



# MILLWOOD PRESS

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## Holy Week and Easter Services

### SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 9:30 am & 11 am PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP & HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Jews for Jesus will be presenting *Christ in the Passover* at both services. This presentation shows the link between the ancient Festival of Redemption and Christ as the Lamb of God.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 7 pm GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

This "service of darkness" is a powerful witness to the cross of Jesus.

### SUNDAY APRIL 12, EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

7:00 am Sunrise Service at Arbor Crest Winery  
 9:30 am Contemporary Easter Celebration in the Sanctuary  
 11:00 am Traditional Easter Worship Service in the Sanctuary

### SUNDAY APRIL 19, 9:40 am & 11 am YOUTH SUNDAY

There will be a pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 am to 11:30 am with all proceeds going to the Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group for Summer Camp.

### SUNDAY APRIL 19, 11 am NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION EVENT

This event is for those interested in learning more about membership at MCPC. We will explore the two commitments of membership, to Christ and to the Church. There is no obligation to join in attending. We will meet here at the Church in the Upper Conference Room at 11 am. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to the Church Office.

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## A Compassionate Community

By Rev. Craig Goodwin, Pastor

There were signs of caring and compassion all around us last Sunday. There was prayer minister, Lois Wynecoop, standing at the communion table after worship with a line of people waiting to pray with her. There was Anne Krueger standing in the Narthex with friends she had invited to church a couple of weeks ago after hearing about their journey of grief. There was the whole congregation hanging out in the Reception Hall, celebrating Becky Burnham's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. There was Josh Terry in the entryway surrounded by friends, sharing together in the joy of the birth of Josh & Heather's child. There were posters promoting Crop Walk and One Great Hour of Sharing, efforts to help suffering people around the world, and others for the Blood Drive and Easter Food Baskets, representing efforts to help people in our own community. There was Shauna Edwards, sharing the exciting story of Young Lives, the new ministry to teen moms that has been a blessing to over 30 young mothers.

Then there was the greatest sign of all, the cross of Jesus towering over the sanctuary, imprinted on the cover of the hymnals, embossed on the end of each pew, dancing in the light of each stained glass window, lifted high on the steeple greeting us from afar as we arrived at church. It's important to remember in this season of the cross, Lent and Easter, that the cross is not just a sign of suffering, as if we exalt and glory in suffering. The cross is a sign of suffering-with. It is a sign of compassion.

The word compassion in the Bible is part of a word family that includes *pascho-* and *patho-*. We're familiar with this word family in many of our English words like pathos, which means suffering,

and the word passion, which means to feel deeply, and in the case of Jesus, The Passion. But suffering and suffering deeply are not the point of this season of the cross. The powerful and amazing miracle of the cross is that it takes these lonely words, these lonely experiences that are shared by every human person and transforms them. The lonely Passion of Jesus on the cross and our isolated passions, become the com-passion or with-suffering of Romans 8:17 where we are said to *sympascho*, or "suffer with" Christ. The holy God's distance from a sin sick world, becomes the *sympatheo*, or together-suffering of the high priest Jesus described in Hebrews 4:15.

And out of this Passion of Christ is born the church; together in joy and sorrow, in praise and suffering, both passionate and compassionate, sympathetic and empathetic, a living witness in a world that is growing more apathetic.

I praise God for the signs of this togetherness in our church community and I invite us to consider this Easter season a reminder of our call to be a compassionate and caring community. Since the early days of the church it has always been the remarkable compassionate care of the faith community that has led to its health and growth. A central act of caring for us is sharing the good news of this God who has chosen to be with us. This is our message on Easter Sunday so please take this opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join you for one of our Easter worship services. We'll have invitations available on Palm Sunday for you to take and share. They are yet another sign of caring compassion to go along with all the others.

He is Risen!

## Youth News By Brandon Comella

It is the time of the year in our youth ministry where we are extremely busy. We just finished up our 30-hour famine with both Jr. High and Sr. High kids. We had forty of our kids, and we met up with Opportunity Presbyterian's youth group, and they brought twenty. So between the two of us, we had around sixty kids. This was a great experience for these kids, and it gave them a small chance to experience what thousands of people experience everyday in being hungry.

