

# STEEPLE VIEWS

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## *THE PASTOR'S PAGE*

### **The Journey of Lent**

Greetings dear ones. I sit here on this Ash Wednesday, ready to embark on this 2023 journey through Lent. Ash Wednesday is the beginning point, a day when we acknowledge where we have been, what we have done, and all that we hold in our hearts, mind, bodies and spirits that diminishes and devalues us. It is a time of letting go of all that keeps us tethered to ways that may be destructive, harmful or diminishing. We move into a time in the wilderness of Lent, where we can discover or rediscover God's invitation to be in a deep and meaningful relationship, and/or to deepen the relationship we are in with God. Lent is a time where we walk in the footsteps of Jesus the Christ, facing the storms, trials and challenges of our lives, and looking clearly at the difficult events and issues of the day.

Later in the first week of Lent, we gathered in worship to mark the first Sunday in Lent. Folks shared some ways they were marking the journey: 1) Committing to meditation and/or prayer each day; 2) committing to reading scripture each day; 3) engaging in multiple faith formation series and devotional studies and practices; 4) performing acts of kindness beyond what we do in our daily lives; 5) acknowledging and reflecting on what we are grateful for; 6) sitting in the morning and slowing ourselves down and emptying ourselves so that there is more space for God to come into our hearts and spirits.

Lent is sometimes about what we choose to give up or go without in this season. It can also be a time where we lean into who we are as disciples of Christ and seekers on a journey. Reading the Gospel this Sunday from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 4, verses 1-11, we encounter the well-known passage of Jesus' temptation and tests in the wilderness. There are many ways to engage in this passage and the interactions between the figure of Satan and Jesus. One emerging view is to see it as facing our fears and insecurities, our self-rejection and self-denying of ourselves as beloved. It is often in those times, when our doubts, fears and guilt consume us, that we are most susceptible to the distractions that the "Devil" poses to Jesus: 1) the ability or urge to take the easy and expeditious way to comfort and prosperity, and to confuse what we need with what we desire; 2) The need to test God, and to develop a relationship with God that is transactional rather than covenantal, and grounds our faith in the things of this world. Lastly, 3) the seduction of power, status, and privilege and a grounding in the attractions of this material and temporal world, rather than the Love of, with and from God. Jesus resists these tests, relying on his faith, wisdom and love to know the true source of power and truth.

The late priest, theologian, author, teacher and servant Henri Nouwen spoke to the need to claim ourselves as beloved during this journey:

*Over the years, I have come to realize that the greatest trap in our life is not success, popularity, or power, but self-rejection. Success, popularity, and power can indeed present a great temptation, but their seductive quality often comes from the way they are part of the much larger temptation to self-rejection. When we have come to believe in the voices that call us worthless and unlovable, then success, popularity, and power are easily perceived as attractive solutions. The real trap, however, is self-rejection. As soon as someone accuses me or criticizes me, as soon as I am rejected, left alone, or abandoned, I find myself thinking, "Well, that proves once again that I am a nobody."*

*... I deserve to be pushed aside, forgotten, rejected, and abandoned. Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the "Beloved." Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence.*  
In this journey of Lent, go forth and be loved, be in love, and be beloved!

Rev. Larry

## Our Interim Minister is Here!

Reverend Larry Brickner-Wood is here and in place as our Interim Minister. He looks forward to being with us in this next phase of our journey together. Larry will be around most weeks on Sundays, and Monday-Wednesday. He looks forward to meeting with as many of us as possible, at the office or church, at your home, or in some local place where he can treat you to coffee, tea or brunch. He welcomes any questions, ideas, suggestions, concerns and ponderings. You can reach Reverend Larry at the church office, 603- 522-3189, and [pastor@fccwakefieldnh.org](mailto:pastor@fccwakefieldnh.org). Come on down!

## Hazel MacBrien Nursery School News

February is our shortest month, but it's a fun month too! We started the month by talking about the groundhog and doing a groundhog craft. The kids made predictions about whether or not he would see his shadow. He did and so we will have 6 more weeks of winter.

