



Church Life

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HOLY WEEK 2011

Palm Sunday - April 17

During the worship service the children will process with palms, and we hope you will plan to attend this service as we begin Holy Week.



Maundy Thursday, April 21

6:30 p.m., in the Fireside Room
with light supper and program at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil, April 22

7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Chapel.
Sign up in the courtyard on Sunday mornings.



Saturday, April 23, Easter Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt

8:30 a.m.- Join us for breakfast, sponsored by the Disciples Men, with egg decorating for the children. A free will offering will be accepted.

10:00 a.m.- Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers and children.



Easter Egg Hunt

April 24, Easter Sunday

10:00 am. EASTER WORSHIP
with Chancel Choir, Trumpet and
Timpani, and Bells, Youth and
Children's Choirs
and the "Hallelujah Chorus"
11:15 a.m. Easter Coffee Hour



Keeping in Touch...



As we approach Holy Week, I hope you will read through the scriptures of our faith, and allow your metaphorical imagination run wild with the possibilities of God's incredible power. We will color Easter eggs, dress in our finest clothes, romp with rabbits and devour chocolate... all because we believe it points to the magnificent joy of resurrection!

I hope you will also take advantage of the many other Holy Week experiences offered at FCC Orange. And invite your friends!

Easter comes to us after a long period of reflection and renewal... Lent. That season in the midst of crazy weather and unpredictable temperatures. For many it is a rocky road (and I'm not talking ice cream!). So I'll share you some thoughts from Annie Lamott, recently at Founder's Day at Chapman, from her book *"Plan B — More Thoughts on Faith."*

"Being at the end of your rope is usually what it takes to convince your ego - your little armored Brinks guard -- to say, 'Hey! We can throw all this crap off the side of the boat! We'll be fine.' And nothing in you is going to believe this for a second, which is why it can be a gift to be in crisis. The stuff gets thrown over-board, and you come to with that having happened. You come to. This is the Easter message, that awakening is possible, to the good-ness of God, the sacredness of human life, the sisterhood and brotherhood of all.

So in this fickle spring weather, when it feels like life is trying out all of its muscles, with the cold winds, the feverish blossomings, maybe you'll find that it wakes us up to exhilaration and discomfort, makes us more aware than usual that we're alive; that grace abounds and that we can cooperate with that.

Blessed Easter, blessed Passover, joyful alive wild windy spring..."

My thoughts exactly!

See you in church,

Stanley D. Smith, Senior Pastor

COME WORSHIP WITH US

"Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Arms"

LOVE LEARN LIVE

EASTER WORSHIP

APRIL 24, 2011

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Matthew recounts the story of the resurrection by telling of the women who go to the tomb of Jesus. They go early in the morning. They don't yet believe, but after the angel commands them, they return and tell the disciples, "He has risen!" For us as well, Easter is something that we understand, not through reasoned arguments, but through believing, seeing, obeying, and following. It's not about facts. It's about faith!

Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2
Colossians 3:1-4 **Matthew 28:1-10**

We invite you to come and join us on Easter, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's incredible victory over death. Worship leadership includes **Don and Susan Dewey, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

May 1, 2011

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The writer of the Gospel of John tells of the events after Easter that led the disciples from paralyzing fear to great joy. There are many post-resurrection stories, but the focus on this one is forgiveness. It's not just about conquering death, it is also about being forgiven. Therein is our hope!

Scriptures: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9 **John 20:19-31**

We invite you to come and worship, bring friends, sing and celebrate God's loving grace. Worship leadership includes **Brian and Cindy Shrou, Stan Smith, Olivia Updegrove, Dean Shepherd, Phil Chap,** and others

Happenings

DISCIPLES WOMEN

APRIL STUDY GROUPS

KOINONIA GROUP meets Wednesday, April 20, 7 PM, in the Fireside Room.

Barbara Post is Hostess.

Cherita Stevens is April Groups Study Leader.



COMING EVENTS

DISCIPLES WOMENS MONTHLY MEETING,

Thursday, April 14, 10:30 AM, in the Fireside Room for Easter Pre-Glo. Cindy Hendershott, Presenter.

Then, out to lunch at the Green China restaurant.

Please RSVP to Joyce Miller (714) 771-2826.

DISCIPLES WOMEN will make **MOTHER'S DAY BASKETS, Thursday, April 28, following DW Board Meeting.** Reminder: Bring a sack lunch!

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS INCLUDE: large size toiletries, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. (99 cent stores are a good resource). Slightly used jewelry, purses, etc., are also desired.

These baskets will be given to mothers being assisted by the Child Abuse Prevention Agency. Drop your donated items in the basket to be provided Sundays in the Courtyard.

MAY is DISCIPLES WOMEN-sponsored BLANKET MONTH for Church World Service. More information to follow. Mari Jo Buchtel is Chair.



