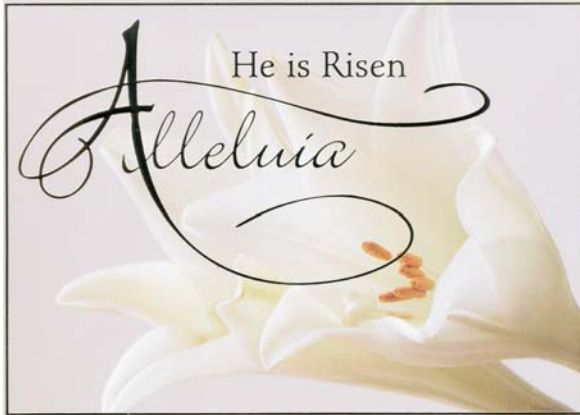




# CHRIST COMMUNITY NEWS

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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 . . .

What will heaven be like? Have you ever wondered that? We often use words like “glory,” “paradise,” and “in His presence” to describe it. But they don’t seem to fully capture the idea. First of all, it’s hard to describe a place like heaven. It’s beyond our vocabulary. But in the book of Revelation, the apostle John does the best he can with what was revealed to him:

*“Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.” (Rev 7:16)*

To the people in the time and part of the world this was written (Ancient Middle East laborers), this description meant a lot! What would it mean today?

*“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Rev 21:4)*



Think of that. No more sadness, no more pain, no more death, no more grief.

*“It shone with the glory of God and sparkled like a precious stone-like jasper as clear as crystal.” (Rev 21:11)*

*“And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.” (Rev. 21:21)*

Precious stones as clear as crystal. Perfection. Amazing beauty. Awesome would be one of a thousand words we could use to describe it. Streets of gold. Pure gold. So pure it looks like glass.

*“And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light.” (Rev 21:23)*

The glory of God Himself provides the light. The Lamb of God—Jesus Himself—is the light. No need for any other sources of light.

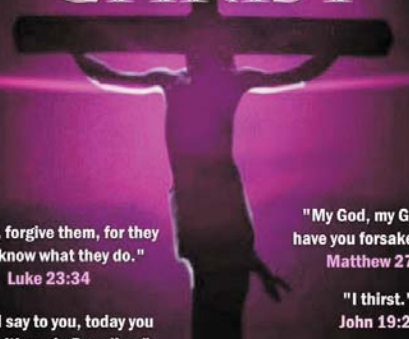


As we come into our Easter celebration this year, may we all meditate on these things and praise God with thanksgiving in our hearts that through the atoning for of Jesus on the cross on our behalf, we will all indeed be in heaven and experiencing all that John recorded for us in Revelation.

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♦ **TENEBRAE SERVICE** - 3/29, 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary on Good Friday. Pastor Chris needs 7 readers; contact him if interested.

**THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST**



"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Luke 23:34	"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46
"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:43	"I thirst." John 19:28
"Woman, here is your son," "Here is your mother." John 19:26-27	"It is finished;" John 19:30
	"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**  
SPRING FORWARD  
SUNDAY, MARCH 10  
@ 2:00 A.M.

## PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE RECAP - 2/25

*(Some items covered separately in this newsletter.)*

- ♦ **FINANCIAL** - We have \$251,972 in savings. We have not yet replaced the \$20,000 previously borrowed by the checking account during a lean time.
  - January income \$12,900; expenses \$12,400.
  - Checking account balance is currently \$57,892. We will start moving funds around shortly, per the approved items discussed at last month's Annual Meeting.
- ♦ **CLEANING SERVICE** - We hired the new professional cleaner. She will do the quarterly cleaning on March 3.
- ♦ **TRACTS & CHURCH INVITE CARDS** - There is a variety of tracts available for outreach, per Pastor Chris's message today. Also we have business card size invitation to CCC cards to share.
  - Real church growth is from newly converted folks, so reach out and share what you know about Jesus.
- ♦ **MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP** - New location: Good Friends Restaurant, 107 Main Street (Rt. 44), New Hartford.
- ♦ **NEW MEMBERS CLASS** - will be held in 2 weeks. Contact Pastor Chris if interested.
- ♦ **UPCOMING EVENTS** - 3/8 @ 8:00 PM "I Am N" video followup to Hearts of Fire. Laura Salch will host at CCC. There will be food. Let her know if you're coming.
  - 3/16 @ 9:30 AM. **Monthly Prayer Meeting** - we will prayer walk around our community. Meet at CCC.
  - 3/24 @ 8:30 AM - **Palm Sunday Potluck Breakfast**. See pg. 5.
    - 3/24 after the service - **Pastor's Roundtable**.
    - 3/29 @ 7:00 PM - **Tenebrae / Good Friday**. Pastor Chris needs 7 readers for this service. See pg. 1.
    - 3/31 @ 10:00 AM - **Easter Service**.
    - 5/11 - **Canton Neighbors Helping Neighbors**.
- ♦ **EXALT TEAM**- Sepp said they've been planning services.
  - Greeters should be in place by 9:40 AM on Sundays.
  - Planned the tracts event for today.
- ♦ **PROCLAIM TEAM** - Dan said they've been busy planning events.
  - 3/24 - Palm Sunday Breakfast
  - 4/13 - Family Gaming Day event
  - 5/12 Teen Challenge will be here for Sunday service. We will have a lunch afterwards and be able to talk to them.
  - A CCC Tea is being planned. Stay tuned for details!
- ♦ **MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM** - They have missed 2 meetings due to illness.
  - Kevin Salch said please use the available tracts to make new believers so the Make Disciples Team has more work!
- ♦ **DEACONS** - See Debbie Laws' article on pg. 4!
  - Pastor Chris reminded us of the monthly Deacons Fund envelopes.
- ♦ **MISSIONS** - Rachel Salch said the next meeting is on 3/10, after the service. They have had trouble getting together.
  - There is \$2,500 in the Missions Fund.
- ♦ **SERMON NOTES** - They will no longer be included in the Sunday bulletin, but will be available separately in a pile on the table that holds the bulletins.

## LIVESTREAM COMMENTS - FEBRUARY

**2/25:**

- ♦ AMEN! This is so good! (About the sermon/entire service)
- ♦ I have a Holy job to do. Where do I get tracts to hand out? (I offered to send tracts out, but put links in for Moments With the Book)
- ♦ I'd like some tracts
- ♦ What an awesome sermon this is! Praise God
- ♦ I currently leave small wooden cross key chains in random places
  - ♦ Thanks for the offer. Save the postage Patty. I'll purchase direct from Moments With The Book.
- ♦ I write Jesus saves and John 3:16 on them
- ♦ Patty, can you maybe try to give some tracts to me?
- ♦ Great service today!
- ♦ My experience is if you have faith enough to open your mouth God will put words in it.
- ♦ The slides during communion remind us what Jesus did for us.

**2/18:**

- ♦ Only He is worth of all honor, only Him
- ♦ I love that song! (Waymaker)
- ♦ I find myself turning more and more to God from the time I wake in the morning to the time I go to sleep at night. (I replied with praising more)
- ♦ Thank you for your testimony. Our Father desires that of all of us
  - ♦ Yes, simple blessings are often overlooked such as modern kitchen appliances, hot & cold running water, a roof to keep rain off your head and walls to keep the wind off your back
  - ♦ There is nothing greater than, no greater gift of our eternal inheritance!!!!praise our Jesus
  - ♦ The term "I will" is repeated 5 times throughout verses 31-34. The number 5 refers to Grace in God's numerology. Without HIS Grace I am undone.

