

HAWKER HAPPENINGS

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From Pastor Bob...



"I Have Seen You in the Sanctuary"

And thus begins the second verse of Psalm 63: "I have seen you in the sanctuary...." What a wonderful sight it has been for me, a new pastor, to look out from the Chancel area of our worship room and "seen" those who are coming to celebrate life, to know again the Source of all things, and to greet each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. At the time of this writing, I have been truly awed by the welcoming spirit of the people of Hawker UCC. My wife Janet and I have been received warmly, embraced as residents of Beavercreek, and more importantly, accepted joyfully as fellow pilgrims along this way of Life in Christ.

We have welcomed visitors! Folks who have come to us who are seeking a church home ---- as the old saying goes, "home is where the heart is." Hawker is indeed a home for those who are seeking God's revelation to humankind in Jesus Christ, the Crucified and Risen One. Having been for only three weeks as your called pastor, we (this church family) have celebrated Holy Communion twice (my first Sunday worship, and then on Ash Wednesday), participated in the blessing of a child on my third Sunday's worship (Megan Alayna, daughter of Bryce & Stephanie Combs, sister to Makenna, and granddaughter to Coni and Stephen Edwards), joined in at a youth group event for the Super Bowl, attended church administrative meetings, studied the Bible at the Men's Group, shall I go on????!!!! This has been the most activity within my first three week period I can attest to for any new pastorate!

The spirit here is strong. The call of Christ is clear: "Follow me."

And you have answered his call as well, because our attendance has been very strong, despite the weather. Despite the heavy snow conditions on my first Sunday, 85 of us gathered to worship (while many other churches were closed). On February 21, more than 90 people attended. Our call is to follow Christ into new --- and perhaps uncharted--- ways of ministering to our church community, our surrounding community, and into our world community. I thank you for the blessing of choosing me to be your pastor! Each Sunday morning I look forward to the opportunity of saying, "I have seen you in the sanctuary."

To God Be the Glory,
Pastor Bob Walker

What's Ahead for the Sermons in March

The Pastor's Musings on Preaching God's Grace

Sunday, March 7

The Sermon: **"Choosing the God We Serve – Your Choice"**

Readings of the day from Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; Luke 13:1-9

"Do you want fries with that," the server said impatiently after I ordered at a fast-food place. To myself I thought, 'did I say I wanted fries?' But civility got the better of me and I politely said, "no thanks." I know that servers in restaurants have been trained ---no, have been under orders--- to suggest or to question the patron if s/he would like something more to eat, drink, and to make themselves merrier. In our Christian faith, we must make a choice: which god will we serve? Which god will we give our lives to? In Psalm 63:1, the writer says, "...earnestly I seek you...." If we want to make our choice to serve God, the creator, sustainer, and savior, then let us do so very intentionally. Let us be very conscious that this Jesus invites us to follow him. Jesus is faithful to us and will give our thirsty souls a good quenching!

Sunday, March 14

The Sermon: **"When We Come to Our Senses"**

Readings of the day from Joshua 5:9-12; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21;

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Changing our lives attitudes and courses may take a while --- "I ought to lose weight" (Ok, you got me on that one!); "Let's save up for a rainy day"; "No more TV! I'm going to read more books"; "Let us go to worship this Sunday and make a commitment to go every Sunday this year!" (an outstanding idea! But then again, I'm biased.) This Sunday's sermon has to do with everyone, because I would wager we have all been there. The prodigal son in Luke's Gospel finally realizes he has spent everything and has gained nothing. "When he came to his senses...." the son admits to himself his errors with his life, and then admits he must confess to his father his errors.

Sunday, March 21

The Sermon: **"Things to Forget"**

Readings of the day from Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

The hardest things we have done, the most cruel things we have suffered, the most embarrassing things we have experienced --- all these are the hardest things to forget. By proportion, think about how many huge blessings we have received from God, from family, from friends, from a loved one's life! In this passage from Isaiah, we are told to "forget the former things; do not dwell on the past." We will hear about our future calling us to joy!

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday

The Sermon: **"No Heroes on Horses"**

Readings of the day from Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40

On this Palm Sunday we will hear about the entering of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. He knows what will happen to him, but his purpose is fixed, his attention is not distracted, and his love for humanity is not destroyed by evil. His heroism is for all who are quiet enough to receive him.




