

VISIONS



March 2010

A NEW LOGO FOR WATCHUNG AVENUE!

Sometimes it is just the right time to make a change! One of the needs we have identified is for a new logo of the church to be used for publicity and marketing of our congregation and its ministries. Jeanne Fedoryk, one of the Elders on the Session has some great connections, one of which is a marketing firm in Bridgewater called Baldwin and Obenauf. The very good people there have been working with us on the design of the new church logo and I'm very excited to unveil it for the whole congregation with this newsletter (the Session already approved it at their January meeting):



The marketing firm, after listening to Jeanne and I talk about the mission and ministry of our church (and looking through the materials we gave them) came up with three short phrases that will be used in conjunction with this logo for the marketing of Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church. They are:

Welcoming Everyone
Celebrating Diversity
Following Jesus

I really like our new logo and our new words about the church. I feel it sums up who we are in a very neat, clean, and visually attractive way—and also updates our image for today. Our new church website is in progress and we have selected a color scheme to go with the site that corresponds with our new logo. B&O is

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very pleased with the online outreach we are already accomplishing through Facebook, and we have now added a church twitter account: www.twitter.com/watchungavenue

Some of you might be saying: why all the fuss!? Reaching out and sharing our message with the larger community, inviting people to worship with us will have to be done in new ways. Most people first go online to look for a church, and also listen closely to the recommendations of their trusted friends. For many people, how we present ourselves digitally will have a lot to do with whether or not they give us a try by coming in our doors to worship on a Sunday morning. We have many resources that are available to us to reach out with, and we should use all of them.

One of the things that I have always found fascinating about Jesus is that he was very good at tailoring his “message” to the people around him who were listening to him. When he spoke to the Pharisees he spoke in more theological language, because they were the academics of their day. When he spoke to his disciples he tended to use object lessons and examples to get his point across, they were people of the earth and that spoke to them. Sometimes Jesus didn’t use words at all; he would perform a miracle or an act of healing and let his actions speak to a group of people. And other times when people needed that extra nudge to realize what sort of company they were keeping, God’s voice would thunder from the clouds to remind people who Jesus was. **Jesus understood a key fact of evangelism: know your audience.** He tailored his message to who was listening and he had the sharpest instincts about how exactly to speak to the people around him. Jesus was a master communicator. Just like Jesus—we have to have a variety of ways of reaching out and telling our story, the story of Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church. And this new logo and new “words” about us are one of many steps that we’ll be taking down that road.

Be on the lookout for more...we are busy and full of ideas!!! And if you’d like to be part of the formal outreach of our church, just let Jeanne or I know! **Remember—growing the church, welcoming others is the job of each of us because it is our calling as Christians.** We are called to be those who follow in the model of Jesus—telling others the Good News and bringing them to faith. Invite a friend to worship, to one of our events, Bible Study, the Soup-a-Thon! Tell them why you love Watchung Avenue and what your faith means to you. And then let God’s Spirit work on their spirit.

I have a coffee mug at home with a quote from Matthew’s Gospel. It was given to me years ago when I served as an Elder at my home church:

"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven." -Matthew 4: 14-16

Even though we are in the Season of Lent, we are also getting ready for Easter, when we celebrate the new life we have in Jesus Christ. That new life is not something for us to keep to ourselves, but to share with as many people as we can in this life. You and I know that this church is a very good place to grow in and practice our faith. **That’s Good News to share with other people, that’s a story to tell, and there are many people who need to hear it!** I give thanks for all of those who have joined us on this journey of sharing our faith!

Good things are happening! I look forward to seeing you (and some friends of yours...) at church!

