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looking at hope of resurrection that every believer has. I would encourage you to be a part of these services as we move toward Easter, and also to invite folks who you know to join us so that they can see the reason for the hope you have.

Also, please make every effort to attend the Roundtable meetings in the coming months because there are quite a few things that the Elders have been working through to position the church for more effective ministry.



So, dear church, rest in your Savior's love. Know that for the joy set before Him, He endured the cross. That joy was your salvation. That joy was so that He would spend eternity with you. It truly is a blessed time of year.

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SOUP-A-THON!

On Sunday, March 15, we will have a Soup-A-Thon in Collins Hall after the service, to benefit the Canton Food Bank. We have many good cooks in our congregation. We are asking those folks who can to prepare a soup or chili at home, and bring it to church, already hot in a crockpot. Bring it to the kitchen or Collins Hall before the service and plug it in so the soup stays hot during the service.

Cooks, please sign up in Collins Hall and indicate what kind of soup you are going to make. Not a soup maker? You may sign up to bring a dessert.

After the service we will set the crockpots up in Collins Hall and we can all partake of the scrumptiousness! The cooks (bring aprons and ladles if possible!) will serve the good stuff and we can sit, eat, and enjoy fellowship.

Takeout containers will be available for those who cannot stay, and for leftover soup once the event is over.



Everyone is welcome to enjoy the soup, including those who did not bring anything.

There is no charge for the soup. Baskets will be set out for free will donations to the Canton Food Bank. We are accepting cash, checks made out to the church, with Canton Food Bank in the memo, or food donations for the food bank.

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WELCOME TO THE CHRIST COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER!

Here you will find news of events inside and outside of the church, articles, opinions, testimonies and other interesting tidbits to inspire and amuse.

If you would like to contribute a short article, testimony, encouraging word or quote, or an interesting or funny church sign, please speak to or send to Rose Beaudry. Submissions due at least 3 days before the end of the month for next newsletter. Contact info on back page of newsletter.

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From the Pastor . . .

As we move into March we look forward to celebrating the most amazing and incredible event in all of history: the substitutionary death and blessed resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Without the first Good Friday, there would be no forgiveness of sin. Without that first Easter morning, there would be no gospel hope. And so it is a blessed time for the church.

Our sermon series this year will be drawn from passages in the Old Testament that all foreshadow Easter. These passages give a great expectation of hope that was all fulfilled by the Lord during the Passion Week. During the Sunday morning services leading into Easter weekend, we'll spend time in Genesis 22, Exodus 12, Isaiah 53, and Psalm 118 to see how God kept His promise to mankind through the Lord Jesus. The Good Friday message of Tenebrae will look at His enduring mercy. And finally, the Easter sermon series will culminate on Easter Sunday



Set your clocks ahead one hour by 2:00 AM ...or you'll be late for Sunday service!

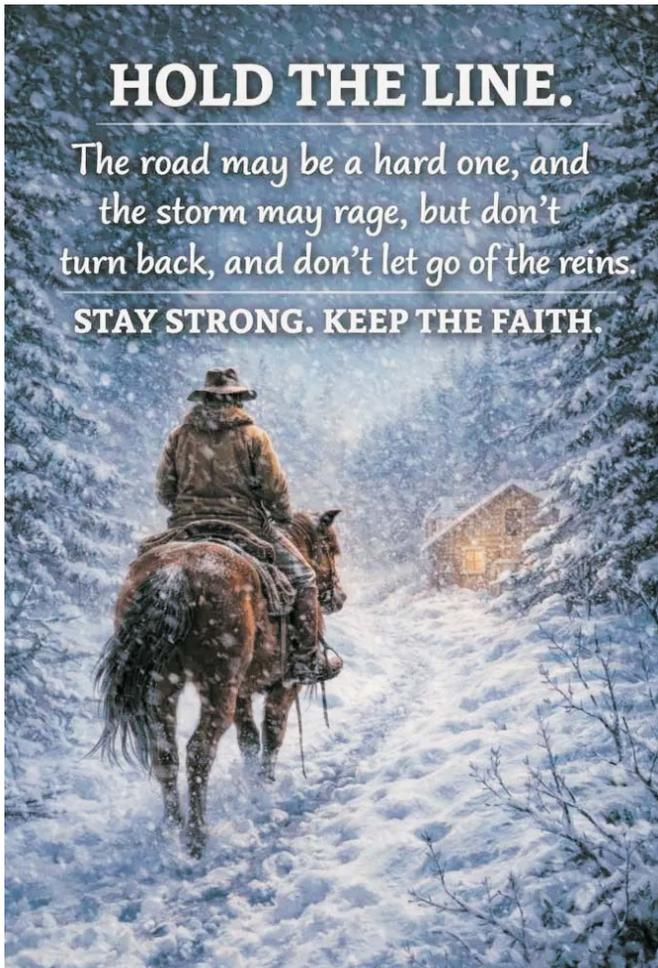
**THERE WAS NO PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE
IN FEBRUARY.**

