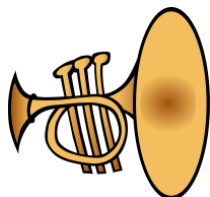


TRUMPET BLAST



Trinitarian Congregational Church March 26, 2023

We are a church committed to community, loving and welcoming all to the feast of God, nourishing body and spirit.

The Breath Before the Blast

“Hold on dear friend, for this is not the end. You have traveled so far and you have worked so hard. Carry on with courage and do not give up. And not because things will be easy but because these seeds you are sowing matter, and they will grow in time, if you do not lose heart.”

~ Morgan Harper Nichols ~

Pastor Rosemary's Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me any time – Pastor Rosemary

****From the Worship & Music Ministry**** - Linda Hescok

We are so pleased to announce Pastor Rosemary is feeling well enough to lead all 3 worship services associated with Holy Week; her husband, Greg, will drive her back and forth. The guest preacher for Sunday, March 26th will be Rev. Robert Livingston. **If you would like to be a reader for Passion/Palm Sunday or Maundy Thursday please contact Linda Hescok, or the church office.**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

April 2: Passion/Palm Sunday to be followed by a luncheon downstairs
April 6, 5:00 p.m: Maundy Thursday
April 9: EASTER

We regret we are not offering a Good Friday observance, but services in other UCC churches in the area might be listed online, or in the *Greenfield Recorder* the Saturday before Easter.

Mission – Suzan Smith

****The next Mission meeting is April 17th at 7 p.m.****

Inclement Weather

If an in-church service needs to be canceled due to inclement weather, an email blast will go out and the service will take place on Zoom. Notice of cancellation will also appear on Channel 22.

Easter Flower Orders – Pat Shearer

Don't forget your Easter flowers. Order by calling the office ASAP and sending check to T.C.C. \$14.50 to \$5.50 Lilies, tulips and daffodils.

****Easter Flower order forms will be available in the bulletin on March 26th. This is the cutoff date because orders need to be in to the florist Monday March 27th.****

Flowers and Altar Decorations – Pat Shearer

Flowers/altar decorations are always wonderful to have weekly, please contact Pam, in TCC's office, Suzan Smith or Pat Shearer to reserve. Adria Lowry Unique Floral Design, Northfield and Kathryn's Florist, Winchester are two local places to get the flowers.

Palm Sunday Pot Luck – Pat Shearer

Our Pot Luck on Palm Sunday will take place after church that day. It is the hope that we can have the foods that might have been eaten during Jesus' time. People have been asking for ideas of what to bring. I have come up with a few ideas. Ingredients that were around during Jesus's life were:

- Veggies:** Cucumbers, arugula, mint, olives, tomatoes, dill, parsley, garlic, beans of all kinds.
- Fruit:** Grapes, raisins, apples, pears, pomegranates, peaches, melons, dates.
- Meat/Fish:** Fish, chicken, lamb.
- Dairy:** Butter, cheese (soft like feta), yogurt.
- Wine:** Red and white.
- Nuts:** Almonds, pistachios.
- Extras:** Honey, cinnamon, salt.

There are a couple of sites to check out to get recipe ideas. “What Would Jesus Eat?” and “Almost Turkish” are two of them. They are good places to start. If you can't find anything that makes you feel good and you want to bring something, bring what makes you happy OR don't worry, there will be plenty of food (have you ever been to a potluck and gone away hungry?)

The Breath – Pastor Rosemary – Do you enjoy the word of encouragement that greets you with each Blast? Can you offer something to the church family that could bring others hope or perspective? Share it in ‘The Breath’. Please send your thoughts to the office by Tuesday at 10:00 am.

Loaves and Fishes - Cathy Hawkins-Harrison

Over \$4,000 was collected townwide for the Pine Street fire victims.

If you or a Northfield neighbor need assistance with groceries, oil/propane, or funding for an essential expense, please contact Cathy at 413-498-2038. Please pass the contact information on to a Northfield neighbor who may need assistance.

Worship & Music – Linda Hescock

March 26:	Liturgist:	Martha Morse
	Greeters/Ushers:	Pat and Tom Shearer
	Flowers:	
April 2, Palm/Passion Sunday:	Liturgist:	Michele Lawler
	Greeters/Ushers:	Suzan Smith & Paula Parsons
	Flowers:	
April 9, Easter:	Liturgist:	Sue McGowan
	Greeters/Ushers:	Linda Leavis & Pat Baker
	Flowers:	
April 16:	Liturgist:	Bob Scott
	Greeters/Ushers:	Joanne McGee & Bob Whitaker
	Flowers:	
April 23:	Liturgist:	Gwen Trelle
	Greeters/Ushers:	Marion & Bob Scott
	Flowers:	
April 30:	Liturgist:	Linda Leavis
	Greeters/Ushers:	Suzan Smith & Martha Morse
	Flowers:	

Community Meal Thursday, March 23rd – Joanne McGee

Franklin County Community Meal Program is serving a free, takeout meal on Thursday, March 23rd. We are serving a delicious roast turkey dinner prepared by the skilled Bernardston cooks. Eat-in or take out from 5 to 6 pm. Reservations help with planning.

Call 413-376-8410 or reserve online at fccmp.org/rsvp by Wednesday.

Pam's Table – Next Table Saturday, April 22nd, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The next Pantry table is Saturday, April 22nd. Please plan to bake or make something for the table. Casseroles, simple entrees like some sort of pasta, salads, desserts, soups – it is all very welcomed. Contributions and assistance are all greatly appreciated.

