

April 2022



# THE BEACON



*First Church Congregational*

*United Church of Christ*

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## **“GETTING PARSONAL”**

*Rev. William D. Ingraham*

There were ways, this year, that March was “in like a lion and out like a lamb,” as far as weather goes. It’s perhaps poetic that the transition from March to April, the 31<sup>st</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup>, marked by sprinkles and rain, building in intensity, and lasting long enough to give the ground a well-needed soaking. Our gardens are grateful, as I suspect are the lawns and trees. The final roars of winter’s lion were bitter cold and very dry. We’ll see what the coming months brings. No doubt the progression from hard, cold surfaces to buds and even flowers and leaves is well underway. I’m so grateful! Spring truly is here.

Likewise, things are “budding” at the church, and I’m grateful. After just two weeks the choir already is showing great signs of catching their stride together. After more than two years of not singing together, it is truly remarkable. I’m eager for the coming weeks and months, to see how our ministry of music reestablishes itself in our weekly services of worship. I’m also grateful that Dr. Christopher Grills has joined our staff to help foment a beautiful music ministry here in this place.

Rising outdoor temperatures are good news not only for flowers and trees, but also for our experience of worship. Week by week the sanctuary is getting warmer, moving the temperature during worship from “tolerable” to “not so bad.” Soon, it will even be pleasant! And JUST in time! Those who’ve not yet done so, I hope you’ll consider returning to in-person worship in April.

We are still waiting to address our defunct heating system under the sanctuary. Once the ground is sufficiently warm, the city can grant permission for a new natural gas line to be run to the sanctuary. At that point work can begin. However, we still need to raise the funds to pay for this project, and for the repair of the bell tower and narthex which we also hope to undertake this summer. To that end, we'll be making an appeal to the congregation for pledges and donations to complete these important projects. Look for more information about this in the coming weeks.

No matter the temperature in the sanctuary, it's always warm in Parish Hall. We've been holding coffee hour after worship since mid-March, and it has been wonderful! We gather around tables to share refreshments and stories, laughter and joy. I hope you'll plan to join us in the coming weeks. If you would like to help provide refreshments, please speak with Becky Wright.

We have a lot to look forward to in the coming weeks and months. **Holy Week** begins **April 10**, with **Palm Sunday**. A service of Holy Communion and Tenebrae will be held on **Maundy Thursday, April 14**. And of course, we will celebrate resurrection and new life together on **Easter, April 17**. The choir is preparing special music for each of these services. Additional dates we're looking forward to are **Mental Health Sunday** on **May 1**, and the **293<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting** on **Sunday, May 15**, following worship. The plan is for the meeting to be in-person in Parish Hall.

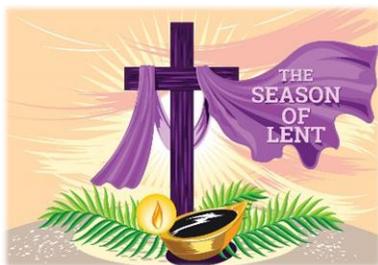
Another winter is behind us -- or so we hope and pray! The promise of spring is just around the corner. I look forward to sharing the joys of spring with all of you as we gather in worship and fellowship to do the work of the church, fulfilling our mission:

*Seeking God, caring for each other and improving our community.*

See you in church!

*- Bill*





# 2022 Lenten Services

## First Church Congregational

United Church of Christ

Methuen, MA

### Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>:

10:00 AM – *Palm Sunday* ~ A Triumphant Entry and Celebration of Palms

### Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:

7:00 PM – *Maundy Thursday* ~ A Service of Communion and Tenebrae (dramatic liturgy of Shadows and the Last Supper Together)

### Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>:

10:00 AM – *Easter Sunday* ~ A Joyous Celebration!

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor.bill.ingraham@gmail.com) or 978-687-1240.

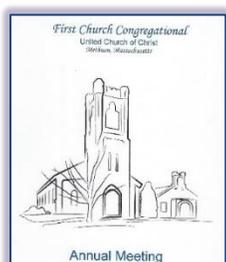
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## Annual Reports are Due

All Committees should submit their annual report to the Church Office **by Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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](mailto:firstchurch.roberta@gmail.com).

