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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN MAR Tidings



YES IN GOD'S
BACKYARD!





NIMBY VS. YIGBY: WWJD?

(Translation: "Not In My Back Yard" VS. "Yes, In God's Back Yard!": What Would Jesus Do?)

NOT in MY back yard!

We've all heard it, or at least read about it. We may even have said it. It comes up often in discussions involving land and resource usage- particularly when it's happening a little too close to home. We all want more affordable housing, or places for those who are struggling in life. We all seem to need more storage units and who isn't in favor of a nice place to camp? What possible harm could come from a beautiful walking and biking trail linking communities and providing recreation? I was absolutely amazed to read recently that more than 200 people are joining a law-suit for compensation for perceived personal losses as a result of the building of the Ecusta Trail. The land may never have belonged to them, but they've grown accustomed to it's (unused) presence. Lest I come across as a hypocrite, let me assure you that a "Family Dollar" or a Gas Station at the bottom of my own hill WILL merit more than a few road signs! Arguments over property use are real and ongoing and likely to become more and more heated. We will need good community leadership and abundant listening skills to navigate the realities of life in the midst of scarce resources.

In a recent conversation with a couple of members of the Session of Trinity about a proposed repurposing of the former "Opp. House," one of them used a phrase that I was only hearing for the first time. I liked it and wanted to share it with you: YIGBY, or, "Yes, In God's Back Yard!" This is the idea that despite our normal and all too human reservations about the use of a property, at least some of the time it is our responsibility as children of God to go against the grain of our typical response and embrace the possibility of change... especially when that change is going to benefit neighbors with particular needs and challenges. Historically, I suspect the Church has both blocked and embraced significant social change. It can be a fine line; not without controversy. During this Lenten Season I am reminded that Jesus faced complex choices with an openness to God's leading and with a tendency to remind the powerful and the privileged of their responsibilities for the well-being of those without a voice. As His followers, we inherit this same complicated legacy.

WWJD Indeed,

Mark





It is March, with all that March entails:

**Winter, such as it was,
is giving up and giving way to spring.
March Madness is upon us,
and the baseball season begins.
We're in the thick of Lent,
moving on toward Easter.**

Regarding that last item, here's a reminder that one of the tools we're using to nourish the spirit during this Lenten season is a devotional called "Local Pilgrim: A Wandering, Wondering Daily Devotional." (*Copies are available on a table in the narthex and by request.*)

"Local Pilgrim," published by *Presbyterian Outlook* magazine, encourages readers to embark on "pilgrimages," both literal and figurative, through the communities we inhabit. The devotional's editor, the Rev. Teri Ott, writes that the concept was inspired partly by the fact that she and her family had recently moved to a new town and she wanted to get to know

the place and the people better. She and the other devotional writers "ventured to places equally beautiful and mundane, as a sacred exercise in attending to whatever God lays before us in our lives and our communities."

If a daily devotional appeals to you, we hope you find "Local Pilgrim" helpful and inspiring. Along similar lines, we want to offer you "On Holy Ground": an opportunity to engage in personal, miniature "pilgrimages" here at Trinity during Holy Week (which begins on Palm Sunday, March 24). For several years, we've offered a written guide to the "stations of the sanctuary"; this year, we're adding an outdoor version, so that we might more fully appreciate the blessing of Trinity's beautiful grounds and God's creation. More details about "On Holy Ground" can be found inside this issue of *Tidings*.

Wishing you a peaceful and fulfilling season,

Dwight



On Holy Ground

A Holy Week Observance (March 24-30)

PRAY • READ • WRITE • WALK • REFLECT

Printed Meditation Guides for the Sanctuary & Church Grounds
will be available by mid-March

SANCTUARY: open for personal prayer and meditation during office hours
(except when a scheduled event is taking place)

CHURCH GROUNDS: open during daylight hours

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE



Fellowship Ministry

We will have two Wednesday Night Live fellowships in February 2024 as follows:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

- 5:30 pm – WNL Dinner
- 6:30 pm – Program: Enrique & Norie Sanchez's Trip to Australia

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 5:30 pm – WNL Dinner
- 6:30 pm – Sarah Junkin Woodard, mission co-worker to Nicaragua

Please sign up in the narthex the Sunday prior to the WNL Fellowship or call the office no later than the Monday prior by 9:00 a.m. We look forward to our fellowship time.

