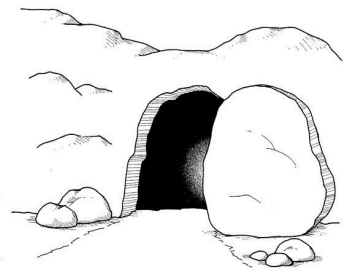


BEVERLY PRESS

Beverly Presbyterian Church 121 Warren Street, Edgewater Park, NJ 08010



FROM THE (Interim) PASTOR...

It’s two weeks before the end of the month, and that means that I should be submitting an article for the Beverly Press as your interim pastor. Typically an idea(s) readily presents itself. But today I keep staring at an empty page. Ideas of what to write are not popping up in my mind. The page remains empty. And that is distressing and disconcerting. Surely a pastor ought to have something to share with his church! Truth is there are many things about which I could write, but they just don’t seem appropriate. And so the page remains empty.

Many years ago there was a group of men and women among the Jews who came to believe that one in their midst was truly unique and special. Not a few came to believe that he was the long-awaited Savior of the Jews, the Messiah who would reign over Israel as had David so gloriously in a bygone age nearly a millennium earlier. Though he might have done more to promote himself as this Messiah, still Jesus didn’t want that sort of notoriety. Nevertheless he did initiate a triumphal parade into Jerusalem to the cheers of the crowd chanting, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

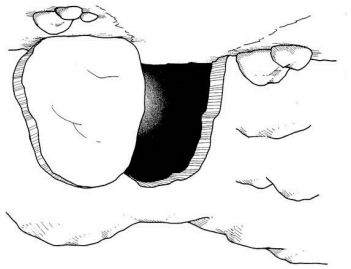
A mere five days later he was executed by crucifixion at the hands of the Romans and their Jewish co-conspirators. The hopes, aspirations, and dreams of those who had thought Jesus might be the Messiah were now dead and buried in a sealed tomb. His followers were distraught and dispirited. The day after his crucifixion must have been particularly gut-wrenching. How could things have gone so wrong?! Were their dreams misplaced? What would the future hold for those who had given up careers and homes to sit at the feet of an itinerant preacher?

On Saturday night Mary Magdalene had difficulty getting to sleep and then staying asleep. Despondently she made her way to the tomb where they had laid the body of her Lord. But lo and behold, the tomb was empty! Was this another indignity being rained upon the Jesus Mary had come to love and adore? Mary shared the awful news with the disciples, two of whom, Peter and John, ran to the tomb to check out Mary’s story. Peter found out that the report was true. The tomb was indeed empty. But when he peered inside the tomb John saw something more. The tomb was empty, to be sure, but the empty tomb signified for John that he could believe yet in this Jesus and his power.

Sometimes pages might remain empty, like that tomb. But that emptiness need not signify that our God has no message for us. The tomb is empty so that Jesus might fill this world—and us—with new life and hope for all our todays and tomorrows. It’s a monumental change! Empty now means full. Hallelujah!!

In His service,

Pastor Keith



Beverly Presbyterian Church
121 East Warren Street
Edgewater Park, NJ 08010

APRIL 2019

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT—FRIDAY, APRIL 5 @ 6:00 PM

COMMUNION —SUNDAY, APRIL 7 @ 10:00 AM

Followed by fellowship hour and Food Pantry Lite Fare

PRAYER MEETING—MONDAY, APRIL 1 & 15 @ 6:30 PM

FOOD PANTRY—MONDAY, APRIL 15, NOON TO 2:00 PM

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA—SUNDAY, APRIL 14 @ 7:00 PM Beverly
Methodist Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE—THURSDAY, APRIL 18 @ 7:00 PM

**THE PASSION OF CHRIST, A MEL GIBSON FILM—FRIDAY, APRIL 19 @
7:00 PM**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24—2 PM TO 7 PM

SUNDAYS

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast in the Cafe
8:45 AM Sunday School from pre-K to adult
10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service

WEDNESDAYS at 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAYS at 7:00 PM Praise & Worship Service lead by Joann and
Tom DiLeo

BEVERLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Interim Pastor—The Rev. Dr. Keith Schmitt
Praise Leader—Joanne DiLeo
Choir Director—Gwen Reed
Sunday School Director—Sue Hill

