



The Scribe

April 2023

Consider the words the poem: **“Holy Week”** By Ann Weems

*Holy is the week...
Holy, consecrated, belonging to God...
We move from hosannas to horror
with predictable ease
of those who know not what they do.
Our hosannas sung,
our palms waved,
let us go with passion into this week.
It is time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit.
It is time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.
It is time to greet Jesus as the Lord’s Anointed One,
to lavishly break our alabaster
and pour perfume out for him
without counting the cost.
It is a time for preparation...
The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.
The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.
Eat, drink, remember:
On this night of nights, each one must ask,
as we dip our bread in the wine,
“Is it I?”
And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand
beneath the tree
and watch the dying
if we are to be there
when the stone is rolled away.
The only road to Easter morning
is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.
Only then will the alleluias be sung;
only then will the dancing begin.*



Spring has arrived, Easter is upon us and I'm back serving here with you all! How wonderful to start my ministry with the parade of Palm Sunday! Even though I served here over 8 years ago during your last transition, and have been here at least once a year as your guest preacher since then, by no means do I recall most folks names! So please introduce yourself to me by name, more than once. Come in to see me when I am in the office (best to call first as "regular hours" may vary). And let me suggest that we think of this time of transition, this time in between, as a time to reexamine who you are, whose you are, and what you would like to become. In May I will begin what I call "Discovery Groups", small groups that meet at varying times to just talk; about the past, the present and your dreams for DCCCP in the future.

In the meantime, please set aside some time this next week, this Holy Week as we will be doing things a bit differently this year.

Happy Easter!

Pastor Joan

*Maundy Thursday Communion
and Tenebrae Service*



April 6, will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall where we will commemorate the Last Supper together. It will be followed by a Tenebrae service in the sanctuary where the choir will sing and scripture will be read as the candles are extinguished.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross



April 7, the sanctuary will be open from 4 pm to 8 pm and will offer our ***Stations of the Cross***. This will be a self-guided tour as you travel along the road Jesus traveled during his final week. I will also be present for individual prayers; and you are welcome to just come, sit in silence, pray, and listen to the music.

Then come back for ***Easter Sunday Service*** on April 9

**Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 am.
8 am and 10 am Worship Service**

as we celebrate the week that changed the world – Jesus lived, he died, he rose again and gives us the gift of Eternal life.



Session Notes

The Session welcomed Rev. Joan Priest as moderator, beginning her renewed ministry with us. We continue to make progress as we transition. Elders Bruce Yarnall and Art Ganz met with General Presbyter Shannon Vance-Campo, as we are learning

more of the process of new pastor selection. Although we are ready and rearing to go ahead, Presbytery wants us to let Rev. Joan be established and completion of our Mission Report before we move ahead. Currently our Church Mission Report (church information for potential candidates) is being prepared. The last piece of this is completion of our congregational survey which has begun. Surveys are available each Sunday for everyone to complete or stop by the church office during business hours. Those not responding will be sent an electronic version. The sooner we complete this it can go for processing. So far almost 1/2 of the congregation has responded.

The Mission Committee reports that \$2500 was collected from the concert proceeds and Stop & Shop fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. The Easter offering will go to Partners for World Health and for the next group of refugees from Dorcas International.

The plans for Holy Week worship are made and will be reported separately; Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services.

The Tuesday dinners are a huge success. Volunteers for hosting the dinners are needed to keep this ministry going forward.

Speaking of volunteers... Amanda needs one or more adults to help with Sunday morning children's programs. To secure safety we need, at least, a second adult present. Our children's ministry is top priority as we try to rebuild our Sunday school after Covid. Please help, it is also nice to give the parents time to worship. So come on folks! Helping with kids is fun and keeps you young!

We will be going on our annual trip to the Gulf in April, so wishing everyone a safe and Happy Easter. By the time we get back will have our third grandchild.

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DEACONS Corner

The Deacons of the church are busy reaching out to meet needs in the congregation and the community. Board of Deacons is actively involved in many endeavors, some current activities are highlighted below. Deacons continue to seek and grow as a community where God's love and kindness are available for all.

