

The Messenger

**First Parish Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
The Church with Love and Hope to Share
Saco, Maine**



2019



Sunday, April 14th

Worship at 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Palm/ Passion Sunday



MAUNDY
Thursday

Thursday April 18th

7:00 pm Worship for Maundy Thursday



Holy Week

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Friday April 19th

Good Friday

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The Sanctuary will be open



Easter
Sunday

April 21st

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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7:00 pm Worship for Maundy Thursday
Commemoration of Our Lord's Supper
With the Service of Tenebrae

Friday April 19th

Good Friday

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The Sanctuary will be open for reflection, meditation and prayer
All are invited to observe Good Friday in this manner

April 21st

Easter Sunday

6:00 am Ecumenical Sunrise Service (Ocean Park)

Easter Sunday Worship 10:00 am

(No Church School classes, Nursery only)



Lenten Home Communion

As we have for the past two years, the Pastor and members of the board of Deacons will be available to bring communion to the homes of our members who are physically limited and cannot get to church to receive the sacrament before Easter. To schedule this for yourself or a loved one, simply call the church office to sign up. Rev. Deborah will be in touch to set a convenient date and time on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays in April.

From Deborah's Desk



Dear Members and Friends,

It is with a bittersweet heart that I must enter into what I consider the most difficult task of interim ministry...that of doing closure and saying good-bye. I have consulted with Moderator, Robert Mohlin and Vice-Moderator Glen Ellen Roth to agree to the conclusion of my duties as your interim minister. My last Sunday in worship will be on May 5, 2019. During that worship service we will share the vows of release from our UCC book of worship "Ending an Authorized Ministry" giving thanks for the interim journey we have shared together.

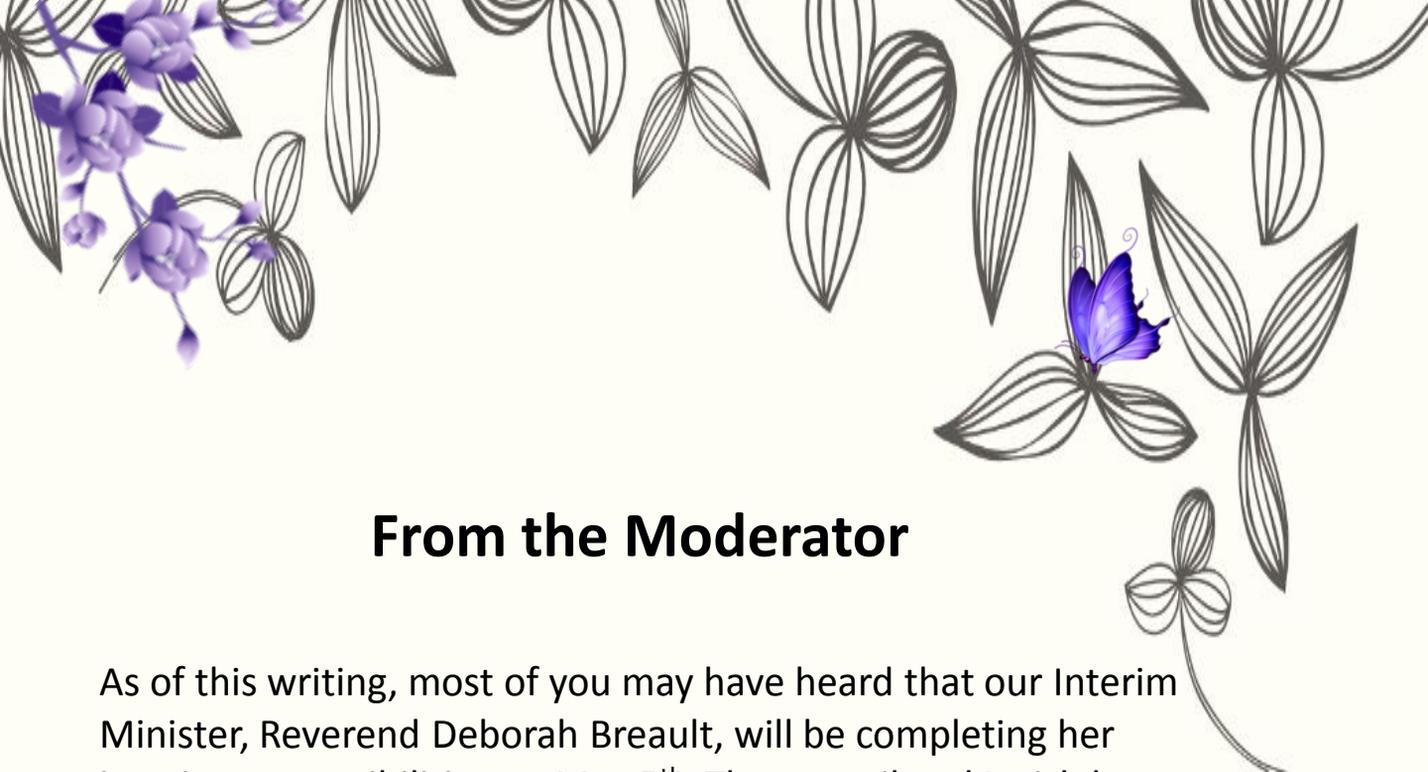
It has been a great joy to serve God in this place, with all of you over these past 2 ½ + years. First and foremost, it has been a delight to serve with this staff. I could never find a better team where mutuality and commitment to God shine forth. This staff has been true partners in every sense of the word. Your Christian Education Director, Kris Galasyn, is a true treasure of First Parish. Kris has offered herself as a gifted colleague since day one of my arrival. Her dedication and faith in serving the children, youth and families of this church as superb. Her collegiality and hard work consistently support the many ministries of this church. Her dedication goes above and beyond and is centered in her God. Music Director, Jacqueline Savage, has provided a consistent willingness to integrate my requests into her music program and she has responded with professionalism and enthusiasm. Nadeen DeSilva, our church administrator is a welcoming presence in the church office. She has shared thoughtful insights and helpful information. She has supported the work of the Pastor with diligence and care. Bob Jones, our trusted custodian and Jamie Beals, housekeeper, extend themselves with a willingness and cheerfulness that has been unwavering. I will miss each member of this professional ministry team. It has been a blessing to serve here with all of them.

