

Sunday March 23, 2008

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# North Street News

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## Today's Message

The Numbers of Hope—3:16

"We Believe"

Pastor Bob

## Today's Schedule

6:45 Sunrise Service  
8:00 Breakfast  
9:30 Resurrection Worship

## Serving Today

### Greeters

The Klutinotys & Kathi Huber

### Nursery

Joan Cole, Walker Hartman,  
& Lisa Saegsirikhun

### The Lord's Supper

Jesse & Donna McIntyre  
and Andrea Cranmer

## Last Week at NSCC

Worship I: 98  
Worship II: 126  
Total Attendance: 224

## Offering

General - \$6,226.00  
Designated - \$ 549.75  
Total - \$6,775.75

## Send A Card

Send a card of encouragement  
to Art & Phyllis Weigle, 136  
Park Crest Lane, Butler, PA  
16001.

## Flowers

Our thanks to Sara O'Donnell  
and family who donated to-  
day's flowers in the memory of  
Jay O'Donnell.

But God forbid that I  
should boast except in  
the cross of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, by whom  
the world has been  
crucified to me, and I  
to the world.  
Galatians 6:14

PICK UP YOUR PRAYER LIST IN  
THE NARTHEX

## PARTNER WITH LEGACY YOUTH TO FIGHT WORLD HUNGER

World Vision 30 Days of Famine April 25th - April 26th, 2008

While we are enjoying ham and Easter eggs, 852 million people across the world are hungry. Chronic poverty is a root cause of hunger and afflicts half the world's population. Every year, 10.5 million children under the age of five die from a disease and malnutrition as a result of hunger.

Our Legacy Youth Ministry has decided to take action and on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, they will be participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. The weekend will be filled with worship, devotion, prayer, and service...but not food. By getting sponsors for the 30 hours they will spend without food, they will raise money so that other kids can eat.

There are numerous ways you can help the youth in the fight against hunger. Perhaps you feel led to get sponsors yourself and join us here at the church for the 30 hour fast and activities. Or maybe you would rather fast at home, be a prayer partner with us, or be a sponsor to someone participating. Any manner in which you choose to participate can have a huge impact. Ponder these facts: \$1 feeds

one child for a day - the price of downloading one song for your MP3 player. The \$30 you spend going out to eat can feed a child for an entire month. The \$180 an average person spends on soda every year can feed a child for six months. And that \$360 you want to spend to get the latest, greatest gaming system could feed a child for an entire year instead. What are you willing to sacrifice for the sake of others?

You'll hear more about the famine in the coming weeks. For now, please prayerfully consider your role in this event. There is a sign up sheet in the Welcome Center for anyone interested in participating in any way. Simply sign your name and check how you'd like to help. If you have any questions, please contact Lacey Eckert at 724-445-3985 or at [mattandlacey@peoplepc.com](mailto:mattandlacey@peoplepc.com). You can also find out more at World Vision's website: [www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org).

*Be seen. Be heard. Be HUNGRY!*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*Matthew 5*

*Team I Leaves for Mexico Today!*

## BUILDING HOUSES FOR NEEDY FAMILIES



Please pray for Jon and Bonna Ray and their team as they venture to Juarez, Mexico to build a house for a needy family under the direction of Casas por Cristo. They will be leaving immediately after church today and will return March 29th. The team consists of the

Rays, Kathy Twerdok, Joan Craig, Denise Zinn, Bob and Wilma Young, Eric, Kim, and Christina Wick.

A team led by Andy Bilowich will depart June 14th and return June 21st. Team members to date are Jim and Michelle Convery, Ashley Tack, Gary Saeler, Christina Wick, Lauren Sears, Dennis, Marianne, and Casey Muir, Gary and Kelly McDeavitt, Nikki and Sue Simpson, Tyler Cranmer, and Eric Eury.

