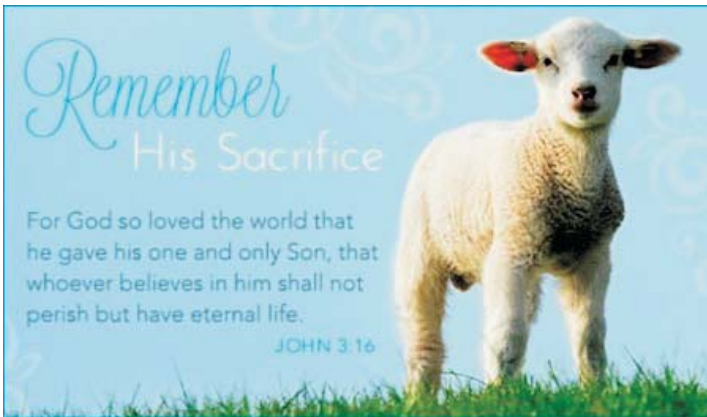




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WELCOME TO THE CHRIST COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER!

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. *All text should be Word documents, .txt documents, or typed in an email.* Contact info on back page of newsletter.

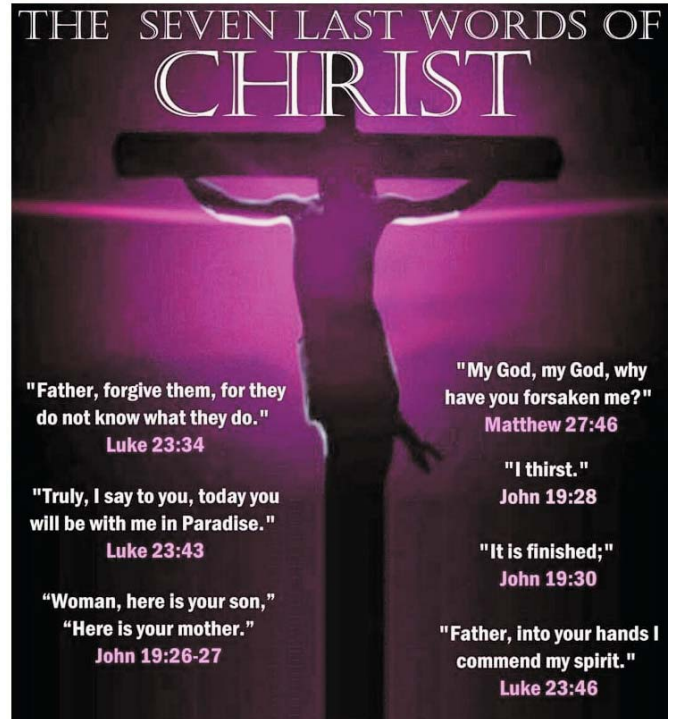
~~~~~ *From the Pastor . . .*

On the 18th of this month, we will be gathering for our Good Friday "Tenebrae" service. It is a long tradition of the church as a whole to come together and contemplate the darkness of that day. In fact the term "Tenebrae" comes from the Latin and means darkness or shadows. The service features candles being extinguished one at a time which signifies the light of the world departing. We also include brief readings that represent the last seven things Jesus said from the cross. The service ends with one candle lit...the Jesus candle...giving hope of resurrection.

It's not meant to be a happy and uplifting service. We do not celebrate communion. We do not have a benediction at the end. The music is low-key and meditative. And, the service ends with a few moments of silent contemplation broken by the tolling of a bell when we all simply file out of the sanctuary. It's important to know that the time of contemplation is a time when we can meditate on the suffering that Jesus endured on the cross and that He did that out of His love for us. It's a time to recall how our sinful nature is why He had to suffer the wrath of God. It's a time to acknowledge how completely reliant we are upon His grace. And it's a time to humbly come to the foot of that cross and offer ourselves to Him in thanksgiving and worship.

By observing the Tenebrae service, Easter Sunday

orship becomes deeply meaningful and joyous. Experiencing the loss of hope that His followers felt from the crucifixion of Jesus magnifies the joy of knowing He was resurrected from the dead! I encourage you to come to the church on Good Friday and be open to a service that will touch your heart and prepare you for a wonderful Easter Sunday.

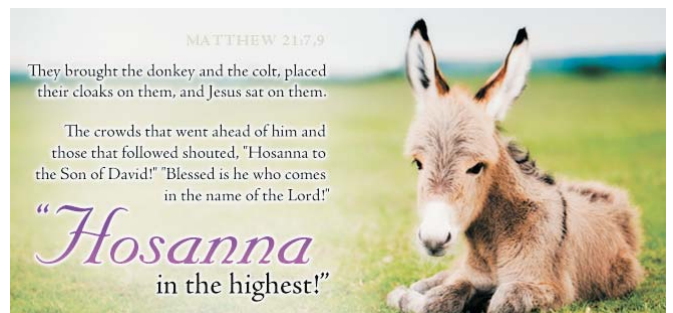


Pastor Chris needs 6 more readers for this service.

