



# CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2016  
Messenger

## Worship at the Table

Do you like to host? If so, who is it that you love to have around your table? Or do you prefer to be hosted? If so, whose table do you love to sit at?

For me, it was a group of dear friends who we would gather once or twice a year while we lived in the large parsonage in Catskill, NY. We had a big dining room. So these dear friends who had been with us in difficult and other formative times would gather in our home. We couldn't have been more honored. The model for us was the several years of Easter, Thanksgiving and SinterKlaas meals at the home of the Fiets. Thom Fiet was our pastor, my mentor, and his family became our close friends. We loved eating at their table; loved the fellowship of their community of friends.

There is something about a community around a table eating together. All these meals I speak of were always potluck of one degree or another; a representation of the people, the personalities, their traditions and ethnicity. Meals are a place of conversation. Of intimacy, listening to each other chew, and watching each other drop food in our laps. It is a setting where old issues must either be settled, or they will linger in the air like a pronounced silence.



**This is an image from early Christian art, depicting what was known as the Agape, or the Love Feast. This was the way early Christian worshipped; the meal was worship, and worship was a meal.**

As we near Holy Week this month, we will celebrate such a meal on Maundy Thursday (March 24th). We will gather with the people of First Plymouth. We will gather around tables and remember when Jesus gathered with his friends around a table. This is how the early church remembered Jesus. For the early church, the Agape, or the Love Feast, was the way early Christians worshipped; the meal was worship, and worship was a meal. Only later did the two become separated into worship, of which a communion service was a part.

They would gather, as we will gather. They ate together, and they remembered, as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11:26, "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." The witness of Christ carried on as Christians would gather together around the intimacy of the table, listening to each other chew, serving one another, being reconciled to each other around the closeness of the table, remembering the Christ – being a community of memory and love and forgiveness.

Come to the table with us on March 24th. Let us consider together what it means to be a community in the memory of Christ – that we may be a community of friends, of love and forgiveness; the kind that others would love to be invited into.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Dave

There will be no Sunday School on the following dates:

**April 3:** both choirs sing

**May 1:** Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Only the early childhood choir, the Cherubs, will sing on this day.



### March Birthdays:

4 - Jacyln Lewis

6 - Edna Waters

7 - Bertha Magee

9 - Adam Caskey

20 - Richard Wiest

31 - Ruth Huff

## Kid's Corner

This month our Early Childhood class, 3 years old – kindergarten, will be exploring the unit titled “Jesus Lives”. The monthly Bible verse is “I’ve seen the Lord” (John 20:18) and the anchor point is “Jesus is Alive”.

Grades 1-4 meet in the CE Center and they will be doing the unit “Mary at the Tomb” with teachers Morgan Thomas and Rev. Paul Greigo.

Date	Theme	Bible Story
March 6	Jesus Washes Feet	John 13:1-17
March 13	Jesus Celebrates Passover	Luke 22:17-20
March 20	Jesus enters Jerusalem	Luke 19:28-40
March 27	Jesus Lives	John 20:1-18

## Vacation Bible School coming soon...



Calling ALL Volunteers: It's Vacation Bible School time again and we are getting our staff together to make this our very best VBS ever! Kudos to all who have already volunteered. My Co-Director Eileen Robinson and I so appreciate it! Now we are ready for the rest of our surfing buddies to sign up so we can all meet at the Surf Shack for a very fun week. Please [click here](#) or on the surfing crab to register your child.

## Easter Basket Collection

It's Easter Basket time again and FP missions is assembling Easter baskets for the children at the Denver Inner City Parish. They need 150 baskets so please bring your donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, and body gel, little toys and books, markers, crayons, and other school supplies, socks, brushes and hair ties, and other items that will fit in the baskets. We do NOT need Easter grass or candy. Please come join us as we put together the Easter baskets in Plymouth Hall on March 20.

The **Denver Inner City Parish (DICP)** serves Denver's under-served families by offering programs that focus on four key community needs: Hunger, Education, Community Enhancement, and Economic Development. The primary goal of the Parish is to empower our communities and support personal transformations, to ultimately create self-sustaining lifestyles for those who are most vulnerable. We equip our clients with the skills needed to break the cycle of poverty.  
-DICP website

## Coordinating Committee

The coordinating committee met in January and had a more detailed discussion of how things are going in our new arrangement with First Plymouth. The overall demeanor and tone was one of enthusiasm and continued commitment to learning of each other and working more together. We are very blessed with this great church to partner with.

