

# *First Community Church*

# *Newsletter*

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April 2012

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## *Our Mission Statement*

*We are a community of faith believing in the power of prayer and seeking earnestly to deepen our spiritual life and share the love of God with others.*

## *The Pastor's Message*

**I** find it interesting that the two primary celebrations or holidays of the Christian year, Christmas and Easter, are preceded by periods of preparation: Advent for Christmas and Lent for Easter. Both witness to God's deep desire to be present to and in the world. The settings for both events were far from spectacular: a manger for the birth and a tomb for the resurrection. Not exactly the kind of places where you would expect to witness God's miraculous intervention in the life and history of humankind.

Yet these two events are the cornerstones not only of the Christian liturgical year but also our Christian faith. We not only celebrate God's incarnation in Jesus of Nazareth two thousand years ago; we also pray that he will be born again in our hearts today. We not only celebrate the resurrection, the empty tomb that turned death into life two thousand years ago; we also pray that like Jesus we might die to our old self and be reborn to new life in him.

This is such a wonderful time of year for us as a church. This Sunday, Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. At our Maundy Thursday service we listen once again to the scriptural accounts of the events of Holy Week. As these passages of scripture are read by some of our lay people and as each of them extinguishes a single candle from the communion table, we sense the growing darkness of that week, a darkness that found its culmination in the crucifixion. At this service we share the Sacrament of Holy Communion with each other, just as Jesus did with his disciples at the Last Supper. It is a powerful moment and opportunity to be with our Lord, to feel his presence with and among us. Then we leave the service in silence.

On Easter morn Christians from all of the churches in Southborough gather by the side of the lake in Hopkinton to celebrate Easter as Christians have done for over a thousand years – at the time of the day when Mary went to the tomb. Then we gather, each of us in our own church, to witness to the power of the resurrection. Our church will be resplendent with lilies and floral

decorations and our choir will grace us with special music as we celebrate the event that changed the course of history and became the cornerstone of our deepest identity.

Then, in the weeks between Easter and Pentecost we will explore the various ways that the apostles rediscovered Jesus following his death and resurrection. As we do this we hope to heighten our sensitivity to his living presence in our lives and in the world. This liturgical season culminates in Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian Church, which is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

I was going to say that this is a wonderful time of year to be a Christian, but every time of year is a wonderful time of year to be a Christian. I was going to say that we hope that you will join us in worship during Holy Week, but we hope that you will join us in worship every week of the year. My prayer for you in Holy Week, in the Easter season and throughout the year is that you might discover or rediscover the true meaning of both Christmas and Easter: that Christ might be born again in your heart, and that you might find the new life that is promised to those who answer his call to become disciples of the Way.

Faithfully yours,  
Reverend Paul D. Sanderson

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## *Adult Bible Study*

In our Sunday morning Bible Study we are continuing our study of the Gospel of John. The Gospel of John is quite different from the synoptic gospels; its focus is not so much on what Jesus did and said as who he was. In our study whenever possible, we compare the way a particular event or interaction is described in John with how it is described in Matthew, Mark and Luke. Everyone is welcome. Bibles are provided.

The Adult Bible Study group meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of every month from 9:15 – 10:30 AM in the Vestry.

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## *Spiritual Exploration Reading Group*

### **Exploring The Relationship Between Chinese Mysticism And The Christian Faith**

**Tuesday Afternoons with Rev. Sanderson**

The theme of our Tuesday afternoon Spiritual Exploration Reading Group this winter/spring is how the insights of ancient Chinese mysticism can shape our understanding of God. We are reading Lao Tsu's collection of eighty-one poems, the Tao Te Ching to discern parallels with Jesus' teachings about God and the way we should live our life.

The Tuesday afternoon study group meets every Tuesday from 2:30 – 4:00 PM in the Vestry. Everyone is welcome!

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## *Missions Offering*

Our Mission Offering for April will go to benefit the Worcester County Food Bank. The Worcester County Food Bank (WCFB) is a community-based non-profit organization whose mission is “*To Engage, Educate and Lead Worcester County in Creating a Hunger-Free Community.*”



*Creating a hunger-free community*



WCFB is Central Massachusetts' largest anti-hunger organization distributing donated food and grocery product annually in partnership with food donors, financial supporters, and volunteers. WCFB provides this product to a network of 150 partner agencies that have programs for feeding people including food pantries, community meal programs, and shelters. In fiscal year 2011, WCFB and its partner agencies distributed 5.8 million pounds of food to 83,145 different people, including 32,426 children. For every dollar WCFB receives, it can distribute \$5.00 worth of food.

