



SUNDAY,
MARCH 14:

“O.K., This Week the Samaritan Woman!”

This week, March 14, I will preach on the Samaritan Woman. I had announced it last week but the Pulpit XChange with St. Paul had rearranged my schedule of sermons and I had temporary amnesia when I wrote last week’s column. I’ll blame it on anesthesia still in my body from the colonoscopy the day before. I don’t know what excuse I’ll use next time.

I am preaching this Lenten Season from John’s Gospel encounters with Christ I am calling Pictures of Transformation. I began with Nicodemus. Last week was the man born blind. This week the woman of Samaria (John 4:1-30). On March 21 I am preaching on the raising of Lazarus (John 11) and on Palm/Passion Sunday I’m preaching on Mary’s anointing of Jesus (John 12:1-8). In John’s Gospel the woman who anointed Jesus was Mary of Bethany, sister of Martha and Lazarus.

Lent is a time of awakening. The earth is awakening. Perhaps you can experience awakening, too. One of the meanings of salvation is an opening of the eyes an enlightening. Paul spoke of it as the eyes of the heart being awakened (Ephesians 1:18). Walker Evans, the famous photographer, wrote:

Stare, pry, listen, evesdrop
Die knowing something.
You are not here long.

MARCH 14, 2010:

Lent IV;
The Reverend Dr. H. Stephen Shoemaker Preaching

- 9:30 Preschool, Early Childhood, Elementary and Youth Sunday School classes
- 9:30 Discipleship Class, Room 204
- 9:45 Adult Sunday School classes
- 10:15 Chancel Choir warm up, Sanctuary
- 11:00 Worship in the Sanctuary; Lent IV; The Reverend Dr. H. Stephen Shoemaker Preaching
- 12:00 High School Seniors Lunch, Off site
- 12:00 Happy Birthday to Me potluck luncheon and the Every Member in Ministry kick-off, Heaton Hall
- 4:00 “Waiting Worship,” a Quaker worship service, Sanctuary Chancel
- 4:00 Youth Choir rehearsal, Shalom Hall
- 6:05 Youth Supper and Fellowship; Youth Hall

WHO’S TEACHING MARCH 14, 2010:		
Nursery	Nursery	<i>Hadley Parker & Susan Aldrich</i>
Toddlers	Rm 104	<i>Stephanie Miller & Dennis Testerman</i>
2s	Rm 101	<i>Kacie Idol & Victoria Ellis</i>
3s	Rm 107	<i>Edith Collins, Sandra MacKinnon, Kirby Stanley, Holly & Jim Wood (Allan & Allison Davis)</i>
4s	Rm 108	<i>Cathy Andrako, Laurie Winston, Cheryl Patterson & Anne Rodgers (Billie & David Hawkins)</i>
TK/K	Rm 213	<i>Maria Long, Dawn Hull, Allegra & Will Hinson (Scott & Laura Pridemore)</i>

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NewsSheet

Please Remember the Following Members and Friends of our Congregation as of
TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010:

CMC-Mercy Rehab: Dean Minton

DISCHARGED: Bob Teague, Tammie Lesesne and Anna Parker

LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO:

- Jim Kratt and Toni Kratt on the death of their brother, to Bill Kratt and Laura Kratt on the death of their uncle, Henry Kratt, on March 2.
- Sara and Geoff Eloge on the death of her grandfather, and to Ellie and Geoffrey, Jr. on the death of their great-grandfather.
- Beth and John Vaughan on the death of Beth's mother, and to Dan and Anna on the death of their grandmother, Rebecca Edwards (Becky), on February 28.
- Tibor and Susan Ban on the death of his father, and to Cole and Ingrid on the death of their grandfather, February 23.
- Elaine and Hugh Prather, Sr. on the death of Hugh's brother, Vernon Prather, in Birmingham, AL, this week.
- The family of William H. Williamson, Jr., on February 24 (MPBC Charter Member).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010

Childcare available 4:30-7:30 pm

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME
Cherub Choir (Toddlers-age 4)	RITI Room (Room 29)	4:30-5:00
Carol Choir (Grades 1-2)	Room 21	5:00-6:00
Chapel Choir (Grades 3-5)	Room 7	5:00-6:00
KinderChoir (TK-K)	Room 8	5:15-6:00
Pysanky Egg Decorating Class	8th Day Studio Room	5:00-5:45
Wednesday Night Dinner	Heaton Hall	5:45-6:45
Program: "Pieta" with Tom Schulz & Sheila Ennis	Berry Hall	6:45-7:30
Photo Interest Group	Cornwell Learning Center	7:00-9:00

Menu: Apple glazed roasted pork loin, mashed potatoes,
Dutch sweet sauerkraut, tossed salad and cherry cola delight
Kid's Menu: Corn dogs & macaroni & cheese

Reservations are **required** before noon on Tuesday by calling 704.334.7232, ext. 56.

MEAL PACKAGING EVENT

Wednesday, March 24
6:30-8:00-Cornwell Gym

Visit the Stop Hunger Now table
In the foyer of Heaton Hall,
Cornwell Front Desk or
www.mpbconline.org/missions
for details.

CENTERING PRAYER:

Saturday, March 27
9:00am-12:30pm at MPBC

Come enjoy a morning of silence in community while deepening your Centering Prayer practice through multiple Centering Prayer sessions, contemplative walks, and a reflection by Fr. Thomas Keating through DVD. The half-day retreat is free and open to all who practice Centering Prayer. Register online at www.cpcharlotte.org.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

REC'D FEB. 7	\$ 18,021.75
REC'D FEB. 14	\$ 9,353.12
REC'D FEB. 21	\$ 8,350.92
REC'D FEB. 28	\$ 30,666.53

LOOSE PLATE MISSIONS OFFERINGS:

(THE LOOSE PLATE OFFERINGS FOR FEB. SUPPORTS MCCREESH PLACE.)

REC'D FEB. 7	\$ 703.15
REC'D FEB. 14	\$ 453.00
REC'D FEB., 21	\$ 491.09
REC'D FEB. 28	\$ 503.62

MEN'S RETREAT!

EDISTO BEACH
MARCH 26-28, 2010

The retreat will be led by Dr. Bill Dols, former MPBC Minister of Education. For more information, please contact Bill Snipes at 704.371.4995 or Rick Goodin at 704.334.7232, ext. 15.

MPBCYM BEACH CAMP - JUNE 27-JULY 2, 2010

Have you ever thought to yourself, "I want to get involved in the youth group, but I just don't know how?" If you have thought this, the answer is simple: Go to BEACH CAMP! Download a registration form by visiting the mbpcYm website (www.mpbconline.org/youth_education.php) or contact Rick Goodin.

HELP!

We have counted 255 books (including children's books) that are missing! Please locate these missing books.



"This Is My Body/
Communion"
Meet in the
Temple at 9:30am

Every Member in Ministry:

Service pledge forms will be given out at the Happy Birthday to Me luncheon on March 14.
Commitment Sunday is April 18.

YOUTH BAPTISM

March 28 at 2:00pm at Camp Thunderbird

Lunch for Discipleship Class and families will take place at 12:45pm

FAMILY RETREAT: BLACK MOUNTAIN

APRIL 23-25, 2010

Sign up now in the foyer of Heaton Hall. Questions? Contact Beth Haenni at beth.haenni@gmail.com.

Registration for VBS, June 21-24, 2010 is now taking place!

Forms are available at www.mpbconline.org, under the Early Childhood and Elementary web pages. You can also get a form from Rick Goodin by contacting him at rgoodin@mpbconline.org.