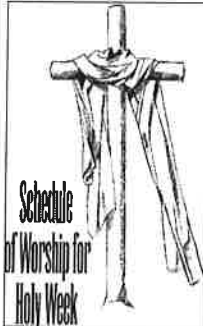


# Celebration Times!

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## Easter Services

Maundy Thurs. April 17th - Seder Meal - eat 6 pm  
Friday, April 18th - Good Friday - "Way of the Cross"  
walk through the Hamlets of Randolph and East Randolph beginning at 12 noon. Please join us.



## Easter Sun. April 20th -

Sunrise Service - 8:00 am This will replace the 9am service.

Breakfast and Sunday school - 9:00 am / with Egg Hunt @ 9:30

Regular Service - 10:20 am



## AARP Driving Class

AARP Driving Classes - March 10th - 9am to 4 pm (day)

Instructor will be Al Ormond for both — or

Wed. March 26th and Fri. March 28th — 6:30 pm — 9:30 pm.

You must attend **both evenings** To sign up, please contact ERUMC (358-2433) and leave a message.

For either class you will need a driver's license, and a check made payable to AARP for \$20/members or \$25/non-members.



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**Sunday, March 23rd and April 27th**—The Sunday school children will be singing at the 10:20 am church service.



**TRUSTEE NEED**— The church is looking for a filing cabinet with locks and a key .....The one upstairs is overflowing! If you have something or know of one .....Please see Alan Sears, Don Dechow, Denis Zink or let Helen know.



March 5th

### Women's Prayer Breakfasts

March 8, 2014 8 - 9 am (by Grace) at Presbyterian Church Bldg.  
April 12, 2014 8-9 am at Randolph Presbyterian Church

The second Saturday of each month all the ladies of the community are invited to come to the Ladies Prayer Breakfast from 8-9 am. We have a continental breakfast, an interesting speaker, music and devotions with the program ending at 9am.. Reservations not needed— just bring yourself (and a friend if you like) and we'll see you there! For more info contact Freida Milliman (358-3236) or Audrey Wicks (358-6076)



The UMW annual **Rummage Sale** is coming up **Fri. and Sat. May 16 and 17th.** (Fri. 9am—7pm / Sat. 9am-noon). Get your clean, useable items ready for this big event! More details later!!



### United Methodist Women

*Women Serving God- Women Serving Women*

The UMW will meet on **Tuesday, Mar 18th** - @ 11:20- Prayer & Self Denial by Connie Zink. They will also assemble the school, health, and layette kits.  
- **Tuesday, April 15th @ 11:20 am**—followed by lunch (bring sandwich-coffee & desert provided).



### Ride for Roswell 2014

I am announcing that I am riding in the Ride for Roswell again this year in June. Many have shared personal stories of friends and loved ones. Cancer has impacted many. After telling their story people have asked how do I donate. You can donate online by going to the Ride for Roswell 2014. There will be more information provided soon. —Trish Mileham

### Bible Studies

Monday nights— 7:00 pm

Facilitator—  
Judy Messinger

### Men's Breakfasts

Sat.—March 1st & 15th

Sat. April 5th -  
all held 7-8 am

“Let us eat and be merry for this my son was dead, and is alive again.”

