

April 2024



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Worship on Sundays at 10:00 AM



“GETTING PARSONAL”

Rev. William D. Ingraham

It was perhaps as many as two weeks ago, certainly not more, that I noticed the birds were back. It was during that early morning, pre-dawn time when the sun is just edging towards the horizon and the nighttime darkness is showing the first signs of breaking. Through the winter it's a quiet time. Even on the busy intersection of Pleasant, Charles, Park, and Tremont Streets where the parsonage is located, there's scarce noise that disrupts that most quiet time of the day.

But then, one morning, as I drank coffee and read the morning papers online, from the back of my consciousness, I noticed it: birdsong! I looked up from my screen, staring off into space as I concentrated on the sound. One lone bird was chirping merrily, greeting the oncoming day with great enthusiasm. It's song was joined by another, and then another. I set down my coffee and said a little "thank you," prayer. The sound of the birds made my heart glad. Their songs ushered with them the dawn of spring, too. It's something I've anticipated since about halfway through winter. Perhaps you have, too. And now it is here. Hallelujah!

Easter Morning is another sign of spring my heart anticipates. Those of us who grew up in the church, having spent our lifetimes as active participants in worship's liturgical seasons for decades on end, we know the ways worship matches the seasons of the world around us. Christmas comes on the darkest of days, often accompanied by snow and cold. We progress together through Epiphany and on to Lent, living the coldest days of the year. But as Holy Week approaches, and Easter with it, we live the transition to brighter, longer, warmer days as we celebrate the promise of new life and hope the empty tomb portends, accompanied by sprouts, buds, and early spring flowers as the world around us springs to new life, too. And the birds! And their songs!

Easter and springtime lift our hearts. They give a spring to our steps and bring smiles to our lips and even our spirits. Everyone and everything can feel a little more joyful this time of year. I'm so grateful! We've been through a lot, both individually and as a community. The days have not always been easy. In fact, the days aren't necessarily easy for us now. Many of the difficult burdens we've been shouldering still are with us. But now, warm sunshine breaks through a bit, we notice the buds and earliest of flowers and hear the chorus of morning birds. New Life. New Hope. Resurrection! God is with us. It's all good!

If you missed our Easter worship service, or even if you were there on Sunday, it's sure worth watching online. It's still up on the church's Facebook and YouTube pages. When you watch it, you can experience the joy we felt together that glorious morning, with so many people, so many children, so many families, so many musicians, all in our sanctuary, singing praises to God and the Risen Christ. It was such a blessing!

Surely, we all will be walking with a spring in our step for days to come!

See you in church!

- Bill



Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM

Hope you will join us!



You Are Welcome Here!

For those who cannot attend in person, worship will continue to be broadcast each Sunday, at 10:00 AM, on Facebook Live (facebook.com/FirstChurchMethuen). It will also be posted following the worship service on our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/channel/UCfLSjhXs9UG8yC89aB8evrA).

The service can be viewed at any time on either platform.

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Breakfast with Bill

Join Pastor Bill for ***“Breakfast with Bill”*** – an informal time for friendship and conversation on any topic. We will gather on **Wednesday, April 10th at 8:00 AM**, at *Ellie’s Farmhouse*, 436 Broadway, Methuen, MA. And remember, it’s dutch treat!



Prayer Requests/List

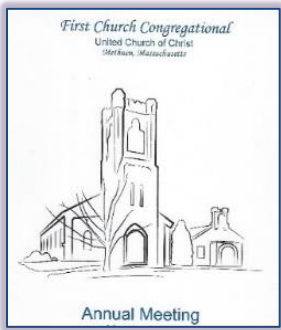
We print a Prayer List in the Sunday worship bulletin. To have someone included on the bulletin prayer list, please let Roberta, in the Church Office, know at 978-687-1240 or firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com. No request is too big or too small! Thank you.



If you, or someone you know, is in need of a pastoral visit, please contact Rev. Ingraham at pastor.bill.ingraham@gmail.com or 978-687-1240.