DISCIPLES MEN

ANNUAL DISCIPLES MEN EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST & EASTER EGG HUNT,

Saturday, April 23, in the Multipurpose Room and church grounds. This includes Easter Egg coloring, followed by an Easter Egg hunt!! This is a free breakfast, so bring your friends. A free will offering will be taken to differ costs. Come and enjoy with our Church Family! For further information, contact Craig Vail.

PSWR DISCIPLES MEN'S RETREAT, April 29-May 1, is the annual **Disciples Men's Retreat at Loch Leven.**

Rev. Dr. Scott R. Taylor, Senior Minister of First Christian Church in Grand Island, Nebraska, is the Keynote. The Retreat will focus on Biblically-based leadership development. Cost is \$125 per person for the dorms and \$145 per person for a shared room in Cole. Registration forms are available in the narthex or click on <http://www.box.net/shared/4c1ojm8qgx>. For further information, contact Craig Vail.

LENTEN DISCUSSION - GOD IN AMERICA

7 to 8:30 pm - Through April 20, in Room 2A

Join us as we watch a one-hour segment of the PBS Film Series "Finding God in America." This will be followed by discussion, facilitated by Stan Smith. No need to sign up, just come!

ADULT LEARNING / SEARCHER'S CLASSES

April 10, 8:45 AM, in Room 2A

Our class will be meeting early this week in order to view an entire segment of "God in America." Our facilitator will be Mary Lou Savage. Everyone is welcome to join us.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Come learn about yourself — at **NETWORK!**

NETWORK is a day-long workshop designed to help each person identify their spiritual gifts and how best to use them in the church and the world. The day includes mini-lectures, small group conversation, and personal inventories and questions designed to help you get a clear picture of your unique way to make a difference in the world. Our Leadership Board has had a "taste" of this workshop, and people were amazed at what they learned about themselves!

NETWORK will be offered three times in 2011 and we want to encourage everyone to find **one** the three dates that will work for you. Two congregations, First Christian of Orange and Church of the Foothills of Santa Ana, will be joining together each of the three sessions. Cost is \$20 for workbook, meal and snacks. You will pay the day of the event.

The dates, times, and locations for **NETWORK** are:

Saturday, April 16, 9 am to 4 pm at First Christian Church of Orange

Saturday, June 25, 9 am to 4 pm at Church of the Foothills of Santa Ana

Sunday, November 13, noon to 7 pm at First Christian Church of Orange

Each session of Network will be led by Rev. Nancy Brink, Director of Church Relations at Chapman University. This is a one-day workshop being offered at three different times. Sign up through the church office or in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings!

More Happenings

WORSHIP AND WONDER TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

If you are interested in helping with this special children's ministry, now is the time, as formal training opportunities are upcoming. Please let Joyce Miller or Cathy Perring know of your interest or if you have questions about what this great opportunity involves.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to Ron Pollard, from the Worship and Wonder Team, for the additional wooden figures he made for some of our new stories. The craftsmanship is truly beautiful!



THE BIG ONE IS COMING!! THE BIG ONE IS COMING!!

We have heard that headline for years; but, the truth is that even a relatively small earthquake has the possibility of significant interruptions to our daily lives. So, **BE PREPARED**, and join the **Amazin Greys** on **April 19, 2011**. The American Red Cross will present a program on **Earthquake Preparedness**.

Lunch, prepared by our own Sharon Kay, and dessert by Marge Carter, is always a delight! A real bargain for \$8. So, mark your calendars for April 19. Lunch is served at 11:30 AM, with the program to follow. Please make reservations with Marge Carter or the church office.

THERE'S A CHICKEN IN OLIVIA'S OFFICE

It is that time of year when every time I walk into my office there are new eggs everywhere and some candy.

(I swear there is a secret chicken that lives in hiding.)

Please start bringing your plastic eggs and candy to Olivia's office. They need to be in her office by **Sunday, April 17th**.



PROJECT HOPE SCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE

An open meeting for all interested persons in discussing our new church-wide project for homeless children of Orange County will be held **Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 6 PM, in Room 2A**. The meeting will last about an hour and a half. We look forward to having you join us in brainstorming ways in which we can support this school. Thank you,
Sandy Hansen: 949-481-0530; hansens17@cox.net
Nora Jacob: 714-403-3611; nora.b.jacob@gmail.com

SPRING FUNDRAISER ANNOUNCED!

The 5th "Culinary Masters" event benefiting Project HOPE School Foundation will take place **Sunday, May 22, 2011**, in the spectacular Grand Ballroom, at the exclusive and exquisite Balboa Bay Club & Resort in Newport Beach. Cocktail Reception will begin at 4:30 PM, with ballroom doors opening at 6:00 PM. If you are interested in attending, please contact Kristin Martin at (949) 706-7613 or Martin600@cox.net.



**AND ON THE EIGHTH DAY
GOD SAID,
"LET THERE BE A
VARIETY SHOW!"
GOD SAW THAT IT WAS
GOOD.**

Mark your calendars so you can be sure to attend our **Kid and Youth Variety Show, April 10th, at 6 PM**.

