

And on it goes, ministry that is.

Two years ago you continued your journey with me along the Christian Way. Our introductory scripture came from Revelation.

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband." Revelation 21:1.

Mark Twain once said that by the time he turned 21, he thought he parents had really grown up. Well I hope you have seen me "grow" in this ministry. It took me a while but I finally learned how to "do" communion! You all totally confounded me when the servers held out their hands and some pulled them back. I had no idea what you were doing.

Everything was new to me then. I ate the bread, I remember, and realized the congregation was waiting to eat together. Oh brother, what a learning experience. You can be the same people in the same building and a new pastor and make you feel like you are raising a new born. It is easier, however, because you do not have all the sleep deprivation.

Our new heaven and new earth has come down from heaven and we formed a lasting friendship. That is the effect you have on all your pastors. I have I have seen the new Jerusalem at Elm Street. That may not be your perception but God is up to something when it comes to this faith community.

God is doing a new thing with the One Church conversation among the churches. It just got off the ground and meets again April 14. The promise it provides is limitless. It is a new thing that God will use for the common good.

Your DPNC, or designated pastor nominating committee, works almost each week on a process which will produce a candidate for your next pastor. Again, a new thing is going to happen and you will find God in a new way. The ministry will not stop because God is not finished with you yet.

Now you may find some folks who are tired and who need to take a break. Some people may leave and others will come. This is a time in between times. This is a sacred time of renewal. May your days to come glorify God and may the next pastor love you as you so richly deserve. I will pray for your bright future and always count you as an important part of my family. Remember that you are always welcome in our home in Seattle, Washington.

Thank you for blessing my life,  
Fondly,  
Will Mason

To start the Prayer Chain for someone in need of prayers call Mary Cordes at 618-465-1760 or 463-1276 or Marjory Bryant at 618-466-5421 or 466-6005. We could use a few more people on the prayer chain, some of our callers have moved, others no longer have a telephone accessible. Mary and Marj get the request for the special prayers and they in turn call those they are to call, who in turn call their people on down the line. Then all are saying prayers for this person. Please contact either Mary or Marj if you would like to be part of the chain or have questions. We desperately need a few more people to make it work.

**Next Elm Leaf Deadline**  
**Wednesday, April 22, 2009**

ESPC Web Site  
[www.geocities.com/espicalton](http://www.geocities.com/espicalton)

**LITURGISTS**

March 22 - Will Mason  
29 - Chance Shewmake  
April 5 - Ann McLaughlin  
12 - Richard Sisk (Easter Sunday)  
19 - Marjory Bryant  
26 - Debbie Wallace  
May 3 - Ann McLaughlin

**USHERS**

**April**

Sandy Krug, Jo Lee

As you can see we are desperately in need of ushers. If you can't usher every Sunday of the month sign up for the

Sundays you can.

Please volunteer. See Marj Bryant

**COMMUNION SERVERS**

**APRIL 5** Intinction - Palm Sunday

Jerry Wray, Chr., Marj Bryant,  
Kathy Steinmann, Tanya Sisk  
Ann McLaughlin (set up & serve)

**APRIL 12** - Intinction - Easter Sunday

Kathy Steinmann, Chr., Cathy Bryant,  
Chance Shewmake, Terri Darr  
Sandy Krug (set up & serve)

**MAY 3** - Sue Bryant, Chr.,

Jerry Wray, Lyndal Colburn,  
Norma Waggoner, John Kennedy,  
Emily Paddock (set up & serve)

**ATTENDANCE**

1/18- 56, 1/25 - 42, 2/1 - 49, 2/8 - 58,  
2/15 - 42, 2/22 - 50,  
2/25-Ash Wednesday - 35,  
3/1 - 51, 3/8 - 36, 3/15 - 50

**BIRTHDAYS**

**March**

1.....Jacob Gill  
4.....JoAnn Phelps  
          Elisa Wallace  
9.....Cathy Lister  
11.....Rev. Will Mason  
12.....Karen Auston  
13.....Shirley Stiegemeier  
18.....Adam Lister  
28.....Wilma Bobbs  
29.....Audrey Stewart  
          Jessica Schultz  
31.....William Bott

**April**

3.....Breanne Shewmake  
24.....Sarah Paddock Williams  
26.....Harry Fessler  
          June Justice  
28.....Laura Schultz