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SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM BY SUE HILL

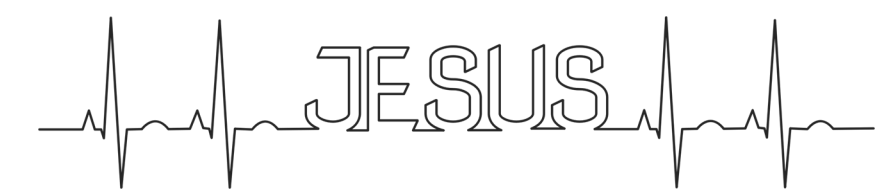
With Easter fast approaching I have been asked to write a little bit about the Easter Program.

Please allow me to digress a bit to the Christmas Program which was called “A Christmas to Believe In”. Though it told the typical Birth of Christ story as they all do, the main character was questioning his faith. In the last scene of that skit the young man has just been assured that the Baby Jesus does grow up, lives a sinless life and pays a price for the sins of the world. Now a new believer, he says, “Hey, wait a minute what do you mean He---that’s Jesus paid a price for the sins of the world? What Price?” His friend now a little more than exasperated says, “Oh boy here we go again! Do you believe in Easter? Well that’s another story!...”

Several of the kids asked is there an Easter Skit that goes along with this? No, there was not until we created one. The Skit “An Easter to Believe In” picks up where the Christmas Skit ends and was written with our kids in mind. I was going to tell you a bit about the content, but I think it would be a “spoiler alert” so I will just say our main character is once again questioning his faith. His friends come together with let’s say, “A Case For Christ”! Please come out for a Pot Luck dinner and the Program on **Sunday, April 7th at 6:00**. We hope you will enjoy our play and maybe get a laugh or two as well. To help keep a balanced potluck assortment, the Deacons are suggesting that if your last name begins with the following letter, you bring that type of dish.

A to I: Side Dish J to R: Main Dish S to Z: Dessert

Please, let Dawn Edmonds know what you are bringing. Y can contact her at (609) 220-4222 or email her at: Dawnme67@comcast.net.



FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT in the Fellowship Hall, **FRIDAY, APRIL 5** doors open at **6:00 PM** . The feature presentation is projected onto a 9x16 screen with surround sound. Call the office for the movie title. It’s usually a newly released movie on DVD that is appropriate for most ages. Last month, **Ralph Wrecks the Internet** was shown and enjoyed by an audience of 2 dozen viewers . Refreshments are available for a nominal fee and the proceeds go to support Youth Group activities.



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Thank you to the contributors of this issue of the “Beverly Press”; Pastor Keith, Sherry O., Sue C., Joe R., Dee B., Sue H., Pat D. & Gwen R. I look forward to contributions from all aspects of BPC for the next issue. Articles such as upcoming event details, reflections on past events, pictures and ideas are due the 2nd Sunday each month (some exceptions). You can email your submission to beverlypressnewsletter@gmail.com or drop off in person at the church office. Deadline each month: 4/14 5/12 6/16 7/14 8/11 9/15 10/13 11/10 12/15

TAKE TIME TO PRAY!

When you do please include the **PRAYER CONCERNS** listed, below.

BPC finances
Pastor Nominating Committee
Sanctuary ceiling repairs
The Barber Family
Jane Schulze
Tammy Lowden
Laura Kellaway
Joy Vanaman McWilliams
The world, Our nation,
Our state, & local community
The BPC congregation



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Sarah DiPadova
- 3 – Breanna Weaver
- 4 – Savannah Weaver
- 8 – James Lowden
- 9 – Gary Fuller
- 10 – Nora Jackson
- 12 - Mason Buckley
- 12 – Alan Eutsey
- 15 – Dawn Olson
- 20 – Dot Myers
- 30 – Phoebe Cosden
- 30 – Chance Cosden

SPECIAL DATES

- 7—Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 14 to 21– Holy Week
- 14—Palm/Passion Sunday
- 19—Good Friday
- 21—Easter Sunday
- 24— Administrative Professionals Day