Peace,



Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo

MARCH WORSHIP

- March 7th: **Third Sunday in Lent**
Celebration of the Gifts of Women
Sunday (led by our PW Group)
Sacrament: Communion
Scripture: Esther 8:1-17 &
John 11:17-17
Sermon: "Women of the Spirit"
- March 14th: **Fourth Sunday in Lent and Healing Service**
Daylight Savings!!! Set clocks forward one hour!!!!
Scripture: Psalm 32 &
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Sermon: "The Lost Treasure"
- March 21st: **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Church World Service Blanket Sunday
Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21 &
Philippians 3:4b-14
Sermon: "Belief in a Time of Silence"
- March 28th: **Palm/Passion Sunday**
Scripture: Psalm 31 &
Luke 19:28-40
Sermon: "The Week that Changed Everything"

STAFF DAYS OUT OF OFFICE

Pastor Shannan will be out of the office March 29-April 1, 2010 attending a Mission Consultation for the PC (U.S.A.) in Barranquilla, Colombia. She will be here for all worship services during Holy Week. Shannan is available via email (svanceocampo@yahoo.com) during her trip. Rev. Rob Martin of Crescent Avenue is on call while Pastor Shannan is out of the country for pastoral care needs.

HYGIENE KITS FOR HAITI

In late January, the Church school students assembled hygiene kits for Haiti. When they combined the kits they assembled with the ones donated by members of the congregation, the total was 32 kits. Pastor Shannan forwarded the kits to Church World Service for distribution in Haiti. Please join us in giving thanks for all the contributions to this project and for the various ways so many people have reached out in response to the disaster.

ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITY DURING LENT

You can still join in!!

Pastor Shannan and Seminarian Andrew Scales will be teaching an adult education class during Lent on the different ways that Jesus is depicted in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). Each week will focus on a different biblical name or theme about Jesus. Participants will be asked to reach a short essay the week before each class, that will then be the basis of our conversations each week. The class will be held on **Sundays from 11:30-1pm from March 7 to March 28**. The majority of the classes will be taught by Andrew, which is part of his learning for this year as he leads adult education (Andrew will teach four weeks, Shannan will teach two weeks). Please sign up for the class with Kathleen Golmont in the church office, so that we can send you the reading for the first week. The preferred method for sending readings each week is via email, but if you do not have email—we will mail the readings to you and you can also pick them up during class. We hope everyone will join us as we reflect on Jesus during Lent this year! If you are interested in attending the class and would like childcare, please let us know and we can work on arranging that.

CIRCLE OF HOPE

We will meet at the home of Susan Durick on **Tuesday March 2nd at 7:30pm**.

CIRCLE OF JOY

We will meet at the home of Beverly Krause on **Thursday March 4th at 7:30 pm**. If you are looking to join a circle, call Beverly at 908-757-6654 and learn what we're all about.

ACT

Active Christians Together

All Adults can join together for a **GREEN** evening on **Saturday, March 13th at 6:45pm**, in the Lounge! Wear as much green as you can and join together to celebrate a movie, nibble food and dessert.

Sign up on the chart in the Parish Hall. Come, all adults, and let's have an evening of fun.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Sunday, March 14th clocks spring ahead.

SOUP-A-THON

Sunday, **March 21st @ 12 Noon**, Parish Hall. Enjoy a variety of soups and dessert too! Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 10 & under. Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour. If you would like to donate a soup, call Estelle at 908-756-2077. If you would like to donate a dessert call: Peggy 908-668-0051 or Faye 908-755-8413. Please send a copy of your dessert or soup recipe to the church office, ASAP so we may print a book of recipes!
Get your appetite ready and join us for great food and a great time.

BLANKET SUNDAY



Blanket Sunday is on **March 21st** when we donate funds for blankets to Church World Service. These blankets go to help the neediest people round the world. There is a \$20/blanket.

Help us serve others and blanket the world with love....

EASTER EGG HUNT/JELLY BEAN DONATIONS

If you would like to donate a bag or two of jelly beans to this year's Easter egg hunt, please give to Shawn Watters or Susan Durick any Sunday in March. All donations needed by **March 28th**. Thank you!

WAPC EASTER EGG HUNT

Come join us on **Saturday, April 3rd, 2010** from 10:00 am at the church. There will be Egg hunting, a special craft and most importantly, the Easter Bunny! All children 10 years old and younger are invited to participate.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING



The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering begins on Palm Sunday (March 28th). We will be taking the offering as a congregation on Sunday April 11th. You can follow along with stories about the offering that will be presented in worship and in the bulletin on March 28th, April 4th, and April 11th. Please use the One Great Hour of Sharing envelope in your offering envelopes box or you may use the envelope that will be in your bulletin in worship on the 11th. The children will receive their materials on March 21st (caring calendar and Fish Coin Box). This offering goes to support three essential mission projects of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): **Self Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program**. More information about the offering can be found at www.pcusa.org/oghs

JOINT WOMEN'S RETREAT

The women of the Fanwood, Crescent Avenue, and Watchung Avenue Presbyterian churches will be retreating together at **Stony Point Conference Center in Stony Point, NY April 8-9th**. Cost of the retreat is \$115. Please see Gwyn Gronlund to register for this retreat, and don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to know other sisters in Christ!