The next one will be March 22.

**MARCH 29: PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST
OR PASSOVER SEDER?**



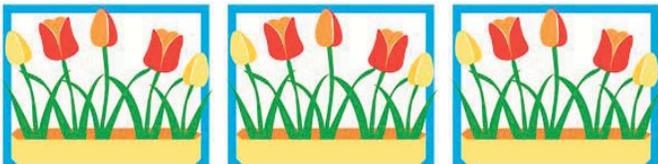
On Sunday, March 29, we will have an event in Collins Hall after the service. At the time of newsletter publication, it had not yet been decided if it will be our usual Palm Sunday Brunch, or if it will be a Passover Seder. Check CCC emails and Sunday bulletins for updates. There will be a signup sheet in Collins Hall.



HOLD THE LINE.

*The road may be a hard one, and
the storm may rage, but don't
turn back, and don't let go of the reins.*

STAY STRONG. KEEP THE FAITH.



**EXALT WORSHIP SURVEY DEADLINE!
MARCH 1!!!**

If you haven't already done so, PLEASE fill out the Exalt Team survey! You can find it and fill out online. Go to the CCC website www.christcommunitychurchCT.org. The survey link is right below the section about Livestream. Thank you!



CHURCH CANCELLATIONS

Below are the several ways we try to get the word out when there is a cancellation of any kind at the church. We try to get the word to you as many ways as possible. PLEASE watch for reports from CCC:

Email: If you aren't receiving emails from the church in general, look in your SPAM - if not there then let Patty know.

Text Messaging: There's an opt-in process for this. Again, if you aren't receiving texts and would like to - see Patty

Voice Messaging: I believe that's set up for just about everyone. Whatever your primary phone is, the message will be sent there.

Website: It will be right up front on the home page.

Social Media: It will be on Facebook and Instagram.

TV Stations: Laura puts it up on all the major TV stations - WFSB (CBS), WTNH (ABC), WVIT(NBC), and FOX 61. ~ Patty Bauer



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Updated Church Directories are now available in Collins Hall. Keep in touch and share encouragement, and maybe a birthday card. There's a birthday list on the Events page near the back of the newsletter.



*"And God is able to bless you abundantly,
so that in all things at all times, having all that you need,
you will abound in every good work."
~ 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)*

COFFEE HOUR

We're looking for friendly faces to help with Coffee Hour!! Sign up sheet is in Collins Hall. Volunteers will be responsible for:



- Bringing a snack or 2 (there will still be donuts)
- Set the table before service & plug in the coffee pot

- Bring out creamer and snacks from the fridge
- Cleanup on Weeks 1 & 3 of the month

It's easier if you sign-up with a partner. Questions, please see Patty!! Thanks!

IF bringing in snacks isn't your thing, remember there is also a coffee donation basket to purchase coffee, creamer and paper products - you can help that way too!!!
~ Patty Bauer

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**YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY**



Andrew and Victoria Papacoda are leading this group, which will meet one Sunday a month at 3:00 PM at CCC. The next meeting will be on March 15. All young adults are welcome!



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MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

This group meets on Saturdays at 9:00 AM in Collins Hall. They are discussing the book "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur. Bring your own food and drink if you choose. We will pray and talk about one chapter per week. All guys are welcome. Bring a friend! Heck, bring two!



