

# Burlington Zion Express

May 2011



It is the Monday morning after the biggest Sunday morning in the liturgical year. Just 24 hours ago, a crowd swelled the church, the parking lot filled to capacity, every pew was packed, and the sanctuary

pulsed with energy. Music, sermon, liturgy, flowers, children, and choir all pointed to the crescendo of our Christian faith—Easter!

And this morning, even before the glow has worn off, I sit here with my cup of coffee almost in a daze asking a new question: “now what?” Or maybe it is not such a new question. I can imagine the disciples asking the question of Jesus: “Now what? You rose again, Jesus, like you said you would. Now what do we do?” And how about us at Zion UCC? What do we do?

Here is my answer. Now we live as Easter people. We live as Easter people in our Good Friday world. Look around you and you will see that the world is filled with broken relationships, suffering, trouble, grief. Sound familiar? It’s Good Friday. Good Friday was the day of Christ’s death and suffering and we live there every day.

But we are Easter people, not Good Friday people. We are Easter people because we have the reality of the resurrection and we are confident in our knowledge that Jesus passed beyond the suffering and darkness into the light.

A church that is filled with Easter people will be a church of encouragement, strength, openness, affirmation, and growth. An Easter people congregation is a community where Jesus is followed, God is worshipped, and the good news is for everyone.

See You in the Pews,

Jane



## May Worship

### Sunday, May 1 - Communion

8:00 am: Gathering for Prayer and Reflection

10:00 am: Worship and Children's Church

Scriptures: John 20:19-31

Flowers: **Open**



### Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day

8:00 am: Gathering for Prayer and Reflection

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School

10:00 am: Worship and Children's Church

Scriptures: Luke 24:13-35

Flowers: **Open**

### Sunday, May 15

8:00 am: Gathering for Prayer and Reflection

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School

10:00 am: Worship and Children's Church

Scriptures: John 10:1-10

Flowers: **Open**

### Sunday, May 22

8:00 am: Gathering for Prayer and Reflection

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School

10:00 am: Worship and Children's Church

Scriptures: John 14:1-12

Flowers: **Open**

### Sunday, May 29

8:00 am: Gathering for Prayer and Reflection

9:00 am: Adult Sunday School

10:00 am: Worship (no Children's Church)

Scriptures: John 14:15-21

Flowers: In loving memory of Leona Mauthe from Bud Mauthe

## Worship Helpers

May church closers: Don and Vivian Kellar

### Sunday, May 1

Communion preparers: Don and Vivian Kellar

Greeters: Craig and Lisa Neises & Will,  
Tom and Connie Ralston

Reader: Jerry Goddard

Tower Bell: Bob Parmeter

Valet: Rich Goble

### Sunday, May 8 – Mother's Day

Greeters: Lyle Gibson, Jim Levins, Marlis  
Robberts and Jakob

Reader: Vivian Kellar

Tower Bell: Will Neises

Valet: Craig Neises

### Sunday May 15

Greeters: Chuck and Martha Landstrom,  
Milt and Laurie Paule

Reader: Don Kellar

Tower Bell: Pam Daws

Valet: Dennis Dietzman

### Sunday, May 22

Greeters: Children and Youth

Reader: Children and Youth

Tower Bell: Amber Des Jardins

Valet: Marvin Fraise

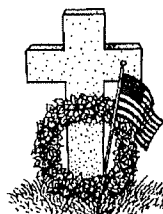
### Sunday, May 29

Greeters: Charles Brissey, Jeanette Fisher,  
Pauline Kuster, Rod Reeves

Reader: Gail Lawlor

Tower Bell: Milt Paule

Valet: David O'Rourke



Memorial Day

Remember Those Who  
Gave Their Lives

## Adult Sunday School



What is happening in May for Adult Sunday School?

Janice Gibson and Pastor Jane will be leading a three week study on "Church Music: History and Meaning." The class will start on **May 8** with a film about Fanny Crosby, writer and composer of more than 10,000 hymns.

