



CHURCH AT THE CENTER

APRIL 2025



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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*ALL ARE WELCOME AT CENTER CHURCH ON THE COMMON,
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING UCC CONGREGATION,
WHERE THE SPIRIT OF GOD STIRS US TO EMBRACE OUR DIVERSITY,
DEEPEN OUR FAITH IN JESUS, SHARE OUR TEARS AND LAUGHTER,
AND EXTEND GOD'S ABUNDANT LOVE AND JUSTICE INTO THE WORLD.*

Many who attend church know "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty." It is a rousing hymn meant to muster what? I would say holiness. The hymn beckons us to imagine what is holy.

I was asked by a teen, "What makes something holy, like holy water?" My three years in Divinity School never provided an answer. However, my 41 years of active ordained ministry, and actually living, do. What for you is holy? Push it around in your mind, heart and maybe body.

When the teen asked, I went blank but then shared how all water is holy because it gives us life. (I did not want to face what too much water does). Then I wondered about favorite stomping grounds at the Cathedral Chimayo in Chimayo NM where my father caught a priest digging up dirt to fill a hole where pilgrims came to be healed by the precious dirt. What made the dirt holy was their faith.

So, I ask you what is holy in your life? No one can strip that holiness from you because it belongs to you. Let me share some photos on our recent trip to the Southwest (next page) and of our church.

Deep in the Dark Woods to discover holiness in you, me, community, and nature. *Lori*





Photo where Forrest Gump runs to Monument Valley and returns to Maine

Porcupine in a tree

THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH

Ministers: All Church Members
Senior Minister: Rev. Lori J. Souder

Christian Education Program

Children: Kate Hoffman Julie Burke, Emily Mulder

Youth: Kenneth Mulder

Nursery Care: Annabelle Burke

Music

Organist: Larry Schipull

Choir Director: Mallory Coakley

Associate in Music: Cynthia Morrell

Office Administrator: Cynthia Jubinville

Sexton: Robert Farman

CENTER CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

There will be a **Memorial Service for Phyllis Lacoste on April 5, 2025 at 10am**. A reception will follow the graveside service, in Fellowship Hall.



Coffee with a Cop Chief of Police, Jennifer Gunderson, will join us April 6th following worship, in Meeting House Room for questions and conversation. Grab a cup of Coffee in Fellowship Hall and head to the Meetinghouse Room.



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ and other denominations, which help in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. "You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world." Matthew 5:14 (MSG). Center Church's annual OGHS offering was collected on March 30, 2025. You may still make a donation, through April 13.



Breakfast and Conversation

- Wednesday April 9th 8 - 9am in Fellowship Hall All Views are encouraged -

We will discuss an article that a classmate of mine, Chris Hedges wrote recently. We graduated from Harvard Divinity School with the same degree; however, his path led him into journalism and covering wars. The article is about Surrendering to Authoritarianism. Lori sent out copies to those who often attend but if you would like to pick up the article, you will find it on the table at the Church Street entrance. Lori has included some thought-provoking questions that may lead to discussion.

While this article is not actually faith-based, it causes us to query:

- How do we resist injustice? · How did Jesus respond to the authorities?
- How do we face authoritarianism/bullies? What does our faith say about our response?
- "Surrender" is a powerful word. When does "surrender" build/promote faith and when does it apply to being dormant?
- Who has the final word? · How did Jesus encounter power and money?



We are receiving questions from outside the congregation to **resume vigils**. Let me know if you are wanting to participate. I need to hear from you. How often?

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Continual:

Joan Duffy
Martha Guild's mother, June
Eileen Halkyard
Tom Hazen
Eunice Howes
Fay Paquette
Art Stanley
Nikki Wolf, Linda's granddaughter
Those struggling with addiction



Situational:

Barbara Blank, after a fall
Family and friends of Phyllis Lacoste
who died on March 3rd
Memorial Service April 5th 10am
Leila Mulder, attending boarding school
Joanne Santos grandfather, Edwardo,
with cancer
Kendall Johnson-Smith, Preston Smith's
daughter, with cancer

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday April 13

Worship 10am in Sanctuary -
Fellowship Hour to follow

Maundy Thursday April 17

Service at Center Church 6pm

Good Friday April 18

Sanctuary open Noon - 1pm for silent time

Easter Sunday April 20

Easter Service 10am



PETERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND



On Sunday, April 6th we will have a special collection for the Peterson Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund was established by the Peterson family after the death of Rev. Gus Peterson, who served in the capacity of the voluntary Minister of Missions from 1990- 2006.

