

Easter Week— Worship at the church of your choice



The celebration of the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday is one of the most important and sacred holy days in all Christian churches. Local churches invite everyone to join their congregations in worship at Holy Week and Easter services.

Details of Easter Week services and activities in south Morrow County churches are listed below.

Assembly of God—
Christian Life Center

An Easter worship service will be held at Christian Life Center on Easter Sunday at 11 a.m. At 7 p.m. a special missionary service will be conducted by Richard Nicholson of Albany who plans to be engaged in missionary work in Argentina in the near future.

Christian
The first Christian Church in Heppner plans to hold worship services on Easter Sunday at 11 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. with the choir singing Easter selections. Bible school at 9:45 will precede the morning service.

Episcopalian
A Maundy Thursday service will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church celebrating the institution of the Eucharist by Christ at the last Supper.

On Good Friday, March 24, a short service of prayer and meditation will be held at 12 noon. At 7:30 p.m. on Friday the Liturgy will be read and Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament distributed.

An Easter egg hunt will be held for the youngsters on Holy Saturday at 5:30 p.m., followed by a potluck supper. At 7:15 p.m. Easter vigil service will begin, including administration of holy baptism, reading of the prophecies and lighting of the Paschal candle.

Holy Communion will be offered at 7:45 a.m. on Easter Sunday and the 10:30 a.m. worship service the festive Eucharist will be celebrated.

Hope Lutheran
"The Prisoner", a true-

story film that illustrates what Christ's sacrifice means to humanity, will be shown at a special Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner. There will also be a meditative service of Communion.

The service of worship and celebration of Easter Sunday at 11 a.m. will include special choir and instrumental music and a children's sermon. An Easter egg hunt will be held after the service.

Valby Lutheran
At Good Friday services at Valby Lutheran Church in Ione at 7:30 p.m., the film "The Prisoner" will be shown, followed by a meditative service of Communion, Tenebrae service and the Service of Shadows in which light is gradually extinguished to symbolize Christ's death.

Easter service on Sunday at 8 a.m. will include special vocal and instrumental music and a children's sermon. An Easter breakfast and egg hunt is planned at 9 a.m.

Methodist
The United Methodists will hold a special traditional Jewish Passover meal today, Maundy Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the Last Supper.

Good Friday services at 8 p.m. will include an interpretive drama, "Meditation on the Cross". The choir will perform a special number and a solo by Rick Drake is planned.

At Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. on Easter, the theme will be the Easter Bunny. The 11 a.m. worship service will include a special Easter anthem by the choir, a puppet show for the children's message and an Easter sermon.

Church of Christ
Easter worship service will be held at the Lexington Church of Christ at 11 a.m. on Sunday, with Carl Marquardt delivering the Easter message.

Church of the Nazarene
A special Easter sermon will be given at the 11 a.m.

worship service at the Church of the Nazarene on Sunday. The service will be preceded by Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and an Easter party and egg hunt for the children at 10:30 a.m.

Roman Catholic
Continuing Holy Week observance by St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner, a Holy Thursday Mass will be celebrated today at 7:30 p.m.

On Good Friday, the Liturgy will be read at 3 p.m. followed by veneration of the cross and distribution of Holy Communion.

Easter Vigil begins on Holy Saturday and a Vigil Mass will be offered at 6:30 p.m. followed by a reading of the Liturgy.

Easter Mass will be offered at St. William's in Ione at 8:45 a.m. and at St. Patrick's at 11 a.m.

Confessions will be heard in Heppner after services on Thursday and Friday and at 11 a.m.-noon and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Holy Saturday. In Ione, confessions will be heard before Mass on Easter.

Seventh-Day Adventist
Easter service at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Saturday, March 24, at 11 a.m. will include a sermon on the meaning of Christ's death.

A Vespers will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday on the topic "The Glory of the Resurrection". There will be sharing of personal testimonies about the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ to individual believers.

United Church of Christ
The congregation of the Ione United Church of Christ will celebrate Maundy Thursday tonight with a candle-light potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by a procession to the sanctuary for Holy Communion and the Office of Tenebrae.

A breakfast on Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.m. will be followed by a family worship service at 10 a.m., one hour earlier than usual. Church school classes will not be held on Easter.

When Morrow County voters cast their ballots on April 4, they will be deciding an issue equally as important as the 7.2 per cent increase in tax levy needed to support the operation of Blue Mountain Community College. They will also be voting to retain their sole representative on the seven-member BMCC Board of Directors.

That's the message BMCC President Ron Daniels left at Monday's Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce meeting as he explained both the tax levy requirements of the college and the director election for three of the seven Board positions.

"Morrow County shoulders about 25 per cent of the district's (Morrow and Umatilla Counties) operating costs," Daniels said. "It's essential that Morrow County be represented on the Board."

