



First Congregational Church of Greene, New York  
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# The Congregation

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**Spirituality:** The center of our Daily life is to continuously improve our relationship with Christ and all God's Creation.

**Compassion:** Actions that welcome and accept all people and help them experience the good feeling of God's unconditional love.



**Integrity:** With honesty and respect we support everyone's freedom to develop their relationship with God.

**Belonging:** In sharing and celebrating life, we support our commitment to all others to nurture a family relationship of belonging.

*World Day of Prayer, March 1st at 11:00 a.m.*

*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, March 10th*

*Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10th*

*Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner, March 16th, 4:00-7:00 p.m.*

*April Newsletter Deadline, Monday, March 18th*

*Lifeline Screening, March 22nd*

*Harvesting the Past —Sowing the Future —Growing with God*

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**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC  
28 N. CHENANGO STREET  
GREENE, NY 13778**

## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Pastor: Rev. Curtis Whitman

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**First Congregational Church, UCC**

# MARCH 2024

*Harvesting the Past – Sowing the Future – Growing with God*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please check your e-mail and the church facebook page for updates as this calendar may change.					1 World Day of Prayer 11:00 a.m.	2
3 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> Worship with Communion 10:00 a.m. Facebook Live Coffee Hour	4	5 Women's Fellowship 9:30 a.m.  Property Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6 WIC 8:30-3:00  Zoom Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	7 Prayer Team 10:00 a.m.  Lenten Service @ Methodist Church 12:00 p.m.	8	9 Train Club 9:00 a.m.
10 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> Worship 10:00 a.m. with Facebook Live One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Coffee Hour	11 Deacon Meeting 7:00 p.m.	12	13 Zoom Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	14 Prayer Team 10:00 a.m. Lenten Service @ Zion Episcopal Church 12:00 p.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m.	15	16 Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner 4:00-7:00 p.m. (social hall and kitchen reserved all day)
17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> Worship 10:00 a.m. with Facebook Live Coffee Hour	18 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	19	20 Zoom Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	21 Prayer Team 10:00 a.m. Lenten Service @ Baptist Church, 12:00 p.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m.	22 Lifeline Screening 8:00-5:00	23
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Worship 10:00 a.m. with Facebook Live 31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Easter Sunrise Service at Primary School 6:30 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. with Facebook Live	25	26	27 Zoom Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Choir 7:00 p.m.	28 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Prayer Team 10:00 a.m. Maundy Thursday Service at First Congregational Church 7:00 p.m. Yoga 5:30 p.m.	29 <i>Good Friday</i> Good Friday Service @ Baptist Church 12:00 p.m.	30

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## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

I am often asked if I have a favorite Bible story. I guess my answer would be, it depends on the mood I am in or the season of the year we may find ourselves in. So, I guess I don't really have one favorite Bible story but numerous ones that have meant something to me and shaped my faith life over the years. As we enter the month of March and journey closer to Passion week and Easter Sunday, I find myself reflecting on the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. This story is found in the gospel of John 11:1-44 and I believe contains a message that is central to our faith. "Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Mary and Martha to console them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. Martha said to Jesus, Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again. I am the resurrection and the life."

This story highlights one of the truths of our Christian faith; that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and that Jesus has conquered death for us all. It is a core belief, for all evidence says that the disciples would never have gone forth witnessing and evangelizing, risking their very lives, continuing their commitment to Jesus if they had not experienced the presence of the risen Christ. Christianity is built solidly around the foundation of the assurance of the resurrection.

It was years later that the apostle Paul wrote the same thing when he penned these words concerning his faith in Jesus Christ. "If Christ has not been raised from the dead, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain." Paul continues his letter in 1 Corinthians by writing triumphantly, "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead...so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

As we continue in this season of Lent and the approaching season of Easter, I pray we may all take a good long hard look at our faith lives and our spiritual health and ask ourselves: Do I believe as Martha states, "Yes Lord, I believe that you are the Christ the Son of God, he who is coming into the world."? Are we ready to go forth in commitment as the disciples did after the resurrection of Jesus? Are we willing to move forward in a positive way in our faith journeys like the apostle Paul and state triumphantly with all our heart that "Christ has been raised from the dead?"