Most of all, I will miss each one of you; the members and friends of this church family that I have grown to love and care for so deeply. Our time together has included joys and sorrows, moments of spiritual intimacy and intense work. We have all grown, individually and as a church family. We have not always agreed on everything, but we have been committed to working things through and we have stayed true to our process. In my mind, this makes our time together a success in every sense. We accomplished many goals established for the interim time and we can all enjoy the benefits of this hard work.

May God bless you all as you continue to move forward in faith and joy, hope and love. I will hold fast to the promise that we are united in the Spirit of the living Christ who binds us together in holy love.

Fondest Regards,

Rev. Deborah



From the Moderator

As of this writing, most of you may have heard that our Interim Minister, Reverend Deborah Breault, will be completing her interim responsibilities on May 5th. The council and I wish her well in the future and would like to extend our heart-felt thanks for all the hard work, pastoral care and love that Deborah has provided over these past, almost three years.

Moving forward, the council will be meeting with members of the diaconate and other appropriate team leaders to work on the process of developing plans to cover the church responsibilities until a settled minister arrives.

Sincerely,

Bob Mohlin, Moderator



Thank You 



Pastoral Search Committee Update

Greetings from your Search Team in this season of Lent! Our hope is that this time will find you continuing to search out your own sense of vision and what the future is calling this body of Christ at First Parish to be, and your part in that vision. Like our Lenten preparation for Easter Sunday, the discernment of this interim time will magnify our joy when God's time is come to fruit!

When you read this, your search team will have conducted second interviews and may be even further along the path to calling a settled pastor!

Please keep us in your prayers, and know that the future is looking very bright from where we are standing! The quality and spiritual depth of candidates that we have been meeting with has been a joy to experience!

With Hope and Joy,

Jamie Beals

Phil Blood

Heather Galasyn

Sue Martin

Pam Mohlin

Dale Siulinski

Eric Steva





NEWS FROM THE 8 O'CLOCK SERVICE

“In like a lion, out like a lamb”. Let’s hope this holds true again. March brings us into the Lenten Season, leading toward Easter and every week provides more thought-provoking scripture.

Saturday, March 2nd saw the first of hopefully many more drive-thru prayer events in the parking lot. We were blessed to see so many well-wishers and some new faces who really needed a prayer and encouragement. In a world of social media, some are still lonely and hurting. We pray that our efforts lightened their load a little bit.