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

Sunday March 7, 2010—Confirmation Class @ 11:30am in Pastor Shannan's office

Friday March 12-Sunday March 14, 2010—Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Johnsonburg

Sunday March 14, 2010—Youth Group Meeting at 11:30am @ church for youth not on retreat

Sunday March 21, 2010—Confirmation Class @ 11:30am in Pastor Shannan's office

Sunday March 28, 2010—Youth Group Trip at 11:30am to go Bowling

YOUTH GROUP

Something is Going Under Our Church !!!!!!!
reported by WAPC's Youth Group.

The room is dark and dreary, full of dust and cobwebs.

The pool table is in a sorry state. The floors need polishing, floors and ceiling need painting. One scary place!!!!

To the rescue, the WAPC Youth Group.

Looking for a place of their own the members of our own WAPC Youth Group have adopted the "old recreation/meeting room". After a few hours of hard work the dust and dirt was gone, the furniture was rearranged. Wall colors for the walls have been chosen.

The **28th of Feb.** the youth will be preparing and painting walls for their mural designs. Expect good things to happen under our church. Watch for our April Grand Opening. Look for our posters requesting help with our wish list and future work "down under". Save that old rug, look for your old pool sticks, any old lamps? Most important join us in the fun, Watch for your invitation to our grand opening.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Take a look at these great regional/local activities that you can register to attend to enhance your spiritual journey!

Stony Point Center, NY www.stonypointcenter.org

March 21-23, Ministering to the Missing Generation—focusing on how churches can best reach out to young adults and engage them in ministry

April 15-17, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Convocation—led by Rev. Obery Hendricks of New York Theological Seminary – Scholarships available, see Shannan.

May 7-8, Women Who Nurture—a retreat focused on mothers and renewing your spirit

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to meet monthly. We stitch at our meetings and on our own time to create comforting shawls. Five shawls have so far been presented.

The next Sunday workshop to learn to knit or crochet or improve your skills will be postponed until after Lent.

You may speak to Gwyn Gronlund for more information (908) 754-1251



The newest prayer shawl done by our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Dedicated on February 21, 2010 for Leslie Hansen's friend Bonnie (who plays the harp with her in worship) who has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will be undergoing 6-months of treatment. We give thanks for this beautiful prayer shawl and send our love and prayers to Bonnie.

ADULT MISSION TRIP

Crescent Ave. & Watchung Ave. would like to send a group of adults to serve with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in New Orleans

April 18-25(New Date) If you are interested, please let Shannan know. This is a great way to continue to serve our friends in Christ in New Orleans. Planning meeting March 9th, 7pm at Crescent Ave.

NORTH PLAINFIELD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

March 11th, 10am-12pm, Bone Density
Call to register 1.800.247.9580.

2010 PER CAPITA AMOUNT

Our assessment from the **PCUSA** for 2010 is \$30 per member. If each member pays their share, it will free up money for other purposes. Place your \$30 in the per capita envelope in your envelope packet.

NEW GROUP AT WAPC



We are beginning a group at the church to talk about our faith and the environment. Anyone in the church who is interested in talking about the environment and our faith is welcome to join us.

Some things we are working on:

1. Having an energy audit of our church facility done to assess our energy use and make a plan for lessening our environmental impact and our utility bills at the church.
2. Celebrating a special worship service focused on the environment in April
3. Continuing our growing connection to GreenFaith, a NJ-based national interfaith environmental ministry
4. Being a hosting site in November for a GreenFaith regional conference on the environment that will be in conjunction with the Elizabeth Presbytery, Drew Seminary and other local partners.
5. An adult education program in 2010 about ecology and Christian faith
6. The project we are very excited about, a jointly run Community Garden on the grounds of the Church of the Holy Cross here in North Plainfield that will begin to be organized over the next month. This will be open to all churches in North Plainfield to participate in. All the food grown in our garden will go to the hungry in our community and will be a great new way for us to be reaching out to those in our community! If you are interested in being a part of the garden group or want to work on the garden, let Shannan know!
7. Pick up a special lent calendar in the mission room to make Care of Creation part of lent this year!

