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Our Mission: Why are we here?

The purpose of Santa Clara First Baptist Church is to evangelize and disciple the people of the Santa Clara Valley. Matthew 28:19, 20

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1^{s†} Jean Miller
- 2nd Sue Smithson
- 7th Barbara McLenegan
- 10th Mary Ann Fairall
- 11^{th} Joan Friesen
- 11th Chelsea Trigg
- 12th Christine Robbins
- 12th Samuel Robbins
- 17th Jerry Cintas
- 17^{th} Cristina Jackson
- 17th Virginia Ruiz
- 18th Sara Lasher
- 18th Jelana Tomic
- 18th Tina Mulford
- 18th Meredith Lanier
- 26th Ron Willcox
- 28th **Debbie Reiley**
- 31^{s†} Isabel Jackson
- 31^{s†} Fred Marshall
- 31^{s†} David Smithson

Anniversaries

- 3rd Ken & Cherron Rangel
- **4**th Greg & Christine Robbins
- 21^{s†} Lloyd & Maxine Darknell

The Celebrate Santa Clara First Baptist Church

Good Friday Prayer Walk April 2nd - 10am - 9pm **Experience** the journey of Christ from the Last Supper to the tomb.

EASTER CELEBRATION 9am Breakfast **10:30am Family Service Experience the Joy of the Resurrection!**





March 2010

HOLYWEEK at SCFBC **Journey to the Cross**

Holy Week at SCFBC

Most of us know that there's more to Easter than eggs and chocolate bunnies, but did you know that there's even more to Easter than the celebration of Christ's resurrection? To comprehend the full impact of Easter, we need to reflect on all the events of what we call Holy Week. Beginning with Palm Sunday, Holy Week takes us through the journey of Christ in his final days and hours before his death. As we journey with Christ, remembering and reflecting on the last events of his human life, the celebration of Easter will mean so much more. It is in the sadness of Maundy Thursday and the suffering of Good Friday that we find our reason to celebrate on Resurrection Sunday. We hope that you will join us each step of the way in our journey this year, as we walk side by side with Christ through his final days.

Palm Sunday – March 28th

Palm Sunday marks the triumphal entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. Join us in our morning service as the children lead us in a processional with Palm Branches. Join us at EDGE, as we reflect on the aftermath of the celebratory parade in Christ's honor.

Maundy Thursday Remembrance – Week of March 29th – April 1st

Maundy Thursday is when we reflect on the Last Supper, when Jesus shared his last Passover meal with his disciples. This first celebration of the Lord's Supper has become a very meaningful way for believers today to remember and reflect on the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us. During this week, we encourage Life Groups and families to have their own Maundy Thursday celebrations as a part of their meeting times.

Good Friday – April 2nd

In only a few days the same people who greeted Christ with cheering and praise would demand his death. On Good Friday we remember and reflect on the brutal death of our Savior. Once again we will set up an interactive Prayer Walk based on Christ's journey to the cross and then the tomb. The Prayer Walk will be open on Good Friday from 10am to 9pm for all those who wish to come and pray through the suffering of Christ.

Easter Celebration – April 4th

Come and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! This entire morning will be filled with the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death. We will begin the day with an All-Church Family Breakfast at 9:00am. Our Celebration Service will be held at 10:30am. Once again we will join our morning and EDGE congregations in celebration, bringing the best elements of both into our worship. We will bring back our "rock orchestra" which includes the EDGE band, our SCFBC orchestra and our choir. As one family of God we'll raise up a joyful noise to the Lord in celebration.

The children will have their own special morning worship as they learn about the most awesome of God's miracles - the resurrection of Jesus! An Egg Hunt will follow the morning service which means we need your Egg Hunt Donations! Starting March 14th donations of candy and plastic eggs will be collected in the large tubs in the Lobby labeled "Easter Egg Hunt." Contact Pastor Jenny for more information.

