



The Clarendon Connection

News of Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church February 2007

Sunday Schedule

Choir rehearsal **9:45 a.m.**
Worship **10:30 a.m.**
Christian Education (for children) **10:45 a.m.**
Refreshments and fellowship **11:30 a.m.**
Christian Education (for adults) **12:00 p.m.**
(please see schedule on page 5)

Communion will be celebrated on February 4th.

February Calendar

Orders for Equal Exchange coffee, tea and cocoa will be taken at church on February 4th, for delivery on the 11th (for more info, see page 2)

Yoga, after the service on February 4th (for more info, see page 5)

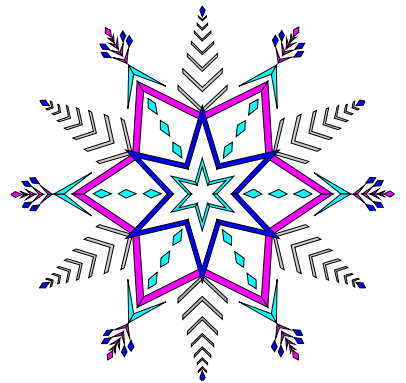
At 3:00 p.m. in the Nave Gallery, on Sunday, February 4th, Gustafer Yellowgold's Wide, Wild World (a children's concert- for more info, see page 3)

There will be a joint meeting for Session and Deacons on Wednesday, February 7th at 7:30 p.m.

Potluck and Program after church on Sunday, February 11th, with Munir Jirmanus (for more info, see page 2)

Nave Gallery Opening, "The Vessel as Metaphor", Friday, February 16th 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., featuring a performance by Rebecca Parker (for more info, see page 3)

Adult Ed., after the service on February 18th (for more info, see page 5)



Sunday, February 18th, Serenata Chamber Musicians concert at 3:00 p.m. (for more info, see page 4)

Ash Wednesday worship, 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21st (for more info, see page 5)

SABI Arts at the Nave Gallery, Saturday, February 24th, from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., \$5.00 (for more info, see page 3)

Saturday, February 24th 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Flea Market, hosted by ArtSomerville (for more info, see page 5)

Yoga, after the service on February 25^h (for more info, see page 5)

Book group meets on Wednesday, February 28th, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the first book of The Genesis Trilogy (And it Was Good) by Madeleine L'Engle (for more info, see page 5)

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, March 24th, from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Lenten Retreat, featuring discussions about the spiritual underpinnings for mission (for more info, see page 5)

Parish Notes

Congratulations to Keri and Trevor Siggers, who are expecting their second child in the spring. Special congratulations to Keri, who was ordained and installed as a Deacon at the service on January 28th.

The Presbyterian Coffee Project

Orders will be taken for Equal Exchange COFFEE (drip or whole bean) and TEA (English Breakfast, Earl Grey or Green), cocoa mix, baking cocoa, and chocolate bars at church on February 4th. You can send orders to Katherine no later than Monday evening, February 5th by phone (617-628-6716) or email (kgkg@gis.net).

Katherine has coffee, tea, cocoa mix, baking cocoa and some chocolate bars on hand for anyone needing some before the delivery date of February 11th. Remember that for all products we purchase through the Presbyterian Coffee project, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

What is EQUAL EXCHANGE? In 1991, Equal Exchange became the first U.S. company to adopt international fair trade standards as guiding principles on 100% of their products. By working with democratic farmer cooperatives around the world and paying a fair price, Equal Exchange supports efforts to improve local communities, putting more control and greater income in the hands of impoverished, small-scale farmers in developing nations. We also serve freshly made Equal Exchange coffee at Clarendon Hill's coffee hours!

Potluck and Program

On Sunday, February 11th we will continue our potluck and program series for the new year.