Interested in learning more about our faith and the environment? Check out these websites for more information: www.greenfaith.org GreenFaith
www.pcusa.org/environment Presbyterian Church (USA) Environmental Ministry Office
www.prcweb.org Presbyterians for Earth Care

NORTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN

Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, Church of the Holy Cross, and the Catholic Community of St. Joseph are joining forces this spring, summer, and fall to host a vegetable garden on the grounds of the Church of the Holy Cross (40 Mercer Avenue). The garden measures about 15 feet by 20 feet and 100% of the food that is grown will be donated right in our community to those who are hungry. We are very excited about this joint mission of our three congregations and for the outreach that we will be able to provide right here in North Plainfield.



We are looking for all sorts of volunteers for our garden!
We will be hosting an

organizational meeting on Sunday March 21st from 5-6pm in the Parish Center at St. Joseph's (99 Westervelt Avenue). Make sure that YOU are there to be a part of this exciting new mission project!!!!

Save the date for **Sunday May 16th at 4pm** at Holy Cross. We will have a service of Blessing and Dedication for the garden. This will be followed by a shared meal, gardening activities, and give-aways for all ages!

LET'S GET TOGETHER!

The Fellowship Committee under the WAPC Session has plans for some wonderful happenings in the coming months. To name a few:

❖ Recognition of our 50 year members

We are looking for people who want to help put these events together. If you are able to help with plans already under way, or if you have an idea that will give congregation members a chance to join together outside of worship, please let us know.

Dianne Ledder, Fellowship Elder
Peg Bunnell
Fay Steinau

WOMEN'S CRAFT GROUP

Bring your scrapbooking, knitting, or other projects and come enjoy each other's company, plus get a break from your busy week. We meet on Friday evenings from 7:30 – 9:30 PM - sometimes in the church library and sometimes at someone's house. We even go on field trips occasionally! Come join us whenever you can – just call Gwyn Gronlund (908-754-1251) or Marilyn Cortright (home: 908-753-2859, cell: 908-295-4754) to find out where we will be meeting that week!

ASP NEWS

With all the snow, I guess the groundhog saw its own shadow. However, with Spring Break around the corner, it's time for winter to take a vacation! The last week of March is the scheduled Spring Break for the North Plainfield School System. As of right now, the Program will be open that week and will be previewing the 2010 Summer Program: Olympics! Based on the history of the Olympics, physical activity, and the human body, kids will explore all three areas throughout the week. Additionally, we all feel that the Olympics fit perfectly into our four pillars of character growth, education, compassion, tenacity, and change. Learning about the history of the Olympics and our bodies enhances our educational minds. Compassion and tenacity are embodied in the spirit of the Olympics. Change is the only constant throughout all the activities; comparing how things have changed throughout the centuries will be an amazing exercise! All that really needs to be said is, come join the fun!!!

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NEWSLETTERS EMAILED

The church can save money on postage every month by emailing the newsletter to you rather than regular mail. You will receive your newsletter Thursday or Friday of that week "hot off the press". Please consider this option and email the church office at: wapc@verizon.net with your email address.

PRAYER LIST

Prayers of healing for *Bruce Gronlund*, who is preparing for surgery in early March.
Colleen Parlman who will be having knee surgery on March 10th.
Helen Stagg, in Home Hospice.
Prayers of healing for *Dot Hooker* recovering from hip replacement surgery.
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *Mission Personnel in Haiti* and in the United States.
Prayers of healing for *Yajaira Ortez*, ASP staff member who needs a liver transplant.
Cathy Boleyn's father, who is recovering from a hospitalization.
Harry Krausse, who is at home.
Mary Wirth, Frank Dell Bene's mother and Pat's grandmother.
Beker Ixim, Michele Wallace-Ixim's husband.
Amanda Lake, prayers of strength and courage.
Agnes Marinelli, JoAnn Hoppe's Mother.
Frank Dell Bene, at home.
Vi Krieg, at home.
Alberta Vosburgh, at Arbor Glenn Continuing Care, Rm. 636.
Helen Miller, at home.
Edwin Estevez, Jr., our Seminarian.
Andrew Scales, Our Seminary Intern.

