



Where faith happens and love abounds!

March/April 2019

PALM FRONDS

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Ash Wednesday, March 6
Service at 11:00am

*Followed by a simple lunch of
soup & artisan breads*



Palm Sunday, April 14
10am Liturgy of the Palms and
Choir Cantata



Maundy Thursday, April 18
7pm Service of Communion &
Tenebrae



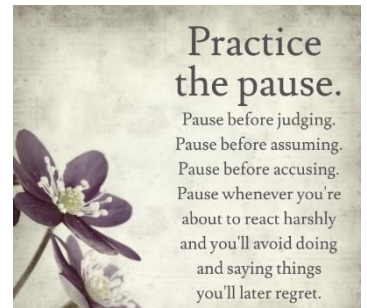
Good Friday, April 19
12noon Service of Prayer
Around the Cross



Easter Sunday, April 21
10am Festival Service with Holy
Communion; Butterfly release
follows the service

Friends,

I recently saw a meme on Facebook titled "Practice the Pause." Adam Hocke writes simply in his blog: *When you notice yourself getting pulled into a habitual pattern of thinking that pulls you out of or in direct conflict with the present moment, take a step back, pause, and take three deep conscious breaths. When we do not pause and just react sharply and quickly, we get the same old suffering inducing responses we always get.*



In conversations, especially difficult ones, we are often thinking of the next thing we want to say rather than listening deeply to the other person. Practicing the pause allows us to be present rather than be lost in our own thoughts, to respond rather than react, and to accentuate the positive rather than the negative. It's a great practice.

Lent is a season that invites us to pause and reflect on our life with God and others. Focusing on the vulnerable love of Jesus, Lent is a time of spiritual preparation for the new beginnings promised to us in the Resurrection. It is a season when we focus on reconciliation and forgiveness through traditional practices of self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting, and by reading and meditating on Scripture. These are ways in which we pause from old habits and breathe in the Spirit of God's new possibilities for us as individuals and as a church community.

I invite you to practice the pause, not just in Lent, but every day, in every relationship. Practice the Lenten pause to renew your spirit and to grow in deeper relationship with your friends in Christ. Renewed and re-energized in the Spirit, your faith will grow and, together, we will continue to set our beloved community at Church of the Palms on a steady course to a rich, vibrant, new beginning!

*Blessings,
Pastor Brad*

March Worship - Sundays, 10 am

March 3 – Last Sunday after Epiphany/Transfiguration

- *Holy Communion* -

Scripture: Luke 9:28-36

Sermon: *Moments of Grace*

Wednesday, March 6, 11am, Ash Wednesday Service Followed by a simple lunch of soup and artisan breads

March 10 – 1st Sunday of Lent - *Service of Morning Prayer*

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

Speaker: Ariana Ciancio, Service Population Advocate
Delray Beach Police Department

March 17 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Scripture: Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Sermon: *The Way of Jesus – The Way of the Cross*

March 24 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Guest Minister: The Rev. Karen Morris

March 31 – 4th Sunday of Lent

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon: *Scandalous Love*

April Worship - Sundays, 10 am

April 7 – 5th Sunday of Lent - *Holy Communion*

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21; John 12:1-8

Sermon: *Extravagant Giving*

April 14 – Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms using Luke 19:28-40
Choir Cantata

Thursday April 18, 7pm – Maundy Thursday Service Communion and Tenebrae

Friday, April 19, 12noon – Good Friday Service of Prayer at the Cross

April 21 – Easter – *Holy Communion*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:19-16; John 20:1-18

Sermon: *Listening for God's Creative Voice*

April 28 – Second Sunday of Easter

Guest Minister: The Rev. David Cooper



People don't come to church
for preachments, of course,
but to daydream about God.

Kurt Vonnegut

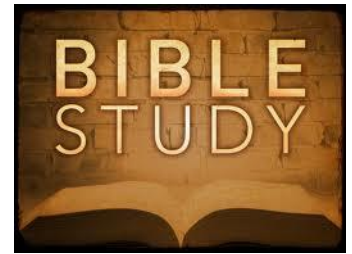
Thursdays, 10:30am

No study on March 21

Studies in the Gospel of Luke

(Click [HERE](#) for details)

*Bible Study is open to
anyone seeking greater
understanding of Scripture and its meaning for daily
life. Just bring an open mind and heart!*



•Margot Lake –
Karin Cogswell's
mother

•Family of David
Weissleder, died

12/29 – *friend of Barbara Small*

•Family & friends of Marija & Fabien Dosen, killed in
an auto crash – *friends of Peter Aispuro*

•Family & friends of Nancy Hart, our former Office
Manager, who died at the end of January

•Family of Miriam Mabrey who died January 23.