~~~~~ PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 13, 8:30 AM in Collins Hall.
Please sign up in Collins Hall so we know how many are coming. Bring breakfast casseroles already hot, or fruit, muffins, breads, juice, milk, or paper plates. Bring family and friends!!



PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE RECAP - 3/23

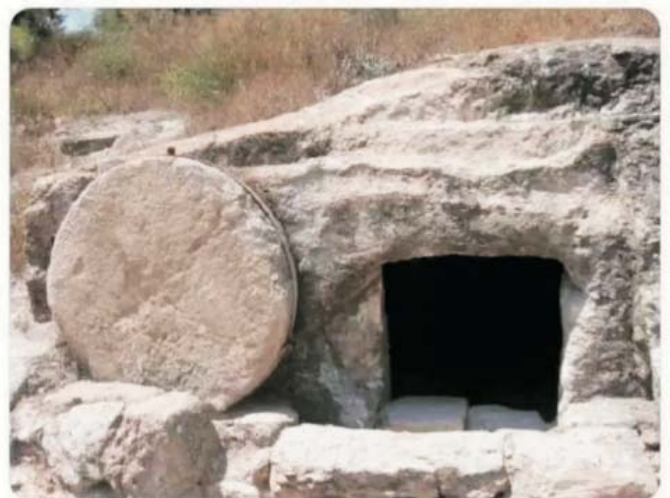
*(Some items covered separately in this newsletter.
I apologize if I missed anything or got it wrong, because
I forgot to wear my hearing aids that day! ~ Rose)*

- FINANCIAL** – February income (2 Sundays snowed out), expenses including salting, snow removal, and furnace work. We had to move to checking from investment fund to cover expenses. We now have about in our investment fund.
- Painting quotes are in. An estimated \$60-\$70,000 will be needed to fund painting the outside of the church. Paint is in bad shape.
 - Back and Office entrance doors need replacing and must be done before security system is put in place. Concrete in front of office door is pitched wrong, so rain and melting snow leak into office. Estimated cost \$15,000.
 - The above necessary painting/ repairs/replacements will be paid for out of the investment fund.
- ♦ **CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE** – We collected \$450 to send to Samaritan's Purse for their efforts in cleaning up and rebuilding after the wildfires. Thanks to all who donated.
 - ♦ **PASSION WEEK VERSES** – Scripture verses for Passion Week will be available in Collins Hall.
 - ♦ **EASTER BOOKLETS** – Small booklets, "Is Easter Unbelievable?", are available to take for yourself and to give away.
 - ♦ **BAUERS OUT AFTER EASTER** – Pastor Chris and Patty will be out during the week after Easter.
 - ♦ **LIONS CLUB RECYCLABLES COLLECTION** – Bring deposit bottles and cans to the CCC kitchen to benefit the Lions Club, which supports local Little League and other worthwhile causes.
 - ♦ **FREE JUNE CONCERT** – CCC will host a free concert by local musicians on June 14. More information to follow.
 - ♦ **CHILD NURSERY COVERAGE NEEDED** – See pg. 5.
 - ♦ **UPCOMING EVENTS**
 - Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday Breakfast, 8:30 AM
 - Friday, April 18 - Tenebrae Service, 7 PM. Need 6 readers.
 - Saturday, April 19 - Monthly Prayer Meeting - 9:30 AM
 - Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday Service - 10 AM
 - Saturday, May 17 - Ladies' Luncheon - time TBA
 - Sunday, May 18 - Creativity Celebration - after service. See pg. 5.
 - ♦ **EXALT TEAM** – The team is at work on Easter weekend plans.
 - ♦ **PROCLAIM TEAM** – Dan Dickinson said they were working on some things that overlap with the Make Disciples team.
 - Working on Palm Sunday breakfast. Sign up in Collins Hall. See pg. 1.
 - Working on Ladies Spring Lunch. See pg. 2.
 - The Potluck and Board Games event on 3/15 went well.
 - Exploring the possibility of a campout.
 - The team is always open to ideas, especially for a community event.
 - ♦ **MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM** – Bob DuBois said that children's church is an important ministry. Need a volunteer