**May**

1.....Zada Shewmake  
6.....Kathryn Jarman  
9.....Cherilyn Trusty



**DEACONS REPORT**

The Deacons are asking you to continue using your green Deacon Fund envelope (found in with your pledge envelopes) as often as you can. They have not been able to help as many people as they would like. Their money goes fast. **They are currently selling cutlery as a fund raiser. They also are still collecting empty ink-jet cartridges with printer heads, don't forget to bring your empty ones in. They are planning the Spaghetti Supper for April 25..**

**SESSION INFORMATION**

The Session met with Rev. Mason as moderator on February 1 and 24, 2009. The Session approved:

1. The minutes of the previous meetings and the treasurer's report.
2. The request for the Baptism of Aaron Michael Gunning and the request of Melinda Leah Gunning to transfer her membership to ESPC from the Brighton Presbyterian Church. This will be done on February 8, 2009.
3. Appointed Marjory Bryant as Clerk of Session and Jean Bryant as Treasurer.
4. February 22, 2009 as the date to install the Officers for the Class of 2011.
5. To dissolve the Mission Study Team
6. Use of the church library by the Business and Professional Women for their meetings on the third Tuesday of the month.
7. To allow the treasurer to pay ESPC's Per Capita and General Mission Pledge in installments
8. To nominate Helen Foster for the Presbytery's Mildred Hagedorn Award and to be honored at the Celebration of Aging service in May.
7. To put on the inactive roll Dean and Shirley Stiegemeier, Michael Wyatt, Lori Wedding, Erin Oxford and Ryan Huber.
8. To serve communion by Intinction on Palm and Easter Sundays.
9. Approved the Year-end statistic reports for Presbytery.

**Outreach Committee**

The Outreach Committee is looking for someone to take over as Coffee Hour coordinator. The job entails getting supplies (paper products, coffee, sugar, etc) and getting people to host the coffee hours. If you need more information or can serve as coordinator please see Sue Bryant.

Since there have been no offers of a Coffee Hour coordinator, it has been decided to have a coffee hour on the second and last Sundays of the month. If you would like to volunteer to host a coffee hour on one of the other Sundays, see Sue Bryant.

On the Sundays when no coffee hour is scheduled if you make coffee and get out the supplies you will be responsible for cleaning up after worship

**The Outreach Committee will again be selling coupons for White's Nursery beginning in April. Between March 16 and April 12, 2009 ESPC can earn an extra 3% with your escrip card at Schnuck's if you purchase Kraft cheese products.**

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**Easter Lilies can be ordered through the Church Office. They are \$7.00 each and have purple pot covers. Last day to order is Wednesday April 1, 2009 before noon.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Rev. Will Mason's last day as Pastor for ESPC and Alton First is March 31, 2009.

**ESPC will have a luncheon for Rev. Mason after the worship service on Sunday, March 29, 2009. The meal will be furnished by the Outreach and Worship Committee. The Worship Committee is preparing a Scrapbook for Will of his time with us and notes from those who wish to include them.**

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**Spaghetti Supper  
Saturday, April 25, 2009**

**4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Cost: Adults - \$7.50 and children 3-12 - \$4.00**

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**The Outreach Committee needs a few more volunteers for Saturday, April 11, 2009 to provide the Salvation Army Dinner. See JoAnn Phelps if you can help.**

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**OVER 55 EVENTS**

If you would like to receive a copy of the **Over 55 Newsletter** send \$5.00 payable to Over 55 to the College Ave. Presbyterian Church, PO Box 1081 Alton, IL 62002. Keeps you advised of the upcoming Over 55 trips.

**April 22, 2009 - Visit to historic St. Genevieve.** We will start with a guided tour of the historic district with a stop at the Church of St. Genevieve, founded in 1759. We will visit the Bolduc House, the oldest house in town. A buffet lunch at the Historic Old Brick House Restaurant. After lunch we'll have "walking around" time when you can shop and see other French Colonial buildings. St. Genevieve was settled in the late 1740's by French Canadians. \$65.00 (all inclusive). Leave CAPC at 8:00 am.

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The College Ave Presbyterian Women are inviting the women of ESPC to their Spring Dessert Gathering on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Pam Lippert, clinic supervisor of the Wildlife Treehouse Center will present the program and bring with her some of the rescued wildlife. Tasty desserts will be served and door prizes awarded. Tickets are \$5.00 each. See Marj Bryant for tickets.