**2/11:**

- ♦ Our eternal King shall reign forever
- ♦ This sounds great on the Apple
- ♦ Yes, Robin and Chuck both did very well in their readings.
- ♦ Yes, Amen to the blessing of God! Love the Covenant Sermons, excellent!
- ♦ You're doing a fine job. The Tech Team is to be commended for the work they do. Without the team Livestream is not possible. Thank God for Livestream.
- ♦ Amen Pastor! Thank you

**2/4:**

- ♦ Beautiful Donna, Rachel, Ashley!!!!
- ♦ They sound great (Worship team)
- ♦ Patty you do a Fantastic job making sure that people through the internet can be apart of the service, I'm very proud of You.
  - ♦ Yes, indeed Patty. Your work and the team deserve much praise.
  - ♦ Patty, I appreciate everyone willingness to share their talents/gifts to the world every Sunday " Live " service broadcast
  - ♦ loving Jesus & what He has done for us, is the only way we can keep Gods commands. We have to desire to honor God because of what He has done.
  - ♦ Amen...Excellent sermon
  - ♦ Thank you for your service today.
  - ♦ I'm blessed by this church!
  - ♦ Me too - all the way out here in CA
  - ♦ Wonderful songs during communion



**COFFEE VOLUNTEERS**

Thanks to all who volunteer to do the coffee service on Sunday mornings. We love you lots! **And we need more of you!!!** (Sign up sheet is in Collins Hall near the kitchen. Men can do this too! Ask and someone will show you how!)



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**MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING**

 Saturday, March   
at 9:30 AM in Collins Hall

CCC has a Monthly Prayer Meeting on the third Saturday of each month. **This month we will prayer walk in our community.** All are welcome!

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**HEALING PRAYER MEETINGS**

Healing Prayer meetings are hosted at Buddy & Debbie Laws' house on Tuesdays from 7 - 8:30 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, or email [wallace.laws.jr@gmail.com](mailto:wallace.laws.jr@gmail.com) or [lawsdebbie81@gmail.com](mailto:lawsdebbie81@gmail.com).



You are invited to join us beforehand at 6:30 PM when we gather to enjoy some light healthy snacks. It is our sincere hope that anyone who is in need of encouragement, hope, and prayer for yourself or your loved ones will come and allow us to minister to you.

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**“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!



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**DEACONS & GREETERS**

For the month of March, these Deacons will set up Communion:

- Sunday March 3, Victoria DuBois
- Sunday March 10, Pat & Dorene Grace
- Sunday March 17, Buddy & Debbie Laws
- Sunday March 24, Caryn Turek
- Sunday March 31, Buddy & Debbie Laws



Greeter Schedule for March:

- Sunday March 3, Rev. Chuck & Nan Schleich
- Sunday March 10, Robin Cmiel
- Sunday March 17, Sepp Markkanen
- Sunday March 24, Pat & Dorene Grace
- Sunday March 31, Buddy & Debbie Laws

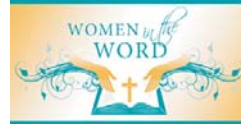
**MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP**

**NEW LOCATION!** 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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**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

This group meets on Wednesdays from 1:00 PM- 2:15 PM in Collins Hall. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark with a study guide. If you would like to join us, please let me know so that we have enough study guides. We expect to talk through this scripture of our Lord Jesus's human life before Palm Sunday.



The study guide we are using is by Warren W. Wiersby. For more information, contact Linda Papertsian at [lrkpaper@gmail.com](mailto:lrkpaper@gmail.com) or 860-796-5643 if you are interested or need a study guide.

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**LIVESTREAM & CHAT**

As everyone knows, if you can't make it to church you can watch online via the livestream. If you have watched online and see the CHAT section and wonder why you can't talk to all of us that are online, this will help you to do that.

A quick refresher on how to watch the livestream; there are two ways to find us:

- Go to our website - [www.christcommunitychurchct.org](http://www.christcommunitychurchct.org) and on the home page, scroll down to where you see LIVESTREAM (and a picture of Ashley and Rachel singing). Click on the 'Watch us live' button. It takes you to our YouTube channel and when we are live you will see the video, click on that and you are set

**OR**

- Go directly to YouTube. In the search bar, type @ccccollinsville and we should be the first thing that shows up. You will see a picture of the church. Click on the picture or the church name, and it brings you to our channel. Again if the service has started you will see the live video, click on that and you are set.