WCFB believes hunger is a solvable problem. It works with concerned citizens, community leaders, and elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels in advocating for systemic and sustainable solutions to the problem of hunger.

“The stories can be heartbreaking and the people who want to help are heartwarming,” said food bank director Jean McMurray, whose been working there for 16 years. McMurray said over 400 volunteers working a total of about 5,000 hours help the bank run all year round, which helps supplement the supplies in local food banks.

Of the food they distribute annually, proteins and fresh fruits and vegetables are the two largest categories. “That is really a credit to our donors,” McMurray said. She noted that these are the foods that are often hardest for local food pantries to obtain and distribute.

While most of the donations to the Worcester County Food Bank are larger since they can handle truckloads of food, McMurray said they never turn any donation away. “It doesn't matter how small the donation is, they all add up to the whole,” McMurray said.

The Worcester County Food Bank receives 38 percent of the food they distribute in donations from food retailers, manufacturers and local farms, 31 percent comes from the state and 28 percent from the USDA. Food drives and co-ops make up the remaining 3 percent.

As food banks have become busier since in the downturn in the economy a few years ago, the Worcester County Food Bank has also seen an increase in clients. “These have been trying and challenging times, since 2008,” McMurray said. “Shrewsbury is a wonderful home and so is Worcester County. People here do what they can and those donations help us meet the needs of our clients.” All of the donations donated to the Worcester County Food Bank will help local food pantries and, therefore, local residents.

McMurray said a lot of what they do involves advocacy. She said they encourage those in need to take advantage of school meals, where kids can get two healthy meals a day for free, and food stamps beyond just visiting the food bank.

“Good information is just as important as good food,” McMurray said.



## *A Service Of Tenebrae*

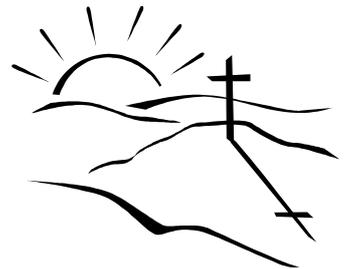
On Maundy Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 PM, we meet in the sanctuary to participate in the remembrance of the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. The word “maundy” comes from the Latin “mandatum novum” or “new commandment” that you *love one another*.

Our communion service is followed by an observance of the Office of Tenebrae, an early (4<sup>th</sup> century) office of worship. The word “tenebrae” means darkness. The gradual extinguishing of the candles following the recitation of the events of Holy Week symbolizes the betrayal, the approach of Jesus’ enemies, the moments of aloneness in the Garden, and the dark night of the soul. The moment of near total darkness recalls the three days our Lord was in the tomb. The relighting of the single candle is the prophecy of the resurrection soon to dawn.

We invite you to join us for this powerful and solemn ceremony.

## *Easter Sunrise Service*

*“He is risen, He is risen indeed”*



Arise early and dress warmly to see the sunlight glistening off the water and listen to the variety of bird songs joyfully filling the air all around.

Join us at Hopkinton State Park on Easter Sunday morning, April 8 for our annual Sunrise Service sponsored by the Lay Council of The United Parishes of Southborough. The service will begin at 6:30 AM at the end of the parking lot next to the marina. In case of steady rain, the service will take place at First Community Church.

Julie Cedrone, Associate Minister of Pilgrim Church will be delivering the Easter message.

## *A Mission Update*

# THE TIBET FUND

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It's official! We have adopted "Tenzin Dekyi!"

Both her parents are from Tibet, who came into exile in 2006. Tenzin, who was born on April 9, 2009 will be celebrating her third birthday in a few days.



You will be hearing more about Tenzin, when we feature her and the Tibet Fund in the October Newsletter as our "Mission of the Month."

For now, we just wanted to share our "exciting news."