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 – Bob & Tracy Sarnoski (27 years)
- 16 – Steve & Donna Colangelo (31 years)
- 22 – Alan & Gail Eutsey (41 years)
- 22 – Michael & Kathy Franklin (30 years)

April 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting (Café)	2	3 5 pm LICRC (Café) 7:30 pm Boy Scout #24 Leaders' Meeting 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30 pm Boy Scout #24 Patrol Leaders (F. Hall) 7 pm Praise Service 7:30 pm Boy Scout #24 (F. Hall)	5 6:30 pm Family Movie Night (F. Hall)	6
7 8:30 am Breakfast (Café) 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11 am Fellowship Hour 11 am Deacon Meeting (Conf. Room) 1 pm LICRC (F. Hall) 6 pm Easter Dinner & Play (F. Hall)	8 7 pm Session Meeting (Conf. Room)	9 5:30-7 pm Food Pantry packing bags (F. Hall)	10 5 pm LICRC (Café) 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 7 pm Praise Service 7:30 pm Boy Scout #24 (F. Hall)	12 12	13
14 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Breakfast 8:45 am Sunday School 10am Worship 1 pm LICRC (F. Hall) 7 pm Comm. Cantata	15 12 noon Food Pantry (F. Hall) 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting (Café)	16	17 5 pm LICRC (Café) 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	18 Maundy Thurs. 7 pm Communion Service	19 Good Friday Church office closed LICRC (F. Hall) TTBA 7:00 pm Showing "The Passion of the Christ"	20 LICRC (F. Hall) TTBA
21 Easter 8:30 am Breakfast 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 1 pm LICRC (F. Hall)	22	23 12 noon P. W. Afternoon Circle (F. Hall)	24 2 pm Blood Drive (F. Hall til 7) 5 pm LICRC (Café) 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	25 7 pm Praise Service 7:30 pm Boy Scout #24 (F. Hall)	26 12 mid-3 am LICRC (F. Hall)	27
28 8:30 am Breakfast 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 1 pm LICRC (F. Hall)	29	30	<div>Elder Host: Gwen Reed</div> <div>Head Usher: Jeanne Buffarini</div> <div>Alternate: Angie Palombi</div>			

The Apostles' Creed

"I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit...was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to hell, on the third day rose again...ascended to heaven...thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit...the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life-everlasting. Amen."^{8,9}



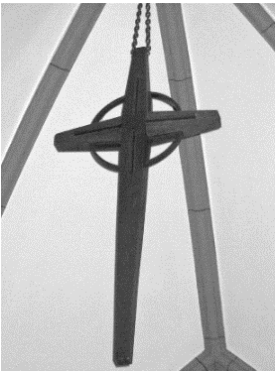
JAMES R. BARBER—BY JOE REED



Reverend Barber was born in Erie, PA on August 13, 1935. He was the youngest of six children and graduated from Erie East High School in 1954. Jim attended Maryville College (Tennessee) and graduated in 1958. Reverend Barber married his college sweetheart, Barbara, in August of 1958 and she taught school while he attended seminary in Pittsburgh, PA. He was a Student Assistant at several churches while attending seminary between the years 1958 and 1961. After his graduation from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1961, Jim accepted his first of four calls; serving the Leiper Presbyterian Church in Swarthmore, PA until 1967. In 1968, he and Barbara moved their young family to Beverly where they remained for ten years. In 1978 Jim accepted the call to Clinton Presbyterian Church in NJ and in 1988 to Gwynedd Square Presbyterian Church in PA. He remained at Gwynedd Square until his retirement in 1999. Upon retiring, Jim and Barbara returned to Burlington County and settled in Willingboro. They reestablished ties to The Beverly Presbyterian Church and Barbara became an active member of the congregation. Jim was named Pastor Emeritus of The Beverly Presbyterian Church in 2002. He has acted as moderator of Session during a recent period without an installed pastor. During his time as pastor in Beverly, Reverend Barber was very active in community groups and had a strong youth ministry. He mentored many students from Princeton Seminary providing opportunities for them to assist in the church activities, services, and programs. The youth group, inspired by discussions with Jim and the youth advisors about the meaning of the cross worked with an architect and constructed a Celtic cross which hangs over the pulpit. In the Spring of 1973, Reverend Barber officiated at a mortgage burning service to commemorate the final payment on the Christian Education Building. As part of the church's 120th anniversary celebration, Jim dedicated new pews and cushions as part of the ongoing Sanctuary refurbishment program the congregation had begun earlier that

