



**Our Traditional Good Friday
Communion Service**

(Scripture readings, choir anthems and congregational hymns)

**Friday, April 2nd,
7:00 PM.**




Sunday Supper/Cook-out & Sundaes!

April 18th:



Plan to join us on Sunday, April 18th,
following evening worship,
for a cookout/ picnic supper (& sundaes!)
and time of fellowship!

Menu: hotdogs, sides, lemonade & sundaes

**Hotdogs, buns & lemonade will be supplied; please sign up to bring:
side dish (potato/pasta salad, fruit/ veggie tray, etc)
or your favorite sundae topping.**

~Thank you!




Coming in May:

Saturday Work Day & Cookout

(Date & Details TBA)

(ages Jr. High and above; no childcare available!)

**Lunch will be supplied;
you work, you eat!**




MISSIONARY MISSIVE:

Will and Judi Traub

by Carolyn Root

The Traubs have served as MTW missionaries in Germany since 1988. He assisted in the formation of the first “Confessing Congregation” in Germany since Nazi times in Neuwied. Will is coordinator for theological education and training for MTW Europe and has been pursuing his doctorate in Göttingen, Germany.

The Traubs are currently in the U.S. with Dr. Bernhard Kaiser, Director of the Academy for Reformational Theology in Marburg, to report on developments in the Confessing Church movement in Germany. They are looking forward to moving back to Germany – Heidelberg – in November of 2010. Their ministry is focused on three areas:

- ◆ Giving lectures to, as well as pastoring, various groups of theological students as they grapple with the liberal environment of theological studies at a German university.
- ◆ The “New Reformation Project” which involves working with German nationals to bring about a new evangelistic, pastoral, and reformed "denomination" which would seek to reach all of Germany with the gospel of grace.
- ◆ Engaging in doctoral studies in the area of theology in order to be able to better help the students and provide a natural source for contacts among theological students and professors.

Both Will and Judi were raised in Christian homes where foreign missions were promoted, and missionaries were often guests. They met in 1975 on a blind date during Will’s last year of studies at Westminster Theological Seminary and were married in 1976. Traub served as pastor of Peace Reformed Church in Loveland, Colorado, and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, in Blacksburg, Virginia, before leaving for Germany.

Pray that the Lord would bring a New Reformation to Germany through the faithful preaching of His Word. The Traubs have two children: Willi (12/6/78) and Dieter (1/19/84).

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Also note: You can listen to a sermon by Will Traub delivered 9-7-08 on Isaiah 12, entitled “Two Parallel Joys”, at www.sermonaudio.com.

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“God’s Mercy”

by Martin H. Martin

Are you ever disappointed with God? I realize that is a loaded question! At times we realize deep down that we are, though we would be mortified to admit it. Sometimes we think our frustration is directed at the circumstances of life when it is really directed at Him for not changing those circumstances. In the moments when we find ourselves thinking that way, we should remember that we are not alone. Those in Jerusalem did exactly the same thing two thousand years ago.

Have you ever wondered how things changed so radically between Palm Sunday and Good Friday? If you think about it for a moment, it actually makes sense. There were some – the Scribes, Pharisee and Sadducees – who were never supportive of Jesus at all. The first two (Scribes and Pharisees) were superficially moral, but also terribly arrogant. They didn’t appreciate Jesus pointing out their sin and need of salvation – they were doing just fine on their own thank you! The Sadducees moved in the halls of power, were closer to the Romans, and didn’t want anybody to upset the status quo. They all resented Jesus because He confronted their sin and upset their agendas.

The crowds, on the other hand, those lining the road and shouting in excitement, thought they finally had a political leader who would take them back to the their country’s “golden era”. That’s why they were ecstatic at first. But when it became clear that Jesus had not come to advance their political agenda, prosperity and control, they turned on Him in an instant. In other words, they expected *too little* of Jesus, not understanding that His kingdom and salvation is one that *surpasses* our expectations.

