



The Messenger



First Parish Congregational Church, Saco
"A Christ-centered Inclusive Community of Faith
with Love and Hope to Share"

March 2024

2024 Concert Series

Night of Talent

March 9, 2024 7:00 PM
\$15.00 Adults
\$5.00 Children ages 6 - 12

Pastor's Bible Study Thursday Evenings 6:30 PM

Come join us!



On **Sunday, March 10th** we will be taking an offering for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). OGHS channels resources for international programs in health, education and agricultural development, emergency relief, refugee ministries and both international and domestic disaster response. This offering is administered by Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources. Please make checks payable to First Parish Congregational Church with OGHS in the memo line. You may donate online at www.ucc.org/oghs if you so choose.

First Parish Book Club

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

2nd Thursday of each month
Meeting in the Parlor at First Parish



Books to read February through June

March – "Accidental Saints: Finding God in all the Wrong People" by Nadia Bolz-Weber

April – "Deacon King Kong" by James McBride

May – "A Fall of Marigolds" by Susan Meissner

June – "The Longest Summer" by Jon Shannon

Hospitality begins at the Parking Lot

With the limited parking on our property we are asking folks, who are able, to park at either Dyer Library or Burns School. There is additional parking behind and on the Spring St. side of Burns School. We will be making more spots in our parking lot available to those with handicapped placards or plates. We hope to provide parking for our guests who don't know where parking is available. There is also parking on Beach St. past Middle St., not between Middle St and Main St. We will be having parking attendants available to assist with parking information.

PLEASE be mindful of the street signs where parking is not allowed. We don't want to see anyone get a ticket or be towed.

The First Parish Bean Suppah

Mark your calendars!

March 9, 2024
Serving from
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
\$10.00 Adults
\$5.00 Children 6-12



Menu will be:

Pea Beans	Kidney Beans
Mac N Cheese	Hot Dogs
Coleslaw	Breads
Desserts	Beverages



Rev. Scott W. Cousineau, Senior Minister
Kristine Galasyn, Director of Christian Education
Jacqueline Savage, Music Director
Sue Burgess, Office Administrator

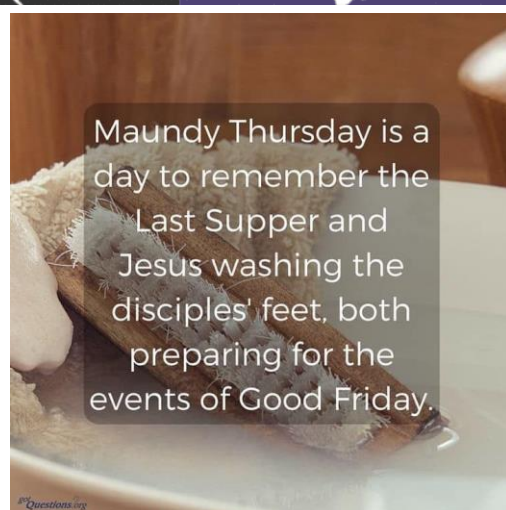
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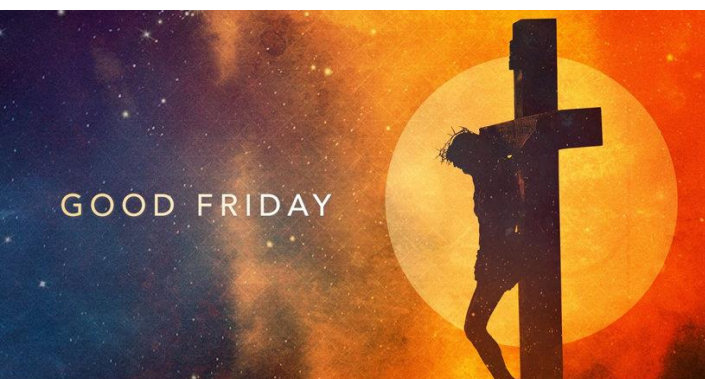
HOLY WEEK



