



CHURCH AT THE CENTER

APRIL 2026



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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.*

Peace, Love, Unity, and Respect... Jesus practiced all these sentiments during Holy Week. We face each day bombarded by fear, division, war, and disregard. I challenge all of us to reframe from the later and to lean into the first set of attitudes/approaches to life. Fear does not allow love to enter in. Disrespect does not build community. The second batch of attitudes surround us and perhaps we harbor them within. Toss them out. Free yourself of them as you make your way through Holy Week in order to experience **Peace, Love, Unity, and Respect.**

Blessings, Lori



From *Rev. Dr. Chris Davies, SNEUCC*

For people who identify as Christian, Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter) is one of the most important weeks of our faith. I want to review this week in basic terms, for those who are curious about the fundamentals of faith, as it was offered in the Christian scripture, and carried through institutions to the forms where it operates today.

Holy Week begins with the bridge from Lent on Palm Sunday. I grew up with Palm Sunday: Palms waving in the aisle of the congregational church where I was baptized, the children running around in chaos and joy. I recall elders using them as fidgets, weaving them into crosses to bring home. In scripture, the narrative across the four Gospels tells of Jesus gathering his people close, and entering the city, with palms and cloaks laid before him and his creatures. Many Christians point, too, towards the imperial army of Pilate parading into the city on the other side, gathering force and showing off.

On one side, a peaceful protest. On the other, a military parade of force.

After the protest of palms, Jesus travels about, telling stories: uplifting the poor, and reminding people to love one another as God has loved them. He challenges his followers to turn towards faith in God, rather than faith in Country. Pilate's forces gather in opposition, and still common people gather towards Jesus and his messages of hope and love.

On Wednesday; some acknowledge the betrayal in action. Called "Spy Wednesday," some of Jesus's revolution flipped sides and went to the cops. To be clear, on this day we tell the story of Judas beginning to conspire with the Roman Empire. Christians might also remember that time Jesus flipped the tables in the temple, running out the money changers with a whip, saying 'this house of worship is for ALL, and y'all gon' be here profiting on the poor? I don't think so.'

On Thursday, called "Maundy Thursday," modern Christians settle into the motions of holiness echoed through centuries. There may be feet-washing, where those who are the most and multiply oppressed are cared for. There will most likely be a retelling of the Last Supper, offering each other the bread of life, and the cup of a new covenant; and reminding each other that there is room at the table for ANYONE who wishes to join. Whether doubting, denying or even betraying, Jesus offered his sacrament of hope for a new world order. He also offers warning—the Government was coming for him. He knew what Judas had done. Holy Week's Friday is the day of Christ's death. He leaves the disciples and goes to pray by himself in the Garden. There, he prays—God, please, do I really have to do this!?

...and he is identified by Judas, picked up by the State, placed in jail on false charges in a circus of a trial, and tortured. His friends abandon him, his enemies mock him, he is alone. He is nailed to a cross in the preferred public execution method of the time. The seven "last words" of Jesus are his pleas for mercy and death, and offering comfort to his companions; also there hanging. He dies.

I have memories of the darkness of sanctuary, and the bell tolling to indicate the death of Jesus. On Holy Saturday, Christians sit with the state-sanctioned murder of Jesus. We sit with the horrors of our faith, and how it functions in the world. How do we—humanity—do this, again and again to the prophets among us? How do we make sense of the reality that Holy Week has been one of the most dangerous times for Jewish siblings? Where do we go from here? And how might our faith function differently, today?

Easter Sunday morning, as the sun rises, Christians will yet again approach the metaphorical tomb to witness what is to follow. We will gather in sanctuaries and parks, our homes and with our families, making meaning yet again of how we might hold onto hope while the world crumbles.

The story isn't over yet, even as it seems all hope is lost. OUR story isn't over, yet.

Vigil - April 4 from 10-10:30. Topic is **Peace, Love, Unity, and Respect.** We wish to lift up positive messages, as others go in another direction



There will be a **Memorial Service for Tom Hazen on April 4, 2026 at 12:30pm.** Calling hours at Beers and Story Funeral Home will be from 10am - 12pm. A reception will follow at Willits Hallowell on the MHC Campus.



