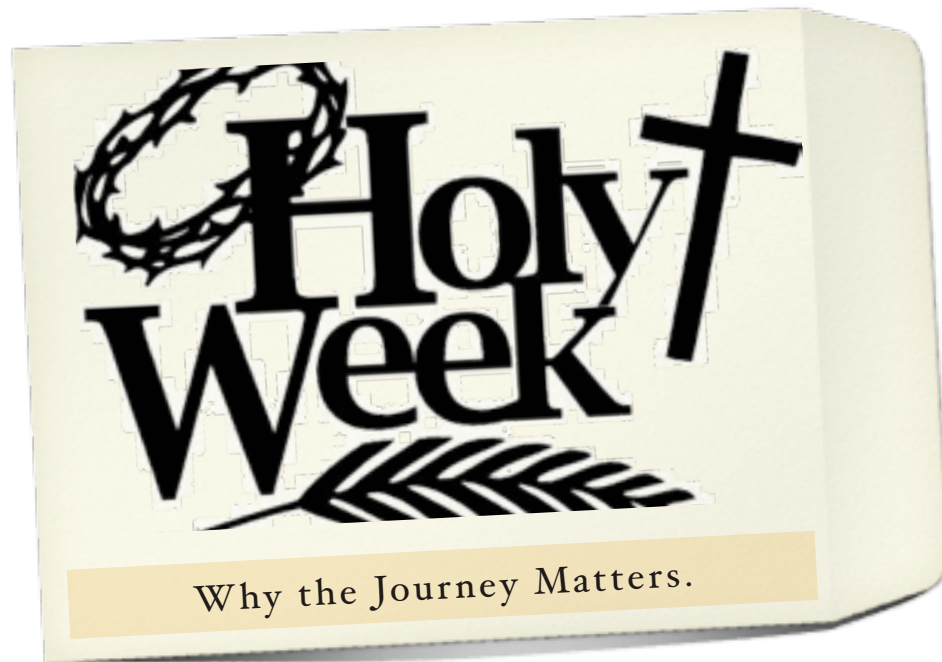


APRIL
2011

THE TWIN STEEPLES

West Dover Congregational Church (UCC)
and Wilmington Congregational Church (UCC)



Lectionary



Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
 Matthew 21:1-11
 Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Matthew 26:14-27:66

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 Psalm 22
 Hebrews 10:16-25
 John 18:1-19:42

Easter

Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 Colossians 3:1-4
 John 20:1-18

REV. EMILY C. HEATH

This Sunday begins the holiest week in the Christian year. Together we will journey through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. We will experience all the highs of jubilant celebration, and all the lows of when the world looked bleakest and hope was nowhere to be found.

Even folks who have grown up in the church sometimes don't know the significance of all four of these days. That's understandable. While the world goes on around us, for all

intents and purposes this may feel like just another week. But the reality for Christians is that something incredible is happening.

On Palm Sunday we will receive palms as we walk into the church. These palms symbolize the palms which were waved as Jesus made his way into Jerusalem. Jesus's triumphant entry will give way to suffering all too soon, though.

On Maundy Thursday we will
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Joint Church Calendar - April 2011

