



PCPC LIFE

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Stepping Into *Easter*

By Nicole Partin

From the Ashes of Death to the Fire of the Spirit there are stepping stones in the liturgy of the church that help guide the community of faith in the discovery and the living out of Christian discipleship. These stepping stones are marked in our communal life together by Holy Days (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday) and 14 Sundays spanning through the 6 Sundays in Lent, the seven Sundays of Easter, and Pentecost Sunday. Throughout Lent we anticipate the resurrection and prepare ourselves so that when we arrive on Easter Sunday we are able to celebrate even while remembering the cost of the cross's life-giving victory. Each step taken in Lent moves us towards the resurrection and each step of celebration and contemplation of this immense gift moves the community to the step of the church's receiving the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost.

This issue of PCPC Life is all about taking steps and it is inspired by the amazing work of Alcoholics Anonymous; an organization that we are blessed to support through the offering up of our facilities. I'm not going to go into great detail here about A.A. because I don't want to spoil what you will read inside this issue but I do want to say that as I was contemplating the steps throughout Easter I was struck by many of the similarities with the "12-Steps" of the A.A. program (found on the A.A. website, www.aa.org) and our steps.

Steps 1-6 of the program acknowledges individual powerlessness and an honest self-inventory, a need for a Power greater than oneself, and a submission to God as the One who is able to wipe away that which causes us to stumble. As Christians our journey to Easter begins on Ash Wednesday, a day which signifies a time to turn around, to change directions, to repent. Unless we are willing to die to our old selves, we cannot be raised to new life with Christ and so this first step calls us to acknowledge and confront our mortality (both individually and corporately).

Steps 7-11 of the A.A. program outline a way in which people should attempt to make right their relationships with others while continuing in a process of personal reflection and inventory which is supported by prayer and meditation.

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PASTORAL MESSAGE

"Pilgrimage" is an ancient concept in the Christian faith that dates back to the Hebrew scriptures, and the New Testament following. It refers to a journey, or a trip made for spiritual purposes. There are many examples, including Jesus journey toward Jerusalem before his death, and his walk to Emmaus with his disciples after his resurrection. Pilgrimages are trips that seek a certain goal, but they also are meaningful because of the teaching and nurturing experiences along the way. When surveyed contemporary American Christians continue to list retreats and spiritual trips as particularly significant in their faith development.

Lent is the period of 40 days and Sundays leading up to Holy Week and Easter. It begins with Ash Wednesday (2/25/09) and ends on

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PCPC Vision Statement

We are called to be a community of disciples in Jesus Christ, who, seeking unity in the faith, are living our lives in joyful obedience to God's Word. Worshipping Christ, learning in Christ, growing in Christ, caring in Christ, acting in Christ, reformed in Christ.

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If you are interested in receiving PCPC news via our e-news system, please send an e-mail to communications@palmaceia.org.

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Easter Sunday. It can be understood as a journey or pilgrimage toward experiencing the resurrection good news. The steps of the journey may be days, or events and experiences along the way.

Many think of Lent as a time of fasting and giving up something, like chocolate, or red meat on Fridays. Lent, however, is not about being miserable; it's about entering into a time of preparation, repentance and learning leading up to Easter. To the early Church, Lent was a time of instruction leading to baptism. Lent can also be a time of preparation, like getting ready to run in a race, or act in a play. Consider what "steps" you might want to include in your Lenten Pilgrimage this year. Perhaps you might set aside a specific time for prayer every day as a "step" of preparation. The PCPC website has prayer and devotional resources for every day in Lent. The Christian Education committee has prepared a Lenten Devotional book available in the office, or by emailing Marylee@palmaccia.org. You might want to add an extra service like the Vespers service or mid-week Lenten service, every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Perhaps you might be helped by adding a one time retreat, like the Tapestry retreat, or the presentation of the Brahms requiem Palm Sunday night, a study of Christ's passion. The pastors and the DCE are willing to meet with any interested pilgrims to plan with them an individual bible study during this Lenten season. Just email or call one of us to set up the appointment. Perhaps you might want to try and read a faith nurturing book during this season? The staff has prepared a list of books for this purpose, and that list is available on the website and in the church office.

