

THE NEW COVENANT



News of the Family from The United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville

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Kathryn M Huston Mission Circle News

KMHMC Meeting

The Mission Circle will meet at Suzanne Santoro's home on Wednesday, April 3rd at 2:00 PM for its regular monthly meeting. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship!

Bake Sale

The Circle will host a Bake Sale at the Yard Sale on Saturday, April 27th. Any donations would be greatly appreciated as all proceeds will benefit a variety of mission causes!

Please bring items on Friday evening from 6—8 PM for pricing. When the doors open Saturday, all food needs to be previously priced to accommodate the public.

April
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*The church office is CLOSED on Tuesdays.

In case of emergencies, please call 774-246-6313

~ April ~

MINISTRIES	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 28	May 5
PoM WL	4/3 L. Redden	4/10 G. Shannon	4/17 B. Haagsma	4/24 J. Vollmer	5/1 D. Redden
PoM Power Point	L. Joyce	L. Joyce	L. Joyce	L. Joyce	T. Morin
Worship Leader	A. Reichert	G. Shannon	S. Phoebe	M. Thomas	K. Bilodeau
Children's Sermon	A. Santoro	A. Reichert	Rev. DeHoff	K. Bilodeau	Rev. DeHoff
Welcome Center	H. Platt	J. Baker	M. Spalton	S. Santoro	C. Matchett
Greeter	K. Bilodeau	T. Morin	G. Giemza	M & B Widner	S. Mateer
Offering Counters	N. Joyce & G. Giezma	T. Schein & M. Austin	D & S Mateer	C. Pilibosian & D. Miedema	
Power Point	N. Redden	N. Redden	N. Redden	N. Redden	T. Giemza
Communion Server	M. Reynolds S. Phoebe B. Giemza G. McCrea				G. Shannon D. Redden B. Giemza L. Joyce
Communion In-Home	S. Phoebe C. Matchett B. Giemza K. Redden				Rev. DeHoff C. Matchett B. Giemza T. Morin

*****Sunday Morning Worship Schedule*****

Children's Sunday School/Youth Choir 9:00 AM—10:20 AM
Adult Education 9:30AM - 10:30AM
Morning Worship Service 10:30AM - 11:30AM
Coffee Fellowship 11:30 AM

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" Matthew 18:20



During Lent our attention is focused upon ourselves as we spend time reflecting on the question, “who we are as we come before God?” We do, indeed, “see through a glass dimly,” as the apostle Paul wrote, and we may never see ourselves completely as God sees us. The psychologist Carl Jung believed that we each have, as part of our personality, both a dark and a bright shadow. He

used the word “shadow” to mean a part of ourselves of which we are usually unaware. The dark shadow represents those thoughts, behaviors, or traits that would get our disapproval if we were aware of them. The bright shadow represents those gifts, talents, or traits that not only would get our approval but might also be overwhelming, almost too bright for us to accept. Bright shadows often bring with them responsibilities and calls to service that we feel are too “high” for us to attain. God knows we are all a mixture of bright and dark, whether we are fully aware of it or not. Hopefully our reflections thus far have whetted our appetite to continue reflecting on the matter. But as Holy Week approaches, our attention turns toward someone else.

During Holy Week we focus attention on Jesus. We look at the events surrounding his final week on earth and must consider deep within our being the question he once asked the apostles: “Who do YOU say that I am?” As we see the events of that final week played out in our mind’s eye, who is this man who is betrayed, arrested, horribly mistreated by his captors, tried before a judge without benefit of counsel – another’s or his own, and then cruelly executed? The Gospel of John records what Jesus said about himself during his ministry: “I am the Good Shepherd” (10:14); “I am the resurrection” (11:25); “I am the way, the truth, and the life” (14:6); “I am the true vine” (15:1). But Jesus was silent during his own trial. How do we connect his words and his silence?