This is what the Easter event is all about. This is what our faith is all about. This is what it means to come worshiping and praising God every week. Let your faith be resurrected during the season of Lent as we prepare ourselves for Easter. Join Martha, Mary, the disciples of Jesus, Paul and others in proclaiming and showing our commitment to Jesus Christ: the Resurrection and the Life.

Blessings and Peace,  
*Pastor Curtis*



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Amy Bentley
- 8 Courtney Bentley
- 10 Laurel Acunto
- 12 Nancy Root
- 14 Jody Hartley
- 16 Vera Babiy
- Jim Gagnon



*(Any additions or changes, please contact the church office at 607-656-4923)*

## USHERS FOR 2024

**March:** Jim Gagnon, Phil & Sharon Gagnon

**April:** Phil & Sharon Barton, Stephen & Cherie Bentley

**May:** OPEN

**June:** Tom & Faith Neal

*There is a signup sheet on the table in the social hall for 2024 Ushers. Please sign up.  
Thank you.*

## CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESS

The church's e-mail address is:  
**uccgreeneny@gmail.com.**



## FACEBOOK WORSHIP

Don't forget to watch every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
<https://www.facebook.com/uccgreene/>



### Just a reminder...

If you change your mailing address, phone number or email, please notify the church office at [uccgreeneny@gmail.com](mailto:uccgreeneny@gmail.com) or call 607-656-4923. We need to keep our records up to date for mailings and the church directory. THANKS!



## COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS

Church Family Council - Jim Gagnon, Moderator

Property Board - George Estey, Chair, 607-656-4564

Deacons - Donna Possemato, Chair, 607-656-7964

Board of Education - Lyndsie Jones, 607-238-1154

Women's Fellowship - Katha Root, 607-656-9654

Mission Committee - Ruth Bennett, Chair, 607-656-9707

Head Usher - Deacons

Altar Flowers - Kathy Estey, 607-656-4564

Prayer Chain - Kathy Estey, 607-656-4564

## Prayer Team

We are looking for individuals who would like to join Pastor Curtis on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for a time of prayer. Prayers will be lifted up for those who are mentioned on Sunday mornings during our **"Sharing of Joys and Concerns"**. In addition we will be lifting up prayers for those listed from week to week in our **"Remember in our Prayers"** section of the bulletin. Come and be a part of this prayer team as we lift our concerns to God and join our spirits in prayer.





## APRIL NEWSLETTER

### DEADLINE:

**Monday, March 18th.**

Please e-mail your article to  
[uccgreeneny@gmail.com](mailto:uccgreeneny@gmail.com)



## SUNDAY PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to send a prayer request for worship services each Sunday please e-mail to the church at [uccgreeneny@gmail.com](mailto:uccgreeneny@gmail.com) by Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Thank you.



## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Thank you all so much for your support of the Food Pantry. Until further notice the food will only be delivered to the Food Pantry on the third Saturday of the month. PLEASE continue to give generously. The church has donation boxes located in the social hall.

## SUNDAY COLLECTION COUNTERS

March 10: Theresa Schultheis & George Estey  
March 24: Carol DeJager & Kathy Estey  
April 7: Phil Barton & Marlene Sherwood  
April 21: Laurel Acunto & Stephen Bentley  
May 5: Jim Gagnon & George Estey  
May 19: Kathy Estey & George Marr  
June 2: Tom Neal & Ruth Bennett  
June 16: Sharon Barton & Donna Possemato  
June 30: Sharon Barton & Kathy Estey

*If you are unable to count for the week you are scheduled, please find someone to take your place and notify the church office with the new name.*

## COFFEE HOUR

If you are interested in hosting a coffee hour please sign up. The signup sheet is on the table in the social hall. **Coffee hours will be held each Sunday.** If you would like to host you are asked to provide one or more of the following: coffee, tea, punch or water. Thank you.



