



## Rummage Sale News

The youth are having a rummage sale on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please hang on to all your rummage sale treasures if you want to donate them to the youth rummage sale. If you are interested in volunteering, call Karen Appleby at the church. The “departments” we will have at the rummage sale are: Holiday Table, Green House (plants\*, pots, garden items), Arts and Crafts, Small Furniture (can be lifted by one person), Accessories and Jewelry, Small Appliances and Electronics, The Kitchen Cupboard, Bed and Bath, Home Décor, Games, Toys, Sports and Books, The Tool Shed, and The Junk Drawer (everything else). No clothes or large furniture.

### **THIS WEEK'S SUGGESTION**

The Christmas holidays are over, but your decorations may still be sitting around. If so, check to see if you have any holiday items you are willing to give to the rummage sale. Items for any holiday are welcome.

## NEWS IN THE PEWS



**THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE EASTER PRAYER VIGIL** is available in Rees Hall. Everyone is welcome to participate in a personal prayer vigil from 10:00 pm, Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, until sunrise Easter morning. The objective is to have continuous prayer, with individuals responsible for 30 minute segments throughout this period. Each person can choose their own prayer location, home, church sanctuary, or any convenient place.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in observance of Spring Break. Head Start will be off for the entire week. The office will open again on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**NEEDED:** A van driver for the Peaks, one Sunday per month. Please contact the church office for details.

**FLAGSTAFF SHELTER SERVICES** is in need of warm blankets for those people that they are not able to serve at the shelter. They also need new or clean used socks with some wear left in them. Please bring your contributions to the church office. Thank you for any help you can give!

**CHRISTIAN LIVING:** The Christian Living Class continues their study series called “Caring Mentors”. You are all invited to come. Each Sunday the “Caring Mentors” study will take a different role model from history and open with a brief biography of that person. Then the discussion will apply their wisdom and experience with our lives today. These “mentors” include Anne Frank, Henri Nouwen, Albert Schweitzer, Dorothy Day, C.S. Lewis, Helen Keller, Thomas Merton, and other. Please join us. Leaders: Rick Miller and Mick Henry, Room #9 in the Education Building

**IN THE EVENT OF HEAVY SNOW** tune to KAFF Country 92.9 FM or 93.0 AM for information on canceled church services or church programs. If Flagstaff schools have a snow day, the church office will be closed. If there is a 2 hour delay, the church office will be open no later than 11:00 am.

**THE FLOWER CALENDAR** for 2009 is available in Rees Hall and still has many Sundays available. Please sign up for your special Sunday. The cost is \$22.00. Include “flowers” in the memo line of your check. This is a great opportunity to honor a special occasion or loved one.

**THE FEBRUARY DIRECTORY UPDATE** is available in the church office. Look for the green copies on the table, under the window. Please notify the church office if a correction needs to be made.

**NEEDED: MORE CUP CUPBOARDS!** Christians for the Earth and the Building and Grounds Team have realized that more cupboards to hold ceramic cups is needed in Rees Hall. Money is available for supplies but they are looking for one or more people to make the cupboards. Please contact Mick Henry for details.

**CHECK OUT THE CHURCH WEB SITE.** Key in: [www.flagstafffederatedchurch.org](http://www.flagstafffederatedchurch.org)  
You will find information about our church, the groups who use our facilities, and the activities the church offers, all listed on the web site!

## OUR CHURCH WEEK

### Sunday, March 15th

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**SPRING BREAK**

- 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
- 9:30 am Parish Nurse Rees Hall
- 9:45 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship Rees Hall
- 9:45 am Sunday School Various Locations
- 5:30 pm Youth Group Rm. 24

### Monday, March 16th

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**SPRING BREAK**

- 6:00 pm Disciple Class Rm. 14

### Tuesday, March 17th

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

**SPRING BREAK**

- 6:30 am Emmaus Men Macy's
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Rees Hall, B1, B3

### Wednesday, March 18th

**SPRING BREAK**

- 3:00 pm Open Sanctuary Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper Rees Hall

### Thursday, March 19th

**SPRING BREAK**

- 6:00 am Emmaus Women Rm. 14
- 7:00 am Men's Group Rees Hall
- 9:00 am Emmaus Women Shirley's
- 11:45 am Emmaus Women Coco's
- 3:00 pm Open Sanctuary Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Celebration Singers Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Vesper Bells Rehearsal Choir Room
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary

### Friday, March 20th

**SPRING BREAK**

- 9:00 am PB&J Group Rees Hall

### Saturday, March 21st

- 7:00 am Emmaus Men Call 774-9048

### Sunday, March 22nd

- 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services
- 9:30 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship Rees Hall
- 9:45 am Sunday School Various Locations
- 5:30 pm Youth Group Rm. 24



The Strategic Planning Team met once again this past week. The primary focus was refining the survey to be used in the Small Group Gatherings in April and May. The first "small group" will be the Board of Trustees, gathering at Carmen Johnson's home on Tuesday evening, March 31, at 6:30 PM.

(The Strategic Planning Team meets each Tuesday at 1:30 PM.)

## **THIN PLACES ART FOR LENT**

The Celtic metaphor "thin places," has its home in a particular way of thinking about God. Deeply rooted in the Bible and the Christian tradition, this way of thinking sees God, "the More," as the encompassing spirit in which everything is. God is not somewhere else, but "right here."

This way of thinking affirms that there are minimally two layers or dimensions of reality, the visible world or our ordinary experience and God, the sacred, Spirit. Worship is about creating a sense of the sacred, a thin place. - *Marcus Borg "The Heart of Christianity"*

Give us pure hearts, that we may see you;

Humble hearts, that we may hear you;

Hearts of love, that we may serve you;

Hearts of faith, that we may abide in you. - *Dag Hammarskjold*

Life is this simple. We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time. If we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we see it sometimes.

- *Thomas Merton*

## **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

continue each Wednesday until April 1st. Gather at 5:30 for a light soup supper, devotion and communion in Rees Hall. This weeks devotion will be led by Rodger Byrby. Remember to bring your own place settings.

Come and join the fellowship with others of our church family.