- to make sure every Sunday has a person signed up. Tell Bob or the church office.
- Kids are the core of the next generation. We must not disappoint them by cancelling children's church on Sundays when there is no volunteer to lead it
 - ♦ **DEACONS TEAM** – Debbie Laws reported that the deacons helped 3 people and 3 families last month.
 - They are continuing to provide meals for a family, who are very grateful.
 - The Deacons Fund is running very low.
 - ♦ **MISSIONS TEAM** – Rachel Salch reported that they are working on getting a speaker from the Bible Distribution ministry that we support.
 - Missions has forms to fill out for suggested missions to support for the second quarter of 2025.
 - ♦ **CREATIVITY CELEBRATION** – Nan Schleich is in charge of this event, celebrating all the types of creative talents that God has given to CCC attendees. See pg. 5.
 - ♦ **BIBLES FOR YOUNGER GENERATION** – Kevin Salch shared that there is a 22% increase in Gen Z and younger people buying bibles. If you know young people, share bibles and invite them to church!
 - ♦ **TITHING TAX RETURNS** – Bob DuBois suggested tithing tax returns to Deacons Fund or Missions Fund.
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*The most unsuccessful lockdown of all time*





## COFFEE VOLUNTEERS

Don't forget to check the sign-up sheet for coffee hour! If you haven't done it before and are interested, there are quite a few people that can help you through it! It's a wonderful ministry for all to get involved with, men & women!



## MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

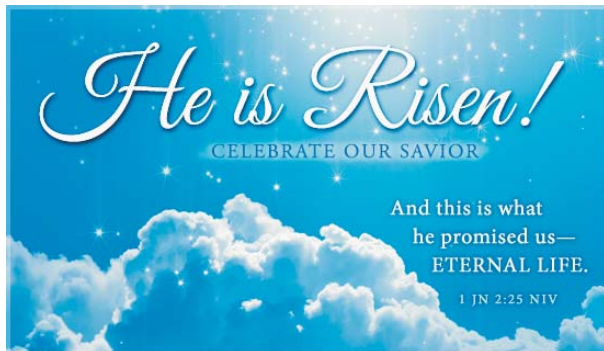


Saturday, April 19

at 9:30 AM in Collins Hall



CCC has a Monthly Prayer Meeting on the third Saturday of each month. We will also prayer walk the church pews after the meeting. If you can't make the meeting, you may still join us at 10:00 AM to pray over the pews. All are welcome!



## CANTON FOOD BANK NEEDS

*"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)

*Current needs include:*

- ♦ Breakfast Cereal, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup
- ♦ 100% Fruit Juice ♦ Peanut Butter ♦ Jelly
- ♦ Coffee ♦ Tuna ♦ Pasta Sauce

The Canton Food Bank is grateful for ANY nonperishable food items received, but really appreciate:



- ♦ Vegetable, Chicken, or Beef Broth
- ♦ Canned Tuna/Salmon
- ♦ Low sodium canned goods
- ♦ Rice mixes ♦ Low sugar canned fruit
- ♦ Low sugar applesauce

*Please bring your donations to church, and we will pray over the food and deliver it to the food bank.*

*We cannot accept any food item that is past its expiration or "best by" date. Thank you!*

## LITTLE FREE PANTRY



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!