One of our past scholarship recipients is in her third year of Medical School...and yes, while still at Mount Holyoke College she volunteered to help at our tag sale. She also had to work for two years after graduation to be able to pay for her medical training, despite large financial aid. Her goal.... Public Healthto contribute just a little to those who have less ability to pay.

Even though we at Center Church give small scholarships, they show our faith and belief in a person....and that expression is often as valuable as our small scholarship. Our hope is that you, too, believe in our outreach and that this year our special collection for the Peterson Scholarship Fund is a real success! Contributions to this fund may also be sent to the church office. Applications for one of these scholarships are available in the church office. Deadline for applying is May 9th.

Children's Faith Formation



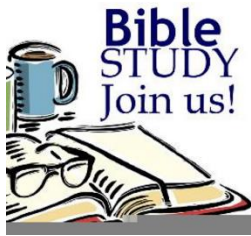
The Promised Land Sunday School will continue with the unit "Make Disciples" for the remainder of Lent. The children are reading scripture and acting out corresponding roles about how we share the news of Jesus and do things for others in our daily lives. The hymns "Here I Am, Lord", and "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" are incorporated into the lessons and activities. The Children are also making people figures to demonstrate their ideas about active discipleship. A reminder that there will be no Sunday School on Easter, April 20th, as we encourage families to worship together on Easter Sunday. Nursery care will be available as needed. Sunday School will resume on April 27th.

Blessings, *Kate Hoffman*



The youth had a very busy month. First, they had the great pleasure (and a good deal of fun) of preparing pancakes for the Intergenerational Brunch. They made enough pancakes for everyone to partake, with plenty of leftovers. Later in the month, youth pitched in with the CC crew working on the Habitat for Humanity house, exchanging fellowship and playlists with some more mature church members. Finally, youth also pitched in by being Sunday morning greeters, something we hope to make a habit of. On top of all that, we spent some time reflecting on the transfiguration. Whew!

Adult Christian Education



Bible Study for all at Loomis Conference Center 10 - 11am

April 3 Genesis 19

April 10: Genesis 22: 1-19

No Bible Study on April 17th or 24th

Deacon's Notes

This month the 40 days of Lent are coming to an end that leads us into Holy Week. As we prepare for Easter, Palm Sunday, April 13, marks the beginning with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday, April 17, is the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples. We gather that evening at 6pm to remember and reflect. Good Friday, April 18, is a day of solemn remembrance of the death of Jesus on the cross. The sanctuary will be open from noon to 1pm for a quiet time of prayer. Easter Sunday, April 20, commemorates the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus with a joyful service of hope and new life. The deacons welcome all to join us for this significant time in our church.

News from the Trustees for April 2025

The trustees had a good meeting in March. We heard the regular reports from Pastor Lori as well as the subcommittee reports about the buildings, building use, and reports about HR and Council meetings. Financially, we learned that the income side of the budget stood at 11.91% at the end of February and expenses were at 19.03%. Part of the expenses came from paying the rest of our insurance bill (it goes from 10/1/24-9/3-/25) for which we had already begun payment, as well as a rather high gas bill. We did use more “therms” and the rates are higher. It is early in the year so we are not too concerned about our overall numbers right now. We did receive a gift for the Graham Fund as a result of the death of Muriel Graham and for that we are most thankful. We continue to be very pleased with the UCFunds monthly reports where our restricted funds are current held. The good news is that the new space heater has now been installed in the Park St. entry area to keep our elevator happy and not allow that area to get too cold to impede that door’s opening/closing. We are also happy to report that the Ryefield kitchen wall problem has been remedied and that the Park St. outer door pad has been fixed. We thank you for your patience with that! With the spring season comes the inspection of various parts of the church – elevator, alarm system, fire, building and boiler, and Eliot gave a few of us a tour on the 23rd of where all those things will happen. Correction to the March CAC article – the investment team consists of Eliot Chartrand, John Hoffman, Bill Giles, Mary Nelson. At the meeting’s end, we learned that trustee Mary is the incoming chair of the socially responsible investing committee for the national United Church Fund where our funds are invested. Congratulations Mary!