We introduced letters Yy, Qq and Hh. Some of the activities we did were lacing beads that were attached to different colored hearts, sorting conversation hearts by color and then counting and tallying them, using mini marshmallows and popcorn on 10-frames, making valentine card holders and creating love bug caterpillars that we hung on our bulletin board. Our sensory table was full of heart bracelets, rings and trinket boxes. We had a sweet treat and exchanged cards to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Winter break was the week of February 20th and we started classes again on the 27th. Thank you again to everyone for their continued support!

## SUPER Soup sale!

We did it! We beat last year's total (Which beat the previous year's total!) Here's the scoop on the soup:

- \* We had 11 awesome cooks - thank you to: Nancy Dee, Harriet Wilson, Evy Truhn, Carol Jeffery, Margie Galabrun, Carol Lundgren, Julie Evenson, Julie Kessler and her husband, John Griffin, Connie Littlefield, and Ginny Schweitzer.
- \* We made 17 different types of soups, chilis and chowders
- \* And we sold 237 containers of that mix of soups, chilis and chowders
- \* To give us a profit of \$1185!
- \* In addition, 38 donated soups were delivered to some hungry and grateful recipients.

A big thank you to all that cooked, helped with the distribution, purchased and donated soups!

## Transfiguration

*Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Matthew 17:1-2 (NRSV)*

One of the first Bible stories I learned in the adult Faith Formation group was about 'transfiguration' from the Gospel of Matthew 17:1-17. After reading Matt Laney's reflection, "Transfiguration", (UCC Devotional 2/24), I concluded that Lent is the season for introspection and personal transformation. Some might want to 'give up' or 'sacrifice' a guilty pleasure to observe this liturgical season. But I find trying to correct bad habits, looking for the good in others, or finding ways to help the less fortunate might be a better way to expand my heart with more sustainable, meaningful behavior that I could maintain even beyond Lent. What does the season of Lent mean to you? How can you transform, even if it is but a small change that you could carry beyond Easter Sunday?

An excellent resource for Daily inspiration and meditation: The UCC's **Still Speaking Writers' Group Daily Devotional**. **Link here:** <https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/> You can sign up on the website to have a devotional sent to your e-mail inbox 365 days a year!

## Faith Formation Ministry

Our Adult classes continue to meet at noon on Tuesdays. Through Lent, we will be discussing Were You There, Reflections on the Spirituals. We are also reading Running on Empty, daily devotionals written by the Still Speaking Writers' Group, "UCC ministers and writers who collaborate on resources for people in the church, outside the church, and not sure about church." (The Pilgrim Press)

Music Camp: FCCW will be offering Music Camp to our children during the 1st or 2nd week of August 2023. Many volunteers will be needed. More information to follow.

Children and Young Adults FF: The Faith Formation Ministry co-coordinators look forward to the guidance of our newly called Interim Minister, Reverend Larry. Welcome!

Linda Messer

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## I'm Struggling

Every morning I begin my day with an app called Daily Quotes. Today's reads: "In order to receive the further good, we must give of that which we have." Margaret Becker. I have no idea who Ms. Becker is, but her words seem uplifting and non-grievous. I also check the app, Bible Gateway. Today's scripture is, 1 John 3:11 For this is the message to you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. An excellent verse to start the day. I receive each morning via email the UCC Daily Devotional. Various UCC ministers share their thoughts concerning scriptures or happenings of the day.

Then I go to my news feeds; NPR, Associated Press, Boston Globe, Washington Post, etc. I read about another mass shooting. Dissension in government. Us versus Them diatribes. Immigrants put on planes and flown to sanctuary cities. A cyclone in New Zealand and an earthquake in the Middle East. War in Ukraine. Violation of women's rights and restricting voting rights. LGBTQ people, Jewish people, Black and Brown people, Asian people, Muslims; all being discriminated against, and their lives threatened. I find my heart racing, and my moods fluctuating. I share positive quotes on our Wakefield Wonder and Grace Facebook page, but am I just hiding behind the words?