WCC = Wilmington Church, WDCC = West Dover Church

Sunday, April 10

Joint Worship, 9am,
WDCC

Rev. Lynn Bujnak,
preaching

Tuesday, April 12

Trustees, 6:45, WDCC

Wednesday, April 13

Coffee Hour, 9am, WDCC

AA, 7pm, WCC

Faith on Tap, 7pm

West Dover Joe's

Thursday, April 14

Food Pantry Distribution

1-3pm, Wilmington

Saturday, April 16

Food Pantry Distribution,

9-11am, Wilmington

AA, 7pm, WDCC

Palm Sunday, April 17

Worship, 9am, WDCC

Worship, 10:45am, WCC

Tuesday, April 19

Deacons, 6pm, WDCC

Wednesday, April 20

Coffee Hour, 9am, WDCC

Church Council,

10 am, WDCC

AA, 7pm, WCC

No Faith on Tap

Thursday, April 21

Maundy Thursday Worship,

7pm, WCC

Habitat for Humanity,

7pm, WDCC

Friday, April 22

Good Friday Meditation,

4-6pm, St. Mary's

Good Friday Worship,

6:30pm, WCC

Saturday, April 23

AA, 7pm, WDCC

Easter Sunday, April 24

Worship, 9am, WDCC

Worship, 10:45am, WCC

Wednesday, April 27

Coffee Hour, 9am, WDCC

AA, 7pm, WCC

Faith on Tap,

7pm, Last Chair

Saturday, April 30

AA, 7pm, WDCC

Sunday, May 1

Worship, 9am, WDCC

Worship, 10:45am, WCC

Windham-Union

Association

Meeting, Grafton,

12:30 pm

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 3 - Rebecca Cole

April 6 - Chris McLean

April 8 - Pat Spencer

April 16 - Charlotte Bond

April 17 - Leni Brown

April 24 - Laurie Newton

April 27 - Barbara Reinhold

April 30 - Sandy Wirstrom

Apr. 5 & 6 - Nelson & Charlotte Bond

*Are we missing your special days?
Let us know!*

Prayer List

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email revheath@me.com

Paul Whittaker
(Christine Kurucz's dad)

Sandy Johnson
(Randy Johnson's mom)

Matt Lavoy

Anne O'Sullivan

Barbara Hyde

Liz and Paul Myers

Sue Wurzberger

Bonnie Nadeau

Carol, Chucky, Richard, Charlie
(Elizabeth Cole's family)

Emily Constantini
(Mindy Child's niece)

Jeff Fillion

Dick Massey

Buzz Cole, as he mourns the loss of his sister Margaret

Richard Zinn

Lisa and Debby
(nieces of Sandy Wirstrom)

Ethel

Carole

Gus Comny-Wing

Jackie and Jai Parker

Our Confirmation students

The people of Japan

All deployed service members including Barbara Willenbrock and Janet Kierys's nephew

Emily and Nick, as they relocate to VT

And those whose prayers are known only to God.



ATTIC TREASURES SALE COMING IN MAY

**God Is
Still Speaking ...
and We're
Listening**

It's almost time for this year's attic treasures sale at West Dover. Mindy Childs is once again coordinating, and she is looking for volunteers. She is looking for people to be present when donations are dropped-off, to help with set-up and to work the day of the event on May 28th. Please contact Mindy to volunteer at resowitch@hotmail.com

If you would like to donate to the sale, we will gladly accept your used goods. Please no books, clothes, computers, TVs or baby furniture/car seats/etc, though. Thank you to Mindy and everyone who makes this a great event!

Holy Week (continued)

gather to remember Jesus' last night. As Jesus did with his disciples at the Last Supper, we will take Communion together. We will remember his love for the disciples who would later abandon, deny and betray him. And, as we participate in a service Tenebrae, the light being extinguished, we will remember that even in those moments he knew us and loved us.

On Good Friday we will remember the darkest day of the Christian year. Together we will remember how the crowds who so joyfully welcomed Jesus on Sunday then turned against him days later. We will remember how he peacefully gave his life, affirming his love for the world

even on the cross. We will remember how he died and was buried and how hope died and was buried along with it. We will remember that those who watched him suffer had no idea what would happen just a few days later.

Easter morning we will again gather. But in contrast to the pain of Friday we will feel the joy that comes in Resurrection. We will know that death and sin and pain did not triumph; only God did.

Christians have often been described as "Easter people". This means that we are people who know how it ends. We know that Jesus rises again. We know that God is capable of transforming the worst for the best. We know that all the pain and suffering of

Holy Week is overcome in the end.

It's tempting to ignore what goes on between Palm Sunday and Easter. It's tempting to just pretend that the bad didn't happen. It's tempting to just stay focused on the glory of Sunday morning. But it's not the truth because it's not the whole story.

No matter where you are on Thursday and Friday, I invite you to reflect on a love so great that it gave itself for you. Better yet, I invite you to come join your sisters and brothers in Christ so that we can remember together. It will make our joy when we gather on Easter morning all the more meaningful.

In Christ,
Emily