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**CANTON FOOD BANK NEEDS**

For those that don't know - on the 3rd week of each month we ask that you bring in donations for the Canton Food Bank - to help those in need. Patty has been checking in with them periodically to see what they need, and the flyer in the bulletin has been updated. Going forward, we are going to ask for specific items to help stock up on those items. Thank you for your generosity each month!



- For March, we are asking for:**
- ♦ Canned Tuna ♦ Canned Meat ♦ Pasta
  - ♦ Marinara Sauce ♦ Canned Chili
  - ♦ 100% Juice ♦ Coffee

**WEEKLY HOUR OF PRAYER**

There is a Prayer Hour at 7:00 PM on Tuesday evenings at CCC. We will meet in the Prayer Room until we outgrow it and move into the Sanctuary. The focus will be prayer for our congregation, its leaders, its ministries, and its mission. Please join us on Tuesday evenings. You may pray silently with us if you don't choose to pray out loud.



meantime, if you need healing prayer, it's always available at the end of Sunday services. You may also call the church office to schedule a time of individual prayer ministry from the prayer team.

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MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

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Saturday, March 21  
at 10:00 AM in Collins Hall  
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CCC has a Monthly Prayer Meeting on the third Saturday of each month. We will also prayer walk the church pews after the meeting. All are welcome!

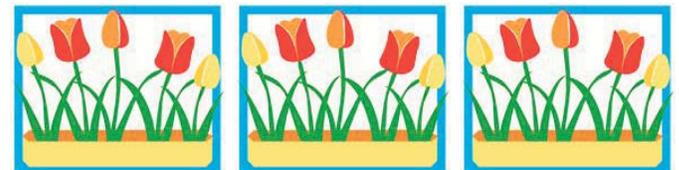
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**SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP**

The sermon discussion group meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Room 4. If you cannot make it to the church, we can set up a Zoom Meeting for you to call in and join us! Just contact the church office to let us know by noon on Wednesday. All are very welcome!



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MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP

At Good Friends Restaurant on Main Street (Rt. 44) New Hartford, CT 06057. (Near the mini mall; formerly Portobello's.) We usually meet the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. All are welcome!



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**LITTLE FREE PANTRY**

It's wonderful that we donate to the Canton Food Bank on the 3rd Sunday of every month, but please remember our Little Free Pantry too.

Canned goods, as well as various edible or potable liquids, can freeze in cold weather. This can be a food safety hazard, making people ill under certain conditions. PLEASE limit food donations in the LFP to items that will remain safe to consume after freezing, such as dry foods. OR if you would like to buy something to keep on hand, please let Laura or Patty know, and we can put it out as needed. Thank you for your generosity to our neighbors in need!



**LIVESTREAM COMMENTS VIA PATTY**

Here are some quotes we have received (spelling/punctuation as they appeared):

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- ◆ Good morning beloved. Your Riverton family sends greetings of faith, hope and love.
- ◆ One of our regular attendees is home because doesn't want to get sick before surgery!
- ◆ WOW (when talking about how it goes back to Moses)
- ◆ Wow and Amen a couple of times
- ◆ Thank you Lord for this Word
- ◆ Thanking all for joining us
- ◆ Amen, great sermon...God bless all!

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- ◆ After Donna's song: Rejoice!
- ◆ Loved reading Pastor's book "The Lyrics of the Advent" this past Christmas. I am still referencing the book, almost every morning! It is good to hear this song today! Beautiful!

After Chris played:

- ◆ Amen to Pastor Chris
- ◆ Yes and Stan loves this song (Here I Am to Worship) and right t now we are being blessed again! Love the harmonica
- ◆ Yeah Pastor Chris busting out the harmonica was great!
- ◆ Here I am to say that You're my God!

After Video:

- ◆ Love! Powerful! God does get the glory!
- ◆ haha! Yes, Pastor & Patty go to church despite the cold temperatures
- ◆ Excellent Sermon, we needed to hear this message today...so encouraging. Have a blessed week!

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- ◆ I hope you are clapping and singing!
- ◆ Oh Yes!!

During service:

- ◆ AMEN when we all said it
- ◆ Excellent sermon, and worship music
- ◆ WAYMAKER: I love this song
- ◆ Sweet service. Be blessed this week!day

During sermon:

- ◆ Not recovery, but RESTORATION - Amen!