Breakfast and Conversation

No Breakfast and Conversation in April, as Lori will be away that week.



Humor Sunday April 19 we will be celebrating Humor Sunday, when “God had the last laugh at the Devil.” Sure, we do not believe in the Devil, but evil exists and we need ways to respond...through laughter. Join us.



Let's Find Out: We know there are friends of Center Church who attend quite frequently. Do you wish to know more about the church? Do you wish to join or be reinstated? What times work best for a meeting?, during the early evenings or after church? Please let Lori know.



Palm Sunday March 29

Worship 10am in Sanctuary –
Fellowship Hour to follow

Maundy Thursday with Communion April 2

Service at Center Church 5:30pm

Good Friday April 3

Sanctuary open Noon - 1pm for prayer and reflection

Easter Sunday April 5

Easter Service 10am

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Continual:

Barbara Blank, on Hospice at Reeds Landing
Turning 100 on April 1

Martha Guild's mother, June



Eileen Halkyard

Elisa's young friend Elija, addiction recovery

Eunice Howes

Leila Mulder, attending boarding school

Mary Nelsons father, Dave, with cancer

Fay Paquette, at Reeds Landing

Nikki Wolf, Linda's granddaughter

Those struggling with addiction,
with cancer, and with chronic disease

**If you have submitted one of these
requests for prayer, please let us know
when it is time to remove someone's
name from the list**

Situational:

Cynthia Baker

Dennis Banks, friend of Karen and
Estelle Anderson, with cancer

Dianne Clinton's friend Sally, on the passing
Of Sally's son at age 56

Family and friends of Peg Dumbaugh,
who passed away

Robin Glossner, undergoing chemo

John Hoffman's parents, Jean and John

Preston Smith and family on the passing of
his daughter, Kendall Johnson-Smith

Elisa Morrison's step-mother Sandy, and
brother Carl, with heart issues

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April 4, 10am - noon, at Beers and Story. A
memorial service will follow, here at Center
Church, at 12:30 followed by a reception at
Willits- Hallowell.

THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH

Ministers: All Church Members

Senior Minister: Rev. Lori J. Souder

Christian Education Program

Children: Vicki Scherer, Coordinator - Emily Mulder & Julia Nogales, Teachers

Youth Coordinator: Kenneth Mulder

Nursery Caregiver: Annabelle Burke

Music

Organist: Larry Schipull

Choir Director: Ben Coakley

Associate in Music: Cynthia Morrell

Office Administrator: Cynthia Jubinville

Sexton: Robert Farman

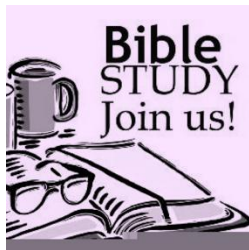
CHILDREN'S



This past month the children learned about who Jesus is by learning about the metaphors he used to describe himself. They also helped to make the table centerpieces for the intergenerational Lunch. This coming month we will continue to read stories about Jesus out of the *Growing in God's Love* Bible and we'll make crafts and do activities that will help better their understanding of the story.

Vicki

Adult Christian Education



The Gospel of Mary Magdalene

April 16 and April 23 in the Conference Room at Loomis Village. All are welcome. Copies will be available on the table at the Church Street entrance. Those living at Loomis will receive a copy in their mailbox. The Gospel of Mary Magdalene never made it into the Bible, but is a respected source.

