

tidings



Holy Week Leads to Easter Joy

Holy Week is a time to remember and recall Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection, as we recall the innocents who suffer in injustice, and the promise of hope and new life that God offers to all.

The week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 20. The tone of the service moves from celebration to solemnity as we begin with a festive procession and celebratory hosannas. Together we will share communion as we remember the last supper. As the hour of worship progresses, we will be led through the last days and hours of Christ's earthly life. This is the day that Jesus entered the city in triumph, but as a part of his journey to the cross; this is the week in which the crowd's cries of "Hosanna" would soon turn to "Crucify him."

Maundy Thursday's Tenebrae service on March 24 is a moving service of music, narration, and gradual darkening of the Sanctuary. The service begins at 7:00 p.m.

Easter morning, March 27, begins with a potluck breakfast at 9:30. At 10:00, an egg hunt takes place for the kids, followed by a festive Easter worship service with choir and organ at 10:30 a.m. Chris will share an inspiring message, and the service concludes with members of the congregation joining the choir for Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*.

Sunday, March 20 • 10:30 a.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday

The journey to the cross, with children's palm processional

Thursday, March 24 • 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

The Last Supper and Service of Tenebrae

Sunday, March 27

Easter Day

9:30 a.m. Potluck Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Children's Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service

Easter Celebration Begins with Potluck Breakfast

On Easter morning, March 27, all are invited to share a potluck breakfast beginning at 9:30. If you'd like to bring a dish to share, please bring it to the church kitchen by 9:15.

Join the Welcome Team!

Do you enjoy greeting newcomers and making them feel warmly welcomed? Would you like to see our church grow? Talk with Rebecca Holt about ways to continue our outreach to newcomers beyond just the Sunday service. All are welcome to share ideas that will encourage newcomer participation in the ongoing projects of the church. We will meet on Sunday, March 6, in the Mount Hood Room following the Sunday service to discuss ideas. Contact Rebecca at rebeccah@lclark.edu or 503-866-0340 if you have questions.

Women to Gather Under the Umbrella of Grace

Join the women of Hillsdale Community Church for a weekend of self-care, fellowship, music, Bible study, spirituality insights, arts and crafts, personal time, meditation, prayer, hiking, and Sunday worship in a beautiful country setting in Scappoose, located just north of Portland. The 2016 Women's Retreat runs Friday afternoon, April 8, through Sunday noon, April 10, at Scappoose Creek Inn.

The site has a large barn with windows for crafts and activities, as well as a century-old home that has a large living room that we found quite inviting last year for gathering together. There is also a main house with the restaurant and some rooms, and a single-floor cottage for those who have issues with stairs.

Women may call and reserve their rooms with the inn directly (503-543-2740). Fees are split among those who share the room and are paid directly to the inn. A folder in the Narthex lists rooms and availability, or you can visit the inn's website at scappoosecreekinn.com.

As of February 16, the following rooms are available as well as several spaces in the cottage: Bushpilot's Bedpost (queen); Wright Room (king, clawfoot tub with shower); Americana (full, great for one person); Pilot's Paradise (queen, jacuzzi tub).

In addition to the cost for accommodations, there is a fee for food and crafts of \$100 payable to Hillsdale UCC by March 4. Meals are prepared and served by the inn. The deadline for registration is also March 4. Forms are available in a folder in the Narthex. Return completed forms to Anita. Some scholarships are available.

Questions? Please contact Anita Moss at 503-246-6874 or mossanita@live.com, or Nancie Wamser at 503-819-8879.

Show Off Your Talent

The Talent/No Talent Show is coming up on Sunday, March 13, right after church. Dust off that musical instrument or poetry book! Warm up those vocal chords or tap dance shoes! If you paint, sculpt, craft, or have some other hobby you would like to show-and-tell, we'd love to see you in the show! Pizza will be served. You can sign up in the Narthex, and Theresa Wechsler would be happy to answer any questions.

Crossroads Community Garden Nears Completion

The target date for completion of Crossroads is April 1. A dedication of the new garden is planned for Earth Day, April 22, and you are invited. Once construction is finished, the Community Gardens office of Portland Parks and Recreation will administer the garden. The office is developing a list of individuals interested in obtaining a plot. Anyone interested should call Laura Niemi at 503-823-1612.