On March 10th we were treated to a shared service with Ethelee Jackson and Sue Burgess. They took a very creative and inspiring approach to their work with truly wonderful results. As a special treat we were fortunate to have three singers share their talents with us. Jacqui Savage, Scout Heath and Katie Orlando drew more than a few tears with their tender rendering of “I want Jesus to walk with me”.

March 10th was also the day a memorial service was held at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland for fallen firefighter Captain Joel Barnes, who perished in performance of his duties March 1st. Mike Goulet attended our service in his uniform and then headed out. Prayers of solace are asked for the family and friends of Oxford’s Fire Chief, Gary Sacco, who suffered a fatal medical event at Captain Barne’s Memorial. We all owe so much to these few.

On March 24th we are all looking forward to having as our guest leader retired pastor Rev. Peter Gray. A member of the Choir, a visitation Pastor and Pastor of the Stephen Ministries, Peter will no doubt share a welcome and unique perspective.

Also planning to attend Mary’s Walk later on March 24th at Thornton Academy. To date the walk has raised over three million dollars for cancer research and care. Here is our chance to be a part of something important and positive.

Soon we’ll see April showers and then hopefully May flowers. A little more Spring will be welcomed indeed!

Deacons' Corner

Lenten greetings from your Board of Deacons.

First, a correction/apology regarding last month's Deacons' Corner message. The reception of new members which was planned for March 10 did not take place, due to some scheduling issues. A new members' reception IS in the works and your welcoming hand of Christian fellowship will still be needed. Stay tuned!

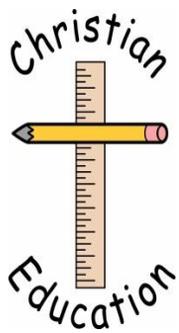
We are now right in the middle of Lent, the time of sacrifice and introspection that leads up to Easter. Lent began with a beautifully meaningful service on Ash Wednesday, with Rev. Deborah leading worship and blessing each of us with the symbolic ashes. Our next Lenten service will be Maundy Thursday, April 18, when we will hear the ancient story of the Last Supper and the betrayal of Jesus. We will leave the sanctuary in darkness, to ponder the events of that night and the crucifixion to come. It is always a deeply affecting service.

But then comes Easter with its lilies and family gatherings and the wonderful story of resurrection and hope. Please join us for that glorious celebration.

Meanwhile, during Holy Week, we Deacons will be assisting Rev. Deborah with home communions. Please let the office know if you'd like a visit and an opportunity to receive communion in your place of residence. We would love to be of service!

Thanks and blessings, Nadine Russell, Co-chair





Spring has finally sprung and with it comes “new life”. New life in Jesus, in us and in our church. This month we look forward to Palm Sunday, Easter and Holy week that

comes between the two. A reminder to parents, that there will NOT be Church school classes on Easter Sunday. Easter is Sunday, April 21st.

There will be packets for our children PreK through fifth grade. On Palm



Sunday, April 14th the Senior High Church school class and the Christian Education team will host Easter Crafts and Egg Hunt after the 10 am worship service. We will meet at the tables by the windows in the fellowship hall for the crafts and then move to the sanctuary for the Egg Hunt. All Church school children are invited.



Welcome back to the classroom, **Jane and Rick Campbell**. We have missed you but hope you are well rested after your time away. Thank you to **Jen Erickson and Amy Chute** for filling in the 5, 6 & 7 grade Church school class.



Pilgrim Lodge registration is available NOW. We give thanks for Allie and John

Rimkunas who helped us celebrate PL last month. What a wonderful addition to our service. Thank you to all our leaders, Junior and Youth Choirs, and our Senior Church

School class. Many thanks to Saco Main Street for getting our ice cream for our Fellowship time. It was delicious.



*Jesus says:
“Let the little
children
come to me”*

-Matthew 19:14

Helping **Lisa** in the Nursery for the month of **March** was:

- 3rd **Mary Coyne & Kelsey Libby**
- 10th **Martha Perkins**
- 17th **Mary Coyne**
- 24th **Aldene Walters**
- 31st **Carol Spencer Lemay**

First Parish Christian Education Team

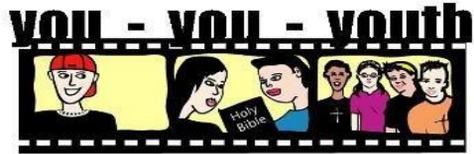


appreciates your time. **Thank you**

We have two NEW Acolytes. We welcome **Camilla Roberge** and **Lucy Perry**. They will begin acolyting at the end of the month.

