

# The Union News

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## Holy Week at Union Congregational Church



**March 16, 2008**

Distribution of palms, Bread Sale

### Maundy Thursday – March 20, 2008

6:30 PM pot luck supper, followed by the film, "The Last Supper" (1995), which was filmed and dramatized in the Holy Land and Middle East. This 34 minute film depicts Passover and the events from Palm Sunday through Maundy Thursday. We will have our worship service with communion after the film.



**March 21, 2008 – Community Service at Noon**

Seven Last Words of Christ

Clergy participating from Saint Bridget Roman Catholic Church, United Methodist Church of Maynard and Union Congregational Church

### Easter Sunday – March 23, 2008

Sunrise Service 8:00 AM

Continental Breakfast at Church 8:30 AM

Festival of Easter Worship Service at 10:00 AM  
with special choral pieces



## Daily Lectionary

### March 2008

These lectionary readings are from A Daily Lectionary-Scripture readings for Every Day based on the New Common Lectionary.  
*\*The readings listed for Sundays are from the UCC Desk Calendar and are not part of the daily lectionary cycle.*

Day	Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Epistle
Sat	Mar 1	Ezek 34:1-16	John 7:14-36	2 Cor 4:16-5:5
<b>*Sun</b>	<b>Mar 2</b>	<b>1 Sam 16:1-13</b>	<b>John 9:1-41</b>	<b>Eph 5:8-14</b>
Mon	Mar 3	Ezek 34:17-31	John 7:37-52	2 Cor 5:6-15
Tues	Mar 4	Ezek 36:8-21	John 8:1-11	2 Cor 5:16-21
Wed	Mar 5	Ezek 36:22-32	John 8:12-20	2 Cor 6:1-13
Thurs	Mar 6	Ezek 37:21b-28	John 8:21-32	2 Cor 10:1-6
Fri	Mar 7	Ezek 39:1-10	John 8:33-47	2 Cor 10:7-18
Sat	Mar 8	Ezek 39:21-29	John 8:47-59	2 Cor 11:1-6
<b>*Sun</b>	<b>Mar 9</b>	<b>Ezek 37:1-14</b>	<b>John 11:1-45</b>	<b>Rom 8:6-11</b>
Mon	Mar 10	Ezek 43:1-12	John 9:1-17	2 Cor 11:7-15
Tues	Mar 11	Ezek 47:1-12	John 9:18-41	2 Cor 11:16-29
Wed	Mar 12	Dan 12:1-13	John 10:1-18	2 Cor 11:30-12:6
Thurs	Mar 13	Ezek 3:4-11	John 10:19-42	2 Cor 12:7-11
Fri	Mar 14	Jer 31:16-25	John 11:1-27	2 Cor 12:12-21
Sat	Mar 15	Jer 31:27-37	John 11:28-44	2 Cor 13:1-14
<b>*Sun</b>	<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Isa 50:4-9a</b>	<b>Matt 26:14-27</b>	<b>Phil 2:5-11</b>
Mon	Mar 17	Isa 42:1-9	John 12:1-11	Heb 9:11-15
Tues	Mar 18	Isa 49:1-7	John 12:20-36	1 Cor 1:18-31
Wed	Mar 19	Isa 50:4-9a	John 13:21-30	Heb 12:1-3
Thurs	Mar 20	Exod 12:1-14	John 13:1-15	1 Cor 11:23-26
Fri	Mar 21	Isa 52:13-53:12	John 18:1-19:42 or 19:17-30	Heb 4:14-16,5:7-9
Sat	Mar 22	Exod 14:10-15:18	Matt 28:1-10	Rom 6:3-11
<b>*Sun</b>	<b>Mar 23</b>	<b>Jer 31:1-6</b>	<b>John 20:1-18</b>	<b>Col 3:1-4</b>
Mon	Mar 24	Jon 2:1-9	Luke 23:5b-24:11	1 Cor 15:1-11
Tues	Mar 25	Isa 30:18-26	Luke 24:12-27	1 Cor 15:12-28
Wed	Mar 26	Mic 7:7-15	Luke 24:28-35	1 Cor 15:30-41
Thurs	Mar 27	Ezek 37:1-14	Luke 24:36-44	1 Cor 15:41-50
Fri	Mar 28	Isa 25:1-9	Luke 24:45-53	1 Cor 15:51-58
Sat	Mar 29	Isa 43:8-13	John 20:1-18	2 Cor 4:16-5:10
<b>*Sun</b>	<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Acts 2:14a,22-32</b>	<b>John 20:19-31</b>	<b>1 Pet 1:3-9</b>
Mon	Mar 31	Dan 1:1-21	John 21:1-14	1 Pet 1:1-2,10-12