## ZOOM BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS

Bible Study will be held each Wednesday at noontime for about an hour to look at and discuss the lectionary readings for the following Sunday services. Please join in to learn more about God's word and to enjoy the fellowship of other church members and friends. Be sure to check your email for the zoom link and join in on the experience and joy of being the body of Christ through a zoom meeting. The zoom links will be sent a few days before each event.



## SCRIPTURE READERS

**March 3: Kristi Ruffo**  
**March 10: Judy Travis**  
**March 17: OPEN**  
**March 24: Judy Travis**  
**March 31: Theresa Schultheis**

*Thank you to everyone who has signed up to read scripture.*



## PENNIES FOR PEOPLE

Each Sunday we will have a large container in church where you can place your pennies. This will be on a stand in the sanctuary as you enter from the social hall. This is an outreach project of the United Church of Christ New York Women. Any church which sends in money, may nominate a worthy group to receive funds. These nominations are submitted to the Women's Association for review. The Association's Executive Board will select worthy community groups to receive funds that do not have government funding. Pennies do add up, please save your pennies and place them in the container to help families in need, soup kitchens, food pantries and many other organizations.

Thank you,  
Women's Fellowship



## DEACONS

As we begin the liturgical season of Lent, let us all remember its significance for our church. While it is a time for self-reflection and seriousness, it is also a time when we are encouraged to attend services at other churches, partake in the meals where we can interact with persons of other denominations, and work together at First Congregational in community outreach. We are witnessing both new and former members returning. Let us build on this trend and help to make it continue!

On that note .... The deacons have spent a great deal of time discussing how First Congregational can inspire the return to church. Deacon Steve Bentley agreed to meet the challenge of this task head on. You should be receiving a mailing within the next few weeks from First Congregational encouraging getting to know us, and attending our church. Fully aware that most of you are already attending, there are others who may need this extra motivation. Please offer yourself as a liaison to those people to come, either for the first time, or "back."

Thanks go to the Women's Fellowship, under the guidance of Katha Root, for the wonderful luncheon that was served on Thursday, February 22nd, immediately following the Lenten service at noon. Once again, many hands make light work. As was pointed out by our church moderator, Jim Gagnon, this group does many, many tasks that mostly go unnoticed.

World Day of Prayer will be observed at First Congregational on Friday, March 1st, at 11:00 am. World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. There will be a short program followed by lunch and fellowship. Participants are asked to bring a sandwich; soup and beverages will be provided. On this day, we will be participating with 120 other countries in prayer. Please join us. This is a program open to men and women of all faiths.

We continue looking for volunteers to read scripture, host a coffee hour, and/or usher. If you would like to volunteer to usher for one of these months, please contact Joan Paino (or any

deacon) OR if you would be willing to do part of one of these months, please let us know. Sign-up sheets for ushering, scripture reading and coffee hour are all in the social hall.

Your contributions to the Greene Area Church's Food Bank continue to be appreciated. Remember cash donations are also welcomed! These can be sent in to the church, or to Jackie Jenks at 517 State Highway 206, Greene, NY.

Don't forget the weekly Lenten services on each Thursday from February 22nd to March 21st. The schedule can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Also ... orders and donations for flowers for our Easter Sunday worship are due March 3rd. These can be sent to the church, or given directly to Kathy Estey.

- Joan Paino

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BEGINS SUNSHINE CONNECTION

While the deacons send cards to members for birthdays and anniversaries, the Women's Fellowship felt there was an opportunity to reach out to those who are ill, have a loss in their family, or just may need a little extra support. So, thank you to Judy Halstrom who has agreed to start this connection for us. To make it work, Judy will need to hear from you with information about someone you may know who needs this little touch to brighten their day. Information can be sent to Judy at any of the following:

*Judy Halstrom*  
14 Grace Drive, Apt. A2  
Greene, NY 13778  
607-226-0928  
[judyhalstrom@rocketmail.com](mailto:judyhalstrom@rocketmail.com)

You can also give her information when you see her at church.



**Daylight Savings Time Begins on March 10<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Remember...set your clocks ahead one hour**  
**Saturday night!**

## LIFELINE SCREENING March 22nd

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at First Congregational Church United Church of Christ on Friday, March 22, 2024.