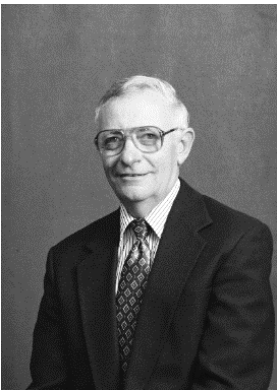
year. His sermon was entitled: "If These Pews Could Speak". In addition to his accomplishments at Beverly, Reverend Barber served as Commissioner for General assembly in 1971 and 1990 and for the Synod (Northeast) in 1977, 1980, and 1981. He has attended preaching seminars at Union Seminary in Richmond, VA; Union Seminary in New York; Massanetta Springs, VA; and Princeton Seminary. He was also an instructor of Field Education in the Princeton and Eastern Baptist Seminaries. Jim and Barbara also attended conferences and mission trips at several venues around the world. Upon his retirement, Reverend James Barber was honored with a Kirkwood Camp (in the Philadelphia Presbytery) Scholarship Fund established by the Gwynedd Square Church allowing a deserving child to attend camp each summer. In 2002, Jim was told that his kidneys were failing and a transplant might be needed.

A worshiper at the Beverly Presbyterian Church, hearing of the pastor's failing health during a casual conversation, immediately volunteered to donate one of her kidneys if it became necessary. Later that year, Jim received this gift and his renewed health... may God be praised. Jim and Barbara became involved in many aspects of the Beverly Church Ministry, became an ambassadors for organ donation, immersed themselves in local charities and continued in this capacity until Barbara fell ill. She succumbed to her illness several years ago and Jim focused on his children, the Burlington Center Ministry, and continued as an advocate for organ donation. On Thanksgiving Day, 2016 Jim met Dee Woods and the couple found an instant connection, they fell in love and where married September 2nd, 2017. Dee and Jim demonstrated their love for each other everywhere they went and remained very active in the Beverly church as well as charities and missions throughout the region. Their favorite thing was to sit together on the porch of their Ocean City, NJ beach house enjoying summer breezes and each other's company. Jim contracted a bronchial infection in January 2019 and his immune system was unable to fight it off. After several weeks in the hospital, Reverend Barber Passed away Feb. 9, 2019 with Dee by his side. Heaven has been blessed with his presence and those of us left behind are deeply impacted by his absence.



Reverend James Barber
and the Celtic cross

Installed Pastor 1968 through 1978; Celtic cross, Student Assistant Pastor program; Sanctuary renovation; new pews; strong community outreach through youth programs; Christian Education Building mortgage burning service; 120th anniversary celebration; returned to Beverly after retirement and named Pastor Emeritus; Participated in 150th Anniversary Service in November 2003.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:9-13 NIV

PULPIT FLOWER DEDICATIONS

April 7 By	In memory of
Julia Dolce	Joseph Dolce
Pat Dougherty	Robert Dougherty
April 14	
The Snivelys	Delores Snively
Karen Reed	Ron Grim
April 18	
Lauren Buckley	Loved Ones
Pat Dougherty	Robert Dougherty
April 21—Easter Lilies (see bulletin)	
April 28	
Douglas Allen	Edith Allen Baldwin
The Butler Family	Hima & Charles Butler, Fred Butler, Audrey Lamkin & Shirley Atzert
Karen Smith	William & Irene Smith

Available dates May 19, September 22 & 29, October 20 and November 17. Contact Karen Reed, 609-314-6673 or kreed@trcsolutions.com to make a dedication.

Soul Secure

WINNING OVER WORRY
BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

Seek God daily and start by being in His Word.

