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Vision Statement

Growing in faith by...worshipping God, loving all, joyfully serving others

Covenant – We covenant one with another to seek and respond to the word and the will of God. We purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, while worshipping God, and striving for the truth, justice and peace. As did those who came before, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

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RESTORED

Picture that old classic car under the tarp in your garage. You love it, but it needs a lot of work. The paint has worn off. There's rot on the body. Tires are flat. And you're pretty sure the engine doesn't work (though it's been a while since you tried to turn it over). Just imagine what it would be like for all those problems to go away; for your car to be like new. You get excited just thinking about it. Now restoring a car like this will be a lot of hard work. But when it comes to *our* restoration, Jesus has already done the hard work. We don't need to sand it down and re-paint. We don't need to get a bunch of new parts for the engine. Jesus has everything taken care of. We just need to believe in Him. This Easter season let's pull off that tarp and give our hearts to Jesus. He'll make us brand new.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Joel

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- Sun., April 4

Sunrise Service—6am Facebook Live

Traditional Easter Service—9:30am FCCM Meeting House

Bring your family and friends and join us for Worship on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Our annual Youth Fellowship-led Sunrise service will be held at 6am via Facebook Live from the Parish Hall, and our traditional Easter Worship service (with Communion) will be held in the FCCM Meeting House at 9:30am. Join us as we praise God for His most amazing gift in Christ Jesus! [Click here](#) to sign up for the 9:30am traditional service. There will be NO Sunday School on Easter so that our Families may worship together on this Holiest of Holy Days.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP

- Thur., April 1 (7 pm)

Join us for Maundy Thursday Worship as we live into the Great Week at FCCM. We will celebrate the sacrament of Communion (pre-packaged elements) and hold a Tenebrae service on April 1 at 7pm in the Meeting House. This service will be livestreamed on Facebook Live. [Click here](#) to sign up to attend in person. All are welcome to this time of Worship and reflection.

FCCM CONTACT INFORMATION

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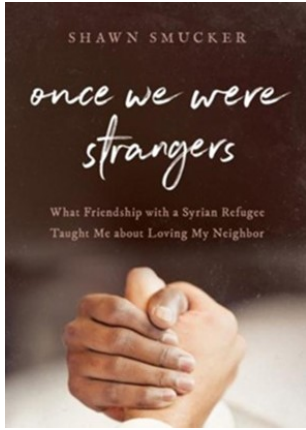
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Church Office Hours (Note Updated Schedule; by appointment only): Monday 9:00am-3:00pm; Tuesday 9:30am-12:30pm; Wednesday 9:00am-3:00pm; Thursday 9:00am-1pm (office is closed on Fridays)

Pastoral Office Hours: Tue—Thurs. 9:30am-12:30pm (Mondays are Pastor's day off).

Cancelations due to storms: Please watch FOX25 and www.myfoxboston.com. Also you can listen on WATD radio.



ONCE WE WERE STRANGERS: WHAT FRIENDSHIP WITH A SYRIAN REFUGEE TAUGHT ME ABOUT LOVING MY NEIGHBOR

By: Shawn Smucker

In 2012, Mohammad fled his Syrian village with his wife and 4 sons, escaping to Jordan through the wilderness. 4 years later he met Shawn Smucker in Lancaster, PA. This is the story of a friendship between a middle-aged writer, struggling to make a living and a Syrian refugee struggling to create a life for his family in a strange and hostile land. Two fathers hoping for the best, two hearts seeking compassion, two lives changed forever.

God ordained events within Syria allowed a Christian man to see what God is getting at in His word toward us. Smucker writes as though he's a journalist digging out the truth of the Syrian war that has displaced this Sunni family into the Pennsylvania countryside. This book encourages us to be a "friend" to someone else who needs help. Ironically, in the process, we may end up realizing that this "someone else" is the Samaritan, while we are the ones who needed their help. The discussion for March's book will be Friday 4/30/21 (7p) via Zoom - call Georgia for Zoom instructions - 781-361-1290. Book is \$5 (call Georgia) or order from Christianbook.com.