Presently, Morrow County is only represented by Bob Rietmann, Ione, who has served on the Board for the past 2½ years. Because of the college's policy of at-large representation, his position is being challenged by Pendleton candidate Beryle Brizendine.

Daniels said that with the large disparity in populations between Umatilla and Morrow Counties (Umatilla has some 50,000 residents to Morrow's 5,000), the one man, one vote concept simply won't wash.

"There's just not enough people in this county to support one member on a seven-member board if you go by a one-to-one basis," Daniels said. "You're outnumbered 10 to one."

With the possibility looming of Morrow County being shut out of the BMCC decision making process, Daniels urged all voters to carefully study the candidates and to show up at the polls.

Concerning the tax levy, Daniels said the 7.2 per cent increase asked by the college is the smallest percentage levy increase in the past five years.

Daniels said he expects that, with the increase in the counties' true cash value, the college levy per \$1,000 for taxpayers will be slightly less for 1978 than it is for 1977.

The district's share represents about half of the college's 1978-79 total operating budget of \$3,649,432, up 9.9 per cent from the current year. The balance of funds to operate the college comes from state and federal sources and tuition and fees. About 32.2 per cent comes from the state, 10.1 per cent from tuition and fees, and 4.9 per cent from federal and other sources.

If approved by the voters, the new operating levy would be about \$1.78 per \$1,000 true cash value, assessed on the counties' 1977 valuation. This would be an increase of 12 cents per \$1,000 true cash value over the 1977 tax levy.

The present bond redemption levy is estimated to be 22 cents per \$1,000 valuation, so the total levy for BMCC would be \$2.00 per \$1,000 true cash value. Thus, the owner of a \$40,000 home would pay \$80 to support BMCC.

Daniels said he fully expects the \$2.00 figure to be lower

when the final true cash value of Umatilla and Morrow counties is known. A "conservative" eight per cent increase in the counties' true cash value would result in a total levy of \$1.85 per \$1,000, a

drop of three cents per \$1,000 from the 1977 level, Daniels said.

No new programs are included in the proposed budget. However, small budget increases have been included to

increase support of the evening Division and other programs to reach part-time students and potential users of the college services.

The only new instructional staff are two new nursing

instructors to bring the Associate Degree Nursing Program to its approved staff and the equivalent of a full-time instructor in the mechanical department to ease crowded classes.

County representation on BMCC Board challenged

Hatfield's office assures flood plain elimination

A letter of assurance received by the Morrow County Court from Sen. Mark Hatfield's office this week has reaffirmed the position that if the Willow Creek Dam is built to Corp of Engineers' specifications, it would completely eliminate the Willow Creek and Balm Fork flood plain restrictions presently threatening all future construction or development in downtown Heppner.

The elimination of the 100-year flood plain was the one stipulation attached to statements of support recently sent by the County Court, the Heppner City Council and the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce to Sen. Hatfield regarding his attempt to

secure funding for the multi-use project originally authorized by Congress in 1965.

Sen. Hatfield had asked for the support of local officials by the end of March in order to seek appropriation for the dam under this year's Public Works Appropriation Bill.

Several public meetings held in the past three months in Heppner centered around flood plain and Willow Creek Dam discussion with no clear consensus on the dam issue evident at the meetings. Both county and city officials decided last week that they would support Willow Creek Dam construction only if the flood plain encompassing downtown Heppner would be eliminated.

The letter received by the County Court from Sen. Hatfield's field representative Steve Hickok quoted a section of the Corps of Engineers special report prepared in 1974 which said the dam would provide protection against thunderstorm floods in excess of a 500-year recurrence interval.

The flood plain in Heppner is based on floods which would occur at 100-year intervals, and the letter states the dam reservoir would completely contain 100-year floods from Willow Creek and Balm Fork, thus eliminating the flood plain resulting from these streams.

Also included in the letter from Hickok is a concise

history of the proposed Willow Creek Dam project to date.

Hickok said that while there is no guarantee that Sen. Hatfield will succeed in his attempt to get funding for the dam this year, he will do everything in his power to do so if local support is given.

The letter concluded with the expectation that Sen. Hatfield would move to de-authorize the dam project if appropriations were not obtained this year in order to remove the threat to landowners who would be displaced by the dam's construction.

The complete text of the letter received from Sen. Hatfield's office is reprinted on page three of this issue of the Gazette-Times.

News Briefs

Easter Bunny to host Saturday egg hunt

The Easter Bunny will soon be hopping through Heppner, leaving a trail of goodies behind for all youngsters, pre-school through fourth grade, to discover during the annual Easter Egg hunt this Saturday.