*Julie Carter &
Angela Kuykendoll*

Trinity Book Group MARCH 2024

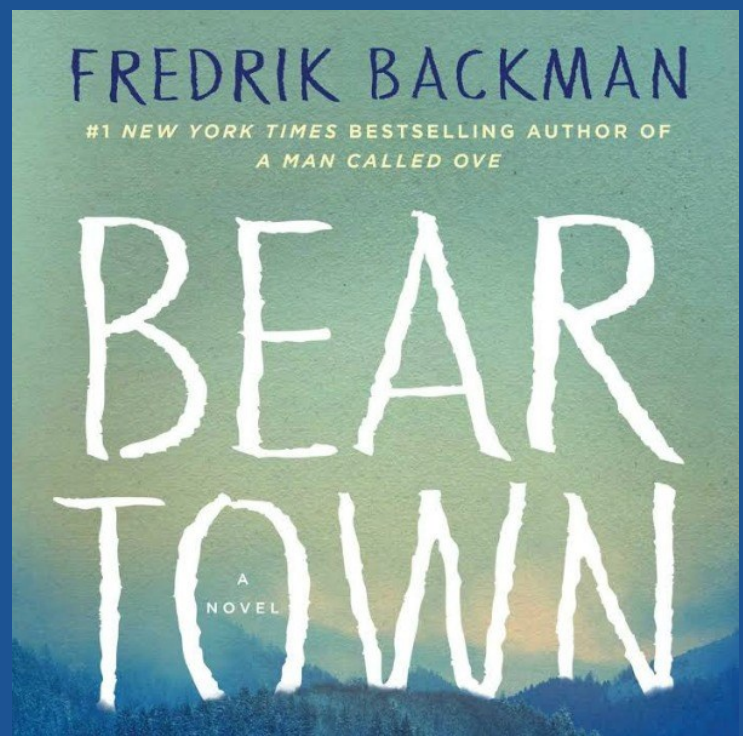
Our next book group selection is *Bear Town*, by Fredrik Backman. All are welcome to join us to discuss the book on Thursday, March 28, at 1:30 p.m. in The Fellowship Hall or Trinity Room (depending on size of group).

A dazzling, profound novel about a small town with a big dream—and the price required to make it come true.

People say Beartown is finished. A tiny community nestled deep in the forest; it is slowly losing ground to the ever-encroaching trees. But down by the lake stands an old ice rink, built generations ago by the working men who founded this town. And in that ice rink is the reason people in Beartown believe tomorrow will be better than today. Their junior ice hockey team is about to compete in the national semi-finals, and they actually have a shot at winning. All the hopes and dreams of this place now rest on the shoulders of a handful of teenage boys.

Please read and let's discuss.
Happy Reading!

Angela Kuykendoll



HEND Earth Fest



Celebrate Earth Day on Main Street



**Sponsored by the City of Hendersonville
Environmental Sustainability Board**

Learn more here!

Come enjoy exhibitors, live music, and fun,
family friendly activities for children of all ages!



Earth Care Ministry

HENDO EARTH FEST

Saturday, April 20, 2024, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

The festival is sponsored by the Hendersonville Environmental Sustainability Board (ESB) in partnership with the Aquarium & Shark Lab by Team ECCO, Conserving Carolina, MountainTrue, Caregivers of Mother Earth, and the Blue Ridge Bicycle Club.

This free to attend, large-scale community event will provide hands-on activities and demonstrations designed to educate, renew, and expand action to protect our Western North Carolina environment and natural resources.

Exhibitors will be assigned a location on the 400 block of Main Street and 5th Avenue from Main Street to North King Street in downtown Hendersonville.

