



# Baptist Notes

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## From the Pastor



Leading up to Easter . . . The final week of Jesus' life on earth is well documented in scripture. Beginning with Palm Sunday, and concluding with Good, or Dark, Friday, we read of a volatile, heart-felt, emotional, and certainly spiritual range of events. Palm Sunday is celebration. The Palms we wave are reminiscent of Jesus riding into the city of Jerusalem for the final time, on a donkey, and with onlookers spreading palm branches in the road as symbols of victory. But, the mood quickly drew dark as Jesus entered the temple and chased off the money changers (people exchanging currency from other nations for a commission), and those who extorted money from the worshiping congregation's tithe. As opposition to Jesus' ministry heightened, and plots were devised to charge and end His life, there also were touching moments of faith and discipleship that moved the heart of God.

We read of the Last Supper on Thursday of that week. This was a time of fellowship and instruction to the disciples of what was to come. And we read of intense prayer as Jesus knelt in the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. As sweat and trembling enveloped him, he prayer for strength to follow through to the death as a sacrifice for humankind. We read of the silence of Saturday, and of the Resurrection on early Sunday morning. First Baptist remembers the final week of Jesus' life with the following schedule.

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	March 29, 10:45 am	Matthew 21:1-10
<i>Maundy (Holy) Thursday</i>	April 2, 7:00 pm	Matthew 26:17-56
<i>Dark Friday*</i>	April 3, Noon	Matthew 27:11-61
<i>Holy Saturday Youth Service</i>	April 4, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm	
<i>Easter Celebration</i>	April 5	Easter Egg Hunt at 9:45 am
		Worship at 10:45 am
		John 20:1-18

I encourage us to take to heart a week of passion and remembrance as we celebrate the love of God for all people. I encourage us to take each day as opportunity to remember what we have received, what we have yet to experience, and how we share the embrace of God in our world.

\* The Good Friday service is a service led by the Christian clergy of Framingham, this year will be at Edwards Church, 39 Edwards Street, Framingham, 01701

## How is the Date for Easter Determined?

The date of Easter is actually based on the Gregorian calendar in cooperation with the lunar calendar. In other words, the cycle of the moon determines the date of Easter. It flows like this: The first Sunday following the first full moon, following March 21 (vernal equinox **or** first day of spring). So, Easter happens after March 21, but not until the first full moon after March 21. This year, the first full moon after March 21 is on Saturday, April 4. And, the first Sunday after this is . . . April 5!! Easter will always fall during a span from March 23 to April 23.

## Your At-Large Council Members

You probably already know that the Executive Council is a sounding board and a representative advisory group for communication between the church boards and the congregation. In addition to the officers, the three board chairs, and the chairs of the nominating and communications committees, two at-large members attend Council meetings. These members' sole purpose is to be the voice of the congregation. This year, your representatives are **Cheryl Perry** and **Carolyn Reilly**. If you ever have a concern, a suggestion, or a praise you would like to share with the Executive Council, just let one of them know. They will be glad to pass it along and possibly solve a problem or give someone a well-deserved pat on the back.

## Library 4 Update

We started the year with the "Three Christmas Journeys", followed by "Clopper, Boy Jesus in the Temple". The next Sunday we read about the Wise and Foolish builders and "Does God Know How to Tie Shoes?". We also read "Three Trees" and then make Valentines for our homebound members - all before the Blizzard 2015. In February we read "Abraham Talks to the Trees" and made St. Patrick's Day cards for our shut-ins.

## Daylight Savings Time

Remember to "Spring Forward" on Sunday, March 8 at 2:00 a.m.

## From The Salvation Army

It is our pleasure to thank you for your donation The Framingham Corps of The Salvation Army. You will want to know that your generosity does not go unnoticed. The Salvation Army works year round to meet the needs of the poor in our community. We are able to do this because of the thoughtful and generous gifts made by people such as you.

2	Bob Phillips	16	Alicia Gonzales
3	Joseph Paiva	19	Betty Temple
4	Carolyn Reilly	25	Marilyn Medler
7	Ethel Luton-Campbell	27	Bob Emmons
8	Neil Halbert	28	Laura Reilly
12	Naja Arianna Allen	31	Diamond Campbell
16	Joann Sewell		



## March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Second Sunday in Lent</b> 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship  <i>Pot luck lunch</i>	2	3	4	5 7:00 pm Choir <i>Rehearsal</i>	6	7
<b>8 Third Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Daylight Savings time Begins</i> 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	9	10	11	12 7:00 pm Choir <i>Rehearsal</i>	13	14
<b>15 Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	16	17 7:00 pm A&F <i>Meeting</i>	18 7:00 pm Executive <i>Council</i>	19 7:00 pm Choir <i>Rehearsal</i>	20	21
<b>22 Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship  <b>TALENT SHOW</b>	23	24	25 <i>Wonderful            Wednesdays</i> 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:15 p.m. Bible <i>Study</i>	26 7:00 pm Choir <i>Rehearsal</i>	27	28
<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> 9:45 a.m. Christian Education 10:45 a.m. Worship	30	31				

Notes: AA meets : Monday evenings at 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. in the Children's Room  
 Wednesday and Friday at Noon in Reilly Hall

*All calendar entries are subject to change*

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



**Friday, March 6, 2015**

**Noon**

**Greater Framingham Church**

**44 Franklin Street**

**Snowdate: Friday, March 13**

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## Talent Show - Sunday, March 22

You've got to be Here to Hear this!!



Think about sharing your talents (whatever they may be) or just be part of the audience. Desserts will be on sale at intermission and we will take a free-will offering for the Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship Fund honors the memory of Millie Levin, a very active Park Street mother and youth advisor as well as the memory of young college student Kathie Chute who loved to work with the Park Street Youth.



If you are currently in college or are planning to continue your education, please fill out an ML/KC application form. Forms are available from the Scholarship Committee members: Diane Halbert, Marilyn Wakeman and Ray Zeman.