A package of four screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

### **Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)**

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

### **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening**

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.<sup>1</sup>

### **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)**

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

### **Atrial Fibrillation**

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.<sup>2</sup>

These 4 vital screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Register by calling toll free 1-844-591-7160, text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or online at <https://lisa.social/HC>



## Easter Flowers

Would you like to place a flower in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024? If so, please complete the form below and put in Kathy Estey's box or give to Kathy by Sunday, March 3rd. Or mail to the church.

I would like to place a flower in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday.

In memory of

(deceased)

In honor of

(living)

Given by

Please check one:

I will purchase the flower and bring to church.

I would like the church to order.

(Please make checks payable to the First Congregational Church and put "Easter flower" in the memo.)

Please note how many:

\$13.50 (6" Easter lily)

\$27.00 (8" Easter lily)

\$9.50 (4" pot of mini daffodils)

\$9.50 (4" pot of regular daffodils)

\$11.50 (6" pot of regular daffodils)

\$23.00 (8" pot of regular daffodils)

\$9.50 (4" pot of tulips or hyacinths, please circle one)

\$11.50 (6" pot of tulips or hyacinths, please circle one)

\$23.00 (8" pot of tulips or hyacinths, please circle one)

## LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 29th noon at Baptist Church

w/Assembly of God Church

March 7th noon at Methodist Church

March 14th noon at Zion Episcopal Church

March 21st noon at Baptist Church

March 24th Palm Sunday Service at First

Congregational Church, UCC 10:00 a.m.

March 28th Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m. at

First Congregational Church

March 29th Good Friday Service, noon at

Baptist Church

March 31st Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. at

Primary School yard (no breakfast)

Easter Service at First Congregational

Church, UCC 10:00 a.m.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING - MARCH 10, 2024

The gifts you give to OGHS are leveraged with those of others across the United Church of Christ bringing a greater impact to the work being done with local and global partners. Your support enables us to respond to a variety of global and local concerns by addressing advocacy, sustainable development, refugee and asylum issues, migration, and disasters, and assisting those most in need and vulnerable among us.

When you share your gifts, you "Share the Light" and your generosity ensures that, even in the midst of uncertainty, the transforming power of God's love continues to change lives here and around the world, as together we build a just world for all.





## MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee met Feb. 13th and discussed a number of requests received this spring. We will again be sending donations to Heifer International, World Vision, The Place (in Norwich), Back Bay Mission, and The Cortland-Chenango Rural Services, all groups helping struggling people here in our area, and around the world. We are also making a contribution to the Greene High School PTO, towards the Greene High School, Senior Dinner Dance being held graduation weekend in June. We wish the seniors a really special night, and all the best in their futures.

Several months ago, we put out the little "Family Thanks Offering" boxes to be filled by folks feeling thankful for day to day things, or special things happening in their lives. These little brown and white church boxes will be collected the last few Sundays in February and in early March, with the proceeds going to Mission Committee activities. Also coming up in March is one of our "5 for 5" special collections, One Great Hour of Sharing. This special collection through the United Church of Christ, goes to aid people in need around the world.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Ruth Bennett, The Mission Committee

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Greetings from Women's Fellowship!

Our group is off and running for 2024! We have delivered Valentine cards to the residents of the Vet's Home and have served a delicious luncheon for the Lenten service at our church on February 22. We continue to send greeting cards and prayer shawls of love and support to friends who need a cheerful word and a prayer from the group. We are planning for World Day of Prayer on March 1 and getting ready to promote Blanket Sundays for the month of May. We will begin selling our RADA cutlery and popular Streak-less cloths each Sunday after church in March. Carol

DeJager is designing and making a beautiful quilt for a raffle to be held at our rummage sale in August.

Our next project is preparing and delivering hygiene and school kits to support the efforts of Church World Service. We are asking for your donations to help with this project. Here is a description of the kits and items we need. Cash donations are also welcome. There is a box in the social hall so you can donate these items any time during March. Thanks in advance!

