

# Rockville WORD

## *From the Pastor's Pen...*

"This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. The Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:20-24

The day the Lord has made was for the early Church the day of the resurrection.

The early Church and every Christian since then has rejoiced in that day. It is the day that life prevailed over death, forgiveness prevailed over sin, healing prevailed over suffering, and grace prevailed over law. Jesus has become the chief cornerstone of all life.

It was incredible then and it is incredible today. The resurrection is the foundational basis of all that we believe and do. The resurrection is the ultimate fact that eclipses all other facts. It is the ultimate source of joy that is the mainspring of every joy that we will ever experience.

Easter Sunday is the greatest day of the church year, and the climax of the Lent/Holy Week/ Easter Season that began with Ash Wednesday on February 17th.

I encourage everyone to draw closer to Christ and to experience the joy He gives by participating in the special celebrations at Rockville that mark God's miracle of the resurrection and the drama of Holy Week. Here is some information on these special events: (cont'd next column)

My prayer for everyone at Rockville Presbyterian is that we would walk in the power of the resurrection.

Peace  
Pastor Larry

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Palm Sunday March 28

Holy week begins with special services at both 9:00 and 10:30. At 9:00 experience the Chancel Choir Cantata. At the 10:30 worship the King of Kings with our praise team and band.

Maundy Thursday April 1st 7:00 PM

"Maundy" means commandment and refers to the new and beautiful commandment that Jesus gave us to love one another as he has loved us. Experience the Lord's Supper in a dramatic and intimate setting.

Good Friday April 2nd 7:00 PM  
Once again we will participate in a joint service with Living Word Presbyterian Church in Fairfield. Don't miss the opportunity to reflect on the power of the Lord's death with our fellow Christians.

Easter Sunday April 4

Sunrise Service 6:00 Outdoors (weather permitting)

9:00 AM Traditional Service with Choir

10:30 AM Contemporary service with Praise Band

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt Between Services.

During Lent I also invite you to attend the Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00 PM we will be studying the passages of John's Gospel that lead up to the Holy Week Drama.

Seeking to know God through Jesus Christ

SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS

- Mar. 7      3rd Sunday in Lent  
Isaiah 55:1-11  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1st Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9  
Sermon: Tough Test  
Theme: What is temptation? How do you face it?
- Mar. 14     4th Sunday in Lent- Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2nd Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32  
Sermon: Cross Roads  
Theme: When things change God is there at the crossroad  
Dealing with Transitions/Second Chances
- Mar. 21     5th Sunday in Lent  
Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8  
Sermon: Road Work  
Theme: No Matter how difficult times God can make a way, no matter how great the sin, God can forgive it.  
God gets us Through/dealing with barriers
- Mar. 28     Palm Sunday  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 19:28-40  
Sermon: The Reverend Doctor Jerry Tabler Preaching

LIBRARY CORNER

In preparation for Lent and soul renewal, the first shelf of the book cart contains 8 books by outstanding theologians:

1. Sproul- Chosen by God and Now That's a Good Question!
2. Yancey- The Jesus I Never Knew
3. Trueblood- The Company of the Committed
4. Tozer- The Pursuit of God
5. Windoll- You Bring the Confetti, God Brings the Joy
6. Lucado- He Still Moves Stones
7. Kempis- The Imitation of Christ

DVD's: The Agony and the Ecstasy  
A Man Called Peter (Marshall)  
The Gift of Jabez- King of Kings

Please return items for re-shelving to the bottom shelf of the cart. Suggested time for borrowing is 3 weeks.

There is a directory by author, title and category which is on the Large Print shelf in Room 2.

Thank you, Bill & Elaine Smith

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 28- Palm Sunday  
April 1- Maundy Thursday  
April 2- Good Friday  
April 3- Easter Sunrise Service

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Dear Members and Friends of RPF,  
 We need volunteers for the 2nd Wednesday of every month to create a new group for the Mission Solano Outreach Program. For more information, please call Daniel Sanders for details.

MEMBERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

The Membership and Development Committee have made bags of snacks for the congregation to take and keep in their cars. If you are confronted by someone or see a homeless person sitting on a street corner you can hand them the bag you have. It is full of snacks, water, and a New Testament. By giving out a bag or a few bags you will help to feed them physically and spiritually. The bags will be available outside as you enter and leave the sanctuary on Sundays. There will be a basket for money to donate when you pick up the bags. We are asking for a donation of \$3.00 per bag, but if you don't or can't donate take a bag or two anyway. The money will help us to replace the supplies we use.

**God Bless**

MARK YOUR CALENDARSUNDAYS

9:00 am Traditional Service  
 10:20 am A.C.E.  
 10:30 am Contemporary Service  
 March 7 and 21, 6:30 pm Jr.  
 High Youth Meetings  
 March 14 and 28, 7:00 pm Sr.  
 High Youth Meetings  
 March 21 - 10:30 pm Deacon  
 Meet and Greet  
 March 28 - 4-6 pm NA Activities  
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MONDAYS

6:30 pm AA Group Book Study  
 7:00 pm Samantics Rehearsal

TUESDAYS

March 9, 9:00 am Staff Meeting;  
 9:30 am Fairfield/Suisun Mom's Club  
 7:00 pm Toastmasters  
 March 16 & 30: Christianity 101 7

pm

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 pm Bible Study  
 6:30 pm Praise Team  
 March 10, 7:00 pm Session  
 Meeting

THURSDAYS

6:30 pm AA Group  
 March 11, 12:00 pm Pioneer  
 Lunch

FRIDAYS

8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Denny's  
 in Cordelia  
 10:00 am Yoga  
 March 26, 4:00 pm Nomadic  
 Shelter Program

SATURDAYS

Currently no church functions

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Emerson Simon	03 02
Ryan Flynn	03 02
Bob Klemmedson	03 04
Susan Turner	03 04
Leslie Bennett	03 04
Kathryn deVries	03 05
Kylee Anderson	03 10
Sierra Krepps-Lang	03 10
Jill Peterson	03 13
Eileen Amick	03 15
Lindsey Hardy	03 16
McKenzie Amaral	03 16
Garrett Kuehle	03 19
Brittney Hietala	03 19
Jeanie Warren	03 20
Nancy Nichols	03 21
Pam Williamson	03 21
Bill Harrison	03 24
Jacque Knapp	03 24
Tess Downey	03 24
Irene Corioso	03 27
Rebecca Sauder	03 27
Stu Bennett	03 29
Chris Lloyd	03 29
Owen Anderson	03 30
Jennifer Bambach	03 31

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

are ready to be picked up!  
There are Pledge Cards available as well. Talk to one of the Ushers for assistance.

PRAYER INTERCESSORS

If you have prayer requests that you would like to submit, call Pam Nelson, Sally Tabler or Naomi Snegosky. If you would like to be a prayer intercessor, please call Sally Tabler.

MISSION SOLANO

Every Monday and Wednesday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm RPF distributes food to Mission Solano. Call the church office if you would like to help.

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So come and meet your assigned Deacon between the 1st and 2nd service on Sunday, March 21, 2010. They'll be there to meet you and tell you about their exciting plans for 2010. Refreshments will be provided.

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Deacons' Corner

Special thanks to outgoing Deacons': Phil Doty, John Hom, Betty Ralinson and Marjorie Cortijo. They have served the congregation well in so many ways and have always been there in times of need.

A hearty welcome to incoming Deacons': Judy Martin, Bob Chan, Sara Isadore and returning for a 2nd term Tony Austin.

We also want to thank those Deacons who will be extending for another year!: Elise Wigton, Mark Corioso, Dan Sanders, Norrie Gardiner, Wanda Warren John Schmidt and Chet Vetter.

As you know each member of RPF has an assigned Deacon. Who is your Deacon and what is their role in the life of RPF (hint: The most important role of a Deacon is to serve our church congregation.)?

