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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 am: Worship for All, Sunday School for Children and Youth (Communion first Sunday of every month)

11:15 am: Fellowship

11:45 am: Adult Education

12:30 pm: Myanmar Worship Service

APRIL WORSHIP AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 7 2019

10:00 am: Worship and Communion for all; Children & Youth Sunday School Classes

11:15 am: Fellowship

11:45 am: Adult Education

12:30 pm: Myanmar Worship Service

Saturday, April 13, 2019

11:00 am: A Celebration of Our Region and Installation of Rev. Dr. Sandra Hasenauer as our Rochester Genesee Region Executive Minister

Sunday, April 14, 2019: Palm Sunday

10:00 am: Worship for all; Children & Youth Sunday School Classes

11:15 am: Fellowship

11:45 am: Adult Education

12:30 pm: Myanmar Worship Service

Thursday, April 18, 2019: Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm: Supper and Service, Social Hall

Friday, April 19, 2019: Good Friday

7:00 pm: Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 21, 2019: Easter Sunday

10:00 am: Worship for all; Children's Easter Egg Hunt

11:15 am: Fellowship and Easter Sunday Brunch

12:30 pm: Myanmar Easter Worship Service

Sunday, April 28, 2019

10:00 am: Worship for all; Children & Youth Sunday School Classes

11:15 am: Fellowship

11:45 am: Adult Education

12:30 pm: Myanmar Worship Service

YOUR PASTOR'S ARTICLE



Many of you know that I walk our dog 5-10 miles almost every day. It's my "thinking" and exercise time. It's an important part of the day for me, and I think our dog enjoys it too (it's hard to tell ... he's the strong, silent type). Yesterday as I walked him through the 19th Ward where we live, I noticed something that brought a smile to

my face. I saw that through the snow that recently covered the ground sprouted signs of spring. I don't know what kind of plants they were, but I know that they were green and that they meant that the snow would soon be gone, and it would be replaced with sun, warmth, and the smells of the season ahead of us.

The moment I saw this sign of spring, I looked up with a new perspective. It's amazing how quickly I shifted to optimism about what would come next. First the flowers, then the warmth, then the kids playing outside once again, and the smells of people outside cooking on their grills ... the list could go on. However, before I saw all of those things in my mind, I need to see that one flower. That flower served as the catalyst for a shift in my mind from what was, to what would come.

Lent, for me, is that catalyst in the church year. A few short months ago we celebrated Christmas, and it was a beautiful time of the year. And then ... well ... things somewhat hit a lull. At least in the life of the church things get somewhat slow. Weather makes us have to cancel things (I don't think our Chancel Choir was able to rehearse on their regular Wednesday night spots for a few weeks because of the unsafe driving conditions). People stay tucked in their home, leaving only to shovel or whatnot. The season pushes on us a lull that can become pervasive.

With the arrival of Lent we come together to a season of intentional reflection. However, for many, it can be a time of looking forward. It can be a season of anticipation. We know that something great is coming up, but things will not be smooth as we move into that celebration of Easter. Like winter in our lives, we have to go through the darkness of that journey with Christ during the Lenten season. We need to move from the dark to see the light of the Easter event. Lent is a good reflection to the

way that we live our lives. Lent for me is that reminder that things are changing, and that great things are to come.

I always feel that we cannot fully appreciate the joy of Easter if we don't see at least some of the darkness that came before it. As we journey through Lent, I invite and encourage you to spend some time in reflection, looking within to see how our own lives need reframing. What changes need to be made as we begin this new Christian period of Eastertide? What do we wish to alter in order to live into that new light so freely?

I invite, and encourage, you to join with me and your church family during our Holy Week worship. We begin with the joy of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (April 14th at 10 a.m.). We then follow Jesus through that week of darkness and betrayal as he moves to the cross. On Maundy Thursday (April 18 at 6:00 p.m.) we share in a remembrance meal and community in recognition of the Last Supper. Then, in a Tenebrae service (April 19 at 7:00 p.m.) we remember the last words of Jesus. Finally ... we celebrate with the Easter Celebration on Sunday April 21 at 10:00 a.m.). Journey with me and others through the darkness ... as we prepare to see the light of Christ at Easter.