Munir Jirmanus, an elder and currently serving as a Deacon, will be speaking about the Middle East. He will be presenting a personal account on how and why he (and a few others) in our church became involved in Middle East issues and how The Presbyterian Church views the situation with its related resolutions that have spanned the past forty years or so. He will be referring to President Carter's recent book about Palestine, and hopes to have a few copies of the book available this coming Sunday for those who are interested in reading about Carter's personal involvement in trying to bring a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

Please bring your curiosity, questions, and a dish to share, and join us right after the service!

The Nave Gallery

Sunday, February 4th, 3:00 p.m. Gustafer Yellowgold's Wide, Wild World. Children's concert, \$7.00

Kids and parents are loving the live shows of GUSTAFER YELLOWGOLD, launched from the imagination of illustrator/singer/songwriter, Morgan Taylor.

Gustafer Yellowgold was created by illustrator/singer/songwriter Morgan Taylor. On the debut DVD *Gustafer Yellowgold's Wide Wild World* Gustafer comes to life. The minimally animated illustrations are accompanied by Taylor's catchy original storysongs for a truly different multimedia experience that will entrance children and adults alike.

Gustafer Yellowgold's Wide Wild World will be released in a gift set with a music DVD and a bonus 10-song CD on Little Monster Records in March 2007.

Gustafer is a friendly creature who came to Earth from the Sun and has an interesting magnetism for making friends with some of Earth's odder creatures. His best friend is Forrest Applecumbie the flightless Pterodactyl. Gustafer and Forrest built a small cottage-style home on the edge of an uncharted wooded area in Minnesota. He has a pet Eel named Slim (short for Slimothy) and a pet Dragon named Asparagus who lives in his fireplace. Gustafer's older brother Ben, an inventor, also came to Earth and lives a few miles away on Nugget Island.

Since his creation, Gustafer Yellowgold has become an international phenomenon. Live "Gustafer" shows, accompanied by live music, have been acclaimed by the *New York Times*, which said, "The show is a cross between 'Yellow Submarine' and Dr. Seuss, filtered through the lens of the Lower East Side." *Time Out NY Kids* magazine called it "Beatlesque...very beautiful."

"Gustafer Yellowgold" shows can be seen regularly in venues for all ages in New York as well as on tour in America and Europe. Taylor's "Gustafer" show, with its unusual crossover appeal, performed as the support act for Wilco on their recent east coast tour as well as for audiences in Los Angeles; London; Seoul, Korea; Dayton, Ohio and Dallas, Texas (with The Polyphonic Spree). Taylor's other projects include playing bass for The Autumn Defense (featuring John and Pat from Wilco). He also traveled for two US tours as Joseph Arthur's singing sound engineer in 2004.

This event is made possible with the support of ARTSomerville (ARTS) A volunteer organization that draws upon the talents of local creativity, strengthening communication among artists and the public by presenting exhibits, performances, and educational activities. Contribute and use Somerville's only interactive arts calendar WWW.ARTSOMERVILLE.ORG

Friday, February 16th – Sunday, March 18th, “The Vessel as Metaphor”. Sculpture and installation; 3D Dimensional explorations by nine artists.

The curators for the show are Ellen Schon and Geoffrey Koetsch. The exhibit features work by 3-D visual artists, who broaden the interpretation of the vessel as a functional object. The vessel form – traditionally understood to enclose, contain, give access or transport - also points to other aspects of human experience. These artists explore the potential meanings of the vessel figuratively, kinetically, electronically and in installation and performance. Vessels are seen as containers of personal memory, sexual politics, and social commentary. They evoke the cerebral and the visceral, as well as the spiritual.

The artists are: Doreen Connors, Denise Dumas, Phyllis Ewen, Susan Kapuscinski Gaylord, Mary Kaye, Geoffrey Koetsch, Roy Pardi, Rebecca Parker and Ellen Schon.

For artist statements about their work, please see www.artsomerville.org/nave/2007/vessel.html

Friday, February 16th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., opening reception, featuring a performance by Rebecca Parker.