•Family of Carol Lois Bryant who died December 28 –
friend of Lizz Sanders

•Daughter of Eileen Tweedy on death of Amy – *friend of
Barbara Small*

•For strength to face challenges – *Lizz Sanders*

•Healing for Peter William Bryant – *friend of Lizz Sanders*

•Renewal of the earth and of Church of the Palms

•Michelle DeZago, Melanie Seche, Elizabeth Huston –
Rose DeZago's granddaughters

•I am thankful for my 94 years of wonderful life & raising
4 wonderful children, 1 grandson & 10 foster children –
Rose DeZago

•Family of Bill Small, father, husband, grandfather –
Barbara Small

•For our democratic institutions that are so strained at this
time; for President Trump that he learns the meaning of
Micah 6:8

•Ron Longwell

•Peter Aispuro

•Charles Mory

For our shut-ins:

**Dot Cooper, Barbara Daum, Linda Dick, Jackie Fusco,
Marlene Hambleton, Dorothy Jones, John Mann, Ellen
Mason, Barbara Miller, John Nemire, Henrietta Smith,
Harry Wagner, Lorna Zirbel**

TO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST, fill out a form in
the pew and place it on the offering plate or call the
Office.





GATHER FOR A TIME OF QUIET PRAYER FOR OTHERS

+
Thursday, March 28
Thursday, April 25
10am in the Sanctuary.



**SATURDAY
MARCH 2
8:00am-12:30pm**

If you can help with set-up beginning Wednesday, February 27, contact Margot Beck, 561-660-4106.



The Women's Fellowship thanks everyone who helped make the Valentine's Day luncheon amazing. The food and entertainment were

fabulous! Thank you for your contributions to the blanket fund.

The Comfort Dolls Workshop was a success! The completed dolls will be delivered to AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse).

We meet monthly on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 11am in Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is March 5th.

Birthdays

March:

- 10 **Barbara Daum**
- 15 **Deirdre Scott**
- 18 **Lizz Sanders**
- 19 **Charles Mory**
- 21 **Eric Keiper**
- 28 **Katlyn Maclaren**
- 31 **Beverly Drolette**

April:

- 4 **Barbara Sinclair**
- 5 **Jennifer Volcy**
- 13 **Rich Flick**
- 14 **Elizabeth Aucello**
- 15 **Elizabeth Hill-Saino**
- 18 **Helga Hoefler**
- 27 **Fred Moore**



CONCERT
of
Organ & Piano Duets
Sunday, March 24, 3pm

*Reception follows the concert in Friendship Center
Featuring Ed Krynicki, organ, and
Elaine Reinhardt, piano
No tickets; Donations only*



Music Notes

To Worship is to Sing

Organ and Piano Concert - on Sunday afternoon March 24th at 3 pm will consist of original music written for organ and piano duet along with several transcriptions of familiar pieces. There will also be duets performed that are based on well-known hymn tunes intertwined with classical compositions. The program is free and open to the public with no tickets required. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to come and enjoy an afternoon of music here at Church of the Palms

Easter Cantata Rehearsals - Rehearsal for the Easter Cantata is every Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Choir Room. The Easter Cantata will be presented in the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday, April 14th. If you have ever wanted to sing in the Chancel Choir but could not make the commitment for every rehearsal and worship service, here is an opportunity for you. You will be given a score to take home with you and a CD of the cantata to listen on your CD player. If you have any questions, speak to Ed Krynicki.

Easter Cantata - The Chancel Choir will present the Easter Cantata *He Has Triumphed* on Palm Sunday morning, April 14th during the 10 am worship service. The Cantata, written by Regi Stone, includes songs and powerful dramatic monologues from the woman at the well, the Apostles, Many Magdalene and a Roman Soldier. Each monologue provides a unique view of Christ's mission. The music is a blend of new melodies and creative settings of familiar hymns.

Soli Deo Gloria (Glory to God Alone)
Ed Krynicki

Where there is no vision,
there is no hope.

