

# The Shepherd's Staff

Community Presbyterian Church  
Cathedral City, California



April 2012



Happy Easter! Lent is over. Good Friday's sadness and distress are gone. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, God's announcement to the world that God has power over death. We celebrate that God has given each of us the assurance of eternal life. Praise God for his indescribable gift of Jesus Christ.

It's interesting to note that John Calvin, the father of the Presbyterian Church, didn't believe we should celebrate most religious seasons or individual holy days. Calvin wouldn't celebrate Lent or Palm Sunday for example. But Calvin thought we should celebrate one holy day every Sunday. That holy day? Easter! Yes, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was to be celebrated every Sunday. One day per year to celebrate Christ's resurrection was not enough for Calvin.

Easter is the basis for our faith as Christians. Without the resurrection, Jesus would have simply been another good man, a good teacher. But Jesus was so much more. He was the son of God. He was sent to earth by God to show us how much God loves us. And the resurrection proves that. It proves that what Jesus said about forgiveness of sins was true. It proves that God has power, even power over death. We can be assured of our eternal life. Yes, the resurrection is at the very heart of our Christian faith.

I don't agree with Calvin about skipping the celebration of holy days. I enjoy the Bible stories they remind us of. I enjoy the rhythm they bring to our Christian life as we travel with Jesus throughout his ministry during the church year. And how many people want to give up the joyous Christmas celebration?

But I do agree with Calvin about the importance of celebrating Easter each Sunday. However, why stop at just one day per week? Let's celebrate Easter every day! Oh, we don't need the special music or the Easter lilies to do that. We can thank and praise God every day for God's gift of eternal life, for forgiveness of sins, for God's resurrection power.

He is risen. He is risen indeed!

*Easter*  
C E L E B R A T I O N

Pastor Lee

# APRIL 2012: SPECIAL DATES



Sunday, April 1  
 Thursday, April 5  
 Sunday, April 8  
 Wednesday, April 11  
 Wednesday, April 14  
 Thursday, April 12  
 Saturday, April 21  
 Sunday, April 29

First Sunday Potluck/Palm Sunday  
 5:00pm Maundy Thursday Service  
 Easter Sunday  
 9:00am Deacons Meeting  
 10:00am Women's Circle  
 9:00am Session Meeting  
 11:10am Story Time  
 Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall



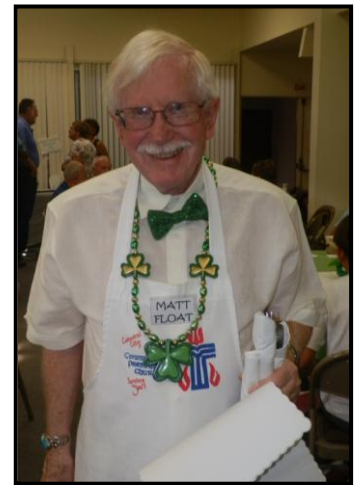
## April Birthdays

Isabel Brown	April 7
David Eason	April 7
Barbara Barrett	April 17
Kay Graham	April 25
Gail Prosser	April 30

## FISH DINNER UPDATE

I wish to thank everyone who helped make our fish dinner such a big success. Our tentative total was \$2,047.75. Congratulations everyone for the help in raising this amount for our church.

Thanks again,  
 Nancy Joy



# PRAYER REQUESTS

Lord, make us mindful of your power and your glory as we pray for those in need.  
Our Service Men & Women, Our Country & Our President  
*Pray for our Church at 12:00 noon daily*

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## *Death of a Loved One*

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Comfort and peace for the families of:  
Maxine

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## *Recovery*

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Dotty – surgery  
Muriel – lung care  
Roz – radiation - cancer  
Kay – recovering from vertigo  
Perry – cancer  
Aaron - cancer  
Jean Angus – relief from pain  
Tammy – new liver  
Debbie's friend Jon stage 3 colon cancer  
Peggy Bakke healing for a respiratory problem  
Betty's infant great granddaughter, Teegan  
Andy Anderson – improving  
Louise – healing

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## *Continuing Health Concerns*

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Peggy's daughter Kim  
Matt – continued healing  
Noel's friend Carol – upcoming hip replacement  
Maryann McGilverly – suffering with bone cancer  
Betty Meade  
Tom – cancer  
Rena  
Sherry – cancer  
Jerry – neuropathy  
Larry's friend Vickey Powel – doctors wisdom  
Noel's friend Ben – cancer – and his wife Angie  
Patty Valdez  
LaVida Warren

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## *Community and World Concerns*

