upgrading the choir loft video & sound were approved.
- A target date for completion of the handicap accessible door project was set for September 1, 2006.
- SPPC representatives to the committee to explore a merger with Good Shepherd are Kathy Davis, Joanne Fritts, Patty Henneman, Mary Jones and Duane LaMere. Speak to them if you have comments or questions.

*You are invited
to attend a live dramatization of
Leonardo Da Vinci's
"The Last Supper"
Sunday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
2431 First Street
Coal Valley
(309) 799-3511*

Churches United - is excited to share our new programs with our friends. In 2006, we are looking forward to opening *Winnie's Place*, starting a new radio show on AM 1270 called Faith Talks that will air on Saturday mornings, 9:30-10:00 a.m., and our partnership with the Davenport Police Department on a new chaplaincy program.

We thank you for your \$72 contribution to the Hunger Ministry program. The staff and volunteers that work with our ministries are blessed to have the support of you and our great community.


Our upcoming events include **Mission: Member Church** - throughout the month of March we ask that all our Member Churches lift up the ministries of Churches United, on May 7 we invite everyone to join us at Black Hawk College for **Sounds of Celebration** and on May 18 join us at Playcrafters Barn Theatre for **"Sweet and Hot"**.

Thank you again for your continued support of Churches United, we appreciate your faithful gifts and prayers.

*Melanie Jones, Financial Manager
for Churches United*

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - Thank you for your gifts of \$50 for Pakistan, \$300 for US Church Property Damage, \$100 for Asia Disaster Relief and \$570 for U.S. Hurricane Response. Your support to the ministry of disaster assistance is deeply appreciated.

*Susan Ryan, Coordinator
for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*

 **Our Sympathies
and Prayers to...**
*...Marilyn Kieffer and her family upon
the recent death of her brother,
David DeWulf.*