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## Monthly Messenger

**MARCH 2010**



**APRIL NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE, TUESDAY,  
MARCH 16, 2010**



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**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9:30 AM

**WORSHIP:** 11:00 AM,

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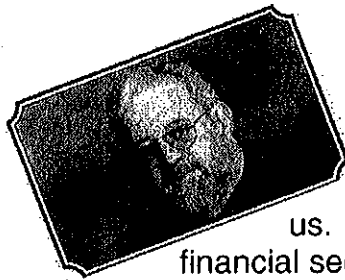
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## OH GROW UP!

Many of us spend our lives waiting for that time when we will "arrive." That may mean different things to each of us. To some it may mean a degree of financial security, to others it may mean a specific kind of job, to some it is getting the kids through the teenage years. I personally am still waiting for some unknown thing called "maturity" to set in. When I was younger I would look at pastors in their fifties and think they had things pretty well in control. They seemed to be able to deal with things with a degree of maturity I didn't have. Now, when I look in a mirror, I see someone with the age and the gray hair but in my mind I still feel like I did twenty years ago. Whatever I thought "maturity" was I have not reached it yet. We all seem to think that at some magical moment in life things will settle down and get a little simpler: and we all keep waiting.

In my office hangs a quotation from Martin Luther which speaks to our desire to "arrive." "This life therefore is not righteousness but growth in righteousness, not health but healing, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished but it is going on, this is not the end but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory but all is being purified."

The Christian life is not a one-time event. The Christian life is a journey. It must start with your own personal commitment to Jesus, but then, in response to your love for him, it must be a life of growth. If you are the same Christian you were a year ago then something is wrong. This life is not meant to be a time of comfort and rest. As Christians we cannot accept the current philosophy that as long as I am doing alright, and as long as what is happening in the world is not keeping me from my daily routine and my small comforts, then let the world do what it wants. Our goal is not comfort but service. We do not yet gleam in glory for there is some purifying yet to take place.

Our culture is going through some very radical changes. Things are happening that most of us would have been appalled at just a few years ago, and yet too many Christians are standing on the sidelines and letting it all happen as long as they are not disturbed. Our rest is in Jesus but our calling is to be salt and light to this world. We must become more serious about living out the Christian faith, and to do that we must become more serious about understanding the faith. May we each not stand still but grow. May we settle for nothing less, even though growing is sometimes hard. Remember the process is not yet finished.

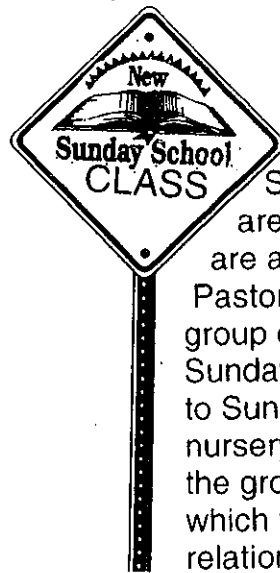
Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be the Glory)

Maranatha (Come Quickly Lord)

Allyn



We will have our "Upper Room" Communion Thursday evening at 7:00 April 1st and Good Friday Service April 2nd at 7:00.



## YOUNG ADULTS

There is a buzz going around about starting up a young adult Sunday School class. Matt Scaife has agreed to lead this group and we are just beginning to get it organized. If you are a young adult feel free to check with Matt or Pastor Ricketts to offer your suggestions. This small group could have met any time but at this point Sunday morning seems best so that children can go to Sunday School and younger children can be in the nursery and the parents can have a little time free for the group. If you are ready to discuss the ways in which the Christian faith can impact your life and relationships then this is the group for you.