On May 15 we will discuss our reading material (distributed May 1) and the film. On May 22 Janice will be our guest speaker. On May 29 the class will have a demonstration and tutorial on the church organ as well as an opportunity to choose the music for worship the first Sunday of June.

This class will be an opportunity to explore and appreciate church music. Reading material will be distributed on Sunday, May 1, and will be available in the church office.

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## "Join the Church Sunday" May 8

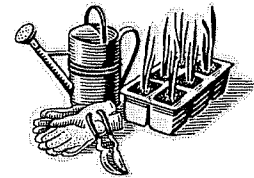
Sunday, May 8, will be an opportunity to join the church for anyone who is interested in church membership at Zion.

Joining the church is a simple process – anyone who wants to join that day simply comes forward and stands in the front and participates in a liturgy about membership.

Please talk with Pastor Jane if you are interested.

## Church School News

by Janice Gibson



### NOIZ Nites gets down and dirty!

Our final NOIZ Nites for Families before the summer break will be **Wednesday, May 4**, from 5:30 – 7:15 p.m. The theme will be "God's Garden." We will meet at the church, but wear clothes that can get dirty because following the meal we will be heading over to the garden at the end of our parking lot to do some gardening.

We'll spruce up our little garden and actually do some planting, in hopes that we will have some fresh produce at the end of the summer. We'll either give our produce to some families in need or share the produce with our congregation in exchange for donations that can be shared with families in need.



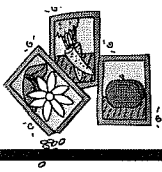
After our gardening we should still have time for some outdoor games! Come, no matter what the shape or size of your family and whether or not you have a green thumb!

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### Youth Lead the Service



On **Sunday, May 22**, the youth and children of Zion will help lead the 10:00 a.m. service. They will serve as readers, greeters, ushers, and maybe a couple other surprises! Come, support the children and youth of our church!



## “Journey through Jerusalem”

You’ve heard the expression, “It takes a village.” Well, in the case of Zion’s Journey through Jerusalem, we can say, “It takes a church.” Under the able direction of Christian Education Director Janice Gibson, over 40 actors took part in this wonderful event on April 13. This list is being published, not only as a thank you to those who gave of their time and ability, but to show how many people it takes to pull off an event of this magnitude.

In order of appearance:

**Mary and Martha Bethany:** Sandy Levins and Sandy Deal

**Palm Sunday donkey owner:** Don Lutz

**Jesus with the children:** Steve Klein, Jerry Goddard, and Bill Daws

**The Upper Room:** Paulette Upton, Nathan Chapman, and Lyle Gibson

**Shepherd on the road:** Joe Deal

**Garden of Gethsemane:** Rod Reeves, Gary Chapman, and Jim Ritters

**Pilate’s court:** Don Kellar, Milt Paule, and Scott Wood

**Golgotha:** Curtis Kenney, Dennis Dietzman, Steve Hartman, Dyan Dietzman, Janet Chapman, and Jim Levins

**The empty tomb:** Jane Willan

**Marketplace:** Pam Daws, Connie Ralston, Chase Graham, Lisa Neises, Gary Chapman, Sue Eden, Kaye Hanna, Vivian Kellar, Sharon Thye, Gail Lawlor, Kevin Levins, Ana Sanchez, Deb Ruble, Janet Chapman, Rita Hartman, Marian Fritz, and Cathy Boeset

Cathy Burk helped with **costuming** – we used over 40 costumes! The Neises family created a paper-mâché **stone** to roll away. We borrowed a **donkey** from Mark Pohren, and Mervin Klees transported her. Over the span of five days, many people helped **set up and dismantle** the ten scenes. It was lots of work!

Of course, we must also thank the many **visitors** who attended and participated in this meaningful and exciting Passion Week reenactment.

