

# SERVING US TODAY

APRIL 5, 2009

**8:15 a.m.**

William Barton  
David Peacock  
Deyane Rudge

**9:30 a.m.**

## Ushers

Wyatt Bethel  
Joe Bekhor  
Judy Goldich

**11:00 a.m.**

Bill Clift  
Tony Almond  
Daniel Cosner  
Millie Holdaway  
Patrick Shea  
Al Wells

## Worship Leaders

Steve Bray

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## Sanctuary Greeters

Corkie Wilson  
Marsha Ficken

Gordon and Anne Moffatt

Jim Conklin, Jr.

## Acolytes

Charlie Clouse

Zachary Payne

## Crucifers

Deanna Payne

## Education Wing Greeters

Nancy and Bill Fairfax  
of the Christian Encounters Sunday School Class



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April 5, 2009

*Passion/Palm Sunday*

*Turn, Follow, Be Reconciled to God*

Music to Celebrate the Presence of God

*Fantasia*

David Leahey, organ

*Orlando Gibbons*

A Word of Welcome

Lenten Mission Moment

*(8:15)* Carl Moravitz

*(9:30)* Rev. Benjamin Pratt

*(11:00)* Patricia Stephenson

### **Entrance and Praise**

\* Call to Worship

Leader: This day is the Lord's, created for joy.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Leader: Hosanna to the Christ, the blessed child of God.

**People: Hosanna to God in the highest!**

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

**People: Hosanna to God in the highest!**

Leader: This day is the Lord's, created for love.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\* Hymn No. 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Ellacombe*

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

APRIL 5 - 11, 2009

<b>SUNDAY</b>	3:00 pm	Chapel Ringers, 215
	4:00 am	Chapel Choir, 212
	4:15 pm	Junior Ringers, 215
	5:30 pm	Open Doors Worship Service, Sanctuary
	6:30 pm	TNT Sunday School Class, Main Office Area
	7:00 pm	Passiontide Concert, Sanctuary
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:00 pm	Preparation for Fellowship Supper, Main Kitchen
	7:00 pm	Adult Ringers, 215
	7:00 pm	Powr 6 Open Doors Worship Team Meeting, Conference Room
	7:30 pm	Fairfax Church Softball Cooperative League, 113
	7:30 pm	Women's Club of Fairfax, Multi-Purpose Room
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:30 am	UMM Prayer Breakfast, 112
	9:30 am	Staff Meeting, Conference Room
	10:00 am	UMW Executive Meeting, 115
	6:15 pm	Tuesday Night Fellowship Dinner, Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Fairfax City 4-H, 306-308
	7:00 pm	Paths of Faith, 112
	7:00 pm	Egg Decorating Party, Fellowship Hall
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00 pm	Midweek Lenten Service, Chapel
	7:00 pm	Open Doors Music Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:30 pm	Holy Thursday Communion Service, Sanctuary
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:30 am	Preschool Families Playgroup, 107
	10:00 am	Book Club, 309
	7:30 pm	Tenebrae Service, Sanctuary
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:00 am	Altar Guild, Sanctuary
	8:00 am	UMM Pancake Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
	9:00 am	Worship Listening Session, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 am	Preschool Easter Egg Hunt, Church Grounds, Playground

\* Opening Prayer

**God of grace and glory, blessed is your Son, Christ Jesus, and blessed is your holy name. As we bless your name and sing with joy, awaken our ears to hear your word; awaken our hearts to listen for your wisdom. As we rejoice in this day that you have made, help us hear even the hard news of Christ's suffering and death. As we celebrate your presence with palms and praises, guide us to live your teachings, even when the path is painful and difficult. May your presence flow through us into your world. In the name of your Son, Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

\* Affirmation of Faith No. 883

*A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada*

\* Gloria Patri, No. 71

Special Music (11:00)

*Lo, He Comes*  
Cherub & King David Choirs  
Camille Haberland, director

*John D. Horman*

Children's Message (11:00)

## Response and Offerings

Call to Prayer

(9:30)

*Let My Prayer*

*Henry Purcell*

(11:00)

*Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

*Mark Patterson*

The Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Offertory Prayer

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory

(8:15)

*The Holy City*  
Linda Brock, soprano

*Stephen Adams*

(9:30)

*Surely, He Hath Borne Our Grievs from Messiah*  
Chancel Choir

*G. F. Handel*

(11:00)

*Let the Gates of the City Outward Swing*  
Junior Choir  
Camille Haberland, director

*Hal H. Hopson*

\* Doxology

Hymnal, page 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Hymn No. 2104

An Outcast among Outcasts  
*The Faith We Sing*

*Llangloffan*

### Proclamation of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

**As we hear the story of palm branches and loud hosannas, as we listen to the prophet Isaiah, as we worship Christ today, let us open our hearts to God's love and message made know through the life and death of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Gospel Lesson

