

# REFLECTIONS

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The day before Good Friday is called Maundy Thursday. The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means “commandment.” In the gospel of John, Jesus makes this statement during the Last Supper: “I am with you only a little longer. ... I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:33-35, NRSV).


Maundy Thursday should always be a time of sharing with others, showing loving concern for one another, and partaking of Holy Communion. That is what the Lord asked of his disciples and asks of us.

The Millersburg community will observe Maundy Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m. at Woods Chapel, CME. Pastor Bill will preach. Please make every effort to attend to support the ministry of Millersburg First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Good Friday services will be held at Millersburg United Methodist Church beginning at 7 p.m.

### *Easter Sunday Services*

Easter Sunday service will be at 8:30 a.m. We are holding an earlier service so family and friends can attend the baptism of Jordan Sexe at Paris First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



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## *Share a Recipe!*

### **Individual Italian Meat Loaves**

By: Shauna Nicholson

1 1/3 lb. ground sirloin	1 large egg, beaten	3 Tbsp. tomato paste
2/3 c. Italian breadcrumbs	3/4c. grated Parmesan cheese	Salt and pepper
4 cloves chopped garlic	2 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil	
1 small finely chopped yellow onion		
1/2 small chopped green pepper		

Preheat oven to 425°. Place meat in a bowl and make a well in the meat. Fill well with egg, breadcrumbs, ¼ cup Parmesan cheese, peppers, onions, garlic, tomato paste, salt and pepper. Mix meat and breading and form 4 individual meat loaves, 1 inch thick. Coat loaves with extra-virgin olive oil and arrange on a baking sheet. Roast 18-20 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining Parmesan cheese.

## Pastoral Word

The week began with so much promise. Jesus rides into town on the back of a donkey and the crowds welcome Him with celebration and praise! They rejoice that the One who comes in the name of the Lord has arrived. They show their devotion to Him by shouting “Hosanna, Hosanna” and waving palm branches they lay their cloaks at His feet as He watches their every move. I believe, somehow, if we could be there and observed this from an objective point of view, we might see a tear. We might see the sadness of His heart as He approaches the gate to the city of Jerusalem. We might feel the heaviness of His heart as He receives the praises of the people. These praises may be loud and exciting to our ear, but to His they may sound different. In a few short days, Jesus will be placed on a cross and crucified for the sins of the world...but not yet. No...there is still ministry and teaching to be done. There is still the need of the One who loves to stand for the victimized and mistreated. He still has compassion. He still allows Himself to be sought after and used for works that glorify God. And there is still time for a meal. A last supper is to be prepared and eaten. There is one final evening with his traveling companions who have gone with Him and been counted among His closest friends. Some final words to those He will have to leave behind. Even with the heaviness of His heart and the overwhelming burden of His calling, Jesus finds time to be with those He loves so well.

The week begins with so much promise. We look forward to the events of these next seven days. These are important moments in the calendar for us. These are the times that all our focus has been upon as we experienced Lent. They begin with a Palm Sunday service and march on toward Maundy Thursday...Good Friday...and another Easter Sunday! I hope you can hear it! I hope you can hear the voice of the One who has been there and done it for you and me. I hope you can sense His joy at your response to His act of love. As we gather for Easter, there is a place in which we can worship. There is a meal that has been prepared for us. There is a time set aside in our busyness to hear those who have gone before us. We can hear, if we listen, to their voices as they celebrate the reality of love, forgiveness, restoration and new life offered to anyone who will respond to the ultimate act of love. It is Easter! There is a second chance! There is an opportunity to refashion our lives so that they reflect the One who makes this day a celebration!

I hope you are changed! Not by the voices of those who misunderstand the coming of Jesus on a donkey, but by the voice of the very One who comes. Accept Him and allow His life to transform yours forever! I hope to see you on Resurrection Sunday!

Pastor Bill

## In the Life of Our Church

### Upcoming Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Sunday, April 1 following the morning worship service. We will continue to make plans to paint the vestibule as well as look into constructing an accessibility ramp on the side of the church.

### Special Dates

- Passion/Palm Sunday, April 1, 2007
  - Holy Week, April 1-7, 2007
- Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 5, 2007
  - Good Friday, April 6, 2007
  - Holy Saturday, April 7, 2007
  - Easter Day, April 8, 2007

### A Note of Gratitude

Dear members of the Christian Church. How very much I have enjoyed the planter you sent to me. I hope to get back to Church soon with all of you. (*Dee Dee Otte*)



We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the families of: Claudia Tincher (Judy Otte's sister-in-law) and Melvin McKee. Please keep the families in your thoughts and prayers.

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### Attendance & Offering for March 2007

March 4:	13	\$119.00
March 11:	16	\$185.00
March 18:	14	\$140.00
March 25:	15	\$237.00

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### Bible Quiz

According to St. Matthew's gospel, something unusual happened to the earth on the Friday when Jesus was crucified. The same thing happened again when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb on the following Sunday. What happened on those two days?

- There was a flood on both days.
- There was an earthquake on both days.
- There was a huge fire on each day.
- There was complete darkness on both days.

If you need help, Matthew 27:51 recounts Friday's events, while Matthew 28:2 reports on Sunday's occurrences.