There will be monologues, dancing, skits, piano, guitar, and videos!!

If you are not able to attend, but would like to help us meet our goal of raising \$5,000, which supports the kids and youth programs and activities throughout the year, please put a check in the offering plate on **Sunday**, made out to FCCO, with the memo section: "Youth."

OUR CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

CONCERNS

Continued Prayers for: Mary Walker, Gwen Shaw, Mary Dotson, Ken and Lois Worden, Paul Roberts, Doris Luraschi, Nikolas Mills, Betty and Tom Gregg, and . . .

Madison Raheb - prayers for wellness for 8-year-old niece. (Raheb/Sorensen)
Jordan Burby - in hospital - no visitors, please. Prayers for successful chemo therapy for treatment of colon cancer.

From Sunday:

Bob Eppe - friend has brain infection and had a stroke. (John Reinard)
Rev. Dr. Neil Coleman - uncle passed away Friday, April 1. Prayers for family. (Paul Coleman)
Clyde and Doris Barton - loss of their dog, Copper, to a coyote.

OUR WORLD-WIDE CONCERNS:

The people of Japan and the world following Earthquake, Tsunami, dangerous issues with their nuclear power facilities.

CELEBRATIONS

From Sunday:

Denise & Sean - blessings for neighbors' wedding today. (Molly and Sue)
Rick & Elsa Nelson - parents celebrating 40th wedding anniversary today. (Becky Nelson)

25TH ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY AIDS WALK

On Sunday, May 1, 2011, at Disneyland Resort, walk through Disneyland and California Adventure and finish in Downtown Disney. Congrats to the AIDS Services Foundation of Orange County for scoring a great location for this historical 25th walk!

Plan to be there no later than 6:30 AM to allow time to reach the starting point. For additional information, or to register to walk, go to http://www.aidswalkorange.com. Our walk team is "FCCO Walkers."



2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Event Registration Forms for the 2011 General Assembly, "Tell It!", are available in narthex and the church office. The General Assembly will be held Saturday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 13, 2011, in Downtown Nashville, TN. You can register on line at www.disciples.org/ga.

First Christian Church of Orange is allowed six (6) delegates. Speak with Gabe Spuckes, our Moderator, if you would like to represent FCC Orange.



CONSCIENTIOUS PROJECTOR

SUNDAY, April 10 - 7:00 PM

Bullied: A Student, a School and a Case that Made History

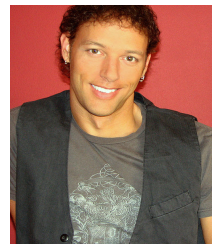
. . . tells an inspiring story of a young gay man who took a stand against the bullying he experienced in school.

Hear it at the Church of the Foothills, 19211 Dodge Avenue, in Santa Ana.

FREE PALM SUNDAY CONCERT

FEATURING SHAWN THOMAS

Sunday, April 17, 2011, at 7 PM



Award-winning Christian recording artist and "Out and Affirming" singer, songwriter, author, Shawn Thomas, will share music, praise, and testimony at Resurrection Beach MCC, held at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1259 Victoria, Costa Mesa.

More info: 949-433-0677; www.faithunashamed.com; or www.shawnthomasonline.com.



The Friendly Center continues to need our help. Contributions of food to the Friendly Center's food bank have been short since December. Therefore, the food bank cannot help as many people. Can you help?

Please bring non-perishable food items to church when you come, and place them in our food bank barrel, next Sunday and as many Sundays as possible thereafter. Thank you!

- CA&O

FCCO YOUTH AND KIDS

REGULAR SUNDAY PROGRAMMING

3:30 PM CHILDREN'S Choir (Chapel)
4:00 PM KIDS' Groups
4:30 PM YOUTH Choir (Chapel)
5:30 PM YOUTH Groups
8:30 PM YOUNG ADULT Bible Study

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIRS PERFORMANCE SCHEDULES

April 24 Children's and Youth Choirs - EASTER
May 22 Youth Choir - YOUTH SUNDAY
June 5 Children's Choir

2011 SUMMER CAMP DATES AT LOCH LEVEN

* May 14 & 15..... Spring Work Camp
June 26 through July 2 Jr. Camp
July 6 through 9..... Mini Camp
July 17 through 23 Chi Rho Camp
July 24 through 30 CYF I Camp
July 31 through August 6 CYF II Camp

* **New Date**

VARIETY SHOW, SUNDAY, APRIL 10

EVERONE needs to be at the church, in the Chapel,
at 3:30 PM!!

DEADLINES FOR CAMP

Regional Scholarship Deadline:

April 30th (Mail directly to Camp Rep.)

Camp Application Deadline - FCCO Scholarship Funds:

May 15th (Olivia's Office)

Money for Camp Deadlines:

Checks made out to FCCO, Memo: Youth

Mini and Junior, May 29th

Chi-Rho, CYF I and II, June 5th

Who We Are

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