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Annual Reports are Due



All Committees should submit their annual report to the Church Office **by Monday, April 1st**. If it is not received, it may not be included in the 2021-22 Annual Report. Please contact Roberta at 978-687-1240, if there is any issue. You can submit your report electronically to firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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Construction on the Narthex to Resume!

After many months of chasing contractors and reviewing bids, we are ready to resume construction in the Narthex! We anticipate that construction will take two months to complete. Now that we have final bids in hand, we could use your help in securing the remaining funds for the project. We have \$25,000 left to raise. If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code below.



If you have any questions about the project, please speak to Steve Boyko or Allan Barlow. Thanks for your continued support.



From the Chair of the Church Board...

With the season of Lent fresh in our minds and the spring season upon us, it is a wonderful time for all. The renewal of spirit from the celebration of Easter and a renewal of life in the blooming of flowers, there is plenty of evidence that we are a blessed congregation. We have a lot of energy here at First Church Congregational, and that means that we have plenty going on, including:

- With our warm sanctuary, beautiful choir led by Mike, thoughtful sermons from Rev. Bill, and friendly smiles, Sunday services are not to be beat! So come on in, in person, to worship with your church family. There will be planned work happening soon on our beautiful organ, but we will still be able to enjoy glorious music through other means. Thanks goes out to Mike and the dedicated organ restoration committee.
- Thanks to everyone that helped out with the March Diaper Drive, raising funds and collecting much needed infant items for our neighbors. I am certain the impact of our generosity is clear to those in need. April brings the focus to those with mental health issues, including our annual Mental Health Sunday on April 21st. We will have a special guest speaker to illuminate a particular issue – loneliness. However, our Outreach group is hard at work at numerous efforts. Between the focused projects and our continuing food pantry, helping so many in our community, there are numerous ways to make an impact.
- The Chapel School is continuing to go strong and enrollment for next year is currently underway. If there is a family that may need our services, I invite you to connect them with Gina or Roberta as tours are happening daily.
- The Capital Campaign continues, with the Narthex project continuing. Work is commencing soon to refurbish the entryway and bring back its glory. Also, the trustees are working to make our alarm systems state-of-the-art for years to come. Thanks goes out to Allan and the entire trustee team!!!!
- Our Stewardship drive is complete, but if you haven't gotten in your pledge forms or e-tithing forms in, there is still time. The finance committee will begin our budgeting process soon, so please do not delay.
- ...and so much more!

So, if you're looking for some way to help our church and our community, there's plenty of options. Also, there's always the prayer shawl ministry, other outreach projects, singing or ringing in one of our outstanding choirs, or just joining the walking group to help yourself. There are so many new opportunities available through our historic congregation, so feel free to seek out what you would like and help our neighbors & neighborhood at the same time.

As always, all are welcome to chat anytime with me. I love to hear your ideas and suggestions. We also have a lot of other activities and missions scheduled, so I would love your input. I know you all work so hard to make our church a blessing to our families and neighbors, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Let's keep the energy and drive rolling, continuing to seek God, care for each other, and improve our community.

God bless & stay warm!!!

Josh Ferry



Musical Musings

Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia!

By the time you read this, the Easter trumpet will be silenced, the Alleluia's will have dimmed, and the lilies will have begun to wilt a bit....but the season of Easter lasts 50 days until the great feast of Pentecost, this year in May. So we will spend the next 50 days between Easter and Pentecost, singing Easter hymns with lots of Alleluias and rejoicing in the new life that we share in the Risen One!

As a Music Minister, I'm always happy when Easter is in the rear-view mirror, since it's the busiest time of the year for church musicians. Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter Sunday: they all require planning, practice, preparation, and lots of time. I'm so grateful for all our talented musicians with whom I get to work each week: our amazing choir, our new Children's Choir, our handbell choir, guest musicians like the great trumpeter who played on Easter Sunday, and a cellist you'll get to hear on Mother's Day weekend. It's the rare church these days that still has a choir that sings each week, and performs three concerts a year like our choir does: Advent, Palm Sunday, and Music Sunday. I am so grateful for all their hours of dedication, practice at home, rehearsals at church, and time and energy in performance. We are really blessed in their ministry to all of us!