[DETAILS HERE](#)



SOLAR IN NC SCHOOLS

We can help put solar in schools and involve children at the same time! Sign up to either make a donation or add \$4 to your Duke bill every month (100% goes to the solar projects. See our blog for more details (*under News tab or scroll down on the homepage*))

<https://www.trinitypresnc.org/post/green-power-for-schools>

HELP OUR BEES DO THEIR JOB!

Interested in helping bees with pollination? Check out the one-page color handout on the Earth Care Ministry table in the narthex for planting ideas.

Tom Karvonen

March Previews

- 1 Sarah Thibodeau
John Wright
- 2 Kathie Van Itallie
- 3 Margaret Bolick
Richard Householder
- 4 Jane Pousseau
- 5 Sandi Russell
- 7 Alice Cooper
- 8 Waltraud Dalrymple
Dianne Purnell
Nancy Yost

- 11 Kristine Caylor
Mary Culp
- 12 Dean Christenbury
- 13 Enrique Sánchez
Warren Wright
- 14 Mary Louise Forsythe

20 Carol Steele
Molly Garnett

21 Pat Welty

22 Archer Keefer

23 David Garnett

24 George Oleksa

31 Jennifer Mayfield

April Previews

3 Sandy Weeks
John Bodamer
Steve Hider

4 Lorraine Talbot

5 Carole Ball
Jan Aplin

6 Shannon Slater



Upcoming

Youth & Children's Events for Spring and Summer

High School Mission Weekend March 8-9

Unity Presbyterian Church, Denver
A PYC event for youth grades 8+

Changing the World **Confirmation Class** April–October

PYC Adventure Day Saturday, May 4

Camp Grier, Old Fort, N.C.
For 6th-12th grade youth

Community Vacation Bible School June 24-27, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Right here at Trinity
For children from pre-K to 5th grade

PWNC Youth Mission Trip July 14-19

Charleston, South Carolina
For 6th-12th grade youth

See Dwight Christenbury
for more information!

Library Notes

There are several additions to this library this month:

- **The First Paul: Reclaiming the Radical Visionary Behind the Church's Conservative Icon** 32/PAU Borg, Matthew J. This is the book that Rob Field (Director of the Brevard Center for Spiritual Wisdom) referenced in his talk for the Wednesday Night Live Program on February 7th about his pilgrimage to Turkey.

Books about prayer:

- **Praying with The Bible** – 10/LAW Law, Philip
- **The Power of Simple Prayer** – 10/MEY Meyer, Joyce
- **Illuminated Prayers** – 10/WIL Williamson, Marianne

Other gift books:

- **Life after Death: The Burden of Proof** – 9/CHO Chopra, Deepak
- **A Spirituality Named Compassion** – 9/FOX Fox, Matthew

Check the book cart in the Atrium for these books and also for books about Lent and the Easter Season.

