

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, April 14, 2022

NOT TWO ARKS – SIX ARKS!!

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How \$10,000 became \$30,000:

Recently, Heifer Project International publicized a special matching grant option. They offered to *triple* donations up to three million dollars. Our gift of \$10,000 was raised in February by Faith Formation, the Mission Committee and matched by the Dorothy Jane Andrews fund. This week, when we sent the check, we enclosed their matching gift contribution form. We anticipate that this will *TRIPLE* the impact of our gift! Congratulations everyone and thank you for your generosity. Many lives around the world are going to be changed and we thank God for this opportunity.

THE REST OF HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday at 7 PM

Bring your stone as we gather in the sanctuary tonight.

This was the night that Jesus broke bread. We will eat and remember.

This was the night Jesus blessed a cup. We will drink and remember.

This was the night when Jesus went to the garden for prayer.

As we offer our own prayers, we will leave our scape-goat-stones behind.

Good Friday at 7 PM

With courage, we will gather to remember Jesus' last words from the cross.

Jeanine Rose and Joseph Ford offer special music for our contemplation.

Our Confirmands and their Journey Partners will recall the scripture and leave symbols of our presence and care upon the cross.

Holy Saturday – **Seder Meal** at 6:00 (plan to arrive at 5:45)

When Jesus gathered with his disciples on our “Holy Thursday”, he was actually observing the Jewish ritual called Passover. The meal celebrates and remembers how God brought the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt to freedom. Dr. Nance Wilson will lead us in this experience. Plan to arrive a little before 6. In the midst of the Passover readings, we will eat a light dinner that includes matza ball soup and chicken. We will gather in the RFR.

THIS SUNDAY IS **EASTER**

We begin at 10:30 with a reading of Glenys Nellist's *'Twas the Morning of Easter* followed by a parade of flowers as Andrea Herzog plays the organ. Our choir will sing – live – with Daniel Ford and Karen Downey on trumpet! There are special surprises for all the children. Pastor Vicki's focus is the Easter story from the Gospel of John as we proclaim hope for the world. Our service will be live-streamed and then available online by noon. Find the link for our service at: www.homercc.com. There is room for your entire family (and the neighbors), so come and join in the celebration. Our Deacons invite you to stick around for cookies and coffee afterward or take a cookie home.

A SPECIAL INVITATION

April 19 Dora Jones turns 90! We are invited to a special celebration on Sunday, April 24 in the RFR. No gifts, please. Just bring your memories as you join Dora and her family in the celebration of this milestone birthday.

COMING UP

- Monday Our office will be closed.
- Tuesday Deacons and Trustees will meet jointly, beginning at 6:30.
When their shared conversation is completed, they will move to separate rooms.
- Saturday A Celebration of Life for Gary Homer
 1 – 3 Calling hours at the church
 3 PM The Service of Celebration
 4 Refreshments in the RFR

WHEN YOU PRAY, PLEASE REMEMBER:

The people of Ukraine

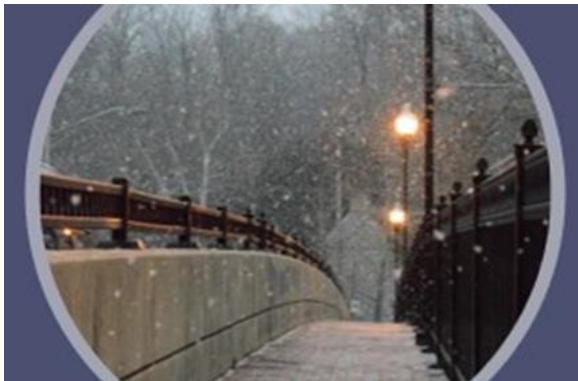
Jerry, Jesse/Bill, Joni/Ray, Katherine, Linda, Mark, Patty, Paul, Rick, Tyler
and those in quiet need of God's presence.

Our Confirmands: Amelia, Claudia Jean, Daniel, Delanie, Jack & Jack, Maddie, Matthew

2021 palms became 2022 ashes:



On Ash Wednesday, we received the ashes and then everyone took a stone to carry through Lent.



We are grateful to those who sang about our lonesome valleys:
Jack Carr, Stef Fellows,
Laurel Harte-Westover, Kurt Schmidt,
David Rutherford, & Jim Ulrich

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As Lent draws to a close this week,  
give yourself the gift of staying with Jesus on the entire journey.