On Easter Sunday the focus of our attention shifts again. We see Jesus as the risen Christ. Not a Christ high above and far removed from life on this earth, but rather a Christ who continues to walk with his followers, a Christ who says, “And Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Still the question echoes down through the ages: “Who do YOU say that I am?” How do you word your answer to Jesus’ question? That answer is inextricably a part of our answer to the question we asked during Lent.

The disciples used their experience of Jesus to answer his question. They had walked with him, seen the things he did, and heard the words he spoke. They had eaten with him, slept with him, and lived daily with him. They had traveled around their corner of the world with him. We, no less than they, have recourse to our experiences of Jesus the Christ. And perhaps that is really what the question is all about: the way we experience the risen Christ; the way we see him living with us; the way we see ourselves walking with him in our lives; the way we experience his Spirit flowing into our spirit.

During Holy Week, spend some time with a journal and make some notes about your answer to Jesus’ question, “Who do *you* say that I am?”



Sign up at church to
volunteer for Coffee
Fellowship



Women’s Book
Club for April will
be Friday, April
19th at 6:30 pm.
They will be
discussing book
two, ‘Same Kind
of Different As
Me’ by Ron Hall,
Denver Moore,
and Lynn Vincent.
Contact the
church office for
more information.

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Joys & Concerns

OUR PRAISES TO GOD FOR:

Christopher Lee—Congratulations to Chris who participated in the State Special Olympics Bowling Championships about two weeks ago. His team won the GOLD MEDAL!

Danielle & Twins—Carol Pilibosian was excited to report that Danielle and her newborn twins (whom we have been praying for after a difficult delivery for all three) are now home and doing well. Praise God!!

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR:

The families of three of our dear friends whose family members have recently gone to Heaven to be with their Lord and Savior.

Mike Reynolds on the passing of his grandfather, Bill Elliott.

Gloria Rauth on the passing of her husband, Jack Rauth.

Brandis Haagsma on the passing of her Dad, James Haagsma.

Please pray for peace and comfort for these families and the assurance that they will someday see their loved one again.

Ethan—Please continue to pray for Ethan the 14-year old boy who had surgery to remove a brain tumor. The surgery was successful in removing 95% of the tumor but not without complications. Ethan has to have a second surgery to repair a brain bleed and that surgery has resulted in some left facial weakness/paralysis and vocal paralysis. Ethan needs our prayers for strength and a full recovery.

Mark Thomas—As a part of his studies at Gordon Cornwell, Mark will very soon be making a pilgrimage to Italy. Please pray for safe travel for Mark and that he has an amazing experience. Please also keep Ronda and Chris in your prayers while Mark is away.

Our Homeless Neighbors—The Blackstone Valley Shelter will be closing soon for the season, and Liz expressed concerns for our guests at the shelter. Please pray that our guests will find needed shelter. Also please pray that God will fulfill their every need.

AJ—Please pray for AJ the 17 year old son of Tanya's friend. AJ has been diagnosed with Crohn's disease and kidney infection, both stemming from his injury last fall.

Jim Remillard—Please keep Jim in your prayers as he continues to deal with stomach pains which limit his ability to leave his home.

Richard—Please continue to pray for Brandy's brother, Richard. Richard has finally agreed to get a blood transfusion, but his liver is so damaged it might be enough to help him recover.

Della—Della, mother-in-law of Mary Spalton's niece, Amanda, has aspirated pneumonia from surgery to remove 3 tumors from her brain. Della is also still healing from lung cancer. Please "storm the heavens" for Della's complete recovery.

Beth—Please pray for Laura Joyce's neighbor, Beth, who has a severely swollen face due to an infected tooth, but lacks the funds needed for expensive dental work.

John—Please keep Jean Finnegan's son, John, in your prayers, as he continues to suffer from breathing problems and may have to go on oxygen. His former wife (now deceased) was a smoker, and John needs to find a new, smoke free place to live.

Tanya—Tanya is still dealing with lingering sinus infections and may need surgery to drain sinuses, along with nasal reconstruction to fix a deviated septum. Please pray for Tanya's complete recovery and that she will not require surgery.