## WORSHIP FOR MARCH 2010

March 7, 2010

11:00 AM, Communion

Sermon: Love and Comfort (I Timothy 6:1-2)



March 14, 2010

11:00 AM,

Job 1:13-22, Hebrews 13:1-6

Sermon: The Art of Divine Contentment  
(I Timothy 6:3-10)

March 21, 2010

11:00 AM, Hymn Sing

Psalm 136:1-9, I Corinthians 9:24-27

Sermon: Without Stain (I Timothy 6:11-16)



March 28, 2010

11:00 AM, Palm Sunday

Psalm 62, Mark 11:1-10

Sermon: Willing to Share

(I Timothy 6:17-21)



There will be a Lenten Luncheon  
each Wednesday in Lent at Grace  
Presbyterian Church at 12:00 PM  
Evening services will be held each  
Wednesday at 7:00:



February 24 – St. John's Lutheran –

Pastor Allyn Ricketts speaking

March 3 – First Church of God –

Pastor Carl Johnson speaking

March 10 – First Baptist Church –

Pastor Sara Wrona speaking

March 17 – Grace Brethren Church –

Pastor Richard Beatty speaking

March 24 – Cornerstone Assembly of God –

Pastor Stan Schilfarth

Good Friday Service will be at noon at Grace Presbyterian –

Pastor David Croyle speaking



## MARCH

### **ACOLYTE**

7 Frailey Scaife  
14 Hayley Hoffman  
21 Sierra Aires  
28 Hannah Hoffman



### **COUNTERS**

7 Bussard  
14 Ternent  
21 Stubbs  
28 Flanders



### **NURSERY**

7 Janet McKelvey  
14 Janine Muir  
21 Mert Hellein  
28 Brenda Beers



### **SOUND SYSTEM**

7 Glenn Krozely  
14 John Yankasky  
21 Jalissa Muir  
28 Katie Fox



### **USHERS**

7 Albright/Dan Wolfe & Communion  
14 Albright/Dan Wolfe  
21 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski  
28 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski



### **READERS**

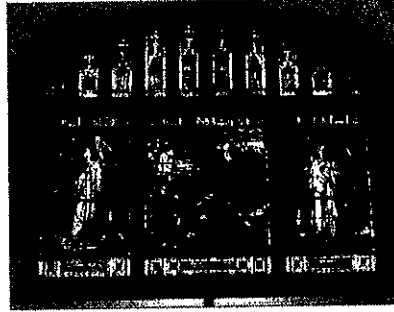
7 Communion  
14 Brad Hellein  
21 Dan Wolfe  
28 Sarah Heckert



On Sunday, May 16th the Ashland University Choir will be joining us for Church and then putting on an afternoon concert. We will be hosting them Saturday night and having a church dinner on Sunday. Please put this date on your calendar. We hosted Ashland before and enjoyed a wonderful concert. You won't want to miss this one. I will have more information in the April newsletter and will be looking for help in housing about 50 choir members on the 15th.

Linda Scaife

## WINDOW RESTORATION



Have you noticed that the sun has shown brightly through the Good Shepherd window every Sunday since it has been restored—even on cloudy days, we are so thankful. Let us remember to fund the restoration of **THE**

**GOOD SAMARITAN WINDOW.** Now thank we all our God.  
Window Committee

## FREE CONCERT BY THE KEELINGS

The Keelings will present a concert on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 7:00 PM here at First Church. This is a free concert open to all. We will take up an offering for the Keelings ministry. The nursery will be staffed and a cookie fellowship will be held after the concert.



The group is comprised of Randy Keeling his sons, Jeff and Doug, his daughter, Lynn, Pat Willaman, and sound technician Ray Young. The Keelings are best known for their unique harmony, trumpet trios, and Jeff's abilities on the piano. Randy's wife Trish also travels with the group, but does not perform.

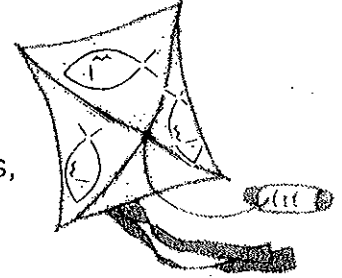
Now in their 15<sup>th</sup> year, The Keelings have shared their God-given talents through music and testimony at hundreds of venues throughout the Eastern United States during which time they have become known as one of Western Pennsylvania's premier Southern Gospel groups.



## LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Our Lenten Fish Dinners will continue all 4 Fridays in March—5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>—4:30-6:30 PM in the Covenant Center.

**MENU:** Baked or Fried Fish  
Or Sloppy Joe Sandwich.  
Baked Potato or Curly Fries,  
Cole Slaw or Applesauce,  
Roll, Beverage and PIE.



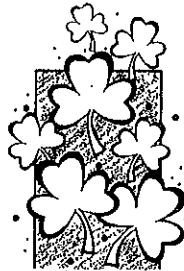
Come and eat, bring your family and friends. Help support our fund raising efforts to raise finances for our church programs and missions.



### HELP NEEDED

We need pie bakers and workers to help for all 6 fish dinners. Can you help? If so, please fill out the sign-up sheet and let us know you can help and which weeks. Keep the top half as your reminder and return the bottom half to the church.

Thank You!



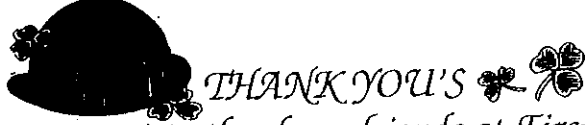
**FRIDAY  
NIGHT  
CIRCLE**

**THURSDAY, MARCH, 18<sup>th</sup>**

**PROGRAM-A RUSSIAN EXPERIENCE  
WITH KATIE RONA**


**DEVOTIONS-** Janet McKelvey

**HOSTESSES-** Donna King & Anna Pickett




THANK YOU'S

I just wanted to thank my friends at First Church for the cares and prayers during my recent hospitalization. I'm feeling much better! Prayer Works Thanks again.


 Ken Pierson

Thank you to the ladies at the First United Methodist Church for your thoughtfulness in preparing and serving the guest at the luncheon after the funeral. Also we would like to thank the church for the flowers that were sent to the funeral home. And we can't forget all the prayers that were said on behalf of our mother. Your kindness and generosity will never be forgotten.

 Our sincerest thanks  
The family of Nola J. Walbert

Friends at 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church,

Thank you for the flowers.

 The Family of Nola Walbert

Dear Church Family,

Many thanks for the monetary gift at Christmas. I am very grateful to you. It is a very special part of my life to be part of the family of god here at 1<sup>st</sup> Church, and I thank God each and every day for all of you and the wonderful opportunities he provides in our music program.

Thank you again for your generosity, it is much appreciated.

 In His Love,  
Nick

We at the Armstrong County Chapter of the American Red Cross want to thank all the volunteers who participated in the blood drive at the First United Methodist Church. Your kindness and efforts are truly appreciated not only by the Board and Staff of the Armstrong Co. Chapter but also by your community.



The American Red Cross

Dear friends at First Church,

We wish to thank you for the cards of sympathy, visitations, and prayer during the loss of our dear brother George. Your care and support was a great comfort to us during our grief.



Carolyn and Bill Waters and  
Carolyn and Dave Gallaher

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Valentine's Day care package I received this week! It was a nice surprise to get something in the mail, and I loved the cards and notes from everyone. Thanks for thinking of me - it really brightened my day!

Katie Fox



On behalf of my family and I, may I thank you for your kind thoughtfulness in sending a beautiful bouquet of flowers for the recent funeral of my beloved wife, Deryl. The many, many cards, personal letters of genuine Christian concern sent to Mrs. Engel (Deryl) during the past seven months were gratefully appreciated.



Robert L. Engel

## CHURCH IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT!

As a church we have a mission. It is summed up in the five areas below. How are you helping each area to improve in our church? This is our mission - how are you participating in it? Are you helping us to...

I--Invite and challenge people to come to faith.

[EVANGELISM]

C--Celebrate God's presence through powerful worship.

[WORSHIP]

TH--be Thoroughly equipped for your walk of faith.

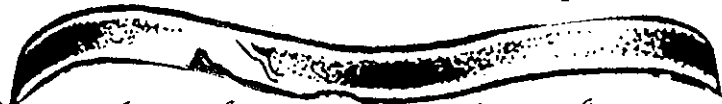
[CHRISTIAN EDUCATION]

U--Use the gifts God has given you to serve.