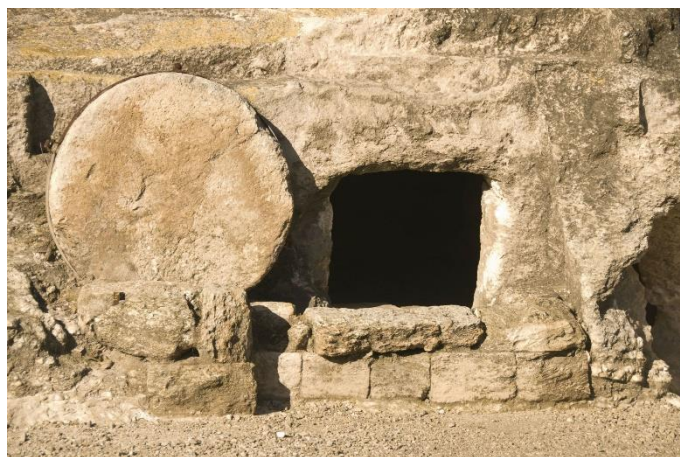
Palm Sunday, March 24th
10:00 am Service



Maundy Thursday,
March 28th
7:00 pm Service



Good Friday, March 29th
Sanctuary will be open
9:00 am – 3:00 pm



Easter Sunday,
March 31st
10:00 am Service



Pastor Scott's Message...

The Pastor's Perspective ...



The other day I saw little green shoots starting to poke their heads out of the ground in the garden behind the parsonage. It always amazes me. Surrounded by the snow and ice that is still covering most of the backyard that little shoot appears. Even as I slip and slide on the ice, and slog through the slushy mud, that shoot is pushing upward.

Not far away from that little green shoot are the two new beds that I created in the fall. As a gift for my wife, I planted peonies. I have never planted peonies before, and I have no idea if I did it correctly. The package from the bulb company basically said that if they do not come up ... it is my fault. Fair enough.

A stroll through the backyard evokes those mixed emotions. On the one hand, I marvel at the wonders of Creation. And on the other hand, I question and wonder if I failed as a gardener. And I will live in this uncertainty for several more weeks. (Of course, I also question why I would plant MORE garden beds when I know how much I do not enjoy weeding. But that is a reflection for another day.)

The uncertainty of my peonies can be a metaphor for the followers of Jesus as we approach Holy Week. They walked with Jesus, heard his voice, felt his peace and his power, and saw him perform amazing acts that defy human description. They called him, "rabbi". They called him, "Messiah". They gave up everything that they knew and followed him. Jesus told them what was going to happen in Jerusalem. He told them that he would suffer, be rejected, and be killed. And he told them that he would rise again in three days. But ... did they actually believe that he would rise? When the body of Jesus Christ was placed in the tomb, and the stone was rolled into place, did they believe? Or were they like this would-be gardener who has no idea if his peonies will sprout?

We know how the story ends. We know about the 'Glory Hallelujahs!' that are on the horizon. We know about the awesome and amazing power of God.

We spend the entire month of March walking with Jesus and the disciples. Let us take time to listen to the promises of Jesus and let us also hear the questions and concerns of the disciples. We may hear some of our own questions as we walk. And as we approach the events of Holy Week, may we see and hear and feel with fresh eyes, and ears and hearts. Let us experience the events with the wide-eyed wonder of the children. Something amazing is going to happen! Something amazing IS happening!

Let us continue our Lenten journey in God's wonderful peace.

Scott



From the Moderator...



We came together as a new team in a new year. At the suggestion of the Vice-Moderator, we took some time to lay out our concerns and hopes regarding our church for 2024. Some of the hopes were modest (keep the building open and running) while most were aspirational in a time when we will likely be seen as a beacon of hope or a lightning rod (depending on your perspective). We spoke of continuing our community outreach with great offerings like the bean suppahs, music events, presence in Saco community events, and offering our building as a place of gathering for our friends and neighbors. Another excellent point was the increase in families and children attending our services. It's great to see and hear these new voices, and we are hoping they will add to the lifeblood of the church in a significant way. We are exploring ways to involve these new faces via various events at the church, including coffee hours and small group events.