1. Psalm 127:1-5

2. Isaiah 35:1-10

3. Jeremiah 17:5-10

4. Matthew 6:22-34

5. Luke 12:22-31

6. Philippians 4:1-7

7. 1 Peter 5:1-7

8. Hebrews 13:1-7

9. Psalm 121:1-8

10. 1 Corinthians 10:9-13

11. Colossians 3:12-17

12. Psalm 55:9-19

13. Romans 8:28-39

14. Psalm 17:1-8

15. 2 Timothy 1:1-7

16. Psalm 16:1-8
17. Psalm 91:1-10

18. Psalm 91:11-16

19. Psalm 112:1-10

20. Psalm 56:1-13

21. Galatians 1:1-10

22. Hebrews 6:10-20

23. Romans 8:1-6

24. Psalm 73:21-28

25. Psalm 18:1-13

26. Psalm 18:14-29

27. Psalm 18:30-39

28. Psalm 18:40-50

29. Psalm 25:1-10

30. Psalm 25:11-22

31. Psalm 19:1-14

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Rest time is not waste time. It is economy to gather fresh
Strength... It is wisdom to take occasional furlough.
In the long run, we shall do more by sometimes doing less.

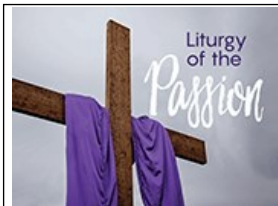
By Charles Spurgeon, English Preacher

Thank you to everyone for the blessings
and cards of sympathy in
memory of Reverend Jim Barber
Dolores Barber

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA BY GWEN REED

The community choir will continue an over 50 year tradition by presenting the cantata “Hallelujah! What a Savior!” at **7:00 PM on Palm Sunday, April 14.** The event will take place at the Beverly United Methodist Church on Warren Street . All are welcome and encouraged to bring friends. Refreshments will be served and a free will offering will be excepted to benefit the local food pantry and Meals of Love. This will be a wonderful way to begin Holy Week!

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE,
April 18 at 7:00 PM



Special presentation of Mel Gibson’s, The Passion of Christ Good Friday April 19 at 7:00 pm
Please be advise viewer discretion for violent content and food will NOT be served.

Stewardship Report
(for period January 1 – February 28, 2019)

Revenue needed to make budget:	\$ 31,292
*Actual revenue received for period:	\$ 19,952
Revenue under budget:	-\$ 11,340
Total Expenditures:	\$ 29,688
*Actual revenue received for period:	\$ 19,952
Revenue under expenditures:	-\$ 9,736



MUSIC SPEAKS TO THE SOUL BY SUE CARTER

Have you ever been awakened in the morning before the alarm close by one of God’s soundtracks? The birds are so happy singing when winter is past. It is a much nicer way to wake up than a beeping ringing alarm clock.
In Zephaniah 3:17, the Bible tells us—“The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.” He does this as the Holy Spirit will bring to mind a song or a hymn you’ve heard to encourage you, to comfort you, to lift your soul up, to strengthen you, to combat the lies from the enemy and to refocus your attention to the One who can actually help you and loves you.

Psalm 32:7 says—“You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.” This gives you courage.

Psalm 135:3 says—“Praise the LORD for the LORD is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant..” This comforts and lifts you up.

Psalm 40:3 says—“He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God.” He puts the song in your mouth and in your heart.

Ephesians 5:19 tells us—“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs and make music in your heart to the Lord.” This is one way to be filled with Spirit so we can walk and live the Christian life and so we will be able to stand against the enemy, not in our own power but as Zechariah 4:6 states, “Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit,” says the LORD Almighty.

Christian music and hymns speak life into your life and reinforce biblical truths.

Cable TV has the Music Choice channel and one plays contemporary Christian songs 24/7 with no commercials. They also have one that plays gospel music. On YouTube, you can pull up your favorites and ‘paired’ with a bass speaker you’ll fill up the house. On the radio, K-Love 106.9 FM plays Christian music 24/7.