March Calendar Of Events

- **3** 10am-White Cross Virginia N. 266-1734
- **3** 7p-Upper Room Prayer Jonathan 813-2505
- **6** ABW Spring Mtg TBA
- 6 8:30am-March Diaconate Mtg Steve 249-4621
- **6** 10am-Prayer Quilt Ministry Rhonda 246-2242
- 7 9am-Bible in 90 Days Choir Room Denise/Sue
- 7 9am-Back to Basics #1 Rm 19 Pastor Rich
- 7 12Noon-Life Group Leaders Mtg Rm 19
- 9 12:30pm-Bethell Circle Maxine Darknell's home
- **10** 12:30pm-Baits/Turley Circle Parlor
- 11 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry Rm 19 Rhonda
- 11-14 Housing EHC Guests FH Larry 984-1233
- 13 12pm-Scholarship Lunch Barbara C. 739-293
- 14 9am-Bible in 90 Days Choir Room Denise/S
- 14 9am-Back to Basics #2 Rm 19 Pastor Rich
- 14 12Noon-Mission Team Mtg Karen 246-6253
- 14 12Noon-Choir Rehearsal Sue 741-8757
- 14 6:30pm-Constitution Revision Mtg– Parlor St
- 15 7:30pm-Finance Mtg Steve E. 243-7255
- 17 6pm-CityTeam Outreach Jonathan 813-2505
- 18 11:45am-SR/BD Lunch Bunch Betty 244-594
- 20 All-Church Work Day Mike Depew 691-144
- 21 9am-Bible in 90 Days Choir room Denise/S
- 21 9am-Back to Basics #3 Rm 19 Pastor Rich
- **21** 12Noon-Choir Rehearsal Sue 741-8757
- 21 12 noon-Constitution Revision Mtg Library
- 27 8:30am Men's Ministry FH Adam 230-684
- 27 8:30am-April Diaconate Mtg Steve 249-462
- **28** Palm Sunday
- 28 9am-Bible in 90 Days Choir Room Denise/S
- 28 9am-Back to Basics #4 Rm 19 Pastor Rich
- 28 12pm-Choir Rehearsal Sue 741-8757

Upcoming Events

APRIL America For Christ Special Offering

- 2 "Journey To The Cross" Sanctuary
- 2 Good Friday Holiday office closed
- 3 10am-3pm-Easter Prep Kitchen Adam-230-6848
- 4 9am-Easter Sunday Breakfast FH -
- 4 9:45am-Choir Rehearsal Sue 741-8757
- 6-8 10-6pm-Rummage Sale setup FH Maxine
- 9-10 8:30am-Rummage Sale-FH-Maxine 241-7567
- 7 10am-White Cross Lobby Virginia N.-266-1734
- 7 7pm-Upper Room Prayer Jonathan 813-2505
- **8** 10am-Prayer Quilt Ministry Rhonda 246-2242
- 11 9am-Bible in 90 Days Choir Room Sue
- 11 12Noon-Life Grp Leaders Mtg Rm 19
- **11** 1200n-Mission Team Mtg Karen 246-6253
- 13 12:30pm-Bethell Circle Barbara Chicks' home
- 14 12:30pm-Baits/Turley Circle Betty 244-5949
- 14 6pm-CityTeam Outreach Jonathan 813-2505

- 15 11:45am SR Lunch Bunch Betty 244-5949
- 18 9am-Bible in 90 Days– Choir Room Sue
- 18 12Noon-Choir Rehearsal Sue 741-8757
- 18 12Noon-Mission Team Mtg Karen-242-2984
- 19 7:30pm-Finance Mtg Lib Steve E. 243-7255
- 22-25 Mexico Mission Weekend Jerry 615-1690
- 24 8:30-Men's Ministry Adam 230-6848
- 25 9am-Bible in a Year Dec Choir Room Sue
 - 25 12Noon-Choir Practice Sue 741-8757

