

*First Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

## MARCH 2015 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am in the Chapel, 10 am in the Sanctuary

### March 1 Second Sunday in Lent

Worship with Holy Communion

Mark 8:31-38

*The Cross: Saving Love*

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preaching

Any who wish to wear their crosses or bring one and place it on our Communion Table before our service (and pick them up after our service) are invited to do so.

### March 8 Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20: 1-11

John 2:13-22

*Idol Thoughts*

Rev. Thomas Clough, guest preacher

Rev. Clough is the Associate Conference Minister for the East, CT Conference UCC. In this service Rev. Tamara Moreland, Associate Conference Minister for Central West, will recognize Rev. Leonard Clough, a member of our congregation, as he celebrates the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his call to ministry in the United Church of Christ. We will also bless the kits for the South Park Inn, which have been prepared by our Church School.

### March 15 Fourth Sunday in Lent

John 3:14-21

*What Does it Mean to Believe in God?*

Rev. Kevin Weikel, preaching

### March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent

John 12: 20-33

*Suffering Servants*

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preaching

### March 29 Palm Sunday 8:30 am and 10 am

Mark 11:1-11

*No Turning Back*

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preaching

This service marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the start of Holy Week. Palm fronds will be distributed at our services for all those who wish to receive them.

### ~ HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES ~

#### April 2 Maundy Thursday 7 pm

**Service of Holy Communion (The Last Supper) and the Office of the Tenebrae with the extinguishing of candles**

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

This service recalls the commandment (mandate) of Jesus to love one another, as well as the words repeated by the disciples, read by members of our Board of Worship, near the end of Jesus' life. All are welcome. Bring a friend, young or old.

Remember to spring forward on March 8 as daylight savings time ends.

### ~ HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES (CONT'D) ~

#### April 3 Good Friday 12 noon, Chapel of First Church

Psalm 22

John 18:1-19:42

*For Now It is Finished*

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, liturgist, and Mark Mercier. This is a new service for those, who have requested it. It will be simple and meditative. Music will recall and commemorate Jesus' death on the cross at the twelfth hour. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

#### April 5 Easter Sunday

##### 6:15 am Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

**in Simsbury Cemetery**

Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16

John 19:38-42

Revs. Dianne Arakawa and Woody Eddins, co-celebrants  
This is an early service, which is jointly offered by First Church and the Simsbury United Methodist Church, to await and celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. We begin the service in the sanctuary of the SUMC then walk up the hill to the Cemetery. The service is timed so that the bright sun rises over Talcott Mountain, and the rays shed soft light on all participants amidst surrounding gravestones. All are welcome. Please park in the SUMC parking lot or on Hopmeadow Street. Afterwards everyone is invited to return to First Church for a pancake breakfast.

##### 8:30 am Uncommon Easter service

**with Holy Communion by Intinction**

Mark 16:1-8

Rev. Kevin Weikel, preaching

This is a service combining traditional and contemporary elements, which includes the Uncommon Band with voice, electric keyboard, guitar and drums.

##### 10:30 am Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion

**(Note 10:30 am time of service due to parking)**

Mark 16:1-8

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preaching

This is our traditional festival service, celebrating Jesus' Resurrection. It will include choral music with brass as well as Holy Communion distributed by members of our Board of Worship. The sanctuary will be decorated with a variety of colorful Easter flowers, which have been given in honor of loved ones and will be shared with others.

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Out of Office  
Fridays

## **A Message from Rev. Dianne Arakawa, Transitional Senior Minister**

Dear Friends,

Every day it seems the news gets worse. Courts and prisons in our nation receive a disproportionate number of African American youth for minor offenses, and hold them for decades before releasing them without any real safety nets. Terrorists attack and kill Jews in France, a country in which 60% of the hate crimes are committed on Jews, who form only 1% of their national population. Isis rebels massacre journalists, who are committed to reporting what they see and hear, as well as Egyptian Coptic Christians, who have survived since Jesus' time under dangerous conditions.

The barrage of negative reports sorely weighs us down and tests our spiritual strength, especially during this season of Lent.