Deacon's Notes

Lilies, tulips, and daffodils, all signs that spring flowers are coming soon to the landscape. For Center Church parishioners these flowers will be on full display this Easter Sunday in the sanctuary, with each plant being donated in either loving memory or in honor of someone special. Flowers are a physical expression of joy and reverence. The Lily, the most recognized of all the flowers, its white trumpet shape, represents purity, virtue, and Jesus' resurrection. According to Christian legend, lilies were found growing in Gethsemane after Jesus' crucifixion where his tears touched the ground. The bright and cheerful daffodils are uplifting, the first spring flower to bloom, symbolizes joy, new beginnings, and renewal of life. Their perfect shape is central to Easter. The vibrant hues and elegant shapes of tulips brings the theme of love, hope, and grace. Each color has its own meaning. From ancient spring rituals to the modern church altars, Easter flowers play a central role of hope and rebirth symbolizing the resurrection of Jesus. This beloved and beautiful display of flowers brings new beginnings from the somberness of Lent. Come to take in the all vibrant colors, not only in the flowers, all the colors, that represent Easter. Come experience the vibrant celebration. We invite you to Easter Sunday service.

Karen Anderson, for the Deacons

News from the Trustees for April 2026

The trustees met on March 10 to hear our regular reports and updates. There was some discussion about the two microphones you may have noticed in front of the choir seating over in the left section of the sanctuary. These had been requested and were on loan from ATC in West Springfield. It was agreed that they had been helpful in amplifying the choral sound. It was agreed that we should look into purchasing a set for use during services, so we are researching the costs. There has also been positive feedback about the new Wifi-based “loop” hearing system (which has replaced the original one) to help with service hearing amplification. The Odyssey folks who were here right after it was installed said it was great! The deacons or trustees can help anyone wishing to hook into that through their hearing aids. Our income at the end of February came in at 27.62% and expenses were 21.51%. Treasurer John Hoffman reported that the gas line has already used one half of its entire 2026 budgeted amount! At the moment, however, we stand at an overall + \$3,000, but this is still very early in the new year. We thankfully heard that Center Church is the beneficiary of an IRA from Nancy Lutes, Bobbie Ayers’ sister, estate. We are also grateful for a gift from the family of Peg Daumbaugh. We continue to look into some needed work on the second floor Lancaster wing “girls’ room” and will keep you updated on that.

Cindy Morrell for the Trustees

Notes from Church Council

The Council met virtually on March 3. Moderator Rachel Alldis opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. She called on Brian Lapis to lead us in devotions. He quoted a maple sugaring prayer. The *think tank* discussion focused on “fun gatherings” for members and friends. These might be attending various “attractions” here in the Valley and beyond. We revisited the discussion held at the Annual Meeting about our three fundraising events. We welcomed the positive involvement reaction by members at the meeting. We also discussed the intergenerational luncheons and how often we should have them. Team updates can be found in this edition of *The Church at the Center*. The next scheduled Zoom meeting is April 7 at 7:00 p.m. Rachel Alldis will moderate and Karen Anderson will do devotions.

Center Church in Transition

Death: Margaret (Peg) Dumbaugh, March 4, friend of Center Church, 97 yrs of age.

Outreach Team

The Outreach team helps the homeless, hungry and needy people with donations of money, food, supplies, and hands-on work; helps children with donations of money, supplies; and supports groups promoting justice.

Did you know? 17 local farmers donated 328,000 pounds of produce to the Western Mass Food Bank last year? Our own Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a client choice food pantry allowing clients to choose what products they receive? Girls involved in Girls, Inc. programs have better school attendance rates and are better prepared for life after high school. Operation Backpack's Sheila Adams gives hundreds of filled backpacks to local children every year? Thank you for helping the Outreach team achieve its goals and help people.

GIFT

GIFT - Growing in Faith Together Friends and Families gathered after worship on March 8th to share fellowship and a meal together. More than 35 of us enjoyed making cards, decorating worship bags, and sitting down for conversation during a family style meal. As part of our effort to create opportunities for all ages to come together informally outside of worship, we have a newly formed interest group called GIFT (Growing in Faith Together.). We hope to host another luncheon in the fall. Many thanks to all the wonderful helpers who cooked, brought food to share, set tables, and cleaned up. We are blessed with the gifts of so many people. *Kate Hoffman*

ACTIVITIES TEAM

Spring has arrived and our **English Spring Tea, Saturday, May 9th**, is on the horizon! This is a CHANGED DATE. "Take time for Tea" is our theme, again, this year and we hope you will mark your calendars and plan to attend. Call the church office, 413-532-2262 for reservations and tickets. There will be spring flowers and small gifts available to purchase. 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!