Cynthia J. Morrell, secretary

Notes from Church Council

The Council met virtually on Tuesday, March 4. Anita Sarro of HR was Lead pro-tem. The meeting opened at 7:03 p.m. John Hoffman led us in devotions. He stated that the theme for One Great Hour of Sharing is: “Be The Light.” He read from The Message, Matthew 5 14-16 “God is not a secret to be kept under a basket.” Council revisited our *Think Tank* as a top priority. We discussed “spiritual justice” and finding “joy and hope” in this calamitous governmental state. We touched on trans-gender issues that affect all of us. Having joy and hope helps us find and contemplate the many global issues and how we engage in Sunday worship. Walking humbly with our Creator, helps to proclaim love and justice through Jesus. Speak truth to power! Faith is here, leave politics at the door. There’s lots of room for civil discussion. Much of the disruption within our government is in direct dispute with our ONA policy and all that goes with it. We must embrace our diversity. Sensitivity is the watch word. Council agreed that our recent inter-generational potluck was very successful! We need to build more community and sharing meals together is “good community.” The Deacons have invited the Youth Group to participate as greeters at our worship service. Our next Zoom meeting is Tuesday, April 1, with John Hoffman Lead pro-tem and Corinne Chartrand will lead devotions.

Center Church in Transition

Death: Phyllis (Krumpholz) Lacoste, March 3, 91 years of age.

Outreach Team

Center Church paints a Habitat House on π (pi) Day

On March 14th, 8 volunteers from Center Church painted the entire inside of the new Habitat house being built at 140 Woodland Dr in Northampton. We had a blast and we definitely got more paint on the walls than ourselves.



Thanks so much to Lori, Sam Pontes, Annie Burke, Brian Lapis, Nancy Perman, Sarah Smith, and Kenneth Mulder, for their enthusiastic participation. And thanks to Kate Hoffman for providing a delicious berry pie.

John Hoffman – Outreach Team

Here's a thank you note from Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity:

“On behalf of everyone at Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to you and your faith community for participating in a team build last week. We're so grateful for your partnership in this mission to build strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable homeownership opportunities.

We look forward to the possibility of partnering with you again in the future. If the team took any pictures during the team build that you'd like to send to me, I'd love to share it to our social media to showcase the impact of Center Church's efforts!

And if you have any questions or would like more information about volunteering with PVHH, don't hesitate to reach out. Once again, thank you for being a part of PVHH's work.”

Blessings,

D'ahnee Lorenzo

Community Engagement Coordinator, Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity



Girls Inc of the Valley

Our Church has been a regular supporter of Girls Inc of the Valley. Their mission is to inspire all girls to be **strong, smart, and bold** by providing them the opportunity to develop and achieve their full potential.

Girls Inc. empowers, educates, and guides girls forward, helping them navigate the challenges in their lives. Through intentional and effective programming, both in school and after school, they focus on the development of the whole girl - while helping to harness the power already within her. The combination of **long-lasting mentoring relationships, a pro-girl environment, and research-based programming** equips girls to navigate gender, economic, and social barriers, and grow up **healthy, educated, and independent**. This year their annual Spirit of Girls event date has been moved from March 30 to May with the date yet to be announced.

girls inc.

Inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold

March 17, 2025

Girls Inc. of the Valley
P.O. Box 6812
Holyoke, MA 01041
Tel: 413.532.6247
girlsincvalley.org

Rev. Lori Souder
Pastor
First Congregational UCC Center Church
One Church Street
South Hadley, MA 01075

Dear Lori,

Your generous support of Girls Inc. of the Valley inspires a new generation of leaders across the Valley. Thank you for your wonderful gift of \$500.00.

As you know, many of our program participants live in some of the most under-resourced communities in the Valley, and your investment in their development will allow for more youth to have access to our safe, inclusive, and hands-on programs.

We call it the Girls Inc. Experience -- being engaged in programs that focus on healthy decision making, college and career readiness, and independent thinking -- to become the young leaders we know they all can be.

