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# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Ann Arbor, Michigan

April 8, 2009

## Holy Week Schedule

### *Maundy Thursday Service:*

*April 9 at 7 p.m. here at First Baptist.*

*Chris Grapentine, pastor at Northside Community Church,  
will be preaching.  
(childcare provided)*

### *Community Good Friday Service:*

*April 10 at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church next  
door. (The FBC Choir will perform at the 1:00 service).*

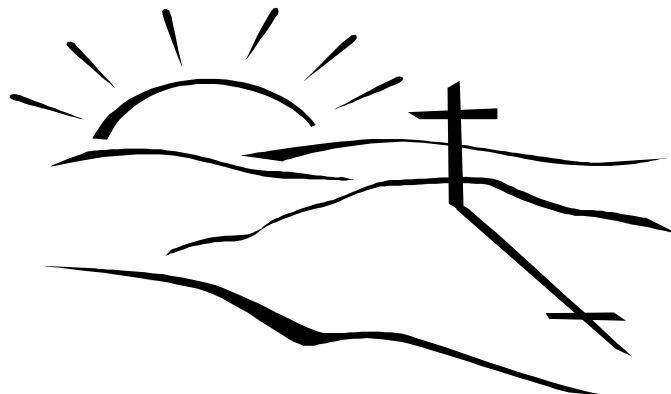
### *Tenebrae Service:*

*April 10 at 8:00 p.m. in the First Baptist sanctuary  
(childcare provided)*

### *Easter Sunday Service:*

*April 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the  
First Baptist sanctuary.*

*Happy Easter!!!*



NURSERY care is available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from 9:30 - 12:30.

## **Children and Youth Christian Education**

On, Easter, April 12 - there will be no music or church school classes. Childcare will be offered for infants through first grade.

This schedule resumes on April 19:

All children are welcome to worship with their families. After the Time as Children portion of the worship service, young preschoolers may go to the nursery for childcare. Children age 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Worship. Church School begins after worship (about 11:00).

### age 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade:

10:30 - 11:00 Children's Worship (202A)  
11:00 - 12:00 Church School (Room 202B)  
12:00 - 12:30 Grace Notes (Room 306)

### Youth (7<sup>th</sup> - High School)

10:00 - 11:00 Worship  
11:15 - 12:30 Church School (Room 107)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades

10:00 - 11:00 Worship  
11:00 - 11:50/12:00 Church School (Room 304)  
11:50 - 12:30 Jr. Choir (Room 102) or  
12:00 - 12:30 Grace Notes (Room 306)

## **Children's Music and Arts Ministry** (Sunday Mornings)

Jr. Handbells (Room 306).....9:15 - 9:45  
Grace Notes Choir (Room 306)..12:00 - 12:30  
Jr. Choir (Room 102).....11:50 - 12:30

## **Adult Christian Education 11:30—12:30 (Lounge)**

April 12, Easter - no second hour class

April 19 - *Achieving Peace in Israel and Palestine: How Christian Support for Progressive Jews Can Make the Difference* - Presented by Aaron Ahuvia

Many Christians care deeply about resolving the wars that rage over the Holy Land. But given what can seem like the constant stream of bad news from that region, it's easy to feel pessimistic about the chance for peace. Fortunately, there is also good news to be heard, although the good news doesn't make the headlines the way violence from this region does. This presentation introduces Christian audiences to the rapidly growing movement in mainstream Jewish communities which is based in compassion for both Jews and Arabs who suffer in this conflict, and recognizes that the best way to support Israel is to support a viable peace agreement. Furthermore, as Americans this means organizing support for an US foreign policy which recognizes the legitimate needs of all parties to the conflict, and effectively moves the Israelis, Palestinians, and Arab States towards compromise. Past American successes, such as the peace agreement between Israel and Egypt, show that this approach can work. This talk will focus in particular on Brit Tzedek v'Shalom, which is the largest grassroots Jewish organization taking this approach.



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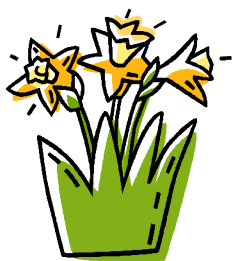
Aaron Ahuvia, Ph.D., is a Professor of Marketing at the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Management, and teaches *Social Marketing* at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business. He is a member of the National Board and Executive Committee, as well as a designated National Spokesperson for *Brit Tzedek v' Shalom*. With over 40,000 supporters and 38 chapters across the country, Brit Tzedek is America's largest grass roots Jewish organization dedicated to a viable negotiated two-state resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Aaron Ahuvia lives in Ann Arbor with his two sons, Isaac and Jonah, and his wife Aura who is currently studying to become a Rabbi

### Other Adult Education Opportunities:

**Wednesday Bible Study** (1:30—2:30 pm; Memorial Lounge)

Paul Duke leads a study of selected Psalms. Join us each Wednesday for snacks, fellowship and study.

