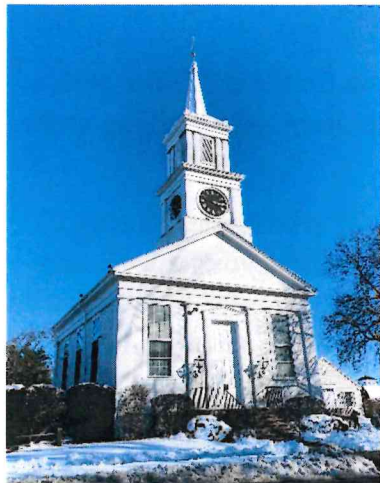


# THE STEEPLE

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A Monthly newsletter from South Congregational Church Centerville, MA



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Dear Beloved South Church,

Once again, words cannot express my deepest gratitude to each of you for the immense spirit of joy you brought to Installation Sunday. I celebrate each of you, and praise God for giving us the opportunity to join in ministry together.

This month we continue the journey of Lent and conclude on March 31 with Easter Sunday. During Holy Week – Palm Sunday through Good Friday – I especially invite you to pause and take time for prayer and worship. Rehearsing the events of the last week of Jesus' life – as we do every year – enables us to both appreciate and experience more deeply the astonishing joy of Easter Sunday. I invite you to take time for:

- **Palm Sunday** – March 24 at 10:00 am – we wave our palms as Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem.
- **Holy Week Spiritual Beach Walk** – Monday, March 25 at 11:00 am (rain date Tuesday, March 26. We will sing, share readings, pray, and walk quietly. Please bring along a favorite reading (poetry, prose, the Bible, etc)
- **Maundy Thursday** – Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 pm – we will share a simple supper, receive Holy Communion in remembrance of the Last Supper, and have a service of “Tenebrae” – reading the dramatic story of Jesus’ betrayal, arrest, mocking, and crucifixion, all with the gradual diminishing of lights to symbolize how we abandon Jesus when he most needs us.
- **Good Friday** – Friday, March 29 at 12:00 noon – we stand at the foot of the Cross with Mary and the disciples through reflections on the “Seven Last Words of Jesus.”

And then,

- **Saturday Easter Egg Hunt** – Saturday, March 30 from 10:00 am – noon on the church lawn (sponsored by the Centerville Civic Association)
- **Easter Sunday** – a time for awe and upliftment and joy!  
**Sunrise worship on Craigville Beach** – March 31 at 6:15 am  
*(with light refreshments)*

**Festive Easter Worship** – March 31 at 10:00 am. Amazing music and spirit!

Let's fill the Sanctuary with joy!

As we move through Lent and ponder the meaning of Easter, consider the following:

- “The crowing evidence that Jesus was alive was not a vacant grave, but a spirit-filled fellowship. Not a rolled-away stone, but a carried-away church.” *(Clarence Jordan, 20<sup>th</sup> century)*

Love,

Sally



## HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS 😊



Ruth French	3-4	John Ross	3-6
Debbe Kalweit	3-10	Jen McLaughlin	3-10
Peg Belden	3-16	Frank Torbey	3-18
Rev. Sally Norris	3-19	Dave Lamson	3-25
Wendy Beaulieu	3-27	Doug Rockwell	3-30
Dave Edwards	3-31	Kim Mee	3-31

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## LOOKS WHO'S COMING FOR EASTER!!!



PLEASE JOIN US!!

Saturday March  
30<sup>th</sup> 10AM -12PM

EASTER EGG HUNT

GAMES

REFRESHMENTS

Girl Scout Troop 82552  
will be filling eggs for this event on Saturday March 2, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16  
and 23<sup>rd</sup> if needed in the fellowship hall 😊

**Charge to the congregation and pastor at South Church CENTERVILLE  
on the occasion of the installation, February 18, 2024**

From Sally's Cape Cod UCC Clergy Colleagues:

Rev. Nancy Strickland

**Jigsaw puzzle** : Take the time to slow down, reflect and be contemplative.  
Don't rush into reactions.

Take time to respond prayerfully to ideas, all the while seeking to observe  
and participate in the bigger picture!

And it is always best to work together on any puzzle!

Rev. Christina Williams

**Hammer:** a great tool for building something new or repairing something  
old.

To pick up a hammer is the willingness to roll up one's shirt sleeves and get  
the job done. To pick up a hammer is the willingness to get dirty in the  
process. To pick up a hammer is to be committed to all those working  
alongside you to construct something new together with your new pastor.  
Pick up your hammers and get ready to build something truly sacred and  
beautiful together—even if the process gets a little messy.

May God bless you, as you begin to build God's kin-dom of love, justice,  
and compassion right here in Centerville and beyond.

Rev. Nancy McHugh

**Book:** Both Pastor and Parish are called to be nourished in the Word of God  
and to engage in words, to speak of feeling, thoughts and ideas as well. God  
calls us into relationship and that means having the hard and holy  
conversations that challenge our faith, embolden our action and remind us  
who we are and to whom we belong. Live your faith, speak of things that  
make you uncomfortable, risk reaching out in love and trust that by the grace  
of God all the conversations will be holy!