## HEALING PRAYER MEETINGS



Healing Prayer meetings happen at the home of Debbie and Buddy Laws on Tuesday evenings. Fellowship and snacks will begin at 6:30 PM. Prayer will begin at 7:00 PM.

*Please let Debbie or Buddy know if you are coming.* You can also send Debbie a note through FB Messenger if you are on Facebook.

In the 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.

## "WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?"

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!



## SISTERS IN CHRIST CREATIVELY PURSUING GOD

Gabby Orcutt's bible journaling group meets at CCC in Collins Hall on the first Saturday of each month, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Singing, prayer, and scriptures. All women are welcome to come to learn and share Bible journaling techniques and use their creativity to grow in God's Word.



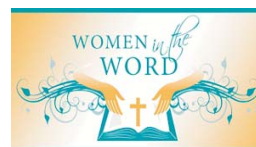
## MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP

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!



Men's Fellowship

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



This group meets on Fridays at 1:00 PM in Room 4. They are studying the Sermon on the Mount by John Stott. Study guides are \$8.00. Contact Nan Schleich. All are very welcome!

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS DAY

**May 17, 8:00 AM - 12 NOON**

Meet at Canton Community Baptist Church  
125 Dowd Avenue, Canton

Volunteer service to benefit Canton's elderly and disabled residents with light duty household tasks and yard work. Each volunteer will need a signed waiver. Minors require parent signature. Group leaders will have waivers and information about specific assignments on that day.



## LIVESTREAM COMMENTS VIA PATTY

3/9:

- ♦ When Jay was talking about giving up for Lent - mentioned complaining:
- ♦ Give up complaining? What else would I do?
- ♦ Great lent ideas Jay. Time to give up complaining. Pray for me that God may strengthen me.
- ♦ Pray for me instead
- ♦ Of course. Is there anything specific I should pray for? I'm battling metastatic lung cancer myself.
- ♦ Just that He would make me like Him. He knows my circumstances and I know he will bring me through. I have been praying for you and will continue to pray.
- ♦ Thank you for your prayers; and I will indeed keep you in my prayers. Yes, He will bring us through. We just need the patience to wait on His timing.
- ♦ True. And have the faith that He WILL answer your prayers . May not be what or how we want, or even when. But His Will be done
- ♦ Jesus said everything is possible for him who believes (Mk9:23). I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!! Mk9:24)
- ♦ Great lead into the Lord's Prayer by Robb  
Beginning of sermon:
- ♦ God loves me ALOT
- ♦ Me too. I can't even begin to measure
- ♦ Hmm . . . we focus too much on our needs and not enough on exalting the LORD.
- ♦ Absolutely. Another thing to try to do for lent. Instead of giving up - focus on Exalting the Lord more!!
- ♦ Great idea.
- ♦ I seem to be having trouble joining Chat this morning. As I face pending immunotherapy I look forward to a faith inspiring message today. Blessings to all praying for me & my wife.
- ♦ ALL REPLIED THEY ARE PRAYING FOR HIM AND HE THANKED THEM
- ♦ I appreciate you telling me that. BTW, I always admire your ascots.
- ♦ Ha, ha! Thanks! (They're quick, easy, and a bearable compromise between my wanting to dress my best for my Lord and Redeemer and the current custom of the church to come in super-casual dress.)
- Response song
- ♦ Beautiful prayer song! Beautiful prayer song!
- ♦ Yes it is - definitely one of my favorites.
- ♦ Yes.  
During the Sermon:
- ♦ Love the mist demonstration
- ♦ The ONLY thing that matters is what the Bible says, NOT what you think or would like it to be.  
End of Service:
- ♦ Amen
- ♦ I know God's Word is true, but I struggle to believe in something that's not tangible. Help my unbelief, Lord. Mk 9:24
- Communion:
- ♦ Interspersing static images with live video of the communicants receiving is excellent. Thanks for doing this.
- ♦ I think that this is common to thoughtful, reflective people who naturally rely upon intellect. With wisdom - the divine intellect -- we can surpass doubt: and God gives wisdom to all who ask for it