**Adult Small Groups (ChristCare):** Centered on Bible study, fellowship, mission, prayer and worship, we currently have two groups: one which meets monthly and the other which meets every other week. See Stacey, Paul or Sue Ellen for more information about joining a group.



## FBCA2 News & Happenings

### Waterman Lectures

As part of the ongoing series of lectures held in honor of Dr. Leroy Waterman, longtime member and teacher in this congregation, Dr. Miroslav Volf will present two lectures on April 25. See the flyer included in the newsletter for more information. The committee is very excited about Dr. Volf's visit and hopes for wide participation by our congregation and from throughout the community. Please attend one or both lectures. Bring your friends and acquaintances. As someone who teaches about faith and reconciliation, Dr. Volf might suggest you also bring your enemies. Ron Gregg has copies of the flyer for anyone who wishes to help spread the word. No registration is needed.

### Annual Meeting

The church's annual meeting will be held at 12:30, April 26 beginning with a potluck lunch. Lunch is an official agenda item, so don't miss this part of the meeting! As this is our annual program meeting it will include the election of board members and church officers for the next year. We will also consider a proposal for the structured use of the various Trust funds given for the ministries of the church and review the activities of our boards and ministries.

### Habitat for Humanity

With the changing economic times our Habitat project this year is to renovate two existing homes in Ypsilanti. Construction will be starting soon!

The FBC work Saturday is still to be determined and we will keep you posted. For those of you interested in working during the week the individual volunteer coordinator is Donna Wegryn at 734-665-0061 or [donna@zw2.com](mailto:donna@zw2.com). The volunteer work days during the week are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Monday & Thursday are prep days for the leaders and volunteers are not needed.

For those of you interested in providing lunches during the week contact Sonia DeMonner at 734-717-8475 or [smdemo@med.umich.edu](mailto:smdemo@med.umich.edu).

**The FBC Ladies Book Club** will meet to discuss *The Shack* by William P. Young on Tuesday, April 14th at 7 pm. This month's meeting will be at Mary Gregg's house. If you like lively conversation and excellent food, please plan to join us! Questions may be directed to Janice Stumpf, 663-4871 or [jlstumpf@umich.edu](mailto:jlstumpf@umich.edu).

**Pictorial Directory Sign up** Many of our members/friends have not yet made their appointments to have their pictures taken for the new pictorial directory. We want to have EVERY individual or family to be included in the directory and we encourage everyone who has not yet done so to please make an appointment as soon as possible. Times are available on Fri. Apr 17 between 3 and 9:30, Sat. Apr. 18 between 10 and 5 and Tues. Apr. 21 between 3 and 9:30; but slots are filling up quickly. Please make your appointment by calling the church office (663-9376) this week or at the Information counter on Sunday. Options will be available after Sunday, but will not be as easy to arrange, so please help us out as soon as you can. If you are unable to schedule an appointment, you are invited to submit a close-up photo of you (and your family) to be included in the directory. We are sure everyone will appreciate that this directory will help in enhancing our familiarity with each other and sense of community. Many thanks from the Board of Care and Community.



**ABWM supporting Burmese Refugees** The Battle Creek churches are supporting 800 Burmese refugees to Michigan. To help in their resettlement, ABWM will be collecting new and slightly-used household goods, such as towels, sheets, pots/pans, etc., at the information desk on Sundays. The ABWM will be taking the collection to Alma, Michigan in June.

**Camps and Conferences** Information about our ABC Camps and Green Lake Conference Center and the schedule for each is available in the Information racks or from Sue Ellen. There are opportunities for all ages, including several family camps. Scholarships are available.

**Church Telephone Directory** Along with the pictorial directory project, we are working on updating the church telephone directory. There will be draft copies available in the Fellowship Hall and on the Information Desk for two more Sundays (12th & 19th). Please take a moment to check or add your information, including birthday - not the year! - and any email addresses, cell phone numbers, work numbers that you care to have displayed. The draft copies will also be available in the church office on Mon-Fri from 9-5. If you won't be at the church during the next few weeks, please email the office ([office@fbca2.org](mailto:office@fbca2.org)) with any changes/additions. The final directories will be available for you to take home at the Annual Program meeting on Sunday, April 16th. Thank you!