The search for the candy eggs will begin at 10 a.m. in three different locations throughout the city. Pre-schoolers will gather at the City Park near the library; children in grades one and two will meet at the park behind the County Courthouse; and third and fourth graders will have their egg hunt at the lower field of the Junior High School.

The pre-schoolers will be treated to a personal visit by the Easter Bunny himself at City Park.

For many years the Easter Egg hunt has been sponsored by the local Elks lodge and Exalted Ruler Don Ball estimates this year approximately 250 pounds of eggs will be hidden for the youngsters. He said there are always some eggs held back for those hunters who might come up empty-handed.

Rusty Drake concert to add to X-Ray Fund

Rusty Drake, nationally known vocalist and recording star, will perform in a concert in the Riverside High School gym in Boardman on Thursday, March 30, at 8 p.m. All proceeds from the show are slated to go into the X-Ray Fund to purchase X-ray equipment needed to make the Boardman Clinic operational.

Drake, who has played in every state as well as Europe and Japan, has seven gold records to his credit and expects his sales of recordings to top the 24 million mark this year. He has starred in his own CBS radio show, did a full season as the star of NBC-TV's "Swingin' Country" and is currently warming up for another TV variety series. He makes his home in North Bend, Washington.

Tickets to the Rusty Drake performance sell for \$5 in advance and \$7.50 at the door and are available from Mrs. Joe Bartlett, Boardman; Pat McDonough, Irrigon; JB's Record Shop, Hermiston; and Gardner's Mens Wear, Heppner.

Bombing Range plays role in growth

Conversion of the Navy Bombing Range to agricultural and energy use and "adequate quantities" of Columbia River irrigation waters are two essential requirements for the Mid-Columbia and Northwest Oregon regions if they are to

realize their economic growth potential, according to a study made recently by the Economic Development Commission.

The Commission completed a 2½-day visit to the region during which time members visited industrial parks in the ports of Hood River, The Dalles, Morrow and Umatilla. An air tour of the area also included a look at the Carty coal plant now under construction.

Troedson Scholarship forms are available

Application forms for the Carl W. Troedson Scholarship program are now available in the Morrow County School District Office and in the offices of the county's three high schools.

Students who have previously held Troedson scholarships are eligible to apply for renewals of their grants. Students who are receiving Troedson grants during the current year have received a direct mailing of application forms. High school seniors should obtain their application forms from their school counselors.

The deadline for completing and submitting applications is Friday, May 5.

Full service printing here

A full service, in-plant printing department has been added to The Gazette-Times to better service the commercial printing needs of businesses and individuals in Morrow County. Gazette-Times Managing Editor Terry M. Hager announced this week.

Ron Jordan, formerly of the Treasure Valley area, has been hired to operate the department. Jordan has spent the last seven years with the Air Force in commercial printing. Jordan and his wife Ida, and children, Ron, age 7 and Yolanda, age 4, are making their home in Ione.

In recent years The Gazette-Times has offered a full line of commercial printing, however the actual printing was done in Hermiston.

In addition to in-plant printing, The Gazette-Times offers graphic arts design and is a dealer for Moore Business Forms, Rediform and Standard Accounting Systems.

HUD program provides low-income rent subsidy

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has earmarked \$162,720 for a new rental subsidy program in Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

The money is available for partial subsidization of 100 existing housing units, including 20 units in Morrow, 20 in Gilliam, 20 in Wheeler and 40 in Umatilla County.

The program is being operated jointly through the Eastern Oregon Regional Housing Authority and the Umatilla County Housing Authority.

The program is designed to allow low income people more freedom in choosing housing

by paying a determined portion of the rent directly to the landlord.

Application for receiving rent subsidy may be made by those earning 80 per cent or less of the median income for the county and who are paying over 25 per cent of their incomes for housing.

Eighty per cent of median income for a family of four is \$11,650 in each of the counties. The program allows families to pay from 15 to no more than 25 per cent of their income toward housing rental with HUD paying the difference between such payments and the HUD fair market rental for the area.

Thirty per cent of those accepted for the program must be earning 50 per cent or less of the median income. Sixteen units are designated for the elderly in Umatilla County, eight units each in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

An outreach program will begin soon with Diane Jorgensen acting as Housing Coordinator for the program. Her office is located with the Umatilla County Housing Authority, 155 B Street, Hermiston, phone 567-3241.

Persons interested in the program should direct questions to Mrs. Jorgenson.

Weather	Hi	Low
Wed., Mar. 15	54	27
Thurs., Mar. 16	62	32
Fri., Mar. 17	74	35
Sat., Mar. 18	71	39
Sun., Mar. 19	69	44
Mon., Mar. 20	70	40
Tues., Mar. 21	65	39