Sunday, March 4th, 1:00 p.m., a gallery talk with the curators.

SABI Arts

And so they sang

An Evening of Contemporary Folk Music on Saturday, February 24th, at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$5.00.

Featuring...Karl Cronin, cello-folk songster, Chris Cronin, acoustic non-folk folk from Amherst and Brendan Murphy, folksy troubadour, of Northampton fame.

Each of these three songwriters offers a unique, fresh perspective on the world, love, and the kinds of challenges that always seem to sound better in hindsight. Come on out for an evening of good tunes and crafty lyricism.

To see a schedule of events, which is updated often, please look at the website: www.artsomerville.org/upcoming.html

The Nave Gallery is a project of ARTSomerville in collaboration with the Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church. Run and staffed completely by volunteers, the Nave provides an important exhibition space for both local and regional artists.

Serenata Musicians concert

On Sunday, February 18th, the Serenata Musicians will hold a concert in the sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. There is a \$10 suggested donation for general admission (children 12 and under are free). The artists are: Monica Mitchell, violin, Katie Franich, cello, and Timothy Blalock, piano. The program is: Rachmaninoff, Trio élégiaque No. 2, and Mendelssohn, Songs without Words Book VII, Opus 85

Ash Wednesday Service

There will be an Ash Wednesday service at the church at 7:00 p.m. on February 21st. Come and mark the beginning of Lent as we journey to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

Flea Market

ARTSomerville is planning a flea market (inside yard sale) as a fundraiser for the NAVE Gallery on Saturday February 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Donation of good used items would be appreciated, and can be made on Friday February 23rd or that Saturday morning

Any of us who can help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are always needed for set up, selling, clean up, donating items, doing coffee and goodies. People can contact Katherine Gustafson or Susan Berstler at artsomerville@yahoo.com.

Book Group

Book Group will meet on Wednesday, February 28th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the first book in The Genesis Trilogy (And it Was Good) by Madeleine L'Engle. (See book review for more info about the book.) The group barely got through the first chapter in the first book, so you have not missed much if you didn't attend last month. All are welcome to attend!

Adult Education

Come and join our adult education group, which meets after coffee hour (around 12:00 noon). We began our group in November, with a 4 week Advent study of scriptures relating to the arrival of Jesus. We are now meeting to study scriptures related to Lent. During February, we will be meeting on Sunday, February 18th. We welcome all who are interested in exploring the scriptures and sharing their faith journey in a warm and welcoming environment.

Introduction to Yoga

Come join our small, half-hour class during coffee hour (12:00 noon, on Sunday, February 4th and Sunday, February 25th) to practice mindful breathing and gentle yoga postures.

Great for stress release, improved flexibility and strength. If interested, please email Liz at cavatorta1@hotmail.com for more info.

Lenten Retreat

Mark your calendars now, and plan to join us on Saturday, March 24th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Take some time out from your busy schedule to join with others to explore “Spiritual Underpinnings for Mission.”

What spiritual structures hold you up and carry you on as you seek to do mission work in the world? What spiritual structures hold the Clarendon Hill congregation as a whole up and carry us as we as a group seek to do mission work in the world?

Lent is a time of self-reflection; join us on the Tufts campus for a few hours to reflect and respond to scripture, questions, thoughts, and ideas and to share them with others in our congregation.

Annual Meeting Notes

The annual meeting of the congregation was held on Sunday, January 21st.

Sarah Donovan and Jeff Bray were re-elected to Session for a second 3 year term for both of them. In addition, Munir Jirmanus and Valerie Donovan were re-elected to Deacons for a second 3 year term for both of them. Keri Siggers was elected to fill out a one year term on the Deacons. Keri was ordained during the church service on Sunday, January 28th, and Sarah, Jeff, Munir and Valerie were installed, along with Keri, at the same service. Sarah will continue to serve as Clerk of Session.

