



Brookline Community Church

NEWSLETTER



April 2011

Message from the Minister

Lent is a time for reflection. I am not sure it is a time to take something on or give something up. But it is a time to reflect and even pray.

We now live in an internet world and so quickly we learn what is happening in Lybia – all man made – and the horrendous disaster – nature made – in Japan. We are almost overwhelmed.

We live in our tiny place on the planet and we go to work, or school. We care for our loved ones as best we can. We participate in some town activities and we go to church and perhaps teach Sunday School.

I believe it is imperative that we reflect on who we are and where we are going. We might just sit on the couch and watch tv, or we might eat too much and then wonder where the time has gone. Or we might sit down and read a good book, do something constructive with the family or children, fix something that has needed fixing around the house, or get into the mood to plant a garden. Maybe there are a few things that you can think of that need our attention. And then Lent is a time to extend a helping hand to show our willingness to help or a time to reflect on that which is more important in life than just the next meal or the next paycheck.

May Lent and the Easter Season be a time for you and yours to be grateful for the day, find some joy in life and contribute what we can so that this sometimes hurtful world will find some healing.

Peacefully yours,
Dr. David W. Smith



Calendar of Events

MARCH

27 **Worship Service**

10:00 a.m.

Wild Game Supper Meeting

11:30 a.m.

Youth Group Meeting

6:00-7:30 p.m.

APRIL

2 **Confirmation Retreat sponsored by NHCUC**

3 **Communion Service**

10:00 a.m.

Youth Group Meeting

6:00-7:30 p.m.

10 **Worship Service**

10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Class, Group Meeting

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Youth Group Meeting

6:00-7:30 p.m.

16 **Senior Luncheon**

11:30 a.m.

17 **Palm Sunday**

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Youth Group Meeting

6:00-7:30 p.m.

21 **Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae**

Service at 6:30 p.m.

22 **Good Friday**

The church will be open 12 noon-9 p.m.

24 **Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service at Musket Mountain

5:45 a.m.

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

29 **Youth Group Hampshire Hills Lock-In**

Friday 8:00 p.m. - Saturday 7:00 a.m.

Calendar of Events continued

MAY

- 1 Communion Service**
10:00 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 7 Eagle Court of Honor**
Fellowship Hall
Confirmation Class visit Brookline Chapel
Old Catholic Church Service
6:00 p.m.
- 8 Worship Service**
10:00 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 14 Wild Game Supper**
5:30 & 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Worship Service**
10:00 a.m.
CROP Hunger Walk
Details TBA
Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 22 Worship Service, Children's Day Celebration**
10:00 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 29 Worship Service**
10:00 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Church Calendar

Please let the secretary know when you have scheduled an event or meeting that will be held in the church.

Pretty In Pink Quilt Raffle

The Deacons are selling raffle tickets for an oversized lap quilt donated by Ethel Long. The drawing will be held during church on Mother's Day, May 8th. Tickets are 1/\$2 or 3/\$5. Proceeds to benefit the Persons In Need Fund.

Wilderness Quilt Raffle

Tickets for a Wilderness Lap Quilt are available, 1/@2 or 3/\$5. The drawing for this quilt will be held at the Wild Game Supper on May 14.



H O L Y · W E E K

Palm Sunday, April 17

The Palm Celebration will include the distribution of palms. During the service Ciana McGarry will be baptized, and Jen Coutu and Susan Santoski will join the church.

Maundy Thursday, Supper & Service, April 21

There will be a simple supper of soup and bread at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Service of Tenebrae begins at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Good Friday, April 22

The church will be open from 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. for half-hour prayers and meditation. A sign-up sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall for the two Sundays before Good Friday.

There will be a Good Friday Service sponsored by the Milford area churches at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Amherst at 12:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Easter Sunday, April 24

Sunrise Service on Musket Mountain will begin at 5:45 a.m. Access is via the road to Andres Institute. A light refreshment will be offered at the church after the Sunrise Service. There will also be an Easter Service at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

Easter Flowers



Orders for Easter Flowers need to be in by April 3. There will be an order form in the bulletin on 3/27 and 4/3.

Save the Date

CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, May 15th



Board of Outreach

Senior Luncheon

The next Senior Luncheon is scheduled for April 16. We will be serving roast beef.

A Letter from SHARE

We would like to share a letter we received from a family we adopted this past Christmas.

To: Our Christmas Angels,
Our family is very grateful for the most excellent Christmas you have provided. We were really excited to see the girls' reaction to all the gifts under the tree. That is the best gift we could ask for. To show our gratitude we had our girls make you special ornaments to remind you of our thanks for years to come. Thank you so much for the baby items you gave and thank you for including us as well. Wishing you the BEST Christmas.