## *Women's Fellowship*

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16*

The Women's Fellowship met on Thursday, March 22. Under old business, we discussed the meal that we had served at the Annual Meeting. Everyone agreed that our choices of soup and sandwiches were a success and all other offerings were a blessing. Moving on to new business, it was voted by the Fellowship that our Treasurer Beverly Lees will be overseeing action on our CDs' at their respective dates of maturity. Membership dues of \$5.00 are now due and all members in attendance paid theirs in full. Karin Farmer was elected to be our Church Council Representative and would attend the next Council Meeting to be held on Monday, March 26.

A kitchen clean-up date was set for Thursday, April 19 from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. The clean-up team volunteers are Karin Farmer, Martha Hubley, Helen Varney, and Mattie Cummings.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17. We will be having our business meeting at 6:30 PM with Martha Hubley responsible for devotions and Mattie Cummings for refreshments. At 7:00 PM, we will be holding a special program with guests Zack Bird and Angie DeCormier. Zack and Angie will be sharing with us and all other invited friends and members, about their work at the New England Center for Children here in Southborough, a global leader in the treatment of Autism, and their future work and move to Abu Dhabi next month. More details elsewhere in this edition of the Newsletter.

Mattie Cummings, Secretary

## *Spiritual Study & Growth Group*

**Exploring Jungian Psychology And The Christian Faith  
Thursday Evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM with Rev. Sanderson**

The theme of our Thursday evening Spiritual Study and Growth Group this winter/spring is the relationship of Jungian psychology (the psychology of Carl Gustav Jung) to the Christian faith. We are beginning our study with an overview of Jung's understanding of the psyche and an exploration of the archetypes of persona and shadow. We will read and discuss two books in particular: Robert Louis Stevenson's short novel, *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*, and Robert Johnson's *Owning Your Own Shadow*. Johnson, who is both a Jungian psychoanalyst and an Episcopal priest, is especially gifted in being able to take Jung's profound insights into the grounding of religious beliefs and doctrines in the archetypal structures of the collective unconscious and present them in a way that makes them easy to grasp.

The Thursday evening study group meets every Thursday from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Vestry. Everyone is welcome!



On Tuesday, April 17, at 7:00 PM, the Women's Fellowship will be hosting a special program with guests Zack Bird and Angie DeCormier.

Angie and Zack have been worshipping with us at First Community Church for some time. They applied and have accepted an offer from the New England Center For Children, to work for a year with children in Abu Dhabi.

The New England Center for Children (NECC) is a national recognized leader for AGA treatment, early intervention, preschool, day school, and residential services for children with Autism and PDD since 1975. They are located right here in Southborough.

Zack and Angie will be sharing with all of us what they have been studying in college, their current work at the New England Center for Children and what they will be doing in Abu Dhabi.

Please come and share this evening with Zack and Angie. This will be a great time to wish them both well on their new journey, as they will be leaving us in May.

Coffee and refreshments will be served.



## *A Blast From The Past*

### **125 Years Ago**

#### **1887 – April**

- ◆ Mrs. Abbie F. Woodbury, wife of Wm. R. Woodbury died at her residence the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> after an illness of 3 months. Her funeral was well attended. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Morong of Ashland assisted by Rev. John LeBosquet of Southville.
- ◆ It is said work will be started soon on the grading about the new South Union school.
- ◆ The Marathon race at Ashland, Patriots Day attracted a good many from here.

### **100 Years Ago**

#### **1912 – April**

- ◆ The Congregational Church: Rev. Schaffer, pastor has Sunday school at 1:30. Preaching by the pastor at 2:45 PM. Evening service at 7. Thursday evening prayer meeting at 7:30.

### **75 Years Ago**

#### **1937 -- April**

- ◆ Miss Nita Soro has established a route dispensing of various kinds of vegetable and flower seeds.
- ◆ It is said a “piggery” is to be started in the Saddle Hill district, quite a distance from the community.
- ◆ Mr. & Mrs. L.S. Pierce and family have moved their household goods from their residence on Southville Road to the Voter house, Wood Street. Mr. & Mrs. Donald Blood and family have moved to the Pierce house. (Historian’s Note: It is believed the Southville Road house was the later home of our Dot Watkins)

### **50 Years Ago**

#### **1962 -- April**

- ◆ Sunday night Lenten services were held during March and April.
- ◆ Members of the Senior group joined the Church on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ◆ The Women’s Fellowship meeting opened with a Ham supper served by Buffet Inc. A report on the purchase of dishes for the kitchen was given. A nominating committee was appointed.