## ADMINISTRATION, BUILDINGS, & PROPERTY UPDATE

*Progress Continues on Annex and Plan for Remodeling Underway*

A wise man once told me that winter was really not the ideal time to replace a roof. Having shared that, I can only think that he was referring to having the interior of the building in question exposed to the elements for a period of time. Fortunately for us here at North Street, that wasn't the case. Even more fortunate is the fact that we've been blessed by finding a local contractor to build us a new roof, who was willing to work around the snow, ice, and freezing winds we've experienced this winter. With crumbling mortar causing the brick parapets to lean and a leaking existing roof surface, waiting for next year was no longer an option that anyone in the Buildings & Property Department wanted to consider. Because of the weather, it has taken several months, but our contractor has completely closed in the roof area now and is already putting shingles on. Soffit, fascia, and siding (on the gable ends) will follow, as long as weather continues to improve. The contractor told me that it was apparent that our former flat-roofing contractors kept putting new roofing surfaces, including gravel, over the previous one. He mentioned this only because he had

removed an incredible 17 tons of old roofing material from our roof decking boards... certainly a testimony of sorts to how well the Annex Building is constructed! As the roof nears completion, our department is now turning it's attention to the interior of the Annex with consideration to remodeling the education spaces. After screening five architectural firms, the field was narrowed down to two candidates to address design and layout for remodeling. We ultimately selected Ligo Architects, a local firm from Slippery Rock because we felt they had the best grasp of the vision we are trying to achieve here at North Street. Please understand that we are only in the preliminary phase of the design. Department leaders and those most involved in Christian education, the nursery, and worship have been approached so far for their initial input. Keep in mind and in prayer that this is a work in progress and we are committed to presenting you, the congregation, with an intelligent and well thought out master site plan and design for the future of North Street Christian Church.

Bob Seaver-Coordinator

Administration, Buildings, & Property Dept.

One Worship Service Next Sunday, March 30th

*The Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and Spring Fertility Symbols*  
**WHAT DO THEY HAVE IN COMMON?**

(A little sarcastic and tad funny and pretty serious at the end. If you are easily offended - DON'T READ THIS - That said, EVERYONE WILL NOW READ THIS!)

If a child would ask, "What is Easter about?" most of us would respond, "O, it's about Jesus rising from the dead." And certainly in the Christian community that is the center of our worship and proclamation. If a child would ask, "Why do we color eggs for Easter?" the common response would probably be, "Well . . . that is a good question." And then we may have varied explanations of heritage and tradition, springtime, life and perhaps even go on to explain that an egg is like a tomb and when the chick breaks forth it is like Christ coming out of the tomb! (So why don't we buy fertilized eggs and incubate them to illustrate that truth - instead of boiling the little embryo and then eating it? Besides that most kids don't even like hardboiled eggs.)

Let's dig a little deeper. How is that we have these traditions at Easter? Here are some answers to the questions we may have about them:

**The Name** - Easter most likely derives its name from the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, Eostre. The corresponding month to April was named Eostremonat or Eostre's month. The Christian Pasch (Passover) typically was held in April and over time that celebration has become known as Easter. (The term remains Pasch or Passover in most non-English languages.) It is probable that Christian missionaries in the second century in northern Europe helped the intertwining of pagan springtime celebrations of life over death by inserting the Christian truths of the resurrection into these festivals of the celebration of the arrival of spring.

**Eggs and Bunnies** - For obvious reasons, both eggs and rabbits are symbols of fertility -new life! Of course as spring springs we too witness new life all around us.

During lent in Medieval Europe the eating of eggs was forbidden, thus eggs were preserved by hard-boiling them. They would then be used as a mainstay of Easter meals and a prized gift for children. Egg decorating is common at Easter and has taken on many forms. It is an art in Austria, Poland and the Ukraine. (When you are bored during long winters - you find all kinds of cool things to do with what you have in hand - like eggs and wax and needles etc.) Egg rolling is a tradition in various places - even at the White House. ( I still don't think egg rolling is much fun, especially when you use your nose on a cold, wet lawn where somebody's

dog stopped by earlier.)

**Now for the bunnies!** The inclusion of the rabbit into Easter appears to have originated in Germany. There were tales of an "Easter Hare" who laid eggs for children to find! ( I guess if you are going to make up a story, it may as well be a really good one.) This tradition came to North America with German immigrants to Pennsylvania and of course has spread and taken on life of its own.