This morning, like many startings of my day, I took Dweezil for a walk on the snowmobile trails. The sun was bright as it reflected off the snow. The sky was azure blue. The temperature was in the 40s, too warm for February, but enjoyable just the same. I walk the trails and listen to the wind in the trees. In the distance a phoebe calls. I laugh at Dweezil's antics as he rolls in the snow, or leaps through the deep drifts on the side of the trail. Being in the woods brings peace to my troubled mind. It calms my soul. I still think of all the things that perplexes me, but I try to counter with all that God has blessed me with. I have a loving husband. Our son is in a safe place. Our daughter thrives in Alaska. We have a wonderful home, and amazing friends.

Each Sunday the congregation lifts concerns; cancer, surgeries, financial difficulties, death. Maybe for each prayer and concern someone could share a positive. This would not be to demean or belittle those who have needs, but to allow us to see God's grace as we move through what sometimes appears to be a dark and perverse world.

Lord, you are my rock and my redeemer. Your love is immeasurable. Your grace abounds. Be with me as I struggle with the negatives of the day. Strengthen my heart and mind by showing me the blessings that this wonderful life provides. Lord, hear my plea.

*Donna V Ackerman*

## Election Day Bake Sale

Once again, we've received permission to have a bake sale on Town Election Day (Tuesday, March 14th) in the town connector (where the elevator is located). We're in need of bakers, packers, sellers, and buyers!

For our bakers, we're looking for easy-to-package baked good treats (no goodies with icing - too messy; no larger items such as pies or cakes - we just don't have the room to display them). If you'd like to donate some baked goods, please drop off at the church on Monday, March 13th between 10 and 11 (we're happy to make alternate arrangements if that time doesn't work for you). Bring your goodies unwrapped - this allows us to be consistent with the wrapping and pricing. And do let us know what your treat is and whether or not it contains nuts.

As baked goods are dropped off, we'll need packers to package and label the treats. And on the day of the sale, we'll need sellers. Voting begins at 8:00 a.m. and our plan is to be "open for business" at the same time.

AND! Don't forget to vote on that Tuesday - and pick up a treat (or two or more!) on your way.

*Julie Kessler, FUN-draising Team*

## Church Library News

"Reading the Bible Again for the First Time"

By Marcus J. Borg

Parish Helpers Library – Bible Commentaries (B-C)

Marcus J. Borg is professor emeritus in the philosophy department at Oregon State University, where he held the Hundere Chair in Religion and Culture, and author of the New York Times bestselling Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, The Heart of Christianity, The Last Week, and Jesus. He was an active member of the Jesus Seminar when it focused on the historical Jesus and he has been chair of the historical Jesus section of the Society of Biblical Literature. Source: Amazon

*Linda Petkunas, Church Librarian*

## Parish Helpers News

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a business meeting and we will accept nominations for Officers for the 2023– 2025 term. Our guest speaker will be our Interim Minister, Rev. Larry Brickner-Wood. Connie Littlefield, Anne Palmariello, and Nancy Dee will be our hostesses, and devotions by Connie Littlefield.

As always, all women from the church and community are welcome!

*Carol Jeffery*

## One Great Hour of Sharing

With funds from One Great Hour of Sharing, the United Church of Christ partners with other agencies to respond to a wide variety of local and global issues: wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes (now more than 47,000 dead in Turkey and Syria with millions more homeless), sustainable development in the USA and abroad, refugee and asylum issues and so much more. *OGHS assists the most vulnerable among us.*



What will you give? Let's think about giving in a different way.