- Luke 15:23-24

**March / April Events 2014**



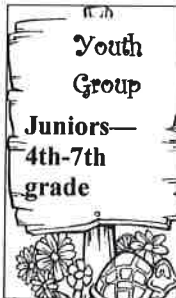
- Mar 1 - Men's Breakfast 7-8 am
- Mar 5 - FH- Garden Club 12- 3pm  
- Ash Wednesday Service—7 pm
- Mar 10- FH - AARP Driving Class (see front)
- Mar 11 - Trustee Mtg. 7pm
- Mar 13- Ministry Advisory Coun—7 pm
- Mar 15 - FH - Boy Scouts Pancake Brkft 8-10am  
-FH-Men's Breakfast 7-8 am
- Mar 16- FH Gospel/Western Music  
2:00—5:00 pm
- Mar. 18 - FH-UMW @ 11:20 am
- Mar 19—FH -DCOM Mtg. - all day!
- Mar 22- FH-Girl Scout—Father/Daughter Banquet
- Mar 26 - FH-AARP Driving Class (see front)
- Mar 28- FH-AARP Driving Class (see front)
- April 2 - FH Garden Club 12-3pm
- April 3- PPRC Meeting—6:30 pm
- April 8 - Trustee & Resource Mtg. @ 7 pm
- April 10 - Ministry Advisory Council. @ 7 pm
- Aparil 13 - Palm Sunday
- April 15 - FH - UMW Mtg. @ 11:20 am
- April 16 - FH - DCOM Mtg. - all day
- April 17 - FH Seder Meal @ 6 pm
- April 20 - EASTER

**Bible Study - Mon. 7 pm**

**Yoga Class— Wed. 6-7 pm**

**Choir/Praise Team - Weds. 7pm / 8 pm**

**Insane Fitness—Mon., Tues, Thur. 5-7 pm**  
Wed—4:30—5:30 pm, Fri.—5—6 pm



**Youth Group**

**Juniors— 4th-7th grade**

**Leaders: Justin & Jessica Wheeler**

**Mar 2nd—Kickoff Mtg.— 2pm**

**Mar 9th— Meeting—2 pm**

**April 13th - Meeting—2 pm**

**April 27th—Meeting - 2 pm**

Any child in 4th-7th grade interested in Junior Youth Group can still join us on the above dates in the Fellowship Hall.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**



**Wed. - Mar. 12**

**Tues. - Mar. 18**

**Wed. - Mar. 26**

**Wed. - April 2**

**Wed. - April 9**

**Tues. - April 15**

**Noon - 1:30 pm**

**Soup provided / Bring sandwich**  
**Drinks: coffee, water, or tea provided**

**Seder Meal - Thurs. April 17, 2014 - 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.** The menu will be a more traditional fare. Recipes will be available for these dishes when you sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Communion will follow. Please come and fellowship with us.

**“Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.” - Erma Bombeck**

**LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

are being held on Fridays nights @ 7:00 pm. The Way of the Cross is a devotion of the Passion of Our Lord. Please join one of them in this powerful experience of meditating upon the sufferings and death of Christ. These churches are alternating services.

Grace Episcopal

St. Patricks Church

March 7th

March 14th

March 21st

March 28th

April 4th

April 11th

**Greetings,**

**A Word  
From Our  
Pastor**

Hoping this letter finds all well and warm. This has been a challenging winter, but I am glad to be serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I can't believe it is March and soon spring will be here and flowers blooming.

March and April are going to be busy months with lent and the Easter Celebration of the "Risen Christ". During March we will have an Ash Wed. service on the 5th at 7:00 pm. On Wed. the 12, Tues. 18, Wed. 26th we will have soup and sandwich lunch and Bible Study that will continue through April. We will be using our Bibles from "The Story" and together we will study the Story of Jesus. This study will continue through April on Weds. 2, 9; on Tues. the 15th of Holy week. On Holy Thursday the 17th we will have a Seder Meal set up for any that want to participate, more details to come. Palm Sunday is April 13 and the Easter celebration April 20.

It is a great time to be celebrating and worshipping our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope and pray you will be able to come to the Bible Study and celebrate Easter. God has been very good to us and I pray we can bless God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Our 7:00 pm Monday night Bible Study here at church will be starting a 10 week DVD study centered in the book of James on Feb 24. It will be on relationships, if interested you can order your workbook from Judy Messinger.

Trish and I are doing fine-the winter seems long and my knee is healing okay. I don't have pain, but it can get awful stiff and slow. Sometimes it gets hard to keep up with the other leg. Progress seems slow, but steady. So be careful and watch out for holes in the ground.