May

35	1 - 8:30am May Diaconate Mtg – Lib– Steve 249-4621
Sue	1 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry– Rm 19– Rhonda
_	2 - 12pm - Choir Practice – choir room - Sue
3	2 - 12 noon Life Grp Leaders Mtg–Rm 19–Pastor Rich
	5 - 10am White Cross – Lobby – Virginia N. 266-1734
eve	5 - 7p– Upper Room Prayer Service – Jonathan
_	6 - 10am Prayer Quilt Ministry – Rm 19 – Rhonda
)	9 - Mother's Day - Children's Sunday
9	9 - No AWANA
41	11 - 12:30pm-Bethell Circle - Jean Rund's home
ue	12 - 12:30pm-Baits/Turley Circle - Parlor
	15 - 1pm- Spring Tea - FH - Barbara Chicks-739-2935
	16 - 12Noon - Choir Rehearsal - Sue - 741-8757
18	16 - 1200n-Quarterly Business Mtg/Lunch - FH
	16 - 7pm-Quarterly Business Mtg/Dessert Social
1	17 - 7:30p-Finance Comm Mtg - Steve E 243-7255
Sue	19 - 6pm-CityTeam Outreach - Jonathan - 813-2505
sue	20 - 11:45am-SR/BD Lunch Bunch - Betty - 244-5949
	22 - 8:30am-Men's Ministry - FH - Adam - 230-6848
	23 - 12Noon - Choir Rehearsal - Sue - 741-8757
	30 - 12Noon - Choir Rehearsal - Sue - 741-8757
	30 - No AWANA
	31 - Memorial Day Holiday – Office Closed

THE SCFBC FAMILY SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Several of our church families have loved ones serving in the military. These fine men and women would enjoy hearing from their church family. Write them a note or letter as you feel led to do so. Names with their military branch in italics are currently stationed or deployed overseas.

Sgt. Megan Merritt Caswell Army 915 DeSota Lane Oak Grove, KY 42262

L/Cpl Rudolph DuBord USMC WPNS Trng BN ''Armory'' Box 555181 Camp Pendleton, CA 92055

ECT Marty FairallUSCG25808 14th Lane S.Des Moines, WA 98198

MAREXSECDET 6 (Det 113) Navy PO1 Frescas, Raymond B. NNSY BLDG 15 Portsmouth, VA 23709-5000

Army

PVT2 Juarez, Joseph C Co 369 Sig Bn Ft Gordon, GA 30905 SPC McLenegan, Matthew Army S-3 HHC/2-3 Inf FOB Normandy APO AE 09362

SSgt. AJ Pasciuti USMC 3rd Recon Bn. B Co. 3rd Plt. Unite 36183 FPO AP 96602-6183

Capt. Andrew Reaves 31st MEU CE/S-3 Unit 35621 FPO AP 96606-5621

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USMC

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Air Force

PFC Jon-Michael Stephens SOI West ITB C Co 3rd Plt Camp Pendleton, CA 92055

SSgt. Richard Winters TF South (C-IED) KAF APO AE 09355

1st Sgt. Rodney Wionowsky Army 2133 Laurel Ave. Ceres, CA 95307

Announcement Concerning Proposed Changes To The Church Constitution

The following announcement was made at our recent Quarterly Family Gatherings.

For some years now the Santa Clara First Baptist Church Membership Department has witnessed a number of our regular attendees thwarted in their desire to become official church members.

The reason involves the manner of their baptism. In their experience when they came to us they had already accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior and been baptized as an expression of their new faith. But the form of their baptism was not by immersion. Usually the form they experienced was by sprinkling.

Our current constitution stipulates that we will accept someone into membership who has already been baptized by immersion or is willing to be baptized by immersion. The problem for many in this group of people is that they see their particular form of "believer's baptism" as a valid and meaningful witness to the world. In many instances these people have told us that to undergo a second baptism as a believer would be an affront to their religious heritage.

Therefore, these people do not join our church; they may or may not continue to attend our worship services. The result is that we lose valued potential members and leaders, and they lose the sense of inclusion into our family of believers.

Our Diaconate has wrestled with this issue for over a year. At its last meeting the Deacons voted unanimously to propose Constitutional changes to permit those who have experienced believer's baptism in a form other than immersion to be eligible for church membership.

Our church will still practice a baptism by immersion and require that anyone who has not undergone believer's baptism be baptized in this manner.

In a few weeks our congregation will receive a letter with this information along with the proposed constitutional changes.

Two informational meetings will be held so people may come to ask questions on Sunday, March 14 after the EDGE service and Sunday, March 21 after the morning service.