At the same time, we need to be reminded that it was into similar conditions that Jesus walked over two millennia ago. He could, I suppose, have remained an outlier in the Galilee and lived a quiet and pleasant life with family and friends. But he chose somehow to make the long journey to Jerusalem. There he had a premonition of what might happen to him at the hands of Empire-builders, who sought to silence anyone who stood in their way.

Jesus' way in the midst of suffering was, and remains, the way of nonviolence and peace. As Walter Wink, the theologian of enormous insight, points out in Jesus and Nonviolence: it was "a third way." It was an alternative way at that time in history when only two other responses to opposition and violence had been used.

The first way was, and still is, the way of passivity. "Resist not evil," as translated in the King James Version of the Bible. In the presence of those who try to repress and hurt us - emotionally, physically or spiritually-- submit. Go the other way. Don't say a word. Flee.

The second way was, and remains, the way of violent opposition. "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." Disable, dismember or destroy our enemies. This being a war-saturated world, we understand all too well what this may mean on the battlefield as well as during the "real war" when veterans, who survive, return home to their loved ones.

The third way, however, is Jesus' way. It's neither flight nor fight. It means taking a stand against our enemies, but not ever striking back. Or, as some accurate translations of the Bible advance: "Don't strike back at evil in kind. Do not retaliate against violence with violence. Don't react violently against the one who is evil." Admittedly, these were and are not easy words for ordinary people, who would rather put our heads in the sand or strike back.

Neither is this the long-held misunderstanding of "turn(ing) the other cheek." (Matthew 5:39) For, if looked at carefully, this phrase has nothing to do with passivity. On the contrary, it meant to make it possible for the slave to not allow his or her master to, no pun intended, get the better hand. According to Wink, if another person were to hit with his right hand, he would hurt his victim's left cheek; so for the slave to offer his or her right cheek meant to offer that side of the face that because of social mores would stop and disempower the master.

During these days that lead to Palm Sunday when abuse, victimization and war presses in all around us, let us call on and follow Jesus' way of forgiveness and nonviolence. It's not easy. But it's what separates us from the rest, and allows us to love ourselves and our neighbors, who may at times seem like enemies.

Grace and peace,

Dianne

## A Message from Rev. Kevin Weikel, Youth & Young Adult Ministry

We have exciting news! We will be hosting the uniquely entertaining Christian music group Lost And Found in Concert on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>! After almost 30 years on the road, Lost And Found is retiring at the end of 2015. First Church will be their final Connecticut concert.

Michael Bridges and George Baum make up the band, Lost And Found, and they have been playing music together since they were 14 years old. They met through their parents, while growing up in Niagara Falls, New York. They soon began making music together and have been doing so ever since.

Michael sings and plays guitar while George sings and plays the keyboard (and the occasional slinky). Their music often prompts reactions like, "Well, I have never heard anything like that before." Some have said their music is like the intersection of The Ramones and John Denver. Their concerts are interactive and audience-driven. Each show is different, but always spontaneous and funny. Their original music is filled with lyrics that speak of God's wide love for all people.

I first heard Michael and George in 2008, at a United Church of Christ National Youth Event in Knoxville, Tennessee. As they played a few songs I looked at our youth and noticed that Michael and George had our teenagers captivated. Then, I noticed our adult leaders laughing and enjoying themselves and completely engaged. Finally, I realized that I didn't want the concert to end! We were all excited to see that they were on the schedule to play again at the end of the week; we could not wait to see them again!

Michael and George were such hits with our group that I came back from the event in Tennessee hoping to have Lost And Found play at First Church. I talked with Mark Mercier, our Music Director Extraordinaire, and with a little luck and a lot of hard work, we were able to get them to come. Lost and Found played at First Church on December 6, 2009 to a sold out Sanctuary. Once again that evening, what stuck out to me was how all ages...from children to teens to our most seasoned members, were captivated by their performance.



The concert on March 22<sup>nd</sup> will begin at 6:30 pm in our Sanctuary. Tickets cost \$10.00. You are also invited to a pre-concert "Eat 'n Jam" in Palmer Hall beginning at 5:00 pm. For an additional \$3.00, we will have pizza, salad, drinks, and cookies along with music played by several very talented First Church musicians.