### **25 Years Ago**

#### **1987 -- April**

- ◆ This year the board of trustees accomplished the vinyl siding of the church building along with new gutters and downspouts and new roofing. Bob Nelson repaired the stained glass windows in the sanctuary.

## 10 Years Ago

### 2002 -- April

- ◆ Choir practices have changed from Wednesdays at 4:30 to Tuesdays at 4:30 due to a conflict with Michael, our organist. Choir members in 2002 are: Martha Hublely, Darlene Sanderson, Dot Watkins, Joan Brunelle, Pat Mountain, Evelyn Till, Beth Hook, Jim Holmes, Bob Nelson, Tom Sickles, and Dennis Roy. Choir director: David Sickles. A framed picture of the choir was given to each member.

## *Laity Sunday*

*What* is Laity Sunday? It is an annual opportunity for the congregation of our Church to be participants in the entire Sunday morning service. It is a chance to share with our fellow Christians a little bit of our personal faith.

*When* is Lay Sunday? This year it will be held on Sunday, April 15.

*Who* will fill the positions on Lay Sunday? The Diaconate is looking for volunteers to serve in the following parts of the service:

- ◆ Call to Worship
- ◆ Prayer of Invocation
- ◆ Announcements & Passing of the Peace
- ◆ Celebrations & Concerns; Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Scripture Reading
- ◆ Sermon
- ◆ Offering and Prayer of Dedication
- ◆ Benediction

The sermon could be anything from a short message from a couple of people or you could share your own personal experience of faith.

*Where* is Lay Sunday being held? First Community Church of Southborough.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Vestry.



## *L'il Shoppe*

### *Featuring L'il Bake Sale*

The Stewardship and Growth Committee will be holding a L'il Bake Sale at the L'il Shoppe. Stop by and see what we have to offer! Each Sunday we will offer something yummy such as desserts, homemade breads and maybe even a lasagna or a casserole. We may even have a craft once in a while.

Please stop by to see what we are featuring each week. Please consider baking/making something for the L'il Shoppe in the following weeks!

## *Bottles & Cans For Cash*



First Community Church is lined up for Wednesday, April 25 for our day in the “Cage” -- the day that we take our turn to sort and bag cans and bottles for cash! The Transfer Station’s Bottle and Can Cage in Southborough is located off Route 85, near the Post Office.

By giving your time and efforts for just a few hours on that day, our Church has a great opportunity for a chance to earn money through this great fundraiser to go toward the General Fund.

Please put your name on the dotted line on the sign-up sheet that is posted in the Vestry.

Don’t forget to keep saving all your deposit plastic bottles and cans prior to collection day. They can be brought to church on Sunday, April 22. If you need someone to pick them up, just call Mattie Cummings or Bob L’Heureux.

Mattie Cummings  
Chief Bottle & Can Collector

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## *Spring Is Here*

It’s that time of year to clean out the closets, the cellar and the kitchen drawers!

The Stewardship and Growth Committee is sponsoring a Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, May 12 at our church.

Toys, clothes, shoes, household items and furniture are on the list. We will **not** be accepting books, TV’s, computers, VCR’s, or any “old” electronics and/or small appliances.

More information will be provided in the May Newsletter. If you have any questions please see any one of our committee members.

We will have a sign up sheet for anyone who would like to help.

2012 Stewardship & Growth Committee

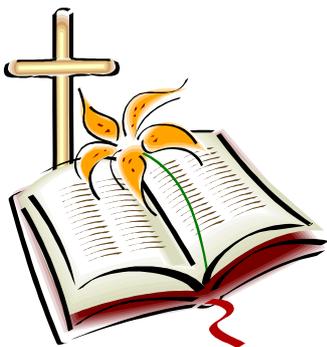
David Crane, Eileen Prefontaine, Darlene Sanderson, David Sickles, Dianne Simmons and Sharon Willman