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The weekly women's study of the Gospel of Luke meets on Fridays at 1:00 PM at the church. Our study guide is:

 "LUKE: A Physician's Examination of Jesus' Life", by Marilyn Kunz & Catherine Schell, QPlace Printing, 2016.

We have several study guides in the church library. Please pick one up if you are interested.

~ In God's peace and joy, Linda Papertsian

DEACONS & GREETERS

(Thank you for your faithful service!)

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

- Sunday March 1: Buddy & Debbie Laws
- Sunday March 8: Victoria DuBois
- Sunday March 15: Dorene Grace
- Sunday March 22: Caryn Turek
- Sunday March 29: Buddy & Debbie Laws



GREETERS SCHEDULE

- Sunday March 1: Dorene Grace
- Sunday March 8: Buddy & Debbie Laws
- Sunday March 15: Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich
- Sunday March 22: Dorene Grace
- Sunday March 29: Buddy & Debbie Laws

GREETERS NEEDED!

Debbie Laws is looking for Greeters to join the team. This is a crucial ministry. Greeters are the very first faces that newcomers and current attendees alike will see upon entering our church. Please speak to Debbie if you are interested.

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**DEACONS FUND REPORT**

This month your generous gifts were able to help more people. \$1,900 was gifted to people in need. They want you to know how grateful they are and how much they appreciate your kind generosity.

The Deacon Board would also like to say how much we appreciate your generosity! Without your support we would not be able to help so many in need.

Thank you to all. ~ CCC Deacon Board

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**MORE THAN WEEDS!
A CLASS ON HERBALISIM**

Debbie Laws offers her class on the last Saturday of



the month. Please sign up in Collins Hall for each class individually so that she will know ahead of time how much of the ingredients will be needed. That way each person can

bring home a sample.

A testimony from JANICE T., a frequent visitor to Debbie's More Than Weeds Class:

"I get cold sores regularly due to stress. I felt one coming on about 2 weeks ago and started using the Calendula Lip Balm (for cold sores.) And the cold sores never developed!"



DEACONS ARE HERE TO HELP!

If you have a physical or financial need, direct communication with a Deacon Board member is always the best and fastest way to receive help! Our board includes Pastor Chris Bauer, Victoria DuBois, Caryn Turek, Dorene Grace, and Buddy and Debbie Laws.

You may reach Deacons at home using the church directory or you may email them directly and confidentially at deacons@christcommunitychurchct.org.

Please: If someone expresses a need to you, direct them to their Deacon right away. Deacons Sector lists are available in Collins Hall. If you are in need, contact your Deacon as soon as possible. This is the best way to receive prompt assistance.

Thank you for your donations to the Deacon Fund. Your generosity enables us to help those in need. The Deacon Fund envelopes are in the bulletin on the first Sunday of the month.

FREE SEASONAL RESOURCES

The Cross and the Empty Tomb: Meditations on Easter and the Resurrection, by Smith-Freeman Publishing, Easter themed **Gospels of John**, and Pastor Chris Bauer's book **Views on Easter** are all available in the Narthex. (Church Lobby) and Collins Hall. Use them yourself or give them away.



“Heaven is going to be surprising in many ways. I like to imagine it as a place where God tells everyone there, ‘You are my favorite.’” ~ Janet Denison



“Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store.” ~ N.T. Wright

PLAN AHEAD FOR GOOD FRIDAY

I had done an online Bible Study on John that ran till Good Friday. On Good Friday we were asked to fast if we could, and read chapters of Luke. Especially to remember these times and what happened at that point. I ask that you do the same this Good Friday (April 3) - remember all that Jesus Christ went through for you.

~ Patty Bauer

Read Luke Chapters 22:66 - Luke 23:54

- ◆ 6:00 AM - As the sun rises, innocent Jesus is declared guilty of claiming to be God and stands before Pilate. Later Jesus is sent to Herod, then returned back to Pilate. The shouts of “crucify Him” ring in the air.
 - ◆ 9:00 AM - (Mark 15:25 says the “third hour”, which is 9:00 AM Roman Time, our time). The rough nails pierce Jesus’ feet and hands as He is hung suspended in air, nailed to a cross between 2 thieves for all to see.
 - ◆ 12:00 PM - Lunch time. Jesus has been hanging on the cross for 3 hours already. The earth was filled with darkness, and the sun no longer shone.
 - ◆ 3:00 PM - (the “ninth hour”) Jesus has been on the cross 6 hours. Sometime around 3:00 PM the Lord Jesus Christ breathed His last after He said “It is finished.” Mission accomplished.
 - ◆ Before sundown, Joseph of Arimathea is granted Jesus’ body. Joseph wraps Jesus in linen and places Him in the tomb as Roman guards stand watch.
- *As you go through your day try to reflect on these specific times and consider what Jesus did for you.



