

## Opportunities in Spiritual Life:

- **Bible study**, led by Clarice Shook, meets Fridays at 4:00 in the Pilgrim Library Learning Commons.
- **Catholics on Campus**, contact Mariah Orzolek at x2563
- **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**, contact Steve Oberlin at 2387
- **Faculty/Staff Discussion** meets in Isaac Conference Room, at noon on Wednesdays, for lunch and talk.



**Holy Week**, which marks the passion and resurrection of Jesus in the Christian calendar, begins with Palm Sunday on March 28, and runs through Easter, April 4. Some opportunities for worship in this community include:

- **Maundy Thursday Service**, April 1, 7:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall at St. John UCC, Webster St. (next to the gym.) A free supper precedes the service at 6.
- **Community Good Friday Service**, April 2, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Wayne and Third St.; 12 noon to 3:00. The service is structured in half-hour segments; come and go as you wish.
- Outdoor **Stations of the Cross** walk, Friday, April 2, from St. Mary's to St. John's Catholic Church, 3:00, starting at St. Mary's, 715 Jefferson Ave.
- **Easter services** at 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. at St. John UCC; check the Crescent-News for times of other services in town. (Posted on the door of the Spiritual Life office.)

On Tuesday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m., Defiance College STAND, in collaboration with the Office of Spiritual Life, will hold a **prayer vigil on behalf of all victims of genocide**, and all who today are still threatened by genocidal practices around the world. Anyone wishing to participate in the vigil is invited to gather in the area around the statue of Little Turtle in front of the Pilgrim Library on the Defiance College campus. Following opening prayers, everyone will receive a lit candle to carry in procession across the campus to the chapel in Schauffler Hall. A brief prayer service will follow. In case of rain, everyone will meet in the chapel at the start of the vigil.



**Yom HaSho'ah**, the day of remembrance of the Holocaust, is observed in April each year. We will hold a **memorial service** around the Peace Pole and the Dick Seibel memorial plaque at the southwest corner of Serrick on Friday, April 9, at 11:15. Please join us.



The **Prayer Labyrinth** will be set up in Ford Chapel in Schauffler Hall during the last week of classes and finals. Music and prayer resources will also be available for use. All are welcome to spend some quiet time in prayer and meditation during the hectic end of the year rush.

## Religious Holidays

April--May 2010

### April

- 1 *Maundy Thursday*, Christian observance of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples
- 2 *Good Friday*, Christian remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion, known as *Holy Friday* in Orthodox Christianity.
- 4 *Easter/Pascha*, Christian celebration of Jesus' resurrection
- 5-6 Final two days of *Pesach (Passover)*\* Jewish eight-day celebration of the deliverance of the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt.
- 11 *Yom HaSho'ah*\*, Holocaust Remembrance Day in Jewish tradition
- 14 *Baisakhi*, Hindu New Year; Sikhs commemorate the founding of the Khalsa, a Sikh brotherhood.
- 21 *Ridvan* (first day) \* Baha'i 12-day commemoration of Baha'u'llah's declaration that he was God's messenger for this age.

### May

- 1 *Beltane* \* Wicca/Neo Pagan celebration of the sacred marriage of the Goddess with the energy of the God