[DISCIPLESHIP]

S--Set aside a portion of your personal resources to be returned to God.

[STEWARDSHIP]



*We extend our Christian compassion and concern to:*



*The family of Nola Walbert who passed away on Saturday, January 23, 2010. Nola was the mother of Merinda (Joe) Wills and Mandy (Robert) Podvorec. And the Sister of Millie (Frank) Tarr; and the grandmother of Marissa (Gabe) Smith, Colton and Trenton Podvorec.*



*Robert Engel and his family on the death of his wife, V. Deryl Engel. Deryl passed away on Sunday, January 31, 2010. She was the mother of Catherine & Ellen Engel.*



*Anna Pickett and her family on the death of her brother, Rev. William R. Tarr, Sr.*



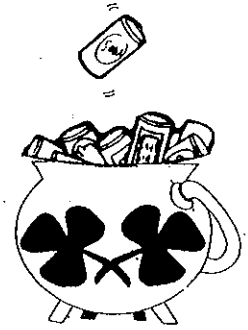
## CANS FOR VBS 2010

In the past month (through February 15th) we received 2838 cans for our 2010 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity.

Our total since VBS 2009 is 18,051 cans.

Thank you to those who brought in cans. Please continue to save or start saving aluminum cans for VBS/Habitat. All kinds of aluminum cans—pop, fruit juice, tea, health drinks and beer cans. Drop your cans off at the church ramp anytime.

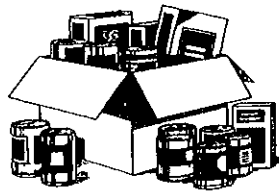
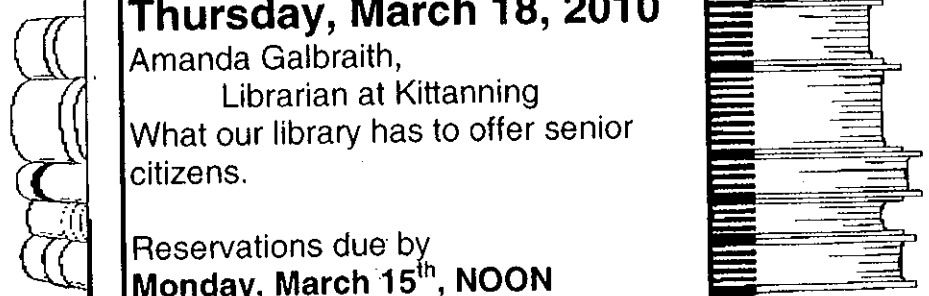
**HELP!** We are 5,052 cans behind February 15<sup>th</sup> of last year. Thank you, The Can Man



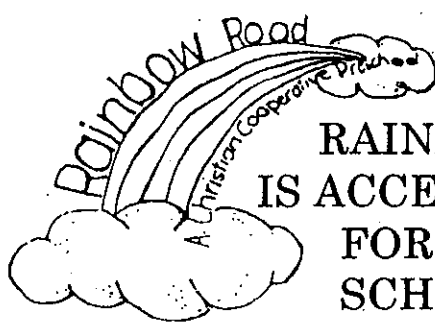
### MARCH SIFT

**Thursday, March 18, 2010**  
Amanda Galbraith,  
Librarian at Kittanning  
What our library has to offer senior citizens.

Reservations due by  
**Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, NOON**



**DON'T FORGET YOUR  
DONATION  
FOR THE FOOD BANK**



**RAINBOW ROAD  
IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS  
FOR THE 2010-2011  
SCHOOL YEAR, CHECK  
WITH THE OFFICE FOR AN  
APPLICATION**



**JUST A REMINDER**

Have **you** remembered  
**First Church** in your will?  
What a powerful way to  
recognize God's  
goodness in a lasting way.