So how are we sometimes guilty of being disappointed with God? It might actually be a political disappointment. We want God to return us to “the good ole days” and stew with resentment when it seems He is not; we forget that He is working to expand His kingdom even when we cannot see how it is happening. It might be the heartbreak of things in a marriage or the lives of our children that taste like an emotional aspirin that we have to chew day after day. It might be the chronic, day-after-day struggles with our physical health that leave us with no wind in our sails

and asking why God has not answered our prayers for deliverance yet.

Are you thinking and feeling those things? If so, you are not alone. The Jews could simply not fathom that God had something greater in mind. They wanted success and relief in this life; and when Jesus didn’t give it in their way and timing, they thought He must not be so good after all. Job, while he suffered great affliction admirably in some ways, also became exasperated with God (not just with his friends) as he continued to suffer physically while mourning the loss of all his children. It is not unusually that we struggle with disappointment; but that is not to say it is okay to *remain* in the mire of frustration and despondency. So what’s a soul to do?

In short, look again at the cross of Jesus Christ. Every time you look at Jesus and the cross, you see again what you deserve. As bad as it might be, it is better than we deserve. As hard as it might be, it can’t even be compared to the agony of the cross – both a physical agony and a personal isolation for Jesus as He bore the wrath of God that we deserve. As someone said years ago, “Everything this side of hell is God’s mercy”.

~Pastor Marty

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

- ◆ Grayson Martin was received as a communicant member.
- ◆ Paulo Brasil Sousa, Jr. and Branch Walton were received as associate communicant members.
- ◆ Christi Thrower was removed from Fellowship’s membership roll per BCO 38-4.

My dear friends,

My family and I are very thankful for your prayers—it’s so comforting and such a blessing when the covenant family prays and just knowing you can call for prayer immediately when a tragedy strikes. Tyler (my grandson) is stable, still in an induced coma and as we wait and rest in the Lord for the brain swelling to reduce so surgery can be done to remove the blood clot, we begin what may be a long period of healing and rehab. So, I would ask for your continued prayers and graciously thank you for all of your love and support—I gain by strength from you.

*In His grace,
Jan Robbins*

CHURCH NOTES:

The sacrament of the **Lord’s Supper** will be celebrated **Friday, April 2nd** (during our Good Friday Service) and on **Sunday, April 11th**, during evening worship.

Wednesday Supper & Activities:

5:30 PM: Supper (catered meal; cost: \$3.50/adult, \$2.50/child, \$10 max/family)



- Apr 07: Fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, marinated vegetables, rolls, tea & strawberry shortcake
Apr 14: Roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, rolls, tea & pies.
Apr 21: Grilled chicken, baked potatoes, salad bar, rolls, tea & chocolate cake.
Apr 28: Roast turkey, dressing & gravy, green beans, rolls, tea & pies.

6:30 PM: Devotional & Prayer Time (adults); Catechism (children)

There is a Session Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 20th, 7:00 PM, at the church.



NEW ORGAN!

We now have a new organ for our sanctuary (graciously donated by Woodruff Road Presbyterian Church!). Installation and setup will begin in coming weeks.

There is a meeting of Calvary Presbytery scheduled for Thursday, April 22nd, 9:00 AM at Palmetto Presbyterian Church in Simpsonville.



The Ladies’ Morning Precepts Bible Study (an inductive study of the gospel of John) meets **Tuesdays, 9:30—11:30 A.M.**, at the church; nursery is available. please contact Wendy Richards (877-3267 or 399-9276) for more information.

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, APRIL 15th.



Men’s Fellowship & Prayer Breakfast:
Saturday May 1st, 7:00—9:00 AM.

The **April** edition of **TABLETALK** is available (free of charge) to all members and visitors; pick up your copy today!

The church office will be closed Monday, April 5th.

SERVING IN APRIL:

Elder of the Month: Laloje Mooney Deacon of the Month: Bill Wilder
Greeters of the Month: The Way family
Ushers: Troy High, Ron Reinink & Bill Wilder
Nursery Coordinator: Melissa DeJong