

Music Ministry & Mission/Service

Music Ministry

Taize Prayer Service Wednesday March 24, 7 PM

A Taize Prayer Service is service that uses simple but beautiful music, scripture readings, spoken and sung prayers, and silent meditation. The sanctuary is lit by candles, adding to the meditative atmosphere. This month's service will have a Lenten theme, and you are invited to make this service a part of your Lenten journey. If you have any questions about what the service will be like, or if you would like to help in any way (including singing, playing an instrument, or helping decorate the sanctuary with candles), please email Liz at music@wallingfordpres.org. Childcare is available by reservation; please contact the church office by March 20 if you would need childcare. The January Taize service was a beautiful and calming time of prayer and worship, and we hope you will join us for the March service.

Chancel Choir Lenten & Easter Music

The Chancel Choir will again be offering special music during the Maundy Thursday and Easter services. If you like to sing, and have some choral or singing experience you are invited to consider joining us for these moving services. We will be singing a Lenten Cantata on Maundy Thursday, helping to musically trace Christ's journey to the cross. Easter morning we'll sing the triumphant Hallelujah Chorus along with other anthems. If you would like to join with us, please come to our rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM in the choir room. There will also be one extra rehearsal on Wednesday, March 31 at 7:30 PM. If you have any questions or would like to consider joining us, please contact Liz at music@wallingfordpres.org.

Thank you!

I would like to express my great thanks to all those who helped out and filled in during my maternity leave and vacation weeks. I am so grateful to have had these first weeks of Nate's life at home with him, and am so happy that so many jumped in to keep the music ministry 'humming' while I was gone. I'd like to especially thank Rob Ross for doing a fantastic job with the Chancel Choir; he was a great conductor for them, and I'm so grateful for all he taught them. Lise Meloy and Joanne Callahan stepped in to help with the Bell Choir, and I thank them and the entire bell choir for making things work! I'd also like to thank Tony Washtler and Lee Rowe for conducting and accompanying. We are truly blessed here to have so many talented and willing musicians, and I am looking forward to returning to work with them all! Thank you again to all. -Liz Braden

The Chancel Choir was very happy to donate their old robes to the Bethel Community Baptist Church of Upper Darby. A representative from the church came and picked up the robes recently, and they are grateful to have our robes for their choir's use. The choir is thankful for the memorial committee helping to purchase our new blue robes, and equally thankful that we were able to 'recycle' our former red robes and find them a good home! Thanks to Mina and Earl Varney for their help in facilitating this gift to the Bethel Community Baptist Church.

Mission/Service

Pantry Brigade: March Madness
Contribute to March madness with the food we contribute to food pantries in Chester by giving anything and everything! Virtually all kinds of food are needed, so please make a point to pick up extra food during your next trip to the grocery store (or raid your own

kitchen cupboards) and deposit your food donations in the bin by the Christian Education entrance. Thanks for making a difference in your neighbors' lives.

One Great Hour of Sharing A Lenten Offering that Reaches out to Help in Three Ways

During the season of Lent our congregation participates in an offering called One Great Hour of Sharing. Affiliated with other denominations this offering supports efforts toward:

- 1. Disaster Assistance**
- 2. Hunger and Homelessness Relief**
- 3. Self-Development of People**

More than 60 years ago, in response to the devastation of World War II, a Saturday evening nationwide broadcast asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. A remarkable variety of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded...Thus, One Great Hour of Sharing began.

You can learn more by researching the offering at www.pcusa.org, or reading this month's bulletin inserts. The offering has been supported by gifts upward of \$20 million in the past 10 years.

This year's theme "Feed my Sheep" comes from Christ's admonition to Peter that his love of his Lord would be well "translated" into Peter's care over God's children. Capturing the visual of this theme, the accumulation of this seasons offering over the weeks of lent will be indicated by a growing number of sheep on the sanctuary windowsills. Watch our giving grow and be present for worship when we dedicate our offering to this good purpose on Palm Sunday, March 28th.

Envelopes and fish banks will be available for giving throughout the weeks of Lent!

A Sharing Calendar

One great hour of sharing

It's Remarkable What Your Gift Will Do.

SUNDAY

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." Tell of a time when someone showed care for you by giving you food. Give two units in thanksgiving.

MONDAY

One in four children in developing countries is underweight. Give one unit for each pound your weight differs from your ideal.

