

THE LINK

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Getting to Easter

How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice. How do you get to Easter? Lent. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter. Most of us want to get there too quickly; that is, to get there without any time in the wilderness listening for God's voice, without any Good Fridays. But there is no other way to get to Easter, really.

This year we will begin Lent with a pancake/waffle supper at 5:45 on March 9th, followed by a brief service of ashes at 7:00. (I know the pancake supper is usually on Tuesday, but we combined the two events.) Char will continue her Bible study on Wednesdays, with a light supper at 5:45, followed by a study until 7:00.



On Wednesday April 6, we will begin what we hope will be a monthly contemplative service of music and scripture from 7:00-7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday, April 21 will be a Tenebrae Service at 7:00 P.M. "Tenebrae" is Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." The service will include Communion and readings from Jesus' last days.

On Good Friday, the sanctuary will be open from 3:00-9:00 for your own time of prayer and reflection, with background music. April 23rd there will be a concert by The Curious Opera Company, with selections from Mendelssohn's Elijah;

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March Birthdays

March 2 = Salis, Matthew
March 3 = Strother, Kelli
March 4 = Abman, Carolyn
March 4 = Rodriquez, Christian
March 5 = Eronimous, Eric
March 5 = Ruth, Stephanie
March 5 = Strother, Jon
March 8 = Schmidt, Jennifer
March 10 = Amundson, Corinne
March 11 = Wilkinson, Megan
March 12 = Warren, MaryNell
March 13 = Marutle, Menelik
March 13 = Quartarone, Laura
March 14 = Brock, Vivian
March 15 = Rogers, Amy
March 16 = Barnes, Marian
March 17 = Thorp, Mildred
March 18 = Johnson, Burke
March 19 = Burckhardt, Davis
March 20 = Dale, Cameron
March 20 = Jack, Isabelle
March 21 = Edgar, Elizabeth
March 23 = Sehl, Conrad
March 24 = Kimbrel, Lynn
March 25 = Nolan, Thomas
March 26 = Stewart, Keri
March 28 = Marutle, Refilwe
March 29 = Allen, Betty
March 30 = Burckhardt, Reagan
March 30 = Wilkinson, Matthew

Handel's The Messiah; Bach's St. Matthew Passion and The Magnificat; as well as other works by Schubert, Gounod, Andrew Lloyd Weber and Fauré.

Easter will begin with breakfast from 8:00 A.M. to 9:15 A.M, and worship at 9:30. There will be an Easter egg hunt for children following the service.

I hope these experiences will enrich your journey to Easter.

Shalom,

Dick

SENIOR NEWS

Michael J. Shada: 96, born February 14, 1914 and passed away on December 6, 2010. His memorial service was held on Dec. 19, 2010 at WPUMC with Pastor Dick Evans officiating, followed by internment at Fairmount Cemetery in Denver. In February of 1993 as part of our church's 100th Anniversary Celebration, Mike and Irene were honored as being the couple who had attended our church services the longest. Irene passed away on June 24, 2008. Their twin daughters, Lou and Sue came to Denver to help their father as needed, and arranged a dignified reception following his memorial service. Keep his family in your prayers at this time.

Jane Hawkinson- age 96 flew to Wimauma, Florida to spend Christmas and the winter with her daughter, Susan and husband Tracy Wilder. Her Christmas was enjoyable. On January 8, 2011 she had right shoulder replacement surgery, which went okay but her blood count went down, so she was put in ICU until it was back to normal. On January 10th she was out of ICU feeling much better. She will spend the rest of winter in Florida, to come back to Denver in the Spring. Keep her in your prayers for healing.

Charlotte Blackmer- age 93 fell on December 12, 2010 when she was getting out of her son's car at the family home in Miliken, CO. She broke her right ankle and went into the ER in Denver. She stayed in Porter Hospital with a cast. She feels better now, but she wears a boot and is getting around in a wheelchair.. As long as she is in the wheelchair, her doctor will not allow her to come back to her home. She is getting lots of care, but she misses church and friends and is looking forward to being back before too long. Please keep her in your prayers for healing as well.

YOUTH GROUP

A highlight of the youth group calendar is the annual Ski Weekend. We look forward to regaling you with the details after this year's event on March 5 and 6.

