

MARCH 2016

# Vashon Presbyterian Church

Vashon Island, Washington 98070



To Worship God in all we do, centered in Jesus Christ,  
moved by the Holy Spirit

March 2016 Newsletter

## Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>

Palm Sunday Worship Service 10 AM

Maundy Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>

IFCH Community Meal 5:30 PM

Candlelight Service In the Great Hall 7:00 PM

Good Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service In the Sanctuary 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>

Easter Morning Worship 10 AM



Easter Egg Hunt following Worship

# Dawn is Coming



The days are still dark but the morning sky is brightening earlier each day. As we continue our Lenten journey toward Jerusalem and Jesus' suffering, we live into the hope that, even in times of personal or corporate darkness - brilliant color, radiance, and joy await. In fact, just like awakening in the still shadows of an early morning and witnessing the glory of a mid-winter dawn, *it is the fact that we are willing to experience the darkness of Jesus' crucifixion that intensifies our understanding of what a gift the light of Christ really is to us.* Plan now to participate in Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and, of course, Easter Morning services here at VPC.

Blessings, Lynn

## Worship Team News

### Area of Responsibility

Sacraments celebration, music program, readers, bulletin, ecumenical worship, church décor.

### Lenten and Easter Services

#### Maundy Thursday Candlelight Service

**In the Great Hall at 7:00 PM March 24th. Maundy means "Commandment". Our service will be a remembrance of Jesus's last Passover celebration with his disciples before his death. As he carried out actions of love and service, He said to them, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13: 34.**

**The congregation is invited to join in the IFCH meal at 5:30 before the service.**

#### Good Friday Service

**In the sanctuary at 7:00 PM March 25th. We will focus on the cross's meaning for our lives.**

#### Easter Morning Worship

**In the sanctuary at 10:00 AM March 27th. Celebrate the Risen Christ! The congregation is invited to bring spring flowers to be placed in the sanctuary before the service Sunday.**

**Coffee Hour with Hot Cross Buns and Easter Egg Hunt will follow the morning worship.**

*Elder Brownie Carver*



## Journey/Invitation Team News

### Area of Responsibility

Bible study, Christian formation (all ages), new members and discipleship, evangelism and invitation.

### Are you interested in learning more about Christianity or enhancing your Christian walk?

Journey Team is seeking members to investigate and plan educational opportunities for both adults and children. We'd like to start up another adult education class before worship on Sundays. This would probably start after Lent. All who are interested in developing plans are invited to contact Diana Lilje at [diana.lilje@centurytel.net](mailto:diana.lilje@centurytel.net) or call her at 206-276-1797.

**Sound View Summer Camp** It's time to register for Summer Camp 2016! Sound View Camp is a loving camp in a beautiful location right on the Puget Sound where all are welcome to come experience God. This summer campers will have the opportunity to enjoy awesome activities with others while learning what it means to be part of the Family of God. Camps are available for first graders through high school, along with a family camp for all ages. For more information please visit [www.soundviewcamp.com](http://www.soundviewcamp.com)

**Sound View Camp Summer Staff** Sound View Camp is looking for dedicated young adults (aged 18 and up) to serve on their 2016 Summer Staff. The camp offers paid positions that provide the chance to work with children and youth, gain valuable leadership and teaching skills, and the opportunity to work in a beautiful outdoor location on the Puget Sound. Staff commitment runs from July 15 to August 14 with weekly off-time. Room and board is provided. If you know young people who may be interested please let them know about the website for further information.

*Elder Diana Lilje*

## Mission Resource

### Team News

#### Area of Responsibility

Financial stewardship,  
Building and Grounds.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR! A work party has been scheduled for Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> to spruce up the grounds before Easter.** There will be plenty of trimming and pruning so bring your favorite shears, rakes and shovels. Contact me if you feel motivated to “adopt” a flowerbed. That way you can set your own schedule of dropping by and tending your bed. The Carpe Diem students and parents are planning to create a small vegetable garden on the south side of the social hall so we’ll need to transplant the shrubbery that’s in that space now.

**The Toolbelts Group**, that highly motivated group of men who meet on Tuesday mornings from 10-12 for minor maintenance and repairs around the church and grounds, would be happy to have some women join us! In February we spent our time moving furniture so that the carpets could be cleaned, returning the furniture after the carpet cleaning and making preparations to renew and illuminate the reader board in front of the church. Have you noticed how nice the carpet looks or that the sign is now illuminated at night?

**Materials are on hand for the rest of the sign renovation. By the way, donations to cover the cost will be greatly appreciated. Checks may be made out to VPC and earmarked for sign repair.**

Liz Loveness and I met with the Carpe Diem teachers and interim Head of School to discuss how things have been going and terms of next year’s contract. They are extremely pleased with our present relationship and anticipate continuing our partnership for the next two years and possibly longer. We plan to meet again this week to discuss terms and expectations for them to rent storage space for the summer.

**The VPC website** is changing weekly. Do you like it? Please contact me if you have any suggestion for improving it.

The Mission Resource Team is deciding on a convenient time to meet. If you have suggestions and want to be involved, let me know your thoughts.

Blessings,

*Elder Jacq Skeffington*

## Purposeful Service News

#### Area of Responsibility

Scholarship, Mary Magdalene weekend/partnership, IFCH dinners, mission partner relations.

