

## **Announcements for Lent 5: March 13, 2016**

**Welcome to your church in the Great Hall!** We had a burner backfire and need to do extensive cleaning in the church which will start very soon (scaffolding, stained glass, floor to roof line!). In the meantime this gives us an opportunity to experiment a little with our worship-style. We do *not* expect to be back in the church by Easter.

**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. Thanks to service participants! (the schedule is on the back table). Communion is done at “stations”: Bread/Wafers first and then one of the chalices.

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

**Communion Class** is tentatively 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 take communion with parents supervision. This class is intended to expand awareness and appreciation. *Pre-registration with Dave today* (class only runs if there is interest. Thanks)

**Lenten Programs: LentenWords** “hard copy” for the whole season on the back table. **Faith, Humanity and Science:** A Conversation with Krista Tippett & guest scientists. We have three Mondays at 6:30 p.m. to listen to interviews and converse (at the Rectory with Dave). 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.

**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 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

**Vestry:** Planning Meeting starting with lunch on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. (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:** Palm Sunday is March 20<sup>th</sup> (Jane, preacher); Wednesday in Holy Week, 7:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist; Maundy Thursday, 6:00 p.m. Table Eucharist at the Rectory, Soup & Bread provided; Good Friday Walking the Labyrinth with the Liturgy at 6:30 in the Great Hall (using the Labyrinth); Holy Saturday, 10 a.m. Eggstravaganza/Telling of the Passion for our families; Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> (Dave, preacher) 8 and 10:15 services with closed circuit TV as necessary.

### **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 28<sup>th</sup>;** 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.

## **DRAW ME NEARER** by Caedmon Call

I am thine, oh Lord  
I have heard Your voice  
And it told Your love to me  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith  
And be closer drawn to Thee

Draw me nearer  
To the cross where Thou hast died  
Draw me nearer  
To Your precious bleeding side

There are great depths of love that I cannot know  
'Till I cross that narrow sea  
And there are heights of joy that I may not reach  
'Till I rest in peace with Thee

You draw me with Your mercy  
You draw me with Your love  
You draw me with forgiveness by Your blood  
You draw me with compassion  
You draw me as a bride  
You draw me closer to Your precious side

Consecrate me now to Your service, Lord  
By the power of grace divine  
Let me soul look up with a steadfast hope  
And my will be lost in Thine

## **Waiting For The World To Fall** by Jars of Clay

I'm afraid it's been too long to try to find the reasons why  
I let my world close in around a smaller patch of fading sky  
But now I've grown beyond the walls to where I've never been  
And it's still winter in my wonderland

I'm waiting for the world to fall  
I'm waiting for the scene to change  
I'm waiting when the colors come  
I'm waiting to let my world come undone

I close my eyes and try to see the world unbroken underneath  
The farther off and already it just might make the life I lead  
A little more than make-believe when all my skies are painted blue  
And the clouds don't ever change the shape of who I am to You

I'm waiting for the world to fall  
I'm waiting for the scene to change  
I'm waiting when the colors come  
I'm waiting to let my world come undone

When I catch the light of falling stars my view is changing me  
My view is changing me

I'm waiting