Special thanks to Jaja Kumpa for her several years of wonderful service as our treasurer, and thanks go to Mike Nickey for being willing to step in to take her place.

The congregation agreed to meet again to take a formal vote on a detailed proposal from Session to take out a mortgage on the manse in order to do much needed repairs and renovations to the church building.

Our Session members: Paul Beran, Jeff Bray, Liz Cavano, Sarah Donovan, Naila Jirmanus and Richard Liberace.

Our Deacon members: Anne Camelio, Valerie Donovan, Munir Jirmanus, Mike Nickey, Keri Siggers and Randy Winchester.

And the per capita amount for 2007 is.....

The per capital apportionment for this year is \$43.53. You will find, among your offering envelopes, one that is marked for per capita (it's blue). Please send in your per capita as soon as possible!

This is the amount that every member pays– this is extra; above and beyond your pledge money. Please remember that all family members who are on the roles are expected to pay per capita. Clarendon Hill must pay the apportionment, whether or not we receive it from you. Please help us to keep our deficit down this year by paying the per capita!

Initial Offering Envelope

You will also find, among your offering envelopes, one that is marked initial offering envelope (it's yellow/gold). The cost for the envelopes this year is \$2.50. Please send in your initial offering as soon as possible! Of course, if you would like to contribute more than the sole cost, it would be much appreciated!

Keep Those Pledge cards coming.....

So far we have received pledges of \$26,422.00 for fiscal year 2007. There are many of you who are giving, but haven't yet filled out a pledge card. Please take a few minutes to do so. The amount you indicate isn't binding – we understand that financial situations change. If you need to decrease your pledge, you may do so. If you are able to increase your pledge, that would be wonderful! But having a good idea of the amount of income that we can expect from you allows our leaders to make responsible, realistic and efficient plans.

Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge for 2007. Although we have accomplished so much in the past year, we have much work ahead of us, and we need to be as financially stable as possible. Because of your increased pledging and giving, we did not have the deficit that we expected this year, and we are very thankful for that. Karl joined us as our permanent full time pastor this year, and that merits much rejoicing and gratitude! Please remember that your contributions to the church are tax deductible, as we are a nonprofit.

We need updates!

Just a reminder to folks to be in touch with Sarah Donovan for an update if you have a change of address, cellphone number, home or work phone number , or e-mail address as she is compiling a parish list to be available to all who want it.

Christian Education

We are still looking for a volunteer or volunteers (you can sign up with someone else to share the teaching) for June; if you are interested and/or would like more information, please speak with Karl.

The Proof is in the Policy (Not Piety)

From www.sojo.net, January 29, 2007

This latest entry by Jim Wallis in the Newsweek/Washington Post series On Faith addresses the following question: As the presidential campaign begins to take shape, do you think it is appropriate and or important for the candidates to express their personal religious views and to use religious rhetoric? Why?

I have said and written many times that I think a good and fair discussion of how a candidate's faith shapes his or her political values should be viewed as an appropriate and positive thing – it's as relevant as any other fact about a politician's background, convictions, and experience for public office.

The more talk in political campaigns about values, the better, and religion is a primary source of values for many Americans. Minority religions and nonreligious people

must always be respected and protected in our nation, but the core commitments of religious liberty are not compromised by an open discussion of faith and public life.

Having said that, I also say that it is important to remember that the particular religiosity of a candidate, or how devout they might be, is much less important than how their religious and/or moral commitments shape their values, their political vision and their policy commitments. If one's religious and ethical convictions don't shape a candidate's (or a citizen's) public life, then what kind of commitments are they?

In a democratic and pluralistic society, we don't want to evaluate candidates by which denomination or faith tradition they belong to (or whether they are a person of faith at all), and only vote for the candidate in our group. What's important is not how often they attended church or synagogue (like a tally of votes missed by a member of Congress), but rather the moral compass they bring to their public life and how their convictions shape their political priorities.

