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In case of an Emergency

**Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
phone

286-1090**

Pastor's Message

Holy Week is soon upon us. A story comes to mind.

Two men made a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see the spot where Christ was raised. In Jerusalem they made the traditional tour of the beautiful chapel that enclosed the tomb where Jesus was laid and from where He was raised. But there were whispers that this might not be the actual tomb. So they followed an itinerate guide on a difficult walk up a hill, through brambles to a rock clearing. "Here," the guide declared, "Christ was crucified." Then he led them further to another opening where other ancient tombs were found. "Here is where Christ was laid and it was from here that He was raised," declared the guide. It looked plausible to the pilgrims but how did their guide know this was the right location? "Because, the empty tomb is only reached after going through the Cross of Calvary."

This is true of our Worship Schedule, with Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday service, Good Friday service and then the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

It is also a true principal in our spiritual lives. We experience Christ's forgiveness and new life when we die with Christ and are raised a new person. This is true for the trials we face too. Surrendering to Christ, we die to the power our trials have over us and we experience freedom and victory.



Come on Easter Sunday to worship the Lamb of God, but first visit Calvary where we die with Christ to the power of sin.

Pastor Tim Cartwright

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday—	Sunday, April 9th—	10 AM
Good Friday—	Friday, April 14th—	6:30 PM
Easter Breakfast	Sunday, April 16th—	8:30 AM
Easter Worship Service	April 16th	10:00 AM

Easter Lilies & Azaleas

It's not too late to order your Easter flowers. With the flowers on our Altar on



Easter morning it is beautiful. The Azaleas are \$14.00 and the Lilies are \$10.00. You can order more than one if you wish. You can purchase them in memory of someone if you wish. Please put your money through the offering noting that the money is for the Easter Lilies and/or Azaleas. However, please let Sharie Adrig know since she is compiling the list.



Easter Breakfast

Easter Morning at 8:30 we are gathering for a special Easter Breakfast prior to our Worship Service. You are encouraged to bring egg dishes, fruit, pastries and juice. It is always a fun time of fellowship. We hope you are planning on attending.



“First Fruits”



The Bremerton Food Bank is gearing up for the summer children feeding program. When children are out of school, they do not always have breakfast or lunch that was provided during the school year. Please consider donating the following items for **May 7th** First Fruits: **canned pasta meals, hot and cold cereals, canned fruit, meats and tuna fish.** The food bank shelves are the most empty during the summer months. But, children still need to eat.

Special thank to Sally, our Chairman

Sunday School for Adults and Children begin at 9:00 AM
 Women's Bible Study is held the 2nd & 4th Fridays at 10:00 AM

(No Women's Bible Study on Good Friday, April 14th)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study will reconvene following Easter.
 Men's Breakfast Prayer Group is the 1st Saturday of each month at
 The Bridge Deli in Manette beginning at 8:00 AM

News From Martha & Mary

Celebrating the “Magic of Mothers” at Martha & Mary’s 2017 Generations of Care Gala

In anticipation of Mother’s Day, the Martha & Mary 2017 Generations of Care Gala will showcase a special “Magic of Mothers” theme. This fun and festive even, held on May 13 at Kiana Lodge in Poulso, is a our major annual fund raiser. We hope you can attend!

The evening will feature a 3 course dinner, music and magical entertainment. Other highlights will include “limited edition” Martha & Mary wine and a “Best of Live Raffle” where the winner selects the live auction item of their choice.

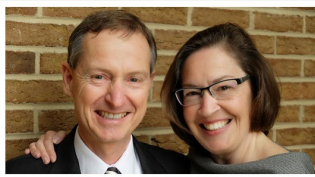
Numerous unique and family-friendly silent and live auctions items will be presented at the Gala. During the “Raise the Paddle” opportunity, guest contributions will support Martha & Mary KIDS, our child care, early learning and school age program.

Please join us for the Gala! Reservations may be purchased online at <https://mmhc.auctionreg.org/registration/>. Early Bird pricing is available through April 15th. A special Patron Ticket is offered on the Website, that provides priority seating at the Gala and an invitation to the exclusive pre-event VIP Reception..

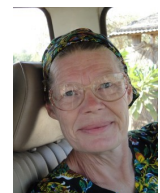
Reserve now: online or by phone 360-626-7879



Our Missionaries



Please keep our missionaries in your prayers. Bob and Cheryl Fox are in France at their language school for a few more months. After that they are off to Niger. Marian Hungerford is in Cameroon.



You can see their most recent newsletters on the table in fellowship hall.

Don’t forget your donations for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Our dresser ministry is a vital ministry in our church. Any baby items can be placed in the baby dresser in the fellowship hall.

Thank you, Carol, our chairman