Final Constitutional changes will be presented to the congregation for ratification at our next Quarterly Family Gathering on Sunday, May 16. Please be in prayer about this change.





Egypt's "plague of frogs" invades kids' worship!



Smiles and laughs are always a part of our Sunday mornings.

The SPEEDway Children's Ministry has been full of all kinds of fun, exciting and unusual events this past month. On February 7th in Kids' Worship we began our new series called "The Bible's Believe it or Not!" We're taking a trip through Scripture, learning about some of the most amazing and "unbelievable" miracles of God. Through our lessons we're learning that nothing is impossible for our Lord. But we're not just hearing about these incredible miracles—we're experiencing them first-hand with our exploration stations. Week 1 we learned about creation. As we learned how God created the entire universe from nothing, we saw the sky separate from the seas, we became the stars in the sky, made our own sea creatures, practiced flying like birds, played on the dry ground, created our own land animals, and rested as God did. For the past two weeks our focus has been on the 10 Plagues of Egypt. This has been a fascinating and exciting time as we've been over-run by frogs, watched the Nile River turn red, been plagued with boils, been covered in darkness, and become locusts ourselves devouring the food of Egypt. The children are having a blast experiencing the miracles of Scripture every week.

While Kids' Worship keeps our K-5 children growing in their excitement for Christ, our Preschool/Pre-K children have been enjoying a new class of their own. I'm so thrilled that Michelle Ramer has stepped up as our new Preschool/Pre-K Director for SPEEDway. She has created a wonderful environment for these young children in their own room, with lessons and activities created just for them. Michelle and Geri Frescas are our worship hour Preschool/Pre-K teachers. We can have up to 10 children in this class when they all come, so we are currently looking for helpers to assist in this class on a rotating basis. If this sounds like the right ministry for you, let me know right away and we'll get you involved.

In addition to Michelle and Geri, I am excited to announce other new leadership faces to the SPEEDway— Susi Reaves has recruited, trained and implemented the Registration Team which is responsible for helping ensure the safety of our children through a wonderful check-in/check-out system.

Meredith Lanier and Rebecca Ebel have stepped up as our new Nursery Coordinators.

Andrea Murray is in charge of our Snack Team, organizing the volunteers who provide our children with snacks each week.

Welcome aboard everyone! As for the rest of you, keep your eyes open for the SPEEDway bulletin inserts each week. They include current volunteer openings in the Children's Ministry. Regardless of how you are involved, you can make a difference in a child's life for eternity! Also, I can guarantee you'll have fun in the process.

Blessings,

Pastor Jenny jennifer@scfbc.org, (408) 248-2078



Locusts devour our popcorn crop.

Renovation Update!

The Lobby is very close to completion now. Jerry Cintas met with six granite installers and visited five showrooms the last week of February. New granite counters for the information and coffee counters should be installed before March 1. It will be nice to not have to use folding tables in the Lobby any longer. Adam Burdick has cleaned up all the paint scuffs on the walls and the new carpet is in. Thanks to Steve Erling for the great carpet deal and installation. Most of the new seating, tables and wall hangings are installed, but we are still needing to add a



When

lobby is completely finished we plan to finish the storage This closet needs closet near the water fountain. drywall work and paint. Then it's into the sanctuary to work on the new set of double doors that will enter into the parlor storage room.

We love hearing comments about the work so please talk to the committee when you get a chance. Volunteers are welcome during the day to assist Adam and help clean up.

Your Building Committee Lloyd Darknell, Joe Lasher, Mike Depew, Jerry Cintas

AND NOW A SPECIAL NOTICE!!! **All-Church Workday**

Saturday, March 20th provides the SCFBC family to help spruce up the facilities in preparation for Easter! Bring your loved ones with you for this special day of service projects on our church campus. Snacks and lunch will be provided. Look for announcements in the Sunday bulletins in early March about the types of work needed to be done for our annual spring cleaning. For more information, contact the SCFBC Deacon of Property, Mike Depew at 691-1441.



couple of chairs and wall pictures as well as install a bulletin board, an information center board, restroom signs and accent lighting. Sharon Cintas and Jenny Gregg are also working on a large painting that will have a printed scripture on it for one of the walls. The lobby has been radically transformed and feels much larger with more seating and open space. Thank you to Lloyd Darknell and Jerry Cintas for building the information counters and Tom Caldwell for the many hours of lobby and door painting.