Heavenly Bookworms Couch-Potatoes

Be one! The only difference between Bookworms and Couch Potatoes is Bookworms don't participate in the Zoom discussions. Bookworm selections are not only interesting, but also informative and inspiring. Did you know that many of our earlier selections are in our church library waiting for the pleasure of anyone who would like to explore?



FROM YOUR DEACONS

Lent began with our contactless Ash Wed service with 10 people in attendance (with 10 more watching on Facebook live. Our February Services averaged 22 people for in person worship with 15 watching live on Facebook. As the weather improves and more people get vaccinated, we are hoping to add more people to our in-person worship.

At this writing, the Deacons are busily preparing for our Holy Week services. There will be no palm parade on Palm Sunday but there will be palms waiting for you in the pews. Communion will be passed out as you enter for our 7pm Maundy Thursday service and will be broadcast on Facebook Live. The Ecumenical Good Friday service will be accessible on Zoom only. The youth will offer a Sunrise Easter service 6 am on Facebook live and since there will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday families are welcome to sit together in pews and share communion for our traditional Easter Sunday service 9:30 am in the Meeting House.

In the last 15 years we have celebrated an average of 5 baptisms per year. We are purchasing new engraved Baptism spoons to present to families when their children are baptized.

Alyssa Titus has joined Mike Rydberg, Derik Noland and Doreen Taylor on the Facebook filming team. We appreciate that so many people engage our Facebook broadcasts live and after they are aired. Your comments are appreciated. We have heard your feedback and are working to improve the audio component of the broadcast.

Our busy Pastor Joel is preparing to lead the Confirmation classes in 2021/2022 as Michael Rydberg steps down from that role after 17 years of service. Pastor Joel will be assisted by members of the congregation who will teach 3 Sunday mornings per week. More on this to come.

Happy Easter!

From your Deacons, Michael Rydberg, Judy Johnson, Rick Taylor, Lisa Brown, Frank Wilkins and Alyssa Titus.

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

- Fri., April 2 (noon via Zoom)

All are welcome to join us as we celebrate Good Friday Worship as part of our annual ecumenical service on April 2nd at noon. The service will be held online via Zoom (look for a Zoom link to follow soon via email). We welcome guest clergy from the Marshfield area to share prayers, Scriptures, and musical reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ, including clergy from FCC Marshfield, Sanctuary Church, North Community Church, and Trinity Episcopal Church.

ENDOWMENT SUNDAY

Thank you for all who gave this last Endowment Sunday, March 21. Your generous support allows us to replenish the endowment. Thank you for blessing our church and for supporting the financial sustainability of FCCM for years to come.

FROM YOUR TRUSTEES

We are glad to have successfully completed a very difficult year fiscally sound. Thanks to the many fundraisers that helped supplement our budget and the blessing of the PPP loan/grant that helped us sustain all our employees through this very difficult year.

With 2021 already looking to be another difficult financial year, and have no opportunity for another business loan. We have been blessed to have many committees working with us to help us balance the budget and we would like to thank you for your assistance.

To help with your comfort during the worship service in the Sanctuary, we have purchased some hand warmers and lap blankets for those who may forget to bring one along. We are getting estimates for adding more insulation to the ceiling in the Sanctuary and will be providing more information as we receive it.

We will reconsider moving into the Parish Hall, if the temperatures outside make it too uncomfortable in the Sanctuary. Kind regards, Your Trustees – Doreen Taylor, Greg Prendergast and Donna McCue

A NOTE FROM YOUR CARING MINISTRY TEAM

The role of the Caring Ministry Team is to assist the minister in meeting the needs of the congregation. The Team consists of 8 members: Lisa Brown, Pam Drouin, Mary Ellingson, Jennifer Fields, Judy Johnson, Donna McCue, Michael Rydberg and Gisele Coville. Each parishioner has been assigned to a Caring Ministry Team member. If you don't know who your Caring Minister is, please contact Michael Rydberg (508-246-3037), Gisele Coville or Jennifer Fields. Our primary mission is to pray for the needs of our assigned parishioners. Please also let us know if a spiritual or practical need should arise.