We want to continue these offerings and expand on them where we can. It was noted that when the church was rebuilt, it was designed with the idea of offering shelter and a place of sanctuary for the surrounding community; we will explore ways of expanding on that idea in a safe and caring way. We spoke of always returning to our vision of being a loving community hoping to share with all who seek our help.

As for our budget, we closed 2023 on a slightly positive note, so that was a blessing. We begin the year with an anticipated budget deficit of approximately \$47K. With good governance and forward-thinking, I am confident we will erase that deficit and stay on target. I applaud our teams for keeping a sharp eye on their expenses and hope they will continue to sharpen pencils in order to adhere to the budget.

The building and parsonage are in need of some TLC (maybe a bit more than anticipated), and we are working with Facilities to prioritize what needs to be done to keep the church safe. I thank Facilities for staying on top of several projects, including repairs to the basement, identifying repairs and improvements to be made both inside and outside, and assessing the plausibility of adding solar panels. I anticipate coming before the congregation in the near future with a proposed capital campaign to cover the needed repairs to the buildings. Rest assured, First Parish will not collapse, but there are repairs that need to be done in order to continue to operate safely.

We have added two new members to the Council, Vanessa Johnston and Ryan Heller, and we look forward to their contributions to an already strong Council.

We are knee-deep in the Lent season, and I know everyone is preparing for a great Easter holiday (it will be my first Sunday back, so I'm very much looking forward to seeing all of you).

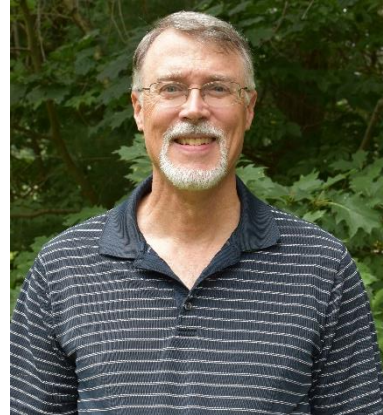
As always, if you have questions, comments, or ideas, please let me know.

Tim





Message from our Vice Moderator



***SERVING THE MARITIME COMMUNITY THROUGH
FRIENDSHIP, FAITH, AND HOSPITALITY SINCE 1827***

Dear First Parish Church Family,

Since I was recently told that I have a “regular” space in the Messenger as Vice-Moderator, I thought that this month I would share with you some information on the small non-profit organization that I work for, Seafarers’ Friend. Seafarers’ Friend has its roots in the Congregational churches of New England and has been providing ministry to seafarers and the maritime community in this region for almost 200 years.

Our chaplains and ship visitors provide support for seafarers arriving in the New England terminals of North Boston, Portsmouth, Portland, and Bucksport/Searsport on commercial cargo ships. These ships and their crews bring many of the raw materials, foodstuffs, and finished goods that keep our households fed and warm and keep our economy and businesses running.

New for 2024 is our planned office expansion on the Portland waterfront. We are undertaking this expansion as we recognize the unmet needs of seafarers arriving in Portland on cruise ships during the summer tourist season. Like the crews on the commercial ships, these seafarers also work long hours on extended contracts away from home and family in very demanding circumstances. This expansion will allow us to provide a package pickup service and lounge/wi-fi space for cruise ship crew as part of their Portland stop-over. Both services provide support and comfort for the mostly international seafarers on these ships.

Some of the large cruise ships can have crews of 800 or more. As a result, this new ministry of service will require the help of volunteers. We are particularly looking for individuals that might like to help occasionally for a morning or afternoon as an office volunteer on days when cruise ships dock in Portland. Please give me a call or stop by after the worship service if you would like more information.

Thank you,

Tom Kircher

Vice-Moderator, First Parish Congregational Church UCC
Chaplain Coordinator, Seafarers’ Friend Maine

Mobile: 207-252-3899
www.seafarersfriend.org



Message from our Deacons...



Hello from the Deacons!

