

# Glad Tidings

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Dear and Beloved Friends in Christ

Holy Week and Easter are just around the corner. Easter is rebirth, resurrection, living hope. We have these special services. Come worship with us. Bring a friend.

Palm Sunday April 1 11 AM

Maundy Thursday April 5 7 PM

Easter Sunday April 8 11 AM

The Resurrection of Jesus is the explosion of the radically New. The Good News is about the new life breaking in on our tired, frustrated and divided world and filling us with awe, wonder and a living hope. Christ is loose in the world. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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Louis Evely writes, "God is not an idea, or a definition that we have committed to memory.

God is a presence which we experience in our hearts."

With you in awakening to God's presence in our midst,

Robert

"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells in you?"

1 Corinthians 3:16

## *Glad Tidings*

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**HER DECLARATION**

On Monday, April 2nd, the Presbyterian Women and friends will gather to discuss Chapter 14 of *Unveiling Mary Magdalene*. Liz Curtis Higgs says "Of all the people to whom Jesus might have revealed himself, he chose a woman. *A woman!* If that boggles our twenty-first-century minds, think how those eleven guys must have felt when Mary Magdalene came running back to town with her world-shaking news. Do you hear sandaled feet pounding the hardened dirt streets of Jerusalem? Sense her breath coming in gasps as she rounds the last corner, her eyes bright with tears of joy? Our hearts swell with anticipation. *Tell us, Mary! What have you seen?*"

We will start out with a poem on MM and finish with our brown bag lunch. Many thanks to Carol Rush for being our hostess this month.

**HEALING MINISTRY**

"We want to thank Dr. Close and the NMPC church session for approving the healing ministry that Laura and I are sponsoring. We call it "Grace-Full Applications". We propose to start at 11:30 A.M. on Fridays in the Makemie Room after Robert's Yoga class and finish about 12:30 P.M. We'll have healing tables and the clients, fully clothed, will be on these covered by a sheet or a light blanket. Pam Nielsen will join us also. We always ask permission to touch. If they prefer no touching, we work in the client's energy field, using techniques gained from our studies in the disciplines of Healing Touch and Reiki. More than these however, is our perspective of being a conduit of higher God-focused Energy for clients, so that, indeed, Grace may abound. One universal response to this kind of energy work is a sense of peace, and many clients fall asleep. In the interaction between healer and client, healing may take place on many levels, physical, mental, emotional or spiritual. Our concern is not to focus on outcomes, but simply to be present to the client's needs, and allow the healing process to expand as it will. Usually treatment duration is about 30 to 45 minutes, depending on issues treated. We consider this a ministry, a service, and there are no fees. We invite everyone to this unique experience. Thank you.  
Rhudy Naylor and Laura Chuquin-Naylor

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

The Building and Grounds Committee would like to thank all of the men in the Church who are involved with the Joe's Boys ministry. This group of caring men regularly volunteers to work around the Church and the manse on a variety of clean-up and maintenance projects. They meet once a month on Tuesday mornings, but they also are available for special needs and even for special help to local charity organizations. Additional volunteers are welcome, and there is great fellowship in addition to doing good deeds and saving the Church from added expenditures. The Building and Grounds Committee feels that these spirited men should be thanked here and on a regular basis for the hours that they donate.

**From Nina Frost Close: Come Home for Lent—And Easter!**

"Welcome back," said the cab driver, with no small amount of conviction, as I left New York's LaGuardia airport on the last day of Epiphany, and headed to Marble Church, to continue preparations for an upcoming women's retreat.



Though he asked where I was coming from (Virginia), and said nothing else during the ride, when I got out at Marble, he looked me in the eye and said it again: "Welcome back... and be well." I wished him the same, fervently, in that way you do when you feel you have stepped into something large and mysterious and wonderful with a total stranger.

The thing is: While yes, I grew up in New York, and lived and worked for most of my life here, and still go there periodically for work, he had no way of knowing that, and I don't think I telegraph anything that screams New York native on her return voyage. And I am beyond happy in my Virginia home with my husband.

And yet: His words felt very apt, but not for reasons geographic. I had been thinking about the Lenten journey to Easter, and about the journey it invites each of us to take, every year. A journey that is different for each person, and just as inscrutable.

But I believe at the heart of this seasonal journey is the invitation to *return*: To look long and hard at the disconnects in our lives—with God, with other people, with ourselves—and to make reparations... changes in behavior and thinking that ultimately allow someone, maybe ourselves, maybe God, to say: "*Welcome back.*"

In the reading many associate with Ash Wednesday, the words from Psalm 51 repeat a prayer many of us also say and hope for, one way or another, any time of year:

**"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."**

In this prayer is the longing to come home, to be welcomed back. And as both this prayer and Lent remind, we are always needing to return... we always stray, and that straying is not a source of condemnation but, actually, the *source* of the desire to turn back toward God.