George Washington Carver



Notes from Council meetings on January 27 & February 25:

- appointed the 2019 **Pastoral Relations Team:** Jean McFadden, Susan Moore & Joycelyn Patrick.
- appointed a **New Beginnings Task Force** (Charles & Kathy Mory, Bud & Deirdre Scott, Fred & Susan, Moore, Barbara Sinclair, Lizz Sanders, & Joycelyn Patrick) to prepare a report to the Congregation on **February 24** with implementation action at a **special Congregational Meeting on March 17.**
- discussed **FPL Energy evaluation** and decided to shut down AC units when not in use
- decided to hold **Ash Wednesday Service** at 11am followed by a simple soup & bread lunch
- approved a bid of \$2,000.00 to trim 22 oaks & 4 olive trees on church property
- **approved on-line giving with Vance Payment Solutions** using credit cards or bank check transfers; the service will be available on our website and the weekly emails
- discussed the **March 31st expiration of the Designated Term Pastor Covenant** & asked Pastor Brad to continue under the current agreement through May 23 & celebrate the 45th anniversary of his ordination on May 19. Pastor Brad accepted.
- decided to **continue with a “bridge pastor”** after May 23 – a “bridge pastor” provides continuity & stability following an interim until a settled pastor is called. The Moderator will be in contact with Raymond Hargrove of the Florida Conference about available personnel; Pastor Brad is being considered. A final decision will be made at the March 18 meeting.
- approved recommendation of Mission Team to donate \$500 from the Rauth Mission Fund **in memory of Rev. Linda Reilly** to the fresh shower truck for the homeless operated by the Interfaith Coalition.
- approved Spiritual Life & Celebration Team recommendation to **continue Easter butterfly release**
- approved Administration Team recommendations to participate in **FPL solar program** if further

registration opens & to purchase 5 **First Aid kits** and 8 levered exterior door hands with dead bolts as part of the Proposed Emergency Plan



ADMINISTRATION

- **AC units** were discussed including installing programmable thermostats, replacing conduit, junction boxes & wiring to the front sanctuary AC units.
- **Thanks was extended to the Women’s Fellowship** for a donation of \$2500 toward AC improvement costs.
- an appointment is being scheduled with **McGow Glass** to reassess repair needs to the stained-glass window
- an account has been opened with **Costco** to save on office & janitorial supplies; the account costs \$60/year.
- **Shawn Antman** concluded his service to Church of the Palms on February 19th. A replacement is being sought.

MISSION

- **Ariana Ciancio, Service Population Advocate of the Delray Police Department will speak** to us about community mission opportunities on Sunday, March 10, following a brief service of Morning prayer.
- the 2109 series of **Sacred Conversations To End Racism**, to be moderated by Joycelyn Patrick & Jean McFadden during Lent period on Wednesdays March 13, 20, 27, & April 3, 10, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; each session begins with a potluck supper.

SPIRITUAL LIFE & CELEBRATION

- A **ministry of visitation & caring** is being planned to support our shut-in members & friends. Volunteers who are willing to make a visit (in pairs), send a card, and/or make a phone call are being recruited & invited to a meeting at **11:30am on Sunday, March 3**, in the volunteer office.



**March 10 &
April 14**

**Ministry teams meet 11:30am-12:30pm
with a wrap up from 12:30-12:45pm.**




MARCH 2019



Tuesday – Friday, 9am-1pm

*Pastor's hours on days indicated from 9am
but always call first to be sure he is
available.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 RUMMAGE SALE 8am-12:30pm
3 <i>Last Sunday after Epiphany/Transfiguration</i> 10am - Communion & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour 3pm – FOR HER: Honoring Women Concert	4	5	6 ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i> 11AM Worship & Simple Lunch	7 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice	8 International Women's Day	9 TONIGHT: 
10 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> 10am -Worship & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour 11:30am – SUPER SUNDAY meetings	11	12 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i> 11am Women's Fellowship Meeting	13 6pm Sacred Conversation to End Racism Lenten Series	14 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i> 9am Staff Meeting 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice	15	16
17 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> 10am – Worship & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour 11:30am – Special Congregational Meeting	18 6 pm Leadership Council	19 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>	20 <i>Pastor Brad will be on retreat in WI through Tuesday, March 26.</i> 6pm Sacred Conversation to End Racism Lenten Series	21 6pm Choir Practice	22	23
24 <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> 10am -Worship & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour 3pm – Organ & Piano Duet Concert	25	26	27 6pm Sacred Conversation to End Racism Lenten Series	28 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i> 10am Prayer Ministry 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice	29	30
31 <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>One Great Hour of Sharing offering is today!</i> 10am -Worship & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour						