This summer, we are taking a year off from doing our Mexico Mission trip, but we are taking as many kids as possible to a couple different Summer Camps. All of the fundraising events we are doing in the near future will be going towards these kids and their camp experience. On April 19, we have our Annual Pancake Breakfast, and the same morning is our Youth Sunday. On May 2, we are having a Chili Feed and Auction Night. This was our largest fundraiser last year, and I am hoping that more people can come this year than last year. We need some items for the auction, and we need you all to invite your friends and family. Let's pack the place out on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Both the Jr. High and Sr. High youth program nights are going very well. With our new leaders, and the joining of many East Valley High School kids, we are have a lot more showing up on Monday nights and the energy level has increased a lot. Jr. High Youth Group has been extremely well, and we have been averaging around 40 kids every week.

### Youth Sunday Pancakes

We are firing up the griddle on Youth Sunday, April 19 for Pancake breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds will go to support the Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group with Summer Camp. The breakfast line will open at 9:30 am and remain open until 11:30 am. If you worship at the early service plan on sticking around after worship and if you worship at 11 am, come early. The cost is \$5.00 per person and children under 6 eat free.

## Young Lives

By Shauna Edwards

Hey everyone, what can I say? Again, I walked away from club thinking God is so faithful and he really does the work of this ministry and for that I am so grateful!

Club this month was so much fun... the room was just full of conversation and sharing of stories with one another. I love that the girls feel comfortable and consider it a place for them to relax and have fun! We had one mom reading a book on the couch, others were making mod podge picture frames and loving it! They all got pictures with their babies and the number one question of the night was when do we get them? They loved the pizza (except Shay who loved the krispe treats!)

Alex talked and it was so honest and emotional. She is a 20 year old mom who has been through addiction to meth, and is now clean has graduated and is in college, is getting married and best of all she has a relationship with Christ that radiates through her!

I think the adults in the room enjoyed Dance Dance the most- the girls were too into crafting- crazy I know! Thank you for giving your Thursday night for these girls and for loving them through all the craziness in their lives, thank you for your prayers for these girls and their babies!

Next month we are bowling and remember it's Monday April 13th... I'll send an e-mail with details! We will need extra childcare because many of our regular workers can't come that night, so let me know if you have anyone who may be able to come and help!

Thank you again!

## Christian Education

By Kim McGiveran

What a terrific month March was for our children at Millwood! It was awesome to see nine children receive their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bibles from Pastor Craig Sunday, March 15. They all did a super job presenting to the congregation what they have learned in Bible Basics. Several of our children participated in Children's Sunday (March 15) and led our church service in prayer, call to worship, and scripture readings. Great job kids! Our Lighthouse class did a super job collecting goods for the Anna Ogden Hall. Thank you to all of you who supported our mission outreach.

It's time to start planning for summer time fun! Camp Spalding is a recommended, Christian-based camp to send your children for summer camp. You can visit their website at [www.campspalding.org](http://www.campspalding.org) and check out the different types of sessions they offer. MCPC supports your child attending this camp, and is offering scholarships to help with the cost. Any parent interested in receiving a camp scholarship, please see Kim McGiveran and fill out a scholarship request form. The deadline for submitting these forms is April 26. You will need to register online at the Camp Spalding website. Please call 877-595-1512 if you do not have internet access and need a form mailed to you.

Please plan to attend the VBS Planning Meeting Saturday, April 4, at 10 am, at The Crossing. I will present this year's VBS theme: Camp Edge. As we all know, VBS is a big event at Millwood and we will need lots of help. I will need "planning teams" for the following areas: Decoration, Science Lab, Bible Storytelling, Recreation/Outdoor Games, Music, Craft, and Assembly. Even those of you who don't usually work with kids in Sunday School, can still come and help us in planning for one of these areas. If you would like to help, and are unable to attend the meeting, please call me (924-2350 x104) and I'll be happy to meet with you individually. Thanks everyone!