**The Annual Meeting is currently scheduled for Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you for your cooperation



# Sunday Morning Worship



On Sunday mornings, at 10:00 AM, our weekly worship service is in person, for a limited number of parishioners! A link will be sent out on in the Tuesday and Friday email blasts, so you may *pre-register* to attend in person. You may also call/email the church office to pre-register your attendance.

Worship will continue to be broadcast each Sunday, at 10:00 AM, on Facebook Live ([www.facebook.com/FirstChurchMethuen](http://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchMethuen)) and posted after the service on our YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/channel/UCfLSjhXs9UG8yC89aB8evrA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfLSjhXs9UG8yC89aB8evrA)). The service can be viewed at any time on either platform. An Order of Worship will be emailed out each Friday before the service.

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# Fellowship Time after Sunday Worship

Coffee Hour Fellowship will be held on Sunday mornings, following worship, in Parish Hall for all who attend the service in person.

For the those not in attendance, Fellowship Time will continue, on Zoom, following the worship service, starting at 11:15 AM. A Zoom link will be provided via the Friday email to access this weekly gathering.



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Please join us for our series of Wednesday Lenten Services, a time of spiritual reflection and renewal brought to you by Communities Together, Inc.

- April 6 St. Paul's Episcopal Church** (*Light Lunch to be served following service*)  
 390 Street, North Andover
- Host Pastor: Rev. Sarah D Mato
  - Guest Homilist: Rev. Joel Amondo, Grace Episcopal, Lawrence
  - [Virtual Live Stream: In person or Zoom with link on website: stpaulnorthandover.org](http://stpaulnorthandover.org)
  - Communities Together Annual Meeting to Follow!



# 2022 Easter Giving



If you would like to donate and/or order a plant for Easter, please use this form and return it to the church office by **Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please note: We will need time to order the plants. All donations and orders received by this deadline will be listed in the "Easter Giving Booklet".

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## Plant Order

All Easter plants at **\$15.00 per plant**, please indicate quantity below:

Easter Lily \_\_\_\_\_\*  
(white lily)

Tulip \_\_\_\_\_\*

Mona Lisa Lily \_\_\_\_\_\*  
(pink & white lily)

Please print

Given in Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration/Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle choice)

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

*\*After the Easter service, all plants will be delivered to a homebound member or friend of the church*

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## Donation

BUILDING MAINTENANCE \_\_\_\_\_ OPERATING EXPENSE \_\_\_\_\_

ORGAN RESTORATION \_\_\_\_\_ OUTREACH \_\_\_\_\_

REACH TEAM \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

Please print

Given in Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration/Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle choice)

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make check payable to: *First Church Congregational* ("Easter Giving" in memo)

*Thank you and Happy Easter!*

## ***From the Outreach Ministry Team***

### **2022 Diaper Drive**

The Outreach Team invites you to participate in our 2022 Diaper Drive. You can help by donating diapers and wipes, or by making a monetary donation to help purchase them. Diapers, wipes, and monetary donations can be dropped off at the crossroads door off the parking lot behind the church on Saturdays, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

First Church Congregational, Methuen, is holding its diaper drive in partnership with Communities Together, Inc., a collaborative of Protestant and Catholic churches in Andover, Lawrence, Methuen, and North Andover. During Lent, Communities Together has been collecting diapers for children in Lawrence since 1998.

Diapers are distributed to local social service agencies who are striving to meet the needs of families. Diapers are a major expense for families because they cannot be purchased with food stamps. In this issue of *The Beacon* there is a flyer with more detailed information about this Drive.

### **Back to School Program**

Lisa Yarid Ferry and Linda Soucy joined us at our March meeting to share their plans for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to School Project. They are beginning to contact local persons and businesses who generously donate the clothes, sneakers, backpacks and school supplies. These donations enable us to send over 60 children from the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood (MAN) back to school fully prepared.

Mall Day will be held on August 20 from 9:00 AM to 12 PM outside in the Tenney Street Park beside the MAN building. Should August 20 happen to be rainy, we are able to hold the event in a 1,500 sq.ft. room on the third floor of the MAN building.