APRIL 2019



Tuesday – Friday, 9am-1pm

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>	3 6pm Sacred Conversation to End Racism Lenten Series	4 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i> 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice	5	6
7 5th Sunday of Lent 10am - Communion & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour	8	9 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i> 11am Women's Fellowship Meeting	10 6pm Sacred Conversation to End Racism Lenten Series	11 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i> 9am Staff Meeting 10:30am Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice	12	13
14 Palm Sunday 10am -Worship & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour 11:30am SUPER SUNDAY meetings	15	16 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>	17	18 Maundy Thursday <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>  7pm Worship Service: Communion & Tenebrae	19 OFFICE CLOSED  12noon Worship Service of Prayer at the Cross	20 Holy Saturday Passover Begins 
21 Easter 10am -Worship & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour	22 Earth Day <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i> from 1pm 6 pm Leadership Council	23	24 Armenian Martyrs' Day 9am Staff Meeting <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>	25 <i>Pastor Brad will be away today through Monday.</i> 6pm Choir Practice	26	27 <i>Passover Ends</i>
28 2 nd Sunday of Easter 10am – Worship & Sunday School 11:00 am - Social Hour	29	30 <i>Pastor's Office Hours</i>				



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Sunday, March 31

One Great Hour of Sharing® is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee, and development activities.

Special offering envelopes will be available in Sunday bulletins beginning March 17.

Give Generously!



Your Giving is an act of worship!

It is your faithfulness that allows our church to continue to be a place

where faith happens and love abounds in Delray Beach. **You can now make safe and secure donations online using your credit or debit card or automatic bank transfer.** Choose to make a one-time gift or set up a recurring donation that gives automatically. Visit the “Make a Donation” page on our website, www.churchofthepalms.net, or click on the link provided in the Weekly Fronds email every Friday.

Important Meeting



The purpose of the Special Meeting is to take action on **implementation of the New Beginnings Future Story Report**. The report was distributed and reviewed at a Congregational Conversation on February 24. Copies of the Report are available in print and electronically by calling the Church Office.



Wednesdays in Lent

March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Sponsored by the Mission Team & facilitated by Joycelyn Patrick & Jean McFadden

A potluck supper begins each session at 6pm. Please bring a dish to share!



- Ushers & Greeters
- Communion Servers
- Liturgists
- Choir Members
- Office volunteers
- Ministry Team members

Sign-up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary or call the Church Office.



CROS Ministries

CARING KITCHEN MEALS SITES

MONDAY - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm , Resurrection

Life Fellowship 209 SW 5th Ave., Delray Beach

TUESDAY - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm , Cason UMC

342 N. Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach (Corner

Lake Ida & Swinton) - *Enter on south side*

WEDNESDAY - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm , St.

Matthew's Episcopal 404 SW 3rd St, Delray

Beach. - Parish Hall across street from sanctuary

THURSDAY - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm , Cason UMC 342 N.

Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach (Corner Lake Ida & Swinton)

- Enter on south side

FRIDAY - 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm , St. Matthew's Episcopal 404

SW 3rd St., Delray Beach - Parish Hall across street from

sanctuary

SATURDAY - 9:00 am to 9:30 am, Bag Lunches at Cason

UMC 342 N. Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach (Corner Lake Ida &

Swinton)

SUNDAY - 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm, Calvary Bible Alliance

Church 898 SW 10th Street, Delray Beach



Feeding the Community



*No matter who you are, who you love, or
where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome at
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Rev. Brad S. Lutz, Designated Term Pastor

Theresa Baudier, Administrative Assistant

Edward M. Krynicki, Minister of Music

Elaine Reinhardt, Pianist

Milan Charles Sunday School Teacher

Jeanrony Esther, *vacant* , Sextons

Barbara Sinclair, Moderator

"Bud" Scott, Vice Moderator/Administration Team

Karin Cogswell, Clerk

Deirdre Scott, Treasurer

Charles Mory, Faith Formation Team

Lizz Sanders, Mission Team

Susan Moore, Spiritual Life & Celebration Team

. . . and many incredible volunteers!



As an **Open and Affirming** congregation of the United Church of Christ, our goal is to extend to everyone an extravagant welcome in hopes that you will experience the abundant love of God and be inspired to share that love with the world.