**MARCH 24 ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

 **HOLY WEEK**

**Maundy Thursday**

**Thursday, March 28  7:00 p.m. Service of Communion with** **Helderberg Reformed at**

 **Helderberg Reformed Church**

**Good Friday**

**Friday, March 29   1:00 p.m. Community Worship Service at ARC followed by the carrying of the**

 **crosses to St. John’s Lutheran Church**

**Easter**

**Sunday, March 31  6:30 a.m.   Community Sunrise Service at Pleasant View Farm, 6856 Lainhart Rd.**

 **10:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service at ARC**

**YOU ARE INVITED: PALM SUNDAY SOUP AND BREAD LUNCHEON**

Our luncheon will be held in Fellowship Hall right after worship.Come and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship.

**BIG FAITH FAMILY GATHERING FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 6-8 PM**

The Faith Formation Committee has planned a first gathering of the “Big Faith Family” for Friday evening, April 19, at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Watch for details and sign-up information.  The "Big Faith Family” includes all of us.  Find out how tomato soup, potting soil, chocolate chips, big questions and God’s love unite us as a family.

**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR OUR COMMUNITY DINNER**

Our First Monday of the Month Free Community Dinner is Monday April 1. We still need a few volunteers. Sign-up sheets are in Fellowship Hall.

**OUR PALM BRANCHES THIS MORNING ARE ECO-PALMS**

At least half of the farmers in the central Peten of Guatemala earn additional income from harvesting fronds, and more than a quarter of household heads support themselves exclusively by collecting fronds. We are part of a growing number of Christian congregations who support this initiative.

**ARC SEXTON OPENING**

Our current Sexton has recently left the job, and we are seeking a new person to immediately fill the position. This is a part-time position. The ideal candidate has some custodial experience and should be able to work a flexible schedule of 10 hours a week. Meanwhile we need church volunteers to help cover several tasks that need to be done on a regular basis. Please contact Nancy McNiven at the church office if you can help or need more information about the job.

**THANK YOU FOR**

Donations to our annual Joel Edwards Pet Food Drive that went to animal shelters, food pantries, and The Damien Center. We collected 236 lbs. of dry dog food, 13 cans of dog food, 12 boxes of dog treats, 45 lbs. of dry cat food, 240 cans of cat food, and many packages of soft cat meals. This total is far above last year’s total of donations.

**THANK YOU FROM CINDY EDWARDS**

“What a wonderful tribute to a man who devoted his life to caring for our four-legged friends. Feeling blessed by your kindness. Thank you, Cindy”

**THANK YOU**

To all the ladies who attended the women’s potluck this past Tuesday. We hope to do it again next fall.

**PRAYERS FOR**

**Jim Pavoldi**, finally experiencing some significant improvements following his bone marrow transplant; **Claudette Riek**, back in the hospital while undergoing difficult chemo treatments; **Erin Parker**, experiencing undefined health challenges; **Eric Tooker**, who was on a Make a Wish adventure with his family and not feeling well at all

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR**

**Sher Seppa**; **Sandra**, daughter of Lois and Ron Ginsburg; **Roberta** **Burke**, friend of Lois, recovering from surgery; **Jan Davis**; **Natalie**, daughter of Judi’s brother Jack; **Brian**, brother-in-law of MarianneBaratier; **Emmit**, Diane Stedman’s grandson; **Curt Damhof**; **Nicole**, friend of Barb and Craig Sargeant

**THOSE WITH LONG TERM HEALTH ISSUES**

**John & Marlene Williams**; **Mona Shuker**; **Patti Percoski**; **Eric & Paige Tooker** (Cystic Fibrosis); **Paula and Karen Eagan**; **Barbara Ryan**;Keith Baratier’sfather **Paul**; **Becky Bryne**, neighbor of Deb and Steve Ritzko

I**N LONG TERM CARE**

**Clara and Ralph Lasselle**, inKingsway Community Assisted Living; **Jeanne Picard-Fish**,at Daughters of Sarah; **Joan Whinnery**, at Judson Meadows Ass’t Living in Glenville; **Nancy Harrigan** at Glendale Home in Scotia

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES**

If you have a name to add to our prayer corner list, or an update, please call the church office or email Nancy at nancymacarc@gmail.com Altamont Reformed Church

***ALTAMONT REFORMED CHURCH STATEMENT OF PURPOSE***

***The Altamont Reformed Church is a community of Christian believers called by God to be part of the living Body of Christ, to worship God our King and to obey Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we pledge to study the Bible and live the Good News. We endeavor to serve and care for each other and to reach out to the world, sharing God’s love and inviting all to join in joyful discipleship.***

**CONSISTORY**

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