The Christian community that has gone before us reports to us that adding intentional "steps" to our lives between now and Easter is a practice of Christian discipleship that has produced spiritual fruit for them. It is a pilgrimage that can be made without having to leave town. We can seek to "walk" more closely with Jesus in this journey of time, that we may arrive at the destination more Christlike.

Step by step toward Easter,

Pastor John

Rev. John T. DeBevoise

Traditional Worship

Sundays, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., sanctuary

The Connection, Contemporary Worship

Sundays, 8:30 and 9:45 a.m., gym

Vespers Service

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., chapel

worship *today*

MID-WEEK LENTEN PRAYER AND MUSIC SERVICE

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:00 p.m. in the chapel
March 4, 11, 25 & April 1 and 8.

Journey through Lent each Wednesday evening as we gather for prayer, mediation and music.

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

By Geoff Kohler

Starting on the first Sunday in March and continuing all through the season of Lent, the Connection Worship will focus on a new series entitled Bread for the Journey exploring the historic spiritual disciplines of the faith. These disciplines that include service, fellowship, solitude, fasting, study, sacrifice and worship should be experienced as nutritional gifts from God.

In the book, *The Lord of the Rings*, the heroes are given a gift of bread. The lembas [literally translated as "journey bread" or "way bread"] is described as having "a virtue without which they would long ago have lain down to die. It did not satisfy desire, and... yet this way-bread... had a potency that increased as travelers relied on it alone and did not mingle it with other foods. It fed the will, and it gave strength to endure, and to master sinew and limb beyond the measure of mortal kind.

There are certain aspects of this description that fit with the nutritional elements of our spiritual disciplines. They don't "satisfy desire" but they have a power that will increase as they are "relied on alone", not mingled with other disciplines.

God has given us great gifts to sustain us on our journey of faith and they will nurture and nourish us as we feed on them. We'll explore these gifts and how they can fit into real life schedules as we make our way through Lent.

WORSHIP

LET GO OF YOUR EXPECTATIONS

By Holly Marino

I am the proud mother of two beautiful girls, one 5 ½ and the other almost 4. Our oldest attended preschool at another Presbyterian preschool in the New Tampa area where we live and her experience was terrific. Naturally we had “prepared with a high degree of certainty” to send our younger daughter there. Due to some developmental delays which were directly impacting her social skills, it soon became apparent that they were not equipped to handle a child who presented with special needs and it was unfortunately a very sad experience for all of us, literally.

With God’s help, we found PCPCP. It was apparent since our first visit that this was a preschool where she would be loved for exactly the little sweet girl she is. Not just the wonderful teachers love her, so do her peers and they have welcomed her with open arms regardless of her special needs. They have no expectations of her, except that she plays with them and has fun every day. She continues to flourish and grow in this perfect social environment and loves school.

Below is a thank you note I wrote following Family Chapel in December. This is one example of how our lives continue to be enriched by PCPCP and the lesson I learned about expectations:

“This morning was beautiful and so touching. Thank you. I was feeling very apprehensive about disrupting Emi’s routine and being with her today at Chapel. I feared that we would have to exit early, that we might be louder than others and disrupt the morning, etc. However, I tried to take your lovely advice to ‘relax, let your expectations go, look around, and practice the presence of God. Your children won’t be this little again.’ When I initially read these words in the Preschool Newsletter tears immediately came to my eyes and I wept. I realized that for the last two years expectations have been so much a part of Emilia’s life, certainly in a different way than with “typical” children. Everyone has expectations of her...doctors, teachers, therapists, family members; we discuss these on a weekly, sometimes daily basis, referring mostly to any new milestones and noting that progress continues to happen, albeit slow at times. She will not be this little again and it is just so sad that so much of the time we don’t just appreciate the moment and thank God for everything we do have. So, this morning, I followed your advice, relaxed and let my expectations go, and it was sincerely one of the most beautiful moments I have had with Emilia; God was most certainly present.”