To be able to chat with us during the livestream, you need to be logged into your Google Account (if you have an email account through GMAIL - same thing). If you already have a Google Account (gmail account for email) - make sure you are signed in when you are on YouTube watching the service.

To create a Google account, you can go to this website: <https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/27441?hl=en> and it will take you step by step on how to create an account. Again, once you have created the account, make sure you are signed in when you are on YouTube.

Once you get on YouTube, find our livestream, and you are signed in, you should see the CHAT on the right side of the video. Then you can chat away with all of us that are watching online.

If you have any questions about any of this, PLEASE feel free to ask Patty or Pastor Chris, they would love to be able to help you. ~Patty Bauer

## DEACONS - Who Do You Think We Are?

Because most of you know us by sight, you technically know “who” we are. But have you ever wondered what the Deacons do and how they do it? Have you ever thought, “Why do we have a Deacon Board”? “What can we expect from them”? Your Deacon Board would like to answer those questions for you.

We are the people who have been called by God to nurture and keep watch over you, His people. We are His ambassadors, and we are there to serve and walk with you through some of life’s rough spots. We offer a listening ear and loving arms as we help you navigate the grief of losing a loved one. We help



to find resources in the community when you and your family don’t know where to turn for ongoing financial needs. We help those who struggle with food insecurity, health challenges and much more. We are

God’s “boots on the ground”. We are in all cases, people who have \*heard a call, have \*been equipped and have a \*deep desire to make the lives of those whom we are responsible to watch over, a little easier. Make no mistake, we carry you and your burdens in our hearts. We are prayerful people and even when you have not come to us to ask for help, we ask our gracious and loving God to give you what He knows you need.

When there is “smoke” and all others disappear, shrug their shoulders, shake their heads or run in the opposite direction you will usually find one or more of us running towards the fire and willing to help put it out. Because that is what God has equipped us to do.

We are the ones who in some cases get the tearful, early morning or late-night call from someone we are committed to helping. We don’t just sit in a room and make policy, we don’t just write checks, we don’t just talk. We are action-oriented people who want to make the world a better place. We want to make the lives of those around us a little easier. We want to be the hands and the arms and the spokespeople for God. We want to be His boots on the ground.

We hear about and see some of the most heartbreaking difficulties in the lives of the members of this congregation whom we care deeply for. Probably more deeply than you will ever know. But we do more than watch and listen. Though listening and watching are sometimes exactly what is needed. During our meetings we are working hard to find solutions to the burdens people carry. Unfortunately, we are not always able to respond in the way that people want, but we are committed to doing our best to find solutions. We are prayerful people who take your burdens before our Lord and ask Him to give us His wisdom as we seek to know His will.

We don’t just write checks. When a church member comes to their Deacon (did you know that you have your own personal Deacon, a Deacon dedicated to looking out for you?) In Collins Hall, you will find a listing of each of the Deacons and beneath their names, you will find a listing of people. Those are the individuals that each Deacon is responsible for looking out for. If there is a problem, a need, a burden, or trouble, go to your personal Deacon. Call us. Our names, emails addresses and phone numbers are listed. We are waiting to hear from you. And we don’t just carry the burdens of the members of this congregation. We hear about the needs in the wider community as well.

Last year a woman called the church in dire straits. She has six young children and is a single parent. There is little food in her house. She struggles with chronic food insecurity month in and month out. One of your Deacons took the call. Went to their personal, emergency pantry and put together 6 bags of food for this mother and her children. Dropped those bags of

food at the church and without embarrassment or feeling as if she owed anything, this mom was able to pick up the food.