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

Karen Anderson and Corinne Chartrand

Peterson Scholarship Fund



On Sunday, April 19th 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 recipients of our Peterson Scholarships will graduate from Emery Medical School next month.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.... to return to her native country and serve in Public Health. She sent an e-mail to let us know that she just received acceptance for residency at Albany Medical....and she is thrilled. She has said in the past that our Peterson Scholarship showed her that we had faith in her reaching her goal....and that meant so much to her.

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 12th.

Call to attend an Installation

**Members of the Hampshire Association,
UCC are invited to
attend the installation of**

the Rev. Carol Smith

Westhampton Congregational Church,
UCC
1 Tob Road
Westhampton, MA 01027

**Sunday, April 26, 2026
3PM**

Visitors are welcome

Call to attend an Installation

**Members of the Hampshire
Association, UCC are invited to
attend the installation of**

Larry Picard, Lay Pastor

North Congregational Church, UCC
243 River Drive
Hadley, MA 01035

**Sunday, May 24, 2026
3PM**

Visitors are welcome

From the Church Historian - April 2026

The Shot Heard Round the World

April 19, 1775

The shot was fired 251 years ago. In those days, it was really surprising how fast the news traveled to South Hadley. It was the next day that our contingent of "Minute Men" were on their way to the Boston area. 100 men from South Hadley, Granby and Belchertown under the command of Col. Ruggles Woodbridge took three days and sufficient provisions to reach their destination. Also, Capt. Noah Goodman took 15 other men "in defense of "American Liberty."



Col. Ruggles
Woodbridge

During their trek, they were told "the British retreated to Boston" and Goodman's services were not needed. They in turn moved on to Boston and not Lexington and Concord. South Hadley with a population of 560 "bore its fair share." Through the duration of the war, South Hadley provided the Army a quota of "beef, pork and hundreds of shad in a barrel." This was maintained on a monthly basis. Col. John Woodbridge, the eldest son of our second minister, owned a country store in South Hadley. He put in a lot of military service and served eight years as a Capt. during the French and Indian War. He also commanded a regiment in the Revolutionary War. He died of pneumonia on December 27, 1782 at age 50 and did not see the end of the War.

The Town's political leader during those years was Capt. Noah Goodman. Noah was sent to the Provincial Congress at Concord, Cambridge and Watertown from 1774-75. He was also a representative to the General Court from 1776-85. In 1788, he attended the State Convention to vote YES for the U.S. Constitution! Amherst and Granby voted NO. We can be proud of Noah Goodman and his convictions for accepting the Constitution.

In early 1775, Rev. Woodbridge read the proclamation sent by the General Court from our meetinghouse pulpit. It stated that "we owed no obedience to the British Parliament nor to the Royal Governor." We were also to "omit God Save the King" and were to "substitute God Save the People." It was then read at the Town's Annual Meeting.



Rev. Woodbridge



Minuteman

On June 20, 1776, three weeks before the Continental Congress, a special Town meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. in our meetinghouse. After a rousing discussion, Moderator Jabez Kellogg unanimously declared "Independence from England!" Through our proud patriotism, South Hadley has been in the forefront for independence. Actually, it was not until 1783 that the 4th of July became a national holiday. It gained prominence after peace was declared in 1788. Celebrating the 4th of July always reminds us to pay homage "to the memory of the brave and heroic deeds of our patriots." It is good to reflect that Center Church was and is part of that proud heritage.

