



GLAD TIDE-INGS

April 7, 2011

Still sorting out some techie things – so, even though it appears this is from the office, it is from me, your loving Pastor! Several things we want to remind you about! ~ Pam

v! **THEOLOGY FORUM AND POT LUCK~** “Who Do You Say that I Am?” Please join your retired United Methodist clergy after worship on **Sunday, April 10th**, for a forum on Jesus and “who they say he is.” We’ll start with a pot luck, and once we’re seated, each pastor will have a few minutes to describe their understanding of who Jesus was and is. Afterwards, we will all have a chance to ask questions and discuss. Russ Menk will orchestrate the discussion. For the pot luck, let’s make it easy:!
If your last name starts with letters A – J, please bring a main course. If your last name starts K – R, please bring a salad or vegetable. If your last name starts with letters S – Z, please bring bread or dessert. (However, please ... if your name is Thompson, but you want to bring prime rib or foie gras, feel free!)

v! **LET’S TALK** ~ How are we doing on our 2011 priorities? They are: enhancing the vitality of our church life by encouraging spiritual growth through small groups, stewardship, service, worship, and prayer; reaching out into our neighborhood to become a valued community resource; and involving ourselves in new missions. How can we direct our work toward these priorities, and how should we communicate about them to the public? And where are we going from there? If you are interested in this discussion, please visit the home of Rodger and Vicki Wasson at **6 p.m. on Friday, April 15th**, for a discussion. Church leaders are especially encouraged to participate.

v! **CAMPUS CLEAN-UP** ~ Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, April 16th (9 a.m. – Noon)** to participate in an All-Church Work Day.

v! **THE WEEKDAY BOOK GROUP** is reading “Still Alice” by Lisa Genova. The gathering will be at **2 p.m. on Monday, April 18th**. Location TBA.

v! **GOOD FRIDAY** ~ The annual Ecumenical Good Friday service will be held at Resurrection Church in Aptos on **Friday, April 22nd at Noon**. A profound event in advance of Easter. Please come.

v! **EASTER** ~ Come join in the Resurrection!

v! **“YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL”** ~ This month’s “Theology Book Group” will be reading J.B. Phillips’ Your God is Too Small. YOU are invited to attend! Phillips offers several God “models” (“Resident Policeman,” “Absolute Perfection,” “God in a Box,” and more) as well a variety of Christian issues (“Christ and Sin,” “The Abolition of Death,” and more) to challenge us in examining our own beliefs. If you’d like to join in, please buy your own book (you can order from Amazon through our new website so that the church will receive a small percentage of your purchase!), and reading it before class. The discussion will be held on **Monday, April 25th, at 6:00 p.m.** (P.S. If you have a book on theology you’d like to discuss with others, please speak to Pastor Pam about leading a group!)

v! **MEMORIAL FOR RUTH BREIZY** ~ You can know a person such a person for such a short time and yet grow so deeply in affection. That’s how many of us feel about Ruth Breizy. Sadly, Ruth passed away at her home this last Sunday, with her son Keith nearby. We will hold a memorial service for Ruth on