Joanne McGee has a revitalized supply of containers for food for Pam's Table. Bento boxes and clear round pint containers. Call Joanne. 498-5022.

Announcements for the Trumpet Blast – Pam Woodhull

Please send your articles and announcements by Tuesday at 10:00 am to the church office, busoff147@gmail.com. Printed copies will be sent to members who are not online.

Offerings - Your offerings support the church. Please mail your checks to the office at 147 Main Street, Northfield, MA 01360. All donations will be processed on a regular basis in order to meet ongoing expenses.

2023 Directory Coming Soon! – Pam Woodhull

Please let us know of any changes in your name, address, phone, or email address so we may keep updated for mailings as well as for the 2023 directory, which will be coming out in early 2023. You may leave changes with the administrative assistant at 498-5839 or email: busoff147@gmail.com, or leave in the administrative assistant's mailbox at the church office.

Nourish your Spirit – Michele Lawler, facilitator

At Trinitarian Congregational church lounge in Northfield, MA on Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

March 27: Book Discussion: Year of Wonder, by Geraldine Brooks

Care Ministry – Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Coffee Hours after church provide a wonderful time to gather with friends!

Please sign up to host a coffee hour -- sign-up sheet is in the Lounge. **Volunteers are needed for April.** In the lounge kitchen, you will find coffee, tea, crackers and ingredients for punch. You will need to provide half and half, set up the table, make the coffee (directions included on the fridge) and clean up. You may provide a few treats of your choice. Usually some fruit, cheese and a sweet treat is plenty. A fund is available to off-set the cost of goodies – please see Gwen. Please contact Pastor Rosemary or a member of the Care Ministry (Patter Field, Linda Leavis, Sue McGowan) with questions or to volunteer.

March 26:	Missi Jackson and Martha Morse
April 2:	Palm Sunday Luncheon
April 9:	Easter, no coffee hour
April 16:	Missi Jackson
April 23:	?
April 30:	?

Patter Field - If you know anyone who would appreciate a regular check-in call, or needs immediate help or support, please contact Patter. Also, if you would appreciate a call now and then, or need some support or help, feel free to call or text her. Phone calls and cards make a difference, lift moods, and bring smiles! Be well, be safe, and blessings to you.

Care Updates – Patter Field

Lois Stearns is in Warde Senior Living, 21 Searles Road, Windham, NH 03087. Dottie Arsenault is now home from Poets Seat. She is living at 207 Capt. Beers Plain Road, Northfield. The Life and Care meeting on Mar 13 was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Please stay in touch with the Care team with updates and concerns. Marlee Kaplan is unable to drive to church. She would love a ride if possible (she lives in Brattleboro) or a card or call. Jean Kozlowski is at home without a car; offers to drive her to church, shopping, etc. would be most welcome. Clayton Bezio is home, cheerful, but can't get out to come to church. Lee Dresser and Chris Shepard are at Buckley in Greenfield (their section is now called "Regal Care"). Alice Fortier is residing at Charlene Manor. Ed Finch is at Vernon Green. Marilyn and Gabe Gabriel are at home. All would welcome cards, calls or a visit. Lucinda Kidder would like prayers and cards; she may set up a Caring Bridge site; will keep us posted.

Lloyd and Dottie Parrill have a Caring Bridge site, so that friends and family may stay apprised of Lloyd's health journey, and add notes of cheer and comfort. Here is the link to Lloyd's Caring Bridge page:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lloydparill>

Update on TCC and Northfield's 350th – Martha Morse

Here is an update on 350th events thus far scheduled to be held at TCC.

Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 pm: Abijah Prince of Northfield: from Enslaved to Entrepreneur.

Saturday, June 10 at 3:00 pm: The Swan Singers, a shapenote Concert featuring music by Timothy Swan.

Saturday, June 10 at 4:30 pm: Chicken Barbeque

Sunday, July 23 at 2:00 pm, D.L. Moody: A Life: a presentation by Dwight L. Moody biographer Kevin Belmonte, with reception and book signing to follow.

Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 pm: Make your own Gingerbread House! (Pat Shearer)
Kids & Families

Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 1:00 pm AND 8:00 pm: Two performances of the play "A Christmas Carol" by Silverthorne Theatre. Contact: Lucinda Kidder.

You can find out lots more about these events and others by exploring the 350th website: northfield350.org. Stay tuned!

APRIL 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Robert Livingston Guest Preacher Worship 10 AM	27 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge	28 □	29 AA 7 PM Lounge	30 □	31 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	1 □
2 Palm Sunday Luncheon Worship 10 AM	3 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge	4 Music & Worship 11 AM Lounge	5 AA 7 PM Lounge	6 Maundy Thursday 5 PM	7 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall Good Friday	8 □
9 Worship 10 AM Easter Sunday	10 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge	11 Cabinet 3 PM	12 AA 7 PM Lounge	13 □	14 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	15 □
16 Worship 10 AM	17 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge Mission 7 PM	18 Trustees 11 AM	19 AA 7 PM Lounge	20 □	21 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	22 Pam's Table 10 AM to 1 PM
23 Worship 10 AM	24 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge Life & Care 3 PM	25 □	26 AA 7 PM Lounge	27 Community Supper 5-6 PM 350th Event 6 PM	28 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	29 □
30 Worship 10 AM	1 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge	2 □	3 AA 7 PM Lounge	4 □	5 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	6 □

Standing Times for Ministry Teams:

2nd Tuesday – Cabinet 3:00

3rd Tuesday – Trustees 11:00

3rd Monday – Mission: **7:00 p.m., April only**

1st Tuesday, 11 – Worship

4th Monday – Life and Care 3:00



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