

LECTIONARY FOR APRIL

April 5 PALM SUNDAY

Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Isaiah 50:4-9a, Palm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15-47

April 12 EASTER SUNDAY

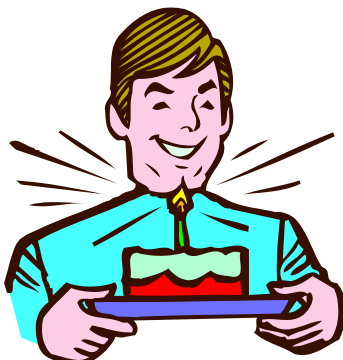
Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:14-24
I Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18

April 19

Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31

April 26

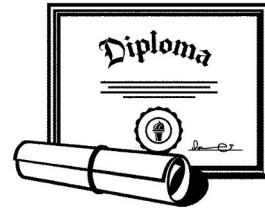
Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4
I John 3:1-7, Luke 24:35b-48



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Tony Cocco	2
Virginia Gibson	9
Michael Curtin	10
Kelly Curtin	13
Vivienne Merrill	17
Kathleen Curtin	19
Allison Klett	20
Louise Beyer	23
Norman Carhart	25
Sharon Lutz	25
John Stamer	28
Carl Michael Stamer	29
Helen Stamer	30

.....and many, many more!!!



JUST A REMINDER!

**DIANNE FLEMING LONG, GREGG
CARHART & WILLIAM STEINIGER
SCHOLARSHIPS**

The deadline for filing a scholarship request will soon be here!
If you are interesting in applying, grants are made to persons of the United Methodist Church of Linden who are pursuing the goal of a vocation through college, vocational and technical schools or other continuing education institutions. Previous recipients may re-apply for consideration and those already in college may apply.
All applications must be received by April 30th.
The scholarship will be awarded at a church service in June.
Please pick up your application as soon as possible from Doris Henel, church secretary. They are on file in the church office.

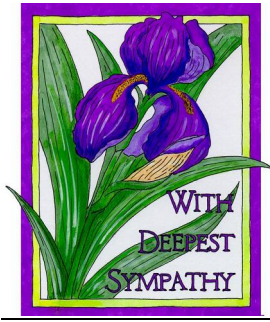


SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Robert Costello gave Rev. Ramos permission to hold a special Church Conference on Sunday, following the worship service, February 22 to elect the following new Board of Trustee members:

- Thomas Henel
- Donald Beyer
- Wayne Hanns

We welcome them to the Board and thank them for being willing to serve. The Trustees meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p. m.



We were sad to hear that Wayne Hann's aunt, Cecelia S. Branch, had died on Thursday, February 19, 2009. She had been ill for some time and Wayne and Roni had been spending a good deal of time with her. She was Wayne's mother's sister. She had lived in Sayreville for the past 15 years and had been employed by the Delaire Nursing Home in Linden for 11 years, retiring in 1991. She was predeceased by her husband, William Clark in 1981 and is survived by 3 nephews, Christian A. Hanns, Chester Samsel and his wife, Carol, and Wayne Hanns, and his wife Roni. Also 6 great-nieces, 3 great-nephews, and several great-great-nieces and nephews, relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral service was held at Werson Funeral Home, Linden, on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. and visiting was on Sunday from 7 to 9. Interment was at the Franklin Memorial Park in New Brunswick.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Wayne, Roni and Chris and the members of their family.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, February 28th at 11 a.m. in the Cranford UMC for Ruth LeDuc. A light luncheon was served by the women of the church following the service. Ruth was the husband of Richard LeDuc, and the mother of David LeDuc who served as our pastor for a number of years. Ruth died on Saturday, February 21 2009. She and her husband were long-time residents of Clark and have lived in Lakewood for the past 4 years. She was an active member of the Cranford church for many years, and an associate member of St. Andrew UMC in Toms River. For nearly 30 years, she and her husband were an active part of the Christian tent cottage community at Ocean Grove. Many a time when we traveled to Ocean Grove we would stop and visit them in their tent summer home. It was just lovely

and they opened it for visitation on special occasions.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Richard, of 57 years and five children, Judith Turner and husband Michael, Nancy Turner and husband Jack, David LeDuc and wife, Karen, Thomas LeDuc and wife Wendy and Patricia Gerichten and husband Robert. Also 13 grandchildren, 1 great grand-daughter and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ruth's memory can be sent to the Cranford UMC Memorial Fund, 201 Lincoln Ave. East, Cranford, N.J. 07016.

