

# Third Word News & Notes



APRIL 2012

## *Pastor's Message*

Lately I have been giving a lot of thought to what it means to have the mind of Christ. Paul wrote: *"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,"* Philippians 2:5. He saw this as a prime directive for Christians. It defines the content of Christian character and is constantly on display in the life of Jesus. The events of Holy week, Palm Sunday to Easter which we have just celebrated, give a vivid portrayal of how Jesus embodied the mind of Christ to his friends and enemies in the city of Jerusalem. This is Jesus' lasting legacy to us and our world.

Jesus entered Jerusalem triumphantly but humbly, riding a donkey not a war horse, preferring persuasion over coercion. He viewed the city with compassion, saying, *"How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing."* We too must see the world through the eyes of Christ. That means we look upon ourselves with humility and view others with eyes of compassion. This is what it means to be children of God

*Blessings,  
Pastor Norm*



## **Mission Opportunity**

The Missions and Outreach Committee is putting together a trip to Pittsburgh, PA to work at Hosanna Industries. This organization builds homes for those in need. It is a NACCC sponsored organization. The trip will be August 6th through August 10th for all who are interested. Bruce Chapin is heading up the committee and can answer any questions that you may have. Consider joining us in PA this summer.

## **Dates To Remember**

4/28	PFS Pot Roast Dinner	5-7PM
5/6	Confirmation Ceremony	10AM
5/11	Missions Tag & Bake Sale	4-8PM
5/12	Missions Tag & Bake Sale	9-2PM
6/14	Strawberry Festival	11-4:30PM



### **PALM SUNDAY**

Our Palm Sunday service began with a joyful procession around the sanctuary led by Jesus (Mark Fiderio) and our little brown donkey which we called out of storage just for this occasion. The donkey was followed by the choir and the children in our Sunday school. Palm fronds were distributed for all to wave during the procession. The children went to their classes where they participated in a Passover Seder that was led by Elaine Sorvillo.



### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Twenty five people attended our Maundy Thursday and Tenebrae service at 7:30. We began with a time of remembrance and a communion service. This was followed by seven readings from the Gospels telling the story of Jesus' passion. After each reading a candle was extinguished. We concluded the service by sitting quietly in the dark for a time of reflection and then we were dismissed with a prayer of blessing.



### **EASTER SERVICES**

Two services were held on Easter morning. Our Sunrise service in Miner Cemetery began at 6:30. It was a beautiful morning and a very comfortable 45 degrees. Forty four of us gathered to share the joy of the day through prayer and Easter readings. At 7:00 breakfast was served by our deacons in the Fellowship Hall.



Our 10:00 service began with *Amazing Grace* played by Matt Tomer on his saxophone. Paul Kennedy presented a new lectern Bible to the congregation on behalf of the Board of Deacons. Pastor Norm thanked the Deacons and dedicated the new Bible with a prayer. The congregation was treated to a song by the



Children's choir led by Leslie Cousouridis and featuring a solo by Masala Solinis. Our Easter Pageant was based on the seven last words of Jesus on the cross. Thank you to our participants: Gail Wright, Lauren Hodge, Rene Cohen, Elaine Sorvillo, Tom Tomer, Corrine Sternberg, Paul Kennedy, Don Keathley,



Samantha Ehlers, Matt Tomer, Masala Solinis, Josh Sullo and Erin Hassmann. The morning ended with an Easter egg hunt for our youngest members.