We are off to a new start in 2024 with a group of relatively new and somewhat inexperienced Deacons! We have many ideas for ways to expand our team and to increase the congregation's participation in our church's spiritual ministry. The Diaconate's role in the life of the church, according to the By-Laws from 2018, is to serve as a source of counsel and assistance to the Senior Pastor in ministering to the needs of the church and the community, assisting in administering the sacraments, receiving new members, and in other special services and events of the church. We are also charged with the religious oversight of the church in the absence of the minister.

Needless to say, those are awesome responsibilities. There are also opportunities to share some of these responsibilities with our church family. Over the next couple of months, we will be sharing more information about the goals we have set for ourselves, as well as those opportunities for more participation from the congregation. We expect to have many ways in which members of the congregation, whether new or long-time members, from youth to elder in age, to participate in our Sunday church services, greeting and welcoming members, visitors, and guests, and reaching out to those who physically are not able to be with us on Sundays or at other church events.

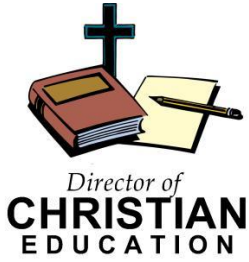
Please watch for the opportunities coming this Spring! If you have any comments or suggestions for our consideration, please contact me via email at pnwemerald14@gmail.com, or place your suggestion (include your name and contact information) in the offering plate on the table in the Narthex. We want to have the opportunity to discuss every idea that comes our way. And we want you to participate. Our hope is that you will be willing to support and help implement the suggestions that you offer. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

First Parish is a vibrant church with a diverse congregation and open and welcoming to everyone! We want you to be an active participant and to share your talents with all of us!

With faith and blessings,

Peggy Warden
Chair of the Diaconate





The month of March brings new life as the days grow longer and warmer. With March comes a new quarter for our

Church school. Spring quarter consists of the next three months, March, April and May. As we prepare for Easter our lessons will include: **Jesus Washes Feet, The Last Supper, Praying in the Garden, Jesus Enters Jerusalem and Resurrection.**



March 24 is also Palm Sunday



We will begin the morning with our Church school children processing into worship as we remember **Jesus' Triumphant Entry in to Jerusalem.** Also, on this Sunday will be our **Sunday Easter Funday** since our 5th Sunday is Easter Sunday. After the 10AM worship we will have some fun crafts, Egg Hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Please stay and play with us.

March 31 is Easter. Everyone stays in worship that morning. Our nursery is open. Packets will be available for our Church school children through grade 5.



Happy Easter
See you at Church
Kris

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Jesus says: "Let the little Children come to me" - Matthew 19:14

Helping **Lisa and Mary** in the Nursery for the month of **February** was:

4 th	Mercy Hayward
11 th	Lindsey Martel
18 th	Annie Ingraham
25 th	Cathy Baillargeon

"It's Only One Sunday"

First Parish Christian Education Team appreciates your time. **Thank you!**

Our **CLYNK** arrangement for the CE Team has changed. We are no longer able to leave full bags at the church. We do appreciate everyone's support and ask you to pick up bags at church and a bag tag, one per bag, and then drop off at your nearest CLYNK station. Thank you so much. See Kris or email her at kris@firstparishsaco.org if you have any questions about this new arrangement.



The **Pilgrim Lodge** schedule is out and looking awesome. So many cool camps, for the week, weekend, and half week adventures. For more information go to www.pilgrimlodge.org. Pilgrim Lodge camperships will be available in April. We have many PL alumni in our church family so if you have any questions, please ask. There are camping opportunities for ALL ages.



Pilgrim Lodge is where Community, Nature and God meet. It is where the ordinary meets the extraordinary and those “thin-places” form. It is where we glimpse a little bit of heaven on earth. Please see the bulletin board in the atrium for more information about Pilgrim Lodge.