HAWKER CHURCH UCC CALENDAR

Adult Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.
 Junior Youth 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
 Reception 11:45 a.m.

March 2010

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 5:30-TOPS ^N 7:00-Troop 42 ^{SR}	2 9:00-Sewing ^{FH} 7:30-Bell Choir ^{CR}	3 9:00-Bvrckr Women's League Meeting ^{FH} 10:00-Men's Study ^{CR}	4 7:30-Choir ^{CR}	5 12:00-Angel Food Deadline ^O	6
7* 11:45 – Circle 3 Annual Chili Cook-off *Communion Sunday	8 5:30-TOPS ^N 7:00-Troop 42 ^{SR}	9 10:00-Circle 2 ^{CR} 6:00-Wolf Den ^{SR} 7:00-Circle 1 ^{@Vicky Shock's}	10 10:00-Men's Study ^{CR} 5:30-Consistory Workshop ^{CR}	11 11:00 Bulletin Deadline ^O 7:30-Choir ^{CR}	12	13 9:30-HOUSE OF BREAD 11:00-River's Birthday Party ^{FH}
14 Daylight Savings Begins 2:00-Eagle Scout ^{FH} 3:00-Girl Scouts #1949 ^{SR}	15 5:30-TOPS ^N 6:30-Cub Planning ^{NW} 7:00-Troop 42 ^{SR}	16 9:00-Sewing ^{FH} 7:30-Bell Choir ^{CR}	17 10:00-Men's Study ^{CR} 6:00-Spiritual Council ^{NE} 7:00-Consistory ^{CR}	18 11:00 Bulletin Deadline ^O 7:30-Choir ^{CR}	19	20 9:00-Angel Food Distribution ^{SK} 5:00-Ham & Bean Dinner*
21	22 10:00-Hawker Happenings Deadline 5:30-TOPS ^N 7:00-Troop 42 ^{SR}	23 6:30-Pack Meeting ^{FH} 7:30-Bell Choir ^{CR}	24 10:00-Men's Study ^{CR} 7:00-BS Camporee Meeting ^{NW}	25 11:00 Bulletin Deadline ^O 7:30-Choir ^{CR}	26	27
28 –Palm Sunday 3:00-Girl Scouts #31949 ^{SR}	29 5:30-TOPS ^N 7:00-Troop 42 ^{SR}	30 7:30-Bell Choir ^{CR}	31 9:00-Bvrckr Women's League Board ^{NW} 10:00-Men's Study ^{CR}	1  11:00 Bulletin Deadline ^O 12:30-Angel Food Deadline 6:00- Maundy Thursday / Soup & Bread Fellowship ^{FH}	2 GOOD FRIDAY Office Closed	3
4 EASTER SUNDAY • Sunrise Service • 8:00-Easter Breakfast** • Worship Service	5 5:30-TOPS ^N 7:00-Troop 42 ^{SR}	6 7:30-Bell Choir ^{CR}	7 9:00-Bvrckr Women's League Meeting ^{FH} 10:00-Men's Study ^{CR}	8 7:30-Choir ^{CR}	9	10 9:30-HOUSE OF BREAD

*Proceeds to Shelter Fund

**Proceeds from goodwill offering will got to replacement carpet at entryways.

Room Legend:					
C-Classroom(s)	FH-Fellowship Hall	N-Narthex	NW-North Wing	SK-Small Kitchen	SR-Scout Room
CR-Choir Room	K-Kitchen	NE-North Entry	O-Office	S-Sanctuary	

Notes from your Evangelism & Denominational Concerns Elder:

Reserve these dates on your calendar:

March 5 - 12:30 p.m. Angel Food Order Deadline

March 13 – 9:30 a.m. House of Bread

March 20 -9:00-10:00 a.m. – Angel Food Distribution

March 20 – 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Community Ham & Bean Dinner, chaired by Chef Doug Miller – proceeds to benefit picnic shelter needs.



SONKA's Spring Gathering

Springing to Life is the theme for this year's meeting, which will concentrate on three areas:

*The Still Speaking Program,
Congregational Vitality
and Diversity*

Tentatively scheduled workshops include **stewardship, marketing, worship, evangelism and parish life**. Workshops will be offered in the morning and afternoon. The day will begin with a continental breakfast, followed by a short business meeting. The morning workshop session will be followed by a worship service featuring the showing of the film **What Makes Me White?** by Aimee Sands.