iGIVE.com

Would you like to help the church with some extra income while you shop online? Follow these easy steps:

1. Go to www.igive.com
2. Create a free account for yourself
3. Designate Watchung Ave Presbyterian Church as your charity (using their navigation menu, go to NJ and then Religious/Spiritual Institutions)
4. Every time to shop online, first go to iGive.com and then go to your shopping sites FROM their website
5. Donations are automatically generated at NO cost to you (what this means is that vendors like LLBean, Amazon.com, etc. then give a % to us)
6. You can watch your shopping history and donations generated by your shopping on their calculator

Take a look at iGive's list of vendors! They have over 700 and counting—and almost all are popular websites you are probably already using. Ask your family and friends to sign up and help out our church! Thanks!

April Birthdays

Peg Bunnell	1-Apr
Tom Bradley	1-Apr
Erika Marano	2-Apr
Donna Weiss	2-Apr
Richard Kennedy	3-Apr
Sarah Ledder	3-Apr
Doug Boleyn	4-Apr
Tracy Young	6-Apr
Caren Strasko	9-Apr
Corey Downey	11-Apr
Sally Stagg	11-Apr
Tim Cortright	13-Apr
Estelle Kennedy	13-Apr
Brianna Burke	20-Apr
Steve Imperato	22-Apr
Harry Hooker	24-Apr
Kurt Hoppe	29-Apr
Jacqueline Slattery	29-Apr

Worship Services & Regular Meetings

Regular Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship
10:20 a.m. Church School
11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

Weekly

Wednesday Bible Study	10 a.m. in Lounge
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study	7:30 p.m.-Lounge

Monthly

1 st Sunday	Holy Communion
1 st Sunday	FISH (Food Bank) Collection
1 st & 3 rd Sunday	Confirmation Class(12-1:30)
2 nd Sunday	Healing Service
2 nd Monday	Session meets at 7:30 p.m.
3 rd Monday	Trustee's Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
2 nd & 4 th Sunday	Youth Group 11:30-1p.m.
4 th Sunday	Men's Breakfast
4 th Monday	CHATS - 7:15 p.m. in Library

WAPC Schedule of Regular Events

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Worship
10:20 am Church School
10:55 am Coffee/Fellowship

Monday Schedule

8:15 am Head Start
2:30 pm ASP
7:15 pm CHATS (4th Monday)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts Parish Hall

Tuesday Schedule

8:15 am Head Start
9:30 am WIC (Tuesday)
2:30 pm ASP
7-10 pm Iglesia Cristo Mi Rey Parish Hall & classroom

Wednesday Schedule

8:15 am Head Start
10:00 am Bible Study
2:30 pm ASP
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday Schedule

8:15 am Head Start
2:30 pm ASP
7:30 pm Bible Study

Friday Schedule

8:15 am Head Start
2:30 pm ASP

Saturday Schedule

7-10 pm - Iglesia Cristo Mi Rey Parish Hall & classroom
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The due date for articles for the **April** newsletter is: **Monday, March 22, 2010**

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Pastor Emeritus: Brooks Smith
Student Pastor: Andrew Scales
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Key Cards

We have a new policy for replacement of key cards. Due to the cost of the cards we will need to collect a fee of \$10.00 for replacement of lost key cards.

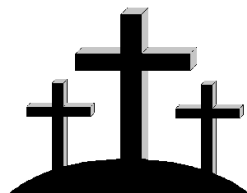
HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES



Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday March 28

10am Worship with Palm



Good Friday

Friday April 2

7:30pm Worship



Easter Sunday

Sunday April 4

10am Worship

NEW PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY!

This Palm Sunday we will be using Eco-

Palms in Worship along with Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church. This is a new thing for us, and so many of you are wondering: Why Eco-Palms? Palm fronds come from the rainforests of southern Mexico and Guatemala, gathered by *xaterros*, harvesters from small, often impoverished communities who walk many miles into the forests to gather palms.

