

THE BELL

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MARSHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

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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 worshiping 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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TO YOU, FROM PASTOR BARTLETT

Winter weather has increased our heating and snow removal costs, giving us a slight cash flow deficit which should disappear once the warmer weather comes. We are half way through the month of March and, while we cannot guarantee a major weather change for the better, we are much closer than we were.

The Tuesday Bible Study is well under way with provisions for in person and Remote Zoom participation.

Church attendance last Sunday with the bitter cold and the time change for daylight saving was 47 with several new attendees. This bodes well as we move out of COVID into more favorable times for congregational meeting.

The ecumenical Good Friday Service we are hosting will follow our traditional Tenebrae Service the preceding evening. There will be an Easter Sunrise Service led by the youth as in times past followed by our Easter Service in the Meeting House at 9:30 am.

We are continuing to look for ways to grow the church and develop discipleship programs.

Graduation will be coming soon and we will have some scholarships to be awarded.

The Confirmation program continues with a retreat coming up in May and regular monthly meetings.

Sunday School continues to provide a spiritual environment for our attendees.

Plans are underway to have a church fair task force.

Youth Fellowship continues to have regular meetings, activities, and service projects.

LBS and the Thrift and Gift continue to provide significant income for the church as well as provide a service for the community.

We are in as good shape as we can be after surviving a pandemic, but our challenge for the future is much greater as we realize so many people do not have a close relationship with God and the church. May God continue to bless our efforts as we move forward together.

Blessings to all!

Richard W. Bartlett

Interim Minister



HOLY WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

Check out the last page of the Bell with info on ALL of our Holy Week Activities, including Palm Sunday Brunch, Tenebrae Service, and Ecumenical Good Friday service!

PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT

Kids and Grandkids, join in the fun of our Easter Egg Hunt. 10:15 on Palm Sunday on the Parish Hall lawn or inside pending the weather. Kids bring your friends, too, the more the merrier! Hosannah, Hosannah – He comes in the name of the Lord!

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE @ 5:45AM BURKE'S BEACH

The Annual Easter Sunrise Service is back at Burkes Beach this year, starting at 5:45am. Youth will be meeting at 5:15am to prepare for the service! Come worship our Risen Savior on Easter Morning at daybreak!

FCCM CONTACT INFORMATION

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Church Cancellations: Please watch FOX25 and www.myfoxboston.com. Also you can listen on WATD radio.

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FROM YOUR DEACONS

In conjunction with the Board of Christian Education, we initiated a 7-week Lenten Bible study on each Tuesday during Lent. We are very pleased with the response and turn out from the congregation. Our first study had 17 participants! We wish to thank the newly formed music committee for securing the services of Doug Ulwick who will provide Organ music for Easter and selected worship services in lent.

After the worship service on Sunday March 20th we celebrated our first baptism of the year. We baptized Bennet Rocha, son of Caithlin Chandler Rocha and Matt Rocha.

The Deacons are busily preparing for Easter and all the events of Holy Week. There will be a Palm Parade on Palm Sunday. The Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service will be at 7pm on April 14th. All of the churches in Marshfield will be joining us for a Good Friday Ecumenical Service at Noon on April 15th. And don't forget about the youth led Sunrise service on Burkes Beach Easter morning followed by our traditional Easter Sunday service at 9:30 am. We hope that you will plan to join us, in person, for all these reverent services. Please note that there will be no coffee hour on Easter Sunday to allow everyone to get home to their family celebrations.

Thanks to your careful observation of our Covid protocols there has not been a single Covid transmission attributable to our church to date. As Covid infections decline we observe that many towns and communities are loosening restrictions. We are keeping a close eye on the situation and reviewing our policies regularly. Masks are not required but will continue to be made available to anyone who wants one. If things continue to trend downward, we will reestablish our traditional "Passing of the Peace" by May (if not sooner) but for now will keep it contactless. We thank the congregation for their flexibility during this time. If you cannot join us in person, please join us on Facebook Live. Give us a "like" or a "love" to let us know you are there and feel free to comment your prayer requests.

We have invited Reverend Bob Jackson to be our guest minister for May 22. More details to follow.

Thank you to everyone who comes to our worship services and who join us online. Your presence is a great encouragement to us.