See you at Church,

Kris



Fellowship

Our youth have been invited by the youth at the Biddeford synagogue, to join them for a Seder. The Passover Seder is a Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. It reminds us of the trials and tribulations of the Hebrew people while slaves in Egypt. On Thursday, April 11th our Senior High class will travel to Biddeford to share in this important meal. We appreciate the invitation for this wonderful night of remembrance.



Coming in May

Mother's Day Breakfast, May 12

Youth overnight, May 11th

Children's Sunday, May 19th

Last day of Church school, May
26th



Music Ministry

Music Director: Jacqueline Savage

Email: Jacqui@firstparishsaco.org

Junior Choir: Susan Marston

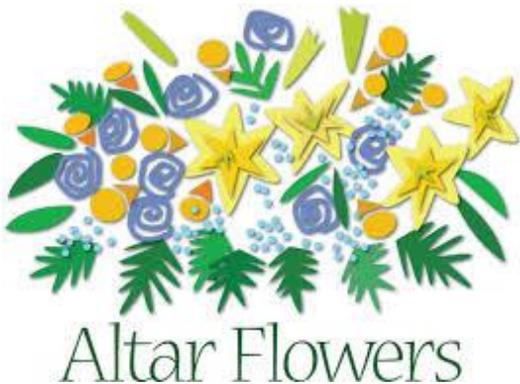
The Junior Choir continues to work on several pieces for upcoming months. March 31st will be Pilgrim Lodge Sunday and the Junior Choir will be singing several of the crazy camp songs along with “Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho”. We hope the congregation will help us with the chorus, just like you did for “What the World Needs Now”. It sounded so awesome. The Choir Members are preparing several duets and trios for the Joshua song and the Easter piece, “The Rebel”. We are also working on music for Music Sunday! We are having a wonderful time learning and singing our music 😊

Thank you to the University of Maine Singers!





Sunday Altar Flower sign up sheet
is on the wall outside the office.
There are many open dates.

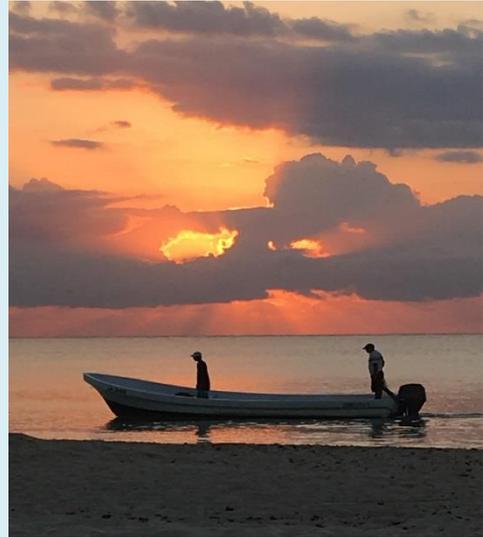


We invite sign-ups for giving altar flowers during the year, again in honor or memory of loved ones. The sign-up sheets for each month are posted by the church office door. If you have a special event you would like to commemorate now would be a good time to plan ahead, to find a Sunday close to the date of your special event. All months still have available Sundays at this time. A list of local florists for the provision of flowers is posted next to the sign up sheet. Flower and Altar members are available to assist you, if needed.

Good News Team April Showers Article

Hello from your GNT international correspondent in sunny Mexico. I am here with Jane and want to tell you that the Good News of our Lord Jesus is alive and well here.

We also see signs of God's love everywhere in his incredible creation the Yucatán Peninsula. This is mostly a Christian country who's citizen's celebrate their combined Mayan and Spanish histories.



While we have been blessed to be here in Mexico, through modern technologies, I have been able to stay in touch with the progress of the ad hoc task force consisting of Tim Guerrette, Fred and Freddie Connelly, Bob Mohlin and Al Sicard. They have been working on improving the communication capabilities of First Parish.