**The VPC March IFCH Meal** falls on Maundy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. We invite the congregation to join others in the community at 5:30 PM for the meal before attending the Service at 7. A potluck signup sheet is located in the reception room of the church.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** “So much accomplished, still so much to do.” Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing you can serve people in your community and around the world by alleviating hunger, rebuilding after crises or catastrophe, and working with communities to overcome oppression. Gather up your spare change or simply write a check for this offering. We will turn in all that we have collected on Palm Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Heindsmann Family Endowment Scholarship** Application packets for the Heindsmann Scholarship 2016 are now ready. This scholarship is for someone who has already had some higher education and are continuing or are returning after an absence. It is not for high school seniors. More information will be given in the enews and local newspapers. Deadline for the application is April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Missionary Work in Haiti** Back in November we received a request from Lake City Presbyterian Church to pledge support to bring Mark Hare and Jenny Brent to the area to speak with a number of churches supporting their missionary work in Haiti. VPC has supported them in the past but we have never met them. This young couple have been serving in the Dominican Republic and Haiti for several years and are back in the US on furlough for the school year. We are still working on a time when they will be able to visit the Seattle area.

**Meetings** We will continue to meet on the third Sunday of each month following Worship.

*Elder Al Ross Weston*

# Hospitality/Fellowship Team News

## Area of Responsibility: Hospitality, Fellowship

### **Hot Cross Buns and Easter Egg Hunt!**

Vashon Presbyterian Church will again have an Easter Egg Hunt following Easter Service on March 27th. Please bring candy to fill the Easter Eggs by March 20th. You may drop off the candy @ the office. Thank you for your donations. While the children are looking for Easter Eggs the adults will be drinking coffee and eating Hot Cross Buns during Coffee Hour. Get out your favorite Hot Cross Buns recipes and bake up a dozen to bring to Coffee Hour Easter Sunday.

**Book Club** The VPC Book Club will meet March 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at Claudia and Al Ross Weston's. The book selection is Longitude by Dava Sobel. There will be a potluck supper before the discussion

*Elder Kate Smith*

### **Life Changing Prayer Group**

Our longtime Life Changing prayer group is very much in need of more participation. Can you consider committing some of your time for prayerful support of our members' needs? All the details of time and exact activity will be decided by the group members. There is still an opportunity to participate in our prayer services at the Care Center too. Please talk with Olde John Croan or Pastor Lynn or Nancy van Roessel if you have questions or are able to join these valued efforts.

## Clerk's Corner

### Clerk's Corner – March

Session met on February 10 with all in attendance except the clerk, who filed a written report and the annual statistical report. Jacq Skeffington was appointed clerk pro tem. Session approved Al Ross-Weston as a ruling elder and Christine Browning and Bev Skeffington as deacons, with installation set for February 14. Discussion was held as to recent resignations from the Personnel Committee; Brownie Carver will now serve on the committee. The Safe Conduct Policy is still under review for possible changes, with continued comment invited. Also, Kate Smith will serve on the Nominating Committee. Session approved collection of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday. Pastor Lynn submitted her potential jury duty time and planned vacation plans, which session approved. Other team reports, including a financial report, were submitted beforehand via e-mail. Session discussed the draft vision statement and mission narrative that a committee had prepared. After discussion, it was agreed that the committee would edit and resubmit the document at the March session meeting. February 21<sup>st</sup> was designated "Donate, Don't Eat Sunday"; food will not be served at coffee-hour. Instead, members and friends were to bring food as an additional donation to the Vashon-Maury Community Food Bank.

*Bob Spangler, Clerk of Session*

### Church Leadership

**Interim Pastor** Rev Lynn Longfield

**Clerk of Session** Bob Spangler

**Session Members** Brownie Carver, Barb Huff, Diana Lilje, Jacq Skeffington, Kate Smith, Al Ross Weston

**Deacons** Christine Browning, Sue Commeree, Lindsay Hofman, Bev Skeffington, Nancy Van Roessel, Sue Weston.

# Calendar March 2016



## March

- 5 Bible Study 10 AM
- 6 Sunday Worship Service 10 AM (communion service)
- 9 Session Meeting 7 PM
- 11 Book Club 6:30 PM at the Ross Weston's
- 13 Sunday Worship Service 10 AM
- 13 Deacon's Meeting after Worship
- 19 Bible Study 10 AM
- 19 Spring Clean Up Work Party 9 - Noon
- 20 Palm Sunday Worship Service 10 AM
- 20 Purposeful Service Team Meeting after worship
- 24 Maundy Thursday IFCH Meal 5:30 PM - Service 7:00 PM
- 25 Good Friday Service 7 PM
- 27 Easter Sunday Worship Service 10 AM
- 27 Easter Egg Hunt after Worship

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

*Life Changing Prayer* group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10:00 AM at VPC, and on the first, third and fifth Wednesdays at 10:00 AM at the Vashon Community Care Center.

*Women's informal breakfast* meets at Sporty's at 8:00 AM on Wednesdays.

*Bible Study* meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 10 AM

Please note: Dates, times and events may change after publication. Refer to the weekly e-News or Sunday bulletin for confirmation of details.