**Rochester Genesee Region
American Baptist Churches USA**



Please join us for a Celebration of ABCRGR and the Installation of the Executive Minister Rev. Dr. Sandra Hasenauer. The guest preacher for this event is Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque. Rev. Jacque served as a messenger from God to Rev. Dr. Sandra Hasenauer at a significant juncture in Sandy's ministry so Sandy has this opportunity for others to meet Zina and hear this powerful preacher of the gospel of Christ. Zina Jacque is lead pastor of the Community Church of Barrington in Illinois. Prior to this she served on the

staffs of multicultural, urban, and suburban churches, as a university chaplain. She has done extensive work in the areas of education, counseling, and support programs. Jacque holds a PhD in Practical Theology and a M. Div. (Summa Cum Laude) from Boston University, as well as a M. A. from Columbia University and a B.A. from Northwestern University. What is most important to her is that she is a child of God, formed and filled with God's love. She believes we are each sent into the world to live out our gifts and talents for the good of the whole and that as Christians, we are meant to be the channel through which all of the families of the earth are blessed.

The installation service will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 11:00 am at Lake Avenue Baptist Church. A reception will follow.

Gifts for Cameron: In celebration of the region, please bring a gift of underwear for Cameron Community Ministries! Cameron needs undergarments of all types, for all ages, all gender-identifications. (This includes diapers) Only donations that are new and in their original packaging will be accepted. Consider bringing your donations in before the event so that all can be donated on the day of the event.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MODERATOR

Dear Friends,

The last time that I sat down to write to you we were all wondering if winter would ever end. Now, with a few warmer days, less snow and some sunshine I think that we all have hope that spring will come again. I know that I feel a shift in my attitude and mood with this approaching change of season.

I have been thinking about Marian Coger's sermon on Sunday and the idea that repentance is a

reorientation of our intentions and choices. Perhaps it is not a coincidence that Lent occurs as winter turns to spring. Lent is a period of time when many of us chose to examine our lives and make choices to reorient our lives. Using Marian's description this opportunity for reorientation is a chance to repent.

Some of us will have chosen to follow the tradition of giving up something for Lent. What we give up (eating sweets, watching too much TV, etc.) is often a habit or behavior that we know is not the best choice for a healthy physical or spiritual life. It gives us a chance to reorient our relationship with this part of our life. Others may have chosen to do something new. What we chose to do (exercise more, eat more

vegetables, pray more, read the Bible more, etc.) is often something we know would be good for our physical or spiritual life. This is also a reorientation of our lives and choices. The idea of repentance seems to be about making changes in our lives. Changes that will allow us to more closely live the life that Christ calls us to live.

If you haven't chosen to give up or add an activity or behavior during this Lenten season, I don't think it is too late! We still have time to make choices to reorient our lives. In fact, as Christians we know that we can always choose to make choices in our lives, to be closer to God, to love our neighbors more and to better love and accept ourselves. I hope that your personal Lenten journey will help you repent by reorienting your life in some way that leads you closer to God and the life God wishes for you.

Yours in Christ, Laura



Breathe a prayer of thanks to God for small green plants!

Every time you take a breath, you inhale about one quart of air, much of which is oxygen. Small green plants that live in the ocean are called phytoplankton; they produce much of the oxygen that we breathe. 50%-70% of the oxygen in our atmosphere is made by those tiny plants. Other sources of oxygen are trees, especially, large forests of big, old trees. Phytoplankton are in trouble: rising levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere are making the oceans more acidic and phytoplankton cannot live in carbonic acid. So, what's causing rising levels of CO₂?—increased burning of fossil fuels such as coal, natural gas, oil, gasoline, etc.

This information was learned at a recent meeting of Interfaith IMPACT of New York State, an interdenominational, interfaith group of New Yorkers concerned about the health and welfare of our fellow citizens, as well as justice and equity for all. Speakers included Dr. Sandra Steingraber, a biologist from Ithaca College, Harry Bronson, NYS Assemblyman, Hridesh Singh, a Brighton High School senior and Rev. David Inglis, UCC minister. Theology and science were melded into a presentation that highlighted the urgent need to work on issues that impact the state of God's creation, including its creatures (like you and me!).

A concluding statement at the gathering was, "The earth is not a mine to be exploited, but a garden to be tended." What are the ways that our congregation, as a body, and as individuals, can be part of the solution, rather than part of the problem???? The Creation Care team will be meeting soon to begin wrestling with this question. If you would like to join, please speak with Michael Ford, Larry Witmer, or Jane Grant.

