



Brookline Community Church

NEWSLETTER



April 2015

Message from the Minister

He is Risen, he is risen indeed! What a wonderful Holy Week we had this year. Palm Sunday went by with palm fronds and tin foil hail stones as we remembered one of the plagues of Egypt told in the Passover story. Maundy Thursday was a night of shadows, where we remembered the dying of the Light as we were left with nothing but the Cross and each other. The Good Friday Vigil was a time of deeper silence as we prayed in a connected chain of community. Easter sunrise was unforgettable as it always is when we worship deep in Creation. Easter morning service was full of friends and family coming to hear the Good News once again.

The good news is that Easter continues. Just because the peanut butter eggs are now on deep discount doesn't mean that Easter is over. It continues until Pentecost on May 24, Memorial Day weekend. So come and shout some extra "Alleluias" because we held back during Lent.

Come for the last two Sunday School topics, *A Grain of Wheat Must Die* and *The Spirit of Pentecost*. The kids have had an amazing time running relays and cooking recipes straight out of the Passover.

We're singing strong, with our band, New Beginnings, gaining new members over the last few months. We'll have a coffee house here at the church on May 16, the same day as our next Senior Luncheon. We have another Community Breakfast coming up on May 9, with the best meal in town. Destiny Africa will be back again this summer. If you had a great time at their last concert, consider helping coordinate their visit this year.

Yes, Christ's spirit is strong in our midst. This Eastertide is also a season of staying open to the opportunities God is leading us toward. Some of the joy of being open to God's Call is the journey of exploration you get to go on. As we finally thaw out from this long, hard winter and things begin to grow in our hearts, sometimes the most amazing things blossom in the center of our faith community.

In faith,
Reverend Catherine
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Calendar of Events

APRIL

19 **Worship Service**

10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m.

Coffee with Cath, 11:20 a.m.

26 **Finance Meeting**

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m.

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3 **Communion Service**

10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m.

9 **Breakfast Buffet Fundraiser, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

10 **Cabinet Meeting**

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m.

16 **Senior Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.**

New Beginnings Coffee House, 7:00 p.m.

17 **Deacons Meeting**

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m.

24 **Finance Meeting**

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m.

31 **Worship Service**

10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m.

Board of Outreach

Empty Shelves Food Drive

Thank you to everyone for supporting and donating to our Empty Shelves Food Drive for the Nashua Soup Kitchen. The items were delivered on Thursday 4/16. We had the chance to meet with Carol Weeks, their Community Outreach Manager, and got a tour of the food/office facilities in their new building at 2 Quincy Street in Nashua. The Nashua Soup Kitchen sends their thanks & appreciation.



The Brookline Community Church donated six boxes full of food to the Nashua Soup Kitchen!

Senior Luncheon

Our next Senior Luncheon will be held on May 16th. We will be serving Salad, Roasted Chicken, Potatoes, Vegetables, and Cake for dessert.

Board of Deacons

Sunday Service Participation

The Deacons request that members of the congregation sign up to help during worship services as Lay Reader, Greeter, Ushers, or Acolytes, and/or to host coffee hour. Youth are more than welcome to be lay readers.

Videotaping Assistance

If anyone is interested in assisting with video taping our weekly services please speak with Russell Haight.

Board Member Needed

The Board of Deacons still needs one more member. If you are interested in serving as a Deacon please speak with Mike Santoski, Carol Cherian, or Rev. Catherine.

Our current Deacons are: Barbara Haskell-Higgins, Melanie Levesque, Carol Cherian, Russell Haight, Mike Santoski, and Deacon Emeritus Art Fenske.

Board of Trustees

Board Member Needed

The Board of Trustees still needs one more member. If you are interested in serving as a Trustee please speak with Sanjay Cherian, Steve Martinos, or Rev. Catherine.

Wanted: power washer

If anyone has a power washer that we can borrow in the spring to remove mold that is growing on back of the church wall, please notify one of the trustees. Thank you.

Our current Trustees are:

Sanjay Cherian (temporarily), Clarence Farwell, Hank Ward, & Steve Martinos.



From our church to your kitchen . . .

Take-Home Meal for April

This month we will be making Chicken Tetrizzini on Saturday, April 18th from 8:30-11:30 a.m. If you would like to help cook, if you can donate ingredients, or if you would like to pre-order please contact Megan. Containers cost \$10 each and serve 2-4 depending on appetite.

Contact info:

Megan King: 673-2846 or kingmegan7@gmail.com.

Still available:

We still have some containers of Stuffed Shells and Beef Enchiladas left to sell.

Your participation in this fundraiser is most appreciated!



Brookline Breakfast Buffet

We will be having our second Breakfast Buffet of the year on Saturday, May 9th from 7:30-10:30 a.m. We are looking for help from the congregation in the form of working during the event as well as donations of food. All proceeds from this breakfast will go to Home, Health & Hospice and Harbor Homes.

The menu includes scrambled eggs, breakfast casseroles, French toast casserole, pancakes, bacon, sausage, home fries, coffee cake, a selection of cereals, donuts, fresh fruit, milk, juice, coffee & tea.

Tickets available at the door: Adults & children \$7, Senior citizens \$5, ages 3 & under free. There will be a 50-50 raffle.



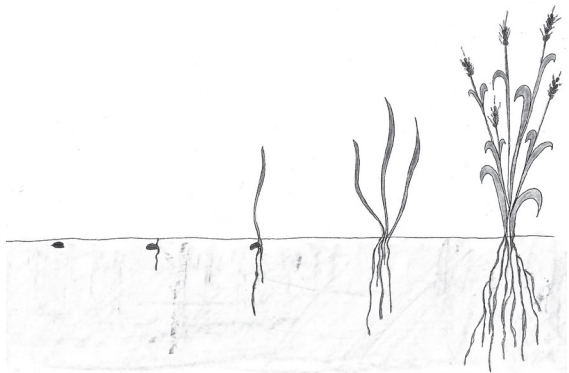
Our Children's Faith Formation program is open to all children age three (by September 30, 2014) through Grade 12.

Sunday School Schedule

Jesus Urging Us to Give up Our Lives to Save Them:
April 12 & 19, May 3 & 10

Pentecost: The Holy Spirit in the World:
May 17 & 31, June 7 & 14

Intergenerational Worship (no Sunday School)
April 5 & 26, May 24



During April the younger children will be studying **A Grain of Wheat Must Die**, one of the last lessons Jesus taught before heading into Jerusalem. If you would like to receive a copy of the Family Guide to this lesson please let Rev. Catherine or Carol Cherian know.



*Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.*
~ Cecil Frances Alexander

Welcome Spring!

color me!

Let
everything
THAT HAS breath
Praise
the
LORD
~ PSALM 150:6



New Beginnings



Coffee House

New Beginnings will be having a Coffee House on Saturday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a \$5 suggested donation, all proceeds will go to support the music ministry of the church.

Church Calendar

To schedule events on the church calendar please contact Carol Cherian at secretary@bccnh.org or leave a message at 673-7511. Thank you!