*(page 879, pew Bible)*

Mark 11:1-11

Anthem *(9:30)*

*The Holy City*  
Linda Brock, soprano

*Stephen Adams*

Old Testament Lesson

*(page 631, pew Bible)*

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Sermon

*Christ's Courageous Conflict*

Pastor Jason Snow

### Sending Forth

\* Hymn No. 280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*St. Theodulph*

\* Benediction and Choral Response

*(9:30)*

*Amen*  
Chancel Choir

*John Rutter*

*(11:00)*

*Benediction*  
Junior Choir  
Camille Haberland, director

*Mark Patterson*

\* Postlude

*Ciacona*  
David Leahey, organ

*Dietrich Buxtehude*

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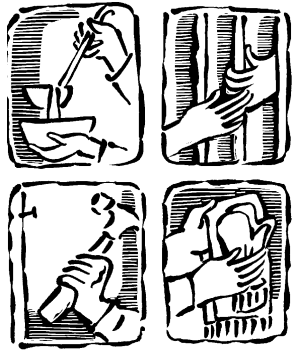
*\* Congregation Standing*

### *Our Prayers are With Those Serving Our Country Overseas . . .*

Stephen Anderson (cousin of Daniel Cosner)  
Jesse Charles Andrew (grandson of Alma Eblen)  
Ray Britt (son of Diane Britt)  
David Bray (son of Steve & Beverly Bray)  
Patrick Bull (grandson of Ed & Marilyn Bull)  
Tyler Butterworth (son of Marion Butterworth)  
Charles Cashin (friend of Jeanne & Bob Buchanan)  
Keith Corey (friend of the Foggs & the Bouchards)  
Donald P. Darnell, Jr. (son of Don & Elaine Darnell)  
Brian F. Foley (son of Nina Deluca-Phillips)  
Paul Gault (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney)  
David Goldich (son of Judy Goldich)  
T. J. Graham (friend of Gale Pearson)  
Robert Hensley (son of Joan Hensley)  
Matt Hilton

Alan Holbrook and Isaac Holbrook (nephews of Jennifer & Dwight Holbrook)  
Matthew D. Hudson (son of Sharon & Chip Hunt)  
John & Jennifer Huntsman (nephew and niece of Jen & Mark Tajnai)  
Mike King (friend of Jen & Mark Tajnai)  
Jeffrey Kreisel (son of Carl & Cindy Kreisel)  
Jay Martin (son-in-law of Joan Hensley)  
James Mayer (grandson of Jim & Gloria Joyce)  
Ann Mazur (friend of Doug & Maureen Frank)  
Christopher McClung (nephew of Pete & Leah Fortney)  
Billy Mitchell (father of Madison & Michael Mitchell)  
Gregory Orrell (nephew of Mikki Goubeau)  
Sarah Petras (granddaughter of Lois Darnell)  
Kirk Peterson (son of Jon & Karen Peterson)  
Gary Rhodes (friend of the Charles Walter family)  
Daniel Richitt (nephew of Souren & Lori Tashjian)  
Joseph Scanlin (son-in-law of Larry & Mary Branch)  
Scott Shackleton (friend of the Clemon's family)  
Greg Soulé (nephew of Walter & Judy Ferguson)  
Jim Sparks (nephew of Sue & Fred Bowers)  
Chris Stephenson (cousin of Patty Stephenson)  
Tim Trainer (son-in-law of Don & Elaine Darnell)  
Joe Weeren (relative of Alex & Rosemary Graham)  
Darrell Wilson (friend of Peter & Mary Jackson)

*As the status of friends and family changes, please notify the church.*



**Fairfax Church to participate in Volunteers In Mission trip.** The United Methodist Church is continuing to send volunteers to Mississippi to provide relief from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. This trip is October 31 - November 7, 2009 and is serving in Biloxi, Mississippi with another team from Catonsville, Maryland. A \$250.00 deposit reserves your place for this home improvement and construction mission trip. The total cost of the trip (including airfare from BWI) is \$500.00. Funding assistance is available toward the \$250.00 balance. Please express your interest and pick up a brochure in the Resource Room on Sunday mornings or in the Main Office during the week. Questions? Contact Tony Almond, [almond@cox.net](mailto:almond@cox.net) or Libby Barricks, 703-591-3120 or [lbarricks@fairfaxumc.org](mailto:lbarricks@fairfaxumc.org).

**UMM Pancake Breakfast** - The Fairfax United Methodist Men will serve breakfast on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The menu is Pancakes (regular or blueberry), Eggs, Bacon, Biscuits, Sausage Gravy and Grits. The price of a meal is your generous donation to be used to support Rising Hope UMMC and other charities.