**It is with sadness that we report the passing of FRANKYE OLEAVIA POLK ADAMS** age 93, of Smyrna. She passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 28, 2009. She was born December 3, 1915 in Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi.

Ms. Adams was preceded in death by her daughter, Carolyn Adams Vogler, her son-in-law, Captain James Kenneth Vogler, Sr., her sister, Flossy Belle Polk Feiner, her brothers, Owens Banks Polk, Carly Baxter Polk, Willie Ottis Polk, her husband, Oscar Grandberry Adams, Jr. and her parents, Effie Polk and Henry Lee Polk. Frankye moved to Ann Arbor Michigan in the 1930's and was a registered nurse for several years at the old St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and the University of Michigan. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor and lived at Lurie Terrace before moving to Tennessee to live with her daughter. She is survived by her niece, Jerry Suits of Ann Arbor and by her grandsons, Michael King Vogler and James Kenneth Vogler, Jr.; great grandchildren, Anna Elizabeth Vogler and Michael Crosslin Vogler all of Smyrna.

Entombment was at Roselawn Memorial Gardens. In Lieu of Flowers, Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association. Please go to [www.woodfinchapel.com](http://www.woodfinchapel.com) to sign her guest book.

**The MacGregor-Stitt Circle** will meet on Thursday, April 16th, at 11:45 at Weber's Restaurant for "lunch with Betty." Please note different location this year.



Easter Event 2009





**Holy Week and Easter** — By Wilda K. W. Morris (condensed by Sue Ellen Glover)

*(The Rev. Wilda K.W. Morris, Ph.D., is editor of The Children's Corner, a publication by National Ministries, ABC-USA).*

If we celebrate Holy Week with a series of special services, we are participating in a tradition that is about 1,680 years old! Yet these celebrations represent new life given to us by Jesus through his death and resurrection.

Younger children think episodically, but by age seven or eight most children can begin to absorb the sequence of events during Holy Week. Children should be encouraged to attend Holy Week services.

**PALM SUNDAY.** Children can catch some of the spirit of celebration that accompanied Jesus' entry into Jerusalem by marching around the sanctuary waving palms and distributing them to the congregation. Indeed, the entire congregation may choose to process to the church from another location—a practice that was common in the Middle Ages. An Italian custom is for worshipers to give their palms to those with whom they have quarreled, as a sign of reconciliation.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY.** Our Maundy Thursday services recall Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, which was a Passover celebration (see Luke 22:1-14). Passover is a commemoration of God's act of liberating the Israelites from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 2:12-15:21). God heard the Israelites' cries and sent Moses to lead them to freedom. But Pharaoh would not free them, so God sent a series of plagues against Egypt. The tenth and last plague was the death of firstborn sons. Each Israelite family was instructed to kill a lamb and smear some of its blood on the doorposts and lintel of their home, and thus their firstborn would be spared. They were to roast the lamb, bake

bread (without taking time to leaven it), and be dressed and ready to escape. Finally Pharaoh said the Israelites could go. As they headed for the border, though, Pharaoh sent his army after them. Miraculously, the Israelites crossed the sea on dry ground, but the pursuing soldiers were drowned. Even today the Jewish people celebrate this deliverance—this new start for their people— by observing the Passover, or *Pesach* (Exodus 12:1-13:16). The Gospel of John interprets the crucified Jesus as the Passover lamb (John 1:29, 36), as does Paul (“Our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed,” (1 Corinthians 5:7, *NRSV*).

Since the fourth century, many churches have observed Maundy Thursday with a simple meal or Jewish-style seder (Passover meal) and a Communion service. Some also include foot washing in their observance (see John 13). The term Maundy comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which refers to the new commandment (*novum mandatum*) given by Jesus during the Last Supper (“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another,” John 13:34, *NRSV*) Children can understand Jesus celebrating a traditional feast with his disciples. By second or third grade, they can also identify with Jesus’ pain in being betrayed by a friend and can begin to explore the meaning of the new commandment.

**GOOD FRIDAY.** Traditionally, on Good Friday, the sanctuary is stripped of decoration—a reminder that Jesus was stripped of his clothing. The service is generally solemn. Candles are extinguished until the sanctuary is as dark as safety allows. These symbolic practices will often touch the heart of even a child who doesn’t fully understand the meaning of Holy Week. Scripture is central to the service, which generally includes passages from Isaiah concerning the Suffering Servant.