Tell Me the Stories - April 2026

Our first hymn from March services is *When I Survey that Wondrous Cross* (PH 177, NCH 224) written by Isaac Watts in 1707. Originally entitled "Crucifixion to the World by the Cross of Christ," he wrote it for a communion service he was conducting. He wrote many of his hymns for the Above Bar Congregational Church. An Englishman by birth, Watts was the eldest of nine children and was born while his father was in prison for his "non-conformist ideas." The church they attended was a "dissenter" church - one which was "an independent congregation" which worshipped "without conforming to government regulations." By the time Isaac was thirteen, he had learned Latin, Greek, French and Hebrew. Because of his church affiliation, Isaac was not allowed to go to a state university, so he went to an independent academy, graduating with honor. At age 24, he preached his first sermon and held several pastorates during his ministry. It says that he was very concerned about the deplorable state of congregational singing of his time in the English-speaking churches. There were "slow, ponderous Psalms" whose texts were "often crude and inelegant." He complained about this one Sunday and was challenged to come up with something better. By evensong, he had written his first hymn and it was received enthusiastically. At one point, he wrote one new hymn every Sunday for two years and many of his hymns were composed when he was only 20! Watts has 18 hymns texts in the PH and 14 in the NCH. Some of the well-known ones are: "Jesus Shall Reign," "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," and "Joy to the World." He wrote more than 600 hymns in all. In 1707, he published his hymns and the volume was "an instant success," which was then enlarged and republished two years later. The text for our hymn was based on Galatians 6:14 and is considered by many to be the "finest hymn in English church history," with its "colorful imagery and genuine devotion." The hymn tune "Hamburg" was based on an ancient Gregorian chant, adapted by Lowell Mason in 1824. Mason, born in Medfield, MA is called the "father of American public school and church music." It is his music, again with Isaac Watts' words, that are combined to make our version of "Joy to the World." Mason is affiliated with nine hymns in the PH and five in the NCH. CAC 4/06

Our second hymn is *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (NCH 286) which has a specific connection to Center Church. Both words and music were written by a James K. Manley, an ordained UCC pastor. He was actually born in Holyoke, MA in 1940. Long-time members of the church may recognize that name since his father, Felix Manley, was our pastor about that time. James attended school at Whittier College, the Pacific School of Religion and Claremont School of Theology. He was ordained in the UCC in 1966 and served several churches in CA. He wrote the hymn text upon completion of his doctoral thesis draft and added a fourth stanza later, apparently at the suggestion of a member of the Hawaiian congregation where it was first sung. He also wrote the tune "Spirit" in 1978 and a new arrangement was created for this NCH publication. CAC 2/07

Our final hymn is the well known *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty* (NCH 215, PH 175). It was referenced in a number of my sources. If you were to compare the words of the two hymns, you would see that they are quite different. The original words were written by Henry Milman, an Englishman whose father was physician to George III. Henry attended Eton and then Brasenose College, Oxford. He was a brilliant scholar and poet, and at age 25, he was ordained. In addition to being a professor of poetry, he was first a rector, then a canon, and finally dean of St. Paul's Cathedral. He wrote at least two of his hymns at the urging of Bishop Reginald Heber, his good friend, including this Palm Sunday one when

he was just 30. He wrote a number of hymns and many were included in his hymnal in 1837. Milman was also a dramatist, historian and translator of Greek plays. Milman is only listed with this one hymn in the NCH and with the two hymn versions in the PH. The NCH words were adapted by Lavon Bayler in 1993. Daughter and niece of E & R pastors, she had planned to be a teaching missionary in Japan. She was ordained in 1959, one of the first woman ministers in the E & R church before it merged into the UCC. She spent time in local churches before joining the IL Conference staff. Lavon has seven texts in the NCH. The hymn tune "St. Drostane" was composed by John Dykes for these words for the Congregational Hymn and Tune Book in 1862. It was named for Saint Drostane who founded churches in Ireland and Scotland. It is only listed once, with this hymn in the PH, but with seven total in the NCH. Dykes has 300 of his hymns still in use. He wrote sermons, anthems and service music as well. He is probably the best known of all the Victorian hymn-tune writers. CAC 4/13