February



February 4 **Peter Galasyn**
 February 11 **Angela Makengo**
 February 18 **Ava Morin**
 February 25 **August Fernandes**

Baptism

Welcome to the UCC



January 28th
Connor Michael
Remillard
 Parents: Christa
 and Michael
 Remillard

February 18th
Haley James Magoon
 Parents: Allie and Dan
 Magoon

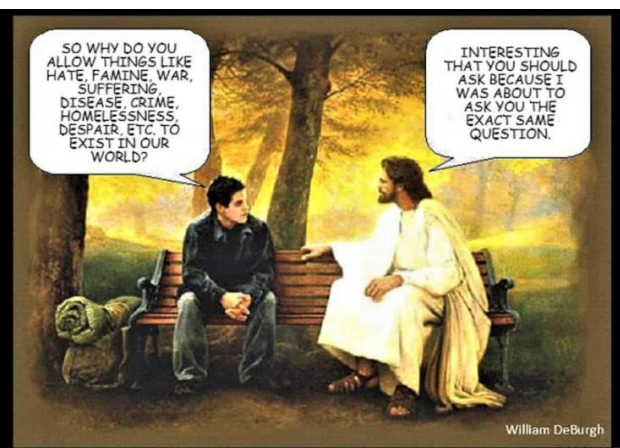


Vacation Bible School 2024

Coming July 8-12



“Whenever I’m afraid I put my trust in you.”
 - Psalm 56:3





Fellowship

Thank you to all who supported our Super Bowl fundraiser. We sold 150 subs and handed them out after worship. Many thanks to all those who helped prep and assemble. We raised \$683.00 from the sub sale. Our Souper Bowl offering brought in \$634.50. This money went to **Bon Appetit**



“I was hungry and you fed me.” ---
Matthew 25:35,
The Message by Eugene Peters.

Our youth were very busy this Super Bowl season with various skits. The first was a video that they put together encouraging everyone to order a sub. Our second skit was titled “Travis and Taylor in the Wild”.



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We would like to thank Corey Johnson, one of the new owners at Pizza by Michael, for continuing on as our vendor for all our sub sandwich ingredients.



Saturday prepping the veggies, meat and cheese for the subs.



Sub assembly line on Super Bowl Sunday.