### **Mental Health Awareness Sunday**

With Mental Health Sunday, April 24, 2022, First Church once again is affirming its commitment to open, frank discussion of mental health issues. In 2019 we focused on suicide prevention, (there was no program in 2020 due to the Pandemic), and in 2021 we focused on substance abuse. We promote mental health awareness and suicide prevention through our annual "*Stride into the Light 5K Run-Walk*," and by participating in the "*Samaritan's of Merrimack Valley Walk for Hope*," as well as throughout the year in worship, through spoken prayers, announcements, illustrations in sermons, and more.

This year we are focusing on promoting mental and emotional health for families and children, especially during the Pandemic. We are finalizing details with a speaker to speak on Mental Health Sunday, April 24, 2022.

### **Tuesday NIN Food Pantries**

All Neighbors In Need Food Pantries are experiencing an increase in numbers of families coming as people are dealing with higher prices on everything and are having trouble putting food on the table. On Tuesday, March 15, our NIN Food Pantry served 172 families.

# 2022 Diaper Drive



**What:** The Outreach Team invites you to participate in our 2022 **Diaper Drive**. You can help by donating diapers and wipes, or by making a monetary donation to help purchase them.

**Who:** First Church Congregational Methuen will be holding the diaper drive in partnership with **Communities Together, Inc.**, a collaborative of Protestant and Catholic churches in Andover, Lawrence, Methuen, and North Andover. The diaper collection will be distributed to various social agencies in the Merrimack Valley, including Lazarus House, Bread and Roses, Neighbors in Need, and others.

**Why:** The need for diapers in Methuen and surrounding communities is great, as evidenced by the following facts.

- Families spend \$75 a month on average to diaper one child, or 8% of a full-time minimum wage salary.
- Diaper need remains a common and hidden problem of poverty made worse by job losses and social isolation.
- Though diapers are essential for babies, they are not systematically covered by safety-net policies. Neither WIC nor food stamps cover diapers.

**Where and When:** Diapers and wipes, as well as monetary donations, may be dropped off in the parking lot behind First Church Congregational, 26 Pleasant Street, Methuen, on:

- Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Notes:** Checks should be made payable to **First Church Congregational**, with **Diaper Drive** on the memo line. Mail to 26 Pleasant St., Methuen, MA 01844 *no later than Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>*.

Thank you!

## Diaper Drive Update:



The First Church Diaper Drive a success! Thanks to the generosity of church members and friends, the diaper drive has brought in a great amount of diapers, pullups, and wipes for families in need in the Merrimack Valley. As of Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, here at First Church we had collected 1327 diapers of all sizes, 161 pullups, 880 wipes, and \$120 in monetary donations. The diapers will be dispersed to area agencies by the Communities Together organization, which is a partnership of Protestant and Catholic churches in the area.

It would be great if we could reach a total of 2000 diapers! Can you help us? You can drop off your donation items on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> or you can bring them to church on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Thank you from the Outreach Committee!*

# Walking Group for Fitness and Fellowship

## Tuesdays in April

Come join us to celebrate Spring at Raymond Martin Riverside Park in Methuen. We will be walking at 10:00 AM on the following Tuesdays: 4/5, 4/12, 4/19 and 4/26. Enjoy warmer days and blossoming trees as we exercise and share great conversation.

## Sunday Walk on the Methuen Rail Trail

Our scheduled rail trail walk for April will be on **Sunday 4/24 at 12:00 PM**. We will meet at far end of the MSPCA parking lot. We will be on the lookout for the return of the nesting cranes in the Nevins Bird Sanctuary along the trail. There's also a Little Free Library located where we access the trail, so if you would like, bring a book to share with the community. Hope to see you there!



# 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 Anne Benedix or Carol Gray for more information.

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



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Original Artwork by Emily Jurovich



# 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.

I'm always amazed at how much energy the children have in general, but watching them run, climb, and slide down the slides is like watching the amazing race. I want some of that back myself. 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 into the classroom and just being a good friend. They could give the tours!!

Spring Pictures are due back soon for Easter giving to family and friends. With such an ongoing enrollment this school year, parents took advantage of the photos here at the school.