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## Prayer for the Day

### Invocation for Lent:

Into the dark world  
A snowdrop comes,  
A blessing of hope and  
peace  
Carrying within it a green  
heart:  
Symbol of God's renewing  
love.  
Come to inhabit our  
darkness, Lord Christ,  
For dark and light are alike  
to you.  
May nature's white candles  
of hope  
Remind us of your birth  
And lighten our journey  
Through Lent and beyond.  
- Kate McIlhagga

### Prayer:

Help us to accept, O Christ,  
that our paths may not be  
smooth and our journeys  
may often be risky. Help us  
to accept vulnerability with  
no promise of security.  
Help us to give you  
devotion with no promise  
of reward.  
We don't know what we're  
asking when we ask for  
these things. But give us  
hands to take the cup you  
hold out to us a cup of  
companionship; that all our  
anxious thoughts of status,  
security and reward wash  
away, and we are left with  
you, just you, astonished  
by your love for us again.  
Amen.

-John Davies

## From the Interim Pastor's Pen

### Signs of the Times

Matthew 16:1-3: "*The Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test Jesus they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. He answered them, "When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times."*

As Jesus was approaching the final weeks and days of his life, do you not think that he was interpreting the signs of his times, as to what was fomenting around him? Was he not paying close attention? Disciples and followers were leaving his teaching and presence in droves. At one point, he asked the 12 primary disciples where they also going to leave him. Crowds were still forming as he taught and healed, yet it seems that so many were wanting him to prove himself. The religious leaders were putting Jesus to the test attempting to entrap him in some miss-statement or wrong doing.

Do such tactics sound familiar? Does it not sound like attempted character assassination? The tricks of public and political life are not much different now than they were then. Leaders were looking for a scapegoat for their problems as an attempt to divert people's attention from real issues. The crowd (mob) was being worked up and manipulated to do the will of what Jesus called "an evil and adulterous generation."

By adulterous Jesus means those who have turned from worship of the one God, that which is eternal, to the worship of those things that are here today and gone tomorrow. People were worshiping objects and institutions that in reality have no eternal substance; things that are ephemeral. Today, we would call that consumerism and idolatry, denial and blame. And, look at what is happening!

Greedy folk have been stealthily at work robbing working people of first their homes, and now, for many, their cars and other things that have been bought on credit; too much credit! We will all now be paying for this greed and millions of people will be suffering loss of home, transportation and more. Today, I heard of a woman's health insurance being cancelled while she was undergoing chemotherapy. She sued the insurer and was paid \$9 million dollars. The court has ordered the Health Net (in California) to change.

Let us be wise, not cowards. Let us follow Jesus' admonition to read the signs of the times. Let us take courage and get our homes and accounts in order. Let us look to our true wealth as Christian women and men. Let us read the signs of the times and keep our eyes on God, not on those things that we think we possess – those things that are here today and gone tomorrow – like sand sliding through our fingers. Let us sort the eternal from that which is temporary and let us not sweat those things which, in all truth, are temporary.

Easter Blessings to each and to all of you, *Pastor Jean*

## Staff

Ministers: The Entire Congregation

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. G. Jean Wright  
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**Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 AM,  
Fellowship at 11:00 AM  
(nursery care provided)  
Church School during Worship  
Building is handicapped accessible**

Websites

Mass Conference: [www.macucc.org](http://www.macucc.org)  
United Church of Christ: [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)



## Plant Order

*We continue our holiday tradition of adorning our Sanctuary with*

*Easter plants. The plants cost \$9.00 each. Please place your order as soon as possible. The deadline for ordering is **March 16, 2008.***

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Lilies: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tulips: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check box:

Will Take or

Will Give to Shut-in

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out this form and return it to:

Ruth A (978-562-9200) Thank You!