In the area of the church Administration, Tim Guerrette has been working diligently navigating his way through a myriad of hoops to get our church computers safer and more efficient. As you will recall, this fall our church was held ransom after our computer system was infected with ransomware. Thieves wanted us to pay \$4,000.00 to recover files that they encrypted making them unusable for us. The leadership of our church quickly and wisely said "No!"

This was a wake-up call though that we have answered. We have since increased our backup systems. Unfortunately many of the documents your administration used for the multiple programs were lost. The rebuilding process began in the weeks to come. Thanks to Tim, the administration of our church has a new, safer, more robust and cost affective operating platform. Reverend Deborah, Nadeen, Kris and Jacqui have been doing their "due diligence" to learn the ins and outs of this new tool. It has not been easy for them, so next time you see them, give them a, "Way to go...thank you."

The next area I want to report to you is around the web Page progress. One of the many things your first Search Committee did was to identify the need for modernization of our web page. That gargantuan task has also been tackled by the same ad hoc task force. Tim has taken a leadership role here too. Thank You Tim! He heard we had a problem and stepped into the fray! I also want to use this article to recognize the day to day efforts of Fred Connelly. He has been our go to guy for E-blasts, media slides, technology information, web page management and so much more. He is the guy behind the scenes and like a lot of people in this position, he is the quiet foundation of what we have come to take for granted. Thank you Fred!

The task force started work on the web renovation back in December with prior work on funding which was approved and provided by the council. After we selected a company to do the work for us, Tim has carefully led this effort. After four revisions, we have agreed to a format for the home page. The next steps will be even more difficult, but we move slowly, steadily forward.

Soon the fun will begin for all the Teams in the church who have areas on our web page too. We will need your input for content and accuracy. The Teams of the church will be getting a request via email from me, but consider this as a first invitation to get started. Please feel free to write me at Papagnome@aol.com or call me at 207-831-1425 with any questions. Also if you have pictures of church events or around the church, please share! Our web is a jewel of many facets. When it is finished, I believe it will sparkle with the light that only the Good News can supply...

Rick Campbell GNT





Mission's

Please help feed hungry children in Honduras. Instead of sending heavy buckets laden with food to Honduras, as we formerly did with Amigos, monetary donations are used to buy food in Honduras, which is then fed to children in need. If you give cash, please put it in an envelope marked "**Feeding Forward**". **Checks should be made out to First Parish Congregational Church with "Feeding Forward" in the memo line.** You may also donate online at daisyschildren.org. Thank you! If you are interested in going on a mission Trip to Honduras August 7-13 with the UCC York Association, please contact Sharon Beckwith at (207) 651-5558.



Cost per person is \$1200.00.



The Mission team would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped to feed the hungry at Bon Appetit, Second Congregational Church, 19 Crescent St., Biddeford, Maine. The FPCC-UCC of Saco is scheduled to provide volunteers the 2nd Monday and Fourth Friday of every month. Please sign up under "Missions" on the bulletin board near the office, or you may e-mail [Carol SpencerLemay at spencerlemay2@gmail.com](mailto:spencerlemay2@gmail.com) if you plan to volunteer on one of those days. Thank you!



Bean Supper April 13th, 2019



First Parish Congregational Church

12 Beach Street, Saco
(Corner of Beach and Main St.)

Time 5:00 – 6:30 pm

\$8.00 for Adults

\$4.00 for Children ages (6-12)

Children under 6 years old free

Menu:

Pea Beans

Kidney Beans

Hot Dogs

Macaroni & Cheese

Brown Bread/Dinner Rolls

Coleslaw

Deserts

Beverages

2019

Bean Supper Dates

~~February 9~~

~~March 9~~ Aug 10

April 13 Sept 14

May 11 Oct 12

June 8 Nov 9

July 13

Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Bean Suppers.

Please sign up on the sign up sheet outside the office door.