## *Early Easter Morn*

- ☑ Don't overdo on the decorated eggs, jellybeans, or chocolate bunnies.
- ☑ Don't go overboard with your Easter outfits or bonnets (does anyone wear them now a days?).
- ☑ Don't overindulge at the groaning table with all the aromas and visions of Mom's feast filling our nostrils and piquing our hunger for her favorite Easter Dinner creations.
- ☑ Don't forget these traditions are not the Easter message we love to hear.
- ☑ Don't forget the why of Easter.
- ☑ Do look all around you and notice your blessings, count them (or try to), they are many.
- ☑ Do participate in the Sunrise Service with us early on Easter morning. Begin this Easter's commemoration by focusing on the Risen Son of God represented by the rising sun this day.
- ☑ Do be transported away for a short while from our busy lives and reflect on the promise of Jesus' words and works.
- ☑ Do congregate with others who like you, realize we need to let this earthly life fade into the background and hear the sounds of nature, quiet and still. They are words of hope and the music of celebration, of the most important message possible, "Christ is Risen!!"
- ☑ Do realize your life has purpose. Now look beyond the many negatives of today's events and environment, see an empty cross, the symbol of renewed life, and love beyond the grave.
- ☑ Do let this imperative understanding guide you to sharing the love God extended to us with others of like minds at this wonderfully unifying service on Easter morning and also making it possible for you to internalize the awe and magnitude of Jesus' resurrection after such a cruel and ignorant death as His short life's fate.

**DO'S  
&  
DONT'S**



He is risen! He is with us still. He will always be here, as we share an Easter morning together at this peaceful site, in God's sight and under His protective unifying mantle.

Recognize the words,  
Realize it,  
Rejoice in it!

Martha Hubley  
Guest Columnist

# S O U T H B O R O U G H F O O D P A N T R Y

Please help us help others!

## First Community Church Shopping List for April



For the month of April will be collecting all donations that are appropriate and you are willing to give. Choose from the list below or consider making a check out to First Community Church of Southborough with a note earmarking it "Southborough Food Pantry."

**Parmalat Milk**



**Goldfish Crackers**



**Cheez It Crackers**



**Coffee**



The collection box is located next to the L'il Shoppe for you to drop off your items.

## *From The Editor*

The deadline for the May 2012 Newsletter is **Monday, April 30, 2012.** Remember to include any dates for meetings or events you would like listed on the calendar. Articles may be submitted to Cheryl Holmes by:



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# Thank You

## From Our Missions



To the Members of First Community Church  
of Southborough,



Imagine having nowhere to sleep. To eat. To bathe. For yourself or your children. In MA, approximately 95% of homeless families are comprised of a single mother and several young children usually under the age of ten. Homelessness isn't just about not having a place to live – it impacts an individual's social, emotional, medical, developmental, educational and occupational status, as well. Homeless women and children demonstrate higher rates of mental health issues and problem behaviors, have poorer developmental and health outcomes, and over the long run, suffer from a lack of educational, vocational and economic success, which places these women and their children at continued risk for homelessness.

Opened in 1976 as one of the first homeless shelters for women in the US, Abby's House has provided shelter, housing and advocacy to more than 11,500 low-income, homeless and battered women and children from across Central MA, helping them to regain their footing on the path to independence. We would not have been able to achieve this level of success without the steadfast generous support of individuals, community groups, religious groups – like yours – business and private and corporate foundations.

At present, Abby's House faces a significant challenge: the roof at 52 High Street – where 55 of our 78 units of affordable housing are located – is in need of immediate replacement, having been patched well past its lifespan. A recent study of the roof by an architectural team uncovered serious signs of ongoing deterioration of both the roof and the underlying wooded roof decks. If the roof and drains are not replaced, the roof is at risk for failure. Given these factors, our architects are recommending immediate replacement. The cost of this project is \$300,000, or \$35 per square foot.

Beyond preventing further damage to the underlying roof deck, structural supports and ultimately, the collapse of the roof – which would do serious damage to the building and displace, possibly injure or kill some of our residents – installing a new roof at 52 High Street will result in a significant increase in energy efficiency. Our architect estimates that we are currently losing as much as 50% of our heat through the roof! At present, Abby's House spends \$36,000 per year on heat. Installing a new roof will help us save significantly on these costs. Most importantly, replacing the roof will preserve 55 units of safe, decent, affordable housing for low-income women.