## Stewardship for 2008! Update

### A Big Thank You from the Stewardship Committee!

*“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” – Luke 6:38*

Thanks to your generosity, this fall’s Stewardship drive was a great success. **Our 2008 pledges are up by over \$4,000** compared to our 2007 pledges. We have 45 pledges this year, totaling \$44,069. Last year we had 47 pledges totaling \$39,793, a difference of \$4,276.

If you haven’t made your 2008 pledge, we urge you to do so now, for the church and for yourself. Pledges are tax deductible. When you make a formal pledge, you can request envelopes. This allows the church to calculate the amount you gave. You’ll get a receipt next January, making tax preparation much easier! As for the church, we can plan our budget better when we know how much to expect.

Thank you again for blessing our church with your treasure. May the words of Jesus from the Book of Luke be true for you: **May a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over be poured into your lap.**

With love and gratitude,  
The Stewardship Committee

Robert M, Chair  
Janet B  
Pastor Jean



## Search Committee Update

The Search Committee is devotedly meeting every Monday night going over profiles in their ongoing search for a settled pastor for our church. Please keep them in your prayers as they work on our behalf.

## Bread’s Up!

**Bread Sale!!** On, **March 16, 2008**, immediately after worship, you have the opportunity of purchasing home made breads just in time for Easter! Just think, you won’t have to spend all that time baking. Whatever your reason or need – Bread’s Up!

**Deadline for the next  
*Union News* is**

**March 23, 2008, 2008  
for Issue: March 27, 2008**

(This issue will contain the calendar and the volunteer schedule for April.)

**Next Deadline**

**for newsletter: 4/27/08, Issue: 5/1/08**

(This issue will contain the calendar and the volunteer schedule for May.)

## Driveway Project

Thank you, one and all, for your contributions to our new driveway! Everything is on schedule! Please check out the Driveway Project Boards at the church for the progress. The blue offering envelopes for this project may be found on the table opposite the display cabinet. If you mail your check, please put **“Driveway Project”** on the lower left corner of the envelope (and on the memo line on your check) or if you would like Ruth to send you a few of the driveway offering envelopes, just call or email her.

## Please do not forget – If you get sick –

Would you or a family member or a friend or a medical professional (nurse, etc.), please let Pastor Jean and/or Ruth know what is happening? You can call the church office at anytime at 978-897-2522. If no one is in, please leave a message. We will keep any information you give us confidential unless you instruct us it is OK to share it. Thank you!

## Church Publicist

We have been searching for a Church Publicist for months now. This is an important role to communicate to the outside world what is going on at the church. This does not require a lot of time on anyone's part – just that they need to have a computer and email access. For the time being, our Church Administrator, Ruth Carney, will take on this role until a member of our congregation is able to volunteer. Because of the newspapers' deadlines and Ruth's office schedule, you will need to get any information to her a minimum of 3 weeks (preferably 4 weeks) in advance. Ruth will be able to write the article – just give her the: **who, what, where and when**. If you want info in the papers about an event that already has taken place, you will need to give her as much information as possible as she would not have been at the event.

## Church Congregational & Family Meetings

A Congregational Meeting is being called for March 9, 2008 for the purpose of voting on repair expenditures for the parsonage.

At the Family Congregational Meeting scheduled for March 30, 2008, there will be a tour of the proposed changes to the Chapel to create a new Nursery and a Music Room. The floor will be taped to show how the Chapel would be divided. You will also be invited to use the staircase at the back of the Sanctuary that leads to the existing Nursery. Imagine that you are new to Union and you are taking your precious child to the cramped Nursery downstairs. Just how would you feel about leaving your baby/toddler there?

## From the Church Office



Hi One and All,

We are hoping our website will be up and running by the end of the first quarter of 2008. Our webmaster is working hard and has made many suggestions to us. It is an exciting journey to be on.

We are now emailing *The Union News* with a different program. You will now receive it as a pdf file. Now, with our new program, you are able to have the newsletter exactly as it left the Church Office.

Peace and Blessings, *Ruth*

## Church Goals

On Sunday, November 5, 2006 at the Church Congregational Meeting, an adapted list of church goals was presented by the Liaison Team. The adapted list is printed below: (Please read them carefully and keep the life of the church in your prayers.) The goals are a real help to the development and growth of church life.