I also insist that political appeals, even if rooted in religious convictions, be argued on moral grounds, rather than as sectarian religious demands – so that the people (citizens), whether religious or not, have the capacity to hear and respond. Religion must be disciplined by democracy and contribute to a better and more moral public discourse. Religious convictions must therefore be translated into moral arguments, which must win the political debate if they are to be implemented. Religious people don't get to win just because they are religious (in a nation that is often claimed to be Judeo-Christian). They, like any other citizens, have to convince their fellow citizens that what they propose is best for the common good – for all of us and not just the religious.

Or, as Sen. Barack Obama put it at our 2006 Pentecost conference: "Democracy demands that the religiously motivated translate their concerns into universal, rather than religion-specific, values. It requires that their proposals be subject to argument, and amenable to reason."

Susan Jacoby, however, misrepresents all of this in the two paragraphs about my book she included in her response to this question. She takes two short quotes out of context and implies that by saying the answer to President Bush's "badtheology" is "good theology," I somehow think that the President of the United States should be the "theologian-in-chief." In fact, my critique of the president's theology was making the same point she is making. I wrote in *God's Politics*: "a president who believes that the nation is fulfilling a God-given righteous mission and that he serves with a divine appointment can become quite theologically unsettling. ... Bush seems to make this mistake over and over again of confusing nation, church, and God. The resulting theology is more an American civil religion than Christian faith."

I criticize the president's theology as a Christian, in part because that is how he seeks to justify his policies. But then I argue my political points in the public square on the basis of a morally-based public policy. The two are complementary, not contradictory.

“Words to Speak, Words to Hear”

This sermon was preached by Karl on December 10, 2006

We have just heard the whole story of John, son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, cousin of Jesus. Almost the whole story; we didn't hear the end of his life story, his execution by beheading. John, the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah; better known to us as John the Baptist, or John the Baptizer as seems to be the preferred way to say it among some circles these days. Neither one of those references encapsulate the full description of his role in the larger gospel story. In the Eastern Church he is referred to often as "John the Forerunner", John the one who came before, the herald, the person who did the advance work to get the public ready for the arrival of the important one.

John, son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, cousin of Jesus, was an ordinary person with a family and a village like everyone else. But he was also the lead agent in the unfolding series of events that God had set in motion, intended to reclaim humankind and restore them to the track from which they had strayed. John was the Forerunner, the one who had to get people's attention because he had words to say and be heard if people were going to be ready and able to take notice of Jesus the Messiah. He was a person with a family and a village, but there was also something of the miraculous and extra ordinary about him as well. He was born in unusual circumstances to unlikely parents, his father a minor temple priest and his mother a descendant of Aaron, the brother of Moses. So his birth was noticed more than most others and great things were predicted for him. "And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by forgiveness of their sins. He will turn many of the people to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of righteousness, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Unfortunately we tend to reduce this person John to a minor role in the gospel story and we limit our awareness of him to a few of the hard words he speaks and the wild appearance he is said to have had. So I thought it would be good for us to hear the larger story of John, son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, forerunner and prophetic messenger for his cousin Jesus.

If we were listening, and if we read the story again when we get home, we might begin to notice that we miss a lot when we limit our focus to a wild-eyed, almost naked man ranting and raving about sin as he splashes around in the Jordan River. We miss his miraculous and extraordinary origins and heritage. We miss the depth and complexity of his purpose. We miss the importance that Luke the gospel writer gives to John in setting the stage for the rest of his gospel. We miss how important John is to a great portion of the larger Christian tradition. And, we miss the point most obviously relevant to us, which is this: **What John the forerunner did for Jesus at the beginning is what we the church are to doing for Jesus in these middle times. John had important words to speak to his time and place, and he had to find ways for those people to hear them.** John was the Forerunner whose purpose was to set the unfolding of God's time of peace in motion. **We, the church, have the same words to speak and we have to find ways for those words to be heard.** Our purpose is to keep that unfolding of God's time of shalom going and growing. Or maybe another way to say it is that we the church need to make sure that we aren't part of the problem that keeps God's shalom from coming to our world.

