

**UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH,
3200 DILLON STREET., 21224 (276-0393)
LENTEN SERIES - 1996 - Each Wednesday Evening at 7:30PM
AMAZING GRACE-PRAYER AND HEALING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
JESUS' MARCH TO THE CROSS**

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE:</u>	<u>SERMON:</u>	<u>PREACHER:</u>
Feb 21	Isaiah 53:1-12, Luke 9:52-56	How Great!	Pastor
	<u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u>	Lay Reader - Harvey Jacob	
Feb 28	Luke 18:1-8, Luke 11:5-10	Ask!	Priscilla
		Lay Reader - Art Jones	
Mrch 6	Matt 9:35, 10:1-8	Health!	M. Clement
		Lay Reader - Cal Gundlach	
Mrch 13	Mark 5:1-20	Alcohol & Drugs!	B. Myers
		Lay Reader - George Finneroy	
Mrch 20	Luke 9:10-17	Hunger!	Rev. Spencer
		Lay Reader - Mildred Gronberg	Canton Bapt
Mrch 27	Acts 3:1-10	Church & Healing	Fr. Bochenek
		Lay Reader - G. Hammerbacher	St. Brigid's
Mrch 31	<u>PALM SUNDAY</u> - 8:00AM and 10:30AM		
	Confirmation 10:30AM		
	9:45AM O'Donnel Square <u>"Blessing of the Palms"</u>		
April 3	<u>TABLEAU</u> - 8:00PM - a re-enactment of the <u>Last Supper</u> by members of the congregation		
April 4	<u>HOLY THURSDAY</u> - <u>COMMUNION</u> at 7:30PM		
April 5	9:00AM <u>Procession of the Cross</u> at 10:30AM from St. <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u> Brigid's		
April 7	<u>EASTER</u> - <u>HE IS RISEN!</u> 6:00AM <u>SUNRISE SERVICE</u> AND 10:30AM <u>MORNING WORSHIP</u>		

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING:
DURING LENT AS OUR PRELUDE TO THE HEALING SERVICES DELORES CANOLES WILL LEAD IN THE SANCTUARY TEN MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL SINGING OF THE OLD FAVORITE HYMNS.

BAKE SALES:
THE PARENTS OF CHRISTIAN CHILDREN (P.O.C.C.) WILL RUN BAKE SALES AND HAVE COFFEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LENTEN SERVICES.

ORDER FOR THE TENEBRAE

The name Tenebrae (the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows" has for centuries been applied to ancient monastic services held during the last three days of Holy Week. The extinguishing of the candles symbolizes the coming of death to Jesus and the descent of darkness upon the world, to be released only by the glorious resurrection on Easter. All lights in the church are extinguished until only a single candle, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains. Toward the end of the service this candle is hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil. At the very end, a loud noise is made, symbolizing the earthquake at the time of the resurrection, the hidden candle is restored to its place and by its light all depart in silence.

People:

On the Mount of Olives Jesus prayed to the father: Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Pastor:

Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

(Extinguish First Candle)

People:

And Jesus said "My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death; remain here, and watch with me. Now you shall see the crowd who will surround me; you will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you."

Pastor:

Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. You will flee, and I will go to be offered up for you.

(Extinguish Second Candle)

People:

Lo, we have seen him without beauty or majesty; with no looks to attract our eyes. He bore our sins and grieved for us, he was wounded for our transgressions, and by his scourging we are healed.

Pastor:

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; and by his scourging we are healed.

(Extinguish Third Candle)

People:

The kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes

plot together, against the Lord and against his Anointed. They divide my garments among them; they cast lots for my clothing. False witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

Pastor:

They divide my garments among them. They cast lots for my clothing.

(Extinguish Third Candle)

People:

And Jesus said "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me; but now, behold, you scourge me, and lead me away to be crucified.

Pastor:

When they had laid hands on Jesus and were holding him, he said: "Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me; but now, behold, you scourge me, and lead me away to be crucified."

(Extinguish Fourth Candle)

People:

Darkness covered the whole land when Jesus had been crucified; and about the ninth hour he cried with a loud voice: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? and he bowed his head and handed over his spirit.

Pastor:

Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit. And he bowed his head and handed over his spirit.