The youth group is also hosting a fundraiser. We are selling Chinook Coupon Books to support our youth activities. The books cost \$20.00 and are filled with valuable savings for the whole family. When you buy a book, our youth will receive \$10.00 out of each sale. The book more than pays for itself even within the first few coupons used. What a great gift you'd make for family, friends and significant others! To support our youth in their fundraiser, please consider buying some Chinook Books. For more information please contact Kevin Eronymous at keronymous@aol.com.

MISSIONS CORNER

Food Banks: The drop off spot for food has moved to the Narthex or you can send them with your children to Children's time on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We are also providing **recycled tote**

bags to help you remember to bring in your food items. Take a bag off the "Food Rack" in the Narthex by the Missions bulletin board and bring it back the following week filled with nutritious food for our food banks. Please remember to bring the bags back, or use them to remind you to bring in your items. Another option is to sign up on the Missions Bulletin board to **help with the delivery of the food** we collect. All needed information about locations and hours will be provided to you. This is a great activity for families to see just where help is needed and who we are helping.

Redemption Fellowship: Our next opportunity to serve others will be April 17, 2011. We will **need food items** donated as well as **people to help** with the serving and clean up of the meal. We will be providing meals again in June, August, October, and finally in December 2011. Keep checking the bulletin board for details.

Operation Christmas Child: If you are hit with the urge to start Spring Cleaning, don't throw those empty shoe boxes away! Save them a little longer as we will once again be collecting shoe boxes to be filled with toys and goodies to be sent to needy children all over the world for Christmas. We will collect and wrap the boxes in July.

MUSIC AT WPUMC

Come, make a joyful noise with the WPUMC Choir! Rehearsals are held in the North Parlor on Wednesdays from 7pm to 8:30pm and every Sunday morning at 8:45 am. The choir explores music of all different styles, and we have fun doing it! Choral experience and musical knowledge are not a requirement to join - only a love of singing. We understand that everyone has demanding schedules; please see Andrew if you are unable to make weeknight rehearsals but would still like to sing. We hope you will join us soon!

Director of Music Ministry, Andrew McCormick, is now offering private lessons in voice and piano at the Church. Lessons are held on weekdays in the music office behind the choir loft. Lessons are given in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. Please contact Andrew at 207.249.9990 or music@washparkumc.org for more information, including rates and availability.

Upcoming Events and Calendar

Ash Wednesday Service: We will have an Ash Wednesday service on March 9th, 2011 from 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Before the service, at 5:45 - 7:00pm everybody is invited to be at our Pancake Supper in the Fellowship Hall.

Lunch Bunch: Will be held on Saturday, March 12th from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Children 3 years of age (potty trained) through 5th grade invited! Children should come with a lunch and a drink. Our group is growing! We will separate into groups and have activities for older children this year! Parents are needed to help!

New Member Orientation will be held on March 13th, following the service for those who are interested in taking the next step in their faith journey. Join March 20th. Child care will be available. Please indicate your interest on the registration pad.

Alter Flowers We thank all those who signed up for altar flowers recently. The following dates are still available, so if you are able to, please sign-up for any of them: May: 1, 15, 29; September 4, November 6, 27 and December 4. (Poinsettia). You can sign-up by emailing Marni at okmarni@hotmail.com. We appreciate your participation in this effort.

Bible Study: Wednesday Evening Bible Study - Wednesday Evening Supper and Bible Study is continuing! We meet at 5:45 pm to 7:00 pm in the South Parlor.

Board of Trustees: will be painting the ceiling of the Fellowship Hall from March 28th to April 2nd. They will also be working on the ceiling in the gym.

Contemplative Service: We would like to invite you all to our new service on Wednesday April 6th from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. Details to follow.

Ladies Tea: in the South Parlor on April 9th from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Details to follow.

Preshool News

March 16: Father-Child Breakfast: will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 am.

March 28 - April 1: No School - Spring Break

Free Days in Denver

March 4 = Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield

March 5 = Denver Art Museum

March 20 = Denver Botanic Gardens

Timing for LINK and Weekly Info. Distribution

If you have information that has to be in the weekly updates, please make sure that the information reaches the office (at office@washparkumc.org or in person) by Tuesday on the week you need it in the emails. Information for the Link must be received by the 20th of each month. The information must clearly indicate whether it is for the Link or the weekly updates or for both. We really appreciate your help!

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