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Messenger

PREPARING FOR EASTER

As Easter approaches, there are opportunities to help you prepare yourself and to help others:

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MID-WEEK SERVICES & DINNER



Each Wednesday in Lent there is a brief Prayer Service held in the chapel beginning at 11:30am followed by a Fish Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. **The cost of the meal this year will be \$6.00 and reservations in advance are required.** Each week we will have fish and two side dishes (that will be different each week).

Make your reservation at worship on Sunday or by calling the church office at 492-9065, no later than noon on the preceding Tuesday.

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Two identical classes are being offered by Vicar Richter. Both will be held in the Coffee Shop—at 12:30pm (following the morning prayer service and fish dinner) and at 7pm (following Wednesday Evening Eucharist) :

Discovering and Telling the story of God in our lives” is the Wednesday class that will begin to understand how the stories of our lives are also our “faith stories”. Each of us has a faith story, where we see God moving, connecting, and interacting in our lives, and then to begin to speak that story surrounded by people who care about you. Please join us.

All adults and teens are welcome!

IT TAKES A LOT OF FOOD!

We have 17 families for which we will be making Easter food baskets. Your donations of food and money are vital for this ministry of care. With the hams we will buy, we still need donations of:

Boxed Scalloped or Au gratin potatoes
Canned green beans and corn
Canned fruit and Jell-O
Funfetti Cakes

We also fill out our baskets with non perishable foods for the days when children are not getting meals at school.

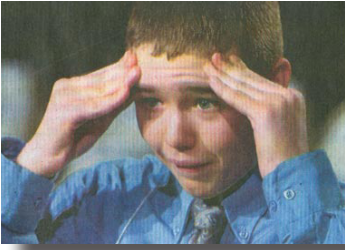
We can use canned meat and meat entrees like chili, stew, “chunky” soups. We also need tuna, cream soup, elbows or noodles, mayo, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, rauman noodles, pasta and sauce, canned or bottled juice. Your generosity will make the most important of Christian festivals special for families in need.

FABIUS WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY MEETING FEBRUARY 24 - 9AM



The Fabius Worshipping Community will have a “community meeting” following the 9:00 AM service at St. Paul’s Church, Rt. 80 Fabius New York on Sunday, February 24th. All are welcome as we plan for the future. If you plan to be there please bring something to share – baked goods or other breakfast/brunch type food. If you can’t bring something, you are still welcome! We always have plenty. This is also a wonderful fellowship opportunity and a chance to get to know this part of our Church Family.

JACOB MEGGESTO IS ON HIS WAY TO DC!



For the second consecutive year, Jacob Meggesto has won the Post Standard/WCNY Spelling Bee. He will be representing Central New York in the National competition May. With the word "anathema" he triumphed over 35 other competitors on the 17th round.

Jacob is Richard Boynton's son and Richard and Madelyn Boynton's grandson. Congratulations, Jacob, we're so proud of you!

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

As part of Church Council:

The annual meeting of the Atonement Housing Corp was held earlier this month. Pastor Gaetz, as President of the Corporation, outlined what had transpired during 2007. The main accomplishment was the completion of Joslyn Court II. The closing for the complex was done on February 11.

The annual meeting of the Atonement Child Care Council was also held. A goal in 2008 for this committee is to complete the paperwork required to make this a separate corporation from the church.

The rest of the meeting was spent reviewing the council reports. **The council asks that the congregation continue to make suggestions for the renovations for the office wing so that best possible renovations will be considered when the special congregational meeting is held.**

*A thank you from Phyllis Rodgers-
I am so pleased and honored to have received the Atonement Ministries Award. Everyone has been so kind to me and I really appreciate the people and programs here. Thank you,*

- Phyllis

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 17:1-7

I have had to move several times, and each time there is always a point where I think: why am I doing this? I hate moving! I don't even want to leave. Can I just stay here or go back to where I was? I think that's how it is with most journeys; there is a point where we get exasperated or frustrated. I can think of diets, exercise programs, jobs, or school moments where I felt that.

So it is fitting that we find the Israelites here in the middle of our Lenten journey. Here they are, having been shown the amazing wonders of God coming out of the Red Sea, and they keep complaining. Those pesky Israelites! Never grateful! Psalm 95 even attests to their "hard-heartedness". But I don't find their behavior that unusual. I think of it as a very human reaction to the dangers, discomfort, and struggle in a long journey. And I think God's reaction is amazing. It's not wrath or anger, but simply helping them fulfill their needs. God reaches down and says "Here, drink. This will be a long journey, and I care about you. I will provide." Hopefully in the midst of our journeys, when we're tired, frustrated, or angry, we can recognize the water from rocks that God provides for us.

Let us pray, Holy Provider, you find us in the desert, and give us water. Sustain us with the love of your hand, and guide our path in the middle of our Lenten journeys. In the name of your Son, we pray, Amen.

EASTER MEMORIALS AVAILABLE

In addition to the plants that beautify our Sanctuary at Easter, there are a number of other memorial opportunities available:

- Palm Sunday Bulletins - \$50
- Holy Week Bulletins - \$25
- Easter Bulletins (Vigil - \$ 25, Easter Day - \$50)

If you are interested, please call the church office at 492-9065 and speak with Business Manager Beth Arthur.