**Cards, New Clothes and Candy** - Money making for the retailer keeps it rolling. Now that is not to say that the genuine expression of love and appreciation for others and for God's revelation cannot be communicated with a card or gift. These things are part of our cultural expressions. But these are still driven for the most part by profit.

**The Easter Parade** - (I have never seen one or been in one, but I do remember singing something about a Easter bonnet with frills upon it for the Easter Parade! Every time I think of that song, I also think of "The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used To Be" for some unexplained reason. I'm weird!) Interestingly, early Christians, after their baptisms wore white robes all through Easter week to indicate their new lives. Those already baptized wore new clothes. Churchgoers would then take a walk after Easter mass, led by a crucifix or Easter candle. Thus was the beginning of the Easter Parade. (Of all the things we do and things we don't do, maybe this one could/should be resurrected with some direct Christian inferences.)

Now let's consider some Scripture:

**From Matthew 27** - Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

**From John 19** - After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop,

and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

**From I Peter** - Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

**From Colossians 2-** And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

**From I Corinthians 15** - Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures . . .

Of course there are many, many more Scriptures we could read concerning the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

So what do the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and Spring Fertility Symbols have in common? For the life of me, I have no idea. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

For The Lamb Who Takes Away the Sin of the World, (and not for the bunny who lays eggs in people's yards).  
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*Doug and I, our sons and my family would like to express our deep appreciation for the overwhelming outpouring of love and sympathy regarding the recent loss of my father. God's grace IS sufficient and is evident in the NSCC body! All glory be to our risen Lord and Savior.*

*Lisa Emmett*

*Thank you Pioneer Club Kids, teachers, and all my church family for your prayers, cards, and calls. God bless you all.*

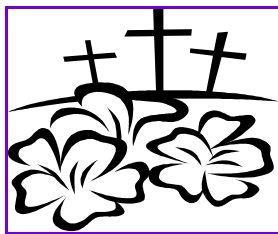
*Mary Stevenson*

*Thank you so very much for all your love and support during my custody hearing. Your prayers were with me during that week, giving me the comforting peace that only God can give us during any trial in our lives here in our temporary home. God certainly hears all of your prayers. God bless you all.*

*In Christ's Love,  
Bridget & Kids*

**Easter flowers that were donated may be picked up following the 9:30 a.m. Resurrection Worship**

# **EASTER FLOWERS 2008**



## **DONORS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES**

**Paul Bauer  
Carl & Irene Divers  
Viv Kalberer**

**Agnes & Art Rauschenberger**

**Alan & Gloria Armstrong in memory  
Milton & Alice Armstrong and John & Jean Borucinski**

**Sharon & Mike Bartley & Family in memory of  
Mary E. Leonard**

**Neil & Raylene Huffmen in memory of  
Ray Henry & William Huffmen**

**Larry Wagner & Family in memory of  
Parents & Grandparents, Dana Miller,  
Harry & Margaret Wagner**

**Curtis Rauschenberger in memory of  
Grandma Dorothy Rauschenberger,  
Father, Floyd Rauschenberger  
Four children, Heather, Dorothy, Gabriel, & Helen**

## **TIMOTHY FUND DONORS**

**Joan Cole in memory of husband, Wesley and  
Father, George Huff**

**The Croups in memory of  
Mary E. Leonard**

## Calendar March 23rd – March 30th

<u>Sun</u>	6:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Sunrise Service Breakfast Resurrection Worship Service
<u>Mon</u>	CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED	
<u>Tues</u>	10:00 - 12 Noon 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	BBI 3:16 Small Group at Klutinotys' 3:16 Small Group at Emmetts'
<u>Wed</u>	6:30 p.m.	Pioneer Club/Jr. & Sr. Hi. Youth/Adult Bible Study
<u>Thur</u>	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	3:16 Small Group at Church 3:16 Small Group at Knoticks'
<u>Fri</u>	7:00 p.m.	3:16 Small Group at Hartmans'
<u>Sat</u>	10:00 a.m.	3:16 Small Group at Church
ONE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH		
<u>Sun</u>	9:30 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Service