Linda & Barry Stokes

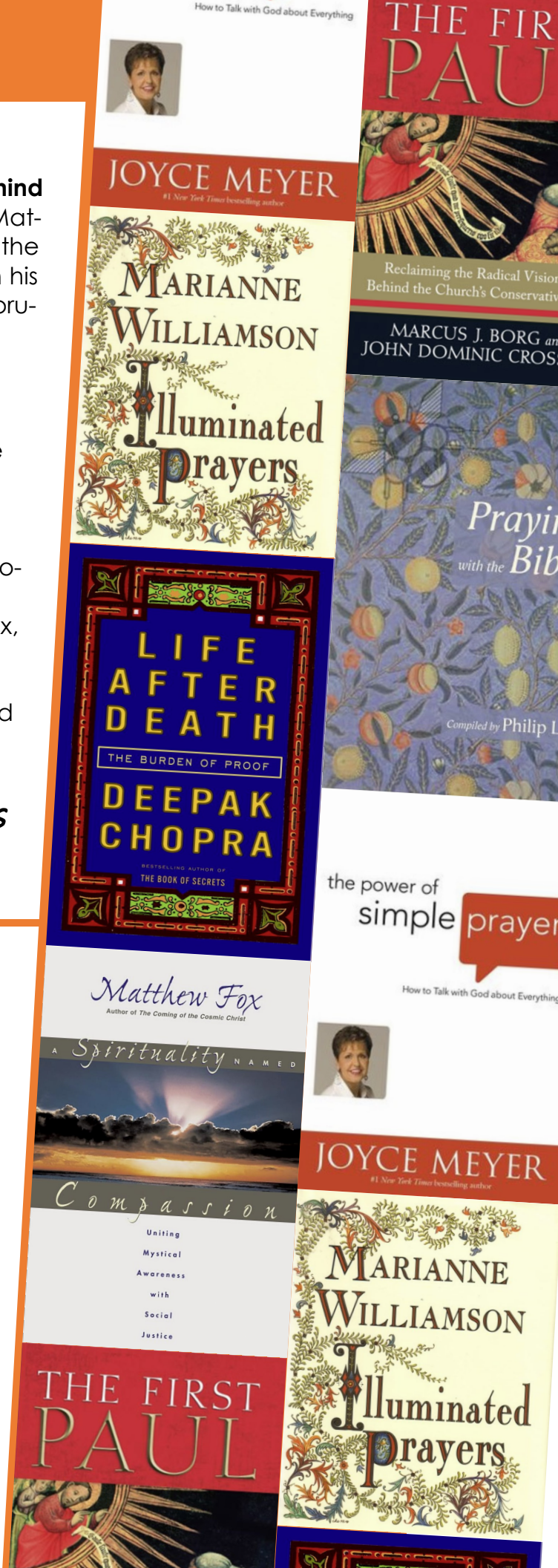
Reminder from your Fellowship Ministry....

There is a sign-up sheet on the cold drink table in the atrium for anyone who would like to supply "goodies" for the coffee time between worship services.

Either home-made or store-bought items are gladly accepted. (See Julie Carter for questions.)



Julie Carter



Endowment Committee

ONE TIME GIFT OR ENDOWMENT (THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING)

Trinity is appreciative of financial gifts donated to the Church. Gifts come from current members, families and friends of current or deceased members, or other varied sources. The identity of the donor can be known, or it can be an anonymous donation.

When a donor, or a representative of the donor, decides to donate financially to Trinity, there are options available. The donor can simply donate a sum of money to be used by Trinity in a manner deemed most beneficial to the Church. The donor is properly thanked, and the money is spent.

Another option is to make the money last forever, or for as long as needed. Perhaps the person being honored with this donation has a love for fresh flowers and prefers that the flowers in the sanctuary not be artificial. The sum of the donor's gift would be placed in an Endowment Fund



recognizing the honored person. Only the interest from the gifted sum would be spent. The interest money would be managed by a member of the Worship Committee responsible for sanctuary flowers. It would be used to ensure that the sanctuary always have fresh flowers on Sunday, sufficient Poinsettias at Christmas, sufficient Lilies at Easter, and at other occasions when fresh flowers are needed in the sanctuary. The money would never run out. If the time should come that this endowment was no longer needed, the interest money would continue to be available for use by the Church in a manner most appropriate to the original wishes of the donor. The use of the endowment interest would be subject to approval by the Trinity Session.

Flowers in the sanctuary may not be a concern for all people, but Endowment Funds can be set up and managed for all missions and activities at Trinity. Contact any member of the Endowment Committee for more information. All financial donations are deeply appreciated regardless of the option used.

Sarah Thibodeau

Fellowship Ministry

EASTER BREAKFAST:

9:30 – 10:30, MARCH 31ST

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY!

Celebrate Christ's resurrection with your Trinity family at our Easter Breakfast between services on Easter Sunday. Our menu will be Egg Casseroles, Fruit, and Pastries. If you can contribute an egg casserole for this celebration, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. Recipes (gluten-free, meat-less, or meat) will be provided at the "sign-up" area in the narthex. See Julie Carter if you have questions.

Julie Carter



DEAR TRINITY FAMILY,

YOU HAVE BEEN SO DEAR TO BOMBARD THE MAILBOX AT OUR HOUSE WITH KIND CARDS AND NOTES THESE LAST FEW WEEKS.

DESPITE BEING A PREACHER'S KID, I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO LOSE A PARENT, AND NOW I KNOW HOW MEANINGFUL THOSE CARDS AND PRAYERS AND NOTES REALLY ARE.