(Extinguish Fifth Candle)

People:

See how the righteous one perishes, and no one takes it to heart. The righteous are taken away, and no one understands. From the face of evil the righteous one is taken away, and his memory shall be in peace.

Pastor:

Like a sheep before its shearers is mute, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgement he was taken away: and his memory shall be in peace.

(Extinguish Sixth Candle)

People:

I was like a trusting lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, Let

us destroy the tree with its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living.

Pastor:

All my enemies whispered together against me, and devised evil against me, saying: Let us destroy the tree with its fruit; Let us cut him off from the land of the living.

(Extinguish Seventh Candle)

People:

The veil of the temple was torn in two, and the earth shook, and the thief from the cross cried out, Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Pastor:

The rocks were split, the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who slept were raised: And the earth shook, and the thief from the cross cried out, Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

(Extinguish the Eighth Candle)

People:

When the Lord was buried, they sealed the tomb, rolling a great stone to the door of the tomb, and they stationed soldiers to guard him.

Pastor:

The chief priests gathered before Pilate and petitioned him: And they stationed soldiers to guard him.

(Extinguish the Ninth Candle)

People:

God did not spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all.

Pastor:

He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and he opened not his mouth.

(Extinguish the Tenth Candle)

People:

They shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only child; for the Lord, who is without sin, is slain.

(Extinguish the Eleventh Candle)

People:

From the gates of hell, O Lord, deliver my soul.

Pastor:

In my despair I said,

"In the noonday of my life I must depart; my unspent years are summoned to the portals of death."

"No more shall I see the Lord in the land of the living, never more look on my kind among dwellers on earth."

"Between sunrise and sunset my life is brought to an end; I cower and hope for the dawn." Isaish 38:10-20

From the gates of hell, O Lord, deliver my soul.

(Extinguish the Twelfth Candle)

People:

O Death, I will be your death; O grave, I will be your destruction.

Pastor:

My flesh also shall rest in hope: You will not let your holy One see corruption.

People:

Now the women sitting at the tomb made lamentation, weeping for the Lord.

Pastor:

Christ for us became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the Name which is above every name.

Acolytes Will Strip the Chancel for Good Friday

Pastor:

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross.

Nothing further is said; but a noise is made, and the remaining candle is brought from its hiding place and appears on the Altar.

(As the music plays very softly and the lights are brought up to a very dim position, this is the signal to depart from the nave. We request that all depart in absolute silence saying nothing until you are outside the Church Building; thus, we observe the Discipline of Silence)

**THE APOSTOLATE OF THE HANDICAPPED and PROJECT RENEWAL...
A Living Memory of Thirty Years.....**

Ministry to the physically disabled has been the particular work of love, a labor of the heart for the many volunteers of both the Apostolate of the Handicapped and Project Renewal over these past thirty years.

Although the Confraternity of Pilgrims under a layman, Patrick O'Grady, had been active with handicapped pilgrims for several years, it wasn't until January of 1961, by a commission of Cardinal Meyer, that the Apostolate of the Handicapped came into being, under the leadership and spiritual direction of Rev. Edward F. Myers. Also in 1961 Project Renewal was born out of a social, recreational, camping and therapeutic group work program, organized by Rev. Bob Armstrong for the severely handicapped.

Both Project Renewal and the Apostolate of the Handicapped have met the spiritual and social needs of its members, the former through Prayer and Scripture, clustered for reflection and prayer, while the latter responded to its members by Confession, the Mass and Communion.

The appointment of Father Myers initiated a period of service for the handicapped of the Archdiocese of Chicago under the title, "the Apostolate of the Handicapped." Under his able leadership, zeal and example, and the enlisted service and inspirational presence of Msgr. Thomas Obrycki, himself a partial quadriplegic, the A.o.H. grew steadily, serving eventually two groups simultaneously, one on the northside and one on the southside of Chicago.

In 1976, due to physical disability, Father Myers relinquished the spiritual direction of the A.o.H. to Fr. Charles F. Kelly, who joined the Apostolate as co-chaplain in 1970. However, Father Myers' zeal and inspired service of the handicapped continues to this day. The spiritual needs of the A.o.H. continue to be met today by a corps of eight co-chaplains.

