

## **Announcements for Lent 4: March 6, 2016**

**Welcome to your church!** As we go to press this week we are still making a decision about whether we will be holding services in the Great Hall for several weeks. We had a burner backfire and need to do extensive cleaning in the church which will either start right away or after Easter (scaffolding, stained glass, floor to roof line!).

**Communion** uses a common cup for wine and wheat wafers. You can take the wafer only, if you prefer, or “intinct” the wafer into the wine. Non-gluten wafers? Check with clergy at the rail. Thanks to service participants! (the schedule is on the back table).

**Church School** –To find out more about our “Feasting on the Word” curriculum for Easter and current “Moses” program speak with the Director or the Vestry Liaisons, Kim Bergandahl or Melissa Zahansky; **Nicole Nichols** [churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com](mailto:churchschoolpomfret@gmail.com)

**Communion Class** is scheduled for Sat. March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. for any baptized child in second grade or older. Baptized children can certainly still take communion with their parents supervision. This class is intended to expand awareness and appreciation. *Pre-registration with Dave* (class only runs if there is interest. Thanks)

**Lenten Programs: LentenWords (Facebook page online)!** There is a “hard copy” of the LentenWords for the whole season on the back table. **Faith, Humanity and Science:** A Conversation with Krista Tippett & guest scientists. We’ll have three Mondays at 6:30 p.m. to listen to interviews and converse (at the Rectory with Dave). March 7<sup>th</sup>: The Science of Healing Places; March 14<sup>th</sup>: Her Deepness, Lessons from the worlds deep oceans; March 21<sup>st</sup>: Exoplanets & Love: Science that connects us to one another. There is a possibility that we might have a showing of the movie *Interstellar* if there is time and interest.

**Community Kitchen Fund-raising:** The First Congregational Church of Woodstock, 543 Rte. 169, will host a concert to benefit Community Kitchens on **Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 pm** featuring the **Bluegrass Gospel Project**.

**Teen Program:** J2A and YAC activities, see separate email notices; J2A has just returned from their special trip to Nightwatch (Cathedral of St. John the Divine, NYC); Rite-13 (grades 6-7), J2A (8-9) and YAC (10 grade+); Catherine Bastow: 860-928-3575; [catherinebastow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:catherinebastow@sbcglobal.net)

**Vestry:** Planning Meeting starting with lunch on Sunday, April 3rd. (No meeting in March)

**Vine and Branches Mural:** See Rite-13ers or Jim Goodwin to get your photo taken!

**Visions & Ventures/Stewardship for 2016:** It’s never too late to submit your pledge! The total is currently 83 pledges for approximately \$190,354. We’re getting there. Our working goal is \$213, 592. Thank you!

**Women’s Spiritual Growth Workshop:** 7 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** in the library (or larger space) for spiritual exploration and celebrating our Sisterhood! Just bring yourself. Jane Hale at [jclhale@charter.net](mailto:jclhale@charter.net).

**Worship Upcoming:** Next Contemporary Service is on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Palm Sunday is March 20<sup>th</sup> (Jane, preacher) Easter Sunday is March 27<sup>th</sup> (Dave, preacher); Jane is on break until March 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **House-keeping:**

**Courier Deadline for April: March 21<sup>st</sup>;** *We will mail out first class to those who request it.* Our **Thursday Reminder** is a key email update (which includes the Courier). **Do we have your email or snail-mail address?** Update or renew, see the form on the music stand **or email** (address below).

**Directories...** there are *usually* directories of the parish in the basket to the left just inside the office!

**CSO – Community Kitchen on March 28th;** Cooking a meal at CCPomfret and taking it to the Hill Church (1<sup>st</sup> Cong.) in Woodstock. See Pauline Phillips, Supervisor. **We collect durable foods here weekly for ACCESS.**

**Flowers:** the memorial/thanksgiving form is on the stand in back. Master Flower Sign-up outside the office .

**Pastoral Call Emergencies** should be directed to office (860-315-7780) or Fr. Dave’s cell phone: 860-608-7632. Or if you need to call in prayer concerns to the **Prayer Chain** call the office: 860-315-7780.

**Prayer Shawls – Blessed shawls** on the back table of the church (please write in who is receiving the gift in the shawl journal). More in the hallway closet by the offices: Rebecca Patenaude: [patenaude.rebecca@gmail.com](mailto:patenaude.rebecca@gmail.com).

**Special Mission** - the Rev. Oscar Brockmeyer’s programs on Spirituality are in the Reminder.

# LEVAS 177

It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer;—  
It's me,

— It's me, it's me, O Lord, Stand-in' in the need of prayer.— **Fine**  
It's me,

1. Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's me, O Lord, —  
2. Not the preach - er, not the dea - con, but it's me, O Lord, —  
3. Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's me, O Lord, —  
4. Not the stran - ger, not my neigh - bor, but it's me, O Lord, —

1. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not my broth - er, not my sis - ter, but it's  
2. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not the preach-er, not the dea-con, but it's  
3. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not my fa - ther, not my moth - er, but it's  
4. Stand-in' in the need of prayer, — Not the stran-ger, not my neigh-bor, but it's

**D.C.**  
1. me, O Lord, — Stand - in' in the need of prayer. —  
2. me, O Lord, — Stand - in' in the need of prayer. —  
3. me, O Lord, — Stand - in' in the need of prayer. —  
4. me, O Lord, — Stand - in' in the need of prayer. —