Registration is \$20 which includes the continental breakfast & lunch.

Reserve April 24, beginning at 8:30 a.m. to join other Association churches for the informative workshops, inspiring worship and fellowship. Watch future articles for manpower requirements.

HELP NEEDED: We need to start planning for this year's Popcorn Festival Information Booth. I would like to have a committee meeting soon so please let me know if you can help. This will be another great opportunity to reach out & share the "Good News" with the community. Please consider volunteering.

In Christ's service,

Shirley Gambrell
Evangelism & Denominational Concerns Elder



Ed & Sue Cline would like to announce the wedding of Ed's sister, Janice McGuire to Jack Bobst. The lovely wedding was at the Valley Presbyterian Church in Green Valley, AZ on Saturday, February 20, 2010. Mr. & Mrs. Bobst will be at home in Desert Hill II, 900 W. Camino Sagasta, Green Valley, AZ 85614-4540.

Blanket Sunday netted \$525.00 which we regret is \$93.00 less than last year. However, this amount will be sent to Church World Service and distributed to the neediest places. We trust that next year the economy, the weather and other factors will be better and our giving will be increased. Many thanks to all who gave.

Gwen Culbertson



Community Dinner

Mark the Date.

March 20, 2010 5:00 – 7:00

Hawker Ham and Bean Supper
Menu

Beans (several types)

Bean soup

Vegetarian beans and bean soup

Cornbread

Sliced ham

Fried potatoes

Salad

Desserts

Beverages

Tickets will be on sale shortly, and as usual if you buy your tickets early, they are cheaper. But you can always buy your tickets at the door also. Please tell all of your friends, neighbors, etc. about this extravaganza!!! Proceeds will benefit picnic shelter needs.



On **March 9** from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. there will be what we hope to be the final nursery remodeling work session. But in order for it to be our last session, you must attend. Please come so we can finally put this project to bed. The little ones of our church thank you.



March Birthday Calendar

March 2	Steve Demmy	March 19	David Smith
March 3	Allison King	March 20	Pam Sowder
March 4	Eric Holbrook	March 21	Justin Lee Stewart
March 6	Judy Ramlow	March 23	Danny Voris
March 7	Gwen Culbertson		Carol Wilson
	Dave Townsley	March 26	Gerald Allen
March 10	Thomas Konnert		Jess Burger
March 12	Mary Cline	March 29	Rachel Lyon
March 15	Makenna Edwards		Susan Smith
March 16	Al Boone Jr.		
March 17	Donna Moore		

Friday, April 30- Saturday, May 1st Hawker Church **Relay for Life:**

WE NEED YOU!!!!

The Hawker Youth invite members and friends of Hawker to join us as we raise money and awareness for The American Cancer Society. The **Relay for Life** will be held at Community Park on Harshman Rd. instead of Stebbins HS this year on Friday, April 30- Saturday, May 1st. Our hope is that we will have plenty of volunteers and walkers to camp out overnight but we need your help! You can join our team or make a donation by going to the Relay for Life homepage and find the Hawker Church Team or you can go straight to the link

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY10OH?team_id=657641&pg=team&fr_id=23629&fl=en_US&et=BRtvOq2xQ9fFL6_zOGbyPg..&s_tafId=447825

Some ways you can help:

1. Join our team. Walk, raise money or both!
2. Buy a daffodil bouquet or a Boyd Bear daffodil bouquet during our Daffodil Days Fundraiser, February 27- March 14 (look for us in the Narthex on Sundays).
3. Make a donation or buy a luminary in memory or in honor of someone touched by cancer.

Thank you in advance for supporting us and supporting such a meaningful cause.

****More info on The Bear and Bunch and Daffodil Bouquets, which will be sold and delivered (or special delivery) will be in the Narthex....

Bear and a Bunch

This year's Boyd's exclusive, limited-edition bear for the **2010 Bear and a Bunch** campaign is Birthdays R. Hope, a 10-inch plush, oatmeal colored bear holding a Celebrating Hope cupcake. As with previous **Bear and a Bunch** offerings, Birthdays also has an embroidered daffodil on one paw and the American Cancer Society logo on the other. The bear will be offered along with 10 fresh-cut daffodils for a donation of \$25.