"Do not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

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

FROM YOUR TRUSTEES

We have been busy with the annual budget and planning sessions this last month. Thank you all for your support.

Now we have directed our attention on fundraising and planning to replace the Sanctuary windows. Initial investigations have estimated the Anderson windows will cost \$3,000 each and will take 14 months to be available. We have put out requests for bid for the installation costs and will have the contractors get us the final measurements for size.

We have requested to have a special meeting on April 24th right after service to discuss the final costs and our fundraising plans to help us bring this project to fruition. We currently have already raised just over \$19k dollars and need another \$11 k to place the order for the windows. Short term we are hoping that people will consider working in groups to help fund the cost of a window. The next phase would be to consider what we could do to help raise the additional money through several different fundraising efforts like we did when we replaced the Steeple.

We have also been working on the church records. The old Financial Secretaries records have been shredded, the booking aged records are being weeded through and will be shredded soon. Making room for the church historical records to be returned to the church. The clerk records and database will be returned to the office and maintained by the church administrator, with oversight by the current clerk.

FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

As of this month Trustees meeting we operating at a loss of \$839.72 year to date. Income ytd is \$25,913.00 and expenses thus far are \$26,464.22

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (LBS)

Ladies Benevolent Society continues to meet on Tuesdays at 10am in the Parish Hall!

New members are always welcome!

Every third Tuesday of the month, join us for Coffee Hour at our meetings! This Month, Coffee hour is on 4/19!

All are welcome!

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EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION ORDER FORM

The Flower Committee will be placing lilies, daffodils and tulips in the sanctuary for our Easter service on April 17, 2022. Please return your orders by Sunday, April 10th.



Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

In memory, honor or celebration of: _____
(Please circle one)

Number of lilies: _____ daffodils: _____ tulips: _____ Cost per plant \$10.00 = amount enclosed \$ _____

Please make your check payable to FCCM, Please place your orders in the basket in the Church narthex or the basket in the fellowship hall or with Sarah, in the church office. Prefer to mail your order, send to Liz Vaillancourt, 29 Danforth Street, Marshfield, MA. 02050. Thank you for your support with the beautification of our Lords sanctuary.

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Printed copies of the Upper Room Devotionals are now available in the Sanctuary. You can still access the daily devotionals online at www.upperroom.org/devotionals

HAVE A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH?

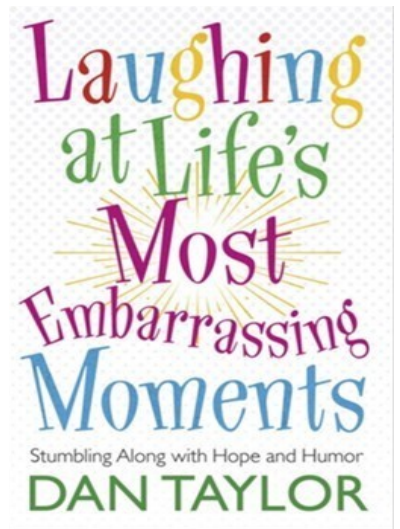
If you have a birthday this month we would like to suggest or challenge you to donate your age’s dollar amount to the Endowment Fund, Good Neighbor Fund, or to one of our ministries this month! A few members of our congregation have been doing this for years and wondered if others were up to the challenge!

HEAVENLY BOOKWORMS: MARCH 2022

Laughing at Life’s Most Embarrassing Moments: Stumbling Along with Hope and Humor By: Dan Taylor

Delight in this laugh-out-loud collection of humor, dedicated to all the ways mirth surprises, amazes, and comforts like nothing else can. From a donut-loving, driving-instructor to the perils of parish potlucks, Don Taylor shares hilarious anecdotes drawn from his life as a preacher’s kid, former youth pastor, and greeting-card writer. He has been writing humor books and designing products for Hallmark for 30+ years, and helped launch Hallmark’s Shoebox greeting cards, as well as "Maxine." Those who can laugh at themselves are so blessed, because their “well” of good humor will never run dry.

Discussion for this book is on Friday 4/29/22 (5:30pm) @ the Chrisman’s, 13 Mountain Ash Drive in Kingston. Dinner too! Books are \$5 and can be picked up from the book counter in our library. Please place payment in the envelope provided. Call Georgia @ 781-361-1290 to RSVP or for directions.