In 1961, the Rev. Bob Armstrong, Pastor of Waldensian Presbyterian Church on Chicago's northside, decided to put into action his growing conviction that the church needed to do more to serve and minister to local Christians with physical problems. He was well familiar with the need, having developed - before his days as minister - social programs for young adults with cerebral palsy, and built a recreational and therapeutic program for adults with multiple sclerosis.

He asked his congregation if they could and would accept the challenges of ministering to the spiritual needs of disabled home-bound Christians. He asked the question, "Can we accept them if they come? Have we the strength to help them get here and the foresight to provide for their comfort?"

These questions were met by direct action. Rev. Armstrong then contacted other Chicago area churches to enlist support, and Project Renewal was born.

Today, 30 years later, Project Renewal meets on the first Saturday of each month at different Protestant Churches which provide for the day, including drivers, Bible study leaders, lunch and worship. Project Renewal congratulates all of our supporters and members. We look forward to another 30 years!

Dear Friends and Fellow Scouters,

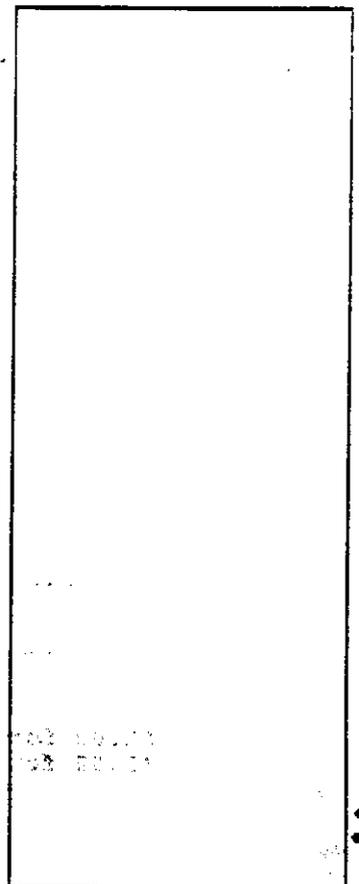
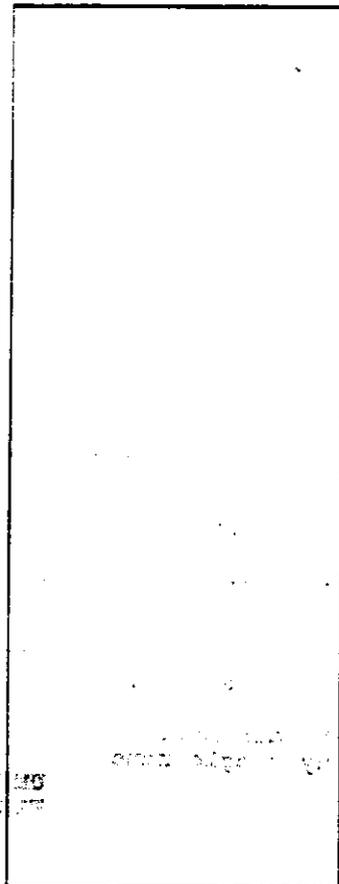
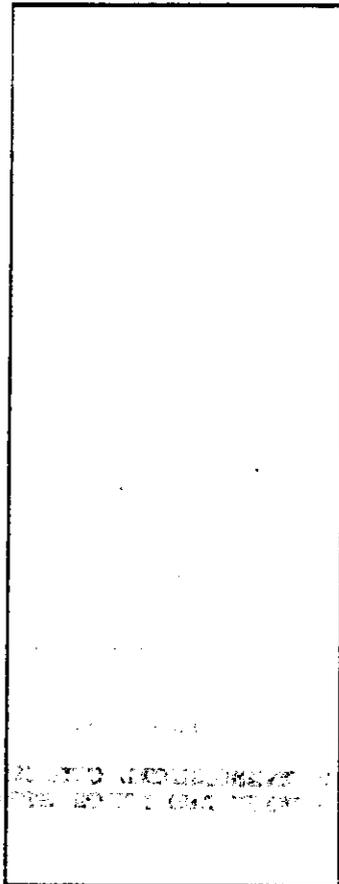
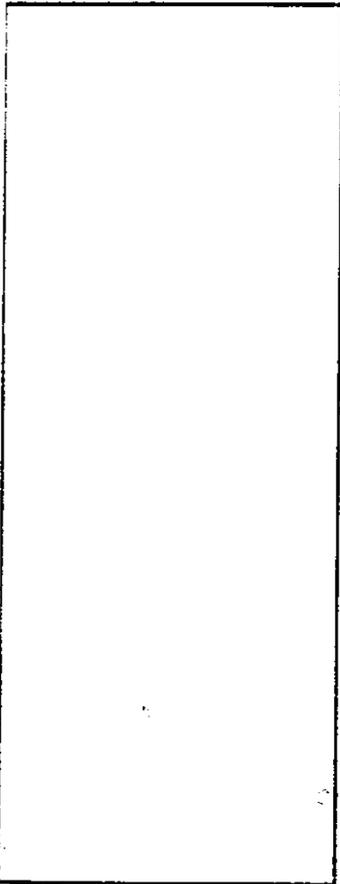
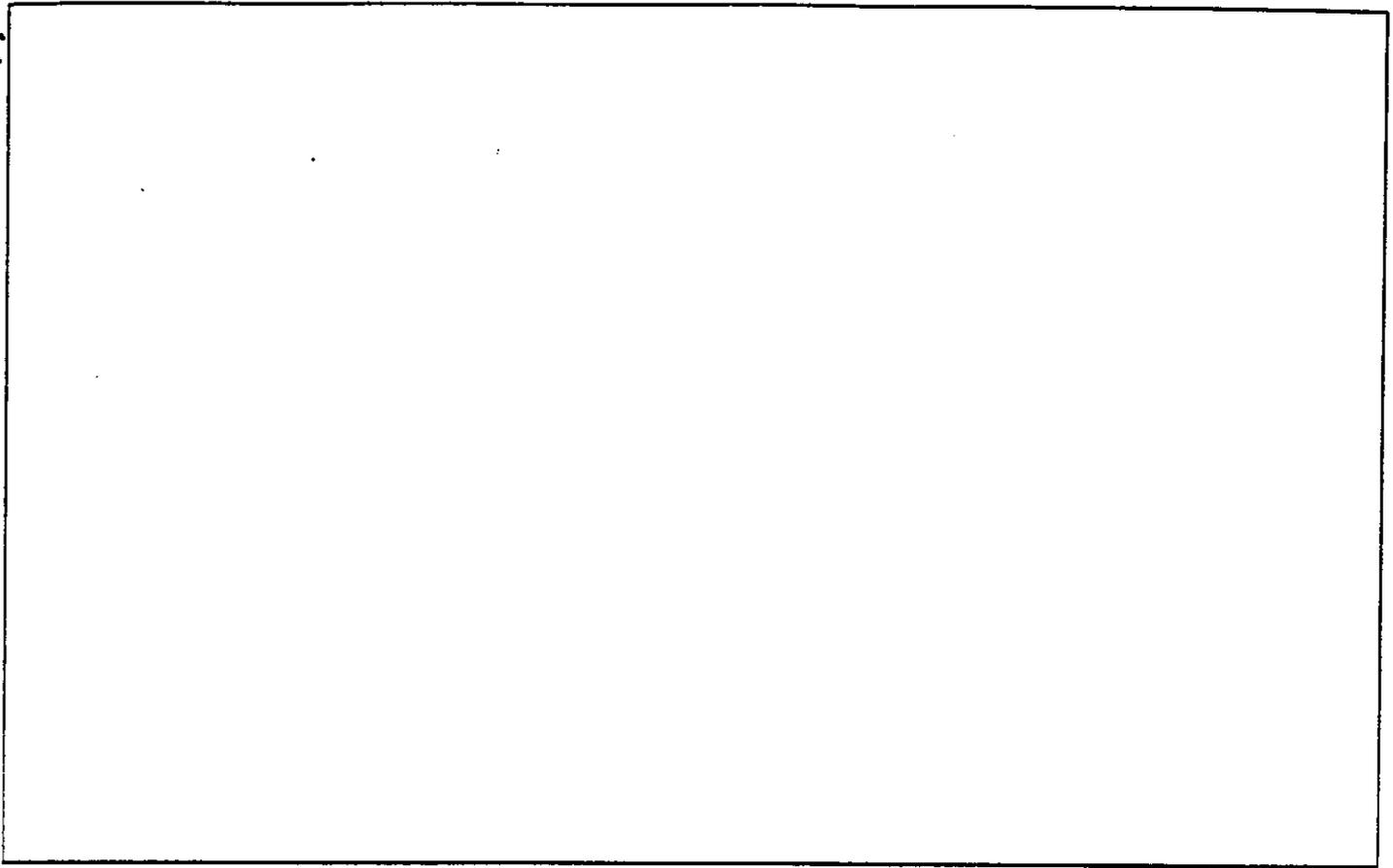
I wish to take this time to thank everyone with the food drive for the Ronald McDonald house. All total 150 lbs. of food was collected. I would especially like to thank the office of Long & Foster and the members of Church who really made my Eagle Project a success.