- ◇ Hunger exists worldwide. Give \$1 if you had enough food to eat today. Give \$2 for every time you went out to eat this past month.
- ◇ At least **two billion** people use contaminated water sources -- from Mississippi and East Palestine to India and Zimbabwe. Give \$1 for every faucet in your home.
- ◇ More than **two billion** people worldwide lack access to basic sanitation. Give \$1 for every bathroom in your house. Give \$5 if there is one you rarely or never use!
- ◇ Many, many people walk miles and miles to access water or to access medical care. We have so many forms of personal transportation -- multiple vehicles, bicycles, ATVs, snowmobiles, motorcycles, even boats! Give \$1 for each EXTRA form of transportation you own.
- ◇ Give \$1 if you have a roof over your head.
- ◇ Give another \$1 if you live in a stable home.
- ◇ Give \$1 if you have access to health care.
- ◇ Give 50 cents for every pair of shoes you own; give \$1 for every pair you don't wear.

Members and friends of FCCW are very blessed. We are a loving, giving community and we live a life of abundance compared to others. Let's love our neighbors locally and globally by giving generously through OGHS 'A Time to Share.' The OGHS offering will be taken on March 19th.

*Connie Littlefield*

## Faith Formation Lenten Study

Please consider joining us as we walk through Lent using African American Spirituals to give us insight into the human condition and Christian life. Our class is based on Luke Lowery's **Were You There? A Lenten Reflections on the Spirituals.**

We meet on Zoom every Tuesday at noon. We will use the time to discuss the readings for that week, along with listening (and perhaps even singing!) some of those spirituals. Our class will run for an hour (or so) and will be followed by a sharing of thoughts on the **Stillspeaking Lenten Devotional - Running From Empty.**

*"Enter Lent, which is all about surrender, emptying, and letting go of everything that leads away from the cross. Running from Empty is a daily invitation to embrace the empty places we might prefer to avoid; to breathe deeply, love fully, act justly; and to find Jesus in the stillness and the storm."*

If you're interested in joining us on this Lenten path, please reach out to Julie Kessler ([julielouisekessler@gmail.com](mailto:julielouisekessler@gmail.com) or 603-871-8066

## Calling and Discernment Ministry

The Calling & Discernment Ministry is always looking for ways to connect our members to teams within the FCCW community which reflects an interest, a skill, and even an *"I think I might like to try that...."* feeling. What has been an area you have been thinking about or has piqued your curiosity?

Faith Formation? Being with children and youth? Music Camp? Volunteers, storytellers, outdoor recreation leaders and more are needed!

Outreach endeavors? Working on the food pantry team? Sharing the work of the national UCC? The PKZ team will be working on a humanitarian shipping container in the coming months. Perhaps a new Outreach endeavor locally?

Do you prefer administrative type engagement? FCCW will be seeking a clerk to take minutes at monthly Leadership Council meetings and keep track of other membership data. Annie Gehring will happily assist a new office holder in that transition.

Sound Team? Do you enjoy working with technology, video recording, and more?

Music Ministry? Vocal, handbell choir, Ukuleles? See Buddy and Donna!

Hospitality? Do you like greeting and getting to know visitors and newer members of the congregation?

Buildings & Grounds, Diaconate, Stewardship, Parish Helpers, Men's Fellowship, and Personnel Team are other ministries which benefit from your interest, your energy, your skills and experience and your input.

Please see me and I will put you in touch with just the right person!

*God bless, Connie Littlefield*

## Take-Aways from Prepared to Serve

Six of us, along with Rev. Larry Brickner-Wood, attended Prepared to Serve at Pembroke Academy. We each attended three workshops and are sharing our insights from the event.

Buddy Dee attended a Jazz Worship workshop and was very impressed with how contemporary variations of familiar hymns engages a congregation. He also attended Liturgical Opportunities for the 21st Century which gave a new look at how to use liturgy (or not use the same liturgical structure) for a newer —and for some a more interesting —worship experience.

Joe Palmariello is getting used to all the acronyms of the UCC (United Church of Christ) during an O & A (Open and Affirming) workshop. Joe was particularly intrigued and interested in the strategies presented in a workshop on Yoked Churches, a situation where one pastor serves two churches. We shall be hearing more of this concept from Joe and from Buddy who also attended!