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Trivia Night March 27, 2009 to benefit the Good Samaritan House (a homeless shelter for women and children). It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Rd. in Granite City, IL. Doors open at 6 pm and the game begins at 7 pm. Tables of 8 are \$100.00 or \$12.50 a person. There will be cash prizes, raffles, 50/5 and Mulligans. Free soda and popcorn - Cash Bar. More info call 876-0607

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**THE FOUNTAINS IV SENIOR HEALTH FAIR Saturday, April 4, 2009 1:00 - 4:00 pm**  
1000 Airport Road, Godfrey, IL for more information contact Elizabeth McCord at 618-466-8831

The St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 1200 Moreland Drive, Belleville, IL is presenting a drama called "The Joy of Easter" April 8, 9 & 10, 2009, each night at 7:30 pm. To have a block of seats call the church office at 618-397-5994. Doors open at 6:00 pm

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Alton Wood River Sportsmen's Club is open to all for their All You Can Eat Chicken Dinners on Sundays. They offer fried chicken, noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and cole slaw. Every Sunday from 11:00 am-4:00 pm Adults-\$8.95 Children \$4.50

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**EASTER SERVICES**

**LENTEN LUNCHEON SCHEDULE - 2009**

Wednesday's at Noon - Lunch \$3.00 donation  
Theme: "The Lenten Journey From Personal Peace To Community Peace"

**March 25 - Trinity Lutheran - 801 Blair Ave.**  
Rev. David Goins

**April 1 - Lead The Way Christian Church**  
1145 College Ave Rev. Bob Phillips

**April 8 - Greater St. James Baptist**  
2016 Belle St. Rev. Christy Phillips

**April 10 (Good Friday) Twelfth Street**  
Presbyterian Church - 504 E 12<sup>th</sup> St.  
Rev. George Humbert

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**Palm Sunday Service at ESPC**

April 5, 2009 10:45 am

Rev. George Humbert -preaching

**Easter Sunday April 12, 2009 - 10:45 am**

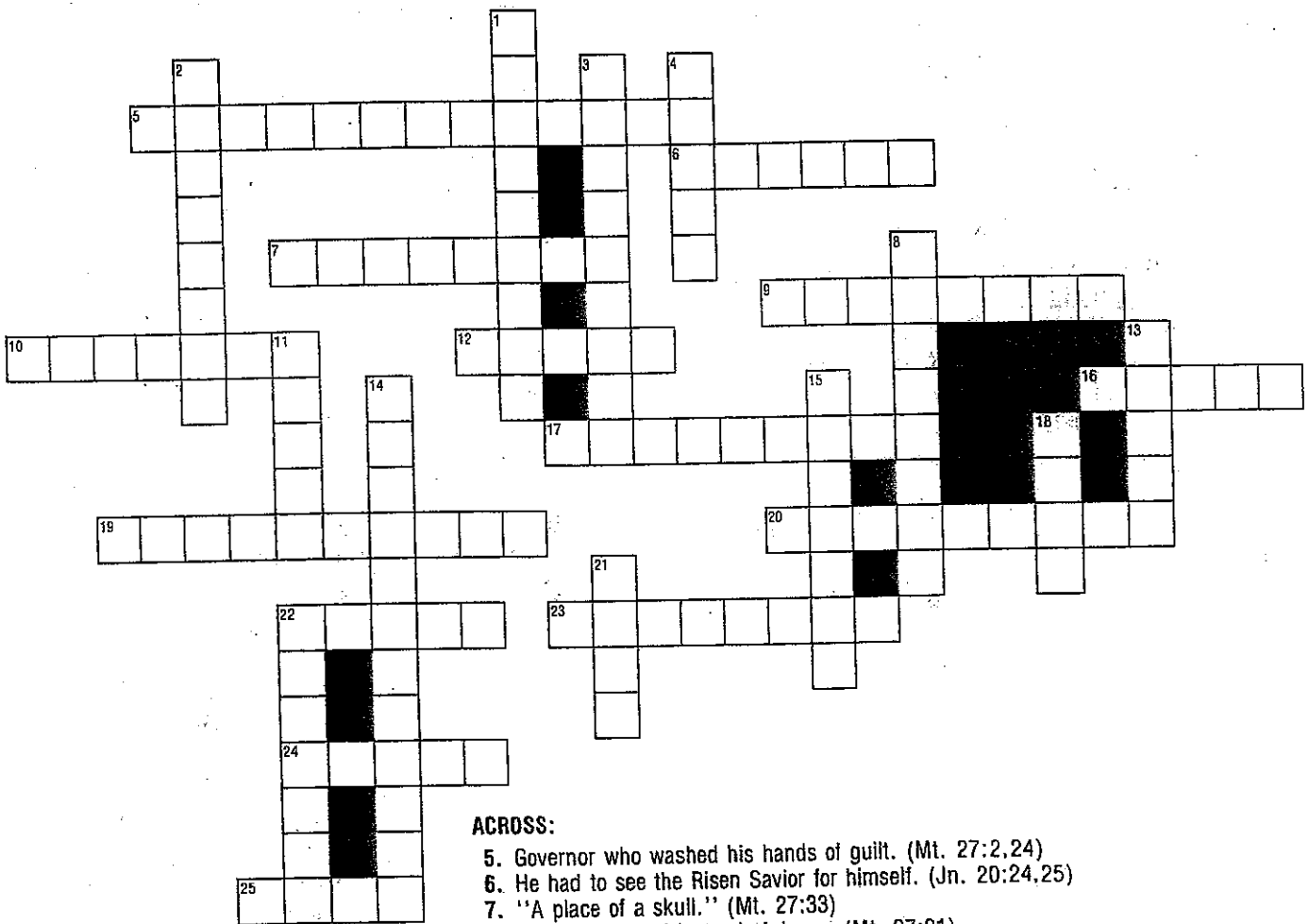
Easter Cantata - "Lamb of God"