Our Country—Diane Copp asked that we continue to pray for the safety and well-being of our fellow Americans who have been so devastated recently by the fire in Texas, tornados and floods and other natural disasters throughout our country.

Our World—Pastor Sue asked that we keep those who do not know Jesus throughout the world in our prayers. And also that we pray for the leaders of our world.

Scholarships

The Ruth P
Marshall
Scholarship and
Youth Excellent
Award
Applications are
available at the
Welcome Center
for the church
office.



THANK YOU from Peace of Bread

Peace of Bread
Community Kitchen,
Wednesdays 5:30 pm

The Peace of Bread Ministry Team would like to send out a huge & heartfelt thank you to our Board of Trustees & all who worked on remodeling our Free Clothing Room. Wow!!! What a blessing you all are. It's just beautiful. We truly appreciate your support of our ministry efforts.

Thank you all so very much!! God bless you.

Laurie



Jesus Christ Superstar – musical concert on Saturday. **April 13th at 7:00 pm** at the United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville, 51 Cottage Street.

Jesus Christ Superstar is a timeless work set against the backdrop of an extraordinary and universally-known series of events but seen, unusually, through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. Come enjoy the free concert, a freewill offering will support Peace of Bread Community Kitchen and Blackstone Valley Emergency Shelter.

CALVIN JONES IN CONCERT: Calvin Jones, will be coming from Ukraine to give a concert at Fairlawn on Thursday, April 11 at 7pm. This world-famous pianist and film score composer created well-known compositions as "Whitewater Chopped Sticks". Invite your family and friends to share in an exciting evening of classic, contemporary, and sacred music. He will also share information about his "Psalms Project" to put the words of Scripture into singable format for the church. Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be taken. For more information about Calvin or to preview some of his work, visit www.calvinjones.com.



Annual Easter Festival

Saturday, April 20th from 9:30 -11:00am.

We have Easter crafts, refreshments, a visit from the Easter bunny, a story about the resurrection and a giant EGG hunt!

We need volunteers to help supervise the crafts, bring in breakfast goodies, and provide CANDY or small prizes for the eggs.

A One-Day Conference for Every Family May 4th, 2019 - 8am to 3pm @ Cornerstone Church, North Uxbridge. Every day there are pressures on your family – from outside and within. What does it mean to be a strong family? Is it the perfect schedule or system? Is there a magic trick or charm?

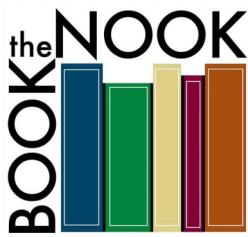
We believe the true strength of a family is found in hope and resilience. Resilient families can flex and strengthen when the storms hit, because they have a firm anchor in the power of Jesus Christ.

Life is utterly unpredictable and so often we don't see it coming. But resilience means our families can take a hit and bounce back. Resilience means our families get stronger when we face challenges. Resilience means we look to the cross, and deepen our relationship with God and each other as the winds blow.

In the squalls of life, we need a strong anchor to hold us firm – to provide the hope and strength we need to weather the storm. We need Christ.

Family Strong is a one-day conference to process your pressures and equip you with tools and a stronger tie to the Anchor.

<https://monadnockchristianministries.org/familystrong/> for pricing and more information.



Brueggemann, Walter. *Gift and Task: A Year of Daily Readings and Reflections*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2017. (List Price: \$20)

Gross, Bobby. *Living the Christian Year: Time to Inhabit the Story of God*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2009. (List Price: \$18.00)

Need to give structure to your devotional reading during Lent? Both of the books listed above focus on the period of Lent and the remainder of the church year. Walter Brueggemann is an ordained United Church of Christ pastor who taught Old Testament for many years at Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia. Brueggemann begins his Lenten section on page 81. Each reading starts with a series of Biblical reading for the day and a brief prayer. Most of the day's text consists of a brief passage (several paragraphs) written by Brueggemann citing several of the day's Biblical passages. The passages for Holy Week are attached to the end of the Lenten season.