**HYGIENE KITS** - Everyone deserves access to basic necessities to feel clean and stay healthy.

*Items needed:*

*Hand towels (15" X 28" to 16" X 32") No fingertip, bath, dish or micro-fiber towels.*

*Wide tooth combs removed from package. Sturdy with 6" of teeth, no pocket combs or picks*

*Fingernail or toenail clipper removed from packaging*

*Bath-size bar of soap in original package*

*Standard size band-aids*

**SCHOOL KITS** - Starting a new school year can be exciting, but for children who do not have needed supplies, it can be terrifying.

*Items needed:*

*Blunt Scissors, rounded tip only*

*70-count bound notebooks. No loose leaf or filler paper.*

*Hand-held pencil sharpener, removed from packaging*

Please see Katha Root (656-9654) with any questions and thank you for supporting this important project.

As a reminder, all women of the church are members of this group and are invited to join in our projects and activities, even if they cannot attend our monthly meetings.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

March 1st at 11:00 AM

First Congregational Church, UCC  
28 North Chenango Street

*On Friday, March 1st, the Women's Fellowship is sponsoring World Day of Prayer at the First Congregational Church at 11:00. There will be a short program followed by lunch and fellowship. Participants are asked to bring a sandwich - soup and beverages will be provided. On this day, we will be participating with 120 other countries in prayer. Please join us for this important event.*

Invite your friends, family and communities of faith to join together to pray for justice and peace around the world.



## HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

The month of valentines and presidents, February, had 29 days this year, and we will not see another leap year until 2028. Our four Sundays this month were festive, as social hour was celebrated each Sunday. A big **Thank-You** to everyone who helped with February social hours!

### Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship met in the social hall on February 6, with Katha Root presiding. The main topic of discussion was the Lenten Luncheon, which will be at our church on February 22. The traditional menu, macaroni and cheese, Jello salad, and stewed tomatoes will be served. Katha will buy all the food and we will meet on Wednesday, February 21 to prepare the Jello and the mac and cheese, set tables, and provide decorations.

The Craft Fair will be July 27 and we plan to sell quilt tickets in front of Hymn & Hawe again. Katha thanked Kathy Estey and others who helped

organize the kitchen, and special thanks to George Estey who fixed the broken drawer.

After some discussion, it was decided that the entire month of May will be dedicated to collecting money for Blanket Sunday.

Sharon Gagnon and Ruth Bennett inventoried the hygiene and school kits for Church World Service. Following the inventory, we decided via e-mail vote to provide 80 kits for the project.

Judy needs cards for the Sunshine Project. Please leave get-well and thinking-of-you cards in the Women's Fellowship box for Judy.

Katha provided valentine cards for us to sign for the residents of the vets' home in Oxford. She will deliver the cards on February 12. We also decided to send valentines to Florida snowbirds and to shut-ins.

### Worship Services

Communion was celebrated on February 4.



Social hour on February 4



Judy peruses Cherie's Book Sunday display

February 11 was Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. We were asked to bring canned food and a dollar, which was collected before the service, to donate to the Greene Area Food Pantry.

The service of Affirmation of Ministry occurred on February 11 following the anthem. Outgoing officers were recognized for their service during the past years as follows: Theresa Schultheis, deacons; Kathy Estey, deacons; Esther Evans, mission committee; and Joan Paino, deacons. Those installed were Kathy Estey, Esther Evans, and Joan Paino, all starting new terms as deacons. Thank you, all who served and continue to serve our church.



Starting new terms as deacons: Joan Paino, Esther Evans; Kathy Estey

### Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday service was celebrated on February 14 at Immaculate Conception Church with ministers from the Baptist, Methodist, and Congregational churches officiating, with a layperson from Immaculate Conception. In the absence of Mary Wentlent, Parish Life Director for Immaculate

Conception, Pastor Curtis delivered the Message for the service. A delicious soup luncheon was served following the service, which included four kinds of meatless soups, bread and butter, and homemade cookies.

### February 18, First Sunday in Lent

February 18 was the first Sunday in Lent. Pastor Curtis reminded us during the children's sermon that purple is the color of the Lenten season. We were also reminded that forms for Easter flowers need to be turned in to Kathy Estey by Sunday, March 3. Also, the Family Thank Boxes should be returned to church on February 25.

