
The Tower *Chimes*

Union Church of Pocantico Hills
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Janet Graham, Editor

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.....from the Pastor's desk

Vivian Jacobson introduced us to Marc Chagall last Sunday in an intimate way that helps us better appreciate his humanity and warmth, as well as his unique artistic talent. Thank you Vivian! Chagall was a man of peace. He was a very good student of the Bible whose message he communicates powerfully in his chosen medium. Chagall, a Jew, transcended the boundaries of religious faith. Union Church has the outstanding display of Chagall's stained glass in the world. There are fifteen (15) places graced with his windows. Three (3) are in this country; seven (7) are in France; two (2) are in England; there is one (1) location in each of the following countries: Germany (Mainz), Switzerland (Zurich), and Israel. May we ever be learning and grateful for the great beauty which embraces us in the sanctuary of Union Church.

This Sunday, April 3, Bruce Levingston will present a benefit piano recital in the Sanctuary at 3:00 p.m. He will perform works by: Scarlatti, Schubert, Chopin, Liszt, Rachmaninoff and Debussy. A Champagne Reception will follow in the Parish Hall. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Levingston for this gift. The proceeds from the ticket sale is, 100%, to the benefit of the Pastoral Endowment.

We are well into Lent now as we make our preparations for an enthusiastic celebration of our Lord's resurrection. Holy Week Services are announced in this newsletter – by God's grace may you be strengthened by them.

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.
When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat arising green.

LAMPSTAND

“...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

This space is reserved for anyone who would like to share stories or experiences with us.

**PREACHING SCHEDULE
FOR MARCH**

- April -3 – “*The Case of The Missing Witness*”-
Acts 4:32-37
April 10 - “*God in Our Past and Future*”-
Isaiah 5:9-16
April 17 – “*The Jesus Cult*” –
Palm Sun. John 12:1-19

Holy Week Service Schedule Follows**HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE**

April 17
Palm Sunday

April 21
Maundy Thursday – 8 p.m.
Sermon: “*The Empty Seat At The Table*”
Service of Holy Communion
The Tenebrae

April 22
Good Friday – 8 p.m.
Sermon: “*Unconfused Religion*”
Veiling of the Cross

April 24
Easter Day Sunrise Service & Breakfast
Sermon: “*On the Side of the Angels*”
Service will begin at 6:30 a.m. on the knoll
behind the church (weather permitting).
Inclement weather – in the Sanctuary.

April 24
Easter Day Services – 9 & 11 a.m.
Sermon – “*Jesus—The Resurrection
and The Life*”

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lily Order Forms are now being provided in our service programs. The price for each plant will be **\$14.00**.

Please complete your form and return it with your payment no later than **April 17**. It is important that you write legibly so that your dedication will be printed accurately on the Easter Lily list.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Janet Graham, Church Secretary
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GOODBYE TO A FRIEND

A memorial service for Robert F. Dorer, will be held here at Union Church at **11 a.m. on Saturday, April 23**.

Reverend Dorer served as our pastor from 1981-1990. He became an important part of our life here at Union Church and a good friend to all. Bob died on March 8 after a long illness, and we extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, June, and their family.

UNION CHURCH BOOK GROUP

John Burkley and John Loase invite all interested in exploring New Horizons together by reading and discussing great and classic books to attend our inaugural meeting at 7:30 PM on a Saturday soon after Easter to be announced. Depending upon the number of interested participants, this meeting will be at the home of the Burkley's or at the church.

John Loase will lead our discussion of *MOBY DICK* in the Fall. Next, John Burkley will lead a discussion of *ULYSSES*. Dates and venues to be agreed.

Future books of similar quality will be chosen by rotation or as otherwise agreed. Illustrative titles: *ORTHODOXY* by GK Chesterton; *THE*

KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU by Leo Tolstoy; UNTO THIS LAST by John Rushkin; THE EVOLUTION OF PHYSICS, and RELATIVITY, by Albert Einstein; DR. ZHIVAGO by Boris Pasternak; MAGISTER LUDI (THE GLASS BEADGAME) by Herman Hesse; and THE DEATH OF SOCRATES by Plato.

Occasional films and poetry and dramatic readings, will be entertained. Films could include The Seventh Seal (Bergman), Ikiru (Kurosawa), or Citizen Kane (Welles).