Their baby, Sophia, was born on 12/16/10. She weighed 9 lbs, 4 oz and was 21½ inches long. They sent a card with her little footprint on it. We plan to include the ornaments the girls made on our Christmas wreath next season. Thank you all for your generosity. It really is appreciated so much by the recipients.

Board of Deacons

Deacon Needed

The Board of Deacons still needs at least one more member. If you are interested please speak with Barbara Haskell-Higgins or any Deacon.

Sunday Service Sign-ups

Please don't forget to sign up to help with Sunday Services. We need volunteers to do the children's story, be lay readers, ushers, greeters, acolytes, and coffee hour hosts.

Stewardship Committee

We are trying to think of new fundraising events for the church to assist with the budget deficit. If you have any ideas or have heard of a successful event held by some other organization please let us know. We would like to 'target' the community as a whole, not just the church congregation, which already gives so much of their time and resources.

To contact Carol: 672-8960 or ccherian@charter.net.

To contact Amy: 672-3049 or aless@charter.net.

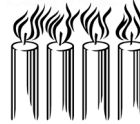
Board of Christian Education

Seeking Committee Members

The Board of Christian Education is in the process of creating a committee to discuss the educational needs of the church and to define the position for the new CE Director. If you are interested in serving on this committee or would just like to provide input as we define this position, please contact Ann Desrochers at adesroch@charter.net or 672-3937.

Adult Education

The Beginners Study of the Bible class is meeting at 7:30 on Thursday evenings at the church, all are welcome to join. Please contact Rev. Smith at the church, 673-7511, or Ann Desrochers at 672-3937, if you are interested in participating or would like more information.



Confirmation Class Schedule

Confirmed Dates:

April 2

"We Are the Body"

NH Conference UCC Confirmation Retreat

April 10

Group Meeting

Discussion on the Bible, 4:00 - 6:00p.m.

May 7

Old Catholic Church Service

Brookline Chapel, 6:00 p.m.

Tentative Dates:

April 6

Visit to Smith & Heald Funeral Home

May 1

Visit to Faith Baptist Church, Hollis/Group Meeting

May 20-21

Retreat at Wanakee

*Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."
~ John 11:25-26*



Christian Summer Camp Programs

Are you looking for a place where you can have all the fun of a summer camp program as well as the opportunity to renew your faith? If so, explore these opportunities:

UCC Camps:

- ✠ Geneva Point in Moultonborough, NH
www.genevapoint.org
- ✠ Horton Center in Gorham, NH
www.hortoncenter.org
- ✠ Star Island Isles of Shoals, NH
www.starisland.org

UMC Camps:

- ✠ Camp Aldersgate in North Scituate, RI
www.campaldersgate.com
- ✠ Rolling Ridge in North Andover, MA
www.rollingridge.org
- ✠ Wanakee in Meredith, NH
www.wanakee.org

Other Christian Camps:

- ✠ Camp Berea in Hebron, NH
www.berea.org

Camp brochures and registration information is also available on the second floor bulletin board (outside the Youth Room) or by contacting Ann Desrochers.



Children's Corner



Sunday School:

Teachers & Volunteers Needed

We are still in need of teachers and classroom helpers, for all grade levels, for the final unit of the 2010-2011 Sunday School year. This unit runs from April 10 up to and including our Children's Day Celebration, which takes place during the worship service on May 22. Please speak with Ann Desrochers if you have questions or would like to help.

Vacation Bible School

SonSurf Beach Bash VBS is scheduled for June 26-June 30. Registration forms will be available during coffee hour.

Youth Group



- ☮ Regular Meetings are being held each week. Sunday evenings, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- ☮ The Youth Group will be participating in the Hampshire Hills Lock-In. Friday, April 29th
- ☮ Let Ann or Vicki know if you'd like to participate in this year's Crop Walk. Sunday, May 15th

Newsletter Submissions

Please send any submissions for the next newsletter to Carol at ccherian@charter.net by April 15th.



The deacons will be decorating the church for Easter. If you would like to help by purchasing flowers please fill out the form below and return it to:

Judy Cook
Brookline Community Church
P.O. Box 507
Brookline, NH 03033-0507

Please make checks payable to Brookline Community Church.

Order deadline is Sunday, April 3rd, 2011

Placed by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

6" Lilies \$10.00 X _____ = _____

6" Tulips \$8.50 X _____ = _____

6" Daffodils \$8.50 X _____ = _____

6" Hyacinths \$8.50 X _____ = _____ white, pink, or blue
(please circle preference)

10" Tulips \$17.00 X _____ = _____

10" Daffodils \$17.00 X _____ = _____

TOTAL = _____

If the flowers you ordered are not available we will substitute with the most comparable choice.

Questions? Please call Judy: 603-398-1950