- † Settled Pastor
- † Communications within the church
- † Conflict Management
- † Church Growth (This new goal incorporates membership, active participation and publicity.)
- † Strengthen Christian Education – There was a consensus that focusing on the nursery-pre-school program was a top priority. The Christian Education Committee will review and suggest what is needed to the congregation.
- † Statement of Purpose
- † Church Safety (a new goal) – A Safe Church Policy was unanimously voted. The Church Council will initiate implementation of the Safe Church Policy and other church safety procedures.

## Daylight Savings begins early this year!



Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on

March 8, 2008 or you will be late for church on Sunday!

It might also be a good time to check the batteries in your smoke detectors!

## Random Acts of Grace

I have been thinking a lot lately about what is really important in life – to love and be loved, to cherish and be cherished, to value someone and be valued by someone, to care and to be cared for. This further led me to think about what all this means to me and that led to this new column. Have you ever had someone do a kindness for you that you never asked for, but really needed? Was it someone you know or a complete stranger? Does this person know how much it touched you or how grateful you felt? Here is the chance to share your experience. I'll start:

The first winter I was on staff here at Union, we had a lot of snow. On one particular day, everyone had left and I was alone. It was snowing quite heavily and I kept looking out the window at the accumulation on and around my car. It was getting near the time to go home and I don't mind driving in the snow, but I hate cleaning my car off and a plow had come through and pushed a pile of snow behind the car. I was not looking forward to the task ahead of me. I started to hear noises from outside. I looked out the window and was astonished to see that Susan S (our Minister of CE at the time) was outside with her oldest son, Jon, shoveling and cleaning my car off. Susan was concerned that I might get stuck and came back to do this "Act of Grace" for me. I know I thanked her and Jon, but I don't know if I ever told her how much that meant to me.

Do you have an experience you would like to share in the newsletter? Please email me your story at [ruthcmaynarducc@verizon.net](mailto:ruthcmaynarducc@verizon.net) or [maynarducc@verizon.net](mailto:maynarducc@verizon.net). We will only use first names or if you wish you may call your benefactor "angel."

Grace and Peace,  
Ruth

### Church Leadership

Robert M, Moderator, Chair Stewardship & Search Committees

Elayne F, Treasurer

James M, Financial Secretary

Donna A, Clerk

Lila C, Chair of Deacons & Mission Outreach

Lynne H, Chair of Trustees

Nanda L & Kathy H, Co-Superintendents of Sunday School

Kathi M, Chair of Christian Education

Phil B, Chair of Investments

Beth P & Marge M, Members at Large

Beth P, Chair of Altar & Usher Committees

Marge M, Prayer Chain Co-ordinator

## Did You Know -

### Why a Fish?

One of the most significant statements the early Christians used was “Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior.” Because Greek was the universal language then (the New Testament books were written in Greek), Christians often said and wrote, “Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Savior” in Greek. That phrase, if printed as an acrostic (using the first letter of each word), looks like this:

I = Jesus

CH = Christ (anointed)

TH = God

U = Son

S = Savior



The acrostic forms the word ICHTHUS, which is Greek for fish. If Christians needed to know where to gather for worship, they could look for a fish and perhaps an arrow pointing in the right direction. Persecuted Christians, seeing a fish on the door of a home or business, knew it was a safe place occupied by fellow Christians.

### Why Palm Sunday?

Palm branches are mentioned in only one of the four Gospels (see John 12:12-15). So why do we call the first day of Holy Week Palm Sunday? Tradition plays an important part in church history. During Jesus’ time, Rome was the world’s leading power. Whenever the Romans were victorious in battle, citizens traditionally threw palm branches in the returning heroes’ path. This was the accepted custom of reception. So when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, it was appropriate that he receive a hero’s welcome. One week later, he would be victorious over death.

### Legend of the Dogwood

There’s a legend that the dogwood was once the size of the oak and other forest trees. It was so strong and firm that it was chosen as the timber for Christ’s cross. This greatly distressed the tree. Jesus, nailed upon it, sensed the tree’s regret and told it:

“Because of your sorrow for my suffering, never again shall the dogwood grow large enough to be used as a cross. It shall be slender, bent and twisted. Its blossoms shall form a cross – two long and two short petals. And at the outer edge of each petal will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red. In the center of the flower shall be a crown of thorns. And all who see it will remember ....”