WE HAD AN OUTSTANDING MEMORIAL FOR MY DAD AND FELT LIKE WE FULLY HONORED AND APPRECIATED ALL THE THINGS ABOUT HIM THAT WERE SO SPECIAL.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING SURE DWIGHT HAD THE TIME TO PLAY A REALLY PIVOTAL ROLE THERE.

WITH DEEP GRATITUDE,

CAROL STEELE



VIRGINIA TEGEL, SANDY WEEKS, AND BOB MILES GREETING EARLY VOTERS AT THE HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS, FRIDAY 2/16/24

Prayers for our Fuente de Vida and all sister churches in Guatemala, and for the country of Guatemala during this challenging but potentially promising time in their history.

- Carole Ball



Iona Abbey 2025 Informational Meetings

If you're interested in going to Iona Abbey with a group from Trinity in the summer of 2025 and would like to learn more about the proposed trip, you'll have two chances to do so this month:

Sunday, March 17, 12:15 p.m.

Sunday, March 24, 12:15 p.m.

The meeting (same meeting offered twice) will cover:

- the purpose of the trip
- what to expect (including the time spent at Iona, accommodations, and travel to and from)
- details regarding booking and deadlines
- financial info (estimated expenses and financial assistance)
- Q&A

Though departure is still 16 months away, the Iona Abbey booking office expects to publish their 2025 program calendar by next month (April), and they start taking reservations as soon as the calendar is published. Space is limited and the Abbey tends to fill up quickly, especially for the summer months.

Therefore, since our group will need to register fairly soon, chances are you'll want to know just what it is you're signing up for!

Dwight Christenbury

Joy of Jazz Festival 2024

In memory of Robin Tolleson, a former musician and elder at Trinity, the sixth annual Joy of Jazz Festival for local high school students is planned for Saturday, March 16th at Hendersonville High School. The Festival provides a one-day workshop for high school jazz bands to work with professional musicians and then perform for the community at 4:00. The concert will be held in the renovated Hendersonville High School auditorium. Please mark your calendars to attend the concert on March 16th at 4:00pm! Thank you for supporting Robin's legacy of once again bringing young people and jazz together!

The Tolleson Family

Building & Grounds Ministry SPRING WORK DAY

The Building and Grounds Ministry will have a work day this Spring. It will be Saturday March 16th, this work day will be Inside and Outside of the church. Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. Last year's work days was a great success and we look forward to being together again, please join us for from 9 until noon.

Thank you,

*Jim Kisner, Bud Weeks,
& Wayne Youngdahl*

Finance Ministry TRINITY IS NOW GOLDEN!

Gold
Transparency
2024

Candid.

Thanks to our Finance Team's meticulous record-keeping and upfront financial practices, we have earned our **Gold Seal of Transparency** from Candid's Guidestar non-profit registry! (It's our first time - we're excited.) Check us out [HERE!](#)





TOP: LOCAL MISSIONS DISTRIBUTES 1057 UNDIES FOR UNDIE SUNDAY TO BRANDON AT PATCHWORK, MARJORIE AT IAM, EMILY AT HENDERSONVILLE RESCUE MISSION!
BOTTOM: VICKIE HUGGER, PRISCILLA KARVONEN, CHRIS BECKER, & FLORA HOBSON AT A LUOPAD PARTY; NEWSBOY TRIO ANDY NISSEN, ENRIQUE SANCHEZ, & GLENN WALKER

ASHLEY SERIES *March 9-10* **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH • HENDERSONVILLE**



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3 - COMMUNION
8:30 Worship
 9:45 Learning Hour
 10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship
 5:00 ManKind Project

4 9:00 Finance Team
 9:30 Painters' Group
 10:00 New Member Sub.
 2:00 PW Coordinating
 3:30 Beginning Tai Chi
 4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi
 7:00 Zoom: Building & Grounds Ministry Mtg.

