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Arts & Crafts Bazaar for the Building Fund

By Libba Pendleton

*Are you an artist, a baker, or do you crochet?
Whatever your talent, we need you today,*

*Please gather your wares and make even more,
And bring them to sell and the proceeds we'll pour*

*Toward the borrowed funds to pay off the loan
On our gorgeous new building and home of New
Stone.*

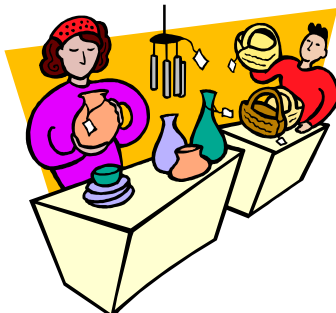
*We need sellers and buyers for this plan to succeed
So stay tuned for details which soon you will read*

*We'll announce it in bulletins, Calvin Chatter too,
Help us get the word out and be part of the crew*

*To make things, buy things, set up and undo,
And planning, promoting to name just a few*

*Of the many, many tasks yet to be done,
Which will help reach our goal as well as be fun.*

Building on the success of the bag lunches **Pat** and **Dan Ritchie** sponsored (\$10,222) and the sale of heart pins at Apple Blossom by **Nina** and **Jeff Burke** (\$1,100) for our Building Fund, I am happy to announce that an arts and crafts bazaar to benefit the Building Fund to be held at our church the weekend of **April 24th and 25th**. Helping me will



be confirmed **Rachel Dodson** as well as (I hope) a whole host of church members. Planning is now underway. We need members to make things to sell, people to promote the event, set up, clean up, cashiers, and buyers, plus a lot of other details. Please spread the word and stay tuned for more details. To volunteer, please contact Pat Snapp at 662-3824 or patsnapp@firstchurch-winchester.org.



Holy Week Worship Offerings

Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m. | March 28

Courthouse Lawn on the Old Town Mall
Blessing of the Palms led by clergy of the congregations in the downtown historic district
Sponsored by the Downtown Clergy Fellowship

Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. | April 1

Holy Communion
Sanctuary
Maren Sonstegard-Spray, preaching

Good Friday

12 noon to 3:00 p.m. | April 2

Braddock St United Methodist Church
Sponsored by the Downtown Clergy Fellowship



CCAP Sunday

**3rd Sunday
of each month**

March 21

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor."

John 12:26

Four Cents-A-Meal Hunger Offering

**4th Sunday
of each month**

**March 28
Palm Sunday**



**Grandparents Day
at the Weekday School**

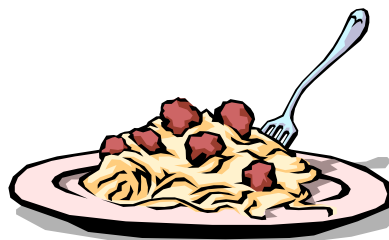
By April Lamaster

The Weekday School is gearing up for a sensational spring. On the 11th and 12th of March, we will be celebrating Grandparents Day. Grammies, Papas, and the like are invited to enjoy a continental breakfast and spend time in the classrooms with their grandchildren. **Andy** from the Winchester Book Gallery will also be present during Grandparents Day. He will be hosting a Book Fair in Loudoun Hall from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Feel free to come and browse the many wonderful selections that Andy will have on display.



We are excited to announce that the Weekday School will be hosting a spaghetti dinner and auction on April 21st. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this event. If you or someone you know has any items to donate for the auction, please email

Claire Prosser at claire.prosser@verizon.net or **Gretchen Rusch** at teachturtles@yahoo.com.



Additional information will be provided in next month's "Calvin Chatter."



In Memoriam, with Christian sympathy to the families

- Feb 3 Helen K. Larrick
- Feb 17 Joseph Carl Smith, father of Carolyn Rutherford
- Feb 21 Ed Gill, father of Pat Gill
- Feb 28 Helen S. Stewart

**New Stone Gathering to celebrate its first anniversary
with a *Palm Brunch on Palm Sunday*
*Sunday, March 28, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall***

First Church debuted New Stone Gathering on March 1, 2009. What a great year it has been! To mark the service’s first anniversary there will be a Palm Brunch on Sunday, March 28 in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. Come out and enjoy coffee, juice, and *City Bagels*.

BUILDING FUND/DEBT REDUCTION UPDATE

<i>Total cost of project</i>	\$7.2 million plus interest
<i>Total received in January on pledges and other contributions</i>	\$43,314
<i>Amount needed to cover interest only each month</i>	\$12,000
<i>Current total indebtedness</i>	\$2.15 million

DEADLINE FOR THE April CALVIN CHATTER is March 12.

Send submissions to calvin.chatter@verizon.net.

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Sunday Worship Services 7:30 a.m. (Boyd Chapel), 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Coffee and Cookies 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Richard W. Reifsnyder

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Associate Pastor: The Reverend Maren Sonstegard-Spray

Parish Associate: The Reverend Elizabeth Lewis

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Organist: Pat Byers

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