Our mask policy stayed in place thru the end of March. Parents, for the most part, were very supportive of this decision. The children have been diligent wearing them every day. We then reviewed our policy and made the decision to make masks recommended but not required for the rest of the school year. This also brought support and resistance from parents. Clearly not an easy issue to all agree on. It will be interesting to see what happens beginning April 4<sup>th</sup>.

In a classroom setting, I do see the value of continuing to wear masks. Children are not as aware of physically distancing themselves every minute of the day as adults are. We have seen healthier children with less colds and sore throats from mask wearing. Children touch their nose and mouth less when wearing a mask. Parents don't always see the value in that. The staff is committed to continuing to wear masks.

We are looking forward to our Annual Art Show. We are still trying to decide whether we continue virtually, bring it back to the Parish Hall. Maybe we can do both. Stay tuned for that decision.

Enjoy the month of April!!! 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 Covid and Winter, we all need to feel joy in flowers blooming; daffodils, tulips and don't forget the crocuses. Happy Spring!!!

*Cindy Mazella*  
Director



# The Chapel School

*Where a Lifetime of Learning Begins*

**Register Now for the 2022-23 School Year**



- 2, 3 or 5 Day Preschool Programs
  - For Children 2.9 - 5 Years Old
- 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)

*Fun Learning Environment for Everyone!*

- Affordable Rates
- Non-Denominational
- Over 60 Years in Methuen!



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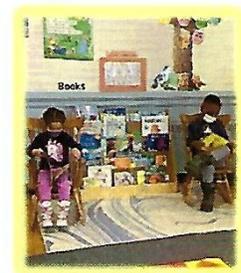
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26 Pleasant Street, Methuen





# THE CHAPEL SCHOOL

26 Pleasant Street  
Methuen, MA 01844  
(978)-689-8414

2022-23  
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 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.*

# 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](mailto: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](http://www.firstchurchmethuen.com) and click the "Ways to Donate" page.

*Thank you for your support.*

# WARRANT

## *First Church Congregational*

United Church of Christ

### **293<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

The 293<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of First Church Congregational, Methuen, Massachusetts, will be held in person, at 11:00 AM, on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting is outlined below.

1. Welcome and Call to Order by the Chair of the Board ~ Steve Boyko
2. Opening Prayer and Necrology ~ Rev. William D. Ingraham
3. Old Business
  - Review of Minutes of the May 23, 2021, Annual Meeting
  - Board Report
  - Pastor's Report
  - Treasurer's Report
4. New Business
  - Adoption of 2022-23 Budget
  - Nominating Committee Report
  - Election of Officers
  - Other Business
5. Closing Prayer and Benediction ~ Rev. Ingraham
6. Call for Adjournment ~ Steve Boyko

*Marilyn Peck*  
Acting Church Board Secretary



# Southern New England Conference

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## Daily Lectionary Scripture References – April 2022 (Year C)

### **Fri., Apr. 1**

Psalm 126  
Isaiah 43:8-15  
Philippians 2:25–3:1

### **Sat., Apr. 2**

Psalm 126  
Exodus 12:21-27  
John 11:45-57

### **Sun., Apr. 3**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

### **Mon., Apr. 4**

Psalm 20  
Exodus 40:1-15  
Hebrews 10:19-25

### **Tues., Apr. 5**

Psalm 20  
Judges 9:7-15  
1 John 2:18-28

### **Wed., Apr. 6**

Psalm 20  
Habakkuk 3:2-15  
Luke 18:31-34

### **Thurs., Apr. 7**

Psalm 31:9-16  
Isaiah 53:10-12  
Hebrews 2:1-9

### **Fri., Apr. 8**

Psalm 31:9-16  
Isaiah 54:9-10  
Hebrews 2:10-18

### **Sat., Apr. 9**

Psalm 31:9-16  
Leviticus 23:1-8  
Luke 22:1-13

### **Sun., Apr. 10**

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

#### **Palms:**

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
Luke 19:28-40

#### **Passion:**

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14–23:56 or  
Luke 23:1-49

### **Mon., Apr. 11**

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
John 12:1-11

### **Tues., Apr. 12**

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
John 12:20-36

### **Wed., Apr. 13**

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70  
Hebrews 12:1-3  
John 13:21-32

### **Thurs., Apr. 14**

*Maundy Thursday*  
Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### **Fri., Apr. 15**