### Easter 2008

Submitted by Lila C

Do you realize how early Easter is this year? **It's March 23!** As you may know, Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around in date on our Roman based calendar.

Here are a couple of things you might be interested in! Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that is pretty rare. Here’s the interesting info. This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier!

Here are the facts:

1. The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now).
2. The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!).
3. The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now).
4. The last time it was on March 22 was 1818.

***So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year! Interesting!***

## Prayer Celebrations & Concerns

### Parishioners (and loved ones) in our prayers:

- Edith B.
- Albert (Ole) C.
- Anne G.
- Jane J.
- Brian M.
- Jim O.
- Anne R.
- Jim R.
- Nick S.
- Nancy S.
- Marian W.
- David W.
- Thelma W.

### Please keep in your prayers:

All those now serving or about to serve in the US Armed Forces.  
 All those affected by the conflicts in the Middle East.

Our President and all government leaders. May we find an equitable peace for all.

All those who are still dealing with the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

Chris S who is serving in Africa

Peace and understanding in the world and in our personal lives.

Prayers of Joy for the baptism of Gus L on February 17, 2008.

## Special Birthday

There has been another special birthday in our church family. In February, Emily L celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup>. Special wishes go out to Emily!



Wish These Friends a "Happy Birthday!"

## March Birthdays

Day	Name
02	Lila C
04	Jarrold H
06	Christopher S
07	Carol J
07	Gwen A
20	Beth P
24	Alice W
25	Hazel P
29	Ruth A
30	David W
31	Margaret M (Marge)
31	Paula O

## Volunteer Schedule

March 2, 2008  
**Flowers:** Lynne H  
**Altar:** Nancy Y  
**Ushers:** Beth P, Suzanne W & Fred W  
**Nursery:** Laura Doucette & ?  
**Acolytes:** Rachel H& Robin Y

March 9, 2008  
**Flowers:** Lynne H  
**Altar:** Nancy Y  
**Ushers:** Phil B, Kristin C & Robert M  
**Nursery:** Laura Doucette & ?  
**Acolytes:** Rachel H & Robin Y

March 16, 2008  
**Flowers:** Lynne H  
**Altar:** Nancy Y  
**Ushers:** Ruth A, Steve M, Raoul P & George Y  
**Nursery:** Laura Doucette & ?  
**Acolytes:** Rachel H& Robin Y

March 23, 2008  
**Flowers:** Lynne H  
**Altar:** Nancy Y  
**Ushers:** Beth P, Suzanne W & Fred W  
**Nursery:** Laura Doucette & ?  
**Acolytes:** Rachel H & Robin Y

March 30, 2008  
**Flowers:** Lynne H  
**Altar:** Nancy Y  
**Ushers:** Phil B, Kristin C & Robert M  
**Nursery:** Laura Doucette & ?  
**Acolytes:** Rachel H & Robin Y



## Thoughts for the Day

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

– Leo Buscaglia

And be alive this day, as though it were not first or last – just best.

– unknown

If the whole world followed you, would you be pleased with where you took it? – Neale Donald Walsch

Life's dearest lesson – knowing when to hang on, and learning when to let go. – unknown

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. – Doug Larson

May we have hope for the future, peace in the world, love in our hearts and joy for today.

– rec

# GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

This craft is a reminder of God's love for the world and of Jesus' sacrifice for everyone.