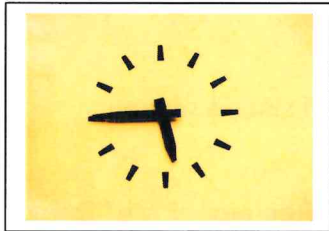
Rev. Helen Nablo:

**A plant** to remind you that relationships need time and tending  
to be strong, to blossom and flourish. So pay good  
attention to each other, so that by God's  
grace you will indeed flourish and grow!

Nell Fields

**Binoculars** to see beyond the walls of this sanctuary...to see creation and community...to see all of your neighbors no matter who they are or where they are....

to see the need for mercy, justice and love. May these binoculars allow you to see with your eyes as well as with your heart!



**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**MOVE CLOCKS FORWARD  
TOWARD SPRING!!**

### **ST. JOSEPH'S HOUSE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**We want to thank all the volunteers that help feed those in need at St. Joseph's shelter. Due to illness, schedules or just life itself, not all who used to volunteer can continue and we are in need of some new volunteers!!!**

**Could you possibly help with a casserole, bread, salad for 10-12 people?? If everyone took it at least 1 time per year it would be greatly appreciated. This mission to the shelter is life changing.:)**



**MAY YOUR DAY BE TOUCHED BY  
A BIT OF LUCK BRIGHTENED BY A SONG  
IN YOUR HEART AND WARMED BY THE  
SMILES OF THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE**



**Order forms for lilies for Easter coming  
soon !!**





### **KAREN'S CORNER**

#### ***"Jesus, Remember me, when you come into your Kingdom..."***

To mark the Liturgical Season of Lent which began on Ash Wednesday, we are singing a chant from the Taizé' Community at the beginning of each service.

The Taizé' Community is an ecumenical monastery near Burgundy, France. It is comprised of roughly 100 monks, both Catholic and Protestant, from about 30 countries around the globe. Tens of thousands of people make pilgrimages annually to Taizé'.

The style of worship at Taizé' is characterized by the repetitive singing of simple songs interspersed with readings, prayers and silence.

While a chant sung at Taizé might go on for 20 minutes, we sing "Jesus, Remember Me" five times through. I encourage you to use repetition as an aid for introspection. Lift your head out of your bulletin and engage with your surroundings as you sing, or simply close your eyes and let the music move through you. Let the music help set a prayerful tone for you to begin the service.

#### ***Saturday Evening Prayers, Taizé' Community, Burgundy, France***



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
M	A	R	C	H	1. <b>World day of Prayer 10am</b> OA 10am Thrifty Niche 10-3	2. Thrifty Niche 10-1pm
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3. <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Choir 9 am 10am Communion Worship Service 11:00am Pot Luck 1:00pm Film Discussion	4. Thrifty Niche 10-3	5. OA 10am Building & Grounds 6:30pm	6. Thrifty Niche 10-3 AL ANON 9AM Birthday Party Fellowship Hall 9:00am Bell Choir 5:30 Boy Scouts 6:30-8	7. AL ANON 8AM AA 5:30 Cub Scouts 6-7pm	8. Thrifty Niche 10-3 OA 10AM	9. Thrifty Niche 10-1pm
10. <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Choir 9:15am Worship Service 10:00 Coffee Hour 11 da	11. Thrifty Niche 10-3	12. Men's Breakfast 8am OA 10am Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm	13. AL ANON 9AM Thrifty Niche 10-3 Bell Choir 5:30 Boy Scouts 6:30-8	14. AL ANON 8AM Book Club 12:30 AA 5:30 Cub Scouts 6-7pm	15. Thrifty Niche 10-3 OA 10AM	16. Thrifty Niche 10-1pm DAY RETREAT 8-2:00PM
17. <b>Fifty Sunday of Lent</b> Choir 9:15am Choir 9:15am Worship Service 10:00 Coffee Hour 11	18. Thrifty Niche 10-3 St. Joseph's Reminder Steeple Deadline	19. OA 10am	20. AL ANON 9AM Thrifty Niche 10-3 Bell Choir 5:30 Boy Scouts 6:30-8	21. AL ANON 8AM AA 5:30 Cub Scouts 6-7pm	22. Thrifty Niche 10-3 OA 10AM	23. Thrifty Niche 10-1pm
24. <b>Sixty Sunday of Lent</b> Choir 9:15am Worship Service 10:00 Coffee Hour 11 31. <b>EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES</b> 6:15/10:00AM	25. Thrifty Niche 10-3 Spiritual Walk 11am St. Joseph's Drop off 9-3	26. OA 10am Girl Scouts 6-7:30pm	27. Thrifty Niche 10-3 Boy Scouts 6:30-8	28. <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 6:30PM SERVICE AL ANON 8AM Book Club 12:30 AA 5:30 Cub Scout 6-7	29. <b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE</b> 12:00 PM Thrifty Niche 10-3 OA 10AM	30. <b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Thrifty Niche 10-1pm EASTER EGG HUNT 10-12