MATTHEW 21:7,9

They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Hosanna
in the highest!"



EVENTS

(NOTE: Please see weekly bulletins and church emails for cancellations or updates to date, time, and/or location.)

HOOR OF PRAYER WEEKLY MEETING

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM at CCC. See pg. 3.

SERMON DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM in Room 4. See pg. 3.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Fridays, 1:00 PM in Room 4. See pg. 4.

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

Saturdays 9:00 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.

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**EXALT TEAM MEETING**

Sunday, March 1, after the service, in Room 4.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**



Sunday, March 8. Turn clocks forward 1 hour at 2:00 AM.

**DEACONS MEETING**

Sunday, March 8, after the service, in Pastor's office.

**SOUPATHON**



Sunday, March 15, after the service, in Collins Hall. See pg. 1.

**PROCLAIM TEAM MEETING**

**MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM MEETING**

Sunday, March 15, during Soupathon.

**YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY**

Sunday, March 15, at 3:00 PM at CCC. See pg. 3.



**MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING**

Saturday, March 21  
10:00 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.



**PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE**



Sunday, March 22, after the service, in Collins Hall.

**MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP**



Thursday, March 26, at 6:00 PM. See pg. 3.

**PALM SUNDAY EVENT**



Sunday, March 29, after the service, in Collins Hall. See pg. 2.

*Celebrating the day God blessed the world with YOU!*

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- Genevra Bunnell, March 5
- Everett Hanley, March 6
- Marilyn Drs, March 11
- Ashley Faucher-Farrell, March 12
- Mark Shaker, March 19
- Luke Dickinson, March 23
- Jovan Clark, March 27



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- Annie Lord, April 4
- Andrew Papacoda, April 10
- Margaret Lavoie, April 16
- Rex Manensmith April 26
- Jennifer Hanley, April 27
- John Kulick, April 29
- Maureen Sand, April 29

Birthday blessings to everyone!  
Please let me know if your birthday is not on this list or is incorrect and I'll fix it. You don't need to be a CCC member to be celebrated! ~ Rose

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# PASSION WEEK

## *Scripture Reading List*

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Below is a sample Passion Week Scripture Reading List beginning the Sunday before Easter. Each day includes a main Scripture reading, plus additional verses for further study as you are able. Some of the extra verses are the same events recorded in a different gospel, and some are different verses with more thoughts on the Easter events.

*Day 1* (Palm Sunday): Read Matthew 21:1-11.  
(for more reading: Luke 19:29-44 Mark 11:1-11, John 12:12-50)

*Day 2*: Read Matthew 21:12-20 and John 12:1-14.  
(for more reading: Mark 11:11-33)

*Day 3*: Read Matthew 21:20-27.  
(for more reading: Matthew 21:28-23:39, Mark 11:20-12:44)

*Day 4*: Read Luke 22:1-6 and Mark 14:1-11.  
(for more reading: Matthew 24-25, Matthew 26:17-30)

*Day 5* (Last Supper): Read John 19:1-16 and Isaiah 54:7.  
(for more reading: Luke 22:7-52, John 13-17, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25, Mark 14:12-72)

*Day 6* (Good Friday): Read Mark 14:53-15:41, Isaiah 53:5-6, and 1 Peter 1:18-21.  
(for more reading: Luke 22:47-53, 23:39-43, John 19:1-37)

*Day 7*: Read John 19:38-42 and Romans 6:22-23.  
(for more reading: Mark 15:42-47, Matthew 27:57-66)

*Day 8* (The Resurrection): Read Mark 16:1-7 and Matthew 28:1-20.  
(for more reading: John 20:1-21:31, Acts 1:9)

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