Yours in Scouting,
Nathan Klein

For Sunday Bulletin-7/14/96:

United church school will be collecting canned goods and or money thru Labor Day as a summer mission project. As part of our summer curriculum, we are learning about hunger and famine in biblical times and in our world today. The children are learning that even a few trying to help can make a big difference. Please pitch in and show us your support in this project. Next Sunday there will be a box marked "Cans or Coins" in the narthex for your donations. All donations will be given to the neighborhood pantry at Canton Baptist Church.

Thanks in advance for your help.





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Rev. Curtis R. Clare

Associate Conference Minister Tom Hamilton has resigned effective September 30, 1996. For more than a decade Tom has faithfully served the churches and clergy of the Central Atlantic Conference. His departure will create a significant void in our Ministry Team.

On October 1, 1996, Tom will begin work as the Interim Minister of Trinity United Church of Christ, Conover, NC.

A Service of Dismissal and Reception are being planned for Tom and Jane in conjunction with the Conference Board of Directors September meeting. The service will be held at St. John's United Church of Christ in Catonsville (directions are attached) at 7:30 PM on September 13.

The Reception will follow immediately after in the social hall. Join us for a fun celebration!

Do you have a special memory which you would like to share with Tom and Jane? A book of letters will be presented to them at the reception. Please send your letter to the office no later than September 1.

We would like to send Tom and Jane off with a generous gift. If you would like to contribute to this fund please make your check payable to the Central Atlantic Conference UCC with a notation that it is for the Hamilton gift.

Tom's last day of work will be September 15, 1996. The Board of Directors Executive Committee is moving swiftly to retain an Interim Associate Conference Minister and study our future staffing needs.

I hope that you will join us on September 13 and contribute to the book of letters and gift.

Thank you.

cc: Board of Directors

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

" Be you praised my Lord, creator of all living things, great and small. You have given them beauty and loveliness to inspire us to honor and love you more"



In celebration of the feast of ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, beloved saint of Animals, a special BLESSING OF ANIMALS CEREMONY WILL BE HELD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 TH



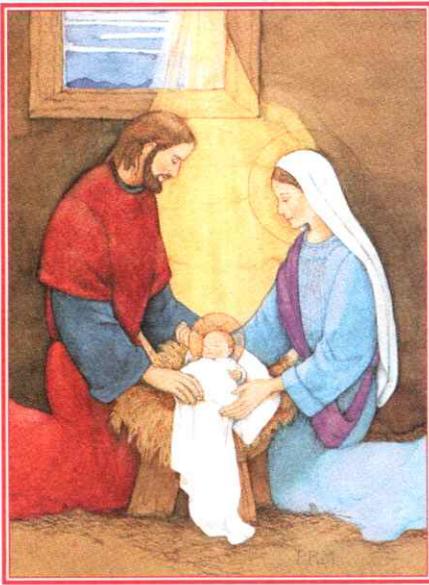
2pm.



O'DONNELL SQUARE

The Canton/Highlandtown clergy from the Protestant and Catholic Churches invite you to bring your pets for this special ceremony





To You is Born a Savior

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DECEMBER, 1997

DEAR FRIENDS:

WHEN WE THINK ABOUT OUR FATHER'S CREATION OF THE WORLD AS A HOME FOR US; WHEN WE LOOK AROUND AT THE BEAUTY OF IT, WE SOMETIMES ASK OURSELVES "WHY DID HE DO IT?" A SHACK WOULD BEEN AN O.K. HOME FOR US, BUT HE MADE US A MANSION.