God bless everyone who has made our family feel so graciously welcomed at Palma Ceia. We are grateful.

STEPPING INTO EASTER (cont. pg. 1)

The Lenten journey nudges Christians to acknowledge their brokenness and to turn away from it acknowledging that it is through God’s grace that a complete transformation is possible.

The final step in A.A. is to share the message with alcoholics and to practice the principles in one’s own life having been transformed on the journey. On Easter we hear the good news that Jesus Christ is Risen! This is a message that moves us forward to share the good news. Yet proclamation is not enough! In the final step God gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. As today’s church we are touched by this same Spirit so that we may witness in word and deed to the risen Christ.

12 STEPS OF EASTER

1. Ash Wednesday: We recognize our mortality and need for repentance.
2. Acknowledge before God our sinfulness.
3. Ask for God’s help to turn away from the sin in our life.
4. Take on a new spiritual discipline for at least a week (daily scripture reading, different form of prayer, fasting (from food, sweets, television, shopping, etc.).
5. Give someone the gift of your time and presence.
6. Make a conscious decision to ask for forgiveness when you have wronged someone.
7. Read through the Passion narrative in each Gospel (Matthew 26-27; Mark 14-15; Luke 22-23; John 18-19).
8. Maundy Thursday: Consider Jesus’ act of foot washing and respond with an act of service.
9. Good Friday: Attend a Good Friday service.
10. Reflect on your journey through Lent. The high points? The low points? Remind yourself that God was present through it all.
11. Proclaim with Joy: “Jesus Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!” on Easter
12. Pray that God will show you how to be a witness to the power of the Resurrection.

lend A helping hand

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

PCPC will be taking an offering for One Great Hour of Sharing during all services on Sunday, March 29.

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of the four denomination-wide special offerings we collect each year. Proceeds support the Presbyterian Church's efforts in disaster assistance, refugee resettlement, community development, and hunger eradication.

If you would like to make a gift, please designate "OGHS" on the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

UGANDA MISSION TRIP

Would you like to go on mission trip or a "Transformation Tour" to Papoli, Uganda?

There are two opportunities to meet with Geoff Kohler and B.J. Johns to learn more about it on March 8, in the fellowship hall.

1. 11:00 a.m. (following the 2nd Connection Service)
2. 12:00 p.m. (following the Traditional Service)



Alcoholics Anonymous

By John DeBevoise

In the good and long history of Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church there may have been 12 step programs here and at earlier times. But the history is clear that in 1983 a large A.A. group in the Tampa area lost their meeting place.

They approached the pastor at that time, Rev. Chuck Greenwood, about the possibility of their being able to use PCPC as their new meeting place. Because of his work as a Navy Chaplain, Chuck had a deep appreciation for A.A. and knew what an important contribution it might make in the church's ministry. He encouraged the church officers to let the A.A. Group meet at PCPC. That turned out to be a very positive association. From that association, PCPC has continued to house a number of 12 step groups.

While they do add some cost in terms of facility usage and scheduling constraints, their work is a great asset in the church's ministry and, in the pattern of pastors, PCPC has continued to make that Christian hospitality available to those in need.

Each week an A.A. schedule is printed in our bulletin. For further information about the program and a complete list of the 12 steps, please refer to the A.A. website, www.aa.org.

MISSION

PARISH NURSE CORNER

Many of us are aware of relatives, friends or co-workers who have suffered a stroke. According to the American Stroke Association, stroke is the nation's third leading cause of death. Each year about 700,000 people experience a new or recurrent stroke. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 45 seconds and someone dies of a stroke every 3.1 minutes. Strokes are considered medical emergencies; call 911 if a stroke has occurred.

Strokes are characterized by the sudden onset of the following symptoms: numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg- especially one side of the body; confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; difficulty seeing in one or both eyes; trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination and severe headache.