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Employment for; Paula, Andrew, Tanya, David  
MJ's children Evan & Lauren guidance and support  
Our Marine's safety as he returns to active duty

**Prayer concerns in addition to those expressed during Sunday's worship service may be submitted on the prayer request cards in the pews or by contacting the church office. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times.**

*Please Pray for the Mission Activities of the church as well*

Neonatal unit blankets and baby items  
Twenty-nine 29 Palms Marine Base Wounded Warrior  
Well in the Desert  
Scholarship for graduates of Cathedral City HS  
VA & Stroke Centers  
Clothes That Work  
One Great Hour of Sharing  
Alternative Christmas  
School supplies for Sky Ridge Mobile Home Park Kids

Desert Summer Kids Feeding Program  
Life Line subsidies  
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission  
Migrant Farm Workers – bedrolls and food  
Shelter from the Storm  
Ronald McDonald House  
Veterans hospital Loma Linda  
Baby kits for Haiti  
2 Cents-a-Meal

# April 2012 Prayer Calendar

## Please pray for each individual on the date listed

1) Matthew 26:14-27

**Palm Sunday**  
**Rena, Rodman**

11) John 9:1-41

Blind receive sight  
**LaVida Warren**

22) Isaiah 50:4-9a

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Alma Boney**

2) John 12:1-11

**Monday of Holy Week**  
**Bill & Kay Sachs**

12) Isaiah 59:9-19

The blindness of injustice  
**Noel White**

23) Psalm 31:9-16

I commend my spirit  
**MJ Bradley**

3) John 12:20-36

**Tuesday of Holy Week**  
**Esther Shin**

13) Isaiah 42:14-21

God will heal the blind  
**Eric Williams**

24) Philippians 2:5-11

Death on a cross  
**Doug Bridges**

4) John 13:21-32

**Wednesday of Holy Week**  
**Larry & Cecile Shoot**

14) Matthew 9:27-34

Jesus heals the blind  
**Lauren Williams**

25) Colossians 3:5-11

The new life in Christ  
**Dave, Debbie & Isabel Brown**

5) John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Bob & Marge Stahl**

15) Ezekiel 37:1-14  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Evelyn Woods**

26) Exodus 15:1-18

Song at the sea  
**Julee Collins**

6) John 18:1-19

**Good Friday**  
**Casey Stelziede**

16) Psalm 130  
Mercy and redemption  
**Chad & Billie Ackerson**

27) Matthew 28:1-10  
Proclaim the resurrection  
**David & Opal Eason**

7) Matthew 27:57-66

**Holy Saturday**  
**Dot Susdorf**

17) Romans 8:6-11  
Life in the Spirit  
**Beth Alfred**

28) Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
God fulfills the promise to David  
**Carol Frances**

8) John 20:1-18

**Easter Sunday**  
**Ervin Syfert**

18) John 11:1-45

**Martha Anderson**

29) Psalm 16  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**Rebeca Franz**

9) Psalm 23

My head anointed with oil  
**Patty Valdez**

19) Acts 20:7-12  
Paul raises a young man  
**Neal & Jean Angus**

30) 1 Peter 1:3-9  
New birth to a living hope  
**Dick Gampert**

10) Ephesians 5:8-14

Live as children of light  
**Ray & Greta Venter**

20) 2 Kings 4:18-37  
Elisha raises a child from death  
**Peggy Bakke**

21) Matthew 22:23-33  
God of living  
**Bob & Barbara Barrett**

## CHILDREN ARE COMING!!!



On Easter Sunday we had 10 children for the Children's Sermon. We continue to grow and develop the plan for the children in our church and community. Please continue to pray for growth in this area of our church. The young spirit of the children is a blessing to see throughout the church.

April 15<sup>th</sup> Children will participate in communion with parents/grandparents

April 22<sup>nd</sup> Children's Bible lesson by Doug Bridges

April 29<sup>th</sup> Children will assist during worship service.



### SPRING FLOWERS

Peggy loves working with flowers and children. Bringing those two loves together she has created a beautiful growing garden for everyone to enjoy as they come to church.

She also beautifully created the flower cross for Easter Sunday worship service.

Be sure to take a moment and thank her for her dedication to our church.



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## **Who We Are**



We are a church family who care for each other and all of God's people. We celebrate worship each Sunday, thanking and praising God for the wonderful gifts generously given to us. We then go out into the world to share God's love with all we meet. We are strengthened for service and outreach through small group outreach activities and weekly Bible study. All are welcome to join us as we seek to glorify and serve our risen Lord.