

## NEWS IN THE PEWS

**NAU SHRINE OF THE AGES CHOIR AND ASU CHAMBER SINGERS** will present a program at Trinity Heights United Methodist Church tonight at 4:00 pm. A freewill offering will be taken. The public is invited.

**KATIE HARTMAN** has compiled a cookbook with loads of Federated Church recipes in it. It is for sale between services in Rees Hall. The cost for 1 book is \$20.00, but if you purchase 3 or more the cost is \$15.00 per copy. The proceeds from the sales will help Katie with expenses for her trip to Australia with the *People to People* program. Be sure to drop by and check out the cookbook, remember Christmas is only 9 months away!

**THE COFFE SHOP WILL BE OPEN** Sunday, April 5th between services and for a short time after second service. There are new supplies of fairly traded Equal Exchange products for sale! The shop keepers will be Misty Clark and Nita Paden.

**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 10th, 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.

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

**THE FLAGSTAFF FAMILY YMCA HEALTHY KIDS DAY** is set for Saturday, April 18th at Kinsey Community School from 9:00 to 1:00 pm. This free event is set to make it a fun and informative afternoon where families and people who live in Flagstaff can get information about activities, healthy living, nutrition and services available in the community and also play some games and participate in demonstrations to learn new things. Call the YMCA at 556-9622 if you have questions or check their web site at [www.valleyymca.org](http://www.valleyymca.org)

**THE MARCH 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.

**THE CHURCH WEB SITE** is an important source for church information. Just 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!

**DO YOU HAVE A GREEN THUMB?** The Buildings and Grounds Team is looking for some help with the planter beds around the church. If you can help, please contact Mick or Renee Henry at 774-5892.



## OUR CHURCH WEEK

### Sunday, March 29th

**HUNGER AWARENESS SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY**

**COFFEE SHOP OPEN NEXT SUNDAY**

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services  
 9:45 am Coffee Hour & Fellowship Rees Hall  
 9:45 am Sunday School Various Locations  
 3:30 pm Worship at the Peaks  
 5:30 pm Youth Group Rm. 24

### Monday, March 30th

4:00 pm Disciple Class Rm. 14

### Tuesday, March 31st

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

### Wednesday, April 1st

**APRIL FOOL'S DAY - BE CAUTIOUS!**

7:00 am Ladies of the Round Table Cracker Barrel  
 3:00 pm Open Sanctuary Sanctuary  
 5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper Rees Hall  
 7:00 pm Worship & Music Ministry Team Meeting  
 Rm. 14

### Thursday, April 2nd

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, April 3rd

9:00 am PB&J Group Rees Hall

### Saturday, April 4th

7:00 am Emmaus Men Call 774-9048

### Sunday, April 5th

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### **RUMMAGE SALE NEWS!**

Check your shelves...we are having a section for books (paperback and hardcover, games, toys and sports equipment.

Please make sure things are nice and clean

### **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*

### *Strategic Planning News*

*Reminder: The first "small group" meeting 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)*

**family.**

**new photograph of you and your  
 there the next few Sundays to take a  
 photo directory. John Weber will  
 in Rees Hall. We are creating a new  
 board**

### **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 Bailey Cunningham.

Remember to bring your own place settings. Come and join the fellowship with others of our church family.

