


**NOTES AND NOTICES**  
**March 28, 2010**

<b>Ministers</b>	All Members
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Jean Niven Lenk
<b>Student Pastor</b>	Lizzie Maris
<b>Organist/Choir Director</b>	Chris Nickelson

*Thank you to those participating in this morning's worship:*

<b>Greeters</b>	The O'Connell Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Zoey Howell and Emily Leahy
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Tom & Joan Roan and Dana Barnes

	The Altar flowers are given:
	† In memory of Peggy Cain by her Knitting Club Friends.


**Week of March 28**


- Sunday, March 28**  
***PALM/PASSION SUNDAY***  
 8:30 am Chancel *Palm/Passion*  
 Choir  SUNDAY  
 9:15 am Prayer Group  
 10:00 am Worship  
 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
 11:30 am CE  
 11:30 am Bible Study  
 11:30 am Covenant Class #4  
 5:00 pm YG Good Friday Png  
 6:45 pm Lenten Study

- Monday, March 29**  
 7:00 pm Rel. Addiction Mtg

- Tuesday, March 30**  
 7:30 pm Bells

- Wednesday, March 31**  
 10:00 am Prayer Shawl  
 3:45 pm G.S. Troop 292  
 7:00 pm ONA Process Meeting  
 7:30 pm Al Anon

- Thursday, April 1**  
***MAUNDY THURSDAY***  
 6:00 pm Christian Seder  Seder Meal  
 Potluck Supper followed  
 by Maundy Thursday Svc

- Friday, April 2**  
***GOOD FRIDAY***  
 Sanctuary Open 12 noon - 3 pm   
 6:00 pm Supper (Deacons)  
 7:00 pm Good Friday Youth  
 Service  
 8:00 PM Youth Lock-in Begins

- Saturday, April 3**  
 9:00 am Youth Lock-in Ends

- Sunday, April 4**  
***EASTER SUNDAY/***  
***COMMUNION***  
***NO SUNDAY SCHOOL***  
 8:30 am Chancel Choir  
 9:15 am Prayer Group  
 10:00 am Worship  
 11:00 am Coffee Fellowship  
 11:30 am Healing Prayers



In our prayers this coming week:



Marlene Corkery and family..... Friend of Gyneth McGarvey  
 Kim Gould  
 Peg Grenier..... Friend of Gyneth McGarvey  
 Rev. Patricia Hayes..... Pastor of CC Church, Brockton  
 Flo Ledin  
 Dan Reardon..... Neighbor of Lynn Tucker  
 Kathy Stetson..... Friend of Sally Monahan

***Please join us during Holy Week***

*March 28 through April 4*

† **Thursday, April 1**

*Maundy Thursday*

**\*6:00 pm** Christian Seder and Supper  
 followed by Maundy Thursday Service  
 with Holy Communion



† **Friday, April 2**

*Good Friday*

**12 noon to 3 pm** Sanctuary open for prayer and meditation; feel  
 free to join us for part of the time or for  
 the full three hours.

**\*6:00 pm** Lenten Supper  
**\*7:00 pm** Good Friday Service  
 led by the Youth Group, all ages invited.



**\*Youth-only lock-in/overnight vigil following the service.**  
*Pre-registration required.*

† **Sunday, April 4**

*Easter Sunday*

**\*10:00 am** Worship  
 \*The Resurrection of Jesus  
 \*Holy Communion  
 \*Special Music



**Last day EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS**

Please complete and return the purple insert in this issue of the *Notes & Notices* TODAY. Thank you.

I sincerely thank you for your concern, prayers, and cards during my recent episode of Bells Palsy. Pastor Jean's comfortable and comforting visit, bearing a beautiful prayer shawl was so very appreciated.

It is great to be back in church. Thank you! Chuck Bittner.

*Please join us during*

## **Holy Week**

We invite  
you to enter  
into the holy  
drama of  
Christ's  
passion by  
participating  
in our Holy  
Week  
observance  
s.

On Maundy Thursday, April 1,  
beginning at 6 pm, we will enjoy a  
special **Christian Seder** meal  
followed by a Tenebrae Service.

The Seder (which means "order,"  
because of the fixed order of

service) will offer a decidedly  
Christian twist to the traditional  
meal celebrated at Passover, the  
Jewish festival which celebrates  
Israel's liberation from Egyptian  
bondage. It was a Passover meal  
that Jesus was celebrating with his  
disciples at the Last Supper, which  
Maundy Thursday commemorates.