--Sandy Levins, Chair  
Board of Christian Education

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## Board of Christian Education Meeting Scheduled

The **Board of Christian Education** will have a meeting at the church on Monday, May 23, at 6:30 p.m. This will be a planning meeting for summer and a work night on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor storage.



Beginning on **Sunday, June 5**, there will be just one service, and it will be at 10:00 a.m. The Adult Sunday School class, Choir, and Children’s Church will be taking a break until fall.

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## Welcome to Our Newest Member – Sandy Morris

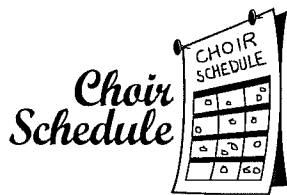
On Sunday, April 3, we welcomed Sandy Morris into the membership of Zion UCC. Sandy is the sister of Cathy Burk, who just joined the church this past October.

## Nursing Home Sing-along

Sunday, May 15, 2:00 p.m.

A group of volunteers will go to Klein Care Center at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, for a sing-along with the residents there. Please join them!

Thank you to the following people who sang at our sing-along on April 17<sup>th</sup> at Bickford Cottage: Sandy Deal, Janice Gibson, Debbie Gottschalk, Don Kellar, Martha Landstrom, Don Lutz, Milt and Laurie Paule, Don Thie, and Jane Willan.

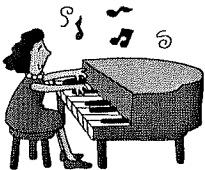


Wednesday, May 4 – No choir due to NOIZ Nites

Wednesday, May 11 – Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18 – End-of-Year Choir Picnic at 6:00 p.m. at Janice and Lyle Gibson's house at 204 Crestview Drive. All choir members and their families are invited to attend. Meat, drinks, and dinnerware will be provided. Bring a dish to share if you'd like.

No other choir practice until fall.



The piano students of Janice Gibson will present a **recital** on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## Women of All Ages

### Teddy Bear Banquet



Thursday, May 12, 6:00 p.m.

This special event will be held in the Fellowship Hall for all women and girls. The program this year will be on teddy bears, and a teddy bear themed meal will be served. Please bring your favorite "bear" to share.

Tickets are now on sale. The cost is \$6.00 for adults, and \$3.00 for kids age 12 and under.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you'd like to help plan the meal. We also need men to sign up to help serve and clean up. You'll have lots of fun and lots of good food.



## Book Discussion Group

Ladies will meet on Thursday, May 19, at 7:00 pm at Pastor Jane's home at 2404 Florence Avenue to discuss the book The Help by Kathryn Stockett. This novel is a #1 New York Times bestseller and is available in the narthex for \$8.50.

*"Lush, original, and poignant...a wondrous novel set in the Deep South told through the authentic voices of Aibileen, Minny, and Skeeter, three unforgettable women whose lives and points of view intersect vividly against a landscape of hopeful change in America. You will be swept away as they work, play, and love during a time when possibilities for women were few but their dreams of the future were limitless."*

-- Adriana Trigiani, bestselling author



## Youth Event

“Summer Picnic and Planning for the Summer”  
Stay tuned for upcoming details!

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## Meetings, etc.

The **Outreach** Committee will meet on Monday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

The **church staff** will meet on Thursday, May 19, at 12:00 p.m. at the church. Please bring your own lunch.

The **Zion in Stitches** group has been put on hold for now. The plans are to start it up again at a later date.

The **Over the Hill Gang** will not meet in May, but a June activity is planned.

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## Adult Sunday School

In the fall, Adult Sunday School is going to examine “Grief: How We Cope With the Loss of Someone We Love.” We’ll start with a summer reading program focusing on some of the best recent fiction and memoir by Joyce Carol Oates, Joan Didion, Anna Quindlen, Meghan O’Rourke, Harold Kushner, Roland Barthes, David Rieff, Anne Roiphe, and Lisa Genova.