We deeply appreciate your most recent gift. In light of the urgency, cost and importance of this project, we are turning to all of the religious groups that have provided us with support and

asking them to consider making a donation or holding a special collection to help “Raise the Roof.” If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Lange, Director of Fund Development and External Relations at Extension 18.

Sincerely,

Tess Sneesby  
 Executive Director  
 Abby’s House

***With Our Special Thanks To –***

- ◆ All those who helped cook, bake, prepare, serve, and/or clean up when it was our turn to co-host the dinner with Pilgrim Church at the second session of the United Parishes of Southborough Lenten Series. Thanks also to Jim Holmes and Cumberland Farms for the donation of the dinner rolls. And a big thanks to Bob L’Heureux who continues to be a very active member and our Representative at the UP Council.



***Our Gifts We Bring***

As most of you know, our Missions Offerings are donations made above and beyond our gifts of the Pledges that we make to support the First Community Church of Southborough’s General Operating Budget.

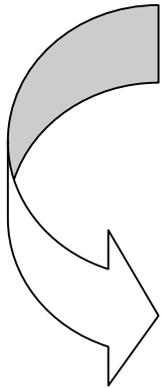
Our Treasurer Bob Farmer, has provided us with an update of what we have collected and donated as of March 31, to the Missions that we have chosen to support this year.

<b><i>MISSIONS -- JANUARY – MARCH 2012</i></b>		
<b><i>MISSIONS</i></b>	<b><i>COLLECTED</i></b>	<b><i>DISBURSED</i></b>
Straight Ahead Ministries	\$410.00	\$400.00
Assabet Valley Pastoral Counseling	\$300.00	\$300.00
Abby’s House	\$258.00	\$0
Worcester County Food Bank	\$10.00	\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$978.00</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>

# LOOKING AHEAD

Choir Appreciation Sunday  
Sunday, May 20

Spring Yard Sale  
Saturday, May 12



## Write down these dates!!

	
<b><i>Birthdays</i></b>	
Lou Dundin	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ron Sickles	7 <sup>th</sup>
Roy Pinnock	13 <sup>th</sup>
Skip Willman	17 <sup>th</sup>
Gloria Sadler	30 <sup>th</sup>
<b><i>Anniversaries</i></b>	
Scott & Sandy McKeen	29 <sup>th</sup>
Garcia Passley & Roy Pinnock	30 <sup>th</sup>



# CELEBRATIONS



# For we are laborers together with God...(1 Corinthians 3:8)

## Lay Leaders

April 1 - Garcia Passley  
April 8 - Bob L'Heureux  
April 15 - Laity Sunday  
April 22 -  
April 29 -



## Greeters

April 1 - Garcia, Roy & Nigel Pinnock  
April 8 - Sharon & Skip Willman  
April 15 -  
April 22 -  
April 29 -

## Coffee Hour Hosts

April 1 - Sandy & Scott McKeen  
April 8 - Easter - No Coffee Hour  
April 15 - Thelma Oakes  
April 22 - Eileen Prefontaine  
April 29 - Marlene Joe



## Memorial Flowers

April 1 - Beth Hook  
April 8 - Easter  
April 15 - Hazel Watkinson  
April 22 - Barbara & David Crane  
April 29 - Marlene Joe



## Deacons for April

Bob L'Heureux and Scott McKeen

## *I Sought The Lord*

*I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew  
he moved my soul to seek Him, seeking me;  
it was not I that found, O Saviour true,  
No, I was found of Thee.*

*Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine enfold;  
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea,  
'Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold,  
As Thou, dear Lord, on me.*

*I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole  
of love is but my answer, Lord, to Thee;  
For Thou wert long beforehand with my soul,  
Always Thou lovedst me.*

*Author unknown*

*Karin Farmer  
Contributing Columnist*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Palm Sunday</i> 1</p>  <p>9:15 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p><i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i></p> <p>Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>2:30 PM Spiritual Exploration Reading Group</p> <p>5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting</p>	4	<p>5</p>  <p><b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b></p> <p>7:00 PM <i>Tenebrae Service</i></p>	<p>6</p>  <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b></p>	7
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