Tickets for the concert and the Eat 'N Jam can be purchased on our website: [www.fccsimsbury.org](http://www.fccsimsbury.org). Questions can be answered by emailing [LostAndFoundConcert@fccsimsbury.org](mailto:LostAndFoundConcert@fccsimsbury.org) or by calling 860-651-5393.

We hope you'll come and see Lost And Found in their final appearance at First Church and Connecticut. We'll see you at the concert!

Peace to you,  
Kevin



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Out of Office  
Wednesdays

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Out of Office  
Tuesdays

Although it may not seem like it, spring is indeed coming. Some stores have their seeds and gardening supplies out already, and I'm already thinking about what I'm going to do to coddle my lawn along this coming season.

It has, to say the least, been an interesting winter: some services and rehearsals have been cancelled because of weather; we had our first combined Ash Wednesday service with Metropolitan AME Zion church in quite a while; our friend Mina Um played a blisteringly great recital in anticipation of an international violin competition; and our re-scheduled Mardi Gras music was enjoyed by many. The weather might have been cold, but things have been active to say the least.

There are quite a few things to look forward to musically here, too, that are harbingers of spring – we are rehearsing for Holy Week and Easter; Bells, Women's Praise, Juniors and Cherubs are looking at music for reminder of the year; the newly-formed Men's Choir is enjoying getting together to sing some different music in some different styles (and are looking for more men to join us); instrumentalists are being scheduled; compositions are being perused and picked; and there are new things in the works. Erica Bontatibus has joined us in the Uncommon Worship planning and lineup, and has already graced us with her amazing voice. We look forward to an 8:30 Easter service that involves her, Annie Petitti and Doug Maher and some different music. You will hear more about that.

Then we have our Lost and Found concert. This group sold out the sanctuary some 4 years ago, and this marks their final round of touring before going on to other things. They are a tremendous duo – entertaining and musically diverse – and something that people of any age can enjoy. By any and all means, plan on attending this concert – and come early for pizza, salad and dessert. Contact the office or go on the church website for info on tickets for the concert and tickets for the meal beforehand – and believe me, both are a bargain. And if you want to find out about the band's music now, go to their site at [www.speedwood.com](http://www.speedwood.com) and give some audio clips a listen.

We are rescheduling our Drop-in (or Pick-up) choir because of weather-related difficulties, and will be doing it shortly after Easter instead. But meanwhile, come and join us for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, or Easter (or all three) and sing. This is a special time of year, and we have some great music planned. You can not only join us for rehearsals, but also pick-up music from me or other choir members ahead of time if your ability to be with us for rehearsal is limited. Please come!

Again, if you have any thoughts, ideas, about anything musical or arts-related, or if you have a talent that you've managed to keep hidden all these years; if you have an idea for a concert, show or production – get in touch. This church offers opportunities for a terrific, active arts program here that involves many people in many ways, and, as they say, the more, the merrier. This is a great place to be creative in any way that you can – and the rewards are more than you might ever guess.

Stay warm!

Mark

# Cindy Cole, Children's Ministries

## Raising Compassionate Children

*John replied, "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry." Luke 7:55 (New Living Translation)*

This month, in our lessons about Easter People, we will learn that Easter changed and transformed Jesus' disciples. As Easter people, we too can have new and transformed lives when we follow Jesus. As followers of Jesus, we will do as Jesus commanded and love each other and show kindness to strangers.



One of the ways we try to teach the students at First Church to be kind and compassionate to one another and strangers is through the mission and outreach work in which the church school engages. We learn about the lives of children both locally and around the world and how we can change their lives for the better. There is an excellent video about the South Park Inn homeless shelter on our website at <http://www.firstchurchsimsbury.com>. In March students will be learning more about South Park Inn and talking about what it means to be homeless. We will be discussing:

What does it mean to be homeless? Why are people homeless?

What does a homeless person or child look like?

What are we doing to help? **What are we doing to help?**

In church school we are raising students' awareness of the problem of homelessness and making toiletry kits for South Park Inn. We will do this on March 1 during the coffee hour, and we will make them for men, women, and children. The toiletry kits will be blessed during the children's message on March 8, then delivered to South Park Inn.



