TODAY’S SCRIPTURE
Mark 11:1-11 (NRSV)

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 3If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” 4They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” 10Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!” 11Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.
EASTER FESTIVAL—4 year olds through 5th grade children are all invited to enjoy the annual Easter Festival and Egg Hunt today. Bring the young ones and their friends and come enjoy the festival from 2-3:30 in the Family Life Center.

EASTER LILIES—If you would like to have Easter lilies on the altar for Easter Sunday, bring them to the church next Sunday and place them at the altar railing. Special dedications can be made by tearing off the attached form and putting it in the offering plate today, or call the office on Monday.

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

MAUNDY THURSDAY will be celebrated this coming Thursday with a communion service. John Hanson has graciously made some unleavened bread for us to share during this special Holy Week service.

MEXICO MEDICAL MISSION team will be serving from April 28 through May 4. The last day for making a contribution to the mission is April 19.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN benefits economically disadvantaged children in the Holston Conference and in Africa.

NANNY NEEDED to live with a Christian family and help with the care and companionship of a senior member. Call the church office Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for further information.

UMW FLEA MARKET is May 2. Please gather and check that items are in good working order. No clothes, please.

THE HANDS-ON MISSIONS 2009 is collecting school supplies for the children in Liberia. There are flyers on the table at the side entrance that tell how you can participate. Our minimum goal is 30.

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE, including our Chancel Choir performance, will be available on CD for a $5 donation. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY - March 2009

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