## Recycle Locations at Church

We are officially placing recycle bins in the Church. The locations are as follows:  
a cardboard box in the maintenance room for cardboard. Please break down your boxes.

There is a bin for glass, plastic, tin, and aluminum under the dishwasher in the Church Kitchen.

There is a bin in the reception hall closet furthest from the sink for recycle material also.

In all cases, please rinse out the container and dispose of the cap before placing it in the bins. The bins will be taken to the Transfer Station by Mark, our Custodian.

The Crossing will also have a bin for recycling and the kids will be responsible for disposing of these items.

So Don't forget! If you are serving at the Church or attending a program or service here and use something that can be recycled, there are bins placed in certain areas where items such as clear plastic bottles, glass, tin, and aluminum may be placed. We want to remind everyone to continue recycling. We hope this makes it easier. Your Rummage Sale dollars at work!



## Library Talk

By Velma Churchill

Many of you will recognize the well-read author, [Nicholas Sparks](#). His writings will capture the heart and draw you into the book quickly and hold you to the last page.

Miles, and his young son, learn to live with the reality of life without his lovely wife after she is killed in a hit-and-run accident in *A BEND IN THE ROAD*.

In *THE NOTEBOOK*, an elderly husband faces the traumas of dealing with his wife's Alzheimer disease. You'll definitely "need a tissue" for the end of this tender story.

Several of his books have been adapted for TV movies and/or motion pictures. As in many cases the movie version just doesn't "do the job" as well as reading the book yourself. Maybe that is because it is just you, the author and characters relating with each other, that form the story; while in a movie many other elements are brought in to the portrayal of the story.

You will find that *MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE*, *AT FIRST SIGHT* and other titles, although very different stories, will also capture your interest for a 'good read'. What more could you want for those quiet moments with a good book?

MCPC Library has these and other titles of Nicholas Sparks. You will find them in the Fiction section alphabetically by author.

## Singles Meeting April 5

The Singles group will meet the home of Camilla Mounts, 14610 E Nixon Ave, on Sunday, April 5, 2009, at 1pm, for a pot luck, games and gab. This is a date change since the second Sunday is Easter. Bring your friends, your favorite game and a dish to share. See you there!

## Rummage Sale May 8 & 9

The Rummage Sale is May 8 and 9. We have some storage room available. To help us make the most of our storage areas, please box up your items instead of bagging them. This will allow us to stack and be able to receive more donations. We will be glad to come pick up your items if you are unable to get them to the Church yourself. Please call the Church Office so that we can coordinate a pick up date. Set up for the sale begins May 3rd, Sunday afternoon at 3 pm. There are many ways to help prepare for the Rummage Sale during the week before from pricing to staging items. Please call Becky Anderson at: 922-1218 if you want to volunteer. Thank you!

## Bake Sale & Luncheon – May 8 & 9

Homemade pies are needed for the luncheon, as well as goodies for the Bake Sale. If you can make some baked goods, please call Barbara Wilson at: 924-1680 to sign up.

## Financial Update

The Operating Fund started the year well with \$65,000 in pledges and regular gifts received through February and expenses are in line with our budget. Thank you for your continued faithful support of the church in these challenging economic times.

We have received just over \$79,000 in donations to the **With Open Arms Capital Campaign** as of March 24. Our overall pledges for the three year campaign are \$637,000. The Building Fund currently has a balance of \$155,000 from current pledges and previous donations. These funds are immediately available for the With Open Arms Construction Team to use for projects. This team continues to do the important work of designing planning with architects and contractors. We anticipate construction to begin on the main campus renovations in June of this year.