**MISSION  
NEWS**

**EMERGENCY KITS FOR HAITI...** So far we  
have sent off 113 emergency kits to the mission  
barn to help Haiti (with \$130) and sent \$824 to the  
Advance Special for Haiti. Keep them coming.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Dick Starr  
3 Allyn Ricketts  
3 Alice Ternent  
4 Glenn Krozely  
7 Dan Cornman  
10 Ron Scaife  
11 Amanda Leech  
12 Linda Cornman  
12 Eleanor Walter  
13 Barb Gaughan  
13 Ruth Stubbs



19 Tara Green  
20 Franklin Tarr  
21 Jeremy Andrews  
21 Janessa Muir  
21 Gabi Zielinski  
22 Larry McKelvey  
24 Melvin Dalzell  
25 Lora Williamson  
27 Bob Buzzinotti  
27 Tim Scaife

## ANNIVERSARIES



2 Dale & Grace Trudgen (60 years)  
11 Jack & Dorothy Scaife (61 years)  
21 Derek & Tara Green (1 year)



Ethan James Heasley was born January 24, 2010 to Benjie and Sarah Heasley. Ethan weighed 7lbs. 10oz. and was 19" long. Ethan is the grandson of Patty Heasley & Scott Heasley; the great grandson of Bob & Jean Schaeffer



Bella Katherine Bartolovic was born February 6, 2010 to Kara and Eric Bartolovic. Bella is the granddaughter of Marsha and Jim Feeney and great-granddaughter of Betty & Jim Feeney

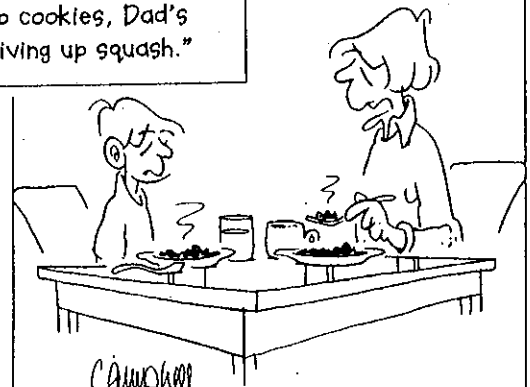
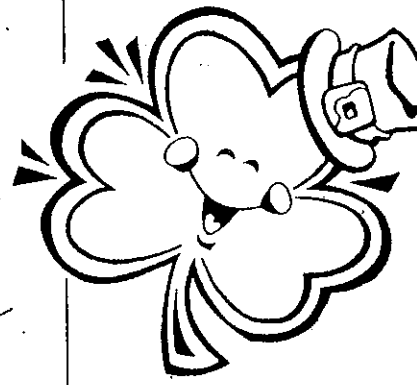


Caroline Anne Reichard was born February 12, 2010 to Mary Anne and Mike Reichard. Caroline is the granddaughter of Jack and Diane Heim.



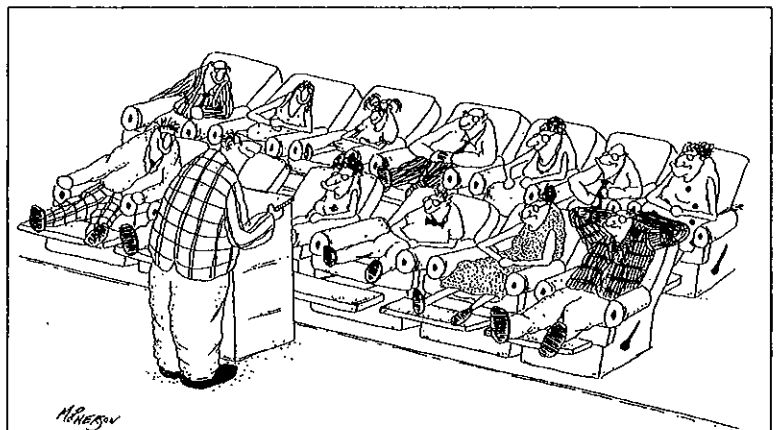
Campbell

"My whole family's giving up something for Lent. Mom's giving up cookies, Dad's giving up cake, and I'm giving up squash."



Campbell

"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"



MARSH

ATTENDANCE INCREASED BY 60 PERCENT AFTER THE RECLINERS WERE INSTALLED.