EASTER

We will our sanc-
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memorials will be collected through Palm Sunday. The entire memorial list will be printed in the Easter Bulletin and the Messenger. Thank you!



PLANTS

be accepting memorial donations for the plants that beautify tuary on Easter and are then distributed to members of our gation who are not able to join us for services. Easter plant

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

Number of plants: _____

Total: \$ _____

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - FEBRUARY 24, 2008



8:30 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Rodgers, Preaching
9:00 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching at Fabius
10:45 AM	Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Rodgers, Preaching

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (2/24)	
8:30am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
9:00am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion (St. Paul's Fabius)
9:45am	Sunday School/Adult Class
10:45am	Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
1:00pm	Trojan Women Tech (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY (2/25)	
6:00pm	Trojan Women Tech (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY (2/26)	
8:00am	Messenger Workers (Coffee Shop)
6:00pm	Trojan Women Tech (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY (2/27)	
10:00am	Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
5:30pm	Church Night dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:15pm	Church Night Worship (Sanctuary)
7:00pm	Church Night Activities (see box)
7:00pm	Trojan Women Tech (Fellowship Hall)
FRIDAY (2/29)	
800pm	Trojan Women Performance (Fellowship Hall)
SATURDAY (3/1)	
800pm	Trojan Women Performance (Fellowship Hall)

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING	8:30am	Deacon Karen Douglass
MINISTER	10:45am	Gary Stensland
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30am	Merikay Harper
	10:45am	Janet Holmgren
USHERS	8:30am	Jeanette & Ken* Greig
Elevator Op*	10:45am	Louise Brown & Karen Douglass*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	8:30am	Abigail Woods
	10:45am	Dennis Walker
ALTAR CARE	8:30am	Barbara Nelson
	10:45am	Pat Strong
GIFT BEARERS	8:30am	Merikay Harper & Roberta Mettler
	10:45am	Janet Holmgren & Austin Draper
READERS	8:30am	Steve Strumlok
	10:45am	Donia Mrozek
GREETERS	8:30am	Pat Strong
FLOWER DELIVERY		Deacon Karen Douglass

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember the following members and friends at Atonement in your prayers.

Community Hospital

Eleanor McKinney (Marikay Harper's mother)

Crouse Hospital

Richard House, Heather Hill-Yackel

At Home or in a nursing home

Ella Baker (Marty Shay's mother), Richard Buyer (Beth Arthur's stepfather), Terry Colbridge (Sharon Hothem's friend), Jean Dehm (Peggy Gaetz' friend), Tom Fitzsimmons (Jay Berry's friend), Tim Kittell (Joanne Claeys' friend)

Those in the Armed Services

Mike Breedlove (Great Lakes Naval Station, IL), Jack Fields (Ft. Bliss, TX), Kevin Monds (Ft. Benning, GA), Justin Randall (Iraq), Melissa Young (Phoenix, AZ)

Sympathy is extended to the family of George Soldan who died February 7th. A Memorial service will be held at a later date.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Margaret Schnitger (Dorothy Phillip's sister-in-law) who died on February 15.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Molly Carey (Jackie Koslowsky's friend) who died February 14.

Congratulations to Dennis and Jennifer Harper on the birth of Ryleigh Grace Harper on Feb. 13th. John and Merikay Harper are proud grandparents.

Congratulations to Jacob Meggesto on winning the Post Standard/WCNY Spelling Bee for the second year in a row!

Note: People who are not hospitalized are listed only once per request. If you would like a person listed for additional weeks, please call the church office (492-9065) each week by 10am Thursday.

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT - 2/27

- 5:30 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 Wednesday Night Activities
 - Recreation and games in the gym
 - Adult Class with Vicar Richter

6:00-7:30 nursery is available for children under 6 years

BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 95 Exodus 16:1-8 Colossians 1:15-23
F	Psalm 95 Exodus 16:9-21 Ephesians 2:11-22
Sa	Psalm 95 Exodus 16:27-35 John 4:1-6
Su	<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42
M	Psalm 81 Genesis 24:1-27 2 John 1-13
Tu	Psalm 81 Genesis 29:1-14 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
W	Psalm 81 Jeremiah 2:4-13 John 7:14-31, 37-39

BUS/VAN SCHEDULES

Sunday (Bus)
9:20am Toomey Abbott
9:30am Arrive Church
9:45am Leave Church
9:50am Hoeffler
9:55am Lincoln
10:10am Thurber
10:15am Loretto
Wednesday (Van)
9:00am Lodi
4:45pm Leave Church
9:15am Presidential Plaza
4:55pm Lincoln
5:05pm Sabine
5:15pm Hoeffler
Wednesday (Bus)
4:30pm Leave Church
4:40pm Lodi
4:45pm Sedgwick on James
4:55pm Presidential Plaza
10:30am Arrive Church
5:15pm Thurber
5:20pm Valley Vista