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Out of Office  
Thursdays &  
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## Women's Retreat 2015

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Silver Lakes Conference Center, Sharon, CT



**"Being Your Best: What We Can Learn From Women In The Bible"**

Come spend a weekend relaxing, regrouping, enjoying time with your sisters in Christ. The cost of the retreat is \$140 for accommodations and 4 meals. We are staying in the newly renovated Retreat Center again this year. Sign ups are available in the welcome centers located around church. Scholarships for the retreat are available. Please speak to Rev. Dianne.

Your retreat planning team:

Sue Adamowitz, Dianne Arakawa, Cindy Braunlich, Katherine Cain,  
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## Kids Investigating Divine Stories at First Church

Visit [www.firstchurchsimsbury.com](http://www.firstchurchsimsbury.com) to see the church school schedule, videos, and information about what the kids are doing at First Church.



### Passport to Holy Week

**Psalm Sunday, March 29, during church School**

Students will learn about the events of Holy Week through games, crafts, and other activities. At each station, they will stamp their Holy Week Passport upon completion of the activity

### TAG SALE :

*To Benefit First Church Children's Ministry Programs*

**Saturday: April 25th 9am-2pm**  
**Early Bird Entrance Fee 8:30-9am \$10**

**Drop off of all tag sale goods will be from Noon -8pm Thursday (April 23) and 9am-3pm Friday (April 24)**

The annual church tag sale will once again be coming your way April 25, 2015. As spring arrives and we think about cleaning out our closets, garages, attics, and basements, we can also plan to select our "best" stuff for the tag sale. The tag sale proceeds help the church school run the babysitting events, workshops, mission projects, and purchasing supplies and equipment.



**We do very well with:**

Costume jewelry and accessories; furniture pieces; holiday decorations; china, cutlery, pottery and glassware; children's games, books and toys; small appliances that are clean and working; radios and cd players that work; garden and workshop tools, adult books published within the last five years and nice baskets.

**There are, however, a few categories of items we do not need:**

Computers/keyboards/monitors and computer tables, vhs players, air conditioners, televisions, clothes, broken items (all appliances must be in working condition for us to accept them), exercise equipment, old skis, drapery rods, old suitcases, bikes over 5 years old, light fixtures/fluorescent ceiling fixtures.

Please clean up furniture (especially children's) and make sure everything you bring in is ready for sale. Imagine us trying to clean and make presentable for sale thousands of items brought in by many people.

If you would be willing to work on the tag sale to benefit the children at First Church, call or email : Kim Tawney , 860-716-5237, [kimtawney@gmail.com](mailto:kimtawney@gmail.com) or Cindy Cole, 860-651-3593, [ccole@fccsimsbury.org](mailto:ccole@fccsimsbury.org).

## Children's ministry

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### Upcoming events for your Calendar

**March 1:** Church School Toiletry kit assembling during coffee hour

**March 8:** Blessing of the Toiletry kits during the children's message

**March 29:** Palm Sunday, Passport to Holy Week Event in Palmer Hall during church school

**April 5:** Easter: students attend the worship service

### Summer Camps:

**Silver Lake Conference Center:**

Silver Lake is a UCC overnight camp for kids in the fourth through twelve grade.

•Registration is open now: go to [www.silverlake.org](http://www.silverlake.org). Click on "Silver Lake Registration."

•Additional information is on the 3rd floor bulletin board.

### Vacation Bible School

First Church of Christ, in partnership with the Simsbury United Methodist Church, holds a vacation Bible school program each summer on the first week after school gets out. For information about VBS see :[www.firstchurchsimsbury.com/vbs-2015.html](http://www.firstchurchsimsbury.com/vbs-2015.html)



### March/April Church School Mission Project:

The students are collecting school supplies for **Smith Elementary School in New Britain**. Towards the end of the year, the teachers run out of supplies for their classroom. The church school will be helping to provide needed supplies. Donations needed:

- stickers
- markers
- glue sticks
- Clear tape
- crayons
- pencils
- White board markers
- Copy paper
- Incentive prizes
- Kleenex
- Hand sanitizer
- Math flash cards



