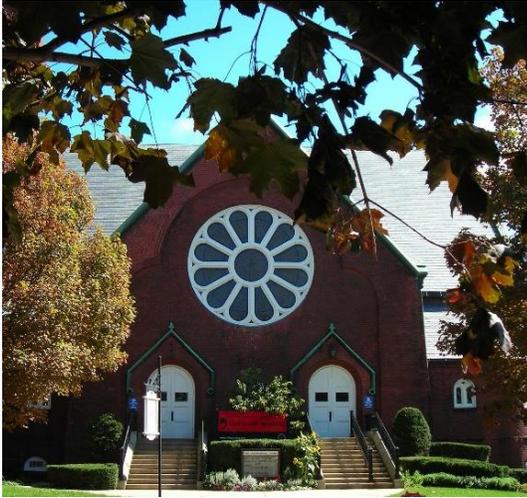


# CHURCH AT THE CENTER

APRIL 2020



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AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING UCC CONGREGATION,  
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AND EXTEND GOD'S ABUNDANT LOVE AND JUSTICE INTO THE WORLD.*



**BE STILL AND KNOW GOD**



HOLY WEEK  
WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE

As Sunday Worship in our Sanctuary is suspended due to Government mandate, we continue to try and be creative with ways to keep Center Church folk connected.

**We will keep you updated about Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.**

At this time Lori is talking with the Ministers of All Saints and Our Saviour's Lutheran churches about a "Virtual" Maundy Thursday that may include a car parade with waving palm fronds - that's something to look forward to...

Keep checking your email for information from Center Church.



**Northampton Pride Parade May 2<sup>nd</sup> - HOPEFULLY! - If you are interested in marching with Center Church** we will meet at the church parking lot at 9:30am and carpool to Northampton with our banners. Join Lori for a spirited time walking for justice. It usually lasts an hour, walking down the main street heading to the Fairgrounds. We will keep you updated as to the status of the event!

Through the use of Undesignated Memorial Funds, the Church Council of Center Church offers a limited number of **partial scholarships for children and youth who attend religious based summer camp experiences such as Silver Lake and Star Island.** A typical scholarship will be in the range of \$150.00 per child/youth. The goal of this program is to foster attendance for children and youth that will hopefully enhance positive transformation and deepening of their spiritual journey. By vote of Church Council, up to 70% of the annual available undesignated funds shall be designated for these scholarships. Therefore, it is understood that the available amount will be subject to slight yearly fluctuation due to the number of applicants and /or the funds available for this purpose. If a cap becomes necessary, preference shall be given to first year applicants. If interested in this opportunity, please give your name to Thia in the church office or to Rev. Souder. **The deadline for application is May 1, 2020.**



The Activities Team would like folks to know the **Mother's Day Tea** that was in the planning stages will likely be postponed...but it can serve as a bright light on the horizon....we'll keep you updated.

**Coffee Hour-** Although we had only two coffee hours in March, we thank the Trustees for being our hosts. If we are able to return to coffee hours sometime in later April, the Activities Team will be our hosts. This team helps to enhance the fellowship of the church through non-budgetary fundraising activities such as our Annual Fall Fair and the Holiday Bazaar. Receptions for funerals and memorial services are also the responsibility of this team. Two-thirds of the money raised is returned to the general budget of the church and one third remains with the Activities team. These funds are used to purchase items that will benefit the fellowship of the church members. Members of this team are: Karen Anderson, Valerie Bonzek, Corinne Chartrand, Patricia Landry and Nancy Perman.



## PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Continual:

Emily Bangs-Orsini (at Mt. St. Vincent)  
Barbara Blank's great-grandson,  
Cayden  
Luke Bradley  
Marjorie Buschner  
Wayne Cowan, in short term rehab  
Dolly Crossland  
Muriel Graham  
Shelly Granger  
Lou Hamilton  
Tom Hazen  
Audrey Heinrichs  
Phyllis Lacoste  
Anna Sibley  
Ruth Thornton - Vero (Wingate)



*We keep all those affected by the  
Coronavirus in our prayers,  
including medical personnel  
and first responders.*