Each of us will be asked to read two books from the list over the summer. In addition to discussion, we’re planning several panel discussions with widows, pastors, and hospice. See Jerry Goddard for more details and to share your own thoughts and ideas.

## Open and Affirming

The ONA committee has been meeting regularly for several months. We have been pleased with the feedback after the two showings of the movie "For the Bible Tells Me So" and from many individuals. Two questions in particular have arisen frequently. I would like to take this opportunity to answer them.

First, what is Open and Affirming (ONA)? This is a way in which UCC churches may declare that they welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of the church. This includes a specific welcome to people of all sexual orientations.

Zion prides itself on being a welcoming church. Many Zion members feel we are already ONA. This brings me to the second question--if we already welcome everyone, why do we need to make a specific public statement? Every church says it welcomes everyone. Unfortunately, too many lesbian/gay/bisexual and transgendered people and their families live with the painful reality that "everyone" doesn't include them. This is also true for persons with disabilities, single parent families or people of differing racial and ethnic origin than the congregation. An open and affirming statement clarifies who is included in "everyone." It proclaims God's love is for people of every color, age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, economic status or ability. An open and affirming statement is a covenant that all are created by God, loved by God, and blessed by God; and therefore, welcome to full participation in Zion church.

In closing, the ONA committee invites your continued participation in our journey. Please inform us if you feel you need more information or if you feel we haven't presented something you would like to have addressed. Contact any ONA committee member or place your comments in the box in the Narthex.

Bill Daws, Chairman  
ONA Leadership Team



## The LaPoint Bequest

Frank and Laura LaPoint were not blessed with children, but they nevertheless had a loving family and a close church community in Zion UCC. Martha Landstrom, who knew Frank and Laura, describes them as “nice, good people” who treasured their privacy but liked to help people.

So when Laura LaPoint sat down with her attorney to plan her estate arrangements, she had many things in mind. Naturally, her family was her highest priority. But she also remembered Zion United Church of Christ.

Using a trust mechanism, Laura first took care of her family, providing that they would first receive the income from the trust. But then she remembered other people who had been important in her life, including Zion UCC. Laura provided that after her family had been taken care of, others, like Zion, would also be taken care of.

So she provided that Zion would receive a share of what remained. This month Zion will receive from the LaPoint Trust approximately \$28,000 in unrestricted funds.

Laura LaPoint’s example is important for two reasons. First, and most obvious, the LaPoint bequest provides the church with funds that are needed for the operation of the church. While the church has been generously supportive through recent successful stewardship campaigns, the church budget is always under pressure. These funds will ease some of that pressure.

Second, the unrestricted nature of the bequest is an expression of confidence in Zion to use the funds in the best interests of the church. Laura LaPoint did not try to erect monuments to herself nor did she try to control how the funds would be

spent. She recognized that she could not know or anticipate what Zion’s needs might be when her trust terminated and the funds reached Zion. She had confidence that when that day came the church would know how best to use the bequest.

Laura LaPoint is an example of effective estate planning to achieve multiple objectives: taking care of family and remembering her church. These are not mutually exclusive goals. If 75 church members, after taking care of their family’s needs, left the church the same \$28,000 as did Laura LaPoint, Zion could eventually receive more than \$2 million in unrestricted gifts to expand the Endowment (“the gift that keeps on giving”) and to support special needs of the Church.

It’s something to think about.

Jerry Goddard, Treasurer

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## New and Prospective Members

A group has been formed at Zion for new and prospective members. Activities and events will be planned for socializing and becoming familiar with all the church has to offer. Recently, the group met for a historical tour of Zion and also a wine and chocolate party at the home of Pastor Jane and Don. Stay tuned via bulletin, newsletter, website, or Facebook for future events.

Opportunities to join the church will be during the May 8<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> services. Please contact Pastor Jane if you are interested.