Typically they are paid by volume, which means they go through the forests and gather as many palms as they can, regardless of quality. Such practices not only damage the plants and ecosystem but also result in over half of the palms eventually being discarded. Eco-Palms is an initiative of the University of Minnesota, in cooperation with several Christian denominations in the U.S., that works with *xaterros* and pays them by the quality of the palm fronds. So they gather less with greater care, which is good for the forests, and they get paid more per palm, which is good for their families & communities. In fact, *xaterros* who gather Eco-Palms make 5-6 times more than those harvesting for large floral companies.

As we hear the story about the eco-palms, the practices around the harvesting of them have to do with justice and care-of-creation—two biblical principles put into practice for Palm Sunday! Join us for worship on Palm Sunday and see the beautiful new Palms we will use to celebrate!!!



MARCH CHURCH SCHOOL INFORMATION



During March we will continue our focus on the season of Lent. We want to encourage all families in the church to take some special time each day/week at home with your children to focus on our faith. Our Lenten devotional book for families “Magnify the Lord” has been handed out, if your family does not yet have their copy, please contact the church office and one will be sent to you!

SAVE THE DATE!!! For Summer Vacation Bible School. There are two offerings for families this year, you can do one or the other or both! During the week of **June 28th-July 2nd** there is an ecumenical church school at St. Joseph’s here in North Plainfield from 9am-1pm. We will be co-sponsoring a VBS with Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in the evenings that week. Save the dates....more information coming out in April!

Please take time each month to look over the church school schedule and to reach out to Cori Peloso who is coordinating church school at coriandsteve@hotmail.com to sign up to teach!

	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
Scripture/Theme for the Day	Luke 10: 38-42 — Friends of Jesus: Mary and Martha	Luke 15:11-32 —The Son who Ran Away and the Dad who Loved Him	John 21: 16-27 —“If you Love Me, Feed my Sheep” Learning about Mission	Matthew 6: 1-21 — Palm Sunday
Younger Children	St. Patrick’s Craft	Making food that the prodigal son ate (carobs)	Teaching about One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	Special Palm Sunday Craft
Older Children	St. Patrick’s Craft	Video about the Prodigal Son	Teaching about One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	Special Palm Sunday Craft
Other Information	Continue your Lenten Devotions with your family using “Magnify the Lord”	Don’t forget to continue bringing in your offering to church school. Invite a friend to church school this week!	Don’t forget the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 27 th ! Handout of One Great Hour Fish and Calendar	Parents: Arrive with your children at 9:45am to receive Palms. The children will lead our procession into worship!!!
Teacher for the Day	Rachel Weissenburger	Teacher Needed	Teacher Needed	Rachel W

March 2010—WAPC Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 10-11:30am Bible Study	4 7-9pm Bible Study	5	6 7-10pm—CR, PH
7 10am-Worship & Church School 11:30am— Lenten Study Confirmation Class	8	9 7-10pm—CR, PH	10 10-11:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11 7-9pm Bible Study	12 Confirmation Retreat- Johnsonburg	13 Confirmation Retreat- Johnsonburg 6:45pm—ACT- lounge 7-10pm—CR, PH
14 10am-Worship, Church School & Healing Service 11:30am-Lenten Study Retreat ends	15 7:30pm— Session Meeting	16 7-10pm—CR, PH	17 10-11:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	18 7-9pm Bible Study	19	20 7-10pm—CR, PH
21 10am-Worship, Church School 11:30am— Lenten Study Confirmation Class Soup-a-thon 12	22 7:30pm— Trustees Meeting	23 5pm— Presbytery Mtg. New Providence 7-10pm—CR, PH	24 10-11:30am Bible Study 6:30pm—Eco- Ministry Mtg. 7:30pm—Choir Rehearsal	25 7-9pm Bible Study	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 10am-Worship & Church School 11:30am— Lenten Study Youth Group Bowling	29 7:15pm, Library C.H.A.T.S.	30 7-10pm—CR, PH	31 10-11:30am Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	1 Maundy Thursday 7-9pm Bible Study	2 Good Friday 7pm—Good Friday Worship Service	3 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am at church