We are planning and getting ready for a work team to go to Jamaica in the spring as soon as school is out. I hope you will be in prayer with us and support the team in whatever way God leads you. We will hopefully be building a small house and also helping with VBS and possibly a few small jobs, but mostly we will be ambassadors for Christ, sharing the Good news of Jesus love and grace.

Hope all is well and God bless you all.

**In His Service,**

**Pastor Rodney**

**Marilyn Bowley— from the Prayer Room**

*God looks not at the oratory of your prayers, how elegant they may be; nor at the geometry of your prayers, how long they may be; nor at the arithmetic of your prayers, how many they may be; not at the logic of your prayers, how methodical they may be; but at the sincerity of them He looks at.* - Thomas Brooks



Notes from the prayer room.

*Seek God for the City* is designed to unite and focus prayer through the 40 days leading to Palm Sun., March 5 through April 13, 2014.

To encourage families to pray together, I will download and photocopy the Children's Guide. Helen will make multiple copies to hand out to those who would like one of these.

([www.waymakers.org/children](http://www.waymakers.org/children))

I am also inviting our congregation to get the prayers at their fingertips by using the *Seek God for the City* companion app. You can download the app from iTunes or Google Play for your Smartphone or tablet for only \$0.99. Search "Seek God for the City 2014" or get the link directly from our website: ([www.waymakers.org](http://www.waymakers.org))

There will also be available *Seek God for the City* in printed form for those who would like a copy to take with them.

Our congregation will also hold a 40 day of prayer visual. There will be a calendar for signing up. A box will be available for written prayer concerns.

Also available from **The Better Place, Inc., P.O. Box 532, Jamestown, NY 14702**  
Or E-mail: Director ([Roy@TheBetterPlace.org](mailto:Roy@TheBetterPlace.org)) Telephone 716-488-9918

**TEACHING TOPICS** For Session One - March 8th

First teaching: *Discerning Our Call to Prayer Ministry and Jesus Our Model*

Second teaching: *Releasing the Power*

Third teaching: *Persistence*

Fourth teaching: *Vision for Transformation and Prayer Mapping Primer*

*(The above requires registration and a fee—Helen has the form if interested)*

I would also like to thank the individual who left a plastic bag with two (2) prayer shawls in it at the kneelers before the holiday season. I am pleased to say that they have been given to two individuals. *You are truly blessed as are the ones who received them.*

I know that there are several interested in getting together to crochet/knit prayer shawls. Please call 358-6354, if you are interested in joining this group so we can set up a time to meet.

**Greetings**— Just a short info. letter to let everyone know about the **Mission Trip to Jamaica**. The plane tickets have been purchased and dates are set. We will be leaving from Toronto on June 30 and returning home July 7. There have been several conversations on fundraisers and also putting the names of participants in this letter for those who want to personally sponsor someone. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,200—\$1,300/per person plus \$3,500.00 for materials to build the home and VBS materials. Your help is needed. I firmly believe God has called us to go and be a witness of His love and grace and to serve alongside Harold and Teri Nichols for this week. We pray for your prayers and support as we seek to serve God and the Jamaican people.

In His Service,

Pastor Rod



The 16 attendees (10 students and 6 adults) are: Jackson Andrews, Jeffrey Andrews, Christopher Doubek, Makenzie Evans, Cheyanne France, Santana France, Sabrina Jackson, Zachary Jackson, Henry Jakubczak III, Kayla Rose Nefedov, Holly Evans-Brown, Violet Campbell, Pastor Rodney Mileham, Cindy Palmer, Judy Turner, Walter Warriner.



### Covered in Prayer

“Often we experience prayer as private, personal time with God. But prayer with others carries its own power.” (The Upper Room January-February 2014)

You are invited to join a small group that meets every Sunday morning from 6:30—7:30 am in the church sanctuary to pray for the service and for the people and ministries of the church. Prayers are also raised for our community, nation, and world.

If this time is not convenient, take on the leadership of joining together with others in your home or at church at a time that fits into your schedule. We need God’s guidance to fulfill God’s will for us as individuals and as a church family. Let us regularly and corporately lift our voices together in praise, thanksgiving and petition to God.