DEACONS

Deacons, Dan Sanders and John Schmidt are here with church members Duncan Miller and John Hom presenting to Barbara Stanley of the **Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano** a check for \$2,000.00. This check represents a "Two Cents a Meal Grant" from the Presbytery made possible through our congregation's donations to 2 Cents-A-Meal every second Sunday. The monies collected also help **Rockville Presbyterian Fellowship** feed the hungry through our Community Out Reach Programs at Mission Solano and our Nomadic Program on the third Friday of each month. A BIG thank you to all our members and volunteers.

REPORT FROM THE SESSION

The Session wants to thank the members of Rockville Presbyterian for their pledges; your generous support in both your time and money keeps our fellowship strong. Even though we have temporarily postponed our new sanctuary due to uncertain economic times, your contributions to the church have allowed us to fully support our existing programs for 2010. In the interim we have upgraded our existing sanctuary, we hope all are pleased and proud of the "new" Keck Hall and that the improvements help to enhance your worship experience. If you have the opportunity to personally thank Heather deVries and her many volunteer workers that made it possible, please let them know how much you appreciate their hard work. In fact, for all of us, invite a neighbor or a friend to come and worship with us - help show off our new facilities. Bring them to church at Easter

On Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7 PM

On Good Friday, April 2 at 7PM - joint worship with Living Word Presbyterian

On Easter Sunday, April 4 at 6:30 AM Sunrise Service, at 9 AM Traditional Service

and at 10:30 AM Contemporary Service

Can we celebrate His resurrection with a packed house?

How much do you know about Christianity? Want to learn more and have some great fellowship at the same time? Christianity 101 is back! We are blessed to have some great instructors and the Evangelism and Mission Committee is delighted to bring back this program. Come join us at Keck Hall on Tuesday nights at 7 PM:

Tuesday, March 16 - Jack Batson on "History of Christian Denominations"

Tuesday, March 30 - Bill Rawlinson on "History of the Bible"

Tuesday, April 13 -- Larry Vilardo on "Presbyterian Worship Service"

Come to any one session or come to all. Invite your friends. Learn about your church and join in some lively discussion.

The Session wishes to thank you for your support and invites everyone to participate in our RPF activities. Contact an Elder with your ideas and interests.

Gary Eckman  
Clerk of Session

COOKBOOK AND OTHER GREAT STUFF

After the annual meeting we were in the kitchen praising all the great food we had just eaten, and the light bulb went on! Why not do a cookbook/great advice on most any topic! What just came to mind as you were reading? We want to put that in there. How do you do that? Here are three email addresses to use to send your recipe or advice (or both) to: Sharon Swicker: [GoomaSl@comcast.net](mailto:GoomaSl@comcast.net); Wanda Warren: [WWRWARREN@COMCAST.NET](mailto:WWRWARREN@COMCAST.NET); and Carola Sanders: [carola@gordonvalley.com](mailto:carola@gordonvalley.com). Don't wait. Do it while it's fresh on your mind.

-Lorraine Vilardo

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week which ends with Easter the following Sunday. It commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem prior to be crucified a few days later. Actual ceremonies typically include a procession of palm fronds which are blessed and will later be burned, their ashes used in the next year's Ash Wednesday.

The earliest evidence of Palm Sunday events can be traced back to Jerusalem in the 4th century, according to *Peregrinatio Egeriae*, the travel diary of a woman had traveled to Jerusalem and observed the festivities - including the key ritual of a procession with palm fronds. The celebration of Palm Sunday doesn't appear to have caught on in the West until some time around the 8th century, based upon *Gobbio Missal*, a Gallican sacramentary.

In the Middle Ages, the process and blessing of the palm fronds was very elaborate, involving a great deal of singing, chanting, and processions that went from one local church to another. Later the ceremonies became simplified in order to focus more on the death and suffering of Jesus and the central part of the day involves a reading from one of the passion stories in the gospels - thus the name Passion Sunday. Originally the process commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was entirely separate from the mass, but eventually procession became the beginning of the eucharist.