Library Corner and Book Nook

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: How long may I borrow a book or DVD?

- A: You can keep the book or DVD for as long as it takes you to read it or see it.
- **Q:** Do you only have old books?
- A: There are old and new books, classics and new arrivals all the time as donated or as we find them.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library can be visited any time during regular church office hours. Check with Dave in the office and he will unlock it for you. You can browse up to 5:45pm Monday - Thursday and use the self-check to obtain books. Just remember to tell Dave when you are done. If your Life Group or your family would like to meet in the Library in the evenings, please contact Jerri Cooper at 984-0908 to schedule the time.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

If you have a passion for books, please join the next meeting of the Library Committee at 10:30am on Thursday, March 11. Contact Jerri Cooper at 984-0908 if you have any questions or need a ride to the meeting.

BOOK DONATIONS

In addition to donating Christian books for the SCFBC Library, we will gladly take your unwanted non-religious books, DVDs and story CDs to use as trade material to get credit for buying books and media materials that we can use in the Library. At anytime throughout the year, drop off good or slightly used books in the red bin in the Sanctuary. Materials we cannot get trade credit for will be donated to a non-profit organization or given to the SCFBC Rummage Sale. Thank you to Eric Hughes, Ellen Imhof and Jack Ratcliff for your recent book donations.

BOOK NOOK

Please check out the books in the BOOK NOOK in the sanctuary each Sunday.



Person Of Interest!

Jim Powell was born in Denver, Colorado. He is one of five children, four boys and a girl. His father worked as a mail man. In 1958 Jim's father moved the family to Santa Clara, California. His dad was very tired of the cold weather and the snow. Jim attended Wilson Elementary School and later graduated from Santa Clara High School in 1967.

He was raised as a Catholic and attended Saint Justas. In 1970 Jim and his brother were invited to Santa Clara First Baptist Church by Mark and Clark Nphpeon. Jim's brother knew Mark from college days. Jim and his brother

didn't really connect at Saint Justas so they started attending the college group at SCFBC. Jim enjoyed the fellowship of the college-age kids. That is where he met our pastor, Richard Reaves, and many other friends in the years to come.

In 1971 Jim was baptized in his new church. He has been an usher in the morning service for over twenty years. He also began working with the kids in the nursery and with the older kids. Jim was also a Big Brother. Jim is still ushering and works with AWANA on Sunday nights.

Jim has been a gardener for thirty years. He works at the Rosicrucian Museum in San Jose where he does janitorial and maintenance work.

Jim has been a faithful steward for God and we appreciate his faithful service. You will see him at the front door on Sunday mornings passing out Bulletins. Thanks, Jim, for your wonderful contribution to SCFBC!

Youth News

Mexico Outreach 2010

Plans are already underway for our annual weeklong trip to Ensenada, Mexico. This year's trip will be from June 18th to June 26th. The cost of the trip will be \$400, but many fundraisers will be held leading up to the trip. An informational meeting will be held February 28th after each worship service for those interested. This trip is open to anyone completing 8th grade or higher, and adults are welcome as well.

Reflect High School Group



In February, Reflect took a break from our series on the book of Revelation to focus on the 30 Hour Famine event. We also went on our annual winter retreat at Sierra Pines, where the 12 youth and 4 mentors grew even closer as a group. We worshipped with the band Eight Mile Road. We were challenged by Justin Pritchard from Bridgeway Christian Church in Rocklin to love God with all together so closely.

The Element Jr. High Group

The Jr High Youth participated in the

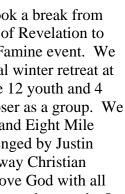
Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser again this year by being servers and hosts. They had a great time waiting on tables and dressing up. Pepe made it all the way from Italy to serve his own brand of homemade pepper to the guests. We also had an Ice Skating night that was a lot of fun and some new friends were brought to this event. We are in a series called "Starting to Go Where God Wants You to Be" and have broken the kids up into small groups for the lesson time. For the 30 Hour Famine we included a couple of special lessons to talk about poverty and hunger and to spend more time focusing on those areas.