For more information and questions, contact Kaye Hanna at 753-3486.



The church sanctuary looked very beautiful on Easter Sunday, thanks to the donations of so many Easter lilies. A list of them is shown below. Thanks to all those who donated!

*In loving memory of:*

**Paul and Arline Bell** from Jim, Deb, Theresa, and P.J.  
**Doris Burk** from Cathy, Johnathan, and Leona Burk and Sandra Morris  
**Clifford Helt** from Margaret, Maryann, and John  
**Ray Hill** from the Jeff Fritz family  
**Woody Hutchinson** from Larry and Maryann Hutchinson  
**Ralph and Barbara Johnson** from Rich and Deb Goble  
**Maura Liles** from Debbie Geurink  
**Al and Pat Lutz** from Don and Jane  
**John and Janneta Oetken** from Cathy, Johnathan, and Leona Burk  
**Bertha and Cecil Orr** from Susan Phillips and Jan and Dave Dahl  
**Arlene Paule** from Mark and Susan Sundberg, Ryan and Eric  
**Joe and Marge Ralston** from Tom and Connie Ralston  
**John Skarlis** from Efrosini Skarlis  
**Ray Walker** from Margaret Helt Walker  
**Harry and Elizabeth Ward** from Cathy, Johnathan, and Leona Burk and Sandra Morris  
**Gene and Betty Winkelpleck** from Judy Winkelpleck  
**Robert Wood** from his son, Scott Wood  
**Our parents** from Marvin and Marcia Fraise  
**Our parents** from Jerry and Carol Goddard  
**Our parents** from Milton and Laurine Paule

*In honor of* **Mary Klein** *and in loving memory of* **John Klein** from Steve and Cherry Klein

*In honor of:*



**Roy and Leona Burk** from Cathy and Johnathan Burk and Sandra Morris  
**Linda Garmoe** from Debbie Geurink  
**Phil Paule** from Mark and Susan Sundberg, Ryan and Eric  
The welcoming community of **Zion UCC** from Judy Winkelpleck

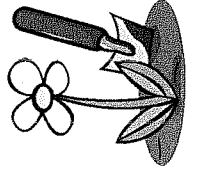




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:00 am: Prayer and Reflection 10:00 am: Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:30 am: Bible Study at Diggers Rest	<b>4</b> 9:00 am: Quilters 5:30-7:15 pm: NOIZ Nites No choir	<b>5</b> <b>National Day of Prayer</b> 6:00 pm: Elders 7:00 pm: Consistory	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  "Join the Church" Sunday	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30 am: Bible Study at Diggers Rest	<b>11</b> 9:00 am: Quilters 7:00 pm: Choir	<b>12</b> 6:00 pm: Women's Banquet	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:00 am: Prayer and Reflection 9:00 am: Adult Sunday School 10:00 am: Worship 2:00 pm: Sing-along	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm: Outreach	<b>17</b> 7:30 am: Bible Study at Diggers Rest	<b>18</b> 9:00 am: Quilters 6:00 pm: Choir picnic	<b>19</b> 12:00 pm: Staff meeting 7:00 pm: Book Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00 am: Highway Cleanup
<b>22</b> 8:00 am: Prayer and Reflection 9:00 am: Adult Sunday School 10:00 am: Worship led by Youth and Children	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm: Board of Christian Education	<b>24</b> 7:30 am: Bible Study at Diggers Rest	<b>25</b> 9:00 am: Quilters No more choir until fall	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:00 am: Prayer and Reflection 9:00 am: Adult Sunday School 10:00 am: Worship	<b>30</b>  <b>Memorial DAY</b>	<b>31</b> 7:30 am: Bible Study at Diggers Rest	<b>Upcoming Events:</b> UCC Iowa Conference Annual Meeting - June 10-11 Pentecost Sunday/Strengthen the Church Offering - June 12 Zion Night at the Bees - Monday, June 27 General Synod - July 1-5 in Tampa, FL Worship in the Park - Sunday, August 28			