We have many happy memories of Ruth and we extend our sympathy to her loving family and their many friends.

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THANK YOU

A note was received from Roni and Wayne Hanns thanking Rev. Ramos and the support they received from the members of our church. They feel truly blessed.

A luncheon was served in Aldersgate Hall following the funeral service for the family and friends.

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CAN YOU HELP THE SUNDAY SCHOOL?

The Sunday School is in need of pens and markers. If you have any that you can donate, the children will be very happy. You can bring them any Sunday and give them to Roni Hanns when the children attend the first part of our church service.

Thank you for helping!

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EASTER LILIES

It's that time again! Time to prepare for Easter and to order your Easter lily for the sanctuary. This year they will be \$7.50 and you can take yours home after the Easter morning service.

Each year, our sanctuary is beautiful with the lovely flowers and the banner that hangs over the choir loft.

There will be fliers in the Sunday bulletin to order your lily and to list in memory or honor of a loved one. You can put the money and the insert in one of the pew envelopes and be sure to mark the outside of the envelope EASTER FLOWERS. The insert in the Easter bulletin will list all those who have ordered flowers. If you will not be in church to fill out a form, please call Gertrude Baldwin, 862-9473 to give her the information and send her the money.

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INTERFAITH COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the Linden Interfaith Council offers a scholarship to any High School graduate who is actively involved in their church here in Linden. It is not necessary to live in Linden, or attend a Linden school, but that they are active members of a Linden church.

Applications are available in the church office. Please speak to the church secretary, Doris Henel, if you would like one.

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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER - THANK YOU UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

It was a fun night on Tuesday, February 24th as the tables filled with members and friends of our church to join us for the pancake

supper. The United Methodist Women hosted the evening and wish to thank Sharon and Steve Lutz and Lorraine and Bob Carhart for doing the cooking and helping to serve the food. There was no charge for the meal, except a free-will offering just to cover expenses, since this was not a fundraiser, but more of a "fun-raiser".

and it was that!!!
we thank Gertrude Baldwin, president of the united Methodist women, for surprising us all with the lovely Mardi gras and beautiful decorations. we all sang and marched to 'when the saints come marching in' as we crowned the king and queen of the evening - Leona parker and bob carhart. a special thank you to those who planned the event and to those who came. It was delicious food and great fun!



Rummage Sale

You can bring your rummage to Epworth Hall, downstairs, at any time. We welcome clothing, linens, jewelry, shoes, soft-covered books and white elephant items in good condition.

Help is needed on Thursday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m. to set everything up. Can you spare an hour or two?

The hours of the sale are as follows:

FRIDAY: APRIL 24 - 9:00 TO 1:00 PM
Open to the Public -Bring your friends

SATURDAY: APRIL 25 = 9:00 TO 12:00
Fill a Bag for \$2.00 - All that fits! And then fill another bag!

Help is needed around 11:30 a.m. as we pack everything up to be distributed and given to those in need.

LINDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND RAISER AT THE LINDEN HOUSE DINER

WHEN? WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

TIME? BREAKFAST, LUNCH OR DINNER OR WHATEVER TIME IS GOOD FOR YOU!

LOCATION: THE LINDEN HOUSE, CORNER OF SUMMIT TERR. & ST. GEORGE AVE., LINDEN

As everyone knows, Linden is building a brand new Library on the property where the present Library stands. The anticipated time of completion is scheduled for November 2009; however, weather, which we cannot control, could change this date.

The Board of Trustees and the Friends of the Linden Library are hosting many fund raisers to be able to furnish the inside of the Library by the time it is completed. Our Administrative Council has give permission to use a page of the Messenger to encourage everyone to take part in this community project. We thank them for their support!

Please cut out the coupon at the bottom of this page and take it with you when you go to the Linden House. Just turn it in when you pay for your meal and at the end of the day, the owners of the Linden House will give the Library 10% of all money spent by people who are supporting this Linden Library project.

