



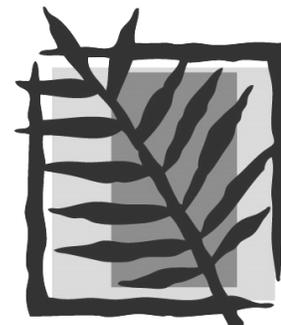
Woodside World

CHURCHNEWS of CONGREGATION and COMMUNITY

Rev. Dr. Deborah DeMars Conrad, Pastor

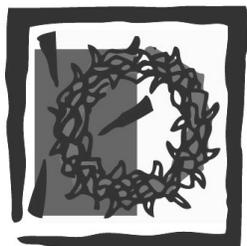
HOLY WEEK

Shortly, we will enter into a lengthy and sacred time, the end of Jesus life, which we call Holy Week. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday each have their events, but the most distinctive days are Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Woodside is observing all of these, each with its own mood.



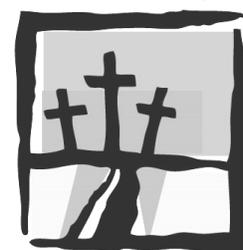
The week begins with the parade into Jerusalem, which we recall on Palm Sunday, March 20. It was the day Jesus rivaled Herod as “King of the Jews,” and pretty much set in motion the events leading to his death. We’ll gather in the circular drive that morning, for our own parade of palms into the sanctuary. We’ll have palms, but feel free to bring whatever makes you feel more parade-like. (Kazoos wouldn’t be totally out of the question.) The post-parade mood turns ugly, (some people didn’t think Jesus was respectful enough), and the Readers Theatre will tell the story in a new and compelling way. **Palm Sunday, March 20, 11 am.**

The rest of the weekend is really just one unending event. The last meal, the betrayal and arrest, the ridiculous excuse for a trial, the execution, the burial, and resurrection. We call it Triduum, three days, and it is the highlight of the Christian liturgical year.



Maundy Thursday: The meal we celebrate as Holy Communion, Eucharist, the Lord’s Supper, began with Jesus gathering with his friends the night he was arrested. He knew things would get ugly, that his friends would be challenged, that he would likely end up dead. So he poured wine and broke bread and told them that he would be with them no matter what. Do this, he said, to remember me. Thursday, we’ll gather at supper time for an Agape Meal, reminiscent of that last night. Songs, prayers, readings and a meal, including soup, fruit and cheese, plus bread and wine of communion. A holy night, a time of remembering. **Maundy Thursday, March 24, 6 pm, in the chapel.**

Then, Friday, “Good Friday” we call it. The night begins with intrigue and ends with death. We’ll gather in the sanctuary after sunset, for Tenebrae, a service of shadows and darkness. In this most dramatic worship service of the Christian faith, we’ll experience the gradual darkening of the space as the readings move us from life to death, as Jesus is arrested in his favorite prayer place, crucified, and utters his last breath. A series of readings and songs take us through the events, leading to the *strepitus*, the “great noise,” which recall the piercing agony of his final cry and the earthquake we are told accompanied his death. We leave the church in darkness and in silence, nothing left to do but ponder what they’ve done to Jesus, what we’ve done to Jesus. **Good Friday Tenebrae, March 25, 8 pm in the sanctuary**



Easter, the Festival of the Resurrection, will of course come on Sunday. We’ll join in a spirit of delight, relief, joy and celebration. Jesus doesn’t stay dead. Things we thought would kill our spirits don’t. Forces that think they rule the world don’t. Blessing and honor and glory and power are beyond the reach of those who mean harm. Life is new. Of course we’ll gather! **Sunday, March 27, 11 am, in the sanctuary!**

FAITH EXPLORATION CLASSES FOR ADULTS

- ◆ *Thinking of Membership* in the chapel with Pastor Deb.
- ◆ *Living Our Faith in the World* class led by Jay Cummings.
- ◆ Linda Angus leads a discussion of the weekly lectionary (the readings we'll hear in worship)
- ◆ Carol Higgins' group is reading the book, *God Not One: eight religions that run the world* by Stephen Prothero.

WATER NEWS

WATER UPDATE—If you need a filter, or if it is time to replace the cartridge, (water running slowly is a good indicator) call the church office. If you need water, take what you need from the lobby. If you know of a home-bound person, feel free to deliver water or a filter.

WATER ON THE WEB — our Woodside water page (woodsidechurch.net) is getting good feedback from folks outside our area, who say it is a useful resource. Take a look.

For more immediate news of actions and needs, we're using Facebook to spread the news. "Like" us! on Facebook and in real life! "Woodside Church of Flint."

IN THE COMMUNITY

LEAD TESTING—The Genesee County Health Dept is testing children for lead on the following days:

- ◆ Thur, Mar 17—5:30-7:30 pm at Ebenezer Ministries/GHP; 2130 Center Rd.; Burton
- ◆ Sat, Mar 19—9 am-5 pm at New Jerusalem Full Gospel Baptist Church; 1035 E. Carpenter Rd.
- ◆ Tue, Mar 22—3:30-5:30 pm; Genesee Stem Academy; 310 W. Oakley St.
- ◆ Thur, Mar 24—3-6 pm; Richfield Public School Academy; 3807 N. Center Rd

NIGERIAN BORN POET AND PROFESSOR, Dr Osundare (*City Without People: The Katrina Poems*) has a poetry reading and reception at the Flint Public Library, room 205, **Thur, Mar 17** (tonight) at 5:30 pm. There is a book sale and signing. Call 810-249-2569 for more information.

ARTISTIC VISIONS ENTERPRISE presents *The Spotlight Series: POW*. This week is on *Education, not Incarceration* Fri, Mar 18 at 6:30 pm at the UU Congregation on Ballenger Hwy. Admission Donation \$5, Dinner \$5.

THIS WEEK AT WOODSIDE 3/20 - 3/26

SUNDAY:

- 3/20 9:30 am *Adult forums*
- 11 am Worship—Palm Sunday
- Coffee Fellowship (Outreach/Social Action Cmte)*
- Rehearsal for Good Friday Service

MONDAY:

- 3/21 Office Closed
- 7 pm Chime Choir

WEDNESDAY:

- 3/22 4:30 pm Voices Group
- 6:30 pm Board of Directors Mtg
- 6:30 pm Women's Folk Choir
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY:

- 3/23 6 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

FRIDAY:

- 3/25 Office closes at noon until Wed, Mar 30
- 8 pm Good Friday Worship

SUNDAY:

- 3/27 11 am Easter Worship

THE URBAN SPIRIT RETREAT on Apr 1-3 has been **canceled**. There is a mission work group there at that time working on renovations of their new space. We are disappointed and hope to reschedule at some later date.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available in the office. They are for undergrads or high school seniors. Completed applications are due by Wed, Apr 27.

SPANISH CLASSES will be offered at Woodside, on Mondays, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm in room 100. These are through the Collaborative Latin American/Hispanic Org. Starting date and more information to follow.

SAVE THE DATE—MAY 12, 5:30 pm for our next *Woodside's Got Talent*. If you wish to perform, see Leslie Cummings or Joe Eufinger.

NEW YARD SIGNS similar to the large water banner that blew away will be here next week. Bring your old stands if you have them.

Thank You to *Carol Higgins* for patching and repainting the accessible/family bathroom.

We are informed...*Lois Holt*, longtime friend of Woodside turns 100 years old on Apr 6. She lives at the Argentine Care Center in Linden and loves to receive cards.