THE 11TH ANNUAL ECUMENICAL WALK OF THE CROSS FOR SOLIDARITY AND JUSTICE



This event sponsored by GRCC Faith In Action will take place on Good Friday, April 19. All will gather at 8:45 am at Aeon Baptist Church, 175 Genesee Street, Rochester, NY. The walk will start at 9:00 am. The walk will proceed with youth carrying the symbolic wooden cross of Christ throughout the neighborhood, stopping along the way to pray and "make holy" sites of violence and places where there is hope and rejuvenation. This is Christianity in action and prayer at its fullest. The speakers will meditate and pray on the "seven last words of Christ" and how His ministry still speaks to the hearts of those who are suffering in our neighborhoods today. If you are interested in participating please see Austin Pettigrew.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

•ANNOUNCEMENT FROM YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE: We have been meeting once a month in the evening. We are about to experiment with changing our meeting time to one Sunday per month from 11:30 am -12:30 pm. If you feel a desire to have a voice in our mission outreach, you are invited to join us on Sunday, April 14 at 11:30 am. We will assemble first in the fellowship hall and then decide on a meeting place.

●Please keep in your healing prayers **Dottie Yoder-Foster** as she continues recuperation at home from her illness.

●Please keep in your prayers **Margaret "Peg" Witmer** as she struggles with ongoing health problems. Peg would enjoy notes and cards from the members of this church. Her address is Peg Witmer c/o St. John's Home, 150 Highland Ave. Rm. 201, Rochester, NY, 14620. Also we keep **Larry Witmer** in our prayers as he continues to care for his wife Peg. Cards and notes may be sent to him at his son's house and his new home at 45 Meadowbrook Road, Rochester, NY 14620-3029.

●Our Wednesday evening Lenten soup suppers will continue every Wednesday at 6:00 pm through Wednesday, April 10. These suppers are open to everyone. We begin the evening with a simple meal of homemade soup and bread which is followed by a time of study, discussion, and contemplation. Each week different participants are asked to bring soup. We hope you can make it to this special Lenten event before it is over.



Each year following our Easter Sunday Celebration Service we are treated to an Easter Sunday Brunch. As in the past, we are asking you to bring a breakfast item to share with others...breakfast casserole, hard boiled eggs, Danish, donuts, muffins, quick breads, etc. We will also need some servers, and a team to help clean up once the brunch is finished. Please see **Soe Win** if you can help out and if you plan to bring something to share.

A NOTE ABOUT ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

LABC has been proud to make our space available to the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) program. Alcoholics Anonymous is an international fellowship of men and women who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial, apolitical group and available almost everywhere. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about his or her drinking problem.

For many years, one group (Vision AA) has been meeting on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Beginning on Monday evening, May 6 a new group, Pass It On, will begin meeting in the Social Hall from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 pm).

If you need support for a drinking problem, we encourage you to access this program, or to search out a local program.

Thank you to LABC for our willingness to welcome this group to use our space and help out those in our community in need.

FROM OUR WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Susan Maybeck, Chair

HOLY WEEK



SCHEDULE

●**Palm Sunday, April 14** marks Jesus' grand entrance into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week. Join us for a parade of palms and to rejoice in the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem.

●**Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm** there will be a simple supper and communion service in the Social Hall as we reflect on the Seder dinner Jesus had with his disciples the night before his crucifixion.

●**Tenebrae Service, Friday, April 19, 7:00 pm:** The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning darkness or shadows. The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem through Jesus' death and burial. Join us as we reflect with scripture readings and music the passion and crucifixion of Christ.

●**Easter Sunday, April 21, 10:00 am-** We celebrate and rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord. Join us on this festive occasion. The service will be followed by an Easter brunch in our social hall. (Please bring a breakfast food item to pass - breakfast casserole, muffins, quick breads, hard boiled eggs to share with



others. Also, as we have done in the past, we encourage all that are able to bring flowers to church on Easter Sunday to decorate the Easter cross. During Sunday School time, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children as we do each year.

We encourage you to attend each of these worship services and study opportunities during Lent. May your Christian Life become fuller during this season.

ADULT EDUCATION

Join us on Sunday mornings at 11:45 am in the Conference Room as we continue our Lenten Bible studies. There will be no Adult Education on Easter Sunday.