**EASTER.** The joyfulness of Easter services will have a strong impact on children, especially those who have attended Good Friday services. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and his triumph over death and sin, singing joyous hymns in a sanctuary decorated with flowers. Children will hear the Bible stories, feel the joy, revel in the beauty of the sanctuary, and say with the congregation, “Christ is risen! Alleluia!”.

**OTHER TRADITIONS** In addition to practices connected with worship services, there are many other Holy Week customs known around the world. You may want to encourage families to adopt some of them and to talk about the meaning attached to them.

The tradition of spring housecleaning stems from the Jewish practice of housecleaning before Passover. This was to fulfill the command that there be no yeast (or leavening) in the house during Passover or the subsequent week-long Festival of Unleavened Bread (see Exodus 12:19). For Christians, a clean house is the symbol of the fresh start we are given by Jesus’ death and resurrection and the purity we have only because he has taken our sins upon himself. The custom of wearing new (or specially cleaned) clothing on Easter has the same symbolism. Eggs have been used as a symbol of new life since before the time of Christ. In countries where Orthodox churches are prevalent, Easter eggs are often painted red to represent the blood of Christ. Rolling colored eggs down a hill—symbolizing the rolling of the stone from Jesus’ grave—has a long history in England.

It is crucial that we take children into account while planning Holy Week and Easter observances. Carolyn Brown suggests that if we do not let children participate in Maundy Thursday or Good Friday observances, and thus protect them from “the darkness of the Passion,” we diminish their experience of Easter joy.<sup>4</sup> As children grow, it is important for us to share with them the symbolic significance of Easter eggs and other symbols used in the celebration. (*The Easter Event at FBCA2 offers this opportunity to share the meaning of Easter and its symbols.*)

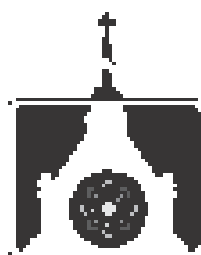
## **“The God of Jesus & the God of Muhammad”**

Lectures Presented by Noted Theologian Miroslav Volf



Dr. Volf has authored award-winning books on theology and reconciliation and given leadership to expanded Christian-Muslim dialogue in America. He is Professor of Systematic Theology at the Yale Divinity School and Director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture.

**Saturday, April 25, 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM**



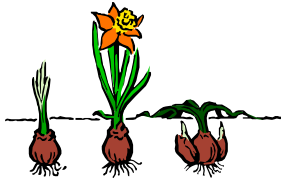
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**FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR**

**DO JUSTICE. LOVE KINDNESS. WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.**

— Isaiah 1:17

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Next  
newsletter  
deadline:

Sunday,  
April 19, 2008

**EASTER EVENT THANK YOU!!!**

What a wonderful party! Seventy people for lunch with *thirty-two* children dying eggs, doing crafts, listening to the Easter story (with lots of questions) and hunting eggs that were hidden by Geoff Halliday, our EEB (Executive Easter Bunny) and his ten Youth EBA's (Easter Bunny Assistants). Toni Burton, Bill Foster and Cesar Alaniz transported fifteen children from Hikone to join the fun. And the rain and snow held off!

This wonderful party would not have happened without the financial support of the congregation, and the elbow-grease, commitment and dedication of the Board of Christian Education. Many, many thanks to:

**Co-Chairs** - Christina Alaniz and Janice Stumpf

**Photographs** - Bob Kidd

**Special Easter Cake** - Christina and Marissa Alaniz

**Hikone Coordinator** - Toni Burton

**Food and Eggs** - Mary Davis, Kai Boon, the Kidd family, the Faber family, Kelli Kerbawy and Irina and Paul Steiger, Roberta Hause, Janice Stumpf

**Lunch** - Maryann Bowen, Mary Davis, Edie Hurst, Janice Stumpf

**Craft Supervision** - Jackie and Bryan Arias-Moyer, Jen Niece The, Kai Boon, Lucy Thompson, Cameron Crowe, Jack Sterns, Owen Stearns, Grace Crowe, Desiree Cougill, Marissa Alaniz, Sam Kidd, Christina Alaniz, Hannah Foster, Julien Heidt, Carey Mack

**Clean-up** - Maryann Bowen, the Alaniz Family, Jeanette and Geoff Halliday, Mary Gregg, Toni Stearns, Mary Davis, Jen Niece Teh, Kai Boon and many others!!!