



Brookline Community Church

NEWSLETTER



May 2011

Message from the Minister

How quickly the snow has finally disappeared. I, like many of you, thought it would never happen. But it did and it does every year. Time and the sun will do wonderful things.

And now just as quickly it is Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

Time moves forward at its own pace and often it seems very quickly. What are we doing with our time? I admit that there are times that I watch a bit too much television, or play too many games of solitaire on the computer. And I admit this does not leave me with a lot of satisfaction. So I will then sit down and read a book, play a game with my wife, help clean up after a meal, meet with some friends, or just go for a walk.

I also will take the time to pray, work on a sermon, talk with a good man who has just lost his brother or talk with a family who will be having a baby baptized soon.

What do you do with your time? It is a gift and we can not go back in time, we can only live in the present and move ahead into the future. And with this gift of time I hope that we will use it well and productively. Time is precious and so are you and the way that you spend your time will help make you the kind of person that you want to be, and I believe the kind of person that God wants you to be as well.

As ever – in peace –
David W. Smith



Calendar of Events

APRIL

17 Palm Sunday

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Youth Group Meeting

6:00-7:30 p.m.

21 Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae

Simple meal at 6:30 p.m., Service at 7:30 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.

MAY

1 Communion Service

10:00 a.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

22 Worship Service, Children's Day Celebration

10:00 a.m.

Youth Group Meeting

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Calendar of Events continued

MAY

29 **Worship Service**

10:00 a.m.



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.

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.

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.



Saturday, May 14

5:30 & 7:00 p.m. sittings

Tickets: \$15

(Available at The Brookline Village Store
or call Keith White at 465-2803)

This year's menu features delicious preparations of venison, wild boar, goose, turkey, duck, pheasant, and, for the first time since the Wild Game Dinner began . . . bear!

Spaghetti with vegetarian red sauce will be available for non-game eaters.

Dinner includes:

- Your choice of salad, venison chili or venison stew
- Three entrees the first time through the line (seconds will be allowed after all have been served once)
- Homemade rolls
- Coffee and dessert

The Wild Game Supper Committee needs many people to help at the event to make things run smoothly. If you can help with set-up, serving, bussing, selling tickets, or with clean-up please sign up at church or contact:

Keith White at kwhite@gene.com, or
Carol Cherian at ccherian@charter.net.

Newsletter Submissions

Please send any submissions for the next newsletter to Carol at ccherian@charter.net by May 18th.

Board of Christian Education

Children's Corner



Children's Day Celebration

We will be celebrating Children's Day on Sunday, May 22, during the Worship Service.

Vacation Bible School

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



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
- ✠ Monadnock Bible Conference in Jaffrey, NH
<http://monadnockbible.org/youth/launchpoint/>

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

Youth Group

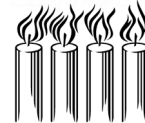


APRIL

- 17 Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Easter Sunday - No Meeting
- 29 Lock-In at Hampshire Hills

MAY

- 1 No meeting - catch up on sleep after Lock-In!
- 8 Regular Meeting 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Wild Game Dinner
(Assist with Serving/Cleanup)
- 15 Crop Walk - Family Participation
(No Youth Group Meeting)
- 22 Regular meeting 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
(Discuss Summer Schedule)



Confirmation Class Schedule

May 1

- † Meet at 9:00 a.m. for visit to Faith Baptist Church in Hollis
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
- † Confirmation Class Large Group Meeting 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Topic: "Our Response: Spiritual Life"

May 7

- † Visit Brookline Chapel, 6:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Old Catholic Church Service

May 20-21

- † Confirmation Retreat at Wanakee United Methodist Camp, Meredith, NH

June 5

- † Confirmation during 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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.