I wanted to let you all know about the work that will be happening this summer on the organ. Much thanks to the efforts of the Organ Restoration Fund, we have the funds needed to re-leather the Great manual on the organ. The Great manual (the middle of the three keyboards on the organ) is typically the manual that produces the big classic organ sound. However, the leather connections that make the key produce a sound have broken down over time, resulting in lots of notes that don't play. Foley Baker, a really fine organ maker and repair company out of Connecticut, will remove the Great manual at the beginning of May, re-leather it during the summer, and re-install it at the beginning of September. When it returns, we will be able to use the Great manual as it was intended, with no dead notes.

Once the Great has been repaired, then the Swell manual (the top keyboard) and the Pedal board need to be re-leathered to eliminate dead notes in each of those manuals. Your generosity to the Organ Restoration Fund would enable us to do those much needed repairs so as to maintain the legacy of this great historical organ.

Peace and all good things,

Mike Boutin



From the Outreach Ministry Team

March “Pampered with Luvs” Diaper Drive

In collaboration with the Communities Together Undie Sunday project, First Church members and friends donated diapers, pull-ups and wipes, as well as monetary donations during the Lenten season. These much needed products are very costly for families, and they cannot be purchased with WIC funds or food stamps. Our church collected a total of 3504 diapers and pull-ups, and 4176 wipes. A total of \$155 dollars was collected. Communities Together is a consortium of area churches who work together to address the needs of people in the Merrimack Valley. The donated goods were delivered to a Communities Together site and will be portioned out to various social agencies to be distributed to those who need them. Thank you to everyone who gave generously to this cause!



Mental Health Sunday



Please join us at worship on Sunday, April 21st as we observe our annual Mental Health Sunday during the 10:00 service. We have invited Debi Helms from the Samaritans of Merrimack Valley to speak on the topic of “loneliness” and the effects on mental health. We are excited to have Ms. Helms visit us again. According to the U.S. Surgeon General, “Our epidemic of loneliness and isolation has been an underappreciated public health crisis. Our relationships are a source of healing and well-being hiding in plain sight – one that can help us live healthier, more fulfilled, and more productive lives.”

Pine Ridge Reservation Mission Trip

The Outreach Team is planning an exciting mission trip to South Dakota the week of September 14-20th and any adult is welcome. We have 4 people signed up so far. This trip is to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation where the Lakota and Oglala Tribes live. It is the poorest county in the U.S. and is where our Sewing Group has been sending handmade clothing for many years. We will be building bunk beds, wheelchair ramps, putting skirting around trailers and building out houses, but this is their “Senior Week” so the workload will be less strenuous. No previous carpentry skills are necessary. The estimated cost will be approximately \$1500-2000 per person. A deposit of \$310 is due by April 7th to guarantee a spot. If you are interested in going, but the money is an issue, speak with Carole Silva. The cost will include flights, room & board, and transportation to and from the reservation. If interested, please contact Carole Silva at johnsilvas@netscape.net



Outreach Ministry Team – *Cindy Bateson, Lori Bennett, Cynthia Causbie, Jo Crosby, Barbara Donaghue, Pastor Bill Ingraham, Ken Peck, Marilyn Peck, Carole and John Silva, Becky Smith and Marie Rubino*



2024 Pampered with Luvs Diaper Drive

The Delivery of the Diapers, Pull-ups & Wipes to the Methodist Church in Andover.



Thank you to all who contributed!

Walking Group for Fitness and Fellowship

Tuesdays in April

Come join us and welcome the signs of spring along the Merrimack River at Riverside Park in Methuen! It's a very walkable, hot-topped loop. Walk at your own pace. We will be walking the following Tuesdays in April: 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23 and 4/30 at 10:00 AM.

Contact Cindy Bateson if you would like to be added to the walking group's email list in case of cancellations due to the weather.



Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets year-round and always welcomes anyone who wishes to be part of this ministry. Knitting or crocheting experience is not a prerequisite to becoming a member. Come for the fellowship and someone will be glad to help you if needed. Please contact Carol Gray or Debbie Bonfanti for more information.

