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Holy Week



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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Lenten and Holy Week Services

From the Worship Committee

Here are highlights you can look forward to as we travel through lent and into the Easter Season:

Palm Sunday: March 24

There will be a potluck Luncheon in Murchison Hall after Service.

Maundy Thursday: March 28

Service at **8 PM**. Tenebrae Service with seven scripture readings. We will celebrate the Eucharist as part of the service.

Good Friday: March 29

Joint service with Germonds will be held at NHPC at **8 PM** - combined choirs.

Easter Services: March 31

8 AM in Murchison Hall followed by a pancake breakfast served by men of the church.

11 AM with Eucharist followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the children after worship.



Church Photo Directory



Thank you to all who have sent in your directory photos! We're giving you another chance on Sunday March 24 to have your photo taken during the Palm Sunday

luncheon OR You can still email a recent photo (jpeg) of you or your family to Susan at:

billsusantruss@gmail.com

Palm Sunday Luncheon



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The Fellowship Committee and Deacons will be

hosting the traditional Palm Sunday luncheon immediately after the Sunday service on March 24.

Please bring a covered dish, cut and ready to serve. As usual, we don't have the facilities to either store or cook (unless you wish to use the Murchison Hall microwave for a minute or two), so bring something you can bring straight to the serving tables. Bring family and friends to the service and the luncheon.

Concert

The Morning Music Club of Rockland will be holding their Spring Concert with a performance by the Madison String Quartet in our sanctuary on Saturday April 6 at 3 PM. The Club hosted a spring concert here last year and it turned out to be quite an exciting program. We encourage you all to attend an afternoon of "Harmony through Time". Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$10.

The Manse

From Mark Zacheis

We have been making a lot of great progress on refreshing the manse. Since the last newsletter article we have just about completed the laundry room – new floor, new baseboard trim, fresh paint on the walls, ceiling, doors and closet, and the installation of a new utility sink, washer and dryer. We’ve moved on to the kitchen with more cleaning, new electricals, and fresh paint. Lots more to do there though. We’ve also started demo of the tile in the main bathroom upstairs. Work is not limited to the interior however; the garden in front of the porch is being cleaned up for spring as well. All these tasks have been done with our own labor. Many thanks to our volunteers, Ed, Pam, Kyle, Karen, Nancy, Barbara, and Mark. We’ve also started working with outside vendors. New kitchen cabinets and cabinet doors have been ordered. We’ve contracted with an electrician to upgrade the electrical service, and another to replace the rickety basement staircase.

We’re moving along nicely but there is plenty more to be done. In the next month we’d like to get the kitchen farther along and to the point where we can start to focus on the living and dining rooms. The walls and ceilings need to be

scrubbed and painted. Stay tuned for more progress in the next Carriage Stone.





All you have to do is pick up the trash with the grabber and put it into a bag. Easy. And if you happen to find KiRBy the Knome, you'll win a fabulous prize.

This is an opportunity to give back to our community. We anticipate a sunny, dry day and about 60 degrees; perfect weather for an outdoor activity. Water and granola bars will be provided.

If you would like to participate then you will need to register. Go to <http://www.keeprocklandbeautiful.org> and follow the easy instructions. Mark will also be in the coffee hour with his computer following the April 7 and 14 church services,

should you need help signing up.



Keep Rockland Beautiful

Spring Time means clean up time and not just our own yards. NHPC is once again hosting a spring cleanup of New Hempstead Road. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 20 from 9am to noon and plan to attend this community event. We will be picking up roadside trash on New Hempstead Road, from Route 45 east to the entrance to the Palisades Parkway, plus Old Schoolhouse Road where it crosses next to the church. This event is hosted by NHPC through the Keep Rockland Beautiful program, managed by the county. It is a community event open to anyone, member or not. There will be people from the church there and people from the community.

It is wise to wear work clothes and to bring work gloves. We will provide you with a reflective safety vest, trash grabbers, and garbage bags.

I certainly enjoyed the “Poor Man’s Cake” from the coffee hour on March 17. If you did too, here is the recipe from Gramma Eva Balcam.

- 1 Cup Coffee (liquid)
- 1/2 Cup Shortening
- 1 Large Handful Raisins
- 1 Cup Brown sugar (packed)
- 1 Tsp Cinnamon
- 1/2 Tsp Cloves
- 1 Cup Flour
- 1/2 Tsp Baking Soda
- 1 Tsp Baking Powder
- 1/2 Tsp Salt

Grease 9” (or 8”) square pan and heat oven to 350°.

Bring coffee, shortening, raisins and brown sugar to a boil in a saucepan and then cool.

Add in remaining ingredients, stirring just enough to combine.

Move mixture to greased pan and bake for 45 minutes.