

Mar. 23, 2014

# The Weekly Koinonia

## Altar Flowers

...are provided today by the Floral and Décor Committee. If you'd like to purchase altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please sign the chart in the Narthex. Minimum charge for a floral arrangement is \$35.

### Why Purple?

We have changed the parameters (sanctuary cloths) at the front of our chancel to purple for the season of Lent (Mar. 5—Apr. 19). We also shroud the cross in purple. Christians (Catholics and Protestants) have for centuries set aside times for special reflection and worship (i.e. Advent, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost). Lent is a time for special attention to repentance for 40 days prior to Easter Sunday. The traditional color for Advent and Lent is purple. Green is the color for "common" time, which is the time between special observances. White is the color for Christmas and Easter, and red is the color for Pentecost.



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### Blessings from God

These times of economic uncertainty seem to bring an atmosphere of doom and gloom at every turn. For those who are not in the family of faith, it seems a sure thing that the modern day's experts are correct. Thankfully, we Christians have a much better promise than just what we hear in today's media.

Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the flood gates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

This passage is the one time in scripture where we are told to test God, to see what He will do if we will obey this passage. Have you considered joyfully testing God by taking a leap of faith and tithing? I encourage you during this season of Lent to join me and others in this adventure!

Faithfully yours,

*Paul Forstad*, Chairman  
Finance/Stewardship Committee



Third  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT

This year's dinner on Apr. 17 will be prepared by our Special Events Committee, headed by **Shirley Bybee**. It will consist of meatloaf, cheesy

potato casserole, barbecued green beans, tossed salad, rolls, and dessert. If you didn't sign up in your Sunday School class or in the Narthex, call Jane in the Church Office to reserve your seat. Mon., Apr. 14, at 3:00 P.M. is the deadline to register for Maundy Thursday. Cost is \$6 per adult, \$3 per child under 12, and \$18 maximum for a family.



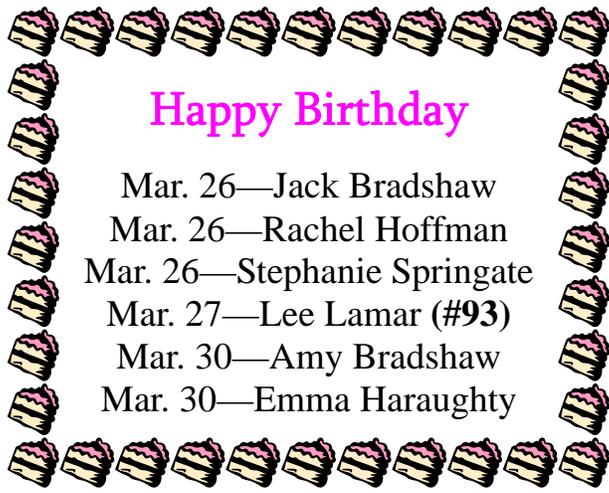
### Easter Lilies for Sale

As in years past, we'll be selling Easter lilies to celebrate the season for \$12 per plant. If you did not already sign up in your Sunday School class, please place your order by calling Jane in the church office no later than Mon., Apr. 14. Indicate whether your lilies are in honor or in memory of a loved one and whether you'll be taking home the lilies or leaving them for our Deacons to deliver to our homebound and ill members after Easter Sunday services. If you are paying by check, please be sure it is separate from your tithe and indicated as "lily" on the memo line.

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## Happy Birthday

- Mar. 26—Jack Bradshaw
- Mar. 26—Rachel Hoffman
- Mar. 26—Stephanie Springate
- Mar. 27—Lee Lamar (#93)
- Mar. 30—Amy Bradshaw
- Mar. 30—Emma Haraughty

## FOOD & CLOTHING NEEDED

Part of our Church on Mission effort includes the support of the Mission Road Food

Pantry, located at 9960 Mission Road in Overland Park. They are currently in need of canned fruit, canned vegetables, peanut butter, and crackers. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the lower level collection box located next to the water fountain off the Rotunda.

The Clothes Closet is in need of gently used and clean spring clothing for males and females of all ages (preferably with size tags inside the garments). Linens (sheets, pillowcases, blankets, towels and washcloths) are also needed. Additional needs include small, personal-care products such as bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and shampoo. Please place those donations in the collection box at the State Line/Office entrance.



Sunday Prayer Group meets from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. This is an open group led by **Jackie Boat** that focuses specifically on personal prayer and prayer for our church, our families, our friends, our military, and our world leaders. Your presence and prayers are welcomed.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING MINISTRY

Please be advised of the following calendar changes:

- Mar. 26: 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service & Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Apr. 2 & 9: 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service & Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Apr. 16: **No Prayer Service or Bible Study**  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Apr. 17: **MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER**  
(with observance of Lord's Supper)  
6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Apr. 23 & 30: 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service & Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Mark your calendars for the annual Spring Cleaning on Saturday, Apr. 19. Be here around 9:00 a.m. to get started in beautifying the buildings and grounds in order to prepare for summer.

## TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

Our Transition Team met March 11 and spent time preparing for the upcoming Heritage Sundays. In addition, the next Focus Point—the Mission of the Church—was discussed. The congregation will learn how they can be involved in discovering and listing our Core Values, plus participating in an exercise in Asset Mapping. The next Transition Team meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

## Join us on Saturday, April 12!



10:00-11:00 a.m.



10:30 a.m.—Noon  
\$6 per person