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## May Birthdays

- 1 ---- **Brian Landstrom**, 2105 S. 10th St.  
3 ---- **Marie Paulus**, 1326 Gnahn St.  
**Richard Snider**, 6032 Summer St.  
5 ---- **Caitlyn Pope** (11), 1924 S. 10th St.  
7 ---- **Virginia Cooper**, 101 Paulaire Ct.  
**Jordan Springsteen**,  
1419 Cleveland Ave.  
8 ---- **Pamela Daws**, 10971 Wildlife Lakes  
West Burlington, IA 52655  
**Mary Kuster**, 611 Jefferson St. B  
**Becky Kuster**, 114 Grand St.  
9 ---- **Amanda Wilson**, 642 Ramsey,  
West Burlington, IA 52655  
10 ---- **Austin & Ethan VanScoy** (8)  
11453 147<sup>th</sup> Ave., West Burl. 52655  
11 --- **Alicia Nguy**, 910 Woodlake Ct.  
O'Fallon, IL 62269  
**Evan Hedges** (16), 11774 Greenwood  
12 --- **Danielle Gerst** (15), 14576 Rosebud Dr.  
West Burlington IA 52655  
13 --- **Casey Lambert**, 206 S. Garfield Ave.  
14 --- **Amber Des Jardins** (12), 605 Melville  
West Burlington IA 52655  
15 --- **Craig Neises**, 2033 Osborn St.  
**P.J. Ritters**, 1800 Clinton Ave. Apt. 201  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
**Paul Swanson**, 1406 E. Linden Dr.  
Apt. 417, Mt. Pleasant IA 52641  
18 --- **John Jay**, 13524 65th Avenue  
19 --- **Judy Tomkins**, 1738 Deer Run Drive  
**Carla Thomson**, 101 Caesars Lane  
Springfield, IL 62703  
**Steve Marshall**, P.O. Box 293  
Danville, IA 52623  
**Darin Thye**, 10240 155th St.  
20 --- **Lindsey Oetken**, P.O. Box 513  
21 --- **Anita Renteria**, 422 E. Longmeadow  
West Burlington, IA 52655  
**Kevin Levins** (17), 714 Whitewood St,  
22 --- **Donald Kellar**, 128 Greenwood Dr.  
**Robin Nevling**, 1405 Division St.  
**Emma Thye** (6), 10240 155th St.  
23 --- **Stefanee Leis** (19), P.O. Box 293  
Danville IA 52623  
24 --- **Garret Krieger**, 880 Rachael St.,  
Apt. 104, North Liberty IA 52317

- 26 --- **Susan Sundberg**, 8620 Bedington Dr. SE  
Lacey, WA 98513  
29 --- **Christy Des Jardins**, 605 Melville Ct.  
West Burlington IA 52655  
**Kristen Murray** (19),  
11386 S. Prairie Grove Rd.  
West Burlington IA 52655  
31 --- **Joe Ita**, 1419 Cleveland Ave.  
**Teresa Heitmeier**, 11386 147th Ave.  
West Burlington IA 52655

## Early June...

- 1 ---- **Hillaurie Fritz**, 32 Lathrope Ave.,  
Forest Park, IL 60130  
2 ---- **June Rogers**, 2131 Oakdale Circle,  
Coralville, IA 52241  
3 ---- **Don Thie**, 14048 155th St.  
4 ---- **Debra Paulus**, PO Box 36  
Biggsville IL 61418  
**Brandi Chapman**, 505 Conrad Ct.  
**Stacey Wachter**, 1028 Short Ave.

## May Anniversaries

- 18 ---- **Jill & Patrick Nealey** (9)  
14971 190th Ave., Danville IA 52623  
20 ---- **Rita & Steve Hartman** (16)  
2405 Madison Ave.  
**Stephanie & Jamie Jarrett** (11)  
814 Cottonwood Ct.  
22 --- **Barbara & Ben Luckenbill** (29)  
706 Ramsey St., West Burlington 52655  
29 --- **Casey & David Lambert** (12)  
206 S. Garfield Ave.

