



Collingswood Presbyterian Church

The Pulse

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*Blessed be the longing that brought you here
And quickens your soul with wonder.*

*May you have the courage to listen to the voice of desire
That disturbs you when you have settled for something safe.*

*May you have the wisdom to enter generously into your own unease.
To discover the new direction your longing wants you to take.*

*May the forms of your belonging- in love, creativity, and friendship
Be equal to the grandeur and the call of your soul.*

May you come to accept your longing as divine urgency.

May you know the urgency with which God longs for you.

*"To Bless the Space Between Us"
By John O'Donohue*

*My prayer for you this Lenten Season is that you open up your heart and
mind to the voice of God in a new way.*

*Go in peace and serve the Lord,
Pastor Kate*

LENTEN SCHEDULE



Sundays, Feb. 28, March 7, 14 & 21 at 9:15 AM
and

Mondays, March 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 7 PM

Lenten Study: Celtic Worship

Sundays will be led by Pastor Kate.

Mondays will be led by by Rev. Graeme Vietch.



We will be using the book "Listening for the Heartbeat of God: A Celtic Spirituality" by J. Philip Newell. Copies are available from Pastor Kate. Sign up in the narthex.



April 1, 7 PM ~ *Maundy Thursday Service*

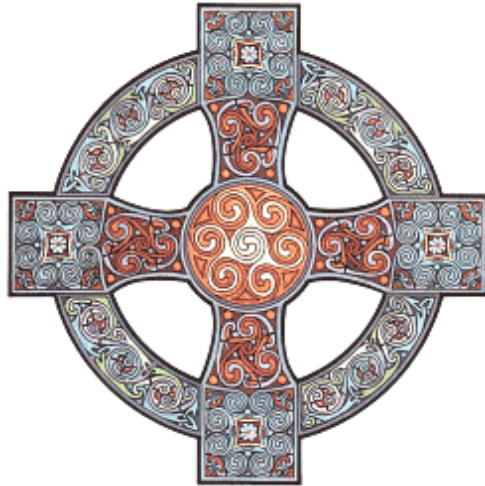


April 2, 7 PM ~ Good Friday Service
First Baptist Church of Collingswood
Frazier and Maple Aves.



April 4 ~ 10:30 AM ~ *Easter Sunday Worship Service with Communion*

THE CELTIC CROSS



The Celtic Cross, or wheel cross, is one of the most widely recognized patterns of this Christian symbol. It comes to us through at least three different paths, or interpretations of its development. First, the circle with rays coming out from the center through its sides, top and bottom, had been a widespread symbol for the sun. In the Celtic world, this sun symbol had often been represented as an actual wheel with numerous spokes, deriving from the old belief that the sun was drawn by a chariot with wheels. This interpretation is adaptable to Christianity on the basis that Christ is the Light of the world. Moreover, with its longer bottom line, the Celtic cross is reminiscent of the Star of Bethlehem, with the light directing us to the birth of the Savior.

Christian Education News



Sunday School:

As we enter into the season of Lent, the CE committee asks all families to review the **Learn and Live the Word** primer. This purple covered booklet has items for you to memorize with your child to help build the foundations of faith. If you do not have a primer, please pick up the booklet on the podium.

Jennifer looks forward to having your child recite his/her memorization on the last Sunday of the month. All those who complete the assignment will have a pizza party in church; date TBA.



Easter Egg Hunt:

We have lots of empty eggs so no need to buy more. So, can you please pick up a bag full of empty eggs and fill them for our Easter egg hunt? Bags of eggs will be available on the pew outside of Jennifer's office. Fill and return on Easter morning or before so they can be hidden for our egg hunt. The Egg hunt will take place on Easter morning, April 4, following the worship service. All children up through 5th grade are invited to hunt.

Friday Faith and Fun :

Youth Group for all 5th - 7th grades will meet on Friday March 12th for our Food Fest event! Wear clothes that you can get messy in! Bring friends. Cost - a canned good to be donated to the St. Paul's Food Pantry. Time: 7:00 - 8:30 PM



Christian Education News

Senior High Retreat: April 16-18 at Camp Johnsonburg

All 9th - 12th graders are invited to attend. Bring your friends!! Johnsonburg is not only a fun time but also a spiritual time away. Please consider joining us for the retreat. Cost is \$95 for food, lodging, and programming. A \$40 deposit is due on March 21st. Balance is due on April 11. Please sign up on the podium if you hope to attend. Add your friends names as well - we need ahead count. Packets with all the forms will be available by email.