Warm Shelter Dinner: Swiss Chicken sign up in Fellowship Hall. Remember we are the first Saturday of the month - **April 1st**- church will be open from 8 am - 2 pm to accept donations. Please use all **disposable** containers.

Jonnycake has given us an update on food items they are currently in need of: **Macaroni and Cheese; Crackers and Cookies both kid and adult; Sugar; Coffee, Tea Cereal; Juice Boxes for kids.** Cindy Shetler & Sandy Santy continue to deliver the items you leave at the church to the Jonnycake Center. Thank you for your support!

We need your help! Please be sure to visit the bulletin board just inside Fellowship Hall. There you'll find information and sign ups for everything from upcoming events and activities to Coffee Fellowship, Communion servers, Sunday morning flowers, WARM dinners and more. Hope you'll stop by the board regularly and find various ways to participate!

Deacons who are faithfully serving the congregation are: Pam Ganz, Yvette Drurey, Dianne Lowther, Sandy Santy, Doreen Smith, Jeanne Pietraallo, Sue Rieger, Marilyn Brandyberry, Sharon Joiner, Sue Eldridge, Bonnie Krauss, and Cheryl Remsbecker

Deacon's Corner

The Speaker Series on Sunday, March 19 was titled "The Gift of Life". The audience of about 40+ heard four people tell their individual and remarkable stories about both organ donation and receiving.

Mary Slattery and Thad Ayazides described their journey together when Mary donated a kidney to Thad in 2019. Owen Shaw explained how he was a perfect match for TJ Pascale, who needed a kidney. (Both young men are part of Jeanne Pietraallo's family). Linda Olsen had a heart transplant in 2011 and has grown close to the donor's family in the years since.

It was an inspiring afternoon, and we are grateful to the speakers and the audience for coming out to hear these remarkable people.





Come join the fun!!!
Friday April 14th at 6 pm
Alley Katz Bowling Center
116 Granite St. Westerly
\$12.00 per person includes 2 strings and shoe rental
Signup in Fellowship Hall



Sew Good Souls

We are getting ready for our Quilts Beyond Borders workshops: April 1, May 6 and June 3 from 9:00 to 3:00 in Fellowship Hall. We welcome all those who can sew a straight seam or iron to participate. You don't need to make an entire quilt, you can help us make quilt tops, and we will be putting "kits" together that you can even sew at home. Please join us for some fun time together - we even have lunch together!

Lois, Jane and Yvette



Come hang out with our crew! Every Tuesday, 5pm - 7:30pm for fun times, meaningful discussions, games and activities. Food and beverage is provided!

Graduating Seniors!

If you or someone you know is a member of our congregation and will be graduating this year please let us know! We honor our seniors every year during Sunday service and issue The Pat Rychlec Scholarship award. Please send names to Dunnscteenteam@gmail.com!

Time for Montreat!

If you are a high school student and would like to attend the Montreat Youth Conference with our group this Summer, now is the time to inquire! We will be registering soon for a date this summer TBD (Late June or July). Send a note to Dunnscteenteam@gmail.com or stop by the office and let us know!

Alumni Spotlight!

Megan Dickerman is currently attending The University of Tampa where she is studying Business! Her and our youth coordinator recently connected during a visit to Florida. Please continue to pray for and support our Teen Team alumni as they navigate the world!





CHILDREN'S
Ministry
NEWS



We have enjoyed meeting again on Tuesday nights for crafts and dinners. The children did activities such as measuring and mixing ingredients to make bird seed ornaments and making paper mâché lanterns. We hope to continue to do the Tuesday night dinners for 6 weeks, with the last one on April 18th. We also have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday April 2nd from 1-3pm. We would love to see you and your family there.



From Building and Grounds...