Thanks to the support of friends like you, more students have a safe and nurturing space to build confidence, explore career possibilities, and receive academic support.

On behalf of the Board and staff at Girls Inc. of the Valley, and the hundreds of students in our program, we thank you for your support of our mission.

With gratitude,

Suzanne Parker
Executive Director

Thank you for your support. Please read out Center Church would like to visit.

No goods or services were provided in exchange for your gift.



Stewardship 2025

Thank you for your generous financial gifts! As of mid-March, we have \$144,116 in pledges for 2025. That far exceeds the 2024 pledge total of \$135,945. If you have not made a pledge for 2025, it is never too late! Please contact Thia in the church office for information on making a financial pledge. You are welcome to give electronically through a recurring donation or through our donation portal at www.centerchurchsouthhadley.org. If you are giving electronically, we encourage you to drop one of the new "Giving Cards" in the offering plate during worship. Giving is an act of worship. This is a way for you to manifest your generosity in worship. If you'd like, you may scan the QR code on the Giving Card to make a monetary donation through our website! The Giving Cards are located in the racks in front of your pew. Thank you for your generosity to the ministry of Center Church!

Please place this Giving Card in the offering plate representing your giving as an act of worship.

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Worship & Discipleship

CENTER CHURCH
First Congregational Church UCC of South Hadley
For assistance, call the church office at 413-532-2262

Methods of Giving

- Online (use QR code)
- Recurring Bank Debit (call the church office)
- Cash in the plate
- Check to Center Church in the plate or mailed

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above... - James 1:17

Activities Team



Spring has arrived and our **English Spring Tea, Saturday, May 3rd**, is on the horizon! "Take time for Tea" is our theme this year and we hope you have marked your calendars and plan to attend. Call the church office, 413-532-2262 for reservations and tickets. This project supports the church, our fellowship and Allianza, a local support organization providing rescues for Mothers and Children in abusive situations. Spread the word and invite a guest or two and reserve your table!

The Activities Team always has an eye on the future and we know it takes planning and preparing for our annual Tag Sale. We can't believe the items flowing into Fellowship Hall already but we have a request. There are three big events planned for Fellowship Hall coming up, a memorial service and a craft fair for the South Hadley Arts Council in April, and the English Spring Tea May 3. If you can **hold off on bringing items for the Tag Sale until after May 3**, we would appreciate your patience. Contact an Activities Team member if you have any questions.

We are actively looking for team members to join our efforts at the English Spring Tea and the Tag Sale in September. Many hands make the work easier, and we'd love to share the fellowship.

Keep in mind the following items do not sell at our Tag Sale event (large Furniture (couch, bed frames), Electronics, most sporting good items, records, reference books) and we can make suggestions for alternative ways to share. We plan a Treasures Room for special items, again, and we have seen a huge increase in support by college students in September, looking for dorm room items.

Karen Anderson and Corinne Chartrand



EASTER FLOWERS

Once again, we will celebrate the Easter season by decorating our sanctuary with Easter Lilies, Tulips and Daffodils. If you would like to participate, **the deadline for placing your order is April 10. Plants will be \$12 each.**



Please make your check payable to "**First Congregational Church**" and note "**Easter flower**" in the memo.

Please leave your completed form and your check at the church office or place in the Offering plate before the deadline.



Number of plants you wish to order: Lilies _____ Tulips _____
Daffodils _____

Total payment enclosed _____

In loving memory of or **In honor of** (circle one)

(name(s))

(name(s))

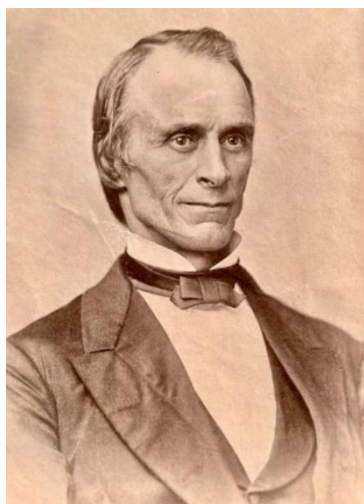
Please check one of the following choices:

_____ I will pick up after church on Easter Sunday _____ I would like my plant delivered to a shut-in

Given by _____



From the Church Historian – April 2025

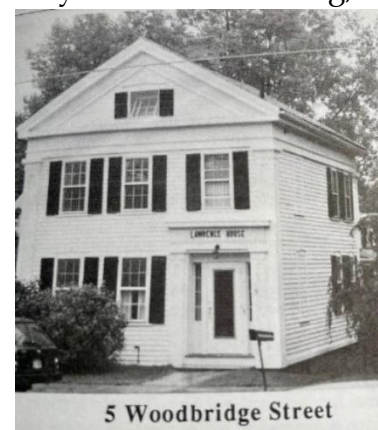


Rev. William DeLoss Love Our Pastor 1879 - 1889

Rev. Love was one of our long line of pastors. He may have been our oldest pastor when he joined with us at the age of 60 in 1879. William DeLoss Love was born in Barre, NY on September 29, 1819. His parents were William Love and Lucinda Oaks. He attended regular public schools and advancing to Hamilton College, Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, then to Yale Theological Seminary and finally Andover Theological Seminary. He was ordained a pastor in Congregational ministry. While he was attending Yale Seminary in 1845, he married Matilda Wallace of CT. Together they had nine children!

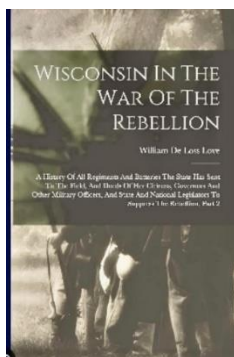
At the start of the Civil War, he was living in Beloit, WI. He joined the Wisconsin 15th Infantry, Company G. They were called the “Rock River Rangers.” He enlisted for three years. While serving, he worked on the Christian Commission helping to found a provisional church in the army. He was eventually honorably discharged because of a debilitating disease.

After the war, he returned to Milwaukee, WI until 1871. The family moved to Saginaw, MI and Rev. Love served a church there from 1871-76. In 1877-78 he pastored a church in Andover, MA. In 1879, he then relocated to South Hadley, MA and became our 12th pastor until 1889.



5 Woodbridge Street

Our 4th Parsonage



Rev. Love was a prolific author. Some of his titles are: Wisconsin in the War of the Rebellion, Sabbath and Sunday and Christ Preaching the Spirits in Prison to name a few. His son William, Jr. (their 4th child) was also a successful author. His writings were about Colonial America.

After Center Church, he and Matilda moved to St. Paul, MN and Rev. Love died there on September 5, 1895, aged 75. Matilda died there in 1906, aged 86. They are buried together in Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee.



Tell Me the Stories - April 2025

We have five hymns to talk about this time. *Through All the World* (NCH 587), from a February service, was chosen by Lori specifically for its text. This was a very new hymn to us all back in 2014. The text was written by one of the newer composers in the hymnal, Shirley Murray, but we have also sung other songs that she wrote such as *Take My Gifts* (NCH 562). A New Zealander by birth, Shirley “interprets Christ’s message for the modern age,” and that was especially clear in this particular text. She started out working as a language teacher but also worked for Amnesty International, the N.Z. Parliament and the N.Z. hymnbook trust. She is affiliated with a total of eleven NCH hymns. The tune “De Tar” was composed by Calvin Hampton in 1970 and again is not your typical hymn tune, however it “brought him international recognition!” It was named for his friend, Vernon De Tar, but originally paired with a different Isaac Watts text. A Pennsylvanian by birth and also born in the 1930s, Calvin was an organist and choirmaster in NY, but died in 1984 at age 46. He was well known as an interpreter of 19th century music. This is his only hymn tune in the NCH. CAC 2/14

This second hymn, from March, is *Jesus Shall Reign* (NCH 300, PH 202) was written in 1719 by Isaac Watts. Although written at the beginning of the evangelical missionary movement, this is considered to be “one of the finest missionary hymns ever written” and it is still one of the most widely used today. You may remember that Watts is considered the “father of modern hymnody.” This hymn has been translated into numerous languages. Both hymnals have numerous texts created by Watts. Rumor has it that, in 1862, some 5,000 South Sea Islanders sang the hymn as their king replaced their native pagan laws with a Christian constitution. “Duke Street” was credited to John Hatton, an Englishman, in 1805 although it had been previously published anonymously about 10 years earlier with the text of “Addison’s 19th Psalm.” The tune’s name comes from his home in St. Helen’s, England. It is said that he was “killed in a stagecoach accident shortly after composing the tune.” The tune appears only once in the NCH. Hatton and Duke Street appear three times in the PH. The difference in our two hymnbooks is mainly the replacement of the masculine nouns and adjectives. CAC 5/08