# Junior Fellowship (JF) (for 7th & 8th graders)

JF gathers once per month from 2:10-4:30 pm during the school year (see the current month's schedule below). At JF, we eat together, play games together, and participate in engaging activities and faith-based discussions together. The upcoming JF meetings are:

**Friday, March 13th: Regular Gathering!** 2:10pm pickup at Henry James (as always, if you attend a school other than Henry James, please meet us at the church as you are able). Once at the church, we'll have pizza, play games, and engage in a topic yet to be determined. We'll end the afternoon with our traditional closing candle prayer in the Youth Room.

**Sunday, March 22nd: Lost and Found Concert at First Church!** We are hosting the band, "Lost and Found," at First Church! They are a band for all ages, and especially youth. This is their farewell tour and their last time in Connecticut. The concert starts at 6pm and tickets are \$10 per person. Come to a Pre-Show Eat and Jam in Palmer Hall (featuring different First Church musicians) for an extra \$3.

## Confirmation (8th graders)

**The Confirmation Year is a Concentrated Time of Exploring...**

... what it means to be Christian. We do this through large and small group gatherings, mission/service work, experiencing and reflecting on worship, going on retreat, participating in the events and activities of Junior Fellowship (JF), and much more. The goal is for our Confirmands to build positive and grace-filled relationships with one another, develop a deeper understanding of God's love for all people, and explore what it means to follow Jesus. Upcoming Confirmation meetings are:

**Sunday, March 8,** 5-7pm Large Group Meeting (Christianity & Other Religions) in Palmer Hall for students.

**Sunday, March 22,** 5-7pm Small Group Mtg. (Life of the Church) at host homes for students

**Sunday, March 22,** 7-9pm Confirmands at PF Youth Group in the Youth Room & Palmer Hall

**March/April** (specifics TBD) Pizza with the Pastor in small groups at host homes

**Thursday, April 2,** 6:30-8:30pm Large Group Meeting (Holy Week & Easter) in the Youth Room from 6:30-7:30pm for students followed by the Maundy Thursday Service in the Sanctuary from 7:30-8:30pm for students and parents.



## Fellowship (PF) (for 9th thru 12th graders)

**Sunday, March 8th from 7-9pm:** Regular Gathering in the Youth Room. Topic TBD.

**Sunday, March 15th from 7-9pm:** Regular Gathering in the Youth Room. Topic TBD.

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**For more information on any of the above groups and activities, or to add your email address to our communication list(s), contact Rev. Kevin at 860-651-3593 or [kweikel@fccsimsbury.org](mailto:kweikel@fccsimsbury.org)**

## 20&30 Somethings Group!



A combined ministry of West Avon Congregational Church and First Church Simsbury—The new 20&30 Somethings Group is a great place for young adults in their late teens, 20's, or 30's to connect with other people in their same stage in life. If you are single, married, with or without kids, you will find commonality with those in this group. Babysitting is always provided for those with kids. Having started on January 27th from 6:30-8:30pm and continuing on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month for seven sessions, we will take a faith journey with amazing theologians like Brian McLaren, Lillian Daniel, and Nadia Bolz-Weber to explore the following topics. We will begin with dinner, so bring your appetites. We hope to see you there!

**Abundant Life Now, March 10**  
**A Book Like No Other, April 14**

Miranda Moeller,  
Associate for Youth/Young Adults, West Avon

**Where God Is, March 24**  
**An Imperfect Family, April 28**

Kevin Weikel  
Associate for Youth/Young Adults, First Simsbury

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**FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE**