30 Hour Famine

Both High School and Jr High groups participated in the 30 Hour Famine event on February 26th and 27th where the kids experienced what it is like to go for 30 hours without food. We hosted the kids in the Fellowship hall during that time and performed a service project on Saturday while also raising money for World Vision.

Committed We look forward to new and creative lessons by the Youth Staff on Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Youth Room.







our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. It was a blessing to see the group grow



Youth Staff Danijela, Eric, Danielle, Liz, Karena, Jasmine, Mary, Andrew, Fion, Amy, Kim, Jerry



You are invited to a Gourmet Luncheon and Silent Auction

Saturday, March 13, 2010 12:00 Noon Aemono Restaurant The International Culinary School at The Art Institute of California -Sunnyvale, 1120 Kifer Road

Donation: \$10.00

Seating is limited so purchase your tickets now.

Special guest speaker is **Reverend Sharon Clayton.**

Sponsored by ABW Ministries. *Troceeds benefit the* **ABW** Scholarship Fund.

For more information, contact Barbara Chicks at 408-739-2935.

Reverend Sharon Clayton is a native of New Orleans and was raised in Oakland where she graduated from Emery High School.



Reverend Clayton attended California State Hayward where she majored in Business Administration. In 2001, she graduated Valedictorian from Shiloh Bible College in Oakland with a degree in Biblical Theology and in 2005 she received a BA in Humanities from New College of California. She completed her Masters in Divinity at American Baptist Seminary of the West in 2009.

Reverend Clayton was ordained and licensed in 1994. She is an active member of the Beth Eden Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Gillette O. James. Currently, Reverend Clayton serves as Co-Director of Children's Church and Sunday school teacher to the senior high school students.

Reverend Clayton has ministered throughout the Bay Area teaching God's Word in classroom settings, seminars, conferences and workshops. Her unique style of ministering God's Gospel compels her listeners to seek the face of the Lord with a sense of urgency. In addition to ministering God's Word, she is the mother of two and grandmother of four.

Reverend Clayton's greatest desire is to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and her scripture of choice is Philippians 3:10: "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death."

Missions Update

"For I was hungry...I was thirsty....I was a stranger...I needed clothes...I was sick...I was in prison...I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. " Matt. 25:35 -36; 40

Emergency Housing Consortium (EHC) Cold Weather Shelter

EHC has changed the date for SCFBC to host the homeless from February to March. The new dates are March 11th -14th.

Volunteers to needed to provide SCFBC hospitality while our guests are on our

campus. To see what you can do to help, The next rummage sale is scheduled for April contact Larry VanGroningen at 408-984-1233. and will benefit the Youth Mexico Mission Team, the new storage building for If you are interested in serving food that Bethlehem, and the Women's Mission weekend, please remember to get a current TB Projects. Please start saving clean, usable test and keep a copy of results to be sent to items (no clothing please; good, clean shoes EHC. are okay) to benefit these special ministries.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Haiti

Please ask your friends and neighbors for donations, also. Tax receipts are given when requested. Items can be brought to the Fellowship Hall after the Easter Worship on April 4th. Since the Fellowship Hall is used for many functions during the week, we ask that you not bring furniture or other large items until our setup/collection days on the Wednesday or Thursday, April 7th and 8th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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For the latest information on what International Ministries is doing in Haiti please check the attached link: http://www.internationalministries.org/topics/ As of February 21st, our church has generously given \$3,760 to go specifically to Haiti relief through OGHS!

We ask you to continue to pray for the missions projects God would like to have Many volunteers will be needed to help put SCFBC be a part of locally, nationally, and sale items out on the tables, etc., and help run internationally in 2010. the sale.

Karen Fong SCFBC Missions Deacon





Friday, April 9th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday, April 10th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Please contact Maxine Darknell at 241-7567 if you have questions or if you can help with this special benefit!