We will meet on **Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:00 PM**
in the parlor of First Church Congregational.



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Thank you!

The youth of the church would like to thank everyone for the support given to them last week during coffee hour. The youth ran coffee hour and were able to share pictures and information about the Hives of Bees, Goats and Sheep that they wished to purchase.

Thanks to everyone the youth *almost tripled* the money they needed to purchase these gifts for Heifer. They now will be able to purchase more animals to give to Heifer.

Blessings and thank you again.

Love,
Church Youth, Mrs. B and Mrs. P.



Open and Affirming (O&A) Committee

The Open and Affirming Committee will hold our first education session on **Sunday, April 14th**. Reverend Michael Streib, Queer Justice Advocate for the Southern New England Conference, UCC will preach at the service and will be available for conversation after the service. We encourage you to attend this service and meet with Reverend Streib and the ONA Committee members after the service as together we move forward in this journey.

Why should my church become ONA?

'All Are Welcome' isn't enough.

LGBTQ+* people of faith often experience emotional and spiritual injury in churches that condemn their capacity to love and seek love. Because many have learned the hard way that "All Are Welcome" usually doesn't apply to them, LGBTQ+ folks can't assume that every church will be safe for them and their families.

A public welcome by an Open and Affirming (ONA) church sends a clear message to LGBTQ+ seekers that they have a home in the United Church of Christ.

A congregation's affirmation and support through an ONA covenant can be a life-changing and life-saving experience—especially for LGBTQ+ youth and LGBTQ+ seniors.

A public welcome to LGBTQ+ seekers helps churches grow. When ONA congregations attract new members, many of them are LGBTQ+ people and allies who value the congregation's commitment to inclusion and justice.

By adopting an ONA covenant, a congregation is taking seriously St. Paul's admonition to "accept one another, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." (Romans 15:7, NIV)

* LGBTQ+ is a shorthand for "lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning." The word "queer" has often been adopted by people who don't want to be constrained by the identities of lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. The plus symbol reflects the diversity of sexual and gender identities in the human family.

ONA Committee – Sue Newton, *Chair*, Becky Wright, Maureen Wright, Makayla LoCicero, Irene Maggio, Pastor Bill Ingraham, Josh Ferry *Ex officio*



The Chapel School



Spring has Sprung!!!! We have turned the corner to longer daylight time, later sunsets, more time to be outside and hopefully warmer weather. The sun is our best friend, especially this time of year. Even though there may still be a chill in the air, sunshine always warms us up, especially on the playground.

Children are the most resilient at adapting to change. They have amazed us every step this past year. We've learned that despite all the changes to our daily routine and how we use materials in the classroom, we can still have fun and learn a thing or two.

I love to see how much energy the children have in general, but watching them run, climb, and slide down the slides is like watching the amazing race. Fresh air and exercise are always a good thing.

Registration continues with new inquiries for September enrollment. We are always happy to show off the school to new families. The children enjoy welcoming new friends when we tour them around the school. We have already received registrations both in house and from new families. We receive inquiries every day. People are coming in with registration forms already printed off the website and ready to enroll by the end of the tour. Parents are saying everyone knows about Chapel. You have positive reviews on every webpage for parents. That was so great to hear!

While it can be rainy and dreary at times, winter is far behind us, the snow is gone away and on a sunny day, nothing feels better than the sunshine on your face. It's the little things that count. After so much sickness and winter we all need to feel joy in flowers blooming, daffodils and tulips!

We also had fun chasing leprechauns throughout the building for St. Patrick's Day. Did anyone see the tiny green footprints and gold glitter? They did manage to leave behind some gold (chocolate) coins. Yum!! This is one of those "Holidays" that has become a fun rite of passage for children and adults alike.

We will be on April vacation the week of April 15th. The kids and staff are excited to get out and enjoy the spring air!

Gina Colarusso
Director



Fire Drill 3/14/24

HELP SPREAD THE WORD!!



