

Shelton Presbyterian Church
Come fellowship with us!
Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m., Sunday School &
Upbeat Contemporary Service
10:15 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt
11:00 a.m., Traditional Service*

*There will be an alternate activity for
children during the Traditional Service.

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The Messenger

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Missions/Outreach Ministry Update

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men..." (EPH6:7)

Your Missions Ministry has been busy rolling out their action plan for 2012. Coming up this spring are the following events:

Easter Food Baskets: Complete Easter breakfast and dinner food baskets are being prepared for at least ten local families. Food donations will be collected between services on March 25 and again on April 1. Please refer to the last Messenger for the specific foods that are required. Thank you for your generosity in helping these families celebrate Easter in a bountiful way.

Youth Costa Rica Mission Fundraisers: Marcus Clifton and his eleven member team of students and adult escorts have a formidable challenge to raise \$1800 each to make the trip in June. Not only are they financing their own expenses but they will purchase a \$6500 kit and physically build a small house with the help of the recipient family over the course of four days. Please help our ambitious and dedicated youth bring this mission together by attending the following fundraisers:

- March 30-Steak Dinner at the church
- April 21-Movie Fundraiser at the Shelton Cinemas
- May 19-Car Wash and Taco Bell
- June 8 & 9-Garage Sale at the church

Contact Marcus Clifton for more details.

Community Garden: Plans are under way to clean and till our community garden to make way for planting by our local neighbors. Last year the garden was fully utilized. Marcus Clifton is gathering names to designate assigned plots.

Upcoming Events: Aging Angels Mothers Day May 13 and Aging Angels Father's Day June 17.



A Word from the Pastor: Living Easter

Where is your hope? I can think of no better question for you than this. Where is your hope? Not, what is your hope?" That one I bet I could answer for you. We hope for health. We hope for happiness. We hope for peace. We hope for prosperity. If we are honest with ourselves, we would have to admit that our hopes are often pretty self-centered. "Lord bless *me*," we pray. But in our better moments, in our less selfish moments, we extend those hopes to the whole world — health, happiness, peace, prosperity for all, Shalom. "Lord, make it so."

But the critical question for us is not, What is your hope, but where is your hope? Where does it rest? What is the foundation of your hope? What is it focused on? What is it grounded in?

There is a beautiful passage at the end of the Gospel of Luke. The risen Christ encounters two disciples walking on a road to Emmaus, discussing the circumstances of Jesus' death as they walked. Jesus comes to them incognito and asks them what they are discussing. They explain the circumstances of his arrest and crucifixion, and then one of them says, "but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel." (Luke 24:21).

Like so many of their fellow Jews, Jesus' disciples had assumed that the Messiah would bring the shalom of God through the physical rescue of Israel from its enemies. They expected that the Messiah would lead them in military triumph over the Romans. They hoped that he would be the answer to their prayers for rescue and vindication.

It is easy for us to be critical of the disciples. Shouldn't they have known that the Messiah would have to suffer and die? After all, wasn't it right there in the Scriptures all along. Isn't that what Jesus explained to them as they walked along the road? They should have

known that the Jesus was the Messiah who conquers through sacrifice, who demonstrates his power and authority by becoming the servant of all.

Still, don't we do the same thing today? We make the assumption that if Jesus is Lord then we as his followers ought to experience the prosperity and authority that is his. Shouldn't our adversaries stumble and physical peace and security be our birth right?

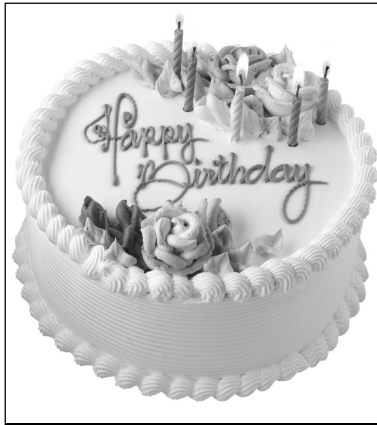
Jesus concluded his encounter with the disciples by breaking bread with them. And when the bread was broken "their eyes were opened and they recognized him" (Luke 24:31). As they received the broken bread, they finally understood his broken body. They saw him, as if for the first time, the wounded healer, the one who purchased our salvation through his sacrificial death, who demonstrated the power of God's love by his triumph on the cross.

There is hope for us. There is hope for the whole world. But it is a hope grounded in Christ— in his victory on the cross. Jesus overcame the demonic powers of this present age through his sacrificial death. He conquered the power of hate with his love. He proved himself Lord of all by becoming a servant. That is the foundation of our hope.

Our shalom comes when we stop striving for earthly power, when we stop clamoring for worldly success. Our shalom comes only when we pick up our own cross to follow our Savior. When we embrace the path of Christ and find in him true life— eternal life. *There* is the place of rest. *There* is the place of true prosperity. *There* is the foundation of our hope.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff



April Birthdays

Juliann Burns.....	1
Toni Earles.....	2
Julianna Ducker.....	3
Roy Deffinbaugh.....	5
Fay Lienard.....	8
Judith Stark.....	10
Ruth Cammack.....	11
Richard Bailey.....	12
Bonnie Littlefield.....	14
Phyllis Smith.....	15
Mitzi Kilker.....	16
Scott Hilburn.....	16
Chris Cleveland.....	17
Richard Oltman.....	17
Scott Swisher.....	18
Connie Jo Bingham.....	19
Charles Wood.....	21
Spencer Burris.....	22
Nicole Heinrich.....	23
Heidi Bursch.....	24
Dean Caturia.....	27
Gaylord Kidney.....	27
Jeanette Fourre-Price.....	28
Troy Jasmin.....	29

Join us for EASTER at Shelton Presbyterian Church

Worship Services:

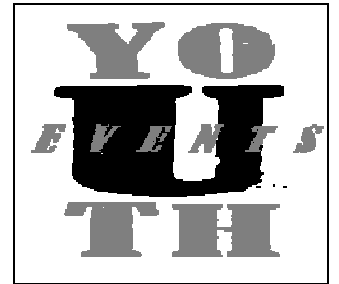
- Contemporary 9 am
- Traditional 11 am
- Free Easter Egg Hunt 10:15 am

We are located at 1430 Shelton Springs Rd Just off Highway 101

With all of the bad news in the world, don't you want to hear something good? Bring the whole family and join us this Easter to experience a little good news.

April

- Spring Retreats (\$60): High School (gr. 9-12), April 13-15
Junior High (gr. 6-8), April 27-29
- Shelton Theaters Movie Matinee Fundraiser, April 21
- Saturday service project on a local reservation



May

Taco Bell Fundraiser / Car Wash, May 19

June

Yard Sale at SPC, June 8 & 9