## Farmers Market Poster Contest for Students

- The contest is open to all students attending West Valley School District schools or Millwood Presbyterian Church programs.
- The poster must include the words, "Millwood Farmers' Market", "Wednesdays 3-7pm" and "May 20 - September 30".
- All entries must be submitted on an 8.5 x 11 inch piece of paper.
- The theme for the poster is the City of Millwood and vegetables.
- Any medium is acceptable including paint, crayon, marker, and colored pencil. Computer generated graphics and clip art are not allowed.
- The contest judges will look for bright colors, creativity and clear readable text.
- There will be a winner from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and below age group and a winner from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade age group.
- Submissions must be turned into the office of Millwood Presbyterian Church by **April 20 at 5:00pm** (3223 North Marguerite Rd., Spokane 99212, 509-924-2350)
- Submissions must have the name of the student, their school, grade currently attending and phone contact information attached to the poster.
- The winners will be announced on April 25th by the Mayor of Millwood on the steps of Millwood city hall as part of Millwood's Spring Clean-Up day.

Go to [www.millwoodmarket.org](http://www.millwoodmarket.org) for more information.



## Crop Walk

Are your walking shoes ready? April 26 is **Crop Walk**. Registration starts at 12:30 pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> and the Walk starts at 1:30 pm. The walk starts at Martin Center on the Gonzaga campus. If you are interested in walking, you can pick up packets in the entryway or Church Office beginning the first Sunday in April. Participants in Crop Walk get financial sponsors to support their walk. All donations go to support worldwide efforts to help the hungry. Don't forget, 25% stays right here in Spokane to fight hunger locally. Walk as far as you can and earn a new t-shirt for your effort if you raise \$100 or more. For more information, please contact Sylvia Barney at: 891-1045 or [sbarney39@gmail.com](mailto:sbarney39@gmail.com).

## Holy Week and Easter

Holy week begins **April 5, with a Palm Sunday Services at 9:30 am and 11 am**. Jews for Jesus will be sharing a presentation called: *Christ in the Passover*. This presentation shows the link between the ancient Festival of Redemption and Christ as the Lamb of God—you will never forget it! This sermonic demonstration is visual, so the congregation will actually see a table set with traditional Passover items. The missionary uses Scripture as well as the visual items to walk through a Jewish Passover Seder, weaving the story of the Exodus together with the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

**Good Friday Services** will be held Friday, April 10, at 7 pm. On **Easter Sunday, April 12**, we start the morning bright and early at our 7 am sunrise service at Arbor Crest Winery on the bluff overlooking the Valley. This MCPC tradition is a wonderful way to carry on the family tradition and for others to start a new tradition of gathering on the bluff. Bring a blanket. We will have a Contemporary Easter celebration service in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am and a Traditional Easter service 11 am.

## PW Spring Dinner April 25

Women of Millwood gather your friends and plan on coming to the Women of Millwood Spring Dinner. It will be an evening of fine dining and entertainment. There will be a presentation on "Things Green" that will include a gift for everyone. Remember to mark your calendar and save the date April 25, 2009, 6 pm, for the Spring Dinner. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$8.00 per person and go on sale today until April 19, 2009. Reserve tables for seven are also available.

## Naomi Circle Meeting

Naomi Circle will meet Wednesday, April 15, at 10:30 am, at the home of Lois Noble Co-Hostess will be Lil Lowrey. The lesson will be led by Sally Larson with our business meeting led by Marlene Montgomery. Lunch will follow.

## Deacon Easter Baskets

The Deacons will be assembling food baskets for families in our Church and community in need soon. Items needed are: 5 lb hams, eggs, butter/margarine, boxed scalloped/au gratin potatoes, canned fruit, canned vegetables, cake mixes, and ready made frostings. Please give names of families that would benefit from receiving a basket to your Deacon. Thank you for your generosity.

## Navigators, April 17

The Navigators are going to meet in the Fellowship Hall, at 12 pm, Friday, April 17. Our Moderator will be Ina Grunwald. Bring your favorite dish plus a little extra to share at the potluck.

## Presbyterian Women

Join us Thursday, April 2, at 10 am, in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will open with Pastor Craig leading the study from the Horizon Bible Study "Jubilee!" Hostesses for lunch will be Ruth Circle and Martha Circle will provide the Fellowship. Moderator Sylvia Barney will lead a short meeting prior to the program. Our program this month will be offered by Shauna Edwards with YoungLives. Shauna grew up in West Valley and graduated in 2001. She attended Whitworth College and after graduating, she married her husband Nick. They moved to Billings MT, where Nick taught 6th grade and Shauna worked for Young Life. While in Billings, Shauna was exposed to YoungLives, the ministry to teen moms. When she and Nick moved back to be near their families, Shauna knew God wanted YoungLives to start here in the Spokane area. Last fall after having their first son, Carter, Shauna started the first YoungLives club. Shauna loves every minute of the "job" that God allows her to do with the teen moms! Each day is an adventure for her and she is excited to see where this ministry takes her and her family!