What were those words that John came to speak? They were words of reminder, words of proclamation and words of challenge. He reminded his contemporaries that God had promised to complete what God had begun at creation by sending a Messiah to launch the second half of the project. John proclaimed that the Messiah had arrived and was about to begin his work. And, John challenged people to admit their willful rejection of God and the way of living that God expected of them. John challenged and more: he bluntly told them what would happen if they didn't turn around, AND, he promised them forgiveness if they would be honest and truthful in their confession of sin. John spoke words of God's coming peace, God's coming mercy, God's coming restoration and reconciliation. He preached the gospel.

What did John do to help people hear what he had to say? Reasoned, well prepared sermons and essays? Soft spoken, mild mannered intimate conversations to small groups? Preparation of study papers and implementation of committees?

No. John was daring and intense and passionate. He said outrageous things in outrageous ways. He pushed buttons and stuck needles into people's conscience. John had something critically important to say and used a variety of means to put his message in front of people. John was dramatic and intense. Why? Because he was crazy? No. Because he was willing to take some personal risks to make his presentation accessible to people.

So if John was doing what we need to also be doing, what words do we speak to the hear and now? The same ones. We need to remind people of who God is and what God is doing. We need to proclaim that God isn't satisfied with the status quo, that God expects a better world. And we need to challenge ourselves and everyone else to be truthful and honest about our laziness, our apathy, our indifference, our self-absorption, our complicity in acts of oppression and exploitation.

And how can we do this? Well, how about a little more passion, intensity, courage? How about being willing to drop a lot of the baggage, the bigotry, the rigid dogmatics? How about risking some new forms of being the church, more informal and adaptable? How about preaching the gospel in new words and new forms? John was out on the edge for the sake of his message. He knew people wouldn't begin to hear what he had to say if he wasn't. So where are we, the church? Anywhere close to the edge of anything significant? Not usually.

John the Foreunner had words to speak to people, who had words they needed to hear. We have similar words to speak to people who have similar words they need to hear, whether they realize it or not. John was willing to put some passion and imagination into this presentation. He came first. It's our turn now.

Confront the Democrats ... Now What's Next for the Peace Movement?

By BRUCE K. GAGNON

November 8, 2006

The Washington Post reported this morning that the Democratic Party's "foreign policy establishment sees a precipitous withdrawal [from Iraq] as potentially damaging to both the country's and the party's interests."

The battle is on.

The new speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, is saying that the Dems will govern "from the middle." Impeachment is not on the table she recently said.

Rep. Rahm Emanuel (D-IL), who led the effort on behalf of Democratic Party House candidates, is saying that they can't allow the party's liberal wing to dominate the agenda.

The changes in Congress are largely due to huge opposition (62%) to the U.S. occupation of Iraq. Again, quoting today's Washington Post, "The passion of the antiwar movement helped propel party activists in this election year."

How will the peace movement in America, that just turned itself nearly completely over to the Democratic Party, be rewarded for its loyalty?

"Many Democratic lawmakers have signed on to a vague plan for a phased withdrawal from Iraq, but the party remains divided between a base eager to get out soon and a foreign policy establishment that sees a precipitous withdrawal as potentially damaging to both the country's and the party's interests," the Washington Post concludes.

Pelosi is already pointing to a "Bi-partisan study group" on Iraq that is co-chaired by Texas oilman, and former Republican secretary of state, James Baker. Don't expect any surprises here.

Most of the new Democratic Party gains in the House were conservative "Blue Dog" Democrats who do not support immediate withdrawal from Iraq. Instead these new Dems, controlled by Bill Clinton's Democratic Leadership Council (DLC), will steer the country on a basic status quo course. Their excuse will be - - hey we have a national election in two years and we want to take back the White House. So we have to go slow now so we don't alienate the public.