3/16:

- ♦ I have attended a Seder. It was wonderful. The church should have one.
- ♦ It was explained that the church has had them in the past and may try to plan for next year
- After first 3 songs:
- ♦ CARYN: Amen! Beautiful prayer songs!  
Song of Response:
- ♦ CARYN: Truth!
- ♦ What a beautiful song
- ♦ That is the heart of worship. A favorite of mine to play on the guitar
- ♦ It is a beautiful song. One of my favorites  
Sermon:
- ♦ Yes, but . . . If only He would only answer prayer as quick as we are to pray. Having to wait on His timing weakens my faith. Pastor Chris is so right on with this sermon.
- ♦ That's the hard part. Remembering that it's in HIS time. We have to have complete faith in him.
- ♦ I know, I know, it's just so much easier said than done. The Bible says much about faith and taking heart, yet many still struggle.
- ♦ I do know that. I've done this for family and friends.
- ♦ When you get frustrated, look up to Him even more and pray harder. Just remember his Love for you and what He did for you
- ♦ Thank you. As I'm reminded of what He has done for me in the past, it does help me to believe He will provide in the future.
- ♦ You are welcome. He WILL provide in the future
- ♦ Prayer is "powerful and effective," love this. The prayers of the Saints to our great God! Wow!
- ♦ It is amazing what prayer can do
- ♦ Thank you for being there for us. Great service today.
- ♦ It was a strong sermon and an important one. God bless you all and keep you strong in love and faith in Him.
- ♦ Praise the LORD for being free of Cancer.
- ♦ Thank you

3/23

- ♦ Beautiful voices!  
POTTERS HAND:
- ♦ This song was written just for me
- ♦ Potter's Hand - another one of those songs you can pray the words...should pray the words during the week!
- ♦ I was just thinking the same thing.
- ♦ So many of us are in uncharted territory and need all the prayer support we can get.
- ♦ Yes we do - and ALWAYS need prayer
- ♦ Yes, the prayers of the Saints are filled with the love of God, faithful to come to our Father on our behalf. What a gift
- ♦ I hear you Pastor Chris, it is so important to examine ourselves.
- ♦ Yes, BUT God will always forgive us, because he sent his Son to die for US!
- ♦ Thankful for this gift of love, and for His Holy Spirit.
- ♦ AMEN
- ♦ Thank you for always being here and helping me access the service.
- ♦ I'd love to have a blurb in the newsletter about the May 18 "Creativity Celebration" if you can fit it in.



## DEACONS ARE HERE TO HELP!

Greetings from the Deacon Board,

Where to start? This has been a challenging winter filled with challenges. The Deacons have been working closely with individuals and families inside and outside of our church. Please remember we are here to help the members of this church, but whenever and wherever possible we help to meet the one-time needs of individuals beyond our church walls. We always have a stack of business cards with us, and we hand them out as often as possible.

Our help to the community comes in many different forms and most of the time, because of confidentiality, you'll likely never hear about many of the details. But we are here, quietly, gently coming along side those who are in very difficult situations who believe there is no way out of their despair.

It is not unusual for a Deacon to get a phone call from a person who has experienced the devastating loss of health, job, home, or a loved one. And here is where ministry begins. At these times, people feel lost, terrified and overwhelmed. These are things we Deacons have all heard many times and it is always heartbreaking. People can hardly believe this is happening to them. They can hardly even speak. They know nothing about the legal/ medical/ insurance/ court/ probate systems. The rent/mortgage are due. The car needs repairs so they can get to work. They may lose their car; the cell phone is going to be turned off. There are meds and food that need to be bought. If they are still in school, they may not be able to pay fully for school next year, then what? We listen as they explain that the cost of school along with the added burdens of barebones essentials like the cell phone, food and meds are not being paid for by what little money they can make working low paying part time jobs. But we are more than listening, this is where a plan is being formulated, and this is where ministry becomes action. We are people of action. People need to know they are not alone. We work together. And this is where we can start to help them get their life back on track. We will walk beside them for as long as they need us.