Rev. George Humbert preaching

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1st Presbyterian Church is inviting ESPC to join in a Spiritual Exercise "Pathway to Prayer" Lenten Enrichment. Meditation and Prayer walk. Labyrinth is open for meditation at 3:00 and 5:00 pm on Sunday afternoons. March 22, 4:00 pm Burroughs Chapel - "Music As Prayer" Members of the Sanctuary Choir  
Sunday March 29 - 4:00 pm Healing Service  
Burroughs Chapel Rev. Will Mason

# Jesus Crucifixion and Resurrection



## ACROSS:

5. Governor who washed his hands of guilt. (Mt. 27:2,24)
6. He had to see the Risen Savior for himself. (Jn. 20:24,25)
7. "A place of a skull." (Mt. 27:33)
9. He was released instead of Jesus. (Mt. 27:21)
10. From the cross Jesus said, "Into thy hands I \_\_\_\_\_ my spirit." (Luke 23:46)
12. The number of sayings from the cross.
16. What hour did Jesus die? (Mark 15:34)
17. Tomb. (Matthew 27:60)
19. Shook the earth when Jesus died. (Mt. 27:51)
20. When Jesus died, this man said, "Truly this man was the Son of God." (Mark 15:39)
22. Number of days between resurrection and ascension. (Acts 1:3)
23. From the cross Jesus said, "It is \_\_\_\_\_." (Jn. 19:30)
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ of hell shall not prevail. (Matthew 16:18)
25. Testimony, "We have \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord." (John 20:25)

## DOWN:

1. Joseph of \_\_\_\_\_ gave his tomb for Jesus. (Mark 15:43)
2. "My God, My God, why has thou \_\_\_\_\_ me?" (Mt. 27:46)
3. Jesus appeared first to this Mary. (Mark 16:9)
4. Denied Christ.
8. Soldiers cast lots for Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Jesus' resurrection was victory over \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Carried the cross. (Mark 15:21)
14. "I am the \_\_\_\_\_ and the life." (Jn. 11:25)
15. Jesus was crucified between two \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Was torn when Jesus died. (Mark 15:38)
21. Judas betrayed Jesus with this. (Mark 14:43,44)
22. "Father, \_\_\_\_\_ them. For they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