Book Club

The next meeting of the FPC book club is scheduled for April 23. Newcomers are encouraged and appreciated. All books chosen are available at local libraries and at local book stores. The reading list for 2019 is as follows:

Tuesday, April 23

The Dovekeepers

~ Alice Hoffman

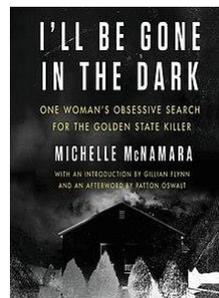


Tuesday, May 21

I'll Be Gone in the Dark:

One Woman's Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer

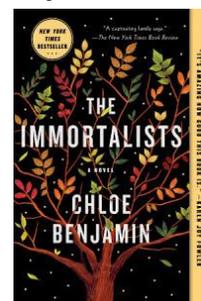
~ Michelle McNamara



Tuesday, June 25

The Immortalists

~ Chloe Benjamin



Prayer Shawl Ministry Thank You Notes



Dear Wonderful Women of the Gathered Circle Prayer Shawl Group,

Words cannot express my gratitude for the beautiful shawl knit by you and gifted to me at the request of my beautiful friend and neighbor Linda Emerson. It brings me great joy and comfort every time I use and see it. I create art and it is often wrapped upon my shoulders or over my lap. Thank you very much for this thoughtful gift, for all the time, talent, kindness and prayers that was put into it. It really means so much to me.

With gratitude and Love,
Kristi

Dear Ann Brainard and Prayer Group members,

Many thanks for the lovely prayer shawl. It is so comforting wrapped around me as I am reading--my favorite pastime! Bless you all as you continue God's work.

Sincerely,
Art Prentiss

To my friends at First Parish,

Thanks for the goodies. It was a surprise and a delicious one. Thanks to the Cooks!

Sincerely,
Barbara Freeman

Tâm Trợ



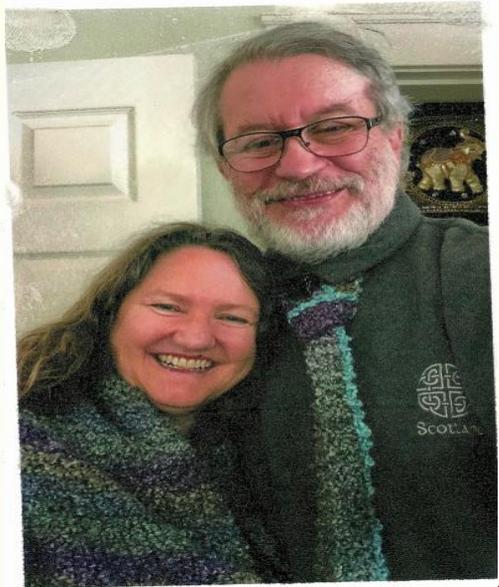
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Dear friends of the
First Parish church
& Saw,

Jean and I wanted to express our deep gratitude for your thoughtfulness, your prayers, and your love. I've been wearing the shawl often and I feel the precious energy you've knitted & pray into it. I love that Finn has touched your

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heart. ♥ love Heidi Winn + Jean Bousquet Fairfield, CT 06424

Members and Friends of First Parish Saco,

I'm sure we can all agree that our last pictorial directory is sadly out of date. The committee that worked on it has talked about developing a new one but feel the perfect time will be when we have a settled minister. In the meantime we have a small group (Maureen O'Donnell, Marcia Lord, & Norma Gorham) willing to update our church data base and print out contact information for our members and friends. After all, being in touch with one another draws us closer!

There will be two types of information that we collect.

1. Our data base consists of some information that is confidential and accessible only by staff and a few select volunteers.
2. It also consists of contact information that may be printed and shared.

All the information we are requesting is important for the data base. During the collection process you have the opportunity to indicate if there is personal information that will be in the data base but that you prefer not be included in handouts or on the FPC website.

There are various ways you can complete the form we have developed.

1. There will be a table set up in the atrium with a person who has forms. You may get a form there, complete it at church and turn it in or take the form home and return it to church later. There will be a box on the table in front of the office windows for your completed form.
2. At the table with forms there will be one or two people with computers. You can work with one of them to find out what may already be included in your section of the data base. The typist will add anything for you that is incorrect or missing.
3. We can email the blank form to you.
4. We can mail you the form and you can send it back when completed.

Remember we are looking for everyone in our congregation - both members and friends - to be included in the data base and in our directory. We thank you for working with us to make our data base complete and for giving us some contact information to share.

Maureen O'Donnell	odonnellmo13@gmail.com	630-464-5768
Marcia Lord	mvlord@aol.com	571-9003
Norma Gorham	ngorham1@maine.rr.com	937-2370



Lights and Switches



The Facilities Team along with the Top of the Hill Gang, are working together, to help make changes to light switches, currently in use within the church.