But we can't do this alone. We need your help. At the last round table, I briefly discussed how many people have been helped and where the balance in the checking account was. Our account has been well used this winter. We are being very frugal and wise with the money entrusted to us. It is only through the generosity of the members of this congregation that we can continue to pay for car repairs so people can get to their jobs, help keep a roof over their family's head by making a payment for rent or mortgage keep the heat and lights on and yes, keep one brilliant young student's head above water (and in the classroom) so they are able to finish their college degree.

Once again, we are very grateful for the help each and every one of you have given or are planning to give. Your support turns what seems impossible into reality.

Warmly in Christ, Your Deacon Board



## DEACONS & GREETERS

*(Thank you for your faithful service!)*

### COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Sunday April 6: Dorene Grace

Sunday April 13: Victoria DuBois

Sunday April 20: Buddy & Debbie Laws

Sunday April 27: Buddy & Debbie Laws



### GREETERS SCHEDULE

Sunday April 6: Dorene Grace

Sunday April 13: Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich

Sunday April 20: John & Karen Green

Sunday April 27: Robin Cmiel

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**Sunday,
May 18**

*Creativity
Celebration*

We are inviting everyone to think about how you can share your God-given uniqueness!
The Celebration will NOT be a fundraiser, simply a way to enjoy closer fellowship and appreciation of one another.

Ideas to consider might be: samples of your artwork, photography, needlework, crafts, hobbies, special interests, etc.
SEE NAN FOR MORE INFO!!

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## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN-UP

Jesus said,  
"Let the little children  
come to Me,  
and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of heaven  
belongs to such as these."  
— Gospel of Matthew 19:14

We are looking for people to sign up to teach Sunday School, to commit to at least one Sunday per month. Contact Karen Green for more information.

Background checks are required, which the church will do.

## EVENTS

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

### HEALING PRAYER WEEKLY MEETING

Tuesdays, 6:30 PM  
at the Laws' home. See pg. 3.

### "WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?"

Sermon discussion meeting, Wednesdays, 7:00 PM.  
See pg. 3.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Fridays, 1:00 PM. See pg. 3.

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WOMEN'S BIBLE JOURNALING GROUP

Saturday, April 5, 10:00 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.

EXALT TEAM MEETING

Sunday, April 6, after the service, in Conf. Room.

PROCLAIM TEAM MEETING

Sunday, April 20, in Rm. 4.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 13, 8:30 AM. in Collins Hall.
See pg. 1.

MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM MEETING

Sunday, April 13, after the service, in Conf. Room.

DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, April 13, after the service, in Rm. 4.

TENEBRAE SERVICE, GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18, 7 PM in the Sanctuary. See pg. 1.

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Saturday, April 19
9:30 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 20. He is risen! Look up!



MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP



Men's Fellowship

Thursday, April 24, 6:00 PM. See pg. 3.

PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE



Sunday, April 27, after the service, in Collins Hall.



Celebrating the day God blessed the world with YOU!

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



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Shirley Zimmerman, May 1
Buddy Laws, May 2
Laurie Crowley, May 5
Marylou Dickinson, May 6
Victoria Dubois, May 16
Bob Dubois, May 19
Diana Appleton, May 23

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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*We reserve the right to edit submissions.*

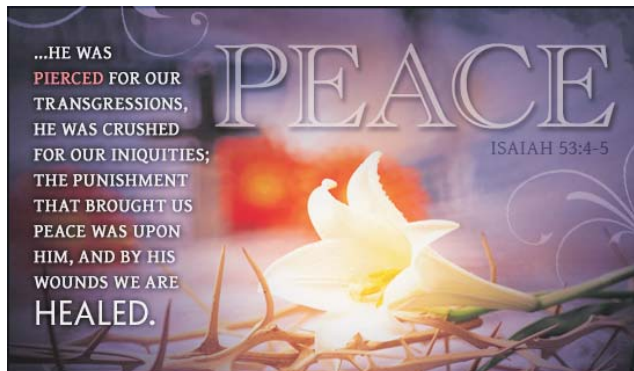
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# PASSION WEEK

## *Scripture Reading List*

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)