Over the course of many volunteer work parties this past year, the site was prepared, debris removed, garden soil brought in, plots created, walkways laid out, and irrigation installed. We had the help of a large number of volunteers from the neighborhood and surrounding community as well as volunteers from the University of Utah and Multnomah County Alternative Community Service. This winter we worked on creating a gravel base where three ADA-compliant accessible raised beds and tool shed will be situated. We will have a work party on Tuesday, March 15, starting at 1:00 p.m. to assemble the raised beds and complete any other tasks remaining. The Utah students will be returning to help out for their alternative spring break. Local volunteers are invited as well.

Thanks to the many individuals who have volunteered and thanks to the organizations that have given financial support, including Hillsdale Community Church UCC, Southwest Neighborhoods Inc., West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, OnPoint Credit Union, and Friends of Portland Community Gardens. Other organizations lending

support have included Southwest Watershed Resource Center, Food Front, and Hillsdale Farmers Market among others.

From the Pastor by Chris Hyde

It's the beginning of March and we are in the middle of Lent. I hope that your Lenten journey has been a good time of drawing closer to God and maybe even experimenting with new spiritual practices.



As Lent winds to an end later this month, we will be having some special services during Holy Week that I want to encourage you all to be a part of. Sunday, March 20, is Palm Sunday. The worship service that morning will have a Palm/Passion theme and we will try to commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey, as well as the final days of Jesus' life. Communion will be served and I will be doing a dramatic monologue about the crucifixion of Jesus. Tim and the choir will be doing an assortment of special music that day and it is sure to be a service that will impact us all. Later that week, on March 24, we will have our Maundy Thursday service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. I highly encourage you to come to this special service as we celebrate the Last Supper and remember the events of Jesus' death on the cross. This moving service of darkness will serve as a poignant reminder of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us all. And finally, we will celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday, March 27. We will have a potluck Easter breakfast at 9:30 a.m. (please bring food at 9:15) as well as an Easter egg hunt for the kids at 10:00. After enjoying food and fellowship, we will celebrate with our Easter worship at 10:30 a.m. Please invite family and friends to be a part of any or all of these special services!

As spring continues, we will continue our visioning process and the Pastoral Search Committee will begin their work. Big things are ahead in the coming year. Please continue to pray for our church as we embrace the future that God has for us.

Many blessings to you all!

Easter Garden to Adorn Cross

An Easter Celebration Garden will embellish the cross in the Sanctuary on Easter morning. You are invited to donate an azalea or hydrangea plant or other colorful spring flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. In consideration of those with allergies, please, **no lilies or scented plants!** Please sign the list in the Narthex and bring your plant or flowers by 10:15 on Easter morning. Acknowledgments will be listed in the worship bulletin.

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March 2016

(visit our live calendar at www.hillsdaleucc.org/calendar)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30a Men's Breakfast <small>GT</small>	2 10:00a Meals on Wheels <small>MC</small> 6:15p Soup Supper and Study <small>MH</small> 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting <small>R4</small>	3 9:00a Walking Group <small>UL</small> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal <small>CR</small>	4	5
6 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering 9:00a Adult Study Group <small>MH</small> 9:00a Children's Activities <small>DN</small> 10:30a Worship Service <small>SA</small> 10:45a Children's Sunday School <small>R1</small> 11:45a Welcome Team Meeting <small>MH</small>	7	8 7:30a Men's Breakfast <small>GT</small> 7:00p Consistory Meeting, <small>MH</small>	9 6:15p Soup Supper and Study <small>MH</small> 6:30p Open Co-ed AA Meeting <small>R4</small>	10 9:00a Walking Group <small>UL</small> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal <small>CR</small>	11	12
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BC=Bud Clark Commons (655 NW Hoyt St) **CR**=Choir Room **DN**=Downstairs **FH**=Fellowship Hall **GT**=Golden Touch (SW Barbur at 19th) **MH**=Mt Hood Room **MR**=Maple Room
MC=Multnomah Arts Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy) **R1**=Room 1, Education Wing **R4**=Room 4, Education Wing **SA**=Sanctuary **UL**=Upper Parking Lot

Crossroads Community Garden Applications

January 31, 2016
 City of Portland, Parks & Rec. Community
 Gardens
[http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/
 52116](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/52116)
 Scholarships available



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In Christ, we the members of Hillsdale Community Church United Church of Christ, declare ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation. We cherish and embrace individuals and families of all kinds. Believing that God's unbounded love and grace are offered to all and meant to be shared and celebrated by all, we seek to be a congregation that includes all persons, embracing differences of age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or social-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life and leadership, ministry, and fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation. We commit to be a community of faith and spirit that works toward openness and understanding, offering justice, healing, and wholeness of life for all people. We believe that through our diversity, all can grow and practice a unity of faith that transcends our differences.