The Chapel School

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Register Now for our 2024-25 School Year



- **For Children 2.9 - 5 Years Old**
- 2, 3 or 5 Day Preschool Programs
- Customizable Days to Fit your Needs
- **Half Day Classes (8:30 - 11:30 AM)**
 - Lunch Bunch (until 2:00 PM)
 - Extended Day (7:30 AM - 4:00 PM)

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Contact us for more information or to schedule a tour:

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20__ - __ School Year

Preschool Registration Form

(Please Print)

Mornings (8:30 - 11:30 AM)

___ **5 Days**, Monday – Friday (4-5 years)

___ **3 Days**, Typically* Mon, Wed & Fri (4-5 years)

___ **2 Days**, Typically* Tues & Thurs (3-4 years)

___ Add **Lunch Bunch (until 2:00 PM)** →→→→

*Contact the School Office if other days are needed

Full Days (7:30 AM – 4:00 PM)

___ **5 Days**, Monday – Friday (4-5 years)

___ **3 Days**, Typically* Mon, Wed & Fri (4-5 years)

___ **2 Days**, Typically* Tues & Thurs (3-4 years)

How many days for **Lunch Bunch**? _____

Please circle: M Tu W Th F

Child Information:

First Name: _____ M.I. _____ Last Name: _____

Gender: [] Male [] Female Date of Birth: _____ Home Phone: _____

Address: _____

Allergies: _____

Parent/Guardian 1:

First Name: _____ M.I. _____ Last Name: _____

[] Mother [] Father [] Other: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian 2:

First Name: _____ M.I. _____ Last Name: _____

[] Mother [] Father [] Other: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

You will be receiving additional forms to complete – Information & Authorization, Medical and Developmental.

The Chapel School employs a policy of non-discrimination in all its services to children and their families. We do not discriminate based on race, religion, cultural heritage, political beliefs, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability. Our registration policy is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Parent Agreement

I hereby agree to enroll my child in the Chapel School and I understand that tuition payments must be paid as per the parent handbook. A registration fee of \$75.00 must be paid with this agreement. This fee is non-refundable. I understand that one month's notice will be required to withdraw my child from the Chapel School.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return your completed form as soon as possible. Thank you.

Community & First Church Event



Rent space to sell your treasures.

And YOU keep all the money you make!

When: May 18, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Where: First Church Congregational
26 Pleasant Street Methuen, MA**

This is a rain or shine event.

Rental Information

Outdoor spaces:

1 Space: \$25

2 Spaces: \$40

3 Spaces: \$50

Indoor spaces:

1 Space: \$30

2 Spaces: \$50

3 Spaces: \$60

Reservations must be received by May 4, 2024

**To reserve your space or more information contact:
Carole Silva at johnfsilvas@netscape.net**

What's the REACH Ministry?



Do you know of someone facing surgery, recovering from surgery or living with a long-term illness? Do you know someone who has recently lost their job or could use financial support? Do you know someone who suffers from depression or is often down in the dumps around the holidays?

Maybe this person is you?

If so, we can help. Our new REACH Ministry wants to make sure that members of our community have a place to turn for support in their time of need. The term REACH stands for -- Reliable, Engaging, Able, Caring and Heartfelt support.

Contact Judi Boyko or Pat King for more information.

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Need Financial Help?

If you, or another member of First Church you know, is need of some temporary financial assistance, please contact Rev. Ingraham at pastor.bill.ingraham@gmail.com or 978-687-1240.

Due to the generosity of Thomas Longworth, through his estate plan, there are some funds available for short term financial assistance of our members.

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Would you like to make an electronic donation to the church?



Use your smart phone or tablet by scanning this QR code!

Or visit our website at www.firstchurchmethuen.com and click the "Ways to Donate" page.

Thank you for your support.