Another call came in. There was a “revolving door” medical emergency. No one was helping, things were not changing and the emotional burden for the family was tremendous. The Deacon for this family jumped into action, did the research to find out where to go and what the protocol was to receive the necessary help for this family. That Deacon made the calls, wrote up the necessary notes, phone numbers, names. The folder of information was given to the family with the promise that if they needed anything they could call and their Deacon would do what was necessary to find help. The family finally got the help and the healing they had prayed for. Make no mistake, the need is ongoing and there will be times when some changes will need to be made but that Deacon is committed to helping no matter what.

The Deacons do not sit in meetings and discuss protocol or policies. We look for the smoke and then run to help. We are God’s boots on the ground. We are the people He has called and equipped to minister to His people. He is the One who has placed a burden and a love for our brothers and sisters on our hearts.



At times we need to intervene in situations that are sensitive, that require great diplomacy and we have Deacons who have done just that. Organizing help, creating a team, jumping in and getting the work done.

At times we will be asked for a specific solution, but after praying as a team and seeking the Lord’s will, we are led to a different solution that is not expected. We want nothing more than to provide the desired response, but at times we need to deliver an unexpected response. That is difficult. But we have made a commitment before the Lord to meet the needs of the people we watch over. And to do it according to His will. We are first of all responsible for doing what Our Lord would have us do. We are prayerful people.

And then there are the financial needs. In just the first 2 months of this year we have spent almost \$1,500.00 to meet medical/financial needs. But we had only a little over \$2,500.00 in the checking account. What to do? What if another need comes in and we are not able to help or we are able to help with just a portion? We must trust that Our Lord will provide. He has over the years provided for the ongoing needs for housing for many, which cost hundreds of dollars. Over the years He has made a way for us to help with the financial burden of insurances and rent and medical care to the tune of thousands of dollars. We realize that we are responsible before the Lord to spend the money that was so graciously given to us, in line with God’s will.

This is where we the Deacons come to you, the church family. Those who are able to help make it possible for these needs to be met. You make such a huge difference in the lives of so many people around you and I wish I could go to each of you and tell you exactly what your gifts have accomplished. But there is that little thing called confidentiality. However, I will do my best to keep you aware of how your gifts have changed lives that you might not even be aware of.

In the meantime, I’d like you to know that every month there is a small envelope that you will find in your bulletin. That envelope is for the Deacon’s Fund. A fund that specifically helps to meet the needs of this church congregation. If you are already giving, we want you to know how deeply grateful we are.

~ Warmly in Christ,  
Your Deacon Board





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

On Saturday September 30, from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M., a series of classes on medicinal plants and how to use them in everyday life began.

Students learned how to create and use an herbal Pain Salve and Quik Stop, an herbal version of "quick clot" a blood stopping powder used by the military to treat wounds.

During the following classes in October, November and December students learned how to make Magnesium Oil, Vapor-Salve for nose and chest congestion along with muscle aches, and a Protective Butter Bar to protect sensitive skin, and a delicious fruit electuary. Students will become familiar with the medicinal uses, history and folklore of individual plants along with the how and why to use these plants.

If you see plants as "More Than Weeds", please sign up for each class individually so that we will know ahead of time how much of the ingredients will be needed. That way each person can bring home a sample.

There is also a small informational book that will be given to students. The book will list the history, folklore, ingredients, precautions, and recipes that go along with each product that students will make.

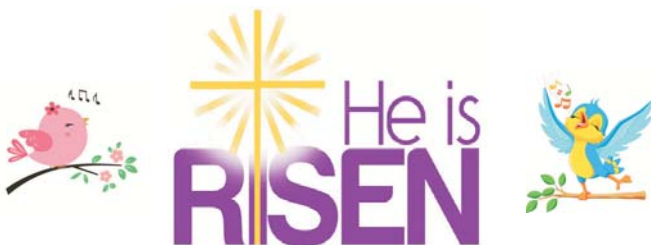
This class is being offered free to all who sign up. Please be sure to use the sign-up sheets that are available in Collins Hall. Hoping to see you at the next class!

