

Needed: An individual good with budgeting to help a local *person with disabilities* work on setting up a monthly budget, probably require an hour or two on a one time basis. Please contact Rev. Jan if you can help.

A “Writing for Worship” Project ~ Rev. Jan is joining the Spiritual Writing Group on Thursday, April 8, at 8 pm for the first part of a special, 2-session program on planning and writing worship materials for Pentecost Sunday. As part of her Doctor of Ministry program, Rev. Jan must lead a worship writing project involving members learning about and together writing worship materials for a specific service. On Thursday, April 8 anyone who would like to be involved is welcome to join the Spiritual Writing Group and Rev. Jan to come learn a little more about the holy day of Pentecost, engage in some group discussion and writing exercises all designed to fashion prayers and other worship materials for Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. If you’d like to be in on the fun, just show up or contact Rev. Jan for more information (508) 529-9819.

Meditation Group Resumes ~ The Meditation Group, led by Kelly Luetkemeyer will resume meeting on Wednesday evenings beginning April 7 at 8:00 in the church parlor. This is a wonderful opportunity to take a break from our busy lives and to gather for a time of quiet, spiritual reflection. Come and find a space of renewal and refreshment. The group will meet April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5, 12. For more information, contact Kelly at kgluetkemeyer@earthlink.net.

Save the date! Millions of children today—most of them in Africa—are, through no fault of their own, caught up in the life-and-death drama of one of the greatest humanitarian crises of our time. First Congregational Church of Hopkinton is partnering with World Vision to bring an interactive, walk-through exhibit to the Metrowest area. **Step into Africa World Vision Experience: AIDS**, now touring the U.S., will transport you into the heart of Africa and the life of a child affected by the AIDS crisis. The exhibit combines a stirring audio tour with captivating photography to give you a whole new perspective. **This museum-quality Experience will be available to tour at First Congregational Church, 146 E. Main Street in Hopkinton, April 11-18 and is free to the public.** By joining with us, you will take a step toward helping our community address the needs of those affected by the global AIDS crisis. Visit www.worldvisionexperience.org/metrowest for more information.

SCRIP News:

- Great Lakes Scrip will be closed from April 5-9, so please plan to get your order in this week for your upcoming shopping needs.
- GL Scrip is currently offering the following special returns on select cards through April 2: L.L. Bean will now earn 17%, TGIFridays will earn 10%, iTunes will earn 8% and beginning April 1 through May 7, Red Robin will earn 11%.
- Order your cards on Sunday morning with a Scrip Team member or send your order to the church office (unitedparishoffice@yahoo.com or 508-529-3192) by Tuesday morning for same week delivery.

Please note... There will be no spoken announcements next Sunday, April 4 at our Easter Service. Please submit any notices for the bulletin to the church office by Wednesday, March 31. Thank you.

Holy Week Music Rehearsal Schedule:

<u>Group</u> <u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	
Festival Choir Sanctuary	Palm Sunday, March 28	8:30 a.m.	
Solid Rock (Teen Choir) Sanctuary	Palm Sunday, March 28	9:00 a.m.	
Radiance (Children’s Choir) Sanctuary	Palm Sunday, March 28	9:00 a.m.	
Solid Rock (Teen Choir) Sanctuary	Tuesday, March 30	6:30 – 7:15 p.m.	
Festival Choir Sanctuary	Tuesday, March 30	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	
Instrumentalists Sanctuary	Tuesday, March 30	7:00 – 7:45 p.m.	
Festival Choir	Easter Sunday, April 4	8:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Instrumentalists	Easter Sunday, April 4	8:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Hallelujah Chorus	Easter Sunday, April 4	8:45 a.m.	Sanctuary
Solid Rock	Easter Sunday, April 4	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Radiance (Children’s Choir)	No rehearsal during Holy Week		
Technicolor Promise Choir	No Rehearsal during Holy Week		
Rehearsals for Technicolor Promise will resume on Thursday, April 8 th at 5:30 p.m.			