VBS Planning Meeting:

Are you interested in helping with Vacation Bible School? Would you like to teach art or gym or music? Would you like to help with the snacks or aid in registration? How about giving us one afternoon to help decorate? Then, please join Jennifer for a VBS meeting on Sunday April 25 right after church. Meet in the meeting room near the nursery. VBS dates are Sunday July 11 - Thursday July 15, 6:30 - 8:30.



Summer Mission Trip:

Again, the youth who are attending the summer mission trip to Schuylkill County, Pa on June 27 - July 2nd, want to thank you for your continued support. The hoagie sale was a big success!



We have another Wegman's Center Chick-Fil-A night planned on Wednesday March 24 from 5:00 - 8:00. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a great meal together!!



*Camden County College Readers Theatre
presents:*

The Grapes of Wrath: For Voices

**Sunday, March 7th, 2010 at 3PM
Collingswood Presbyterian Church
Fern & Maple Avenue, Collingswood**

The Readers Theatre of Camden County College will perform an adaptation of John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* at our church on Sunday, March 7th. This performance is free and open to everyone in the community. Please come and bring your family, friends and neighbors! Area high schools groups are invited to attend. Reader and teacher guides prepared by the National Endowment for the Arts are now available in Calvin Auditorium, to support study and discussion of Steinbeck's work.

The Grapes of Wrath: for Voices, is performed by seven readers, two of whom take the narrative voice, while the others play members of the Joad Family. The performance will begin at 3 PM and is one hour. A "bread and water" buffet will be served in Calvin Auditorium from 4 to 5 PM.

Everyone attending the play is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items, which will be collected in the back of the sanctuary. There will be a silent auction of donated items and services in the church lounge. The auction will open at 2 PM and continue until 4:45 PM when the winners will be announced. All proceeds will be given to the Collingswood Food Pantry, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

**ADULT PROGRESSIVE DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH
COST - \$10.00 PER PERSON
PLEASE BRING EITHER DESSERT OR AN
APPETIZER. SEE SIGN UP SHEET OUTSIDE OF
LOUNGE**

**QUESTIONS??
WANT TO HELP??
CONTACT DONNA WILLIS
Dwillis423@gmail.com**



IHOC's Adopt-a-Box

Adopt a Lonely Shoebox and Give It a New Home!

The Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC) is collecting shoeboxes filled with personal care items for distribution to Homeless Shelters. Toiletry items such as these are always needed and greatly appreciated.



Fill a shoebox with personal care items such as:

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| <input type="radio"/> Toothbrush | <input type="radio"/> Toothpaste | <input type="radio"/> Shampoo |
| <input type="radio"/> Baby Shampoo | <input type="radio"/> Deodorant | <input type="radio"/> Underwear |
| <input type="radio"/> Shaving Cream | <input type="radio"/> Hand Lotion | <input type="radio"/> Razor |
| <input type="radio"/> Soap | <input type="radio"/> Wash Cloth | <input type="radio"/> Socks |

Once you've filled your shoebox, put a rubber band around it and label it:
MAN, WOMAN, BOY, GIRL or BABY.

**Please bring your box to the church by Sunday, March 14th.
Thank you for your support.**

Dear Friends,

We at First Baptist wish to thank you for your wholehearted support to the "Collingswood Home" of our IHOC guests this year. We are so appreciative of your overnight hosts, lovely meals, generous contribution of water bottles, and rides to the Laundromat and meetings. Thanks also for the gift of Joanie and Rebecca who were zealous in their efforts to help out, always remaining cheerful and hopeful.

God bless you! We look forward to working side by side again next year. With love in Christ our Savior,

*The Mission Commission,
First Baptist Church of Collingswood*

Keeping you in our prayers. . .

For health and wellness:

*Eleanor Kelley
Ray and Barbara Perry
Mary Troyano
Muriel Haines*

*John Morascini
Brandon Brauns
Annjakira Flores
Holly Moore*

For those who are grieving:

*Myra Ostrander's family on the loss of her father.
Paul Young on the loss of his sister.
Anna Lee Bachtell on the loss of her mother.*

I Know...