BOOKWORM COUCH-POTATOES

Discussions not for you, or you cannot spare the time? Become a Couch Potato Bookworm and enjoy the same books as the “Heavenly Bookworms.”

Earlier selections can be borrowed from our church library and returned at your leisure. A few copies of this book will be available after the discussion, and it will cost only a buck!

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 389 years, the gift of engaging in both in-person and online Worship, churches around the world; development of COVID-19 vaccines.

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, Jack Pattison, Krista Gottschlich and Kaylee, George and Barbara Irvin, Stephanie, Daniel and for young Noah, Rex Hayden, Pat Taylor, Barbara Coville, Jay Prendergast, Jill Titus, Howard Hill, Derek Pugh, Joan Chubbs, Anne Sylvester, Ed Zadrozny, Sue Ritucci, Glen Ellingson, Faith Jean, Louise Nelson, Scott Rogers, Theresa Cooke, Natalie Graham (Jean Hight's sister), Chris Conant, Brad Willis, Bob Christopher, Tedd Harribine and Karen Eubet (Amy Minns' neighbors), Ethlyn, Chuck, and Susan Balkam, Michael Curran, David Fields (Jennifer Fields' son), Doreen Prendergast, Kimberly Polvere (Brad and Phyllis Willis's daughter), John Ritucci, Sr.

Comfort: families and friends of Nathan Paul (Russell McGrath's friend and classmate)

Homebound Church Family: 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, leaders of our Nation and around the World, our unhoused youth in Marshfield, a time of transition here at FCC Marshfield, for people of Ukraine, Patricia Bean's son (US Marine), our troops and their families.



PRAYER PALS ON MONDAY EVENINGS

Join them on Monday evenings 6:30-7:30 in the church library; they would love to have you! After a brief devotion and discussion; Pals share prayer needs and requests with God. Join Pals weekly or when you are able. If you need a prayer for yourself or someone else, place a request in the offering plate, the Prayer Box (Hall parlor), email to secretaryfccm@gmail.com or call 781-361-1290. "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29:12

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICE

-Sundays at 9:30am

Worship will continue in the Meeting House except in the event of a weather-related emergency. In an effort to save money, the thermostat will be lowered during the week and then raised slightly during worship for the rest of the heating season. The more reserved Passing of the Peace will continue to be observed for now. To encourage distancing we are asking the congregation to stay in their pews and share a contactless greeting with those near you. Masks are not required but are encouraged and will be made available to those who desire one. Covid cases are beginning to drop, and our practices will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis. Please be patient with us during this fluid situation. All our services will continue to be livestreamed on Facebook Live and available for viewing later. "Fellowship Hour" will continue to be offered in the Parish Hall after worship. Childcare will not be provided at this time. All unvaccinated children in Sunday School are encouraged to wear a mask. Washing stations and restrooms will continue to be made available on the upper and lower level of the Parish Hall. We look forward to joining you in Worship!

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- Articles due by Friday, April 15

Please submit any articles/submissions for the May 2022 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!

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.

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THE GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

Contact Us: GNFMmarshfield@gmail.com https://GNFMmarshfield.wix.com/gnf-website or P.O. Box 826 Marshfield, MA 02050

Donate On-line: https://GNFMmarshfield.wix.com/gnf-website GoodNeighborFund.net

Purchase GL Scrip Gift Cards: GNFMmarshfield@gmail.com or First Congregational Church, 781-864-7664

Good Neighbor Fund Gift Card Order Form

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Buy gift cards to use at the Grocery stores that you normally shop for all your daily needs!

Contact us at GNFMmarshfield@gmail.com.

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Shaw's Supermarkets	\$25.00/\$100.00	4%		
Roche Bros. Markets	\$25.00/\$100.00	3%		
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.

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.

CANNING JARS FOR MISSIONS

Hi all from Missions! Huge kudos to all who helped to make our holiday giving to Samaritan's Purse boxes and our socks, underwear, hats, and mittens such a great success!

In preparation for an upcoming participation project we're in need of canning jars: common sizes with standard mouth size. Hoping we can kick this project off soon, so check your pantries to see if you have any to spare. Please leave any jars upstairs in Parish Hall.

Thanks!

Confirmation

Now We are 6 months into our Confirmation program, and Leah and Emma continue to work hard as they study Lee Strobel's book, "The Case for Christ."