March, April May 2009

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
March 22 9:15 Sun. School 10:15 Prayer & Youth Choir practice 10:45 Worship	23 8 pm AA/Al Anon	24 7 pm Session	25 Noon Lenten Service Trinity Lutheran 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	26 6:30 pm Girl Scout Neighborhood mtg. 7 pm Choir practice	27 3	28 4
29 9:15 Sun. School 10:30 Prayer 10:45 Worship Luncheon for Rev. Will after worship	30 .8 pm AA/Al Anon	31	April 1 6 pm Jerry Wray at Beverly Farms 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	2 6:30 pm Girl Scouts CE Bldg 7 pm Choir practice	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 10:30 Prayer 10:45 Worship - Communion-- Intinction	6 7 pm Outreach Committee meets 8 pm AA/Al Anon	7 Office Closed Election Day 6:30 pm Girl scouts church basement	8 Noon Lenten Service Lead the Way Christian Church 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	9 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7pm Choir practice	10 Good Friday Office Closed Noon- Lenten Service 12 <sup>th</sup> St PC	11
12 Easter Sunday 10:30 Prayer 10:45 Worship Cantata - Communion	13 .8 pm AA/Al Anon	14	15 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	16 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7pm Choir practice	17	18 ESPC Salvation Army Supper
19 9:15 am Sunday. School 10:30 Prayer 10:45 Worship	20 7pm Deacons meet 8 pm AA/Al Anon	21 6 pm B&P Women 6:30 pm Girl scouts church basement	22 ELM LEAF DEALINE Over 55 trip 7 pm Boy Scout T-7	23 6:30 pm Girl Scouts Leaders meet 7pm Choir practice	24	25 Spaghetti Super 4:00-7:00 pm

Sunday April 26	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday May 1	Saturday 2
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MAY 3 9:15 Sun. School 10:30 Prayer 10:45 Worship - Communion	4 7 pm Outreach Committee meets 8 pm AA/Al Anon	5 6:30 pm Girl scouts church basement	6 Celebration of Aging John Calvin 6pm Jerry Wray at Beverly farms 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	7 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7pm Choir practice		
10 Mother's Day 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 Prayer 10:45 Worship	11 8 pm AA/Al Anon	12	13 7 pm Boy Scout T - 7	14 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7pm Choir practice	15	16



## *Elm Leaf Prayer Concerns - March & April 2009*

### ***"Members"***

Esther & Bill Bott  
Florence & Dan Earnhardt  
Nellie Smithee  
Evert Kingery  
Jeannette Greene  
Dwight Gross  
Lois Mitchell  
Loretta Tague

### ***"In The Nursing Home"***

Pat Gross.....Willow Rose  
Lorene Peterson... St. Patrick's Residence  
Clarabel Park.....Royal Oak Care Ctr.  
Mary Calendar.....Robing's Manor  
Marjorie Johnson... White Hall Nsg & Rehab Ctr.  
Willanette Ball.....Methodist Village  
Ruth Wilson.....Robing's Manor  
Helen Foster.....The Fountains  
Jean Freer.....Eunice Smith Nsg Home  
Sonia Hetge.....Jerseyville Manor

### **Relatives and Friends of ESPC**

Betty Bishop, Mary Calendar.....Chance Shewmake & Katy Jarman  
Mary Kathryn, Sharon & Marcia Slifka.....Chance Shewmake & Katy Jarman  
Dorothy Crabtree.....Bill Stone and Louise Norman's sister  
Anna Hopkins.....Kathy Steinmann  
Carol Jo & Don Domescik, Helen Waggoner.....Carole Springgate  
Ann Slaughter & Trish Stolze.....Stolze's  
Rose Ann Stice & Bill Dieu.....Bill Stone  
Barb Roth.....The Bryant Family  
Margo & Robert Greenwell.....Debbie Wallace  
Debbie Davis.....The Wrays  
Betty Mason.....Rev. Mason's mother  
Melonie Biever, Mary Kaiser.....Ann McLaughlin  
Dorothy Conner.....friend of Mildred Maguire  
The Reynolds family.....Cherilyn Trusty's Family  
Scott Bryant and Julie Wehling.....Son and daughter of Cathy Bryant  
Greg & Cathy Lister.....Marjorie Johnson's daughter and son-in-law  
Diana Maassen & Mercedes Reynolds.....friend of Jean Bryant  
Judy Colburn.....Lyndal's wife  
Kathy Shewmake.....Zada and Chance's daughter  
Delani Jarman.....granddaughter of Dan and Katy Jarman  
Bob Cronin.....Terri Darr's father  
David Waggoner.....Norma's son  
Kin Stibel.....daughter-in-law of Joyce Schrupf Goethe  
Gary Lee Roberts.....nephew of Marjorie Johnson  
The families of Linda Baze, Glenna Pickett, Dylan Ross, Norma Paisley

***If you know of anyone that can be taken off of the prayer list,  
please call the church office and let us know.***