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- Articles due by Thursday, April 15

Please submit any articles/submissions for the April issue of *The Bell* newsletter to the church office by April 15.

You may also submit your article via email to secretaryfccm@gmail.com. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our 2020-2021 IN PERSON Sunday School year started on September 20th in the Parish Hall!

Parents need to escort their child(ren) into the Parish Hall via the downstairs doorway, stay for a brief health screening, and then come back inside after class so that your child(ren) may be returned directly to you.

Please Exit through the Front Door of the Parish Hall. Washable/Reusable Masks will be provided at the time of arrival and a limited supply of single use masks will be available upon check-in moving forward. We will be practicing Safe-distancing and Every child will be provided with Dedicated, new supplies. I will be sanitizing Sunday School space and supplies following each class. (Nursery Care will resume sometime after Massachusetts moves into Stage 4 of COVID-19 recovery.)

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

- Sundays at 4pm

Youth Group had a great start to the new year! Things will look a little different this year, but we will be meeting in person (with safety measures in place!). Meetings will be held outside (weather permitting) and will include social distancing, hand sanitizer, and wearing of masks. Students will need to have rides to and from the meetings as the Leaders will not be able to give rides. We are continuing to build the Group and are looking for new active members.

- Scott Rogers, Carrie Sylvester, Josselyn Sullivan and Pastor Joel Boyd

CALLING ALL BUSINESSES and INDIVIDUALS

The Trustees are offering sponsoring space in The Bell newsletter. This initiative will help bring in additional revenue as well as defray the costs associated with The Bell. In this Bell, we are offering free ads to individuals and businesses affiliated with our church while we test the layout. This could be either a sponsorship or even a personal message. If interested, please contact the church office or speak to/email a Trustee.



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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Thanksgiving/Joy: Christ's faithfulness to FCC Marshfield for 388 years, the gift of engaging in both in-person and online Worship, churches in Marshfield, MACCC churches; Sunday School and Youth Fellowship; development of COVID-19 vaccines, Mila Lee Besegai on her Baptism, Blessings for a happy and healthy 2021!

Healing: Those impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, including the medical teams and officials working to keep us safe. Edna Robie, Kim Callendar, Carol Spooner, John Coombs, John Ritucci, Gloria Chrisman, David McGrath Sr, Jack Pattison, Krista Gottschlich and Kaylee, George Irvin and Barbara Irvin Stovold (Pam Drouin's parents), Stephanie, Daniel and for young Noah, Rex Hayden, Michael Rydberg, Audrey Titus, Bill Green, Sarah Fuller, Pat Taylor

Comfort: families of Richard Weston, Donal Staples, David Ellis, and Priscilla Cole.

Homebound Church Family: Roz Novinsky, Marie King, Kathy Bryan, Alberta Bezanson, and Mary Ellingson.

Guidance & Protection: Men and Women in the military and our first responders, families struggling with addictions, stigma of mental illness, John Coombs, people of Texas, leaders of our nation, for unhoused youth in Marshfield, Melia Spear (Kathy Spear's daughter), Punch family, people of Myanmar, girls of Nigeria.



PRAYER PALS ON MONDAY EVENINGS

Prayer PALS... are praying for you and all of us, plus our church and our world Monday evenings 6:30-7:30pm via Zoom.. They would love to have you join them! If you have a prayer request, place it in the offering box, send via email to Pastor Joel (pastorfccm@gmail.com) or call Georgia (781-361-1290). "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your prayers to God." **Ph.4:6 NIV**

New pals always welcome!