## Early June...

- 1 ---- **Sharon & Tom Sorensen** (36)  
26 Amber Lane, Iowa City 52240  
3 ---- **Susan & Mark Sundberg** (27)  
8620 Bedington Dr. SE  
Lacey, WA 98513  
**Joshua & Kelly Rice** (5)  
90 Jefferson Lane  
North Liberty IA 52317

Pastor's Report  
Consistory Meeting  
April 14, 2011

**Worship**

Preached 5 sermons

Led 8:00 Gathering for Prayer and Reflection

Led the Wednesday Night Lenten Study (and made the meal (twice)!)

Planning meetings with Janice regarding Lent and Easter worship

**Christian Education**

- Attended Board of Christian Ed meeting
- Taught 5 bible study groups
- Youth Group attended Opening Night at the Bees
- Helped plan and participated in Journey Through Jerusalem
- Led Adult Sunday School (3X)

**Counseling**

12 pastoral counseling sessions

**Membership**

- conversations with a potential new members
- Planning sessions with Kaye concerning new members
- 1 new member joined

**Weddings and Funerals**

- None
- 1 wedding meeting

**Meetings I have attended**

- Consistory officer meeting
- Staff meeting
- Discernment Committee (2X)
- Sound system training
- BTG meeting
- CASA

### **Church Activities I have attended**

- AngelFood Distribution (final!)
- Journey Through Jerusalem
- ONA educational meetings—4x
- Trip to Edwards Congregational in Davenport

### **Ecumenical meetings and Conference Meetings I have attended:**

- Clergy Lunch
- Clergy Support Group
- Committee on Ministry
- Men's Lenten Breakfasts

### **High Points**

Zion's award for "Imagine Church (thank you Deb Ruble)"!

Going to Chicago for two days and hearing Joyce Carol Oates (sort of)

Trip to Edwards Congregational in Davenport

Running outside again (or is this a "challenge"?)

Having a Buildings and Grounds Director (Tee Turner)

Kaye Hanna!

### **Good Books I am reading**

The Paris Wife, Paula McLain; A Movable Feast, Hemingway

Submitted 4-14-2011

*“Go, stand in the temple court and tell the people the full message of this new life.”*

ACTS 5:20

## A New Way is Possible

**T**he prison of Basse-Terre has been making the French news lately, unfortunately, for the wrong reasons. It was ranked the worst prison of France. Tim Rose, Global Ministries missionary in Guadeloupe says, I am assigned as both prison chaplain and “reinsertion” counselor at the prison of Basse-Terre.



TIM ROSE

Originally built in 1660, as a catholic convent, it was converted into a prison in 1772. Not only is the prison old and rundown, the prison is extremely overcrowded. Set up to hold 130 prisoners its current population is approximately 200 and there are only two social workers assigned to work with the prisoners.

The Protestant Reformed Church of Guadeloupe (PRCG) has a prison chaplaincy program and a partnership with a local non-profit organization, “Accolade Caraibes,” to maintain a presence in the prison. I accompany the prisoners spiritually, and I help them make plans to re-enter society after their release. Through job training, spiritual support, family counseling, transitional housing opportunities and acting as a link between the prisoners and the parole board, I try to help prisoners create a new life for themselves.

Obviously the challenges are immense. Through listening, prayer and helping prisoners find real solutions to their problems, many have come to realize that God’s promise of new life is possible.

*Please pray for the prison population of Guadeloupe and the work of the Prison Chaplains and the social workers of Accolade Caraibes.*

*Tim Rose serves with the Reformed Church of France as the Pastoral Assistant for Diaconal Ministries in Guadeloupe and Martinique.*



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