It is important to know your risk factors. These include: high blood pressure and elevated cholesterol. A history of diabetes, smoking, and an irregular heartbeat are also factors. People who are overweight, are physically inactive and use alcohol to excess are more susceptible to experiencing a stroke. The risk increases with age. Stroke is more common in men than women until age 75 when more women than men have strokes. Risk for stroke is greater if a parent or sibling has had a stroke.

St. Joseph's Hospital and Tampa General Hospital are local facilities that have been awarded certification for Stroke Centers. For more information call 1-800-STROKES or visit www.stroke.org. If you or a family member are living with the effects of a stroke and you would like someone to talk to, the parish nurses are available to be of support. You may let BJ Johns or Nicole Partin know that you'd like to meet with a parish nurse.

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Births

12/19/08 Elizabeth Byfield Piechowiak,
daughter of Stephanie & Matthew Piechowiak

Baptisms

1/25/09 Kylie Reese Foster,
daughter of Sheila & Ron Foster

New Members

1/11/09 Elizabeth L. Witter
1/18/09 Teil & Nicholas Allen
1/18/09 Valerie Sultenfuss

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Congregation has been called by the session on Wednesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Please join us in the sanctuary after the Wednesday night supper. We are praying for a quorum of 200 to conduct the annual business and vote. Make it part of your Lenten steps to be involved in your church.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Empowered by the Session, the Long Rang Planning Team's charge has been to engage in a process of discerning God's plan for the priorities in the life and work of Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church and to make recommendations to the Session at the conclusion of its work. Now adopted by the Session, this Report will become the framework under which the Session and its committees will operate over the coming years.

For the detailed report, please go to our website, www.palmaceiapres.org.

what's up?

THE STEPS WE TAKE

Middle and high school students are at an incredible time in their lives. It is a time of learning, a time of friendship, and a time of change.

At youth group we seek to support this time through taking steps in spiritual development. This involves taking steps towards understanding how to apply the Bible to daily life, how to interpret tough areas of scripture, and most importantly, how to form a faith that transforms how you live in middle school, in high school, in college and beyond.

Taking these steps in youth group and Sunday school are some of the most important steps that can be taken during such an amazing time of life.

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

March 20-22

High School Spring Retreat to Southwind in Ocala. The cost is \$110, due by March 4. Don't miss the fun, it is going to be incredible!

SUMMER TRIP 2009

Middle School Summer Trips

In House Mission Week: June 22-26

Southwind, The Great Escape: July 27-31

High School Summer Trips

Montreat, North Carolina: July 12-18

Mission Trip to Alaska: July 25- August 5

Details and sign up forms are in the church office.

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YOUTH GROUP

Middle School Youth Group

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. (dinner) &

6:00-7:30 p.m. (youth group)

All are welcome!

High School Youth Group

Sundays at 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Bring a friend!

Youth Sunday School

Sundays at 9:45 on the 2nd floor in the Eastminster building. This is a great time for fellowship and study.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 11

Crazy Game Night for Middle School

March 20-22

High School Retreat to Southwind

March 22

No Youth Group

April 26

Youth Sunday

For more information about the youth contact David Bonnema at 253-6047 or youth@palmaceia.org.



Women's Ministry

JOURNEY TO LENT

A Retreat for Women, March 20-22

A weekend of prayer, meditation, and fellowship with other women of PCPC at Cedarkirk in Lithia located on the Alafia River.

The retreat is designed to enhance participants' spiritual preparation for Easter and the celebration of the Resurrection. This will be done through presentations and discussions around ways in which we each naturally feel called to express our faith. Our personalities often affect what parts of worship are most meaningful to us and how we live out our spirituality in our everyday lives. Let us explore and share together the ways we live out and practice our faith and let us together explore how God may be challenging each of us to explore different areas of spirituality.

The weekend activities will include:

- * Meditation time in the Prayer Garden and Labyrinth
- * Worship service in the beautiful outdoor chapel
- * Singing and s'mores by the campfire
- * Canoeing, walking
- * Great discussions and downtime

The cost is \$115 and includes room for two nights and meals. Full payment is due March 1. For more information or to make a reservation please contact Nicole Partin at 253-6047 or nicole@palmaccia.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Montreat Women's Conference, August 8-12, 2009

For more information contact Nicole Partin at 253-6047 or nicole@palmaccia.org.