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICE

-Sundays at 9:30am

NACCC recommendations on indoor Worship indicate that ventilation is key if we are to keep our churches open and safe from COVID-19 virus transmission this winter. Please be advised that in observance of this recommendation, we will be keeping the narthex entry door and the four windows at the front of the church OPEN during Worship for ventilation. The congregation is encouraged to dress warmly and keep hats, coats and gloves on to stay comfortable during Worship as the weather gets colder. The Meeting House thermostat has been lowered to 50 degrees . This will help with ventilation while also avoid wasting heat. There will be no corporate singing of hymns and bulletins will not be printed and handed out. (You may print you own or access on your mobile device.) Between services an industrial disinfectant sprayer will be used to sanitize the Meeting House. All of our services will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook Live and available for viewing later. While we are very excited about staying open this winter, we are also fully aware of our obligation to ensure the health and safety of all who attend. We will continue to encourage online sign-ups. All are asked to sign up in advance by either calling the church office or sign up online through The Pilgrim email. Note that our capacity will be limited as per state guidelines, and that masks and 6-foot social distancing will still be required (Only two persons allowed per pew, although members of the same immediate household may be seated together). There will be no fellowship time following service. Childcare will not be provided at this time. All over the age of 5 are asked to wear a mask. Washing stations and restrooms will continue to be made available on the lower level of the Parish Hall. We look forward to joining you in Worship!

ONLINE LECTIO DIVINA

- Fri., April 9 (8am)

Get your coffee and kickoff your weekend with meditative reflection on Scripture. Join us for our upcoming lectio divina online session Fri., April 9 at 8am. Lectio divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. A centuries-old ecumenical spiritual practice, it dates back to the early church and was a monastic practice in the 6th Century. Lectio divina is a way of praying Scripture that leads us deeper into God's Word. Our online lectio divina will be in a multimedia format, accessible via Zoom video call. [Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting (Password: 638513), or call +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 408 638 0968 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782. Meeting ID: 858 9964 8499. All are welcome!

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Adult Education:

GOLIATH MUST FALL

A Series on Facing our Giants

All are welcome to join us for Goliath Must Fall, a six session series by Pastor Louie Giglio. While they may look different than the Goliath who David had to confront, we face many giants in our daily lives. Whether they are anxiety, addiction, fear, or abuse, these "giants" can block out the sunshine and make us feel alone and disconnected. In this series, facilitated by Pastor Joel, we will explore ways to reconnect to God by focusing on the real giant slayer: Jesus. Study guides (recommended but not required, \$10) are available for purchase through BCE. Sessions will be held via Zoom on Sundays (7:30pm) April 11 and 25, and May 9. [Click here](#) to signup online or call the office at 781-834-7664. [Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting (Password: 258899), or call +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 876 9923 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 408 638 0968. Meeting ID: 833 8055 4153. All are welcome!

WORSHIP SONG OF THE WEEK

Each week in our The Pilgrim email, we will now be featuring a Worship Song of the Week. Recent selections have included music by Shane and Shane, Elevation Worship, and Rend Collective.

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS

We have not renewed our subscription to the printed Upper Room Daily Devotionals. For those of you who miss the devotions, please know that they are available for FREE online at <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>

NEED TO TALK? HAVING TROUBLE DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS?

We are living through an especially stressful and challenging time amid the COVID-19 crisis. While some may be juggling the obligations of career and home schooling children, others may be experiencing a sudden shift in employment, loss of career, or loneliness and isolation. Of course, there is also the fact that some may contract the virus, making it difficult for loved ones to see them. If you feel like you need to speak with someone about these concerns, please know that you can always contact the Pastor. In the event of an emergency, you should call 911. Contact your Town Board of Health for available resources.

VACCINE INFORMATION

As you may know, COVID vaccinations are now available for those 65 and older and with two or more health concerns (see official list for details). The vaccine is available at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. [Click here](#) to sign up for a vaccine. [Click here](#) for the latest vaccine info from the Town Board of Health.