Ushers, Readers and Greeters

March Head Deacon: Brandy Capistran

March 28 ~ Ushers: Dave Loeper, Cindy Bolton, Nancy Campbell
Reader: Bobbie Lawn-Tower
Greeters: Cindy & Domenic Jannetti
Coffee Hour Host: Linda & Rich Gazoorian

April Head Deacon: Alan Caron

April 4 ~ Ushers: June Otte, Andy Weiner, Sandy Leacu
Reader: Sandy Alibozek
Greeters: The Van Norman Family

April 11 ~ Ushers: Tracee Perkins, June Otte, Sandy Leacu
Reader: TBD
Greeters: The Perkins Family
Coffee Hour Host: Sandra Ng

April 18 ~ Ushers: Carl Porter, Steve Rogers, Wayne Phipps
Reader: Susan Bonito
Greeters: Heidi Schultz
Coffee Hour Host: Liz Sylvester

April 25 ~ Ushers: Debbie Pedersen, Jeff Ng, Sandra Ng
Reader: Brandy Capistran
Greeters: Bobbie Lawn Tower and Jay Tower
Coffee Hour Host: Trina Triggs

May Head Deacon: Andy Weiner

May 2 ~ Ushers: Brandy Capistran, Mike Lareau, June Otte
Reader: Tim Alibozek
Greeters: June and Dick Otte
Coffee Hour Host: Leanne Luetkemeyer

May 9 ~ Ushers: Carl Porter, Allison Morrill, Greg Morrill
Reader: Suze Caron
Greeters: The Ng Family
Coffee Hour Host: Heidi Schultz

May 16 ~ Ushers: Whitney Loeper, Dave Loeper, Nancy Campbell
Reader: Amy Coburn-Gaudet
Greeters: The Moeckel Family
Coffee Hour Host: Linda and Rich Gazoorian

May 23 ~ Ushers: Jay Tower, Bobbie Lawn-Tower, Trina Triggs
Reader: Jane Curl
Greeters: The Leutmeyer Family
Coffee Hour Host: Mike Lareau

Announcements

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 28 ~ Palm/Passion Sunday

•Worship begins with a Dedication of the Palms service at 9:30 in the vestry.

Thursday, April 1 ~ Maundy Thursday

•A Family Supper and Maundy Thursday Service for all ages begins at 6:00pm.
•Prayer Vigil begins at 8:00pm and continues until 8:00pm on Good Friday.

Friday, April 2 ~ Good Friday

•A self-guided "Stations of the Cross" will be set up in the Sanctuary and will be open all day from 6:00am until 8:00pm.

Sunday, April 4 ~ Easter

•Sunrise Service at Kiwanis Beach at 6:00am followed by Easter morning breakfast at the church at 6:45am
•Easter Worship at 9:45am — we proclaim the ancient Easter affirmation, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

One of our traditional Holy Week observances is the **24 Hour Prayer Vigil** kept from 8:00pm on Maundy Thursday until 8:00pm on Good Friday. A prayer room is set up in the parlor for participants to keep vigil in ½ - 1 hour increments. Our goal is to "stay awake and pray" with Christ through the hours of his suffering and death. **There are still many times slots open, so please consider adding your name to the sign up sheet posted in the narthex.**

Maundy Thursday Pot-luck and Worship: During Holy week, on Thursday, April 1st, the Faith Development Committee will be hosting a family supper at 6:00pm, followed by a very family-friendly communion service commemorating the Last Supper. Look for the poster in the lower vestry and sign up to contribute a favorite dish. This is a great opportunity to share the deep spiritual meaning of Holy Week with friends and neighbors so invite them along too!

Easter Egg Hunt: Don't miss the annual FDC hosted Easter egg hunt, which will be taking place on the church grounds immediately following the Easter Sunday Service on April 4th. Please provide your children with baskets for this fun event. Come and experience the wonder of Easter from a child's perspective!

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May 30 ~ Ushers: Carl Porter, Cindy Jannetti, Dominic Jannetti

Reader: Kelly Leutmeyer

Greeters: The Mangano Family

Coffee Hour Host: Liz Sylvester