- The blue kitchen; Calvary is one of the primary users of this small kitchen. Therefore we should take the initiative to use dish washer and keep the sink cleaned up. Make yourself at home in it, and help us keep it tidy.
- Fire safety and Calvary's storage. Calvary has storage space in a large store room in Plymouth Hall. As you walk into that space there is to your left a fire extinguisher case and a door that leads out from downstairs: we need to keep a 3ft walkway between these doors for fire safety.
- We now have a bulletin board up for our use. It is located on the wall directly across from the entrance to the chapel.
- We are also encouraging Calvary members to sign up to bring baked goods for coffee hour. You can sign up during fellowship hour.



## From the Calvary Book Club

Calvary Book Club met on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Bobbie Knott led a discussion about "The Dream Lover" by Elizabeth Berg. This was a biography of the writer, George Sand, and her life in France. She was an interesting albeit an unusual person. The Book Club will meet again on March 14<sup>th</sup> in the Common Room. Pat Herring will lead the discussion of "The Quaker Café" by Brenda Remmes. Please join us.

The Calvary Book Club meets monthly on the Second Monday of each month from 1:30—3:30 p.m. in the Commons Room. Please join us.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Each year, on a Sunday in Lent, Presbyterians celebrate the ministry of Self-Development of People (SDOP), a ministry of the One Great Hour of Sharing. This year, Self-Development of People Sunday is on March 13, 2016. SDOP is one of the three ministries of the *One Great Hour of Sharing* Program. One of the wonderful things about this ministry is that through your gifts thousands of communities all over the world have an opportunity to take control of their own destinies and develop solutions to their own challenges. The power of your giving is in the fact that it gives hope, meaning and purpose to people who for one reason or another find themselves in hopeless situations. Your kindness is a clear demonstration of God's love and call to serve one another with that which we have been given.

We will be collecting the [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) Fish Banks on Palm Passion Sunday, March 20, 2016.





## Holy Week

- ◆ Maundy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Calvary will participate with First Plymouth's service and potluck. The worship service and potluck begin at 6 pm.
- ◆ Good Friday, March 25th, FP is doing a tenebre service; there is an open invitation to Calvary folks to participate in this meaningful celebration of Good Friday. This service begins at 7 pm.
- ◆ Easter Sunday, March 27th, Calvary will have an 8:30 am Easter Sunrise breakfast potluck in Plymouth Hall. At 9:15 am we will hold an Easter Egg hunt for our children. At 10 am we will return to the chapel for Easter worship service, which will include music by violinist Sarah Whitnah and cellist Richard vonFoerster.
- ◆ This year our Sunrise breakfast will be continental-style. This means fruits, cheeses, pastries, bagels and cream cheese, yogurt cups, juice, etc. This makes it easier for everyone to bring a low-maintenance (and clean up) dish, and enjoy a good, light meal together. A signup sheet will be outside the door to the Chapel, which will help us plan for how many will participate.

## Lenten Organ Concerts



First Plymouth is continuing its annual tradition of Lenten Organ Concerts on the Tuesday evenings during Lent beginning February 16. The concerts begin at 6:30 PM, lasting approximately 1 hour, followed by a wine and cheese reception. The schedule is as follows:

March 1 - Kajsa Teitelbaum, Organist at First Congregation Church in Boulder

March 8 - Frank Perko, III, Organist at First Plymouth

March 15 - Gwen Blumschein, Organ/Piano Instructor

March 22 - Douglas Macomber, Organist at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church

These are some of the finest organists in the metro area. I hope that you will be able to make it one or more of these concerts. If you have any questions, you may talk to Dean.

## March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship, 10AM Fellowship, 11AM Choir Rehearsal, 7PM 		1	2 	3	4  FP Office Closed	5
6 *Intergenerational Sunday/ No Sunday School	7	8  Staff Dinner, 6PM	9	10  Deacons, 4:30PM	11	12  Men's Breakfast, 8AM
13 	14 Book Club, 1:30PM Coordinating Committee, 6:30PM	15  Session, 6:30PM	16 	17  Crafters, 11AM	18	19
20 Birthday Celebrations	21	22	23  Daytimers, 11:30AM Olive Garden	24 Maundy Thursday, 6PM*	25 Good Friday, 7PM*	26
27 Easter Sunday Sonrise Breakfast, 8:30AM*	28	29	30	31		
* See Page 4 for details on Holy Week Services and Worship.						

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