The next class is Saturday, March 30, in Collins Hall. Participants will learn to make a Calendula Drawing Salve and will discuss the different carrier oils and their uses.

~ Debbie Laws



~ Ladies enjoying a recent More Than Weeds class



**PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST**



Sunday, March 24, 8:30 AM in Collins Hall.  
Sign up in Collins Hall. Bring food already hot.  
Bring family and friends!!



**THE FOLDED NAPKIN**

When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table until the master was finished. Now if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers and his mouth, and clean his beard. Then he would wad up the napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clean the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, "I'm finished." But if the master got up from the table, folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because... The folded napkin meant, "I'm coming back!"



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**SOUP-A-THON!**

We raised \$300 for the Canton Food Bank and enjoyed a variety of delicious homemade soups at our February Soup-A-Thon! Thanks to everyone who participated!



**EVENTS**

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

**HEALING PRAYER WEEKLY MEETING**

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM at Debbie & Buddy Laws' home.  
See pg. 3.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesdays at 1:00 PM, in Collins Hall, See pg. 3.

**"WHAT WAS HE TALKING ABOUT?"**

Sermon discussion meeting - At CCC or via ZOOM  
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM. See pg. 3.

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**EXALT TEAM MEETING**

Sunday, March 3, after the service, in Conf. Room.

**"I AM N" VIDEO**

Friday, March 8, 8:00 PM. See Laura Salch.

**SPRING FORWARD!**

Sunday, March 10, at 2:00 AM. Turn clocks forward 1 hour.

**DEACONS MEETING**

Sunday, March 10, after the service, in Room 4.

**MISSIONS TEAM MEETING**

Sunday, March 10, after the service. See Rachel Salch.

**MAKE DISCIPLES TEAM MEETING**

Sunday, March 10, after the service.

**MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING**

 Saturday, March 16   
9:30 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 3.

**PROCLAIM TEAM MEETING**

Sunday, March 17, after the service, in Room 4.

**"MORE THAN WEEDS" CLASS**

Saturday, March 23, 10:00 AM. in Collins Hall.  
See pg. 5.

**PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST**



Sunday, March 24, 8:30 AM. in Collins Hall.  
See pg. 5.

**PASTOR'S ROUNDTABLE**



Sunday, March 24 after the service in Collins Hall

**MEN'S DINNER FELLOWSHIP**

Thursday, March 28, 6:00 PM. **NEW LOCATION!**  
See pg. 3.

**TENEBRAE SERVICE - GOOD FRIDAY**

Friday, March 29, 7:00 PM in Sanctuary. See pg. 1.

**MORE THAN WEEDS CLASS**

Saturday, March 30, 10:00 AM in Collins Hall. See pg. 5.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

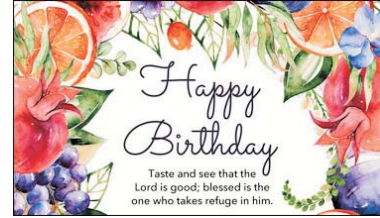
Sunday, March 31. He is risen! Look up!



*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
- Ethan Roberge, March 21
- 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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*We reserve the right to edit submissions.*

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CCC BULK TEXT: If we have your cell number.

FACEBOOK: Christ Community Church CT

CCC WEBSITE: [www.christcommunitychurchct.org](http://www.christcommunitychurchct.org)

WTIC-AM Radio: 1080 on the AM dial.

You can also check online at [wtic.radio.com/storm-center-school-closings](http://wtic.radio.com/storm-center-school-closings)

WFSB-TV, channels 3 and 30: The information scrolls continuously at the bottom of the screen.

You can also check online: [www.wfsb.com/weather/closings/](http://www.wfsb.com/weather/closings/)  
*Please do not call Pastor Chris or Patty Bauer at home to check on possible cancellations!*