Like Brueggemann Bobby Grossman follows the liturgical year. His section on Lent begins on page 125 of his book with a general introduction. Next, Gross, provides some brief remarks for an entire Lenten week. The events of Holy Week are found in a separate chapter focusing on the events beginning with Maundy Thursday through Holy Saturday.

If you are interested in a daily devotional, then use Brueggemann. However, if you want information on the Lenten season then you might want to add Grossman to your daily devotional.

Happy reading!!

Mark Thomas

April Birthday Corner

Tyler Santoro	4/3
Andrea Whitney	4/17
Elizabeth Kloczkowski	4/23

Anniversaries

John & Carol Pilibosian 4/14



Miss Church?

Watch our Services online
www.whitinpres.org/sermons

Live in Northbridge?

Watch it on Charter Cable
Channel 191 Wednesday's at
10 AM (or later).

If the church office doesn't have you/your family's birthday/anniversary information, let your church family celebrate your special days with you. Please call Alice in the office at 508-234-8220 or email the office at office@whitinpres.net so we can include your birthday/anniversary dates in the Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletter.

Huge Yard Sale

April 27 - 8:00AM to 1:00PM

to benefit the United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville

Furniture, household items, books, toys and much more will be for sale on the lawn and inside the church basement.

In addition, a Bake Sale will be inside the church basement hosted by the Kathryn M Huston Mission Circle.



Donations Needed for Yard Sale—The drop off dates for the yard sale will be April 6 and April 20 , 9am to noon at the office basement. We are still in need of good used furniture, tools, and household items. Please no stuffed furniture or electronics.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM Session Prayer Meeting	2 7:00 PM Mission Study Meeting	3 2:45 PrimeTime 1:00 Bible Study 2:00 KMHMC Meeting 5:30 Peace of Bread 6:15 Peace of Music 7:15 Sermon Discussion	4	5 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study	6 8:00 AM Genesis Bible Study 9:00 AM Yard Sale Drop Off
7 9:00 Youth Choir/Sunday school 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Coffee Fellowship 12:00 Leadership Training	8 7:00 PM Trustees	9 7:00 PM Lay Leadership Meeting	10 2:45 PrimeTime 1:00 Bible Study 5:30 Peace of Bread 6:15 Peace of Music 7:15 Sermon Discussion 7:15 Choir Practice	11	12 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study	13 8:00 AM Genesis Bible Study 7:00 AM Jesus Christ Superstar
14 9:00 Youth Choir/Sunday school 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Coffee Fellowship	15 7:00 PM Session Meeting	16	17 2:45 PrimeTime 1:00 Bible Study 5:30 Peace of Bread 6:15 Peace of Music 7:15 Sermon Discussion 7:15 Choir Practice	18 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service	19 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 6:30 PM Women's Book Club	20 8:00 AM Genesis Bible Study 9:00 AM Yard Sale Drop Off 9:30-11:00 AM Easter Festival
21 Easter 9:00 Youth Choir/Sunday school 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Coffee Fellowship	22 6:30 PM Deacons	23	24 2:45 PrimeTime 1:00 Bible Study 5:30 Peace of Bread 6:15 Peace of Music 7:15 Sermon Discussion 7:15 Choir Practice	25	26 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study 6-8 PM Bake Sale Donations	27 8:00 AM Genesis Bible Study 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Yard Sale
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Maundy Thursday, April 18

Please plan on joining other members of our faith community as we observe Maundy Thursday at 7 PM on April 18. This is a very special service, as it commemorates the night that Jesus instituted the sacrament of communion, the same night he was betrayed, arrested, and tried before Pilate. This very special service will feature “The Passion” performed by Chris Bilodeau and the choir, and a meditation from Rev. Dr. Susan DeHoff. Please join us.