Chapter 1: We learn that atheist and investigative reporter, Lee Strobel, tries to disprove that Jesus Christ was the savior described in the scriptures.

Chapter 2: "Did Jesus really Think He was God?": After an exhaustive investigation, Strobel concluded Jesus stated emphatically in the scriptures that he was.

Chapter 3: "Was Jesus Crazy to Claim he was God?": After conferring with world-renowned psychologists whether Jesus fit the psychological definition of having a mental illness, he concluded Jesus did NOT fit even one of the clinical criterion for mental illness and he was NOT crazy.

Chapter 4: "Did Jesus Match the Identify of the Messiah?": Strobel discovered there were dozens of prophecies regarding Jesus' birth, birthplace, crucifixion, His resurrection, etc., and the probability of anyone matching even 8 of these is only one in 100 million billion (100,000,000,000,000,000)! Scriptures written 700+ years before His birth give a perfect description of the savior. Isaiah 53 for one.

Chapter 5: "Can you Trust Christ's Biographies?": Strobel found that the 1st four books of the New Testament were "scientifically-certified,"* as ancient historical documents recording Jesus' life, because:

1. They were written by eyewitnesses or people who interviewed eyewitnesses. None had anything to gain, but everything to lose for their writings.
2. Not one of countless living eyewitnesses discredited their writings.
3. Inaccuracy could not account for the radical transformations of the authors, apostles, and followers affected by Jesus.
4. In more than 24,000 ancient, Biblical transcripts in about 10 languages, the number of variations were negligible (about .005%), minor, and non-material. Miraculously, they ALL concluded Jesus was the Son of God. Today's Bible is an accurate copy of the original writings.

Chapter 6: Is There a Case for Christ outside the Bible? Strobel discovered there was! Both Jewish and Non-Jewish historians, believers and non-believers, corroborated the Bible in their writings. There is so much archaeological evidence showing the Bible to be accurate. In fact, no archaeological evidence, to date, has disproved any of it. Sir William Ramsey, an atheist and one of history's greatest archaeologists, spent 25 years trying to disprove the book of Acts, only to conclude that Luke, author of Acts, was one of the most accurate historians ever. He was so impressed that he became a Christian. Another noted archaeologist looked into Luke's references of 32 countries, 54 cities and 5 islands, and did not find one mistake. Current evidence includes the reality of how many thousands of lives have been totally changed/turned around, when they discovered Christ.

*** Renowned historians (believers and non-beliers) over the centuries almost always used the Bible as a primary reference because of its near-perfect accuracy historically, archeologically, and geographically.**



SUNDAY SCHOOL- 2ND STOP: EASTER

While Moses is lost in the desert, again, we will enjoy a brief stop at the cross for a few weeks, exploring the beautiful story of the resurrection. Our stop begins the last Sunday in March.

- Mar. 27: Palm Sunday & Cleansing the Temple
- April 3: The Last Supper & Gethsemane
- April 10: The Cross & the Resurrection
- April 17: Easter – Kids will enjoy Easter with their parents in the Sanctuary
- April 24: Moses Returns... "The Duel Begins" God's more powerful than anyone or anything



Sunday School **IS** children's church, where kids learn, on their level, that **our** God is **their** God too. Parents & grandparents, look for coloring pages and activities in the monthly Bell; download, print and enjoy with your kids! Use these as an opportunity to reinforce the lessons learned!

Continued blessings from Miss Georgia, Miss Pam, Miss Liz, Miss Emma & Miss Leah

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)!



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BE HAPPY!
IT'S EASTER!
JESUS IS WITH US!



NAME _____

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3 Communion Sunday 9:30am Worship and Sunday School 11am Church Council 4pm Youth Fellowship	4 6:30pm Prayer Hour	5 10am – LBS 12:30pm Lenten bible Study	6	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 9:30am Worship and Sunday School 10:15am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am Palm Sunday Brunch	11 6:30pm Prayer Hour	12 10am – LBS 12:30pm Lenten bible Study	13	14 Maundy Thursday 7pm Tenebrae Service	15 Good Friday 12pm Ecumenical Good Friday Service	16
17 Easter Sunday 5:45am Sunrise Service @ Burke's Beach 9:30am All-Family Worship	18 6:30pm Prayer Hour	19 10am – LBS Coffee Hour	20	21	22	23
24 9:30am Worship and Sunday School 4pm Youth Fellowship	25 6:30pm Prayer Hour	26 10am – LBS	27	28	29	30

Office Hours: Tuesday: 9a-3p; Wednesday: 9a-2p; Thursday: 9a-2p

Pastoral Office Hours: By Appointment Only

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Let it Shine!



THE GREEN SHEET

(A monthly message from our youth team)

Greetings from the FCCM Youth Group!

Well, the weather is getting warmer!, and the Youth Group is gearing up and getting excited for some Spring Adventures!

Here's what's coming up:

April's Schedule:

Sun., Apr. 3- Regular Meeting – at Parish Hall - 4-5:30pm

Sun., Apr. 10 - No YG meeting – Palm Sunday – WE all attend Church!

Sun., Apr. 17 - Easter Sunrise Service – 5:45 am (YG meets at 5:15am) - Burke's Beach

Sun., Apr. 24 - 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 (but not always) 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, 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 Reverend Bartlett

Holy Week “At-A-Glance”

Here is a list and info for all our Holy Week Activities!



Palm Parade during Service (April 10th @ 9:30am)

Students will be joining in on the Palm Parade this year during the Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9:30am!

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt (10:15am)

Kids and Grandkids, join in the fun of our Easter Egg Hunt. 10:15 on Palm Sunday on the Parish Hall lawn or inside (depending on the weather). Kids bring your friends, too, the more the merrier! Hosannah, Hosannah – He comes in the name of the Lord!

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH (10:30am)

The Christian Fellowship Committee is seeking a Task Force to provide a Palm Sunday Brunch on April 10, 2022 immediately following the Church Service. As you may recall in our pre-Covid days, our Palm Sunday Brunch has been a highlight of our Church Fellowship events.

As in the past, our menu will include: French toast casserole, egg dishes, including deviled eggs, ham, fruit salad, potato casserole, baked beans, bagels, muffins, juice, and of course coffee and tea.

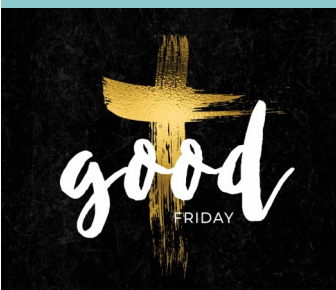
For more info please contact: Audrey Taylor: rick.audrey@verizon.net, or Nancy Berberick: nlberberick@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at brunch!



Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service (April 14th @ 7pm)

The Worship service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the Church for centuries, dating back to the medieval period.

Tenebrae grew to become an important part of Worship for all people of the Church during Holy Week, typically being celebrated near the end of Holy Week. Tenebrae is a meditation on Christ’s suffering. Scripture readings and musical selections outline the story of Christ’s passion. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of His sacrifice as we hear the striking sound of the “streptitus” (representing the earthquake upon Jesus’ death); and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the liturgy, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory. The service concludes in darkness, except for a final candle, the Christ candle, carried out of the sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus.



Good Friday Ecumenical Service (April 15th @ 12pm)

Several Christian Churches throughout Marshfield will join together at FCC Marshfield at noon on Good Friday for an Ecumenical Service to present the last 7 words spoken by Jesus before He died on the cross.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service (April 17th @ 5:45am)

Join us Easter Morning at Burke’s Beach for our annual Sunrise Service, led by our Youth Group! Celebrate our Risen Savior with the rising sun!

Traditional Easter Sunday Worship in Sanctuary (9:30am)

On Easter Morning, join us for our traditional Easter Worship Service at 9:30am. We will be celebrating our Risen Savior with our congregation and their families!

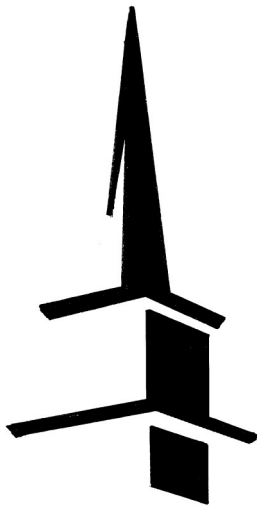
We look forward to worshipping our Lord with you and your loved ones!



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