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## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2011

### A SEASON OF LENT



We continue our time of Bible Study during the LENTEN season. The study group is meeting each Wednesday evenings to focus on the idea of SACRIFICE. The remaining Bible Study nights are be March 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup>, and April 13<sup>th</sup>. (April 6<sup>th</sup> is a Church Council Meeting night.) The time of these classes will be 7pm. Please come and join us.

We will be having a special GOOD FRIDAY service (TENNEBRAE style). This service will emphasize the reality of the suffering and death of Jesus for all of us. We ask every Christian to help us be more aware of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. This year GOOD FRIDAY is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Our EASTER celebration will begin with an outdoor Sunrise Service at 7:30am, followed by a pancake breakfast. The EASTER service will be at 11am. Come and share our joy and food and worship. There will be a community Easter Dinner held at the Brooktondale Community Center at 2pm on Easter Sunday. This event is sponsored by the Community Center, but will be supported by members of our church. All are invited.

### OTHER COMING EVENTS

Caroline Valley Community Church, in cooperation with the Brooktondale Community Center, is sponsoring an effort to develop a cookbook based on the foods routinely distributed through the Caroline Valley Food Pantry. Recipes for this book should be given to Martha Phillips (email: [MarthaEPhillips@twcny.rr.com](mailto:MarthaEPhillips@twcny.rr.com)). Copies of the lists of ingredients are being developed and will be available soon.



The ladies of the church are invited to attend the upcoming United Church of Christ Women's conference in Painted Post, NY. This annual state conference is being held April 28-30 at the Watson Homestead Conference Center. Our church will provide most, if not all, of the funds required for attendees from our congregation. All women of the church are urged to attend. For more information, speak to Kathy Storck or Elaine Sapp.



## Prayer, Meditation and Art through Mosaics



What does prayer and meditation have to do with the process of making art? Art and prayer both lay bare our realities and open our experience to God. Both of these experiences are transformative. They demand that we change. Learning to let go is part of the process. We relinquish our control and let the Creator work through us. Art is a result of inspiration and inspiration comes from God. The creative process is an act of meditation. We face the blank canvas or the block of clay and make something out of nothing and that process changes us.

Before engaging in prayer or making art, we need to prepare ourselves to be in the right frame of mind. Through prayer and meditation we learn to focus. When we do this before each work of art we are preparing to listen to God and we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit.

Mosaics are an ancient art form. We will be using the piqueassiette (broken plates) method. By using broken pieces of china, stain glass and jewelry, we can make something new and beautiful. Isn't that what God does with broken humanity?

We will start each session with prayer and meditation. From there we will enter into the process of making art. You will be free to work at your own pace, using your own design and choosing your own materials. I will be working with you and guiding you through the process. Wear old clothes and bring any old pieces of china or other materials that you may have lying around.

The class will meet May 7, 14, and 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am-11:30pm. This will be an introductory class. If there is enough interest we will have an advanced class in June. I will place books on Mosaics and a box of sample materials on the back table in the Fellowship room so you can have an idea of what you can do. I will have base supports that you can use to do your mosaics on or

you can bring such things as old tables, table tops, wooden trays , mirrors with a wide wooden frame, flower pots, bird houses, bird baths and many other things. Check with me to see if they are suitable. Class is for anyone that is interested, including older children.

*Please remember to bring your used Christmas Cards to the church. We will be forwarding them to St Jude's Ranch for Children for recycling. Contact Pat Phelps or Bonita Ferguson if you have a question about this opportunity.*

## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

SUNDAYS: Worship Service – 11am

Adult Bible Study – 9:45am

Bible Club for children 3 through 13 – 9:45am

THURSDAYS: Willing Workers - 9am

Bell Choir practice resumes April 7.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**April 6:** Church Council Meeting at 7pm

**March 23-April 13:** Wednesday Night Lenten Bible Study, 7pm

**April 22:** Tenebrae/Good Friday service, 7pm

**April 24:** Easter Sunrise service, 7:30am

**April 24:** Easter-Egg Hunt, 10:15am

**April 24:** Easter service, 11am

**April 24:** Community Easter dinner, 2pm

**April 28-30:** UCC Women's Conference in Painted Post.

**May 4:** Church Council Meeting at 7pm

## **PRAYER LIST**

Please contact Elaine Sapp at 347-9830 or [esapp@twcny.rr.com](mailto:esapp@twcny.rr.com) if you have information about someone who is ill, hospitalized, or in need of prayer.

**Dr. Mary Tinker**

**Dick Crispell and family**

**Bill and Roberta Schoch**

**Rick Eggleston**

**Stella Phillips**

**Don Kennell**

**Allen and Joyce Wilson**

**Hal Morris**

**Barbara Perrone**

**Marge Tilton**

**Karen Barden**

**Becky Scaglione**

**Ken and Brittany Smalt**

**Genevieve O'Loughlin**

**Helen Almandinger**

**All Members of the Armed Forces**

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