Daffodil Bouquet

A bouquet consists of 10 fresh-cut daffodils. A vase is not included. Daffodil Bunch donation price is \$10.00.

Notes from the February Consistory Meeting

Due to Ash Wednesday, bad weather, and other scheduled events at Hawker, the February meeting was held on Friday, February 19th. The following items were addressed.

- The Lenten Appeal Offering will be donated to **One Great Hour of Sharing**.*
- The **3rd Annual Book Sale** will be held at Hawker June 17-20. This will be in conjunction with a toy collection for "Hannah's Treasure Chest." *
- The **House of Bread** team served 199 meals this month. WOW!!
- Proceeds from the goodwill offering at the **Easter Breakfast** will be used to help defray the cost of new carpets at the entryways. *
- The first quarter allotment was made to the House of Bread. *
- Donations can be made for the **Relay for Life**. * (see preceding article.)
- Susan Smith has agreed to be **Parliamentarian** for Hawker. We still need a volunteer to fill the post of Historian.
- We designated Susan Smith to fill the position of **Assistant Treasurer**. This is an optional position that is allowed by the Hawker Constitution/ByLaws.*

- * These items required motions and approval.



You may help provide lilies by filling in the form below and returning it to the church office or by placing it in the offering plate with payment attached by **March 21st**. We use the Easter lilies to grace our chancel and sanctuary area on Palm Sunday through Easter.

The lily may be picked up Easter morning following the 10:30 worship service, or may be donated so that we can deliver our Easter greetings to shut-ins and hospitalized of our church family.

For the \$10.00 attached, please place a lily in Hawker Church this Easter season in Memory of:

Honor of:



The names listed above will be listed in the bulletin on Easter. For our records,

Donor's name:

Check here if you would like to have the lily delivered to a shut-in or a nursing care center.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

If you would be interested in making a pot of soup for our Maundy Thursday dinner on April 1st please contact me and let me know what kind you would like to bring. Jeanne, again this year, has graciously volunteered to make and supply us with bread for the meal and communion.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hall for the Maundy Thursday meal and service. Maundy Thursday service will be held in the Fellowship Hall again this year and will be a soup and bread meal followed with communion. Please let me know if you plan on attending so I may be prepared with enough soup and bread.

A Cross of God's Blooms

Come help adorn our flowering cross on Easter morning. Please bring fresh cut flowers and decorate the cross in the sanctuary before our traditional service at 10:30. Arrive early and place your flowers, along with the rest of Hawker's church family, on our cross of God's Blooms. At the end of the Easter service the Cross of Flowers will be placed out front of the church for the public to enjoy.

Barbara Cook
Devotional Life Elder

❖ HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 28, 2010 Palm Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

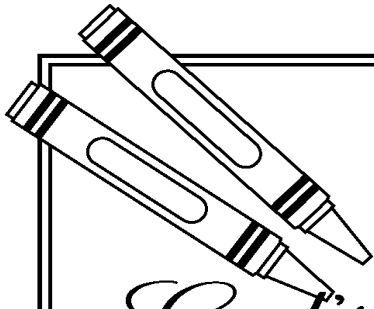
April 1, 2010 - Maundy Thursday Service with Soup and Bread
Supper – Service, incorporating the meal, begins 6:00 p.m.

April 2, 2010 - Good Friday Service – 7:00 p.m.

April 4, 2010 - Easter Sunrise Service –7:00 a.m. w/ communion
Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.

Traditional Easter Service - 10:30 a.m.

No reception



Just for KIDS

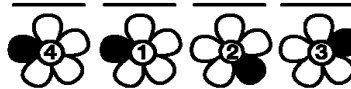
God's teaching is like....

In Deuteronomy, Moses' words to the children of Israel remind us of spring, which brings growth and new life.

Use the flower code below to fill in the blanks, revealing Deuteronomy 32:2, NIV.



“Let my teaching fall like



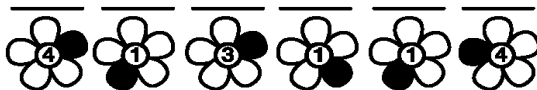
and my words descend like



like



like abundant



Answers: rain, dew, showers on new grass, rain on tender plants