OFFICE HOUR APPOINTMENTS

As you know, Pastor Joel and Sarah have been working remotely throughout these months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Parish Hall offices are open for in-person meetings with our staff by appointment only. Kindly contact Pastor Joel or Sarah to set a time during our published office hours and call the office from the parking lot and you will be given access to the Parish Hall. All visitors to the Parish Hall offices must wear a mask, sanitize hands before entry, make sure they do not have a temperature or any COVID-19 symptoms ahead of time, confirm that they have not recently travelled to an area that requires quarantining, and maintain 6-foot social distancing while in the Parish Hall. Please note that while the bathrooms are accessible, with the exception of the offices and front parlor, all other rooms are restricted at this time. For your information, our staff will be cleaning their work area each day, using supplies which meet state guidelines. Published office hours are: M - 9am-3pm, T - 9:30am-12:30pm, W - 9am-3pm, Th - 9am-1pm. Pastoral office hours are: T—Th 9:30am-12:30pm. (Mondays are the Pastor's day off). In addition to any in-person appointments made, note that the staff remain fully accessible via phone, email or video conferencing (Zoom) as well. You can reach the office at: secretaryfccm@gmail.com, pastorfccm@gmail.com, 781-834-7664. Thank you.

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***New!* BIBLE STUDY:**

Letters of John

- Wednesdays at 1pm (begins April 28)

Join us in our Bible Study on the Letters of John, meeting Weds. online via Zoom at 1pm. These nine studies on The Letters of John from NT Wright help us become believers who are "walking in the truth" in our own day - people in whom the very life of God is at work for all to see. Study guides are available for a suggested donation of \$8 (Let BCE know if you'd like a copy. Books are available in the office.). [Click here](#) to signup and join us as we explore God's Word in 1 2 3 John! [Click here](#) to join the Zoom meeting (Password: 087699), or call +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 669 900 6833 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 408 638 0968. Meeting ID: 912 2913 6401. All are welcome!

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (LBS)

We are having ZOOM meetings about every other Tuesday at 10 am.

NACCC LAY MINISTRY TRAINING

This course of study supports the Congregational value of a learned laity. It provides basic training for people who desire to serve the church more fully, either as a lay minister or as a lay leader. The program assists in the spiritual development of individuals and enhances knowledge in areas of biblical knowledge, theology, worship, Congregational history and polity, pastoral care, Christian education and others. Online Class Registration and payment information for accepted program applicants coming soon. Class fees will be set at \$100 per session and scholarships are available through the Vitality Ministry Council. [Click here](#) for more info.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT FCCM?

Have you or someone you know been prayerfully considering joining our congregation? Are you interested to learn more about our church and what it means to be a "Congregationalist"? Contact Pastor Joel or a member of the Diaconate to see about participating in our New Member Class and Intro to Congregationalism. This class is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about membership at FCCM. Thank you.

SENDING IN OFFERINGS

- Supporting our Ministries

As we continue to live into this unprecedented time of social distancing, we encourage all members and friends of FCCM to submit offerings to support our ongoing ministries. Offerings may be mailed to the church at First Congregational Church of Marshfield, P.O. Box 826, Marshfield, MA 02050. You may also opt to submit your offering through your bank or financial institution. God's grace is abundant, and He will sustain us through this COVID-19 crisis. Please contact the Church Office or a Trustee with any questions. Thank you for your generous support!

FLOWER DEDICATION SIGN-UP SHEET

Please see the clip board at the front of the sanctuary, to the left of the exit door and add your name for dedicating an arrangement. We have availability for the winter season, from January through March 28, 2021. Questions please call Liz Vaillancourt @ 781-837-8114 or church office @ 781-834-7664.

