

Old First Church
WEATHERVANE

Huntington, NY

April 2006

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
(Daylight Savings Time Begins!)

Bring toilet paper for Huntington Community Food Council

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9

10:00 a.m. Worship
Children's Choirs

11:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

8:00 p.m. Worship
The Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

12:00 noon - Worship
Bible Readings and Reflections

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship
Early service led in part by Church School children

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36% of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32%. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been of special and urgent importance in recent years, allowing Presbyterians to respond quickly to the tsunami in the South Pacific, earthquake in Pakistan, and Hurricane Katrina. We collect this offering on Palm Sunday, but of course gifts are welcomed at anytime throughout Lent.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Palm Sunday

April 9

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Please come, bring your family and friends for an excellent Pancake Breakfast, including sausage, eggs, coffee and tea.

Advance tickets can be purchased in the Parish Hall after worship.

\$7 adults

\$5 youth (ages 3-12)

Children under 3 are free.

Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the breakfast. Prices will increase \$1 so plan ahead and purchase early.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m.

Bring a basket and a smile and get ready to have some fun during our Old First Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn of the church (weather permitting). Children from ages of toddler to 4th grade are welcome to participate. The hunt will be held right after worship service/Church School so that you, too, will have time afterwards to enjoy the pancakes. Small children must be accompanied by an adult. Don't forget to bring a basket to hold your child's eggs.

MISSION PROJECT

The Mission and Christian Education Committees have teamed up for a fundraising effort to support Heifer Project International, a U.S. based care organization that helps people worldwide become self reliant through livestock, training and "passing on the gift". Our goal is to raise \$5,000 — enough money to purchase a "gift ark" from Heifer (an assortment of animals including pigs, camels, water buffalo, guinea pigs, oxen, cows, beehives, etc.) Fundraising efforts will center around various events, the first of which was our Heifer Project Open House held March 12 in the Parish Hall, a lively

and successful gathering. We look forward to your continued enthusiastic support. It is through our care of and ministering to others that we show God our love.

**WHERE IS GOD?
Listening and Looking for God
in the Peace, Unity
and Purity Report**

In 2001 the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) established a Task Force to help the church deal with issues that are causing conflict, including interpretation of the Bible, questions about Jesus Christ and salvation, sexuality and ordination. The Task Force has completed its report, and will present it to this year's General Assembly, June 17-24. A gathering for Long Island Presbyterians is being held, to study the report, and to search the scriptures and pray together. All are invited.

*Saturday, April 8, 9 AM - Noon
First Presbyterian Church, Northport*
Bring your Bible and a copy of the report. Reports are available for \$5, by phone at 800-524-2612 or online at www.pcusa.org/peaceunitypurity/finalreprt.htm.

Register for the April 8 event by calling 631-499-7171

DINING AROUND

April 29 - 7 p.m.

A Fellowship Dinner

Dining Around has been a successful fellowship program in many Presbyterian Churches. The program welcomes all members and guests to come together once a month for an evening of dining and fellowship.

How is Dining Around organized? Using e-mail, the church bulletin and Weathervane, the date and sign-up opportunities are announced. Dinners are informal and are held in members' homes with 8-12 guests in attendance. Throughout the month of April, sign-ups will be available after church in the Parish Hall or by calling committee members named below.

This will be a unique way to meet new friends at Old First Church and renew old acquaintances. Join us for delicious food and wonderful fellowship. Each guest will be asked to bring a portion of the meal determined by the host couple — that is the only cost!

For additional information and reservations, please call one of the committee members: Bobbi Peterson, Marge Sammis, Leslie Schult, or Heather Tucker.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Genesis 1: Space Probe 2006

June 26 - June 30

Get ready to cruise the cosmos with Genesis 1: Space Probe 2006 VBS as we seek our the Lord of the Universe.

This year we will be sharing our Vacation Bible School program with the children of Greenlawn Presbyterian Church. Together we will explore a spectacular VBS Odyssey.

Our program will include campers from ages 4 through grade 6, and camp counselors in grades 7 & 8. We will explore Bible stories through worship, music, crafts, recreation and much more. Join us on Wednesday, June 28, for a VBS barbeque in the early evening on the lawn, wet and wild Bible games on Friday during VBS hours, and a special camp counselors' appreciation gathering.