NURTURE your FAITH

PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Circle #1

Margaret Stevens
4141 Bayshore Blvd. #1103 (Pinnacle Condos)
3/3 @ 10:15 a.m.
Chair: Barbara Meng & Barbara Hopkins

Circle #2

Dolores Cauthon
2602 Prospect Rd.
3/2 @ 10:15 a.m.
Chair: Eleanor Rayburn & Cynthia Mischler

Circle #3

Ellen McLean
4605 San Miguel
3/2 @ 10:15 a.m.
Chair: Ruth Anne Ferrell & Mary Catherine Gould

Circle #4

Bettie Nelson & Betty Jo Andrews
PCPC
3/2 @ 10:15 a.m.
Chair: Mary Lou Bondi & Bettie Nelson

Circle #5

Margaret Hylton
3104 W. Watrous Ave.
3/3 @ 7:30 p.m.
Chair: Jo Goldsmith & Cretora Biggerstaff

Circle #6

Julianne McKeel
3106 Sunset Drive
3/2 @ 11:00 a.m.
Chair: Sara Winston

Circle #7

Michelle Hill
PCPC: PW Room
3/3 & 3/30 @ 10:15 a.m.
Chair: Michelle Hill

Circle #8

Betsy Bradt
2104 S. Curt Circle
3/3 @ 6:30 (dinner) 7:00 (lesson)
Chair: Pat Spears

For more information about the Presbyterian Women contact the President, Becky Charles at (813) 251-2541.



FELLOWSHIP

With One Another

Wednesday Dinner

Whenever we gather around tables to share meals with one another it can be a sacred experience as our bodies and souls are fed and nourished.

February Menu

- 3/4 Wednesday Dinner**
Lasagna, salad, cake & ice cream
- 3/11 Wednesday Dinner**
Lemon chicken, brown rice, stir fry vegetables & pies
- 3/18 Irish Celtic Celebration**
Corned beef & cabbage, potatoes, cupcakes
- 3/25 Wednesday Dinner**
Baked chicken, baked potatoes bar & dessert

A salad bar & bread are served at every meal.

Details

Serving line begins at 5:30 p.m.

Cost of dinner per person: \$5.00
per child 0-2: free
per child 3-6: \$2.00
per child 7-12: \$3.00
per family: \$15.00
6 meal booklet: \$25.00

Reservations: (813) 253-6047

OLDER ADULT MINISTRY

PCPC Young at Hearts Luncheon

Thursday, March 19 at 12:30-2:00 p.m. (PCPC)
The program, "Sound of Music", which features Nancy Callahan, Director of Music at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, and 15 members of the choir. The lunch is \$6.00.

RSVP for the lunch by calling Bruce Farnell at 253-6047 or receptionist@palmaceia.org.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Combined Choirs Present Brahms Requiem Palm Sunday, April 5 at 5:00 p.m. in sanctuary

The PCPC Chancel Choir joins the Tampa Oratorio Singers for a performance of the Brahms Requiem. Members of The Florida Orchestra will accompany the choirs and soloists as they present this requiem to the words of holy scriptures including "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" and "Blessed Are They That Mourn." Please join us for this Lenten offering. *A free will offering will be received.*

Choir Schedule

Joyful Noise Choir & Jr. Choir, Wednesdays at 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, Wednesdays at 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Handbell Choir, Wednesdays at 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir, Wednesdays at 7:00-9:00 p.m.