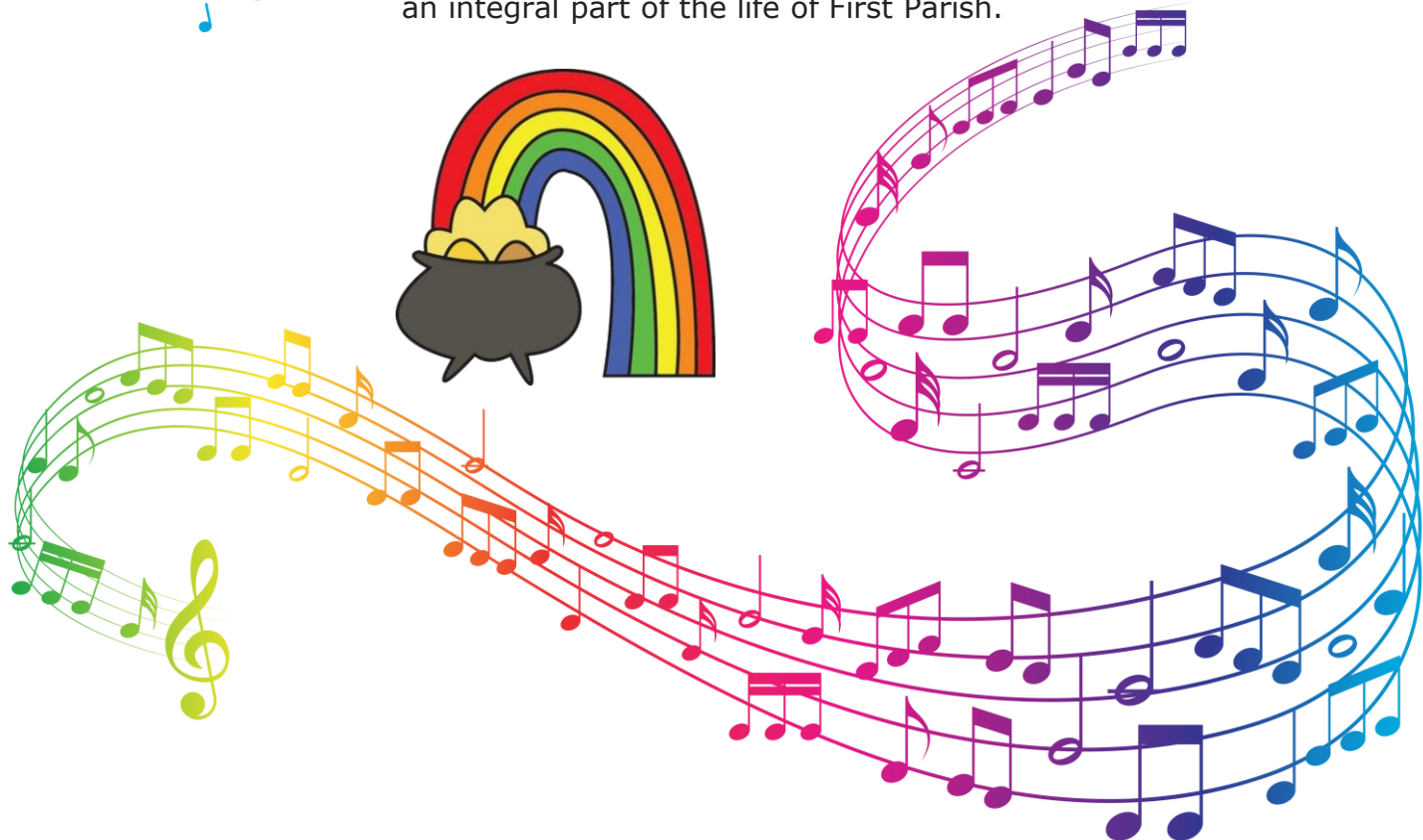
Music & Arts Team
Cary Olson - Chair



As we celebrate Lent to prepare for Easter Sunday, the Music and Arts Team has a full agenda.

The Concert Series continues to provide outstanding programs for our congregation and broader community. On March 9, we will have another Night of Talent at 6:30 p.m. The University of Maine Singers will be back on March 15, and we will be providing a meal for the students prior to the concert. If anyone is interested in helping with the dinner, please let Cary Olson know (caryo3535@gmail.com). We need help to set up, serve and clean up. Last year the singers said singing at First Parish was one of their favorites because of the warm welcome and wonderful meal they receive.

Our senior choir continues to rehearse weekly to learn a variety of music that will be shared during our Lenten journey. We are thankful for the members and all the musicians who add such a beautiful and meaningful music ministry. The Bell Choir, Youth Choir, Praise and Worship Choir and Senior Choir continue to be an integral part of the life of First Parish.



Johnson-Atkinson Spiritual Fund Update



In February 2020 a Johnson-Atkinson grant proposal was submitted by Tom Kircher of First Parish and Rev. Lori Whittemore to help start a community chaplaincy non-profit organization. (This program began as an outgrowth of Lori's Doctor of Ministry program.) Recently, Tom asked Lori to update First Parish on how that non-profit has grown since the initial grant.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to update you on the Spiritual Care Services of Maine activities. This past year of 2023, our second full year of operations, we have accomplished much. We shifted from focusing primarily on COVID work to providing spiritual support in several populations: the unhoused, people experiencing Substance Use Disorder, people experiencing mental health challenges, domestic violence, re-entering from incarceration and populations experiencing isolation, such as seniors. This past year we provided over 2500 contacts for people in these various populations.

In addition to our continued work through our referral system, we have people working at the Homeless Services Center in Portland, The Living Room (mental health crisis/evaluation program) in Portland, New Beginnings homeless teen drop in center in Lewiston, Kennebec County Jail in Augusta, Penobscot Public Health Opioid Task Force remotely. Because of our capacity, we were able to respond after the Lewiston shootings in a number of ways. We supported a company that lost an employee in the shooting. We provided support at community wide vigils, New Beginnings teen shelter (which led to an ongoing relationship), and a senior community. For the 30 days following the incident we turned our phone referral system into a 24 hour live line to support people experiencing stress and anxiety from the event.

This next year we are hoping to develop and grow our support for seniors in a couple of different ways and find ways to support an ongoing live line.