- ◆ I know He is the beginning, so why do I worry about the end?
- ◆ I know He is the creator, so why do I wonder who will destroy?
- ◆ I know He has forgiven me, so why can't I forgive myself?
- ◆ I know He is a healer, so why do I speak of sickness?
- ◆ I know He can do all things, so why do I say I can't?
- ◆ I know He will protect me, so why do I fear?
- ◆ I know He will supply all my needs, so why can't I wait?
- ◆ I know He is my strength and my salvation, so why do I feel weak?
- ◆ I know that everything and everyone has a season, so why when someone's season is over do I weep instead of rejoice?
- ◆ I know He is the right way, so why do I go the wrong way?
- ◆ I know He is the light, so why do I choose to walk in darkness?
- ◆ I know that whatever I ask of God, God will give me, so why am I scared to ask?
- ◆ I know tomorrow is not promised, so why do I put off for tomorrow what I can do today?
- ◆ I know that the truth will make me free, so why do I continue to lie?
- ◆ I know He gives us revelation, knowledge and understanding, so why do I lean on my own understanding?
- ◆ I know I should live in the spirit as well as walk in the spirit, so why do I choose to live in the spirit but walk in the flesh?
- ◆ I know that when praises go up, blessings reign down upon us, so why do I refuse to praise Him?
- ◆ I know I am saved, so why do I refuse the word He has given me?
- ◆ I know He has a plan for me, so why am I rushing it because I am eager to do His will, when it is His time not my time?





Circle 2 Women's Group

Monday, March 29

From 7 to 9 PM

In the Lounge here at CPC.

We will be learning about Passover. Join us for this time of fellowship. All are welcome!



2010 Census Awareness



- 1 - Ask to see the census takers identification card. Every worker will have an official U.S. Census badge.
- 2 - If you are visited by an official Census worker they will be carrying an official Census bag and a hand held electronic device.
- 3 - No Census worker will come to your door before April 2010. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Census takers will visit households that did not return a form by mail. The Census forms will be mailed in March 2010.
- 4 - An official Census taker will never ask for your credit card information, your bank account information or your social security number. Do not give out this information.
- 5 - The U.S. Census will never be in touch with you over the internet, consider any emails regarding information requests as spam.
- 6 - If you are concerned about authenticity or if you have any other safety concerns, contact your local Law Enforcement Department.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Haiti response tops \$500,000

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 sent \$100,000 immediately after the January earthquake, using funds from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, received each year at Easter time. A 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.

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. Collingswood Youth prepared Hygiene kits to send to Church world service to be sent to disasters.

Update on Tent City in Camden

In early 2009 the Deacons heard of 60-70 people living under the bridge of Route 676 in Camden near Federal Street. Although the Deacons had been working with New Visions to help the homeless, some of the Deacons began to wonder if there was something more we needed to do for these tenters. We began to collect donations from CPC and the community for tents, sleeping bags and cots. We began to work with other social service agencies and ecumenical groups to help these people transition to more secure housing. Ten of the tents we bought were erected in "Transition Park" as it began to be called.

Many people moved from the streets to tents to apartments. Visits to Transition Park by volunteers and those working with the Volunteers of America HOT (Homeless Outreach Team) began to encourage the homeless to get help with addictions, find work and housing. The Deacons now work with the VOA -HOT team providing sleeping bags, coats and thermal socks to the homeless still on the streets.

Unfortunately the snow brought down the tents, but the good news was that it brought many of the hardest core homeless to a point where they finally sought help from the County Services to come in to shelter.

FOR THE KIDS

WISE SAYINGS



Are these wise sayings from the Bible or from somewhere else?

Bible

Not

1. A penny saved is a penny earned

2. Bad company corrupts good character

3. It is better to be silent and thought a fool than to open your mouth and prove it.

4. A lie stands on one leg, truth on two.

5. It is better to give than to receive.

6. Cleanliness is next to godliness.

7. Give me liberty or give me death

8. We must obey God rather than men.

9. A friend loves at all times.

10. An apple a day keeps the doctor away.

11. Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it.