## Cultivating Community Series of Classes

We are sponsoring a series of fun and engaging classes at the Crossing this Spring with the intent to make friends and strengthening our community. The classes will be on Sundays at 4pm.

**April 19 – Starting a Vegetable Garden**  
led by Bob & Bonnie Gregson who have 20 years experience as organic farmers. Bob & Bonnie live in Pasadena Park.

**April 26 – Home Canning Basics**  
led by Spokane County Master Food Preservers.

**May 3 – Baking a Beautiful Loaf of Bread**  
led by Tom & Louise Tuffin, artisan bread makers and owners of Arabesque Breads.

**May 10 – A Guide to Eating Locally in the Inland Northwest**

## Deacon Food Bank

Thank you to all of the friends and members of Millwood for your generous support of the Deacon Food Bank. Because of your overflowing food gifts, we have been able to continue to help those in need in our Church and community, even in these trying times. Many children would have gone to school or bed hungry and the elderly would have gone without daily provision if it were not for your selfless concern for the welfare of others. Each time the Deacon Food Bank shelves have started to look sparse, donations have come flooding in the very next day to sustain this ministry.

The Deacon Food Bank Commodities for April are: peanut butter, jams, jellies and juices. Thank you again for continuing to provide for and maintain the Deacon Food Bank for your Church and community.

## Homework Partners Heroes

Homework Partners has completed another year of tutoring second graders at Orchard Center Elementary School. It has been a year of challenge, learning, friendship, and fun thanks to the dedication of many MCPC members: Barbara and Mike Bartlett (story-reader), Lois Batson, Rosemary Brandvold, Helen Cooley, Lois Fry (from Zion Lutheran), Craig Goodwin, Laree Gregory, Lynn Hicks (substitute), Pam Kager, Cynthia Lambarth (supplier of snacks and activity books), Kim McGiveran, Gail Nesbitt, Randy Olson, Sherm Phillips, Joy Rowbotham, Barb Swanson, Tana Young, and Diane Williams (our "craft lady"). The warm relationships that developed and the farewell tears on our last day are a tribute to those who were able to be present and real to the children through the year.

With warm thanks and bright hopes for next year, Sylvia Barney

## April Birthdays

2	Maureen Schneider	18	Cynthia Lambarth
2	Cory Beres	19	Laura Miller
4	Ray Christianson	20	Marjorie Batson
4	Carolyn Sheppard	20	Mel Correll
5	Craig Stephens	20	Dennis Riegel
7	Daryl Pitman	20	Judy Nearing
7	Kathleen Olson	21	Cassie Esvelt
7	Bryce Backus	21	Rev. Phyllis Johnson
8	Danny Corder	21	Steve Von Ebers
8	Jason Weidman	22	Ramona Glander
9	Marjorie Sporn	22	Scott Sulpizio
11	Diane Williams	23	Nicholas Valentine
11	Ted Ewald	23	Rachelle Ventura
11	William Churchill	24	Brad Thiessen
12	Mark Alexander	24	Chris Greenwood
13	Vince Wilson	25	Verda Coryell
14	Clay Swisher	25	Randy Goehner
15	Derek James	27	Doris Harvey
16	Everett Allen	27	David Dunwoody
16	Pam Anderson	28	Doris Chrisman
16	Charlotte Perin		

*In an effort to bring us closer together as a church family, we have added a birthday list to the Newsletter. If you know of a Church Member, Friend of MCPC or Regular Attender that is not listed or would like to be, please let the Church Office know so that we may record it for future Newsletters. We want to make sure all church family is included. It is not necessary to give the year you were born, just the date of the month. Thank you for your help!*

