

# The Messenger

March 2010

## Reflections

**There was a touch of spring in the air today.** Someone told me not to trust it—it still can snow here in April and May. I know that. I remember one snowy Mother's Day in Wisconsin--8 inches of the fluffy stuff.

However, I do trust the little signs of spring that are all around us. It is lighter in the mornings and lighter later in the afternoons. We switch back to Daylight Saving Time in a couple of weeks. But, even that change will not stave off the inevitable arrival of spring and all the new life emerging around us. The birds are singing a little differently now as we begin to emerge from under the heaps of snow and ice. They know there is a time and season for everything.

**We are in the middle of Lent.** Many are not fond of this time on the church calendar. It seems too somber, too dark, too sad. But this season calls us to other thoughts, too. It calls us to times of reflection during which we may discover new and wonderful things about ourselves, those around us and the world in general. It calls us to remember that out of the darkness of our world and our lives hope always emerges. There is always a promise of better things to come. Always. That is the message of this season. God always wants the best for God's creation and creatures. The best is before us urging us to greater lives lived in an imitation of Christ and leading us on to life everlasting.

Love and peace, *Pastor Alice*



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are bringing back the children's choir, Joyful Noises! They will be singing on Palm Sunday!

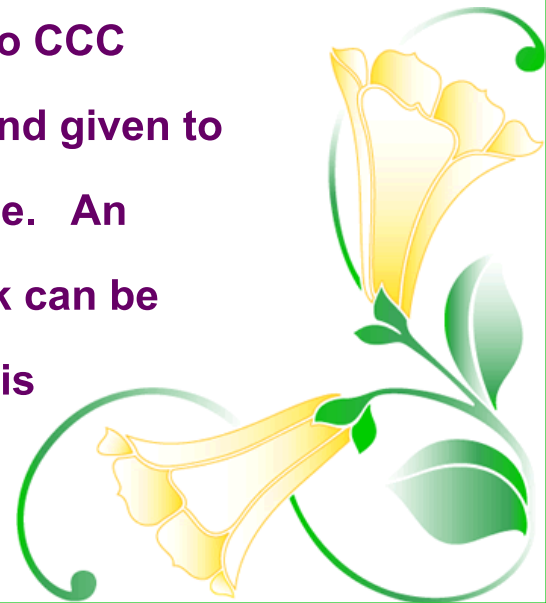
The Sunday School is planning a field trip to Lourdes of Litchfield after the Easter holiday.

All of the Sunday School children, as well as the entire congregation, have been enjoying the children's message with Pastor Alice and her guest speakers Janet Gokay and Debi McKeon! We thank Pastor Alice for bringing it back!

*Linda Farnham*

### EASTER PLANT ORDERS

Easter plant orders are due by **March 28.** Checks should be made out to CCC Auxiliary and given to Pastor Alice. An order blank can be found in this newsletter.



## AUXILIARY NOTES

**The Chili Supper made \$687** after expenses. Special thanks go to all who pitched in and cooked chili, cornbread and macaroni and cheese and who donated so much to make this supper a success. Those who decorated and set up and served and cleaned up showed great teamwork. I would mention names, but I know I would miss someone. Thank you, also, to everyone who came and enjoyed the food and the company.

**Our next meeting will be on March 9,** Tuesday, at 5:15 p.m. We will review the Chili Supper and consider the calendar for the rest of 2010 and into 2011.

## AID FOR HAITI & CHILE

If you would like to donate to disaster relief efforts in Haiti and in Chile through the National Association, please make your checks out to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), note in the memo space if the check is for Haiti or Chile and send the check to:

**NACCC / OGHS**  
**PO Box 288**  
**Oak Creek, WI 53154**

2.

## UPCOMING DATES

**March 14, Sunday, Deacons' Meeting following worship**

**March 21, Sunday, Church Committee following worship**

**March 21, Joseph Firecrow Concert, 3 P.M. in the sanctuary, sponsored by the Historical Society; tickets 379-7786**

**March 28, Palm Sunday & Confirmation Sunday**

**April 1, Maundy Thursday Service, 7 P.M., Communion & Tenebrae Service**

**April 4, Easter Sunday Service**  
**We will not celebrate the Sacrament of Communion on Easter Sunday.**

**May 1, Saturday, 9-3, Singing Meditation Workshop led by Helen Gierke**



March 2010

*The Messenger*

[www.colebrookchurch.org](http://www.colebrookchurch.org)



## 2010 EASTER PLANTS

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL NO: \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF: \_\_\_\_\_

(These notations will appear in the Easter Sunday Bulletin)

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SELECTION (S) WITH A CHECK MARK OR, WITH A NUMBER IF ORDERING MULTIPLES OF THE SAME PLANT AND FILL- IN FINAL TOTAL AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Single Easter Lilly	\$12.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Double Easter Lilly	25.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Triple Easter Lilly	37.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tulip – 6” pot (5-6 blooms)	11.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tulip – 8” pot (8-10 blooms)	20.25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tulip – 10” pot (12-15 blooms)	20.75
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hyacinth – 4” pot	4.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hyacinth – 6” pot (3 blooms)	11.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hyacinth – 8” pot (5-6 blooms)	20.25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hyacinth – 10” pot (8-10 blooms)	25.75
<input type="checkbox"/>	Daffodil – 4” (3 bloom)	4.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Daffodil – 6” (3 – 5 blooms)	11.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Daffodil – 8” (6-7 blooms)	20.25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Daffodil – 10” (8-10 blooms)	20.75
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hydrangea – 8” pot __blue__ dk. blue__ pink__ white__	32.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Martha Washington Geraniums	15.00
	{Regal Geraniums}	

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL ENCLOSED

PLEASE DELIVER ORDERS WITH PAYMENT TO PASTOR MURPHY EITHER AT

CHURCH OR BY MAIL (P.O. BOX 14, COLEBROOK, CT 06021) AS SOON AS

THEY ARE COMPLETED. THE FINAL DATE FOR ORDERING IS PALM

SUNDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>. THANK YOU.