12. Haste makes waste.

13. There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death

14. A word rightly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.

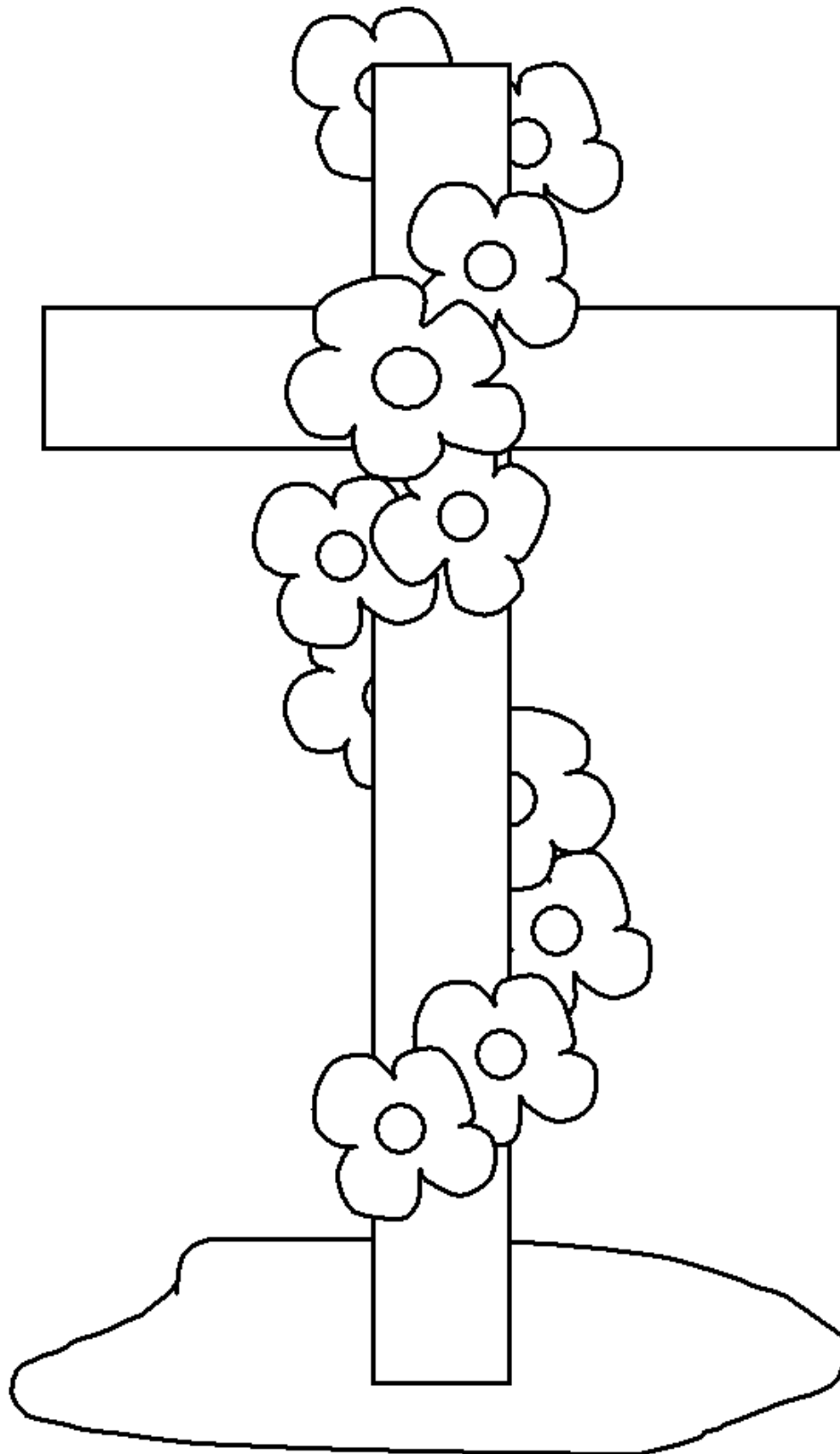
15. Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered.

16. Smile and the whole world smiles with you.

Answers: 1-Not, 2-Bible, 3-Not, 4-Not, 5-Bible, 6-Not, 7-Not, 8-Bible, 9-Bible, 10-Not, 11-Bible, 12-Not, 13-Bible, 14-Bible, 15-Bible, 16-Not

FOR THE KIDS

COLOR THIS EASTER CROSS AND GIVE IT TO SOMEONE SPECIAL!





Easter Plants



We will once again be offering Easter plants to be purchased in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one. The plants will be used to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. At the conclusion of the service you may take your plant with you or you can leave it for the Deacons to distribute to shut-ins.

The cost of each plant is \$12.50 except for Easter Lilies, which are \$8.50 each. Please return your order along with a check marked payable to *Collingswood Presbyterian Church - Easter Plants*, to the church office, 30 Fern Avenue, Collingswood, NJ 08108, or place it in the offering plate no later than Sunday, March 28, 2010.

Easter Plants

I would like to order:

- ___ Purple Hyacinth @ \$12.50 each
- ___ Yellow Daffodil @\$12.50
- ___ Pink Tulip @ \$12.50 each
- ___ Lily @ \$8.50 each

Given In Memory of _____
 By _____

Given In Memory of _____
 By _____

- ___ I would like to take my plant(s) with me after the service.
- ___ I would like my plant(s) to be given to a shut-in.

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