Lara's Library Linkups

April Events for Kids at Maplewood Community Library: (1111 Dewey Ave. Rochester, NY 14613 585- 428-8220)

- **Preschool Story Time:** Mondays and Wednesdays except 4/15 and 4/17 11:30 am; ages 3-4; Songs and stories for children
- **Recycling Right:** Tuesday, April 16; 3:30-4:30pm; all ages. Join us for a program on helping the environment

April Event for Kids at Brighton Memorial Library: (2300 Elmwood Ave. Rochester, NY 14618 585-784-5300)

- **Rochester International Children's Film Festival:** Friday, April 12 at 3 pm; Wednesday, April 17 at 10:30 am; Saturday, April 20 at 2 pm Join us for a screening of the 2019 films created for childcare programs and families with young children. The annual film festival focuses on short films with gentle social messages. Snacks are welcome!

April Event for Teens/Tweens at Brighton Memorial Library

- **The Hate U Give: Film Screening and Discussion:** Thursday, April 18 from 6-9 pm. Watch the movie (2018, PG-13, 133 min.) and stay for a discussion led by members of Community Uprooting Racism in Brighton (CURB)

April Events for Adults at Brighton Memorial Library

- **Opera Guild of Rochester Lecture and Listening Series: Puccini's Heroines, presented by Rosalba Pisaturo:** Tuesday, April 2 from 7-8:30 pm
- **Travelogue: Walking the Camino de Santiago:** Tuesday, April 9 from 12:30-1:30 pm. Diane Zielinski will present slides and commentary about her 11 days walking the last 70 miles of Spain's most famous trail.

LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS OF INTEREST

• **Sacred Texts for Our Times: In Pursuit of Social Justice Interfaith Bible Study will present Criminal Justice: Judgement, Punishment and Restoration** led by Rev. Dr. Marvin McMickle of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and Rabbi Peter Stein of Temple B'rith Kodesh. This program will take place from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the Louis S. Wolk JCC of Greater Rochester, 1200 Edgewood Ave.

• **Dear Friend of the Earth, I want to invite you to a rare and heartening event coming up April 17– the political left and political right coming together to address global climate change!** This year, the Sierra Club has joined forces with the Rochester People's Climate Coalition, Mothers Out Front, Citizens' Climate Lobby, and Pachamama Alliance, to partner with the more conservative Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the University of Rochester College Republicans. Together, we are hosting former Congressman Bob Inglis (Republican, South Carolina) to speak about "A Free Enterprise Solution to Climate Change." Bob Inglis lost his seat after coming out strongly to address climate change. But his political defeat only strengthened his resolve to fight for strong climate action. **His talk begins at 6:00 p.m.** (tabling starts at 5:30) on Thursday, April 17, at the Rochester Convention Center, 123 E. Main St.

There is no fee; however a donation of \$10 per person is suggested. You can be a part of this promising trans-partisan event by registering at <http://bit.ly/041719Inglis>. And please take this unique opportunity to invite, inspire and engage people you know who lean towards the right. And also invite people who feel that bridging our country's political divide and working for the common good is possible.

We are hoping that this will be the beginning of a dialogue that draws in people across economic belief systems and across the political aisle, to work together towards solutions that work for

everyone. This is the only path to hope. Can you find your place on this path?

In hope, *Dave Inglis*

●**For the last three years, children, families and neighborhood organizers have rallied together throughout the City of Rochester to raise awareness for safe and accessible play spaces for every child, in every neighborhood.** The event, PlayROCs your Neighborhood, has brought together over 55 neighborhood partners (local churches, libraries, block clubs, neighborhood groups, community organizations, and parents) who have worked together to repurpose, reclaim, and bring back play to their public spaces.

This year, PlayROCs your Neighborhood is BACK and the "Healthi" Kids Coalition is hoping it will be bigger than ever! This year we're partnering with the City of Rochester to make this our biggest year yet. On Saturday, July 13th we once again will be partnering with neighborhoods across the city to advocate for change!

Are you interested in hosting a play day in your neighborhood? Healthi Kids is currently recruiting locations for this year's event. We will be able to provide technical assistance, training, resources, and support to make your vision for play come to life. We have a limited amount of funding for new sites and will be providing resources on a first come, first serve basis.