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THE STORY OF PASSOVER

About 3000 years ago the Israelites were enslaved by the Egyptians under the rule of the Pharaoh Ramses II. According to the Book of Exodus - Moses, a simple Jewish shepherd, was instructed by God to go to the pharaoh and demand the freedom of his people. Moses' plea of *let my people go* was ignored. Moses warned the Pharaoh that God would send severe punishments to the people of Egypt if the Israelites were not freed. Again the Pharaoh ignored Moses' request of freedom. In response God unleashed a series of 10 terrible plagues on the people of Egypt:

Blood  
Frogs  
Lice (vermin)  
Wild Beasts (flies)  
Blight (Cattle Disease)  
Boils  
Hail  
Locusts  
Darkness  
Slaying of the First Born

The Pharaoh was unconvinced and refused to free the Jewish slaves until the last plague...

When the Pharaoh finally agreed to freedom, the Israelites left their homes so quickly that there wasn't even time to bake their breads. So they packed the raw dough to take with them on their journey. As they fled through the desert they would quickly bake the dough in the hot sun into hard crackers called matzohs. Today to commemorate this event, Jews eat matzoh in place of bread during Passover.

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Though the Jews were now free, their liberation was incomplete. The Pharaoh's army chased them through the desert towards the Red Sea. When the Jews reached the sea they were trapped, since the sea blocked their escape.

It was then that a miracle occurred. The waves of the Red Sea parted and the Israelites were able to cross to the other side. As soon as they all reached the other side the sea closed trapping the Pharaoh's army as the waves closed upon them. Then as the Israelites watched the waters of the Red Sea sweep away the Pharaoh's army they realized they were finally free.

Passover celebrates this history. The first 2 nights of the 8 day holiday are celebrated with lavish meals called Seders in which the stories and history of Passover are celebrated. Special foods, plates, silverware are all a part of the Seder.

## CHURCH CONTACTS

Phone Numbers and email addresses are in your Membership Directory or call Jane in the office at 707-863-0581

### ELDERS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Administration & Personnel / Nominating: Andrew Swanson  
Buildings and Grounds: Heather deVries  
Christian Education: Bill Rawlinson  
Clerk of Session / Nominating: Gary Eckman  
Congregational Life: Eric Dalida  
Membership Development & Communications: Chuck Eason  
Evangelism & Mission: Kris Herman  
Sanctuary: Bill Warren  
Stewardship: Joy Reid  
Worship: Marcia Paxton  
Treasurer: Larry Fite

### DEACONS

John Schmidt- Moderator  
Dan Sanders - Vice-Moderator  
Bob Hall - Treasurer  
Betty Rawlinson - Secretary  
Norrie Gardiner - Nominating Committee Rep.  
Chet Vetter - Evangelism & Mission Rep.  
Open - Congregational Life Rep.  
Tony Austin, Bob Chan King Chittendon, Mark Corioso,  
Judith Martin, Wanda Warren and Elise Wigton

### BIBLE STUDIES & PROGRAMS

Adult Christian Education: Jerry Tabler  
Wed. Evening Bible Study: Larry Vilardo  
Choir/Music Director: Carla Grokenberger  
Pianist: Delbert Bump  
Flowers: Elaine Smith  
Mens' Prayer Breakfast: Larry Vilardo  
Pioneer Club: Naomi Snegosky, Lorraine Gray  
Prayer Chain Chairperson: Sally Tabler  
Scrip Coordinator: Eileen Amick  
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*DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: The 20th of each month*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 AM - Traditional Worship  
10:30 AM - Contemporary Worship

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Reverend Larry Vilardo  
Parish Associate: Reverend Jerry Tabler  
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Rockville Presbyterian Fellowship seeks to know God through Jesus Christ, embracing His grace, obeying His word, and loving Him. We invite all people to accept Christ as Savior and Lord. We commit to helping them to mature in Christ. Together, then, we are a church family empowered by the Holy Spirit to use His gifts to love our community and the world.