Nancy Dee attended two workshops on financial matters but what really interested her was a workshop on Secular Books. Nancy would love to be part of a secular book club sponsored by FCCW but asks, "Could someone else please organize it?" (This could be quite a hit. Move over Oprah and Reese!)

Norma Gore was very, very interested in a workshop led by Rev. Gayle Murphy, Experience of Grace Outside the Church, which encouraged taking your experiences of God, your faith, and your spirituality to others beyond the church walls.

Margie Galabrun attended this same workshop with Norma and writes: "We were challenged to consider creative ways we could bring God's love to people outside the church. The goal isn't necessarily to grow the church, but to grow God's community." Margie continues, "I couldn't help but think of our Shepherd Program where our drivers not only offer a valuable and necessary service to members of our community, but who very often need and enjoy it. How is our church doing? Are we people so filled with God's love that it just overflows?" Let God.

I was privileged to participate in a heart wrenching and somewhat miraculous story of Crying in the Wilderness: An Immigrant's Journey in Detention. One day I hope to be able to retell the story of the physical and emotional toll of seeking asylum in the United States with the degree of clarity and authenticity it deserves. Another equally meaningful experience was the workshop Let's Talk About Death and Dying in NH led by Rev. Mary James and Rebecca Brown, NH Alliance for End of Life Options. Participants explored more inclusive options to allow people to have a medical aid in dying when facing end of life, to avert extraordinary pain and suffering on the person who is terminal, allowing for a peaceful transition for individual and for the family and caretakers. The vision is "that everyone should live life fully and enjoy the highest quality of life possible, right to the end." The panel is interested in outreach to church and civic groups to enable a broad based consensus to eventually draft Medical Aid in Dying legislation similar to what has already

been passed in 10 states, including Maine and Vermont, and in the District of Columbia.

We hope to hear of Rev. Larry's Prepared to Serve insight as well!

*Connie Littlefield*

## News of Zimbabwe

As I write this Zimbabweans are bracing for Cyclone Freddy to hit as it moves from Mozambique towards Zimbabwe with 75 mph winds and "month's worth of rain" to fall in a day or two. Flooding rivers, landslides, and wind related damage will take a toll on vulnerable residents and their fields with budding crops of tomatoes, beans, potatoes and maize. Per meteorological reports, the most at risk areas are those villages and towns which PKZ projects cover and where our sister church, Rufumiso UCCZ, is located.

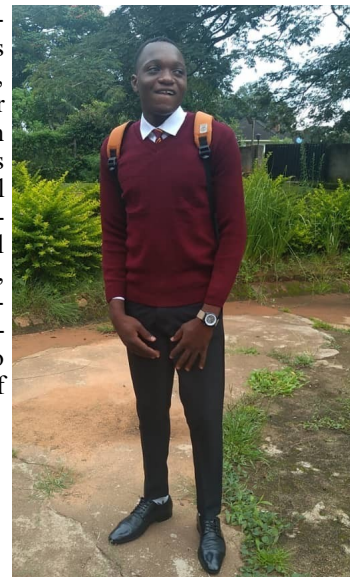
A 2023 shipping container is in the works! There is enough participation from UCC churches and other groups throughout NH, VT and MA to make this viable. We will be gearing up for an August loading and will be collecting, sorting and packing all types of items in the coming weeks and months. A "wish list" of desired and priority items will be made available (included in this newsletter). Your participation in this endeavor is so critical and so greatly appreciated.

In order to offset container costs, a pancake breakfast is being planned for Saturday, April 1st from 7:30-10:30. (Yes, really – no April Fools joke here!) You know the drill – yummy pancakes with eggs, sausages, juices and hot beverages. Mark your calendar!

Blessing Sithole, our second Zimbabwean student to be accepted at Keene State College, goes for his US Embassy interview on April 3rd. Blessing is excited that the process is moving along so well with all of his documentation in order. Samuel is on "pins and needles" as he awaits Blessing's arrival in July. These two, who communicate almost daily, haven't seen one another for almost two years.