**March 2015**

**3/1**  
Women’s Praise Choir

**3/8**  
Board of Music Ministries

**3/15**  
Search Team

**3/22**  
Anita McCoy  
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**3/29**  
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# March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Second Sunday in Lent UCC Women's Week (3/1-3/7/15) 8:30 AM Adult Study Group, Classroom 29 8:30 AM Early Worship, Chapel 10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary 11:00 AM Junior Choir, Music Room 7:00 PM PF Youth Group (for 9th thru 12th graders), Palmer Hall &amp; Youth Room</p>	<p>2 10:00 AM CCC 12:00 PM All Staff Mtg., Parsons' Study 12:00 PM Hopmeadow Nursery School Dance, Room 29 1:00 PM American Red Cross Blood Drive 4:15 PM Book Club, Parlor 5:00 PM Pizza w/ the Pastor @ host homes for students 7:30 PM Executive Council Mtg., Parsons' Study</p>	<p>3 7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 276 Leadership Mtg, Parsons' Study</p>	<p>4 10:30 AM Hopmeadow Nursery School, Palmer Hall 4:00 PM Women's Praise Choir, Music Room 7:00 PM BS Troop 76 Merit Badge class, Rm 29 7:00 PM Farmington Valley Chorus, Palmer Hall</p>	<p>5 12:00 PM Hopmeadow Nursery Sch. Dance, Rm 29 5:00 PM Pizza w/ the Pastor @ host homes for students 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, Room 29 6:00 PM Boy Scout First Aide Merit Badge Class, Parsons' Study 6:30 PM Troop 76 Boy Scouts Leadership Mtg., Palmer Hall 7:00 PM AA-Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg, Rm 28 7:00 PM Mens' Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30 PM Chancel Choir/ Music Room 7:30 PM Troop 76 Boy Scouts Adult Committee Mtg., Palmer Hall 7:30 PM Troop 76 Scouts Venture Mtg., Youth Rm</p>	<p>6 Palmer Hall Floors Re-done, Palmer Hall</p>	7
<p>8 Daylight Savings Time &amp; Amistad Sunday Tentative Baptism Date (2nd Sunday of mo) Third Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM Adult Study Group, Classroom 29 8:30 AM Early Worship, Chapel 10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary 11:00 AM Junior Choir, Music Room 11:15 AM Care Bag Committee Assembly, Rm 29 4:00 PM Confirmation Lrg Group, Palmer Hall 7:00 PM PF Youth Group (for 9th thru 12th graders), Palmer Hall &amp; Youth Room</p>	<p>9 10:00 AM CCC 10:00 AM Office Staff Bi-Weekly Mtg., Parsons' Study 12:00 PM Hopmeadow Nursery School Dance, Room 29 7:00 PM Board of Worship (formerly Elders) Mtg., Parsons' Study 7:00 PM pre-All Boards Meeting, Chapel 7:30 PM All Boards Meeting - All Rooms 7:30 PM Board of Mission &amp; Outreach, Parlor</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Retired Men's Luncheon Prep &amp; Setup, Kitchen 12:00 PM Retired Men's Luncheon 6:30 PM 20 &amp; 30 Somethings Group, Youth Room 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 276 Den Meeting, Classrooms 26, 27, 28, 29 and Library 7:00 PM Deacon's Committee Mtg., Library</p>	<p>11 4:00 PM Women's Praise Choir, Music Room 7:00 PM BS Troop 76 Merit Badge class, Rm 29 7:00 PM Farmington Valley Chorus, Palmer Hall</p>	<p>12 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, Room 29 6:30 PM Troop 76 Boy Scouts Mtg., Palmer Hall/Kitchen 7:00 PM AA-Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg, Rm 28 7:00 PM Mens' Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 7:00 PM PF Youth Advisor Meeting, Kevin's Office 7:30 PM Chancel Choir/ Music Room</p>	<p>13 10:00 AM Farmington Valley Transition Academy, Palmer Hall/ Kitchen</p>	14
