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GOOD BONES

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- The Confirmation Class of 18 students is a continuing source of joy and encouragement as these young people, and their adult mentors, are exploring what it means to be a child of God, a Christian, and a member of the church.

Diamonds (70+)

Celebrate

St. Patrick’s Day

Tuesday, March 13\textsuperscript{th}, 2018

11:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
12 p.m. Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

Menu: corn beef dinner (boiled) (prepared by Dunn’s Corners Market)  
ambosia salad, cookies

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Please print.

Name: ________________________________

Phone: Home ________________________ Cell ________________

An Easter Flower Gift:

________________ I wish to give the following Easter flowers:

- Pink Azaleas ($29)
- Easter Lily ($12)
- Daffodils ($11)
- Red Tulips ($11)
- 4-inch Hyacinths ($4)

A Gift to the Music Fund:

________________ I would like to make a contribution to the Music Fund (donation $__________).

I wish my gift to be:

in Memory of: ________________________________

in Honor of: ________________________________

in Celebration of: ____________________________

Given by: __________________________________

Please make checks payable to

_Dunn’s Corners Community Church, Presbyterian._

*Deadline is Thursday, March 1st*

Paid: ______

Donation: $__________ Cheque #: __________ Cash: $__________
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- Egg Hunt
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Mystic Area Ecumenical Council Choir Festival Concert

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- On the second Saturday of February, the church was alive as Family Housing Support was hosting their pancake breakfast, the Deacon’s cart was overflowing with food donated to the Jonnycake Center in our “Ton of Food Drive”, the “Dress a Girl” poster called attention to that new project that has created such an interest in helping children in places far away, and our Houston Mission Team was having a combined meeting with representatives from the six churches heading to hurricane recovery work in April.
- The Confirmation Class of 18 students is a continuing source of joy and encouragement as these young people, and their adult mentors, are exploring what it means to be a child of God, a Christian, and a member of the church.

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