Cookies and/or sheet cakes were requested for the first Lenten luncheon on Thursday, February 22 in the social hall.

### Lenten Luncheon

As the saying goes "Many hands make light work" and this was the case as Women's Fellowship gathered on Wednesday, February 21, to prepare the food for the Lenten luncheon on February 22. The Jello salad with shredded carrots and pans of macaroni and cheese were assembled under the efficient direction of Katha Root. In addition, Katha covered the tables with purple tablecloths and Kathy Estey and Esther Evans set the tables with silverware and napkins. The tables were decorated with bouquets of fresh daffodils from Wegmans, which came all the way from England, specifically from Fentongollan Farm in Cornwall!

We returned on Thursday at 10 a.m. to put the finishing touches on the luncheon, assembling the desserts and baking the macaroni and cheese, and heating the stewed tomatoes, whose fragrance soon emanated throughout the kitchen.

We welcomed guest organist Zach Crandall, who played beautifully throughout the service for us, as always. Thank you, Zach!

Approximately 45 guests attended the service and enjoyed the luncheon following in the social hall. Thanks go out to all who helped with the luncheon, and kudos to the intrepid dishwasher operators, the Georges, Marr and Estey.





Daffodils from Fentongollan Farms,  
Cornwall, England!



Lenten service



Ruth: Kitchen duty for the luncheon



Zach Crandall, guest organist



Enjoying the luncheon



Helpers taking a break





## February 25, Second Sunday in Lent

During announcements we were reminded of the following forthcoming events:

Lenten service at the Baptist Church provided by The Assembly of God Church

World Day of Prayer at First Congregational Church at 11 a.m. Soup and beverage will be provided. Please bring a sandwich.

One Great Hour of Sharing collection will be taken on March 10.

March 3 is the last day for Easter flower orders to be given to Kathy Estey. Forms may be found in the social hall.

Talk the Walk testimonials were given during the service by Donna Possemato (Joe's successful surgery) and George Marr (God's intervention and guidance at times of extreme crisis in his life).

Thank you, Ruth Bennett and Judy Halstrom, for a lovely social hour to end our February worship.

Peg Marr, Historian

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Meetings for the rest of the year are:

June 11, 6:30 p.m.

October 8, 6:30 p.m.

November 10, budget meeting after worship

December 10, 6:30 p.m.

January 26, Annual Meeting after worship

## Easter Bible Trivia Quiz

1. What was the name of the prisoner the people wanted released instead of Jesus?  
a. Barnabas b. Haman c. Barabbas
2. What kind of crown was placed on the head of Jesus?  
a. Crown of jewels b. Crown of nails c. Crown of Thorns
3. What did Jesus say would cry out as He rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday?  
a. the stones b. the angels c. the earth
4. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?  
a. 25 b. 30 c. 35
5. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?  
a. Mary Magdalene b. Mary mother of John Mark c. Mary of Rome
6. How many times did Peter deny Christ after he abandoned the Lord?  
a. two times b. three times c. four times
7. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?  
a. three hours b. three days c. three weeks
8. Where did the angel tell the women to go and see the risen Savior?  
a. Mount of Olives b. Galilee c. Mount Carmel
9. When Jesus saw the disciples after His resurrection, what did He ask them to bring at the Sea of Tiberias?  
a. Sheep b. Fish c. Leaven Bread
10. What is the name of the prayer which Jesus taught his disciples?  
a. A Prayer of Supplication b. Intercessory Prayer c. The Lord's Prayer
11. While in the wilderness, Jesus was tempted to turn what into loaves of bread?  
a. Stone b. Wood c. Sand
12. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?  
a. Andrew b. Philip c. Peter
13. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?  
a. hanged himself b. jumped in the river c. stabbed himself
14. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was He riding on?  
a. A camel b. A horse c. A donkey
15. What moved the object in front of the tomb door?  
a. the object moved itself b. the earthquake c. an angel
16. Which of the Twelve Apostles did not believe that Jesus was risen?  
a. Andrew b. John the Beloved c. Thomas