5 - FOAM RECYCLING
 9:00 Staff Meeting
 10:00 Coffee Group
 10:00 Luopad Party
 4:00 Global Missions

6
 10:30 Friends in Christ
 1:00 Spanish Class
 5:30 WNL Dinner
 6:30 WNL Program
 7:30 Choir Rehearsal

7 9:30 Musicke Antiqua
 11:00 BTL Book Group
 1:00 Technology Mtg.
 3:30 Beginning Tai Chi
 4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi
 4:00 Feed the Kids class
 4:0 Zoom: Finance/Stew.
 6:30 Cub Scouts

8 - PWNC YOUTH MISSION RETREAT
 8:00 Toastmasters

9 - PWNC YOUTH MISSION RETREAT
 9:30 Swing Band
 10:00 Racial Healing Workshop

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8:30 Worship
 9:45 Inquirers' Class
 9:45 Learning Hour
 10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship
 5:00 ManKind Project

11 9:00 Finance Team
 9:30 Painters' Group
 10:00 New Member Sub.
 10:30 New Member Min.
 3:30 Beginning Tai Chi
 4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi
 5:30 Local Missions Mtg.
 6:30 Session Mtg.

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 9:00 Staff Meeting
 10:00 Coffee Group
 1:00 Zoom: CCA Workshop
 3:00 Origami Group
 3:30 Deacons' Mtg.

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 10:00 Esther Circle
 10:30 Friends in Christ
 1:00 Spanish Class
 7:30 Choir Rehearsal

14
 9:30 Musicke Antiqua
 11:00 BTL Book Group
 3:30 Beginning Tai Chi
 4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi
 6:30 Cub Scouts

15
 8:00 Toastmasters
 4:00 Silent Vigil for Immigration (Historic Courthouse)

16 - BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK DAY

17
8:30 Worship
 9:45 Learning Hour
 10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship
 12:15 Iona 2025 Info Ses.
 12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry
 5:00 ManKind Project

18
 9:00 Finance Team
 9:30 Painters' Group
 10:00 New Member Sub.
 3:30 Beginning Tai Chi
 4:00 Intermediate Tai

19 - FOAM RECYCLING
 9:00 Staff Meeting
 10:00 Coffee Group
 10:30 Naomi Circle
 6:30 Zoom: Worship Min.

20 - TIDINGS DEADLINE
 10:30 Friends in Christ
 1:00 Spanish Class
 3:00 Zoom: Earth Care
 7:30 Choir Rehearsal

21
 9:30 Musicke Antiqua
 11:00 BTL Book Group
 3:30 Beginning Tai Chi
 4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi
 6:30 Cub Scouts

22
 8:00 Toastmasters
 9:30 Feed the Kids

23
 9:00 Environmental Summit

24 - PALM SUNDAY
8:30 Worship
 9:45 Learning Hour
 10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship
 12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry
 12:15 Iona 2025 Info Ses.
 5:00 ManKind Project

25
 9:00 Finance Team
 9:30 Painters' Group
 10:00 New Member Sub.
 3:00 Death Café
 3:30 Beginning Tai Chi
 4:00 Intermediate Tai

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 9:00 Staff Meeting
 10:00 Coffee Group
 3:00 Origami Group
 6:00 Deborah Circle

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 10:30 Friends in Christ
 1:00 Spanish Class
 7:30 Choir Rehearsal

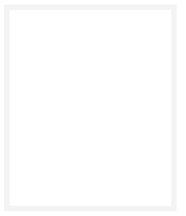
28 - MAUNDY THURS
 9:30 Musicke Antiqua
 11:00 BTL Book Group
 1:30 Book Group
 3:30 Beginning Tai Chi
 4:00 Intermediate Tai Chi
 6:30 Cub Scouts

29 - GOOD FRIDAY
 8:00 Toastmasters
 5:00 Mountain Song Rehearsal

30 - HOLY SATURDAY

31 - EASTER SUNDAY & 5 CENTS A MEAL
8:30 Worship
 9:45 Learning Hour
 10:30 Choir Rehearsal
11:00 Worship
 5:00 ManKind Project

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We are Christ's people and this is Christ's place
with its doors wide open.

Welcome!

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bustles in on windy feet

Susan Reiner