What started off as a \$7500 grant from the Johnson-Atkinson Fund to set up the infrastructure of our non-profit has ballooned to a \$175,000 annual budget with 25 part time contract chaplains, 1 clinical director, 1 executive director and 1 administrative person. The demand for spiritual support outside of the traditional settings is clearly there and we are challenged to keep up. We are truly grateful for your support!

*Sincerely,
Chaplain Lori H. Whittemore, DMin, BCCC (she/her/hers)
Spiritual Care Services of Maine
www.scsmaine.org
207.699.8991*



Flower and Altar Update

Easter

Members of the Flower & Altar Team will be in the Atrium on Sunday, March 3rd & Sunday, March 10th to take orders for Easter Lilies and Tulips in memory, honor and/or celebration of loved ones. As we are still waiting for a final pricing from our vendor, Everlasting and More, we don't have the price yet.

Kathy Angel Lee made the purple banners that are hanging, in 2004, when we moved into our current church building. If you look closely, members of First Parish, at that time, signed the banner.

Sunday Flowers for February given by:

- Charles & Debra Clark Memorial Flower Fund in Memory of Fred Clark Sr.
- Glen Ellen Roth in Memory of Don Roth Sr. for Their 60th Anniversary
- Edward Olsen in Memory of George Olsen, his Grandfather

If you wish to remember/honor a loved one or celebrate an event with altar flowers, the sign-up sheet is on the wall outside the church office. We know that many of you remember loved ones every year. If you have a specific date/time of year that you wish to provide flowers, sign up early or that date may already be filled. Also, you may contact Patrice Tripp @ 207-590-1109 or Marcia Lord @ 207-768-1699.



We are an Easter People, and as such, we are all about resurrection! After our Annual Meeting on Sunday two members inquired about the Hospitality Team. At this time there are not any members on the team. According to our bylaws, "the Hospitality Team with the support of other teams, ministries, groups and other organizations of the church ... facilitate hospitality and fellowship activities and events." That sounds like fun to me!

Calling all social butterflies and party planners ... who would like to be a part of the Hospitality Team? Who wants to be able to tell their friends when they ask what you do at the church, "I plan all of the fun stuff!"

If this sounds like the perfect place and the perfect fit for you, please let me know.

Pastor Scott

Mission Outreach Team Update

FMI – Carol Spencer-Lemay
or Wylie Herzberg



The next Mission Outreach Team meeting is scheduled for March 13th at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room. Please join us!

Saco Food Pantry



Thank you for your support of the Saco Food Pantry!

Don't forget to donate to the Saco Food Pantry if you are able. The need is great.

The **Saco Food Pantry** thanks First Parish Congregational Church members for their ongoing generosity. Please continue to donate non-perishable food items and hygiene items and place them in the shopping cart in the Atrium. Thank you!

At this time the Saco Food Pantry is in need of Progresso Soups, jams and/or jellies. No grape jam/jelly please.

The Saco Food Pantry, located at 67 Ocean Park Road, is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, and the last Tuesday of the month from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, 2024, is a good day to feed the hungry at **Bon Appetit, Second Congregational Church, 19 Crescent St, Biddeford**, starting at **3 PM or 4:20 PM**. Please sign up under "Missions" on the bulletin board near the office. Bon Appetit is a community meal program in which volunteers serve a free hot meal every weekday evening. Volunteers may help prepare the meal. In addition volunteers serve drinks, salad, the entree, and dessert, and also help with the clean-up after the meal. Please introduce yourself to Jim Cortwright, the manager.

Directions: From Alfred Street onto Jefferson (at the 7-11), Crescent St is angled left at the five corners. The Church is the large white building at the corner of Crescent and Graham. Park on the Street. Enter by walking up the left hand driveway (facing the church); then go up the narrow cement stairs on your right to the small door at the end of the sidewalk.



HOLY WEEK



Biddeford & Saco Restaurant Week (3/10/24 – 3/17/24) celebrates all things food & drink in our communities! The **Community Soup-er** event helps ensure that everyone benefits from the RESTAURANT WEEK celebration. This year the Community Soup-er will be held on **March 10th** at **First Parish Congregational Church** (12 Beach St in Saco).