**Our Giving - March 29, 2009**

Total Weekly Offering .....	\$15,013
Budget Receipts Year-to-Date .....	\$283,160
Budget Needs Year-to-Date .....	\$301,613
Power Up Capital Campaign Receipts Inception-to-Date .....	\$389,369
Worship Attendance - Last Week .....	494

**THE MINISTRY**

Stephen G. Bray  
*Senior Pastor*

Elizabeth P. Barricks  
*Program Ministries*

Michael Hensley  
*Youth Ministries*



Sarah Snow  
*Congregational Care*

Jason W. Snow  
*Associate Pastor*

David Leahey  
*Music Ministries*

Ian Lane  
*Music Ministries*

*Immediately following each worship service this morning, please meet and greet persons you do not know.*

**Large print Bibles and hymnals are available from the ushers upon request. Worship material for children ages 3–6 and 7–12 is available from the ushers.**

**The audio for the worship service is available at [www.fairfaxumc.org](http://www.fairfaxumc.org). The previous week's service is under archives on the website.**

**WELCOME VISITORS**

*Thank you for turning off your cell phones during the worship service.*

**Good morning and welcome to Fairfax United Methodist Church!** As we gather for worship today, we hope that within our sanctuary you will feel the presence of God through friendly faces, meaningful worship, and opportunities to serve God's people in our world. Our hearts are blessed by your presence, our minds are focused on Christ, and our doors are always open for you.

**We invite everyone to sign the attendance registration pads** located in the pews. We are blessed to have you worshipping with us. If you would like to receive information from the church via e-mail, **please provide your e-mail address** in addition to the other requested information, or you may provide your e-mail address to the church at [church@fairfaxumc.org](mailto:church@fairfaxumc.org).

**Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks.** They are cream colored cards with a cross in a circle. If you have a loved one, special need, concern or situation you would like lifted up in prayer, please complete one of these cards. Your pastors and staff will remember you in prayer during the Tuesday morning staff meetings.

**You are invited to the Fellowship Hall** (directly below the sanctuary) between services this morning (10:30) for coffee, juice and fellowship.

**Interested in finding out more about becoming a church member?** Please see one of our pastors today or call the church office, 703-591-3120.

**The flowers on the Altar this morning** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Altar Guild.

**The rosebud on the Altar this morning** is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth on February 19, 2009 of Tyler Chase Plummer, son of Eric and Karen Plummer and great grandson of Richard and Bonnie Johnson.

**The flowers in the Narthex this morning** are given to the glory of God in honor of Alice Henry and in memory of Mary and Sterling Swart, Lester Henry, by Anne and Steve Henry.

**Lenten Mission Emphasis** - Throughout the Sundays of Lent, individuals and groups are sharing stories about how our church transforms lives through various Outreach efforts funded solely by the Lenten Mission offering. As of March 30<sup>th</sup>, we have received \$12,486 toward our goal of \$30,000 to support fourteen important activities. Today's emphasis is **Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM)**, an organization that helps everyday Christians enact the Great Commission through short-term mission opportunities. The UMVIM strives to connect volunteers' talent to suitable projects in the U.S. and abroad and provides training for individuals to help them prepare for the mission field. Several members of our church have been on mission trips to Cuba and Russia, and UMVIM opportunities abound for others with similar aspirations. Through the Lenten Missions Offering, other modest stipends are available to Fairfax Church members to help defray the costs of a mission trip. A complete list of **Lenten offering** priorities has been provided to each home so that you may read more about the activities supported by the Lenten offering, and it is available this morning in the Narthex. Please give generously by making your check payable to FUMC, marked Lenten offering, or place it in the Lenten offering envelopes in the pew racks.

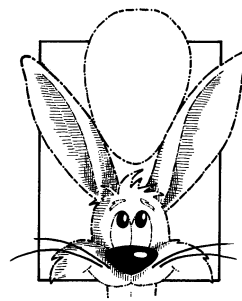
**Our Prayers and Sympathies** are extended to the family and friends of Claudia Thomas. Claudia died March 28, 2009 in Fairfax, Virginia.

### Pastors' Egg Decorating Party

**Tuesday, April 7, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

Pastors Steve Bray and Jason Snow invite you to be their guest for an egg decorating party in preparation for your Easter celebration. Each participant may bring one dozen hard-boiled eggs to decorate at several traditional and stylized egg decorating stations. Prior to the party, you are invited to make reservations for our Tuesday Night Supper at 6:15 p.m.