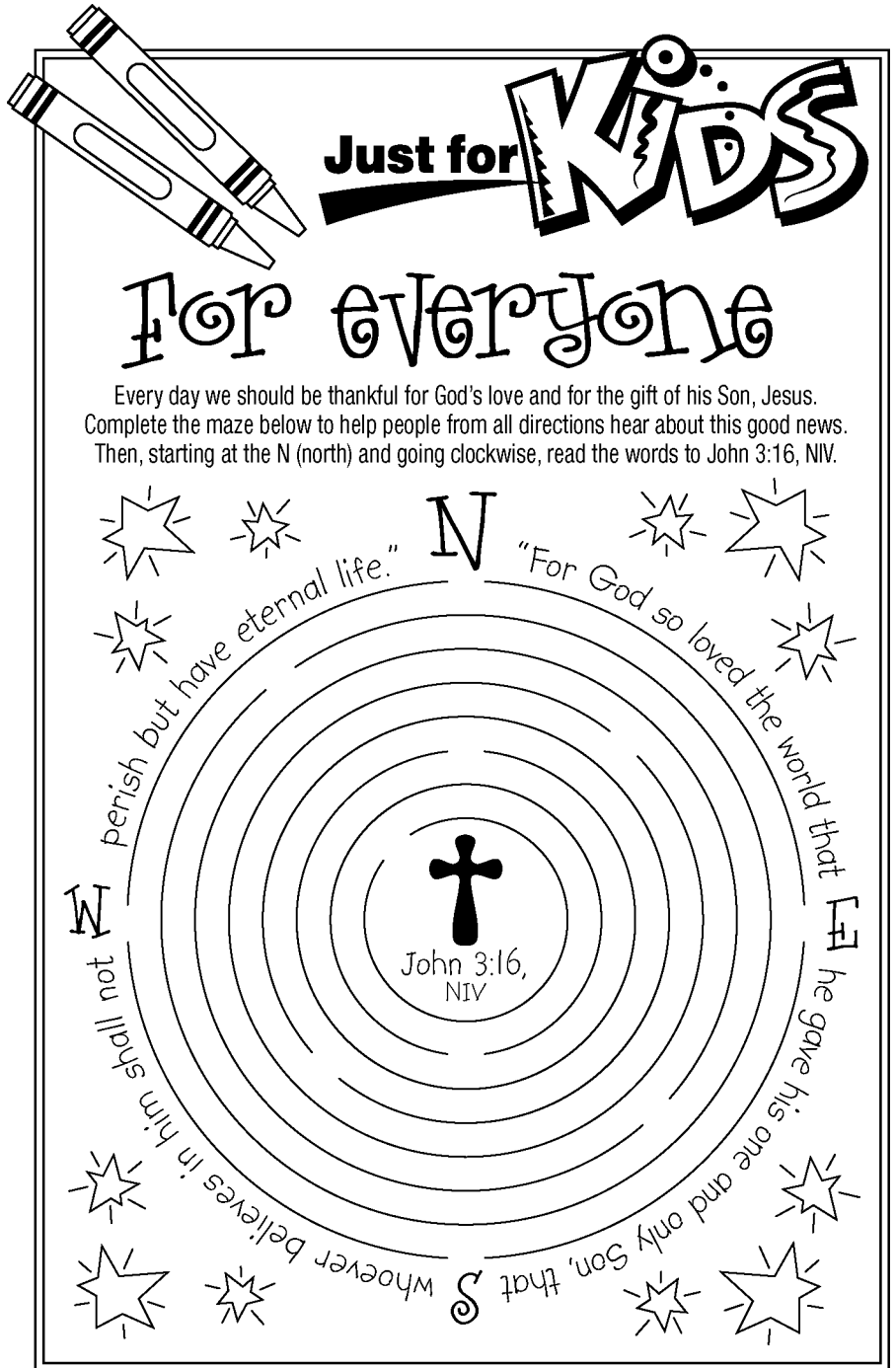
## What you need:

- Two pieces of 8½" x 11" white or light-blue construction paper
- Circle shape that fits paper (plastic lid or paper plate)
- Black marker or crayon
- Masking tape
- Shallow box, box lid or old cookie tray
- Blue and green paint
- Two paper plates
- Two marbles
- Two plastic spoons
- Scissors



## What you do:

1. On one piece of paper, trace the circle shape.
2. Using two pieces of masking tape, make a cross in the center of your circle.
3. Place your paper inside the box, box lid or cookie tray.
4. Pour blue paint onto one paper plate and green onto the other. Place one marble in each color of paint.
5. Using a spoon, take out one marble at a time and place on your paper.
6. Roll each marble back and forth, around and around, alternating between colors.
7. After your circle looks like the planet Earth with lots of blue and green, cut out the circle.
8. Glue the circle onto another piece of paper.
9. Around the circle, write the words to John 3:16, NIV: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
10. Take off the masking tape and see the cross that's left. Keep your artwork as a reminder of how much God loves you!







# Easter Crosses

Make this craft to remember what Jesus did for us. Hang it in your room to look at all year long.