My translation - the corporations will control the new Democratic Party Congress and we will see no real basic change.

So what does the peace movement do now?

We must continue to call for immediate withdrawal from Iraq. We must call for a 50% cut in military spending and conversion of the military industrial complex. We must call for an end to Star Wars research and development funding which now stands at about \$10 billion a year.

We must also call for investigations of Bush-Cheney for impeachable offenses. We must call for repeal of the Patriot Act and the recent Military Commissions Act - the torture bill.

We have to call out loudly and strongly for universal national health care and for new federal election laws that sets one national standard to ensure fair voting.

There are many more things that must now be advanced by the peace, justice, environmental, labor, and women's movements. And we must be impatient with the Democrats.

One last word here about liberal activists who supported the Dems fully knowing that many of them have been supporting the funding for the occupation of Iraq. I disagreed with this strategy of knee-bending loyalty to a party that does not deserve such support. But it is done now.

To these liberals peace activists I say this. Don't sell us all out now by going easy on the Dems. Don't tell us to wait, give them a chance, give them two years, let them take back the White House before we demand too much from them.

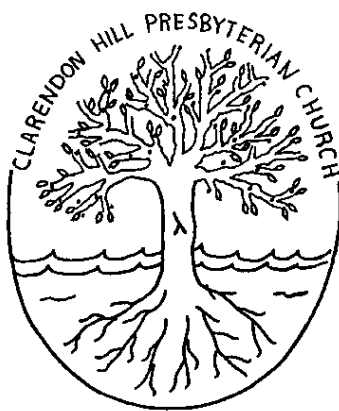
Don't sell yourself out. You have helped to create this new Democratic Party control of Congress. Get off your knees and now demand that they do something. Force the Dems to respond to you. If you don't you will have let down the long-suffering Iraqi people who are dying at the hands of U.S. military power. Don't let the GI's down who have died or suffered serious injury in Iraq for a war that was illegal in the first place. We must keep fighting, harder than ever, to bring this mad war to an end.

The battle has just begun. Where will you stand?

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LECTIONARY TEXTS

Feb. 4: Isa. 6: 1-8 (9-13); Ps. 138; 1 Cor. 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11
Feb. 11: Jer. 17: 5-10; Ps. 1; 1 Cor. 15: 12-20; Luke 6: 17-26
Feb. 18: Exod. 34: 29-35; Ps. 99; 2 Cor. 3: 12- 4:2; Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43)
Feb. 25: Deut. 26: 1-11; Ps. 91: 1-2, 9-16; Rom. 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13
Mar. 4: Gen. 15: 1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27; Phil. 3: 17-4:1; Luke 13: 31-35
Mar. 11: Isa. 55: 1-9; Ps. 63: 1-8, 1 Cor. 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9
Mar. 18: Josh. 5: 9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5: 16-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32
Mar. 25: Isa. 43: 16-21; Ps. 126; Phil. 3: 4b-14; John 12: 1-8

Church Assignments

Scripture	Focus on Mission	Coffee hour	Nursery backup
Feb. 4 J. Bray	A. Camelio	Donovan	N. Jirmanus
Feb. 11 J. Auger	P. Beran	POTLUCK	V. Donovan
Feb. 18 T. Siggers	N. Jirmanus	Schemerhorn	E. Schemerhorn
Feb. 25 L. Cavano	A. Kwaa	Jirmanus	K. Gustafson
Mar. 4 P. Beran	G. Newquist	Augers	C. Milanesi
Mar. 11 H. Rantisi	P. Auger	Milanesi/Kumpa	N. Jirmanus
Mar. 18 C. Milanesi	E. Schemerhorn	Siggers	V. Donovan
Mar. 25 E. Schemerhorn	M. Jirmanus	Gustafson/Cavano	E. Schemerhorn