Finally, I want to introduce Brian Maecha to you. Brian has been sponsored by a faithful, generous FCCW member for the past four or five years. Brian has just begun his A Levels (Form 5) at Gaza High School after achieving very good results in seven of his O Level exams. For a disadvantaged, vulnerable youth from an extremely rural, isolated area -- for whom not having enough to eat or even owning a pair of shoes -- this is just remarkable.

And this is the power of sponsorship.



*Gratefully, Connie Littlefield*

# Celebrations!

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Stephen & Lauree Royle
- 19 Ron & Sally Kratt

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 John Shaffer         | 17 Jean-Michel Galabrun |
| 5 Deb Smiley           | 17 Jan Stanley          |
| 8 Nathan Fogg          | 18 Kayla Leyare         |
| 8 Marlena Livingston   | 22 John Duplinsky       |
| 9 Richard Peckham      | 22 Laura Parsons        |
| 11 Wendy DeCroteau     | 24 Michelle Garland     |
| 11 Andrew Hughes       | 29 Nathan Wilson        |
| 14 Penny Huckins       | 31 Katy Hagy            |
| 15 Gemma Golden Stanek |                         |

## Music Camp Volunteers Needed

At the February Leadership Council meeting approval was granted to host Music Camp this August . There will be a first meeting of volunteers in March 2023. Thanks to all of you who helped out in years past and hoping many will be returning this year. We are looking forward to hosting many more children from the greater Wakefield area in our Church. Look for an email coming shortly with dates and times to organize camp for this year.

*Blessings, Buddy Dee*

## CareGiver Self Care Group - March 6 and 20

Do you know someone who is a caregiver? If so, and if they are local, please extend an invitation for them to come to a CareGiver Self Care Support group session. We meet the first and third Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Parish Helpers Room. It's a sweet time of conversation, reflection on self-care and support of one another. This is open to the public, of course. And there is no charge - ever. There are books to borrow, meaningful ideas to consider, smiles, hugs and hope! You are welcome to bring someone who is a caregiver if they would be more comfortable! Note: if it is snowing, we will postpone!

*Carol Lundgren*

## FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

We believe that prayer is powerful! During this time of transition in our church, let us pray for our church leaders—the Diaconate who work tirelessly carrying on duties of worship leadership and pulpit supply. For the Search Committee, the Officers, Ministry Coordinators, and Leadership Council for their thoughtful deliberations in guiding our church onward.

And as always, please keep in your prayers all those who suffer in any way in mind, body and spirit,

We ask also your prayers for peace in our world, for the health and integrity of our democracy, and for the flourishing of the work of our community of faith.

### Please pray for:

**The Family of Patricia G.; Dave and Charlotte L.; Laura F; Sue L; Arlene L; Peter and Linda F; Wendy D & Alberta W; Carol J's Family: Gloria, Chrissy, Maryann, and Michael; Joan C; Don S., Cindy E., Glenna, Chuck H., Todd W.**



**FCCW Prayer Chain:** Through emails and text messages, we are able to increase our prayer power for “immediate intercessory prayer” for the concerns of our congregation and friends. If you have a prayer request, please email Harriet Wilson ([dhwilson39@gmail.com](mailto:dhwilson39@gmail.com)) All prayer requests are kept strictly confidential and will only be shared with the express permission of the people involved.



We are great saddened by the passing of our dear friend, Patricia Golden, on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Patty was a very active member of our church and involved in many activities. She was a member of our bell choir, served as our church Historian/Archivist, was also a Music Camp Coordinator and a member of the Parish Helpers. Patricia will be missed by so many of her friends at FCCW and the community. Please pray for her family and friends.