### What you need:

- Two 8" paper plates (white)
- Scissors 
- Pencil 
- Crayons, paints or felt markers
- Stapler, glue stick or glue
- Paper punch 
- Yarn, string or ribbon (about 10" or 12") 

### What you do:

1. With your pencil draw a slight curved line all the way across the center of one plate. This will be a hill.

2. Draw three crosses on the hill. Make the center one a little bigger than the others.



3. Color the hill green and the crosses brown. Or color the hill and crosses black to look like a silhouette.



4. Cut out the hill and crosses as one piece.



5. Color the top half of the other plate with red, orange and yellow to look like an evening sky.

6. Staple or glue the hill-and-crosses plate onto the sky plate. Make sure you line up the bottom edges of the plates, and staple or glue just along the curved edges where the plates meet.

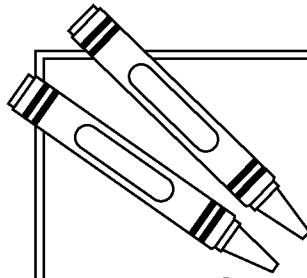
7. Punch a hole near the top of the sky plate.



8. Tie a loop of yarn, string or ribbon through the hole.



9. Hang your scene on your doorknob or on something else in your room.



# Just for KIDS

## Something Important to Remember Always

Romans 5:8, NIV, tells us how great God's love is for us. Use the grid to complete this verse.

	a	b	c				
1	F	U	N				
2	♥	B	♥				
3	M	V	H				
4	♥	♥	A	W	O	♥	♥
5	♥	♥	♥	G	♥	♥	♥
6	E	T	C				
7	L	♥	R				
8	♥	D	♥				
9	I	♥	S				

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 6b 3c 9a 9c 4b 3c 9a 7a 6a 4b 6a 4b 6a 7c 6a  
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ANSWER:  
 “BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS:  
 WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.”

## Church Calendar

### Sunday Morning

- †Choir Rehearsal – 9:15 AM
- †Worship – 10:00 AM
- †Sunday School – after the children's message during morning worship
- †Sunday Café/Fellowship – 11:00 AM
- †Youth Group – Last Sunday of each month – 10:00 AM



### Regular Meeting Schedule

- †CE – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue. of the month, 6:00 PM
- †Choir Rehearsal – Thursdays, 7:00 PM
- †Church Management – (as needed)
- †Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 PM
- †Deacons – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 PM
- †Caring & Sharing Support Group – Feb 14, 10:30 AM
- †Investments – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 11:30 AM
- †Missions – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 11:30 AM
- †Pastor Parish Relations Committee – (not meeting)
- †Search Committee – Mondays 7:00 PM
- †Trustees – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 PM

### Regular Building Users

- †Alanon/Alateen – Thursdays, 8:00 PM
- †Boy Scouts – Tuesdays, 6:00-9:00 PM
- †Community School – Weekdays, 7:30 AM-5:30 PM
- †Depression Anonymous – Wednesdays, 6:30 PM
- †Open Table – Mondays, 4-7:00 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday business meeting 7-9:00 PM
- †Senior Drop in Center – Tuesdays, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

### Upcoming Dates

- † Staff Meeting – 2:00 PM every Tuesday
- † Daylight Savings Begins – March 8, 2008 – turn clocks ahead one hour before going to bed!
- † Congregational Meeting – March 9, 2008 after worship (see article on page 5)
- † Palm Sunday – March 16, 2008, **Bread Sale after worship**
- † Maundy Thursday – March 20, 2008, Pot Luck Supper 6:30 PM, followed by film and service
- † First Day of Spring – March 20, 2008, Yeah!!!!
- † Community Good Friday Service – March 21, 2008 at Noon
- † **Easter Sunday – March 23, 2008 – Sunrise service 8:00 AM, Continental Breakfast at the Church 8:30 AM, Worship 10:00 AM**
- † Newsletter deadline – March 23, 2008
- † Set up for Café Worship – March 28, 2008 at 5:30 PM
- † Sunday Café Worship Service – March 30, 2008
- † Church Family Meeting – March 30, 2008 after worship



Happy St. Patrick's Day  
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Any changes or updates to the calendar will be announced in worship.



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