Cindy Morrell, Associate in Music



Resources used: Stories of Favorite Hymns, Kathleen Blanchard (1940); Our Hymnody, Guy McCutchan (1937); Handbook to the Church Hymnary, ed. James Moffatt (1927); Robert J. Morgan's Then Sings My Soul, Book 2; Kenneth W. Osbeck's 101 Hymn Stories (1982), Amazing Grace (1990); Who's Who of Hymn Writers, Ronald Thomson (1967); and The New Century Hymnal Companion, ed. Kristen Forman (1998);



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





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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – April 2026 (Year A)

Wed., Apr. 1
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

Thurs., Apr. 2
Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Fri., Apr. 3
Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 or
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

Sat., Apr. 4
Holy Saturday
Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Peter 4:1-8
Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

Sun., Apr. 5
Easter
Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

Mon., Apr. 6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Colossians 3:5-11

Tues., Apr. 7
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Exodus 15:1-18
Colossians 3:12-17

Wed., Apr. 8
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Joshua 3:1-17
Matthew 28:1-10

Thurs., Apr. 9
Psalm 16
Song of Solomon 2:8-15
Colossians 4:2-5

Fri., Apr. 10
Psalm 16
Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Sat., Apr. 11
Psalm 16
Song of Solomon 8:6-7
John 20:11-20

Sun., Apr. 12
Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Mon., Apr. 13
Psalm 114
Judges 6:36-40
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Tues., Apr. 14
Psalm 114
Jonah 1:1-17
1 Corinthians 15:19-28

Wed., Apr. 15
Psalm 114
Jonah 2:1-10
Matthew 12:38-42

Thurs., Apr. 16
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Isaiah 25:1-5
1 Peter 1:8b-12

Fri., Apr. 17
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Isaiah 26:1-4
1 Peter 1:13-16

Sat., Apr. 18
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Isaiah 25:6-9
Luke 14:12-14

Sun., Apr. 19
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

Mon., Apr. 20
Psalm 134
Genesis 18:1-14
1 Peter 1:23-25

Tues., Apr. 21
Psalm 134
Proverbs 8:32-9:6
1 Peter 2:1-3

Wed., Apr. 22
Psalm 134
Exodus 24:1-11
John 21:1-14

Thurs., Apr. 23
Psalm 23
Exodus 2:15b-25
1 Peter 2:9-12

Fri., Apr. 24
Psalm 23
Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20
1 Peter 2:13-17

Sat., Apr. 25
Psalm 23
Ezekiel 34:1-16
Luke 15:1-7

Sun., Apr. 26
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Mon., Apr. 27
Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:17-23
1 Peter 5:1-5

Tues., Apr. 28
Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:23-31
Hebrews 13:20-21

Wed., Apr. 29
Psalm 100
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Matthew 20:17-28

Thurs., Apr. 30
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Genesis 12:1-3
Acts 6:8-15

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The total cost for 3 nights lodging and 11 meals - and the priceless experience of singing, worshipping, relaxing, viewing the beauty and enjoying the warm ocean waters of the cape - is \$ 510 this year. The lowest price for a local hotel for 3 nights in July is \$508 - and does not include meals, the view, ability to walk to the beach - or the amazing Craigville Music Camp experience!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Hello Spring</p>		1	2 AA 1:30pm Maundy Thursday Service 5:30pm 	3 Good Friday <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> Church Office Closed </div>	4 Vigil 10am Tom Hazen Memorial 12:30am
5 EASTER Worship 10am 	6	7	8	9 AA 1:30pm Dance Lessons 6pm 	10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> Church Office Closed </div>	11
12 Worship 10am	13	14	15	16	17	18
	13 Outreach Team 7pm		Trustees 7pm	Bible Study at Loomis 11am AA 1:30pm Dance Lessons 6pm		
19 Worship 10am Peterson Fund Offering Deacon Meeting Following worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
	<p>April Showers bring May flowers</p>		EARTH DAY 	Bible Study at Loomis 11am AA 1:30pm Dance Lessons 6pm		
26	27	28	29	30		
Worship 10am		Girl Scouts 6pm		AA 1:30pm Dance Lessons 6pm		