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Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

Daily Lectionary Scripture References – April 2024 (Year B)

Mon., Apr. 1

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Genesis 1:1-19
1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Tues., Apr. 2

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Genesis 1:20—2:4a
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Wed., Apr. 3

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Song of Solomon 3:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

Thurs., Apr. 4

Psalm 133
Daniel 1:1-21
Acts 2:42-47

Fri., Apr. 5

Psalm 133
Daniel 2:1-23
Acts 4:23-31

Sat., Apr. 6

Psalm 133
Daniel 2:24-49
John 12:44-50

Sun., Apr. 7

Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1—2:2
John 20:19-31

Mon., Apr. 8

Psalm 135
Daniel 3:1-30
1 John 2:3-11

Tues., Apr. 9

Psalm 135
Daniel 6:1-28
1 John 2:12-17

Wed., Apr. 10

Psalm 135
Isaiah 26:1-15
Mark 12:18-27

Thurs., Apr. 11

Psalm 4
Daniel 9:1-19
1 John 2:18-25

Fri., Apr. 12

Psalm 4
Daniel 10:2-19
1 John 2:26-28

Sat., Apr. 13

Psalm 4
Acts 3:1-10
Luke 22:24-30

Sun., Apr. 14

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Mon., Apr. 15

Psalm 150
Jeremiah 30:1-11a
1 John 3:10-16

Tues., Apr. 16

Psalm 150
Hosea 5:15—6:6
2 John 1-6

Wed., Apr. 17

Psalm 150
Proverbs 9:1-6
Mark 16:9-18

Thurs., Apr. 18

Psalm 23
Genesis 30:25-43
Acts 3:17-26

Fri., Apr. 19

Psalm 23
Genesis 46:28—47:6
Acts 4:1-4

Sat., Apr. 20

Psalm 23
Genesis 48:8-19
Mark 6:30-34

Sun., Apr. 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Mon., Apr. 22

Psalm 95
1 Samuel 16:1-13
1 Peter 5:1-5

Tues., Apr. 23

Psalm 95
1 Chronicles 11:1-9
Revelation 7:13-17

Wed., Apr. 24

Psalm 95
Micah 7:8-20
Mark 14:26-31

Thurs., Apr. 25

Psalm 22:25-31
Amos 8:1-7
Acts 8:1b-8

Fri., Apr. 26

Psalm 22:25-31
Amos 8:11-13
Acts 8:9-25

Sat., Apr. 27

Psalm 22:25-31
Amos 9:7-15
Mark 4:30-32

Sun., Apr. 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Mon., Apr. 29

Psalm 80
Isaiah 5:1-7
Galatians 5:16-26

Tues., Apr. 30

Psalm 80
Isaiah 32:9-20
James 3:17-18

Happy Birthday!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Hanson Causbie
- 05 Michael Alaimo
- 08 Anne Benedix
- 12 Meredith Wright
- 16 Josh Ferry
- 19 Alaina Romano
- 20 Kim Kowal
- 21 Pauline Hamilton
- 25 Audrey Lang
- 26 Diane Alaimo, Jennifer Borislow
- 30 Janet Tashjian



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Susan Newton
- 05 Robyn Sliney

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APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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| 4/12 | Dennis & Brenda Michaud | Married 21 years |
| 4/22 | Thomas & Roberta Jurovich | Married 29 years |



April 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Service <i>Sundays at 10:00 AM</i> In-Person & on Facebook Live www.facebook.com/firstchurchmethuen	1 ALL Committees Annual Reports Due 6:30 PM Finance	2 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park) 4:30 PM Food Pantry	3 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Church Board	4 6:30 PM First Church Bells	5	6
7 Communion 8:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:15 AM Fellowship	8 4:00 PM Chapel Staff 6:30 PM Outreach	9 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park) 4:30 PM Food Pantry	10 8:00 AM Breakfast with Bill (Ellie's Farmhouse) 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM Diaconate	11 6:30 PM First Church Bells	12	13
14 8:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 11:15 AM Fellowship	15 Patriots Day Church Office Closed 1:00 PM Cook for Bread & Roses 6:30 PM Stewardship	16 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park) 4:30 PM Food Pantry	17 Church Office Closed	18 Church Office Closed 6:30 PM First Church Bells	19	20
The Chapel School Closed – MA School Vacation Week						
21 Mental Health Sunday 8:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:15 AM Fellowship	22	23 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park) 4:30 PM Food Pantry	24 May BEACON Deadline 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Open & Affirming	25	26	27
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Dates and Times Subject to Change

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