Our next hymn, a new one to write about, was sung in February and is *Enter, Rejoice and Come In* (NCH 73). Based on the 100th Psalm it was a popular hymn in the US in the 1970s. Published in Journey to Freedom, composer and text writer Louise Ruspini says it “invites a willingness to be open to leading of the Spirit in worship.” The text was written specifically for the tune “Enter, Rejoice” which she also composed. Written to be used with guitar accompaniment, it was used in the Catholic Church as it was transitioning from the Latin-based services to more ‘vernacular’ English-based ones. It was originally written in unison but was harmonized for the NCH version. This is her only hymn in the NCH.

Our next “newer” hymn which I have not written about, again from March, is *Give Me a Clean Heart* (NCH 188). Both the text and the tune were done by Margaret Douroux in 1970. The daughter of a Baptist minister, she wrote it originally as a refrain for a gospel song. She was an American gospel writer, teacher, and author. She is best known for *God is Not Dead* which was recorded by Rev. James Cleveland. She attended Southern University and earned a B.A from UCLA before then earning her M.S. and M.A. in education and educational psychology from USC. She received a Ph.D. from Univ of Beverly Hills. She has written over 200 gospel songs. The tune name “Douroux” was named in her honor. She has written many gospel songs and Cleveland has recorded many of them. This is her only hymn in the NCH. She founded and is CEO of Heritage Music Foundation which “advocates for advancement and preservation of gospel music”.

The final hymn is *In Solitude* (NCH 521) written by Ruth Duck. Ruth came out of the Southern US evangelical tradition. Born in 1947, she died the day after Christmas just last year. A composer, musician, international renowned hymn writer, pastor, and professor, she received her B.A. from Southwestern Univ. (now Rhodes College), an M.Div from Chicago Theological Seminary, a M.A. from Notre Dame, and a Ph.D in theology from BU School of Theology. She has served as a UCC pastor and also taught at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Duck is known for her encouragement of “sensitivity to all people in the words in song and words”. Although the PH preceded her time, she has at least 13 hymns bearing her name in the NCH. The tune “Land of Rest” was composed in the 1836s and is considered a traditional US melody. It was found in an appendix to The Christian Harp which consisted of four-shape shape-notes and can be found in many of the 19th century tune books in either two, three or four-part arrangements. The harmony was added by Annabel M. Buchanan in 1938. She had collected many of these tunes in her Folk Hymns of America book.

Resources used: Kenneth W. Osbeck’s Amazing Grace (1990), 101 Hymn Stories (1982); Wikipedia; and The New Century Hymnal Companion, ed. Kristen Forman (1998).

Cindy Morrell, Associate in Music



- 01 Barbara Blank
- 02 Tom Hazen
- AJ Procter
- 06 Nolan Gage
- 07 Carol Alldis
- 10 Tom Waller
- 15 Karen Sabbs
- 21 Terri Waller
- 25 Izzy Cordes
- Eileen Halkyard



Showcase South Hadley

Showcase South Hadley returns over the weekend of April 26 & 27 with two days of arts, cultural and family activities all over town. In particular, much of the activity on Saturday, April 26th will take place at Center Church with 3 music performances in the sanctuary, and an Artisan and Craft Fair in Fellowship Hall.

You can learn more on the Showcase website at southhadleyarts.org. **If you have other questions, or would like to volunteer over the weekend, please contact Center Church member - and Showcase "chair" - John Anz at anzfam4@gmail.com**

Join us for a multi-day celebration of local arts and culture featuring live music, dance, art exhibitions, presentations, and workshops. The festival takes place across multiple venues over the course of a weekend. You'll find pop-up events all over town - in schools, churches, concert halls, outdoors, and other gathering spaces. Come explore South Hadley and discover something new!