<p>15 Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM Adult Study Group, Classroom 29 8:30 AM Early Worship, Chapel 10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary 11:00 AM Junior Choir, Music Room 7:00 PM PF Youth Group (for 9th thru 12th graders), Palmer Hall &amp; Youth Room</p>	<p>16 10:00 AM CCC 12:00 PM Hopmeadow Nursery School Dance, Room 29 1:00 PM American Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 PM Simsbury Trojans Football, Parson's Study 7:30 PM Officers Mtg., Sr. Minister's Office</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry Morning Gathering, Rm 28 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry Evening Gathering, Rm 28</p>	<p>18 8:30 AM Sarah Circle, Parlor 4:00 PM Women's Praise Choir, Music Room 7:00 PM BS Troop 76 Merit Badge class, Rm 29 7:00 PM Farmington Valley Chorus, Palmer Hall</p>	<p>19 12:00 PM Hopmeadow Nursery School Dance, Room 29 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, Room 29 6:00 PM Boy Scout First Aide Merit Badge Class, Parsons' Study 6:30 PM Troop 76 Boy Scouts Mtg., Palmer Hall/Kitchen 7:00 PM AA-Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg, Rm 28 7:00 PM Mens' Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30 PM Chancel Choir/ Music Room</p>	<p>20 2:10 PM JF Monthly Group Meeting, Palmer Hall &amp; Youth Room 2:15 PM JF Palmer Hall 4:30 PM Mission Board Film, Palmer Hall/Kitchen</p>	21 3:00 PM Cub Scout Blue & Gold Dinner, Palmer Hall & Kitchen
<p>22 Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM Adult Study Group, Classroom 29 8:30 AM Early Worship, Chapel 10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary 11:00 AM Junior Choir, Music Room 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Gathering 2:00 PM Lost and Found Concert, Sanctuary &amp; Palmer Hall 7:00 PM PF Youth Group, Palmer Hall/Youth Room</p>	<p>23 10:00 AM CCC 10:00 AM Office Staff Bi-Weekly Mtg., Parsons' Study 12:00 PM Hopmeadow Nursery School Dance, Room 29 6:00 PM FMHCC, Parson's Study</p>	<p>24 10:00 AM Card Making Group, Rm 28 5:00 PM Butler Confirmation Group, Library 6:00 PM Masooli FMHCC Board Meeting, Parsons' Study 6:30 PM 20/30 Somethings Group, Youth Room 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 276 Monthly Meeting, Palmer Hall/kitchen</p>	<p>25 9:30 AM Cornerstone Collators, Parsons' Study 12:00 PM 4th Wednesday Group Room 28 4:00 PM Women's Praise Choir, Music Room 7:00 PM BS Troop 76 Merit Badge class, Rm 29 7:00 PM Farmington Valley Chorus, Palmer Hall</p>	<p>26 12:00 PM Hopmeadow Nursery School Dance, Room 29 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, Room 29 6:30 PM Troop 76 Boy Scouts Mtg., Palmer Hall/Kitchen 7:00 PM AA-Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg, Rm 28 7:00 PM Mens' Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30 PM Chancel Choir/ Music Room</p>	27	28
<p>29 Palm Sunday Sixth Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM Adult Study Group, Classroom 29 8:30 AM Early Worship, Chapel 10:00 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary 11:00 AM Junior Choir, Music Room 7:00 PM PF Youth Group (for 9th thru 12th graders), Palmer Hall &amp; Youth Room</p>	<p>30 10:00 AM CCC 12:00 PM Hopmeadow Nursery School Dance, Room 29 5:00 PM Annual Pajama Party, Hopmeadow Nursery School, Palmer Hall</p>	<p>31 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen, South Park Inn Shelter</p>	<p>1 Maundy Thursday Rehearsal 4:00 PM Women's Praise Choir, Music Room 7:00 PM Farmington Valley Chorus, Palmer Hall</p>	<p>2 Maundy Thursday 12:00 PM Hopmeadow Nursery School Dance, Room 29 6:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal, Room 29 6:00 PM Boy Scout First Aide Merit Badge Class, Parsons' Study 6:30 PM Confirmation Large Group, Youth Rm 6:30 PM Troop 76 Boy Scouts Leadership Mtg., Palmer Hall 7:00 PM AA-Alcoholics Anonymous Mtg, Rm 28 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday-Sanctuary 7:00 PM Mens' Choir Rehearsal, Music Room 7:30 PM Chancel Choir/ Music Room 7:30 PM Troop 76 Boy Scouts Adult Committee Mtg., Palmer Hall 7:30 PM Troop 76 Boy Scouts Venture Mtg., Youth Room</p>	<p>3 Church Office Closed (Good Friday) 12:00 PM Sanctuary</p>	4 Holy Saturday Sanctuary