Restroom Improvements underway: Building and Grounds is currently sprucing up the men's and ladies' rooms outside of the Narthex with paint and new fixtures. Our goal is to minimize any inconveniences to our congregation during this process and we *will* provide restroom facilities during this improvement. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Spring grounds clean up: A reminder that all are invited to come and participate in our spring clean up on April 15th from 9am till noon. *Thank you*, all help is greatly appreciated!



Come join us on May 6 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM for a Pampered Chef party. The party is a fundraiser for our DCCCP Relay for Life team and a great way to get some fun kitchen gear. If you have any questions you can see Robyn Loeckler, Marilyn Brandyberry or Mary Slattery. We hope to see you there!

The Pampered Chef®



Stewardship update

Giving continues to remain strong and our members are being good stewards by donating their time and talents to the church. The morning work crew has been busy working at church, making improvements to the bathrooms - painting and working on fixtures. Mimi Yu demonstrated how to make scallion pancakes. Tina Chapman and Bob Rieger demonstrated their talents by preaching and leading worship. God continues to bless our congregation in this time of transition.



Caring for God's Creation

Nominating Committee update:



analyzed, added to the report, and the Mission Statement approved, it will be forwarded to the COM.

The COM will approve it and hopefully give us the okay to call a PNC.

Unfortunately, the COM meets on the second Wednesday of each month. So if the Mission Statement is approved by session and sent to the COM on April 14th, they will not look at it to approve it as a committee until May 10th. Frustrating, yes, but there is not much we can do about when they meet.

The makeup of the PNC has to follow certain parameters. For example, we must have a deacon, a trustee and an elder on the PNC. The other members must not be board members and no husband-and-wife teams are allowed. It is also frowned upon to have employees on the PNC.

April 2023 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

*April
Worship
Schedule*

April 2: Palm Sunday

Sermon: A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd

Text: The crowds were shouting, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

New Testament: Matthew 21:1-11

April 6: Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae

April 7: Good Friday/Stations of the Cross

April 9: Easter Sunday

Sermon: Resurrection Promise

Text: “He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see.”

New Testament: Matthew 28:1-10

April 16: Second Sunday of Easter

Sermon: No Doubt About It

Text: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

New Testament: John 20:19-31

April 23: Third Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher

Sermon: Road to Emmaus

New Testament: Luke 24: 13-35

April 30: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sermon: God is Not Done Yet

Text: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

New Testament: John 10:11:18



The Women of the church along with the Youth Group will plan and carry out the church service for Mother's Day, May 14th. Carnations will be presented to all women of the church.

* Vegetarian Dinner Monday, April 17th at 5:30 presented by the Keller family. If you would like to join us, please see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

*April 26 : " Ladies Night Out" Please see the article below for more information and sign-up in Fellowship Hall.

*The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 2nd, from 1:00-3:00 Palm Sunday. Volunteers are needed to help with crafts such as dyeing Easter eggs and decorating cookies. Donations of wrapped candies without nuts are also needed. For further information please contact Amanda McClintock or Judy Nichipor.

*The reading program in the ELC (Early Learning Center) will resume in April. See the bulletin for more details.

*Monday, May 15 we will enjoy a tour of " The Palmer House" with Bob Rieger who is a docent. The tour will begin at 10:30 and we will car-pool from the church around 10:00. Following the tour, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

*"ZOOM" book club at 7:00 on May 22nd. We will get together to share favorite books and authors and discuss ideas for next year.

* Book Sale: A summer book sale will take place this summer in July and August so please save your books and puzzles. Happy Reading!

APRIL LADIES NIGHT OUT!



After a long winter, we're springing into the new season with our first "Ladies Night Out", Wednesday, April 26th, 6 pm, at The Haversham Restaurant, 336 Post Road, Westerly, RI. The dining room has been reserved for our group. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall so please add your name to the list and we'll be happy to let the restaurant know how many plan to attend. Hope to see you there for a time of fellowship, good food, and fun!

Sharon DeSarro



What is Faith Build?

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian ministry with a mission to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Faith Build brings members of local congregations together to live out their faith in a new way.