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THE GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

Contact Us: GNFMmarshfield@gmail.com <https://GNFMmarshfield.wix.com/gnf-website> or
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Stop & Shop	\$25.00/\$50.00/\$100.00	4%		
Whole Foods Markets	\$25.00/\$100.00	3%		

TOTAL CARDS PURCHASED: _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

Please make checks payable to: The Good Neighbor Fund

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact number: _____ Email: _____

MISSION PROJECTS FOR APRIL

Seeing, understanding, showing compassion, and helping all people is part of our responsibility to God. Please continue to share in our mission to give support to everyone here and around the world.

Helping our on-going Marshfield Missions

Food Pantry - Please send a donation to the Food Pantry or to a group that is helping to feed the tremendous number of food-insecure families in the United States at this time.

Sowing Seeds - Please donate new socks, good spring clothing and sleepwear.

Good Neighbor Fund - Continue to buy your Grocery and Gift Cards through the Good Neighbor Fund. Our neighbors need help year-round.

Helping the Homeless - Please support this on-going project with the Youth Fellowship and donate travel sized toiletries or new clean socks.

Helping our Family and Friends around the World

Please continue to pray for our families and friends around the world.

Opportunities

The Missions Committee has received a donation to be used for Mission trips through a vetted organization. This is open to anyone in the church who might be interested. Please talk to members of the committee for more information. The NACCC has a list of some opportunities on their website.

MISSIONS UPDATE

Although Missions has been unable to plan group projects this year, we would like to update you on recent contributions over the last few months. In December we donated \$100 to Guideposts for our military in service, \$200 to the Seafarers Friends, \$500 to Father Bill's, \$500 to Sowing Seeds, \$500 to the Marshfield Food Pantry, and \$500 to our own Good Neighbor Fund.

In January we were made aware of the "Grab and Go" program helping youth in town who experience food insecurity. This is an ongoing program held at the Boys and Girls club, with their most recent event having a goal of \$3000. We were able to help with a donation of \$400 early this February.

This year we will continue to try to help meet the needs of our local, regional, and world needs and encourage you all to do the same. Blessings from your missions committee!

Kids' Korner

Here you will find either a fun cartoon or a Puzzle for you to try to complete
(whether you are a kid in age or a kid at heart)!

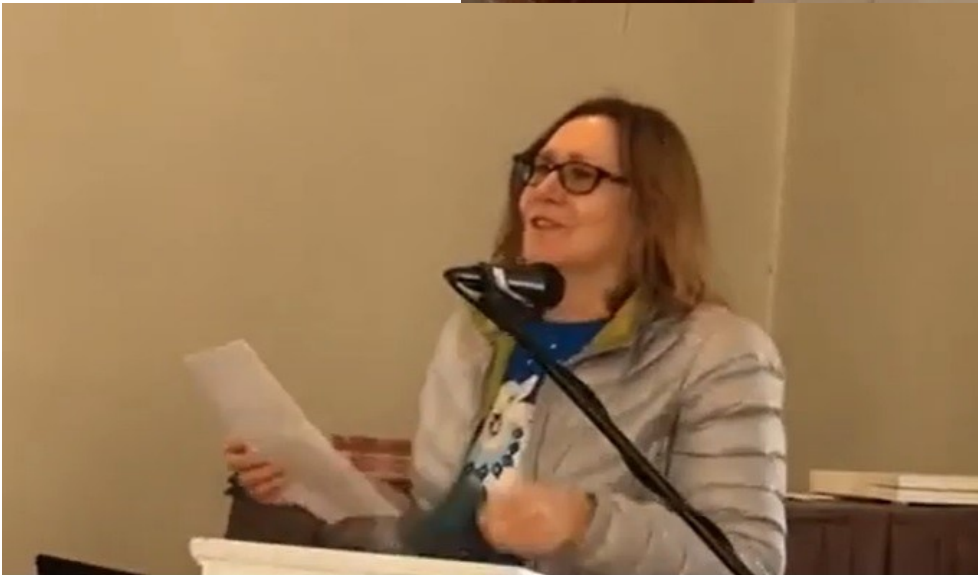
[Click here](#) or see below to see if you can solve this Lent and Easter Word Search Puzzle