80 PLUS BIRTHDAY PARTY

In January we celebrated members who are 80 plus years old in our congregation. Happy Birthday to:

(front row: left to right) Betty McKay, Virginia Nowlin, Sara Trice, Agnes Hoffman, (back row: left to right) Bill Rohrer, Emily Rohrer, Joe McKell, Jo Goldsmith, Virginia Owen, Billie Scrivner, Joann Britt, Jan Chadwick, Cretora Biggerstaff, Susan Barksdale, Helen Edmiston, Dot Miller, Marijane Waters, Flo Lyles, Alma Reed, Hazel Arnett, Bob Reed, Phyllis Keller, Melva Knight, George Koeger.



adults & families

Adult Sunday School

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Sunday morning holds the opportunity for you to journey with fellow travelers on the road to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Our adult education department offers some phenomenal classes; please check the weekly bulletins for the most detailed and current information.

Sunday Scripture: The chapel
Faith in the Presbyterian Tradition: C310
The Interpreters: EM304
Lydia Bible Study: EM302
Christianity and World Religion, Islam: EM307

Other Study Opportunities

Sunday Afternoons

Matthew with the Wordrunners
A Sunday afternoon Bible study.
Joanne Snyder, E305, 4:45 - 6:00 p.m.

Mondays

Men's Bible Study
A start to your spiritual week (lasts for an hour).
Conference Room, 7:00 a.m.

Followers of the Way
A men's lunch and Bible study.
Bill Wallof, Fellowship Hall, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

Women's Prayer Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
An hour of prayer, coffee and support.

Wednesdays (meets every other week)

Young Adult Women, discussing the book *What Eve Didn't Tell Us*. The Bride's Room, 6:30-8:00 p.m.. Contact Nicole Partin at 253-6047.

Thursdays

The Mustard Seeds, C311, 10:30 a.m.
A women's Bible study on *Virtue and the Fruits of the Spirit*. Contact Betty Jo Andrews at 254-4959.

CHURCH NUMBERS THAT COUNT

The numbers below mark some of the steps we take as we journey through our church.

30

The number of steps a bride takes to walk down the aisle to say "I do" in our the sanctuary.

41

The number of open-air arches that we step through week after week on our campus.

10

The number of rungs from the balcony, in the sanctuary, to the attic in the steeple.

27

The number of rungs from the attic, in our steeple, to the bell tower chamber.

63

The number of doors that Coretha opens every Sunday morning before worship begins.

Footprints in the Sand

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand. Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there was one only.

This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints, so I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there has only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, have you not been there for me?"

The Lord replied, "The years when you have seen only one set of footprints, my child, is when I carried you."

Children's Sunday School

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Parents, please bring your children to their classroom to meet their teaching team.

The nursery is located in Covenant Hall 103 (formerly Godly Play room), and Godly Play has moved to C101 (formerly the nursery).

Kindergarten is located in W207/209 (formerly the drama & puppet room).

Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity for your children to learn the Word of God while spending time in fellowship with their peers.

Godly Play

Children ages 3 through 1st grade are invited to participate in Godly Play following "The Time with the Children" in worship. Godly Play is located on the 1st floor of Covenant Hall.

* Children ages 3 through 1st grade are eligible to attend Godly Play.

What's Coming Up *for the family*

JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

**Make this a part of your Lenten experience.
Take a step with your family on this journey.**

Who: For people of all ages

When: Palm Sunday 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Where: 2nd Floor Westminster

- * walk the prayer Labrynth
- * create prayer journal
- * hear the story of Easter
- * create Easter art piece
- * scavenger hunt for symbols

SUMMER DATES TO SAVE

**Vacation Bible School &
Music Camp
June 8-12, 2009**



VBS 2009

School's Out, SonRock Kids Camp is in! Save the Date for 2009 Vacation Bible School, June 8-12. Camper registration will begin in March; for teacher and volunteer information, please contact Marlo Woodward (marlo01@earthlink.net) or Sherri Frick (frick.jands@verizon.net).

**Summer Sports Camp
June 22-26, 2009**

Sports and Christ, what a perfect combination for your child this summer. This camp is for children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. Look for further information in the bulletin.



CHILDREN'S BULLETIN



Bread for the Journey

The Connection Worship Series

Disciplines of the Spirit: "Bread for the Journey"

(Sustaining and nurturing gifts from God for life with Him and with each other).

March 1 - April 12, 2009

Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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