TUESDAY

2 Demand at food banks across the United States increased by 30% the most recent year for which statistics are available. Give one unit for every five cans of food in your kitchen.

WEDNESDAY

3 The cost of a night out for a couple can provide emergency food supplies for a family of five for a month. Give one unit for each "date" or celebratory outing you had last month.

THURSDAY

4 In the United States each month, 28 million low-income people receive government supplemental nutrition assistance (food stamps). Give one unit for each time you ate our last month.

FRIDAY

5 Malnutrition in mothers and their children causes more than one-third of child deaths. Give one unit for each meal you eat today.

SATURDAY

6 In the United States, 40%-50% of all food ready for harvest never gets eaten. Give one unit for each meal you ate today when you did not finish what was on your plate.

SUNDAY

7 Jesus said, "I end my sheep." Tell of a time when someone cared for you when you were sick. Give two units in thanksgiving.

MONDAY

8 Close to half of all people in developing countries suffer at any given time from a health problem caused by water and sanitation defects. Give one unit for each faucet in your home.

TUESDAY

9 More than a billion people worldwide do not have access to clean water. Give one unit in thanksgiving for each glass of water you drink today.

WEDNESDAY

10 More than 2.1 million people die each year from water-borne diseases. Most of them are children. Give one unit for every time you turn on the faucet today.

THURSDAY

11 Between 2000 and 2007, measles deaths dropped 74% worldwide, primarily due to increased vaccination. Give one unit if you have been vaccinated for measles.

FRIDAY

12 Worldwide, each year 4 million newborns die within the first month of their lives. Give one unit for each child you consider part of your family and extended family.

SATURDAY

13 Two-thirds of all Americans are overweight, and half of those are considered obese. Give three units as a sign of commitment to help improve health in the United States.

SUNDAY

14 Jesus said, "I end my sheep." Tell of a time when someone helped you through a rough time. Give two units in thanksgiving.

MONDAY

15 Worldwide, 11.4 million people have become refugees—fleeing conflict and persecution by escaping across international boundaries. Give one unit for each year you have lived in your home.

TUESDAY

16 The United States admits approximately 50,000 refugees each year. Give one unit for each person you know who came from another country.

WEDNESDAY

17 Worldwide, 26 million people are "internally displaced"—forced to flee their homes due to conflict and persecution, escaping elsewhere in their own country. Give one unit for each time you have moved.

THURSDAY

18 About 2.5 billion people live on less than \$2 per day—less than the cost of many mealtime beverages. Give one unit for each cup of coffee or soda you drink today.

FRIDAY

19 An estimated 400 million fewer people live in absolute poverty today than in 1990. Give one unit in gratitude for this improvement.

SATURDAY

20 Many poor villages still lack reliable electricity. The United States uses 22% of all electricity consumed in the world. Give one unit for each electrical appliance in your home.

SUNDAY

21 Jesus said, "I end my sheep." Tell of a time when someone taught you something you have found helpful in life. Give two units in thanksgiving.

MONDAY

22 Nearly a billion people entered the twenty-first century unable to read a book or sign their name. Give one unit for each time you write your name today.

TUESDAY

23 Providing an education to girls and young women is one of the strongest ways to end cyclical poverty. Give one unit in thanksgiving as you name each girl and woman important in your life.

WEDNESDAY

24 A video game console costs as much as a sewing machine and job training that a family needs to start their own business and become self-sufficient. Give one unit for each video game your family owns.

THURSDAY

25 More than 100 million elementary school-aged children worldwide do not attend school. Give one unit for each year of formal education you have received.

FRIDAY

26 One out of every three urban dwellers lives in slum conditions. Give one unit for each bedroom in your home.

SATURDAY

27 Clean water reduces disease and improves nutrition. Today 1.6 billion more people can get safe drinking water than in 1990. Give one unit in gratitude for this improvement.

Both urgency and joy pervade the work of One Great Hour of Sharing. The calendar above highlights some of the challenging situations we address when extending care to God's treasured people in the U.S. and around the world. Each day suggests a donation of coins. Your household can decide what coin is best for your situation each day.

"We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee."

—Marion Wright Edelman, lifelong advocate for children

Return to Wallingford
Presbyterian Church by Palm Sunday
March 28, 2010