Are you ready to reach for the stars and join our space program teachers' team? Please call Jamie Reinish in the church office (427-2101).

COMMUNITY FOOD COUNCIL

The current urgent need is toilet paper, so we have designated this item to bring to church with you on the first Sunday of the month, April 2.

**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

PW Coordinating Committee ... The PW Board will meet on Tuesday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. in the Fiske Room. Refreshments will be served at 9:30 a.m.

Circle 1 ... Monday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., Fiske Room. Sue Degnan will lead a program concerning health issues.

Circle 2 ... Wednesday, April 26, 11:30 a.m., Fiske Room. Watch the bulletin for plans for the program.

Circle 3 ... Tuesday, April 18, 12:30 p.m., Fiske Room. The circle will continue their Bible study from their study book *For Everything A Season..*

Circle 4 ... Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., Craft Room upstairs. Your help is needed to make shoulder covers for oncology patients at Huntington Hospital, and the Fall Fair quilt.

Circle 6 ... Tuesday, April 4, 9:30 a.m. The group will assemble health kits. .

Crafts ... Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., craft room upstairs. The group can use your help with various craft projects.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

May 6

10 am - 4 pm

Bring in your spring and summer clothing and jewelry for our spring sale. Donations will be received during the week (May 1-4).

HIHI GOLF OUTING
Wednesday, April 26, 2006
Crab Meadow Golf Club

12 pm Registration, Lunch & Range
1:30 pm Shotgun Start
\$200 Per Player
4 Person Scramble-
Calloway Handicap System



Includes: 18 holes of championship golf including cart, range balls, refreshments, barbeque lunch, and a full Greek Buffet Dinner. Many team and individual prizes including a brand new car for a hole-in-one courtesy of Huntington Chevrolet

For more information or to register your team, please call Fr. Dimitri (631-261-7272). Registration ends April 20. Make checks payable to The Family Service League and put HIHI Golf in the memo. Hole Sponsorships are available for \$200.



Please list the names of the people you wish to play with and return with your payment to: HIHI Golf Outing c/o St. Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Church, 1 Shrine Place, Greenlawn, NY 11740.

If you don't have a team, we can pair you up with other players.

APRIL CALENDAR



SUNDAY, APRIL 2

10:00 a.m. Worship & Church School
6:00 p.m. Confirmation

MONDAY, APRIL 3

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

9:30 a.m. PW Board
9:30 a.m. Circle 6
10:00 a.m. Movement/Meditation
8:00 p.m. Trustees
8:00 p.m. Deacons

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Kids/Youth Club
5:00 p.m. Kids Choir
5:30 p.m. Youth Choir
7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

9:30 a.m. Quilting
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

9:30 a.m. Crafts

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

10:00 p.m. Worship & Church School
11:00 p.m. Pancake Breakfast

MONDAY, APRIL 10

7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

10:00 a.m. Movement/Meditation
8:00 p.m. Session

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

5:00 p.m. NO Kids/Youth Club
5:00 p.m. NO Kids Choir
5:30 p.m. NO Youth Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

9:30 a.m. NO Quilting
8:00 p.m. Worship

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

9:30 a.m. Crafts
12:00 p.m. Worship

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

9:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

10:00 a.m. Movement/Meditation
12:30 p.m. Circle 3

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

5:00 p.m. Kids/Youth Club
5:00 p.m. Kids Choir
5:30 p.m. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

9:30 a.m. Quilting

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

9:30 a.m. Crafts

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 a.m. Worship & Church School

MONDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 p.m. Circle 1

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

10:00 a.m. Movement/Meditation

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

11:30 a.m. Circle 2

5:00 p.m. Kids/Youth Club

5:00 p.m. Kids Choir

5:30 p.m. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

9:30 a.m. Quilting

8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

9:30 a.m. Crafts

7:00 p.m. Dining Around at member's homes

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

10:00 a.m. Worship & Church School

KEEP IN TOUCH...

...If you or a loved one or friend are in Huntington Hospital, please contact the church office so that the minister may call.

...When going to Huntington Hospital be sure you list "Old First Presbyterian" as your church. Hospital workers provide lists of Protestants and Presbyterians, but often do not know what "Old First's" affiliation may be.

...If you are aware of a member in the hospital, please let us know. Many people are admitted through emergency and will not appear on any church lists. Your minister is there most days of the week and wants to call on you. Please help by informing the church.