A memorial service will be held in the spring. You can read a lovely obituary for Patty, here: <https://www.edgerlyfh.com/obituary/patricia-golden>

# MARCH 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Scrabble Group 1–3 p.m.  Diaconate Meeting	<b>2</b> Chair Yoga 10:30 Parish Helpers Room	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Grief Support Group 11 a.m.
<b>5</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>  Worship and Holy Communion 10 a.m.  Coffee Hour	<b>6</b> Caregiver's Support Group 9:30–10:30 a.m.	<b>7</b> Faith Formation Via Zoom 12 noon  Choir 5:30	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Chair Yoga 10:30 Parish Helpers Room  Parish Helpers Meeting—1 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Grief Support Group 11 a.m.
<b>12</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>  Worship 10 a.m.  Coffee Hour	<b>13</b> Drop Off Baked Goods  10 - 11 a.m.	<b>14</b> <b>ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE</b>  Faith Formation Via Zoom 12 noon  Choir 5:30  Ukulele Club 6–7:30 p.m.	<b>15</b> Deadline to order Easter Flowers	<b>16</b> Chair Yoga 10:30 Parish Helpers Room	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Grief Support Group 11 a.m.
<b>19</b> <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>  Worship 10 a.m. One Great Hour of Sharing  Coffee Hour  Leadership Council Meeting 11:45	<b>20</b> Caregiver's Support Group 9:30–10:30 a.m.	<b>21</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 a.m.  Faith Formation Via Zoom 12 noon  Choir 5:30	<b>22</b> Finance Team Meeting 1 p.m.	<b>23</b> Chair Yoga 10:30 Parish Helpers Room	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Grief Support Group 11 a.m.
<b>26</b> <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>  Worship 10 a.m.  Coffee Hour	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Faith Formation Via Zoom 12 noon  Choir 5:30  Ukulele Club 6–7:30 p.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Chair Yoga 10:30 Parish Helpers Room	<b>31</b>	<b>April 1</b>  Pancake Breakfast 7:30–10:30  Grief Support Group 11 a.m.

## EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Spring is in the air as we are about to enter into the Easter Season. It is time to order lilies, tulips, and daffodils for our sanctuary! Plants may be purchased in honor of or in memory of loved ones. **The deadline for placing your order is on March 15th.** After Easter service on April 9th, the plants will be ready to be taken home and can be planted in your gardens for a lasting remembrance. Please complete the order form and return it with your check payable to the First Congregational Church of Wakefield. You may leave it in the CLA's mail box. Please contact Rachel White w/ questions @ 603-520-2316. Thank you!

# OF PLANTS \_\_\_\_\_ EASTER LILIES @\$16.95 each

# OF PLANTS \_\_\_\_\_ DAFFODILS @ \$12.50 each

# OF PLANTS \_\_\_\_\_ TULIPS @ \$12.50 each



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## FCCW 2023 SHIPPING CONTAINER WISH LIST

### FOOD

peanut butter

### CLOTHING

- Gently worn clothing for children and infants
- shoes and sneakers in good condition
- raincoats, jackets, fleece, sweaters
- socks for males, females, kids
- new underwear for children and adults (not white if possible)
- bras, new or gently worn
- women's clothing, any style
- men's clothing, including suits and ties

### ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

- soccer cleats, uniforms
  - basket balls, soccer and volleyballs
- playground equipment, fitness equipment

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- backpacks
  - paper, rulers, crayons, erasers, chalk
  - pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners
  - art supplies
  - reading books for all ages
  - sturdy puzzles for preschoolers, preschool and primary classroom toys
- school chairs, bookcases, microscopes, etc. – things you would find in a classroom!

### MEDICAL

- pain relievers, gauze bandages, bandaids, antibiotic ointment
  - Vaporub, cough/cold medication, anti diarrhea medication
  - eyeglasses, wheelchairs, crutches, medical gloves
  - toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, sanitary supplies
- replacement rubber caps for bottom of crutches

### MISCELLANEOUS

- sewing machines in good working order (w/adaptor converter), fabric, thread, zippers, etc.
  - bedding, blankets, towels, sheets (non white if possible)
  - tote bags
  - tools of any kind, agricultural implements: shovels, rakes, hoes, etc.
- for vocational students: tape measure, safety shoes, helmets, trowels, levels, work suits

*All items should be in good condition. We don't want to send anything we would not use ourselves.*