March 7, 2014 is “**Church Employee Appreciation Day**”. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our church employees: Helen Ranks— Secretary; Connie Zink—Choir Director; Susan Smith—Organist and pianist; Roy Smith—Custodian; and Jessica Wheeler—Custodian. For all the good deeds done quietly and without acknowledgment. We thank you now!”

- Michele Riddell,  
PPRC Chair



## SHOUT-OUTS

by Margie Andrews

**-Cleaning Personnel:** Roy Smith and Jessica Wheeler - We know what an “overlooked” job cleaning the church can be, and we want you to know how much we appreciate what you do. There are black smudges, cobwebs and dustbunnies, puddles of water and salt, tinsel and glitter and fingerprints on the windows that we never get to see because these two people do such a wonderful job. We know that ministry in God’s Kingdom is messy—and we are VERY thankful for the job you do and your faithful service to us.

**- Altar Flowers:** Karen Belt & Freida Milliman—It can go unnoticed. It can be something we never miss-until it is missing. We love our altar flowers—and we appreciate what you do for your Lord-you decorate His sanctuary in a beautiful way, AND you give all of God’s people a way to either remember or celebrate occasions, people, birthday’s and other milestones in our lives by laying them on the altar. Thank you for the quiet way you have found to serve your Lord.

**- Snowplowing:** Randy Smith—What would we do without your dedication to making sure that our parking lots, our sidewalks and steps are clear of snow. Not just on Sunday—even whenever there is snowfall, Randy is here. He knows that our church is a busy, busy place and that God’s work takes no days off. Thank you for your vigilant service in making sure that getting to God’s House isn’t a mountain climb!



## Five Lies that Ruin Relationships Building Truth-Based Relationships

In this ten-part DVD series centered in the book of James chapters four and five, Chip Ingram identifies and defines five of the most common lies that have the potential to ruin relationships with those we love. We’ll uncover the source of quarreling, how our words wound, how not to make decisions, and why better things don’t always make things better.

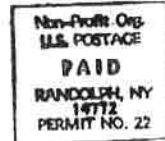
This 10 week study begins Monday night, February 24th at 7:00pm in the church conference room. To order your workbook or to answer your questions, see Judy Messinger or call at 358-9204.

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**May Newsletter Deadline:  
April 15th**

**2014 Worship Volunteers**

If you are unable to fulfill your duty— please find someone to replace you and let Helen know so we can notify the right folks for Sunday Worship (358-2433)



<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Children's Moments</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
Mar 2: Nancy Dechow	Molly Lindberg	<u>Rose Park</u>	???
Mar 9: Girl Scouts	Girl Scouts	Pastor Rod	Girl Scouts
Mar 16: Loretta Adams	Mini Pickup	Pastor Rod	Roy & Conney S.
Mar 23: D. Zink	???	Pastor Rod	Connie & Dennis Z.
Mar 30: ???	Conney Smith	Pastor Rod	Loretta Adams
Apr 6: The Pagett's	Jeff Pagett	<u>Rose Park</u>	The Uhl's
Apr 13: Helen Ranks	???	Pastor Rod	???
Apr 20: Jeff Andrews	Jackson Andrews	<u>Margie Andrews</u>	Helen Ranks
Apr 27: The Swanson's	Roy Smith	Pastor Rod	The Swanson's



**The Prime Rib Dinner is back!** It was a wonderful thing to see the whole church working together! Whether you came as a guest or made a dessert or worked. A Big Thank You—To You!! God Bless You.



Gospel and Western music in fellowship hall—Sunday, March 16th 2—5 pm  
None in April due to Easter.

**Altar Flowers**

Karen Belt 358-9466

Mar 2: ???  
Mar 9: Jina Costa  
Mar 16: Mini Pickup  
Mar 23: ???  
Mar 30: Nancy Dechow  
Apr 6: ???  
Apr 13: Lilies  
Apr 20: Lilies  
Apr 27: The Swanson's