From the Habitat Newsletter...

Church Partner Feature

We have many truly wonderful churches that partner with us, and we wanted to highlight on of those amazing partners!

In February Dunn's Corners Community Church Presbyterian hosted three days of fundraising for South County Habitat for Humanity. Their fundraising efforts involved setting up a table outside of the Westerly Stop & Shop (braving the cold temperatures) to talk to shoppers about our mission, hosting an informational table at their Sunday services, and then an incredible evening of music by the Narragansett Bay Chorus where there was a good-will offering in our honor. ***Between the three fundraising initiatives, the church raised more than \$2,500 for our mission! Incredible! Thank you!***

Easter Mission Offering



This year our Easter Mission Offering will be divided between two worthy causes. Part of the offering will be given to *Partners for World Health*, a non-profit 501(c)3 based in Portland, Maine. PWH collects medical supplies and equipment from healthcare facilities and manufacturers that would otherwise be thrown away. They sort, evaluate, re-package, and prepare these supplies and equipment for distribution to individuals, communities, and healthcare facilities in need. Since 2009, PWH has collected more than 5 million pounds of medical supplies that otherwise would have been destined for local landfills. In addition to their other work in America and around the world, they are currently supplying emergency workers in Syria and Turkey after the earthquake devastation.

The remainder of the offering will be used to purchase supplies for the next refugee family that we help to get settled. We have been working with Dorcas International who provides family literacy and adult education, employment services, refugee resettlement, translating and interpreting, citizenship and immigration services, and more to vulnerable populations in the Providence area. They also find apartments for newly arrived refugees, and ask churches and other volunteers to provide the furnishings for the apartment. We helped two families last year, and another this past January. We hope to help one or two more families this year, using the proceeds of the Easter Offering. The Mission committee team will purchase the necessary household items (dishes, towels, sheets, blankets, curtains, etc). and will bring them to the apartment, where the team will clean, set-up and leave the supplies.

Please look for the special Easter Offering envelopes in the pews, or write Easter Offering on your check. Thank you for your support of these worthy causes through your gifts to the Easter Mission Offering!

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Diamonds Among Us!

We extend our birthday wishes to:

-  Barbara Ritchie April 3
-  Beth Rickman April 4
-  Hope Benn April 6
-  Gretchen Young April 10
-  Jane Frink April 10
-  Bob Lohmann April 10
-  Sheri Loeckler April 11
-  Linda Chaffee April 15
-  Andrea Barrus April 19
-  David Maine April 19
-  Ted Truslow April 26



Young at Heart
Happy Birthday

Diamonds (70 and beyond), please contact the Church Office at (401) 322-0655 or sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and add your name to our list.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 APRIL			2023			1 Habitat work day 8 am-2 pm Deacons Collect Meals for the WARM Center (FH) 9 am-4pm Sew Good Souls (FH)
2 Palm Sunday 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School Communion Sunday 1-3 pm Easter Egg Hunt	3 4pm Worship Committee (Z)	4 8:30 am Work Team 9:30 am Bible Study (FH) 5-7 pm Teen Time (T)	5 1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village 6-7 pm Cub Scouts (FH)	6 7 pm Maundy Thursday Communion and Tene- brae Service (S)	7 12-2 pm Stations of the Cross 7-9 pm Stations of the cross	8
9 Easter Sunday 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School	10	11 8:30 am Work Team 9:30 am Bible Study (FH) 5 - 7pm Teen Time (T) 7 pm Session (M) 6 pm Building & Grounds (M)	12 1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village 6-7 pm Cub Scouts (FH)	13 5:45-7 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir	14 6 pm Bowling night	15 9 am –12 pm Spring Cleanup
16 6:30 am Sunrise Service 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School	17 1 pm Presbyterian Women (FH) Scribe Deadline	18 8:30 am Work Team 9:30 am Bible Study (FH) 5-7pm Teen Time (T)	19 1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village 6-7 pm Cub Scouts (FH)	20 5:45-7 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir	21	22
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