**Tuesday Fellowship Supper** - Join us each Tuesday evening from 6:15 - 7:15. The menu for April 7<sup>th</sup> is Chicken Italianate, Gnocchi with Cream Sauce, Green Beans with Italian Seasonings, Tuscan Salad and Dessert. Children's menu is Chicken Nuggets and Mac 'n' Cheese. All for \$7.50, adult; \$4.00, child

(under age 12) **OR** \$20.00, family. Please help us adequately plan by making reservations and payment today in the Resource Room. Reservations made after today or at the door will increase the price \$1.00 per person and family tickets will not be available. So sign up today!

**The Seven Last Words of Christ** - Theodore Dubois, tonight at 7:00 p.m. - Our Chancel Choir along with guest soloists and instrumentalists tell the story of Christ's journey through Lent in a very unique and moving way. Don't miss this extremely powerful account of Christ's ultimate sacrifice for us and our salvation.

**UMYF** - There will be no UMYF tonight. We'll resume our regular schedule on April 26<sup>th</sup>!

**Lenten Midweek Chapel Services** - The lay speakers in the church invite you to make a weekly commitment through the Lenten season. Join with us in the Chapel for a service of reflection, prayer and meditation on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:30 during Lent. This is an opportunity to focus on the season for sacrifice, rededicating ourselves to Christian service.

**Vacation Bible School 2009** - Camp E.D.G.E.: Experience + Discover God Everywhere, June 22 - 26, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon each day. Sign up for an adrenaline-filled, action-packed trip where kids learn their strength is from God. Our VBS is open to children who were in an Age 3 class in the fall of 2008 through children who have completed the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. *Children who have completed the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades* are eligible to participate that same week in a daily hands on mission program, especially designed for them called *Summer Discovery*. Both of these programs will offer wonderful opportunities to learn more about God's plan for our lives, fellowship and light-hearted fun. Many volunteers are needed to insure a great week. Leader training for VBS will be May 2 at noon. If you would like to volunteer as an adult or youth helper, please contact Martha Peacock at [mpeacock@fairfaxumc.org](mailto:mpeacock@fairfaxumc.org) or 703-591-3120 x 113. Registration continues on Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall and in the Main Office during the week. The registration fee is \$10.00 per child. Junior and Senior Highs are welcome to be youth helpers. Let's go trekking!

**Get your picture taken** for our new Pictorial Directory. Sign ups for photo appointments begin today in the Fellowship Hall and continue through April and early May. The dates for taking pictures will be May 27 & 28 from 3:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., June 1 - 5 from 3:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m., and June 6 - 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Be sure to sign up to make our new pictorial directory complete!

**A huge THANK YOU** to all that donated, baked, worked or purchased at the UMW Little Angel Consignment and Bake Sale. The gross tallies are Little Angel Consignment Sale \$2691.08 and Bake Sale \$269.69. Local missions benefitted by receiving monies and donations.

**UMW Upcoming Meetings** - The UMW Executive meeting will meet Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Room 115. The UMW Committee for the Emerald Isle Spring Retreat will meet at 12:00 p.m. at the Red Lobster on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The UMW Nomination Committee will meet on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the Lamplighter. For more information, please call Joan Hensley 703-352-1155.



Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, April 5**

Rev. Jason Snow

Liturgy of the Palms:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-40

Liturgy of the Passion:

Psalm 31:9-16

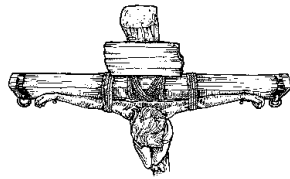
Philippians 2:5-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Luke 22:14-23, 56

Palm crosses will be distributed to worshipers as a reminder of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in sharp contrast to events later in Holy Week.

**The Seven Last Words of Christ**  
Sunday, April 5



7:00 p.m.

The Chancel Choir will be joined by guest instrumentalists and soloists as we musically tell the story of Christ's journey through Lent. *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Theodore Dubois will be featured.

**Holy Thursday, April 9**  
Holy Communion

7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Jason Snow

This service focuses on Jesus' last meal with the disciples before his betrayal and crucifixion.

**Good Friday, April 10**  
A Service of Tenebrae

7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Steve Bray

Experience an extended meditation on the passion of Christ through this unique service that blends scripture and sacred music to guide our meditation on John 18:1 - 19:42 into the darkness of Christ's passion. Gain a greater understanding of the joy of Easter by completing your journey through Lent with this important service.

# *Celebrate Easter! April 12*

*Worship Services:*

*8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.*

*Rev. Stephen G. Bray, Preacher*

*Open Doors 5:30 p.m.*

*Rev. Jason Snow, Preacher*

*Lectionary Texts:*

*Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24*

*Acts 10:34-43*

*Colossians 3:1-4*

*Please bring fresh  
flowers to add to the  
transformation  
of our Easter cross  
on the lawn.*