The problem we are facing is that too many lights are being left on unnecessarily. This problem has been made worse, because we have all become dependent on the use of technology to turn our lights on and off for us. Unfortunately that technology has failed us.

We have therefore begun to replace many of these switches with the 'standard' toggle type, which will require us to manually turn the lights on and off. To help remind us, and to accompany our Team efforts to reduce electrical consumption, stickers, labels, and signs will be used on or near switch locations. Our hope is that our work will reduce our huge electric bill, as well as to conserve energy usage.

We have already noticed that the 'lower level' settings for lights, where available, has been used, and that many of us are 'manually' switching the 'automatic' light switch's off after their use. We hope we can get 100% cooperation from everyone, to help us all with our efforts.



Lost and Found





Born In April



April 1st

Andrew Reiche

April 2nd

Sarah Rivest

April 4th

Dolly Anagnostis

April 5th

Lucy Begin
Hannah Baker

April 6th

Victoria Cronin

April 8th

Nikolai Galipeau

April 10th

Martha Conlan
Jon Boutet

April 11th

Tom Dehetre

April 12th

Jennifer Doyle

April 13th

Joyce Thompson
Ashley Collette

April 14th

John Oddy

April 15th

Caryn Tierney
Steven Trask

April 16th

Jo-Ann Dearborn
Cameron Trask
Emily Beals

April 17th

Jane Allen

April 18th

Jane Nutting

April 21st

Steven Collard

April 22nd

Jennifer Peck

April 23rd

Casey Sheehan

April 24th

Barbara Field

April 25th

Gina Marquis
Kayla Cotsis
Grace York
Simon DiMatteo

April 26th

EJ Jackson
Elizabeth Walker

April 27th

Edgar Gardner
Tony Nero
Andrew Martin

April 29th

Marilyn Haskell
Michael Cronin

April 30th

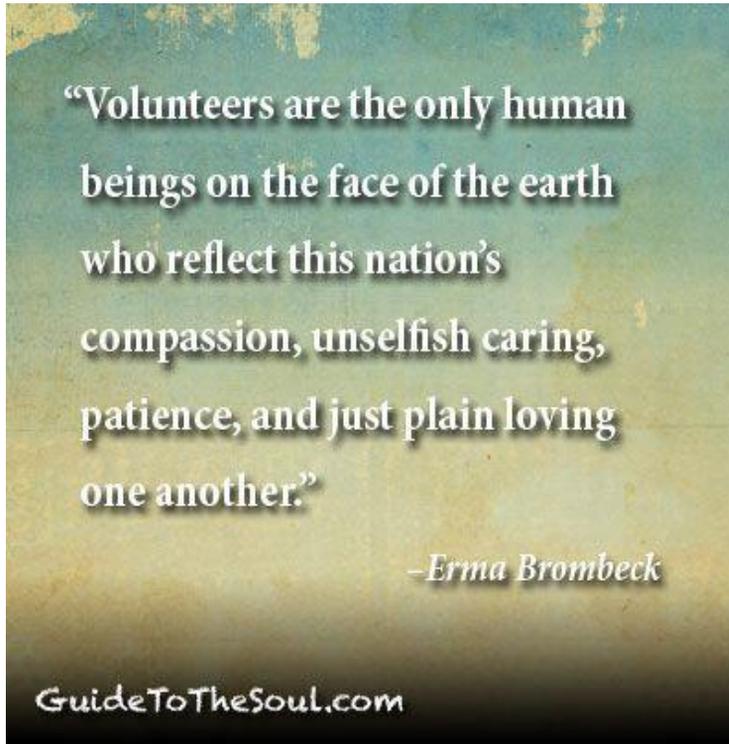
Corey Jacques



Time	Event Name	Event Type	Room(s)
Monday, April 1, 2019			
09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Counters		Conference
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Big Book		
Tuesday, April 2, 2019			
09:30 AM - 11:00 AM	WF workshop meeting		Fellowship Hall
06:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Facilities		Conference
Wednesday, April 3, 2019			
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Exercise Class		
05:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Bells Choir		Sanctuary
05:00 PM - 07:30 PM	Dance group		Atrium
Thursday, April 4, 2019			
09:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Top of the Hill Gang		Fellowship Hall
03:15 PM - 04:00 PM	Jr. Choir Rehearsal		
05:00 PM - 05:30 PM	Bell Choir	Small Group	Sanctuary
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal		
06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	FaithNetwork meetings	Small Group	Conference
Sunday, April 7, 2019			
08:00 AM - 09:00 AM	Service		Sanctuary
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Sunday Service		Sanctuary
06:00 PM - 08:30 PM	GS Troop #2196		Classroom 5
Monday, April 8, 2019			
09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Counters		Conference
05:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Bell Choir	Small Group	Flexible Use
06:00 PM - 09:00 PM	Council Meeting		Conference
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Big Book		
Tuesday, April 9, 2019			
07:15 AM - 09:30 AM	Men's Group		Parlor
09:30 AM - 11:30 AM	WF Board Meeting		Parlor
09:30 AM - 11:00 AM	WF workshop meeting		Fellowship Hall
06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Girl Scout Volunteer Meet		Fellowship Hall
			Workshop
06:00 PM - 08:30 PM	GNT		Conference
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Mission		Parlor
Wednesday, April 10, 2019			
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Exercise Class		
05:00 PM - 07:30 PM	Dance group		Atrium
Thursday, April 11, 2019			
09:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Top of the Hill Gang		Fellowship Hall
03:15 PM - 04:00 PM	Jr. Choir Rehearsal		
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal		
06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	FaithNetwork meetings	Small Group	Conference
Saturday, April 13, 2019			
05:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Bean Supper		Atrium
			Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 14, 2019			
08:00 AM - 09:00 AM	Service		Sanctuary

Time	Event Name	Event Type	Room(s)
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Sunday Service		Sanctuary
06:00 PM - 08:30 PM	GS Troop #2196		Classroom 5
Monday, April 15, 2019			
09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Counters		Conference
05:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Bell Choir	Small Group	Flexible Use
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Big Book		
Tuesday, April 16, 2019			
09:30 AM - 11:00 AM	WF workshop meeting		Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, April 17, 2019			
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	So. Me Theolo Ront	Small Group	Conference
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Exercise Class		
05:00 PM - 07:30 PM	Dance group		Atrium
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Deaconate Meeting		Conference
Thursday, April 18, 2019			
09:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Top of the Hill Gang		Fellowship Hall
03:15 PM - 04:00 PM	Jr. Choir Rehearsal		
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal		
06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	FaithNetwork meetings	Small Group	Conference
Sunday, April 21, 2019			
08:00 AM - 09:00 AM	Service		Sanctuary
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Sunday Service		Sanctuary
06:00 PM - 08:30 PM	GS Troop #2196		Classroom 5
Monday, April 22, 2019			
09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Counters		Conference
05:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Bell Choir	Small Group	Flexible Use
06:30 PM - 08:00 PM	Assets Ministry		Atrium
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Big Book		
Tuesday, April 23, 2019			
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Book Club		Parlor
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Men's Group		Conference
Wednesday, April 24, 2019			
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Exercise Class		
05:00 PM - 07:30 PM	Dance group		Atrium
Thursday, April 25, 2019			
09:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Top of the Hill Gang		Fellowship Hall
03:15 PM - 04:00 PM	Jr. Choir Rehearsal		
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal		
06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	FaithNetwork meetings	Small Group	Conference
Saturday, April 27, 2019			
09:00 AM - 09:30 AM	Cafe Connection		Fellowship Hall
Sunday, April 28, 2019			
08:00 AM - 09:00 AM	Service		Sanctuary
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Sunday Service		Sanctuary
06:00 PM - 08:30 PM	GS Troop #2196		Classroom 5

Time	Event Name	Event Type	Room(s)
Monday, April 29, 2019			
09:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Counters		Conference
05:00 PM - 08:30 PM	Bell Choir	Small Group	Sanctuary
06:30 PM - 08:30 PM	Big Book		



A Prayer for Easter Eyes



My Lord, Jesus,
You have risen to new life!
Give me new eyes with which to recognize
your presence in the world around me.
Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the
ordinary events of each day and into the
extraordinary reality of your grace.
Brighten my view of the world with renewed
hope in the coming of your Kingdom.
Soften my gaze so that I view others with the
kind of tenderness and compassion you
showed to so many.
May each day of this Easter season provide
glimpses of your glory.
In your sacred name, I pray.
Amen.

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