*Good Friday*  
Isaiah 52:13–53:12  
Psalm 22  
Hebrews 10:16-25 or  
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
John 18:1–19:42

### **Sat., Apr. 16**

*Holy Saturday*  
Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations  
3:1-9, 19-24  
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16  
1 Peter 4:1-8  
Matthew 27:57-66 or John  
19:38-42

### **Sun., Apr. 17**

*Easter*  
Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah  
65:17-25  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or  
Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-11

### **Mon., Apr. 18**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Joshua 10:16-27  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

### **Tues., Apr. 19**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a  
Revelation 12:1-12

### **Wed. Apr. 20**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
2 Samuel 6:1-15  
Luke 24:1-12

### **Thurs., Apr. 21**

Psalm 150  
1 Samuel 17:1-23  
Acts 5:12-16

### **Fri., Apr. 22**

Psalm 150  
1 Samuel 17:19-32  
Acts 5:17-26

### **Sat., Apr. 23**

Psalm 150  
1 Samuel 17:32-51  
Luke 24:36-40

### **Sun., Apr. 24**

*Second Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 5:27-32;  
Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm  
150; Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

### **Mon., Apr. 25**

Psalm 122  
Esther 7:1-10  
Revelation 1:9-20

### **Tues., Apr. 26**

Psalm 122  
Esther 8:1-17  
Revelation 2:8-11

### **Wed., Apr. 27**

Psalm 122  
Esther 9:1-5, 18-23  
Luke 12:4-12

### **Thurs., Apr. 28**

Psalm 30  
Isaiah 5:11-17  
Revelation 3:14-22

### **Fri., Apr. 29**

Psalm 30  
Isaiah 6:1-4  
Revelation 4:1-11

### **Sat., Apr. 30**

Psalm 30  
Genesis 18:1-8  
Luke 14:12-14

# Happy Birthday!

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Hanson Causbie
- 05 Michael Alaimo
- 06 Justin Hodgkins
- 08 Anne Benedix
- 12 Meredith Wright
- 14 Andrew Clark-Hodgkins, Denis Webster Greene
- 16 Josh Ferry
- 19 Alaina Romano
- 20 Kim Kowal
- 21 Pauline Hamilton
- 24 Raymond Benedix
- 25 Audrey Lang
- 26 Diane Alaimo, Jennifer Borislow
- 30 Janet Tashjian



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Susan Newton
- 05 Robyn Sliney

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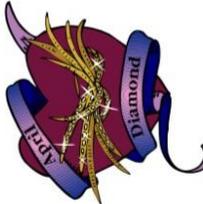
## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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|------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 4/7  | Kevin & Brenda Adametz    | Married 21 years |
| 4/12 | Dennis & Brenda Michaud   | Married 19 years |
| 4/20 | James & June Clark        | Married 18 years |
| 4/20 | George & Patricia King    | Married 48 years |
| 4/22 | Thomas & Roberta Jurovich | Married 27 years |



# April 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Worship Service</b> Sundays at 10:00 AM <i>In-Person &amp; on Facebook Live</i> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/firstchurchmethuen">www.facebook.com/firstchurchmethuen</a>	 6:30 PM Finance		 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Church Board		<b>1</b> <b>Committee Annual Reports Due</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Diaper Drive Donation Drop-Off
<b>3 Communion</b> 11:15 AM Fellowship	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM Finance	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park)	<b>6</b> 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM Church Board	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Palm Sunday</b> 11:15 AM Fellowship	<b>11</b> 4:00 PM Chapel Staff 6:30 PM Outreach	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park)	<b>13</b> 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl 7:00 PM Diaconate	<b>14</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 7:00 PM Service	<b>15</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <i>Chapel School Closed</i>	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Easter Sunday</b> 11:15 AM Fellowship 	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM Stewardship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">The Chapel School Closed - MA School Vacation Week</div>	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park)	<b>20</b> <b>May</b> <b>BEACON Deadline</b> 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl 6:30 PM MDCC	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 11:15 AM Fellowship 12:00 PM Walking Group (Methuen Rail Trail)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Walking Group (Riverside Park)	<b>27</b> 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

Dates and Times Subject to Change

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