*We ask that each family bring a  
potluck dish to share.*

Following the  
Seder, we  
will transition  
to the  
sanctuary for  
a traditional  
Maundy  
Thursday  
**Service of  
Tenebrae**  
with

**Open and Affirming (ONA) Study Process – Open Meeting  
Biblical Perspectives on Sexuality  
Wednesday – March 31, 2010 – 7:00 PM**



The next congregation-wide meeting for the ONA study process will take place on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Fireplace Room. The meeting will focus on understanding the biblical statements concerning sexuality and will feature a panel of our own bible experts – our Pastor, Rev. Jean; our student pastor, Lizzie Maris; and Dana Barnes, who has studied at Andover Newton Theological School.

Rev. Jean, Lizzie, and Dana will offer their thoughts on the history and context of some of the famous bible verses that address sexuality, while providing assistance to those who are looking to faithfully apply the Bible's lessons to our 21st century lives.

Please take the time to join us, to become informed, to contribute your thoughts, and to deepen your insights. For questions – or if you need a ride – contact Joan or Tom Roan at 781-344-5134.

**APRIL 10, 2010 -Saturday, 9 AM – 12 NOON**



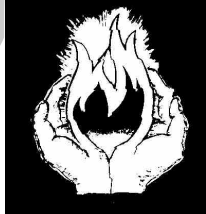
**All hands on deck!** Come bring your rakes, leaf blowers and gardening gloves and join us for a spring cleanup of our church grounds. As great as Al Mahoney, our church custodian, is – and he is great -- he and the Trustees could use some help! We have a job for everyone --- you name it – we need it done – raking, picking up pine cones and trash, sprucing up our flower beds, filling in potholes, cleaning gutters, hanging outside lights.

**Can't do outside work?** – well come on down with some cleansers and rags – and tackle an inside job – just pick a little corner that you know could use a little elbow grease and give it a shine ... clean out a coat closet, dust the Fireplace Room, give one of the downstairs classrooms a once-over, or tackle those cabinets in the kitchen.

**Need another incentive?** Strenuous church yard work burns approximately 329 calories per hour for an average person -- just the thing to work off that delicious Easter dinner from the weekend before. This is a perfect church service opportunity for all ages – bring yourself or bring the family ... come for three hours or come for just one. Trustees will have donuts, coffee and juice on hand throughout the morning to keep you energized.

Every little bit really does help and many hands make light work.

# Unwrapping Our Gifts



Empowering the Gifts, Ministries, and  
Spiritual Lives of Everyone in Our Church

**Small Group Leaders Training Event**

**Saturday, April 17**

**8:30 am to 3:30 pm**

**Church of the Pilgrimage, UCC, Plymouth**

Pastor Jean is coordinating this day-long workshop for the Pilgrim Association, and she would love to have a team from our church come!

This seminar will help the people in our church:

- † Unwrap gifts and ministries
- † Activate the Biblical vision that all people are God's ministers
- † Create in-depth community
- † Deepen people's spiritual lives
- † Do interactive Bible reflection
- † Speak new mission and outreach

By attending this workshop, you can learn small group leadership skills, teamwork, and recruiting strategies in order to be a laity empowerment leader at our church. Interested? Let Pastor Jean know as soon as possible!

*In the last 20 years, the Laity Empowerment Project  
has activated over 400 churches across the country.  
The project is designed by Ron Farr, a UCC pastor,  
retreat leader, small group trainer, church consultant, and writer.*

*For more information, visit [www.laityempowerment.com](http://www.laityempowerment.com).*

## Walk for Hunger

The **Walk for Hunger** is the largest one-day fundraiser to alleviate local hunger. Run by Project Bread, the goal of the Walk is to raise funds to help Massachusetts families who do not have enough food to eat. After a few year hiatus, we are proud to bring you the opportunity to contribute to this excellent cause once again!



On **Sunday, May 2**, a team from our church will be traveling to Boston to participate in this 20 mile walk. **How can you help?** You can **walk** with us, you can **pledge** to our team's effort, or you can be a Walk **volunteer** along the route.

During Coffee Hours in April, Adam Isbitsky (aisbitsky@gmail.com or 774-277-0737) will have information for those who are interested in helping us out. Walkers will carpool from the church early in the morning and take public transportation to Boston Common, where the Walk begins and ends. We will return to the church in the evening.

If you are thinking about **walking**, please contact him as soon as possible so you can get appropriate information and paperwork. Children under 18 will need a permission slip signed by a parent/guardian. **Please note:** you do not need to walk all 20 miles, there are many stopping points along the route and we will stick together.

If you would like to contribute to our Walk effort, you can make your tax-deductible donation one of these ways:

- See Adam with cash or a check made out to Project Bread during Coffee Hours in April
- Mail a check **to the church** made out to Project Bread
- Donate directly to Project Bread by clicking the donations tab at [projectbread.org](http://projectbread.org). Be sure to **search for our team** (First Congregational Church of Stoughton) so we can get the credit!

Our team goal is \$1000.

Help us **help our neighbors** who are in need!