### Situational:

Julie Burke's cousin, David Driscoll, on  
waiting list for liver transplant  
Emily Carle's dad, Jim  
Diane Clinton and family following the  
passing of her husband Bob  
George Cobb  
Grace Hooton  
Eunice Howes' friend, Sarah Boynton  
Gayle Kenneson's grandson Alex, broken leg  
Kerry Lake, friend of the Hoffmans,  
recovering from an accident  
Brandi Lynn, following eye surgery  
Patricia Miller, Valerie Bonzek's daughter  
Rich Normandin, diagnosed with cancer  
Betty Odell  
Lucio Perez, in Sanctuary in Amherst FCC  
Art Stanley  
Bernice Strong, recuperating  
Eric Tipton, needing a kidney transplant

*We keep those serving in the military  
in our prayers.*

## Youth Group



As you probably know, MHC has sent home all students - including our Youth Leaders Emma and Maddie, and "Littles" Teacher Simone.

Also of note is that Youth Leader, Emily, was sent home from her semester abroad in Greece. Thia spoke with her the other day and she is doing well, showing no signs of illness! She and her mom are in quarantine because of her flight from Greece.

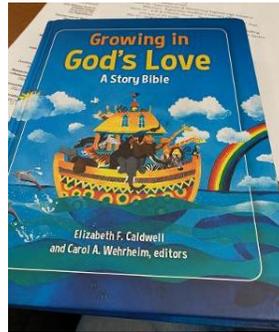
These are some challenging times!

We are hoping that the Youth Leaders can create remote gatherings via computer with the youth. In the meantime, we hope they are all home safe and well!

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

How quickly our lives have been turned inside out by social distancing for this very vital benefit of public health. Everyone and every organization is doing its part to flatten the curve. Bravo to you and your families and bravo to Center Church too. We miss you all! In this quarantine break from regular church services and weekly Sunday school classes in the Promised Land, I am doing google hangouts with families. It's so great to see you and read stories together and pray together and share resources anyway we can. It's a real comfort to stay connected. Thank you God for technology! Amen. Stay healthy and safe. Remember to find or continue a spiritual practice in this season of Lent and faith renewal. Enjoy your families and please reach out with any needs you may have. I hope to see you soon. 🏠

~ Martha 🌸 😊



## Adult Christian Education

### A Peep At The Bible



Psalms 25: 20-21

“Oh guard my life and deliver me for I take refuge in thee. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for thee.”

While this is a serious pandemic, plagues are nothing new in history. In 1527 Martin Luther wrote a letter to the Rev. Dr. Johann Hess, the pastor at Breslau, as a plague threatened Wittenberg:

“Use medicine; take potions which can help you; fumigate house, yard, and street; shun persons and places wherever your neighbor does not need your presence or has recovered ... Moreover, the person who has contracted the disease and recovered should keep away from others and not admit them into their presence unless it be necessary. Though one should aid a person in their time of need, as previously pointed out, the person in turn, should, after their recovery, so act toward others that no one becomes unnecessarily endangered on their account and so cause another's death ... Some are even worse than that. They keep it secret that they have the disease and go among others in the belief that by contaminating and poisoning others they can rid themselves of the plague and so recover ... May Christ our Lord and Savior preserve us all in pure faith and fervent love, unspotted and pure until his day. Amen. Pray for me a poor sinner.”

Like Luther in his day, honesty, vigilance, action and prayer are crucial weapons against the scourge of an epidemic. Denial and wishful thinking are not part of a cure. Hard times are ahead but Immanuel: God is with us.

# News from the Trustees for April 2020

One of the first things we normally do at our meeting is to plan which of us will be counting the Sunday service offerings. Little did we know that, because of the corona virus, church would be cancelled for a while. We were also to be responsible for fellowship hour hosting for the entire month, which recently “retired” board member Tom Waller had agreed to cover, as he has done previously. So, in spite of our cancellation, we want to acknowledge his willingness to help out!

Randy Hyvonen returned to our meeting a second time to discuss the possibility of outside grants available. He reported that a meeting had been held with Al, Lori, Randy P., the outside “consultant” and himself, and he had in hand their comprehensive report. It said that while our building was in overall good shape, going forward the roof and masonry work should be a priority. They had found some leakage inside from those areas and they voiced concern about our foundation and the closeness of soil around most of it which has impacted the bricks. They presented three specific areas which could/should be covered by any grants for which we apply. Work around the bell tower seems the simplest and the least expensive, although still costly. They recommend work on the front and south outer walls next and the rear and north sides last. They recommended applying for a “sacred spaces” grant first which might work to cover the final outside uncompleted work on the rose windows. The timing for that grant application would be April 22. After Randy’s report we had quite a long discussion. It was noted that we do have in hand the historical designation from the National Parks Service. We agreed to continue this discussion and the financial ramifications involved. We also asked that the consultant be invited to our next meeting in person so that we could ask more questions.

At the end of February, our monthly financials should be at about 17% of the annual budget. Income was at 21.5% and expenses stand at 18.4%. **Since services have been cancelled for a several weeks at least, we ask that members mail their regular pledge payments to the church office.** Our gas bill continues to be the highest expense. We discussed possible ways to contain expenses but also know that we will be heading into spring/summer when that bill does go down and acknowledged that having one Education building furnace out of service for two months did not help. That computer issue has since been fixed. We did talk about the various groups which use the church during the week and the corona virus issue, including canceling our own Sunday services. The new suggestion box had raised a question about the location of all our first aid “boxes” and we are working on that. We are continuing to work on our building use policy and costs associated with that use. Anita Sarro and Lorain Giles are working with Karen and Carol on this reworked policy and we thank them for their assistance. Al reported that the elevator inspection had been set for March 19 and all required bodies had been notified. Eliot continues to research possible changes to our large sign out front. He will also talk with one of our regular contractors about possible renovation of the second floor “restrooms.” Al reported that we have purchased a number of hand sanitizer units to be placed around the church and we are just waiting for the liquid to fill them. Technically our next meeting should be April 14.

*Cindy Morrell, secretary*

**NOTE: if you have any questions about the Trustees’ “doings,” please know that you are always welcome to attend our meetings held the second Tuesday evening (7:00 p.m.) of each month.**



## Notes from Church Council

The Church Council met on March 3 in the Meetinghouse Room. Corrine Chartrand, Activities, was our Lead pro-tem. Randy Purinton led us in devotions, touching upon the COVID-19 virus pandemic about keeping our hands washed, and also on Rev. Souder's injury to her right hand little finger. He spoke of various traditions pertaining to the right hand. He referred to the famous religious connotation of "Sitting at the right hand of God." Jesus holds this position and is ready to "act at God's request." He stated that this can also pertain to our pastor, as she preaches the teachings of Jesus and "sits at the right hand." The Deacons reported their need for more participants on their team. They discussed the possibility of more responsive readings during worship. CE stated that the Promise landers are planning to make pretzels during Lent. Adult CE is considering a future trip to the Russian Icon Museum in Clinton, MA. Trustees have placed safety posters throughout the Church buildings. The heating units in Fellowship Hall have been cleaned to help with better heating distribution. The Trustees are having ongoing meetings regarding policies and how we host outside events. We need firm guidelines and a more business-like approach. Activities is planning a fundraiser for Saturday, May 9. They are calling it "A Floral Tea," incorporating the sale of annual plants. Outreach distributed the handout called "New York based non-profit RIP Medical Debt" from the Southern New England Conference. It explains the program. For the time being, Outreach is planning a "low key" monetary collection for this project. Membership reported that there are more potential new members ready to join Center Church. The Council was asked to consider the need for a future capital campaign to deal with our various building preservation needs. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on April 7.

*David C. Morrell, Clerk*

## Peterson Memorial Scholarships

### Special Offering for the Peterson Memorial Education Fund May 3, 2020

Since Gus and Ginger Peterson joined the church in the early 1980s, they have been a ray of light in the community, even after their deaths. Ginger firmly believed in the power of a good education, and she felt that every student, regardless of their financial situation, should be given the opportunity to receive an education that could lead them to success in life. In light of this, Gus and his three daughters worked to honor this belief after Ginger's death in 1985. Along with Center Church trustees, Gus set up the Peterson Scholarship Program here at the church. Along with his second wife, Barbara, Gus worked hard to grow the Peterson Fund, and even after he and his wife died, their funeral gifts were directed to this fund.

Thanks largely to the generous contributions of the Center Church community in past years, the Peterson Memorial Fund has been able to assist a number of worthy students, all of which having dealt with very real financial challenges, in their educational endeavors. These awards have not only given financial support, but have also sent the message that we believe in their ability to overcome adversity and to achieve their dreams. Gus and Ginger believed that education could help to solve many individual, national and world problems. It was in this spirit that the fund was created.

On May 3rd there will be a voluntary special offering for the Peterson Memorial Education Fund. Envelopes will be available in the pews. Please put "Peterson Fund" in the memo portion of any checks. Thank you to everyone who has supported the goals of this fund and the legacy of Gus and Ginger Peterson.

# Outreach Partners of the Month

**Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity** builds strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable homeownership

As you remember in May of last year Center Church participated in a Habitat congregational workday in Northampton. A generous gift was also made to help build four homes on Glendale Road in the same city. Here is an update of the building activity:

Two (2) modular homes have been completed and the new homeowners have been chosen.

The framed (stick built) home will be finished this spring.

The fourth home in this Glendale Road development is underway.

John and Kate Hoffman have been volunteering at the Glendale Rd. property. You might like to talk with them about their experiences and/or go to [www.pvhabitat.org](http://www.pvhabitat.org). The Outreach Team hopes to organize another workday sometime in late spring.



**For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.** Hebrews 3:4

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RIP  
MEDICAL  
DEBT

One Way to Make a Real Difference....As if there weren't enough to worry about in this challenging time, many families face overwhelming medical debt from even before the Corona virus emerged. According to an article on our UCC website, "the facts are alarming: Medical debt is the top reason that Americans are in contact with debt collectors. A 2014 report by the U.S. Consumer Finance Protection Bureau

indicated that 52% of all debt on credit reports is from medical expenses. A 2016 Kaiser report found that, among Americans with medical bill problems, 70 percent say they cut back on spending for food, clothing or other basic household items; 41 percent say they took an extra job or worked more hours; 59 percent say they used most or all of their savings; 35 percent say they have been unable to pay for basics like food, heat or housing.

Alleviating medical debt has the multiplier effect of improving many elements of basic living for millions of families that struggle to make a living. It hits at the core of a major cause of poverty in the United States. Ending poverty in all forms is the core mission of Jesus Christ and is the heart of the mission of the United Church of Christ, a just world for all."

RIP Medical Debt is an organization started in 2014. Its formal name is Medical Debt Resolution, Inc. It works by buying up the equivalent of medical mortgages that are in arrears and then forgiving them, rather than collecting or passing them on to another collection agency. They only deal in accounts owed by people whose incomes are less than 2x federal poverty level, have excessive medical debt, or are insolvent. For a story of someone who worked with them, see <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/05/nyregion/medical-debt-charity-ny.html>

Our Southern New England Conference is encouraging every congregation to contribute to the RIP Medical Debt effort as a public statement and meaningful action to address poverty and demonstrate unity in our love of neighbor. All monies will be directed toward needy communities in our area (Springfield, Hartford and others). Every \$10 donated eliminates \$1000 of debt. The Outreach Team, on behalf of Center Church, will contribute monies from both its line item budget and the Community Outreach Fund toward this cause. If you would like to make an individual gift that will have a major impact in the lives of others, you may write a check to Center Church UCC with RIP Medical Debt in the memo line and send it by mid-April to 1 Church St South Hadley MA 01075 and we will send all donations on to the conference. Stay healthy!

# Fall Fair - 2020

With optimism, we are starting to introduce you to our Fall 2020 Fair that is scheduled for the weekend of October 10-12<sup>th</sup>. With the present conditions of the coronavirus pandemic, we cannot say for sure if the dates will be fine or if they will need to be adjusted.

It's not too early to start thinking about our traditional Fall Fair. This year the weekend is October 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>h</sup>. The Fair is a wonderful opportunity for good fellowship and an opportunity to make new friends as you work with them side by side during preparation, selling, and cleaning up. Of course, it is also a major fundraiser for our church. These are all very positive reasons why we have the fair...BUT it takes lots and lots of time and energy! No matter what part of the fair appeals to you, we NEED that commitment from you to continue our history of success!

Below are some of the areas where we need many hands and time:

**Marking of items**-join us on Tuesday mornings for 2 ½ hours of putting the items in their proper category and marking the price on each item. These Tuesday mornings will start in May.

**Setting up the fair**-many hands make for shorter hours ...but the week before the fair, we need people to set the items out on the designated tables. You can just stop in and give an hour or so of your time....that would be appreciated!

**Working the days of the fair**- this is an area that we have been lacking in the number of people volunteering. However, adequate coverage is essential during all hours that we are open to the public. Look at your calendars now and see what hours and days of the fair you'd be willing and able to help!

**Cleaning up** the week after the fair there is a big need to pack up all the unsold items AND help to take the boxes to places such as the Salvation Army and Goodwill.

**Bringing in items for the Fall Fair**-what we sell is what you have brought in...so basically it is up to us as to the quantity and quality of our Fall Sale. Please bring the items in clean...and please help us by following our list of what we can and cannot accept. All items need to be in "working order" ...when they are broken or a part is missing, it does not sell and we are responsible for disposing of it. In many cases this means we have to pay at the landfill and thus it takes away from our net proceeds. Items may be brought in during hours when the church is open (remember to include Sunday mornings!). Starting in May, Tuesday mornings there will be people available to help you unload the items from your car.



**FALL FAIR WEEKEND IS OCTOBER 10,11,12**  
**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW ...AND THANKS**

It's time to remind you that, as you do your spring housecleaning.....please keep the tag sale part of the Fall Fair in mind!!! *We are accepting items as of May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

Over the years we have learned what sells and doesn't sell...and where left-over items can graciously find a new home. Following the sale, we also have recognized that the members of the congregation do not appreciate items left in Fellowship Hall for several weeks after the fair. The items are there because we are attempting to locate agencies and/or people who will accept these items at no cost to either them or to the church! These negotiations cannot be made until we have an inventory of what is left!

We have received feedback from folks outside our church community indicating that people look forward to our event and return year after year. What is frequently heard is that we are the best tag sale in the area due to having good items, organized, clean articles, fairly priced and friendly people selling! We sure don't want this to change. So, we anticipate another great fair.....but let us tell you what "works" and what "doesn't work."

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**WHAT DOES SELL....we look forward to your donations**

- |                                 |                    |              |                                    |                         |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Dishes                          | Glassware          | Knick knacks | Jewelry                            | Lamps                   | Artificial flowers |
| Linens                          | Decorative pillows | Vases        | Small appliances in good condition |                         |                    |
| Pots and pans                   | Hardware items     | Pictures     | Frames                             | Purses & bags           | Baskets            |
| Toys                            | Games              | Puzzles      | Stuffed animals                    | outside children's toys |                    |
| Decorations (indoor or outdoor) |                    |              |                                    |                         |                    |

**other than Christmas...save that for the Holiday Bazaar**

Hard cover books      Paperback books

Small furniture items such as end tables, small dressers, chairs  
(but NOT beds, couches, recliners, for example)

This is not an all-inclusive list. If any questions, give us a call!

Thanks so much for your cooperation. Again, we will start accepting donations NOW!  
We can't wait to see the wonderful items that will be donated this year!!!!

**WHAT DOES NOT SELL - PLEASE DO NOT donate these items**

**Electronics-** (such as computers, radios, CD players, speakers). These are usually outdated and, although in working order, do not sell. Our agency contacts do not take such items. Again, these electronics often end up at the dump....AND some items cost us a fee for disposal.

**Household replacement items** (such as medicine cabinets, kitchen stove hoods, bathroom and kitchen fixtures chandeliers, blinds)- These are so specialized....and often a very specific size, that they simply do not sell and once again, agencies will not take these items.

**Sporting goods** (such as skis, boots, golf equipment other than bags, exercise machines of any sort).  
*Golf bags and bicycles DO SELL!*

**Records, reference books, old magazines** (such as National Geographic, encyclopedias, school textbooks)  
...same story...**once again, they don't sell and it is difficult to dispose of them.**

**Note:** If a friend or neighbor wants to contribute to our tag sale, PLEASE share with them about what is NOT accepted AND please ask them to make sure items are clean and in working order

For more information, talk to Bobbie Ayers, Karen Anderson or one of the markers - or call the church office.



# From the Historian – April 19, 1775

## The First Patriots' Day

Many of us will remember the lines from Longfellow's poem... "On the eighteenth of April, in seventy-five..." when Paul Revere and William Dawes started out on their historic horseback ride to warn of the coming of the Redcoats. It was on Lexington Green in the early morning hours of April 19 that "the shot heard 'round the world" occurred. That shot was also "heard" here in our own small village of South Hadley. Fifteen of our village men headed by Col. John Woodbridge, Col. Ruggles Woodbridge, and Capt. Noah Goodman mustered their men "in defense of American Liberty" and marched to Lexington arriving the day after. They all became active in the Battle of Bunker Hill.



**A Continental Soldier  
and a Minute Man**

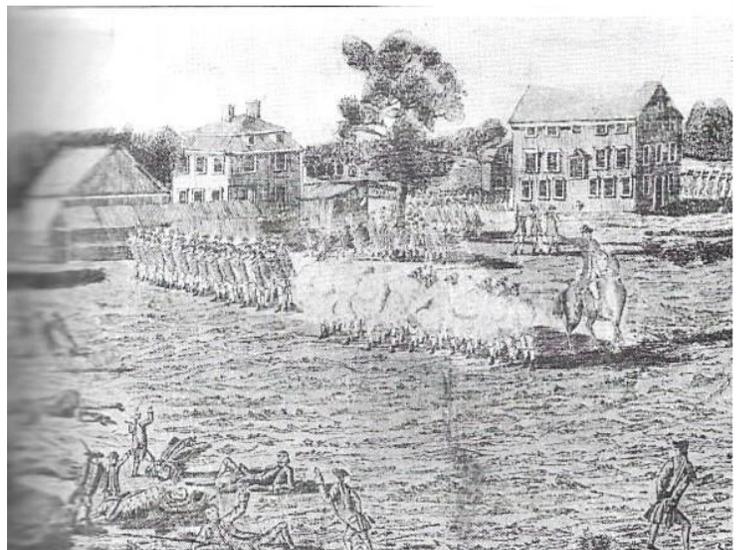
Col. John Woodbridge, the tenth John Woodbridge in a successive line of John Woodbridges, was the eldest son of our second minister, John Woodbridge the ninth. This John decided not to become a minister like those before him. Instead, he became a successful country store owner. He saw a lot of military action. He served eight years as a Capt. during

the French and Indian wars, rising to Maj. Then as Col., he commanded a regiment in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. However, he did not live to enjoy the triumphant end of the "War of Independence."

Born in Windsor, CT on July 24, 1732 to John and Tryphena Woodbridge, John was educated at Yale, his father's alma mater. John married Mary Whitney of Watertown, MA on June 10, 1762. They settled in South Hadley where they purchased the Rawson House (the first parsonage) and had three daughters and two sons. John died suddenly on September 27, 1782 at the age of 50. The cause of his death is referred to as "apoplexy". This is a sudden death which begins with a fast loss of consciousness, and within seconds the person dies after losing consciousness. The cause today would probably refer to an aortic aneurysm. John's wife Mary lived in their home for five years after. At this point, her brother-in-law Col. Ruggles Woodbridge bought the house and land, and eventually built the Sycamores mansion on that spot. Mary died in August of 1805. John and Mary are buried in the Old Burial Ground (part of the Evergreen Cemetery) in South Hadley.

As part of the remembrance of Patriots' Day, you may want to revisit the Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem, "*Paul Revere's Ride*." I am sure it will bring back memories to those who "had" to memorize at least part of it during our grade school days. Enjoy!

David C. Morrell, Center Church Historian  
4/20



**Lexington Green April 19, 1775**



- 01 Barbara Blank
- 02 Tom Hazen  
AJ Procter
- 04 Jennett Teece
- 05 Richard Howe
- 06 Nolan Gage
- 10 Tom Waller
- 15 Karen Sabbs
- 21 Terri Waller
- 25 Izzy Cordes  
Eileen Halkyard



## Come Join Us...

In May, we're going to start marking for the Fall Fair tag sale. We meet from 8:30-11:30 every Tuesday morning. Come every week or come when you can. We price each article (yes, it is a big job) amidst friendly talk and laughter.



For more information, talk to Bobbie, one of the markers or call the church office. We really need more folk so please consider joining us!

## What I Learned at Silver Lake

That God loves me, and how important it is to preserve the environment.

— 5th grader, *Muggles & Wizards*

I learned that I have a passion for music.

— 9th grader, *Rock of Ages*

The food is better than my dad's.

— 6th grader, *The Supers*

Teamwork is very important. I learned this especially during the rafting trip.

— 7th grader, *Bon Voyage & Happy Trails*

### SUMMER 2020 CONFERENCE DATES:

- Pioneer: June 21-27
- Week 1: June 28-July 4
- Week 2: July 5-11
- Week 3: July 12-18
- Week 4: July 19-25
- Week 5: July 26-Aug. 1
- Week 6: Aug. 2-8
- Week 7: Aug. 9-15



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@silverlakeconfcenter

Summer Camp for grades 4 through 12; register online at

# silverlakect.org

Friendship Leadership Community Deepening of Faith

The South Hadley Council on Aging is temporarily closed due to state mandates because of the coronavirus. Please think about becoming a volunteer once the center reopens.

## Volunteers Wanted at South Hadley Council on Aging\*



- Dining Room
- Administrative
- Reception
- Lunchbook
- Brown Bag

Your time and talents are needed and greatly appreciated at the South Hadley COA. Please contact Activity & Volunteer Coordinator, Brenda Bartosz: BBartosz@SouthHadleyMA.gov or 538-5042

Long term interim location: 9 East Parkview Drive, at St. Theresa's Parish Center

**On the first Sunday of each month, please bring any of the following items to worship:**

Canned vegetables

Canned fruits

Cereals

Soups

Dried Pastas

Rice

Canned beans

Tuna Fish

Peanut Butter Jam/Jelly



Juices Crackers

Spaghetti sauce

Meals in a can

The monthly offering is used for direct appeals to Center Church and for donation to local food pantries.

Our gifts are extended to the hungry and the poor - those who need them most! Food offerings may be left inside the Church Street entrance at other times.

**Thank you for your compassionate response!**

# ARBOR DAY

At the

## Hahn/Warner ARBORETUM

Located behind the M.E.S. Middle School

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
9:30 a.m.

in case of rain, ceremony will take place in  
M.E.S. Middle School Library



Honoring  
**ROBIE HUBLEY**  
Environmentalist and  
Supporter of Nature

A special tree to be planted in honor of  
Robie by the students of Science  
Teacher Maria Drobiak

*The public is warmly invited*



Southern New England Conference  
United Church of Christ  
*Living the Love & Justice of Jesus*

### Daily Lectionary Scripture References - April 2020 (Year A)

**Wed., April 1**  
Psalm 32  
Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41  
Matthew 22:23-33

**Thurs., Apr. 2**  
Psalm 31:9-16  
1 Samuel 16:11-13  
Philippians 1:1-11

**Fri., Apr. 3**  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Job 13:13-19  
Philippians 1:21-30

**Sat., Apr. 4**  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Lamentations 3:55-66  
Mark 10:32-34

**Sun., Apr. 5**  
*Sixth Sunday in Lent*  
**Psalms**  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Matthew 21:1-11  
**Passion**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

**Mon., Apr. 6**  
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11  
Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

**Tues., Apr. 7**  
Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

**Wed., Apr. 8**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70  
Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

**Thurs., Apr. 9**  
*Maudy Thursday*  
Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Fri., Apr. 10**  
*Good Friday*  
Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1-19:42

**Sat., Apr 11**  
*Holy Saturday*  
Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24  
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16  
1 Peter 4:1-8  
Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

**Sun., Apr. 12**  
*Easter*  
Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

**Mon., Apr. 13**  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21  
Colossians 3:5-11

**Tues., Apr. 14**  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Exodus 15:1-18  
Colossians 3:12-17

**Wed., Apr. 15**  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Joshua 3:1-17  
Matthew 28:1-10

**Thurs., Apr. 16**  
Psalm 16  
Song of Solomon 2:8-15  
Colossians 4:2-5

**Fri., Apr. 17**  
Psalm 16  
Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**Sat., Apr. 18**  
Psalm 16  
Song of Solomon 8:6-7  
John 20:11-20

**Sun., Apr. 19**  
*Second Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

**Mon., Apr. 20**  
Psalm 114  
Judges 6:36-40  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

**Tues., Apr. 21**  
Psalm 114  
Jonah 1:1-17  
1 Corinthians 15:19-28

**Wed., Apr. 22**  
Psalm 114  
Matthew 1:1-10  
Matthew 12:38-42

**Thurs., Apr. 23**  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
Isaiah 25:1-5  
1 Peter 1:8b-12

**Fri., Apr. 24**  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
Isaiah 26:1-4  
1 Peter 1:13-16

**Sat., Apr. 25**  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
Isaiah 25:6-9  
Luke 14:12-14

**Sun., Apr. 26**  
*Third Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

**Mon., Apr. 27**  
Psalm 134  
Genesis 18:1-14  
1 Peter 1:23-25

**Tues., Apr. 28**  
Psalm 134  
Proverbs 8:32-9:6  
1 Peter 2:1-3

**Wed., Apr. 29**  
Psalm 134  
Exodus 24:1-11  
John 21:1-14

**Thurs., Apr. 30**  
Psalm 23  
Exodus 2:15b-25  
1 Peter 2:9-12

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