

**April  
2009**

**United Protestant (Presbyterian) Church**

# Church of a Thousand Trees



Dear Friends,

There is song with the lyrics "Did you ever know you're my hero..." It is one of my favorite songs and today I can assure you that you too are one of my favorite heroes. Together let's celebrate the generosity of our congregation. In the past, you have stepped up whenever you were needed. Additionally each of you has responded to many ministries of our church, such as Family Promise, Food Bank, and the many missions of the church.

Thank you for your generous gifts to our congregation and its ministries. Your support is greatly appreciated. In 2009 we have some ambitious needs that we are falling a bit behind on, but based on the past, I am certain that we can achieve these as well.

Bruce Berget



At the String Jamboree:  
Calum Colver, Julia Colver, Tim Carrick, Stefan Johnson, & Nathan Kristich

## *Ladies Book Club*

This month's selection is Tallgrass by Sandra Dallas. They will be meeting on April 16th at Gayle Rowland's house.

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### **Family Promise Week!**

Our church will be hosting families the week of April 19th through the 26th. If you can volunteer, please contact Dee Brown at 355-3839 or Debbie Melton at 745-4772.

*Save the Date:*  
**Vacation Bible  
School**

**July 6-10, 2009**

## Grace

This shining look upon my face  
Is because I know I've been saved  
by God's grace  
God's love is forever in my heart  
And to share that love, I'll do my  
part

Though life may have its ups and  
downs  
I see God's grace all around  
What ever I do, what ever unfolds  
God's love is there for me to  
behold

I'll sing your praise in every way  
I'll worship you always, through all  
my days

God, I thank you  
That I'll always have a place  
In your world of love and grace

Barb Brown

## *Palm Sunday Parade*

The Sunday school will again join our neighbor church, St. Michael's Catholic Church, in a Palm Sunday parade. We will meet at the church at 9:00 am dressed for a walk around the block with palm branches in hand following a donkey. We will then meet back at the church for hot chocolate and hot apple cider as we dedicate our One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Boxes. The classroom time may be shortened that day, but we will still meet after all the singing and celebrating!



## *Vacation Bible School*

Have you ever been to the Grand Canyon? God's creation there is amazing and reminds of His love all around us. This summer's Vacation Bible School will focus on discovering God's love at "Discovery Canyon." Kids from preschool through fifth grade will learn Bible stories, science projects, songs, crafts, and games that remind us of God's love. We need volunteers to make this year's VBS a success. If you are interested in helping to share God's love during a week of fun and adventure, contact Rachel Brown-Chidsey at 907-355-7328 or [rachelb@mtaonline.net](mailto:rachelb@mtaonline.net). Rachel will be in Palmer the week of 18-25 April if you want to touch base with her in person. This year's VBS will be July 6th to 10th, 9:00am to noon.



## Yukon Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering: Jubilee!

Friday, April 24, 6:00 – 9:00 pm & Saturday, April 25, 2009, 9:00am – 3:00pm  
First Korean Church, Anchorage

Ladies please plan to join us. We will have a potluck dinner and singing and worship on Friday evening. Saturday morning we will begin with fellowship from 9:00 to 9:30am followed by worship and Sally Johnston from Anaktuvuk Pass as keynote speaker. The host church will be preparing our lunch. We will hold our business meeting with election of officers.

I hope many of you will plan to join us for this great gathering and fellowship.

Shirley Novak, Moderator YPW, P.O. Box 133, Sutton, AK 99674, [jsnovak@mtaonline.net](mailto:jsnovak@mtaonline.net)



# April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

## Family Promise: April 19th-26th

26	27	28	29	30
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### Upcoming Events:

- 4/5 Communion
- 4/5 Palm Sunday
- 4/9 Seder Supper—6 pm
- 4/11 Easter Egg Coloring—1 pm
- 4/12 Resurrection Sunday
- 4/24 PW Spring Gathering
- 4/26 Potato Luncheon for Heidi

### Bible Studies:

- WBS—Tuesdays at 6 pm
- Wednesdays at 10 am
- Men's BS—Tuesdays at 6pm

### Music:

- Bells—Tuesdays at 7 pm
- Choir —Wednesdays at 7 pm

### Meetings:

- 4/16 Deacons—7 pm
- Session—7 pm
- 4/23 Sunday School Teacher—7 pm

### Youth:

- HSYG—Sundays after church
- Will not meet on April 12th
- MSYG—Thursdays at 2:15pm
- Will not meet on April 9th

## Birthdays

Julia Colver	4/12
Bob Taylor	4/12
Lauren Guinotte	4/13
Frank Lombardo	4/15
Joe Lawton	4/17
Norma Stichick	4/17
Grace Ivey	4/19
Gary & Rosemary LaRose	4/4
Jack & Gena Straayer	4/6
Bruce & Penny Mosher	4/22
Dick & Alice Branton	4/29

## Anniversaries

## Financial Stewardship

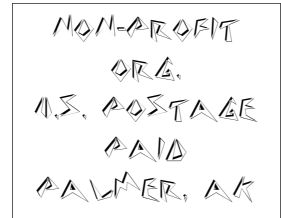
Budgeted income as of 3/15/09	\$47,086.00
Actual income as of 3/15/09	\$38,455.00
Difference	(\$8,631.00)

We wish you happiness on your special day. Please contact the Church Office if we've missed putting your name on our list. Or if you are new and would like to add your name to our list.

## Worship Stewardship

4/5	Greeter	Vivian Burton
	Refreshment	Deb Till
	Communion Wash-Up	Sue Shaw
4/12	Greeter	The Mapes
	Refreshment	The Mapes
	Candle Lighters	Cynthia & Augie Yerbich
4/19	Greeter	Sandra Wagenius
	Refreshment	The Colbergs
	Candle Lighters	Maggie Garcia & Jenny Klebesadel
4/26	Greeter	The Troxels
	Refreshment	The Goodmans
	Candle Lighters	Jared Aubrey & Aurora Till

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*Holy Week/ Easter Schedule*

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**, April 5th, with a Palm Sunday Parade with the Sunday school at 9am. Everyone is invited to walk along. This is the Sunday we will dedicate the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

**Maundy Thursday** we will celebrate Christ in the Passover and hold a Seder Supper beginning at 6:00pm. We will need a head count since this is a sit down dinner. There is rumor that there will be a Klezmer Band there helping us celebrate with dancing and singing! There will be a clipboard to sign up for this event, or call the church office.

**Good Friday** services will be held at our neighbor churches; St. Michael's Catholic service is at 7 pm and St. John Lutheran is at 7:30 pm

**The Day of Resurrection** will begin with a Sunrise Service at First Presbyterian Church in Wasilla at 6:30am. At our church, the celebration begins at 9:30am with a pancake breakfast; compliments of the men in our congregation. Sunday school will get together to sing in the sanctuary at 10:00am. The congregation is welcomed to join us. Worship will be at our regular time at 11:00am. Bring a friend to enjoy this fabulous morning of celebrating our Lord's Resurrection.

*Sunday School Rally & Easter Egg Coloring*

On Saturday, April 11th, at 1:00pm, there will be a Sunday school gathering at the church. We ask everyone to bring their boiled eggs they wish to color and a basket to gather eggs. The dyes will be provided. We will have an egg hunt as well as games for children. The event will be over at 3:00pm.