February

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Notes: Notes: CR: Cristo mi Rey Rental (evenings)—In Parish Hall unless otherwise noted HS: Head Start Rental, M-F 7am-3pm ASP: After School Program, M-F 2:45-6pm ACT: Adult Christians Together WIC: Women, Infants and Children Rental C.H.A.T.S.: Adoption Support Group

April

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Please join us for the annual

**WAPC
EASTER EGG HUNT
✦
Indoor Playground**

When: Saturday, April 3, 2010
At 10:00AM

Where: Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church
170 Watchung Avenue, North Plainfield



ages 10 and under

Egg hunting, games, prizes, crafts
and most importantly,
The Easter Bunny

February 18, 2010

PDA's Haiti response tops \$500,000

Presbyterians contributing to earthquake response in many ways

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LOUISVILLE — With the transfer of an additional \$101,500 to ecumenical partners in Haiti, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) has now contributed more than a half-million dollars to immediate emergency relief in the island nation following the Jan. 12 earthquake that killed hundreds of thousands.

PDA Coordinator Randy Ackley announced the most recent money transfer on Feb. 17.

PDA sent \$100,000 immediately after the January earthquake, using funds from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, received each year at Easter time. An denomination-wide emergency appeal was issued and a few days later an additional \$109,000 was sent to partners on the ground in Haiti.

These donations have helped the organization's ecumenical partners to establish 15 food and water distribution stations, distribute 20,000 tents, and provide other needed services and supplies.

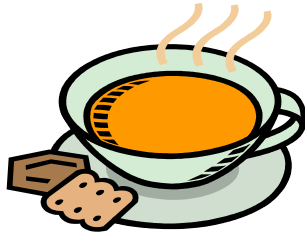
"In addition to providing immediate relief, we will continue to assess long-range recovery needs and develop a comprehensive plan to help the Haitian people rebuild their lives over the next several years," said Ackley.

PDA has also approved a \$200,000 grant to Hôpital Sainte Croix and an affiliated nursing school in Léogâne, Haiti.

More than \$2.8 million has been donated to PDA's Haiti account (DR#000064). Presbyterian Disaster Assistance continues to accept donations [online](#); by phone at (800) 872-3283; and by mail: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Presbyterians are contributing to Haiti relief in countless other ways, from the assembly of health and personal hygiene kits for shipment to Haiti, to special "Love offerings" received on Valentine's Day Sunday. At least two PC(USA)-related racial ethnic schools — Menaul School in Albuquerque and Presbyterian Pan-American School in Kingsville, Texas — have conducted special fund-raising activities to gather donations for Haiti relief.

Susan Lindsey, senior communications associate, contributed to this story.



Soup-A-Thon
Sunday, March 21, 2010

12:00 Noon

WAPC Parish Hall

Adults \$6.00

Child (10 and under) \$3.00

Get your appetite ready and
join us for great food and a great time

Tickets on sale after Church in PH Feb.28-Mar14.

Name _____

#Attending: Adult: _____ Children: _____

Soup Donation (Please **Email** or attach recipe):

Dessert Donation (Please **Email** or attach recipe):

Please return to the office by March 9th.

Any questions please call Peggy 908-668-0051, Faye 908-755-8413 or Estelle 908-756-2077



Easter Plants

We are creating a Spring Garden for Easter Sunday Worship. All who wish to share in this way of celebrating the joy of Christ's Resurrection are invited to fill out this form and place it in the offering plate, or leave it in the church office. Cash or check must accompany all orders.

Please make your check payable to: "PW in WAPC".

Enclose payment with your order by: March 21st.

Name: _____

Please write in how many of each you would like to order:

___ Azalea(s)..... \$16.00 each

___ Hydrangea(s) \$19.00 each

___ Daffodil(s) \$11.00 each

___ Hyacinth(s) \$11.00 each

___ Lily(s) \$11.00 each

___ Tulip(s)..... \$11.00 each

___ I will pick up my plant after the service.

___ I would like the committee to deliver my plant(s) to a friend at home or someone who is ill.

My plant is given:

___ In Memory of:

___ In Honor of:

___ To God's Glory for:
