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# Tolono Pres News

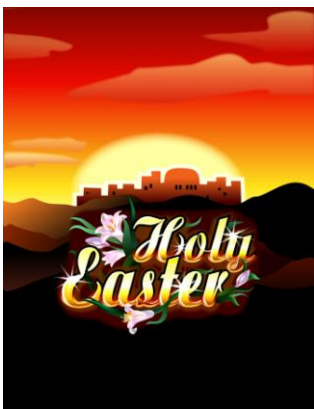


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## Easter Breakfast to be Served 4/24

Please join us as the Fellowship Committee serves up a full, tasty breakfast on the morning of Easter Sunday, 4/24. Breakfast begins at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall of the Christian Education Building. There is no cost to have breakfast but a donation basket will be displayed should the Spirit move you in that direction.

The menu currently calls for pancakes, sausage,

scrambled eggs, and biscuits. Beverages like coffee, tea, and juice will also be served. (No word yet on whether carrot cake will be served for dessert, but we live in hope.)

As of this printing, the schedule calls for the meal to be served until 10:15- or as long as the food holds out. Worship will begin promptly at 10:30 in the sanctuary.

Fellowship opportunities

like this breakfast are one of the reasons that folks like to belong to small churches like ours! So please come and take advantage of this chance to share some time and table talk with a fellow member or guest.

Also, if you'd like to help serve or clean up after the breakfast, you can contact Autumnne Fisher, the session representative on the Fellowship Committee or call Kerry at 485-5263.

## Pastor's Page

Okay, I know. I know that Christmas gets a lot more fanfare and tinsel and attention than Easter does. And I get why.

I think it's because Christmas is so much more comfortable for many of us than Easter is. Very few folks are really threatened by a little baby being born in stable under a star. (Well, King Herod was, but that's another story...) On the other hand, when you ask people to seriously consider that a man died on a cross (and I mean stone cold dead) and then

## Christ is Risen, Indeed!

a couple of mornings later was raised by God to new life... well, that's a tougher nut for folks to crack.

A lot of the "religion" of Christmas has been covered up with shiny ribbons and sentimental songs. And goodness knows that we've tried to do with Easter, too: eggs and candy and new clothes, etc. But what makes Easter both more real and more glorious is what comes before it: Good Friday. And there is just no way to pretty that up. Jesus Christ hung on that cross and died on that

cross. And we believe he did that so that our sins would be atoned and the way to eternal life would be opened for us.

For many people, it is too fantastic to believe. For those of us who follow Christ, it certainly is amazing. But we believe.

And even if we can't fully explain *how* God raised Jesus to new life, we do know *why*. Because God loves us. All of us- inside the church and outside. God loves the world and gave us the only Son. And he is risen, indeed!

---Kerry

## Summer Camps 2011 – Registration Information



**Camper Scholarships are available from our session. Contact Kerry or Tracy Wilson (Church Treasurer) to request such scholarships...**



We are gearing up for the 2011 camping season at Camp Carew, located on Little Grassy Lake, approximately 9 miles southeast of Carbondale. Encourage the young people in your family and congregation to take the plunge into summer fun with a week at Camp Carew! Camp brochures will be in the mail very soon.

A \$50.00 deposit is required upon registration for all camps. Checks should be made payable to "Camp Carew." The balance of the fee is due by the first of the month of your chosen camp. A \$25.00 late fee will be charged for fees not postmarked by the final due date (June 1 or July 1). Deposits are non-refundable. Registration forms and fees should be mailed to:

**Camp Carew Registrar  
Presbytery of  
Southeastern Illinois  
1360 West Main  
Decatur, IL 62522**

Once your registration form and deposit are received, you will be mailed a registration packet. All other forms you receive in this packet should be brought with

you to camp. Please do not mail these forms.

Each unit camp is limited to 15 campers, so register early. Early Registration Bonus applies to registrations postmarked by May 15 (\$10.00 discount for all week-long camps; \$5.00 discount for CIT, LIT, Day and Mini/Midler Camps).

New health forms (Camper Health History Form 1 and Camper Health-Care Recommendations Form 2) must be filled out EVERY year. If your camper has had a health examination within 24 months of camp attendance, you may obtain a copy from your child's health-care provider and attach it to Form 2.

### 2011 CAMP DATES

For children entering grades K-2:

- Day Camp 1 (June 27-July 1)
- Day Camp 2 (July 18-22)

For children entering grades 3 & 4:

- Mini Camp 1 (June 26-29)
- Mini Camp 2 (July 17-20)
- Mini Camp 3 (July 24-27)

For children entering grades 5 & 6:

- M.A.D. Camp (June 12-18)
- General Camp 1 (June 19-25)
- Midler Camp (June 26-29)
- Fishing Camp 2 (June 26-July 2)
- General Camp 2 (July 10-16)
- Discovery Camp (July 17-23)

General Camp 3 (July 24-30)

For youth entering grades 7 & 8:

- Horseback Camp (June 12-18)
- M.A.D. Camp (June 12-18)
- Fishing Camp 1 (June 19-25)
- General Camp 1 (June 19-25)
- General Camp 2 (July 10-16)
- Discovery Camp (July 17-23)
- General Camp 3 (July 24-30)

For youth entering grades 9-12:

- Horseback Camp (June 12-18)
- M.A.D. Camp (June 12-18)
- Counselors-in-Training (June 12-18)
- Leaders-in-Training (June 12-18)
- General Camp 1 (June 19-25)
- General Camp 2 (July 10-16)
- High Adventure Camp (July 17-23)
- Mission Work Camp (July 24-30)

Work days at Camp Carew are April 16 and May 21.

Questions? Call or email the Camp Carew Registrar, Marsha Mower, at the Presbytery office.  
1-800-456-7734  
[psei2@attglobal.net](mailto:psei2@attglobal.net)

You can also visit [CampCarew.com](http://CampCarew.com).





**PTYG**  
**Rent-a-teen is Coming May 7th!**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday <sup>1</sup>	Saturday <sup>2</sup>
3 Adult Sunday School 9:15am <b>10:30am Worship</b> with communion	4	5	6 WYN 5:30pm	7	8 	9
10 9:15am Adult Sunday School <b>10:30am Worship</b>	11 Prayer Group 7pm at Manse	12 Session 7:00pm	13 WYN 5:30pm	14	15	16
17 9:15am Adult Sunday School <b>10:30am Palm Sunday Worship</b>	18 11:30am Friends of Church Buffet Lunch	19	20 WYN 5:30pm	21 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm	22	23
24 9:15am Easter Breakfast <b>10:30am Easter Worship</b>	25 Prayer Group 7pm at Manse	26	27	28	29	30

Lay Leaders for April

4/3 – Tracy Wilson  
 4/10 – Cary Woolard  
 4/17 – Jeff Fisher  
 4/24 – Susie Fisher  
 5/1 – Jeannette Hulick

Birthdays in April

4/2 - Matthew Reifsteck  
 4/3 - Autumnne Fisher  
 4/8 – Emily Fisher  
 4/12 – Ruth Stevens  
 4/15 – Margaret Maxwell  
 4/17 - Wilma Woolard  
 4/22 – Dean Bonnell  
 4/27 – Maddy Wilson  
 4/28 – Chris Schwieghart  
 4/30 – Jackson Hawn

**PTYG RETREAT 2011**

**April 8 through April 10 at Camp Carew, 302 Hidden Bay Lane / Makanda Illinois 62958**

Depart: 3:45 Friday, April 8 Return: Leave Camp at 12:00 pm Sunday April 10 Arrive: Tolono around 4:00 pm

We will be staying in heated cabins with bunk beds and cooking facilities. ***Please bring your own bedding, shower/toiletry items as well as personal belongings for 2 nights stay. You will need money for Friday night dinner (fast food) and 10.00 for Saturday night Family Style Dinner at Giant City State Park Lodge.***

Our Retreat Leaders will be: Pastor Kerry Bean, First PC and Camp Director Dan Kingery 618-457-5596

Schedule of Activities:

Friday: Arrive approximately 8 pm  
Evening activities at camp

Saturday: Breakfast at 7:30

Depart 8:30 for hiking and outdoor activities lead by Dan Kingery

Return for lunch at Camp 11:30

Depart for Team Building activity at Touch of Nature, SIU-C 1:00 pm

Free time at camp- fishing, canoeing or just hanging out 4:00 pm

Leave for dinner 5:30 pm

Return to camp: Saturday evening worship and activities lead by Pastor Kerry

Sunday: Sunrise worship on the dock 7 am

Breakfast at camp / Free time as above / Leave camp about 12 pm



Questions? Please call any youth group leader: Bonnie Woolard 485-8222 (cell 369-7844), Susie Fisher 485-6258 (cell 202-6709) or Mary Simon 684-9914 (cell 840-5610). Camp Carew is operated by the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois More information can be found at: [campcarew.com](http://campcarew.com)

**Here are some highlights from the March 8 Session Meeting:**

- **Call to order, Roll call, Approval of minutes from last meeting, Pastor’s Report**

**Clerk’s Report:** Clerk Schweighart advised that she submitted the 2011 on-line reports in a timely manner. She also discussed the need for acquiring a 2011 nominating committee.

**Committee Reports**

A. **C.E.** – Attendance has been great for WYN, with approximately 40 kids each night. The High School youth will meet this Sunday, and will be served a meal Malawi style. Work is still being done regarding the retreat, and mission trip.

B. **Worship – Had communion March 5, 2011.** Worship committee is meeting 3/10 to discuss Lent and Easter.

C. **Buildings and Grounds:** The C.E. roof is still leaking. Mr. Wilson received a bid for an entire tear off that was approximately 50K. Susie made a motion that we ask for at least two additional bids. Bids should be for a complete tear off, and a repair. We would also like information as to if a repair is even possible at this point, in lieu of a complete tear off. Session will meet once bids are received.

D. **Fellowship:** The committee met and they have ideas that they will share with us in the future. We may do an Easter breakfast. A potluck was also held on February 20, 2011.

E. **Treasurer/Finance:** The finance report was handed out by Rev. Bean. He is going to confirm a few things with our Treasurer, who is absent. We will approve in April.

G. **Mission:** A Haiti offering was taken during service. One Great Hour of sharing will be held in the near future. Jeannette asked if PDA was sending adult mission groups to Haiti. Rev. Bean advised that they were, and he will obtain additional information regarding this.

## Presbytery of SE Illinois Meeting Report

Presbytery met in Greenville with several agenda items. Rev Jeff Hutchinson reported on the survey we all took. Most folks are satisfied with what Presbytery does, but think there is little energy present. To change that we met in small groups to consider some goals for the next few years including sharing what is working around the presbytery, sending folks to national

conferences, helping each other with shared youth trips, work days, making resources available for struggling churches - which my group that that was everyone in one way or another. Still to be discussed is what the organization and staff changes might be to make all this transition more streamlined. A vote was taken on the Form of Government

changes that came from General Assembly and these were approved in our Presbytery. The next meeting is June 2, 2011 in Pana. If anyone would like to attend with me, let me know.

- Linda Smith, your representative at Presbytery.



## FPC-Tolono Supports OGHS in Lent again this year

### One Great Hour of Sharing

#### *Sharing resources, changing lives*

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

#### *Where does the money go?*

The [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#) receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the [Self-Development of People](#) and [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) each receive 32 percent.

#### *When is the offering received?*

Most congregations receive the offering on Easter Sunday, Palm Sunday or both, while many receive it throughout Lent. First PC-Tolono will be collecting for OGHS on Palm Sunday. Collection boxes and OGHS calendars are available in the church's narthex.

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## Some Q and A about the PCUSA response to the disasters in Japan

### **1. Our congregation would like to collect clothes, food or supplies. How can we respond with material resources?**

Clothing, food, and other material aid from outside is not needed for the Japan response. A primary need for Japan at this time is gasoline and fuel to help with the distribution of the resources that Japan already has. To meet that need, your financial gifts will enable the Japanese to purchase this resource from their own economy and neighboring countries.

If you would like a hands-on project, PDA urges individuals and churches to assemble [Gift of the Heart kits](#). Gift of the Heart hygiene kits are available through the pre-positioned supply already in the region and will be provided to Japan as requested. There will be a need to replace those hygiene kits for future disasters, and all are urged to put these kits together to ensure they

are available for immediate distribution when needs arise around the world.

### **2. How can I give a financial gift?**

In disaster situations the most pressing need is money. Financial support for relief efforts wherever disasters occur can be designated to DR000148. [-Give to One Great Hour of Sharing](#), which supports the ministry of PDA.

[-Give online](#) – make a secure online gift to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program with your credit card for: disasters wherever they occur or specifically for response to the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami. [-Give by phone](#) – call PresbyTel toll-free at (800) 872-3283.

[-Give by check](#) through your local Presbyterian church, or mail to: PC (U.S.A.)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700  
Please include the designated giving account number DR000148 on

your check to support disaster responses where needed, or DR000117 specifically for response to the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.

### **3. How much of my donation will be used in the relief effort?**

A minimum of 95 percent of designated funds will be used to help those most in need. Up to five percent of your gift will be used to cover shared mission support costs associated with the processing and distribution of your gift.

### **4. How are funds being used?**

PDA will work with our ecumenical partner and local partners in this response to help with basic humanitarian relief needs. One Great Hour of Sharing funds have already been sent to begin meeting essential needs. Basic humanitarian support generally includes shelter, food, health and medical support, and water and sanitation assistance.

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