*In Spring*  
we see  
many changes  
in nature



*Make a Bug Jar to watch  
a caterpillar change.*

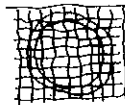
You will need:

\* a peanut  
butter jar



\* a metal canning jar lid  
to fit jar (it has a hole  
in the top)

\* a small piece of screen  
cut to fit top  
of jar plus  
a little extra



\* a branch that fits  
in the jar

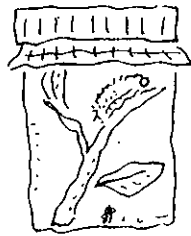
\* a caterpillar



*How to do it:*

1. Put branch in jar
2. Put caterpillar in jar
3. Add some favorite leaves for caterpillar food
4. Lay the screen on top
5. Screw the lid in place
6. Watch what happens!

*\*You can  
use your  
Bug Jar  
to watch  
other  
"bugs"  
too!*



At the end  
of the day,

when you lie down to rest, it's  
good to say a prayer to God.



Fill in the missing words in  
this prayer. Add a few lines  
of your own.



Dear God, I \_\_\_\_\_ you  
For this \_\_\_\_\_  
for all the things that  
came my way.

Please keep me \_\_\_\_\_  
now while I \_\_\_\_\_  
I want to help and  
do my \_\_\_\_\_

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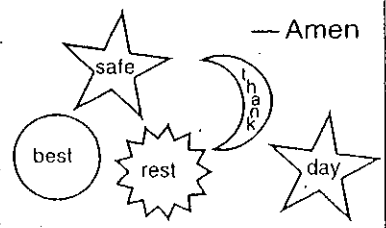


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— Amen



# EASTER FLOWERS

2010

**(ALL ORDERS DUE BY  
SUNDAY, MARCH 14th)**

Order Form

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.00 Hyacinths  
(Assorted colors, 3 blooms)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.00 Lilies  
(1 stem, 4-6 blooms)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.00 Tulips  
(Assorted colors, 6 blooms)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.00 Mums  
(Assorted colors)

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ plant(s),

Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out the  
Information on the  
back of this insert**

**(OVER)**

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

Or

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

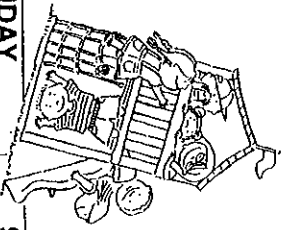
**Last day to order is SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010**



Payment is due when you order. Special pink envelopes for payment are in your box of offering envelopes as well as in the pews. Please mark **EASTER FLOWERS** and place in the offering plate or Mail to the church office.





# WARRIOR



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8:30 AM CC Clean Team 6:30 PM Trustees	2 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	3 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	4 8:00 AM OVR-CC	5 4:30 PM Lenten Fish Dinner-CC	6 6:00 PM We Surrender
7 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion 7:00 PM Keellings Concert	8 6:30 PM Finance 7:30 PM Church Council	9 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 6:00 PM AM Vets-CC	10 7:00 PM Choir 6:00 PM Worship Team 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	11 7:00 PM Rainbow Road Advisory	12 4:30 PM Lenten Fish Dinner-CC	13 5:30 PM We Surrender
14 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	15 7:00 PM Christian Education	16 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM &  <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	18 12:00 PM SIFT-CC 7:00 PM Friday Night Circle-CC	19 4:30 PM Fish Dinner-CC	20 6:00 PM We Surrender  <i>FIRST DAY OF SPRING</i>
21 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	22 7:00 PM Staff/Parish APRIL NEWSLETTER	23 8:30 AM 3R's 10:00 AM Wayne Cleary- CC 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	24 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	25	26 4:30 PM Fish Dinner-CC Shay/Green Wedding rehearsal	27 Shay/Green Wedding 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
28 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	29 12:00 PM Tom Mitchell-CC	30 8:30 AM 3R's 10:00-3:00 Tom Mitchell-CC 6:00 PM Women Fellowship	31 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers			