A special thank you to the Simpson United Methodist Church in Old Bridge. They have been doing this for many years and since we receive a copy of their newsletter, The Simpson Speaker, we were made aware of this special event they hold each year. It is from reading their newsletter, that we thought this might be a good project for the Linden Library. (The pastor of the Simpson UMC is Rev. Dr. Heasun Kim, who served our church a number of years ago and we thank her for sending us their newsletter.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

LINDEN HOUSE FUND RAISER

Please put away the pots and pans and come out for a nice meal at the Linden House – breakfast, lunch of dinner! The Linden House is helping the Board of Trustees of the Linden Library and the Friends of the Linden Library to raise funds to furnish the inside of our new library now being built.

Please be sure to cut off the coupon at the bottom of this notice and present it to the waiter/waitress so that the restaurant will be able to calculate the amount that will be donated to the Library. 10% of everything being spent by those turning in their coupons will be donated to the Library by the Linden House.

We thank you and the Linden House for supporting this very important fundraiser to help purchase furniture needed for our new Library.

LINDEN PUBLIC LIBRARY DAY AT THE LINDEN HOUSE
Corner of Summit Terrace and St. George Avenue, Linden
Across from the High School

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 – ALL DAY!!

PRESENT THIS COUPON TO YOUR WAITER/WAITRESS AND THE LINDEN HOUSE WILL
DONATE 10% OF YOUR BILL TO THE LINDEN LIBRARY.



special evening. The service will be from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 10 – GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday we will gather with the members of the Reformed Church at their church to worship together. The service will be at 7:30 p.m. and our pastor, Rev. Dr. Ricardo Ramos will join with the pastor of the Reformed Church, Rev. David Groeneveld leading in the worship. Please attend as we prepare for the Easter season.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 – EASTER SUNDAY

BREAKFAST

This year we will once again be having our Easter morning breakfast. We will not be having an early morning service, but we hope you will all come for the breakfast.

WHAT TIME? – 8:30 A.M.

WHERE? - ALDERSGATE HALL

We thank Sharon and Steve Lutz, and Lorraine and Bob Carhart for their help in preparing the food. Reservation forms will be in the Sunday bulletin for a few weeks. If you will not be in church, please call Lorraine, 925-4865. to make your reservation. No charge, but there will be an opportunity for a free-will offering.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE, April 12

Come join us as we celebrate a joyous Easter Sunday at our regular worship time – 10:00 a.m.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Rev. David LeDuc would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and emails during his mother's illness and death. They helped the family during a very difficult time and they know that she is now with the lord watching over all of them.

WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2009

The last of Rev. Ramos' Lenten programs, "Journey to the Holy Land" will be on April 1st. They are from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and include a beautiful film covering some of his journey. Please come and join us for the last program.

SUNDAY, April 5

The 6th and final Lenten Bible Study hosted by the Interfaith Council will take place on April 5th. These have been well attended and very rewarding to all those attending from the various churches of the Interfaith Council. A special thank you to Carolyn Franz who has been in charge of refreshments each week and to the ministers who have provided the leadership in the discussions. The last session will be held in Aldersgate Hall of our church and we invite all to attend. from 3:00 p.m to 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 9 – HOLY THURSDAY



On, Holy Thursday, (Maundy Thursday) we will gather in the sanctuary to share the wine and bread as we celebrate Communion. Please try to attend and join your church family on this very

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Rev. Ramos is planning to have Discipleship Classes meeting on the following dates:

APRIL 19, 26, May 3, 17, 24

SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM TO 9:45 AM

We already have a few people planning to attend the Discipleship Classes and we ask if there are any others interested in joining the church, to please speak to the pastor today.

We are always very happy to welcome new members into our church family.

THE PICTURES OF OUR CHURCH AT CHRISTMASTIME WERE TAKEN BY A NEW FRIEND OF THE CHURCH, SHIRLEE BOROWSKI. LOURDES KOZAR TOOK THE ONE OF OUR CROWNED KING AND QUEEN OF THE MARDI GRAS , BOB CARHART AND LEONA PARKER, AT OUR SHROVE TUESDAY, PANCAKE SUPPER. ENJOY111

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

After Easter, Rev. Ramos will be starting a Confirmation Class. As he learns who is interested a workable schedule will be announced. There will be 4 or 5 sessions, 45 minutes each.

Please speak to Rev. Ramos or call him at 908-337-6938 so that he will have a list of those interested and they can meet and plan on a time that will be convenient for everyone.

Plans are to have any confirmed join the church on the day of Pentecost.