Please RSVP ASAP to burkly2@verizon.net and/or John.Loase@concordia-ny.edu.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Committee is accepting applications from all members of the congregation who qualify.

To qualify for the scholarship award, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. All applicants must be active members of Union Church of Pocantico Hills.
2. All members who have completed a secondary high school education and been accepted to attend the 2011-2012 academic year at an accredited institution of higher educational learning are welcome to apply.
3. Qualified applicants should be able to document that they have played an active role in the services and mission of Union Church.
4. All qualified applicants who have shown good character, leadership ability and general good conduct in church, school and community activities are encouraged to apply.

All applications must be completed and received by the Scholarship Selection Committee no later than **Sunday, May 22, 2011**. Applications may be obtained by contacting Pastor DeHoff in the church office. The recipient will be announced on **June 19**.

The SIGFLUENCE Generation

Sigfluence is a word invented by John Loase in 1984 and means significant, long-term, positive influence. John has published a book, "The SIGFLUENCE Generation-Our Young People's Potential to Transform America". John is a member of Union Church and now serves on the Board of Deacons. He will present a lecture on his book May 11, 7-8 p.m. in the library. Please notify the church office of your intention to attend, 914.631.2069.

DINNER CLUB

On Saturday, March 12, members of the Dinner Club were treated to corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes, home baked bread and other delicious dishes including lasagna and baked macaroni and cheese. The appetizers and desserts were plentiful and enjoyed by all, and in keeping with the theme of St. Patrick's Day, the library was all decked out in green.

Our hosts for the evening were Carter and Sharon Dorzbacher and Margaret Gasser. Following dinner and dessert, all present were challenged to a game of "guess how many?" Several jars were filled with green M&M's, green wrapped candies and green spearmint leaves. Many laughs ensued and prizes were provided for those who came closest to the correct answer.

This was surely an evening filled with fun and fellowship. We thank our committee and all of those who provided the delicious food.

Our next meeting will take place on **Saturday, April 9**, and our guests will be this year's confirmands and their parents. If you would like to join us and see what we're all about, just

call the church office and let us know you would like to come.

COMING EVENTS

SPRING TAG & FLOWER SALE

The Spring Tag and Flower Sale will be held **May 6 and 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The Flower portion of this sale is sponsored by the Dinner Club. Departments that will be open for this spring event are: White Elephants, Clothing for Children, Men and Women, Linens and Bake Table. The White Elephant tent will be set up May 3rd and the items for sale transferred to the tent that evening. Help is needed May 4 & 5 unpacking and displaying this “herd” of White Elephants. You may contact the Church Office, or Donna Murphy, at (973)728-0830.

It will be helpful if you do NOT bring in fall or winter clothing until May 15. We have our hands full dealing with spring and summer clothing. The deadline for Clothing and White Elephants for the Spring Tag Sale is **APRIL 17**. Thanks for helping us with this.

When delivering items to Union Church for the Spring Tag Sale and the Harvest Fair it is helpful if you take them to their preparation areas, as follows:

Children’s Clothing outside Room 4 of the Education Bldg.

Women’s and Men’s Clothing outside Room 10 of the Education Bldg.

White Elephants & Antiques on hall tables, ground floor of Education Bldg.

Books and Linens to the room under the Sanctuary.

Furniture to Room 1 of the Education Bldg.

THANK YOU!

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- JoAn Paddock had eye surgery, Wesley Chen had back surgery, Bill Graham, Jr. had shoulder surgery and all are home and doing well.
- We ask continued prayers for John Thaler, who, is now in physical therapy as part of his recuperation and looking forward to returning home soon.
- It was good to see Elizabeth Grey-Pardo looking wonderful and able to attend church services again and Tom Frutig, who attended the “Chagall and the Bible” lecture. Both appear to be doing very well.
- If you happened to be watching the St. Patrick’s Day parade in Manhattan and noticed a tall, familiar looking young man playing saxophone with the Ossining H.S. Band, it was our own George Staudter. Good job, George!

IN MEMORIAM

A Gift to the Pastoral Ministry Endowment Fund in loving memory of Arline Weiss has been received from Philip and Janet Fink

We gratefully acknowledge and accept these gifts.

Articles for the MAY Tower Chimes are due by APRIL 24.