So, if you’re stressing and not resting, fretting or ob-
sessing, ask the Lord to fill your heart with songs, and before long you will be rejoicing and singing praises to our King. He created music and orchestrates our lives and knows the power music has to inspire if we listen.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 FROM 2:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
Beverly Presbyterian Church—Fellowship Hall

ON A PERSONAL NOTE BY PAT DOUGHERTY

Hello, my name is Pat Dougherty. About thirty years ago, my husband Bob and I had been attending the St. Paul’s Methodist Church in Willingboro. We had met Joan and Dave Schopp at the Methodist church. However, they had recently left and joined Beverly Presbyterian. Joan had invited us to join her at the Rancocas Valley Methodist Church for an Easter cantata and during the summer when the church didn’t have a choir we did solos and duets at their Sunday services. On this particular occasion, Joan invited us to sing with the Beverly choir at a combined choir service at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church. That summer we were looking at few churches in the area because we were unhappy at the Methodist Church. We came to Beverly and never left.

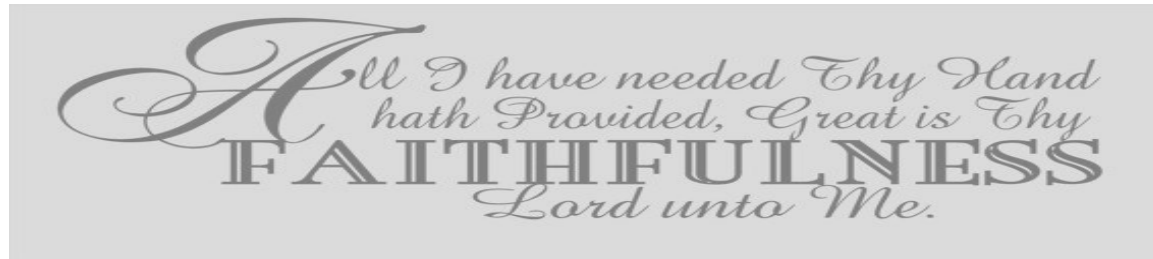


It was such a warm, inviting and Spirit filled congregation. We felt we were home! We both sang in the choir. My husband taught the teen-age Sunday School at St. Paul’s and the Bethel Bible Study here at Beverly. I became a Deacon and moderated the Deacons and then was asked to be an Elder. After a few years I was appointed Clerk of Session by Rev. Ed Napier.

About three years later Rev. Napier retired and a year later my husband had a major stroke and was paralyzed on his right side. At that time I asked Roger Dodimead to take my place as Clerk so I could care for my husband. Roger not only took over the Session for a year, he and Joan Schopp set up a group of volunteers from this beautiful church. That group of about fifteen people came to my house, Monday through Friday from twelve o’clock until five o’clock and sat with my husband while I was at work. This church supplemented the cost to have a home health aide come Monday through Friday for my husband. She could only come from eight in the morning until noon. Someone had to be with him at all times. I would not have been able to continue working if not for this group of people I called my “angels”. And if someone couldn’t make it, they called Roger and Joy and one of them filled in.

I don’t know what we would have done without the wonderful, caring, kind, and loving people of Beverly Presbyterian Church. And even though my dear, beloved husband went to be with the Lord in January, 2005, my family and I will never, ever forget the love given to us in so many ways by the people of this church. I feel the presence of God’s Holy Spirit in each and everyone of my dear, dear friends here at Beverly Presbyterian Church.

I have three grown children, a son David and two daughters, Cathy and Beth. My children were raised in the Methodist church until they were 18 and then they were given the choice to choose their own church. They married, had children and we are a loving family and I have five wonderful grandchildren that I am very proud of everyday. But through it all, they have never forgotten what this church did for us. And I feel it has been my family’s way of witnessing to others the love of God and how that love spreads throughout the world. The people we have met and the stories we have told of that time in our lives will always be a part of us. I thank God and the Beverly Presbyterian Church members every day for their love and generosity. GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS.



God so loved the world

Remember God's special gift of Jesus by making this craft.

What you need:

- Large piece of blue paper
- Large bowl
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paint (green and red)
- Paintbrush
- Wet wipes
- 3 wooden craft sticks
- Craft glue
- Black marker
- Bible

What you do:

1. On the paper, trace around the bowl. Cut out the circle.
2. Paint your palms green, one at a time, and press them in the circle side by side. (Clean your hands with wet wipes.)
3. Dip a finger in red paint and make a dot on the center of each handprint.
4. Between the handprints, glue two sticks end to end vertically. Glue the third stick horizontally to make a cross.
5. In marker, write the words of John 3:16 around the blue circle.