

Reservations Requested for Our Maundy Thursday Celebration by Monday, March 29



Our celebration of Maundy Thursday on **Thursday, April 1** will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We will then move to the supper tables in the fellowship hall for a prepared meal, thanks to Charlotte Hunter, typical of that which would have been shared by Jesus and his disciples using Fish, Bitter Greens, Fruit, Root Vegetables and Unleavened Bread. As the meal concludes we will reflect on the conversations that took place around the supper table that night between Jesus and his disciples, and share together in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

In order to help with the planning, reservations for the meal are requested. They may be made by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew racks and placing it on the offering plate, or by calling the church office, 526-2430 or e-mail to firstpresmarianna@earthlink.net by noon on Monday, March 29. Donation baskets to cover the cost of the supper will be available with any additional funds being donated to the One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering. The whole celebration will be designed as one in which families of children first grade and above may be able to share together. Childcare will be made available for children kindergarten and below, if this is requested when making your reservations for the meal.



Good Friday Observance

On **Good Friday, April 2**, our darkened sanctuary will be open from 12 noon until 3 p.m. for any who would like to come by for personal prayer and reflection. The Worship and Music Committee will have two volunteers here for that whole time to provide guidance and security for those who come to pray and reflect. Information sheets for personal reflections will be available, but persons are also welcome to bring any of their own materials that they might find helpful on such an occasion.

Easter Day Celebrations on April 4



Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall from 9:30 until 9:45 a.m.

A Celebration of Easter for all Ages, will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

This will include music, singing, and puppets. The program will conclude with our group Easter picture on the front steps of the sanctuary, the placing of flowers on our cross, and the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the church grounds.

At 11 a.m. we will celebrate in Word and Music the good news of the resurrection of Jesus. In addition to festive Easter hymns for choir and congregation, there will be some new music composed for Easter Day 2010 by our own choir director, Larry Nelson.

Following the Worship Service on Easter Day there will be an informal covered dish luncheon for all who would like to participate.



Please help prepare for Easter

Plastic Eggs filled with candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt may be brought to the church by 9:45 a.m. on Easter morning. (If you are planning to bring them on Friday or Saturday please call first since the office will be officially closed on both of those days.) If you have any questions about what is needed please be in contact with Mary Ann Gibbs at 482-2188. On Easter Day, please bring greenery or cut flowers to help transform the cross outside the church on Jefferson Street from a symbol of death and torture into a beautiful symbol of the resurrection on Easter morning.