**As we walk into this season of promise, honest self-examination, and ultimately, resurrection together, think of ways you are being "welcomed back." There may be some things you need to do before that can happen. Lord knows that is true for me. But: There are metaphorical cab drivers everywhere, just waiting to help you take the first step. The rest will be up to you... you and God. Thanks be.**

**Easter Exulted**

**Shake out your qualms.  
Shake up your dreams.  
Deepen your roots.  
Extend your branches.  
Trust deep water  
and head for the open,  
even if your vision  
shipwrecks you.  
Quit your addiction  
to sneer and complain.  
Open a lookout.  
Dance on a brink.  
Run with your wildfire.  
You are closer to glory  
leaping an abyss  
than upholstering a rut.  
Not dawdling.  
Not doubting.  
Intrepid all the way  
Walk toward clarity.  
At every crossroad  
Be prepared  
to bump into wonder.  
Only love prevails.  
En route to disaster  
insist on canticles.  
Lift your ineffable  
out of the mundane.  
Nothing perishes;  
nothing survives;  
everything transforms!  
Honeymoon with Big Joy!**

**~ James Broughton ~**

## Missions Update

The GF Horne Lenten Brown Bag Lunches are almost finished and what a wonderful mission effort. The last five Saturdays, the kitchen has been alive with all the work necessary to deliver 60 lunches. We prepared beef soup, potato soup, chicken noodle soup, lots of sandwiches, cookies and fruit to provide the residents something a little special. This was a joint effort with a group of students and instructors at ESCC and NMPC.



*A Giant Thank You Card from  
The Residents at GF Horne*

*Jack and Rudy bag up the goodies and Helen  
and Jody bag some sandwiches.*



### Upcoming Hands on Projects

- April 10<sup>th</sup>** – making lunch for a Habitat Crew
- July 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** –Housing a Habitat crew at the church
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>** -Housing a Habitat crew at the church
- July (TBD)** – Cookout at GF Horne – congregations invited to both help and eat.
- Habitat housing – pot luck supper
- Thursday nights – everyone invited.

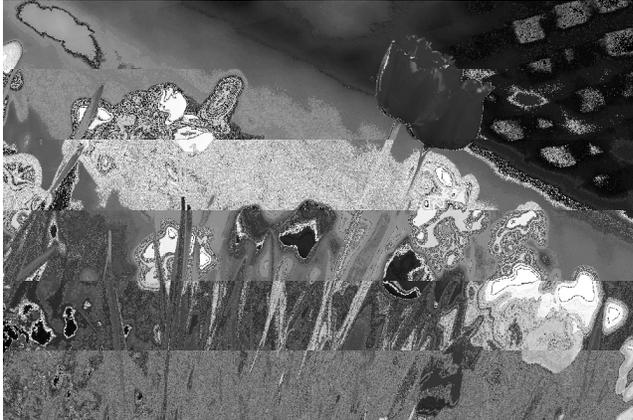
A number of folks wanted the receipt for the potato soup we made for GF Horne – here it is sized for a normal family not the 8 gallons we made.

### Potato Soup Receipt (Family Size)

- 2 cups of ham chopped
- 5 pounds of russet baking peeled and diced
- ½ stick of butter
- Salt and pepper
- 1 large carrot chopped
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 1 stalk of celery
- 1 cup of milk

Cut and dice the potatoes, carrots and onion - put in pot and add water to just cover them with water. Bring to boil and then cook on medium heat for 20 minutes or until potatoes are cooked. Add ham, butter, seasonings, and milk then heat.

## Happy Birthday - March & April

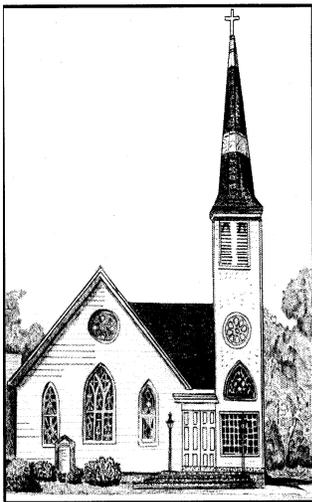


Ales Gregor 3/29  
Carey Tuttle 3/30  
Rhudy Naylor 4/10  
Jeanne Serini 4/13  
Gloria Miller 4/18  
Buddy Perry 4/28  
Bob Haines 4/29  
Jo Penland 4/30

*Did we miss anyone? Please let us know so we can update our records*

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