You can pick from one of two seating times, either 5:00 pm or 6:00 pm and enjoy soups, bread, desserts and more donated by local businesses, plus live music performances along with a pottery sale with Mill Pond Ceramics.

If you choose the 5:00 pm seating you will arrive at 5:00 pm and enjoy your dinner in Fellowship Hall and then you're welcome to enjoy the 6:00 pm show in the Sanctuary.

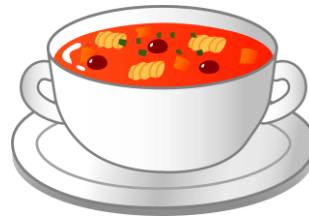
If you choose the 6:00 pm seating you can arrive at 5:00 pm and enjoy the show in the Sanctuary then have your dinner in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm.

For an extra \$5.00, plus a fee, adults can purchase a ticket that includes a bowl that was handmade by a Biddeford 4th or 5th grade student!

\$12.51 - Adults (age 13+)

\$17.85 - Adults with student made bowl

\$10.38 - Child tickets



Tickets are available at heartofbiddeford.org

All proceeds will benefit the Biddeford and Saco food pantries.

Restaurant Week is coordinated by Heart of Biddeford, Saco Main Street and the Biddeford + Saco Chamber of Commerce + Industry.

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Do you like to decorate? Do you like to set a pretty table? If so, please volunteer to host a table for 4 or 6 people for the **Spring into New Life Tea** at First Parish Congregational Church, Saco, on **Friday, April 26 at 6:00 pm**. In addition to setting the table, the hostess' duties will be to invite friends to share her table, bake cookies for all participants to enjoy, and ask each attendee to donate a \$25.00 gift card from a local store. The gift cards will benefit the **Esther Residence, Saco**. There will be prizes for the best hat, and the best table.

If you want to help, but don't want to be a hostess, you can still help set up, clean up, or bake cookies.

A speaker from the Esther Residence will be on hand to educate us about this long term treatment program for women recently incarcerated or on probation for offenses related to substance abuse.

Please contact **Carol Spencer-Lemay at (207) 229-1902** if you would like to participate in any way, or would like to attend this social event. For information about the Esther residence, you can visit [www.estherresidence.org](http://www.estherresidence.org), or look at the brochures available in the Atrium.





# March



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| 3<br>8:30am Sacred Conversations<br>8:50am CE Team<br>10am Service<br>11:30am M&A Team<br>11:30am New Member Class                                                                       | 4<br>9am Counters<br>10:30am WOU<br>6pm Bell Choir<br>7pm Big Book  | 5<br>9:30am Fellowship Workshop<br>5pm SoME Dance<br>6:30pm Facilities via Teams<br>7pm Men's Fellowship | 6<br>4pm Diaper Bank<br>5:30pm Jr Choir<br>6:45pm Sr Choir                                                            | 7<br>9am TOHG<br>4pm Tutor & Ed Testing<br>6:30pm Bible Study                                    | 8<br>5pm Bean Suppah<br>6:30pm Night of Talent                                                                                      |  |
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| 24<br><b>PALM SUNDAY</b><br>8:30am Sacred Conversations<br>10am Service<br>11:00am Easter Extravaganza<br>11:15am P&W Choir<br>11:45am Diaconate                                         | 25<br>9am Counters<br>10:30am WOU<br>6pm Bell Choir<br>7pm Big Book | 26<br>9:30am Fellowship Workshop<br>5pm SoME Dance<br>6:30pm Personnel Team<br>7pm Men's Fellowship      | 27<br>4pm Diaper Bank<br>5:30pm Jr Choir<br>6:30pm Council via Zoom<br>6:45pm Sr Choir                                | 28<br>9am TOHG<br>4pm Tutor & Ed Testing<br>7pm Maundy Thursday Service                          | 29<br><br>9am – 3:00 pm Sanctuary will be open | 30<br>9:30am F&A prepare Atrium and Sanctuary                                       |
| 31<br><br>10am Service<br>11:15am P&W Choir                                                            |                                                                     |                       |                                                                                                                       |              |                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                     |

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