Artists currently scheduled to appear and perform include:

Saturday, April 26th

Aisha Burns
Madison Curbelo
FlavaEvolution
Grumpy Time Club Band
Lindsay LaBelle
South Hadley Chorale
Springfield Symphony Chamber Ensemble
and Ruthie Foster

Sunday, April 27th

Cottonwood
Crazy on You
Kevin Sharpe Band
Taproots
Wayfaring Soul
Glenn Yoder & The Western States

PLUS...

- Theater, Dance, Choral, and Klezmer performances at Mount Holyoke College (Fri - Sun)
- Outdoor music and family fun activities for all ages (Saturday & Sunday)
- Artisan, Craft, and Business Fair (Saturday & Sunday)
- Morning Yoga (Saturday)
- Gospel Brunch (Sunday)



There are lots of Silver Lake events happening this spring!

[Learn more about and register for our upcoming events.](#)

SILVER LAKE

Camp & Retreat Center

Spring 2025

Upcoming Events

MARCH 11 6:30-7:30PM	Information Session - Summer Volunteers
MARCH 13 6:30-7:30PM	Information Session - Summer Camper Families
APR 5 10AM-4PM	1-Day Women's Yoga & Music Spirit Retreat
APRIL 13 6:30-7:30PM	Information Session - Summer Camper Families
APRIL 25-27	Spring Action Weekend
MAY 2-4	Women's Yoga & Music Spirit Retreat Weekend
MAY 10 10AM-4PM	1-Day Women's Yoga & Music Spirit Retreat
MAY 13 6:30-7:30PM	Information Session - Summer Camper Families
MAY 17 11AM-3PM	Open House
MAY 23-25	Spring Family Weekend



www.SilverLakeCT.org/CampSessions

[Silver Lake Information Session - New and Prospective Campers and Parents](#)

Dates:

[Thursday, March 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.](#)

[Sunday, April 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.](#)

[Tuesday, May 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.](#)

Join us for an informational Zoom where we dive into what summer camp at Silver Lake looks like.

We'll go over general information, what a typical week looks like, and answer any questions you may have.

[**2025 April ONE DAY Women's Yoga & Music Spirit Retreat at Silver Lake**](#)

Saturday, April 5

10am-4pm

[**2025 Silver Lake Spring Action Weekend**](#)

Friday-Sunday, April 25-27

[**2025 Spring Women's Yoga and Music Spirit Retreat WEEKEND at Silver Lake**](#)

Friday-Sunday, May 2-4

[**2025 May ONE DAY Women's Yoga & Music Spirit Retreat at Silver Lake**](#)

Saturday, May 10

10am-4pm

[**Silver Lake Open House 2025**](#)

Saturday, May 17

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

A visit to Silver Lake before camp is the best way for a camper to know what to expect. Take a walking tour, see the cabins and other buildings, find out where the Freds (bathrooms) are, and check out the ropes courses and the waterfront.

[**2025 Spring Family Weekend at Silver Lake**](#)

Friday-Sunday, May 23-25

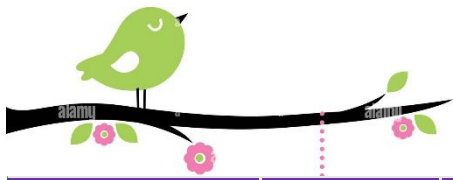
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APRIL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Hello Spring		1 Church Council 7pm	2 	3 Bible Study at Loomis 10am AA 1:30pm Dance Lessons 6pm	4 NA 7:30pm	5 Memorial Service for Phyllis Lacoste 10am
6 Worship with Communion 10am Coffee with a Cop Peterson Scholarship Fund collection	7 	8 Trustees 7pm	9 Breakfast & Conversation 8am Trustees 7pm	10 Bible Study at Loomis 10am AA 1:30pm Dance Lessons 6pm	11 Church Office Closed NA 7:30pm	12
13 Worship 10am Palm Sunday Deacon Meeting Following worship	14 Outreach Team 7pm	17 	18 AA 1:30pm Maundy Thursday Service 6pm	19 Good Friday Church Office Closed NA 7:30pm		
20 Easter Worship 10am 	21 Earth Day 	22 EARTH DAY	23 AA 1:30pm Dance Lessons 6pm	24 Church Office Closed NA 7:30pm	25 Showcase South Hadley	
27 Worship 10am Mirza Yawar Baig preaching	28 	29 	30 			