If you'd like to participate and want some more details on how Healthi Kids can support your play day, please reach out to Jenn at jenn.beideman@commongroundhealth.org or call 585.224.3151. For a printable version of the flyer go to: [Combined English and Spanish Recruitment Flyer.pdf](#)

Play on, The Healthi Kids Team

Preview the YouTube video: "***Building a city where every child can play.***"

●**The American Red Cross: Sound the Alarm: This year on April 27th the Greater Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross is looking to install 850 10 year smoke detectors in 300 homes with resources that will make each household that is reached more prepared for emergencies.** The smoke detector installations are completely free of cost and come with complementary fire safety education materials. Help is needed to spread the word among your members about this program. Flyers about the program and Sound the Alarm Free Smoke Alarm Installation coupons are available at

the Welcome Table in the Narthex or by calling the Red Cross at 241-4390 or emailing the Red Cross at smokealarms.grc@redcross.org.

●**Save the Dates: 2019 Spring Lectures at the Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School at 1100 South Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14620**

Monday, April 22: 5:00 pm: 50th Class Reunion Dinner; 7:00 pm African-American Legacy Lecture: Janems Cone and the Birth of Black Theology presented by Dr. James H. Evans, Jr.

Tuesday, April 23: 9:00 am: 50 - 25- 10- and 5-year Reunion Breakfast; 10:30 am: Alumni/ae Worship with Dr. Marvin McMickle, preaching. 5:00 pm: Community Dinner with presentation of the Distinguished Alumni/ae Awards; 7:00 pm: Helen Barrett Montgomery Lecture part 1 with Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas.

Wednesday, April 24: 10:30 am: Helen Barrett Montgomery Lecture 2 with Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas; noon Lunch honoring our Women of Vision. All are Welcome! At 7:00 pm join us for the Stanley I. Stuber Lecture, Part 1: "Remembering James Cone: Fifty years of Liberation Theologies" with Dr. Marvin McMickle.

Thursday, April 25: 1:30 pm: Stanley I. Stuber Lecture Part 2 "James Cone: Black Theology, The Next 50 years" with Dr. Marvin McMickle and Dr. James Evans, Jr. 7:00 pm: Christian Faith and LGBT Experience: "The Courage of Allies - Telling the Story".

●**RocCity48 and the Center for Youth Services Presents: 2nd Annual No Excuses (Young Men's Symposium):**

FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION

Date: April 13th 2019

Time: 9am-4pm Location:

Edison Technical High School

GOAL: This Free 1-day symposium is designed for empowerment, enlightenment, and guidance for the young men in our community. The ultimate goal of this conference is to re-engage the young men, providing opportunities for their growth and development while enabling them to become positive contributors.

MISSION: "No Excuses," offers an opportunity for young men to engage in workshops led by men in the Rochester community, from a variety of fields.

Successful local professionals share their personal stories of success and strategies for overcoming barriers through engaging and interactive workshops and encouraging youth self-empowerment.

Registration: Young Men in grades 8-12 can register at: noexcuses2019.splashthat.com and by calling 585-420-8569, or emailing their request at roccity48@gmail.com

Registering online allows the young men an opportunity to view and select their workshop choices.

Key objectives for this symposium:

To provide a platform for participants to reflect on their own values, beliefs, and attitudes with regard to

how they define “manhood”. All workshops will be engaging and interactive providing self-reflection for participants.

To provide opportunities for adult mentors to look through the lens of the lives of young men; to gain a better understanding of the issues young men face and the opportunities that exist to engage and equip young men to be more successful.

To provide an opportunity to celebrate the successes and support the challenges of the participants.

To establish ongoing, positive relationships between the young men in our community and responsible adult mentors.

Lily Order for Easter Sunday



As on past Easter Sundays, the front of the Sanctuary will be decorated with lilies. The cost per plant is **\$8.25 per 6”** pot. Orders and payment for the lilies should be received **no later than Monday, April 15, 2019**. Your order form plus payment may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or mailed directly to the church office.

Number of Lilies: _____

Please indicate with a check mark “in Memory of” or “in Honor of”:

In ___ Memory Of ___ Honor Of:

Name _____

From: _____

Please make check out to Lake Avenue Baptist Church and indicate “Lily Order” in the memo of the check.

Church Moderator: Laura Tubbs

Church Staff: Sr. Pastor: Michael Ford; Music Educator, Chancel Choir Director, & Organist: Lee Foster
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