Lent and Easter Wordsearch Puzzle

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Ashes	Cross	Disciples	Good Friday	Judas
Lent	Prayer	Resurrection	Son of God	Betrayal
Crown	Thorns	Easter Sunday	Holy Saturday	Palm Sunday
Maundy Thursday	Risen	Lamb of God	Redemption	Last Supper
Jesus Christ	Church	Crucifixion	Faith	Rejoice
Savior	Empty	Tomb		

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**Worship Assistants
throughout March**

Heidi Boyd (Above)

**Liz Vaillancourt
(Left)**

**Mike Rydberg
(Below)**



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Maundy Thursday 7pm Maundy Thur (Tenebrae) Worship	2 Good Friday Noon Good Fri Ecumenical Worship via Zoom	3 Holy Saturday
4 Easter Sunday; Communion Sunday 6am Sunrise service (Facebook Live – Parish Hall) 9:30am Traditional Worship, S. School (Meeting House)	5 6:30pm Prayer Hour	6 10am – LBS	7	8	9 8am Lectio Divina Online	10
11 9:30am Worship, S. School Noon BCE mtg 4pm – Youth Fellowship 7:30pm Goliath Must Fall (Zoom)	12 6:30pm Prayer Hour	13 10am – LBS 6:30pm – Mutual Mtg (Zoom) 7:50pm – Council Mtg (Zoom)	14	15	16	17 Youth Fellowship Can Drive 10am-2pm
18 9:30am Worship, S. School	19 6:30pm Prayer Hour	20 10am – LBS	21	22	23	24 Spring Rummage Sale
25 9:30am Worship, S. School 4pm – Youth Fellowship 7:30pm Goliath Must Fall (Zoom)	26 6:30pm Prayer Hour	27 10am – LBS	28 1pm – Bible Study on Letters of John begins (Zoom)	29	30 7pm Book Discussion at Christmans or Zoom	

Let it Shine!



THE GREEN SHEET

(A monthly message from our youth team)

Greetings from the FCCM Youth Group!

Well, the weather is getting a little warmer!, and the Youth Group is gearing up and getting excited for 2021!

Well, the weather is getting a little warmer!, and the Youth Group is gearing up and getting excited for SPRING !

Things will look a little different this year, but we will be meeting in person (with safety measures in place !) We will be having our meetings via Zoom when the schools are doing remote learning.

Here's what's coming up:

March's Schedule:

Sun., March 28 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - 4-5:30pm

April's Schedule:

Sun., April. 4 - Sunrise Service (Facebook Live) – 6am – Traditional service 9:30 a.m. (Meeting House)

Sun., April. 4 - Easter Sunday – No Youth Group Meeting

Sun., April 11 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - 4-5:30pm

Sat., April 17 - Youth Fellowship Can Drive – at Parish Hall - 10am—1pm

Sun., April 18 - No Meeting

Sun., April 25 - Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - 4-5:30pm

Looking Ahead:

We are currently saving cans and bottles throughout the weeks. We will be holding a Can Drive on the 4th Saturday of every month. You can drop your cans off at the Parish Hall or bring them to us on those Saturdays. We thank you for your support! These funds allow us to reduce the costs of our retreats and fund our weekly Youth Ministry program.

To start this year, we will be collecting cans and “quarantining” them in the Can Box to be counted later (about one week later)

Further Ahead:

During the winter and spring, we are continuing to build the Group and are looking for new active members of the Youth Group. We are trying to re-implement our Leaders-in-Training Program which allows High School students to act more as mentors and Junior Leaders. It looks good on a college resume!

Thank you and God Bless!

Your Youth Group Advisors,
Scott Rogers, Carrie Sylvester, Josselyn Sullivan and Pastor Joel Boyd