DID HE HAVE TO GIVE THE BIRDS A SONG AND THE MOUNTAINS A PEAK? DID HE HAVE TO PUT STRIPES ON THE ZEBRA OR THE HUMP ON THE CAMEL, OR THE MAGNIFICENT STARS IN THE SKY? (GOD DOES GOOD WORK) WHY WRAP CREATION IN SUCH SPLENDOR? WHY GO TO SUCH TROUBLE TO GIVE SUCH GIFTS? AND WHY DO YOU GIVE GIFTS? YOU DO THE SAME. I'VE SEEN YOU SEARCHING FOR A GIFT. I'VE SEEN YOU STALKING THE MALLS AND WALKING THE AISLES. I'M NOT DESCRIBING THE LAST-MINUTE PURCHASE OF DRUGSTORE PERFUME. I'M TALKING ABOUT THAT EXTRA-SPECIAL PERSON AND THAT EXTRA-SPECIAL GIFT. I'M TALKING ABOUT STASHING AWAY A FEW DOLLARS A MONTH OUT OF GROCERY MONEY TO BUY HIM THOSE SPECIAL BOOTS HE WANTED OR STARING AT A THOUSAND RINGS TO FIND HER THE BEST ONE, OR STAYING UP ALL NIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE, ASSEMBLING THE NEW BICYCLE. WHY DO YOU DO IT? YOU DO IT SO THE EYES WILL POP. YOU DO IT SO THE HEART WILL STOP. YOU DO IT SO THE JAW WILL DROP. YOU DO IT TO HEAR THOSE WORD OF DISBELIEF, "YOU DID THIS FOR ME?"

THAT'S WHY YOU DO IT. AND THAT IS WHY GOD DID IT. NEXT TIME A SUNRISE STEALS YOUR BREATH AWAY OR A MEADOW OF FLOWERS LEAVES YOU SPEECHLESS, REMAIN THAT WAY. AND WHEN YOU ARE IN CHURCH AND

HEAR THE CHRISTMAS BELLS AND THE STORY OF HOW GOD LOVED YOU SO MUCH HE CAME IN PERSON IN THE FORM OF A BABY TO SHARE HIS LIFE WITH YOU INCLUDING YOUR SORROWS AND YOUR JOYS. SAY NOTHING AND LISTEN AS HEAVEN WHISPERS, "DO YOU LIKE IT? I DID IT JUST FOR YOU."

YES, IF YOU WERE THE ONLY PERSON ON EARTH, THE LORD WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU THAT GIFT OF HIMSELF. HE DID IT ALL FOR YOU...AND HE'S WAITING FOR YOU TO DISCOVER HIS GIFT. HE'S WAITING FOR YOUR EYES TO POP AND YOUR HEART TO STOP. HE'S WAITING FOR THE MOMENT BETWEEN THE DROPPING OF THE JAW AND LEAP OF THE HEART. FOR IN THAT SILENCE HE LEANS FORWARD AND WHISPERS. I DID IT JUST FOR YOU. YOU SEE, SOMETIMES OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN GIVES US A PIECE OF HEAVEN JUST TO SHOW HE CARES.

COME THEN AND JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS IN SINGING "JOY TO THE WORLD" TO OUR LOVING FATHER.

THIS YEAR ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1997, CHRISTMAS EVE, WE WILL "COME HOME" AT 7:30 PM FOR A SERVICE OF WORSHIP WHICH WILL FEATURE THE TELLING OF THE OLD, OLD STORY OF THE WONDROUS GIFT WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE CHILDREN. THEN AT 11:00 PM. ALL THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY AND THIRSTY FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS ARE INVITED

TO JOIN US IN THE SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION AS WE WELCOME INTO OUR HEARTS, JESUS, THE GREATEST GIFT THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN.

PRISCILLA, MARTY, THE CHURCH COUNCIL, CHURCH STAFF AND I EXTEND TO YOU OUR INVITATION TO JOIN US IN WORSHIP THIS CHRISTMAS EVE. WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

PEACE AND LOVE,

ROBERT M. ARMSTRONG,
PASTOR