

South Congregational Church, UCC

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday

9am: Palm Sunday Worship

Monday, March 25

8am-4pm: Labyrinth & Sanctuary Open

Tuesday, March 26

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Wednesday, March 27

8am: Foot Washing Service in the Chapel, led by Rev. Jed

9am-2pm: Labyrinth & Sanctuary Open

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday

8am-2pm: Labyrinth & Sanctuary Open

7pm: Tenebrae and Communion

Friday, March 29: Good Friday

8am-2pm: Labyrinth & Sanctuary Open

Noon: Prayer Service in the Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30: Holy Saturday

10am-2pm: Sanctuary open for individual reflection and prayer

Sunday, March 31: Easter

6am: Sunrise Service on the front steps with Rev. Dr. David Reynolds

9am: Festival Service in the Sanctuary with Rev. Jed

Butterflies for Easter



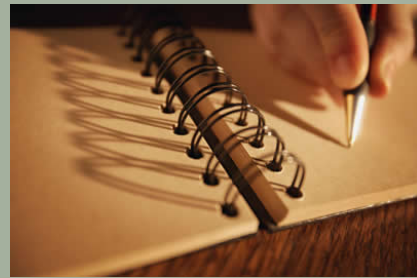
In anticipation of Easter, we are beginning our preparations. We plan to decorate the inside of the church with butterflies for our Easter Service. We are asking all members to help us in this decorating effort by coloring a butterfly (or two) which we have available at the back of the church, in the church office. If you want

to create a butterfly of your own making, that is great too! The color sheets are available now and we are asking that you return them by **Sunday, March 24.**

Jed's Final Report to Council

Dear Members of Council:

It still comes to me as something of a surprise that I have but 3 ½ weeks until I step down. I suppose after 1,170 worship services, dozens of baptisms, hundreds of memorial services, hundreds of new members, 24 personnel changes, and approximately 223 Council meetings, letting go of weekly routines would prove to be a little bit of a challenge. Since this report comes at the end of what I suspect will have been a long council meeting, I'll keep it fairly brief. (*[Read the rest of the letter here..](#)*)



Guild Bake Sale

Genesis Circle will be hosting a bake sale **Sunday, March 24** after worship. They will be selling treats such as pies, rolls, cookies, and more. Please support the Genesis Circle and their mission by purchasing baked goods.

Jr. High Youth Group

The Jr. High Youth Group (grades 6-8) will meet on **Sunday, March 24** for "Pizza & Planning". Please come and join us for games, food and talking about ideas and plans for what we will be doing this spring. Please contact Diana Zeller (603-848-7240) for more



details if you are interested in joining us



Genesis Circle

Genesis would like to invite you to attend their April meeting as Dr. Kit DeVries will be leading a discussion about our dreams and what they mean.

It will take place downstairs at Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, April 4**. You can come at 11:30 and eat your bag lunch with us or come at 12:30 when the discussion begins. We will be having a short business meeting between 11:30 and 12:30.

Kit has done much research on this topic and encourages us to bring our dreams to share, especially the recurrent ones. We'd love you to join us!

Concord Female Charitable Society

The CFCS Annual Meeting and Turkey Supper will be held at Alan's Restaurant on **Tuesday, April 9** at 5:00 p.m. Following dinner, a program featuring Julie Coles from the Pierce Brigade presenting about the Old North Cemetery Women. Tickets are \$24; to reserve a spot, please contact Eileen Jones, Cheryl Nickerson, or Sara Willingham.



Gift for Jed

Many people have asked how to present Jed with an appropriate gift to honor his time with us. The Council has agreed that the most meaningful gift for him and his family would be for us to pool together a cash gift to be presented at the April 13 Jubilee celebration. If you would like to contribute to that fund, please send a check made out to South Church, with "Jed Retirement gift" in the memo, The deadline to make your contribution

is **April 10**. Thank you!

Family Promise

Family Promise of Greater Concord is looking for volunteers to help staff the Day Center on the weekends! Day Center is staffed weekdays by Family Promise employees, but on weekends it is only open if volunteers are available to staff it. The Day Center operates out of Wesley United Methodist Church. To learn more about available shifts or to sign up to volunteer, please visit [here!](#)



9am Worship to Continue!

After conversation among various committees, church leadership has decided to continue with **one service at 9am** until the end of the summer.

Many people have commented about how much they have appreciated being together as a full community for worship during this time of transition. In addition, it has been helpful for ushers, lay readers, church school volunteers, and staff. The consistency of keeping one time rather than back and forth as we approach summer may be particularly helpful for visitors and new attendees.

Once Pastor Tanya arrives, she will work with the Worship and Spiritual Life committee and council to address the worship needs of the congregation at that time.



Office Hours

The office will be open regular hours, Monday through Friday from 8am-4pm, this week.

The week after Easter:

The office will be **open** on Monday, April 1.

The office will be **closed** on Friday, April 5.

News Around the NHCUCC

Applications for New Communications and Programs Coordinator

The New Hampshire Conference seeks candidates to serve as our Communications and Programs Coordinator. The Communications and Programs Coordinator provides logistical organization for Conference events and programs include Annual Meeting and Prepared to Serve, maintains the Conference technology infrastructure, publishes Conference communications including the Conference website and Weekly News, and oversees upkeep and maintenance of the Conference Office. A position description is available upon request.



The Office Administrator position is a 37 ½ hours a week, non-exempt position. Salary information available on request. Full benefits (health and dental insurance, pension, etc.) are provided.

Interested candidates should submit a resume (with references to contact) to the [Reverend Gordon Rankin](#), Conference Minister.

The New Hampshire Conference is a Racial Justice, Just Peace, Open and Affirming Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Applications for New Office Administrator

The New Hampshire Conference seeks candidates to serve as our Office Administrator. The Office Administrator is the primary host and hospitality provider for events held at the Conference Office, maintains the Conference directory database and calendar, completes bank deposits, provides administrative support for the Conference Annual Meeting and Prepared to Serve events, arrange for periodic bulk mailings, and many other administrative tasks to support the mission and ministry of the Conference. A position description is available upon request.

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Lay Preaching Class

Did you miss the lay preaching class at Prepared to Serve? Presenter the Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof will give an encore presentation at First Parish in East Derry on Saturday March 23, from 9-12.

All are welcome to join us for this morning of preaching for the layperson. Please plan to arrive early so that we have a full three hours together. Email pastordebora@fpc-ucc.org to reserve your spot! We are located at 47 East Derry Road, East Derry.

African-American Spirituals: Music of Faith and Hope

On **Holy Saturday, March 30**, at 1:00pm, the First Church Racial Justice Steering Committee and Jazz Sanctuary will present a concert at the First Congregational/Wesley United Methodist Churches in Concord. The program features ten original jazz arrangements of Spirituals and African-American compositions by Rev. Dr. Bob Maccini, performed by vocalists Renee Rouse and Emilia Halstead, accompanied by The Prodigals jazz ensemble. The event also includes a presentation on African-American art curated by Inez McDermott, aligning with the church's ongoing exploration of faith and race.



[Read More Here...](#)



Small Church Workshop

The NHCUCC extends an invitation to small churches in NH to participate in a workshop specifically geared toward small churches and generously offered through a grant from our Lay Leadership Development Fund. Rev. Paul Nickerson will gather with the Pastors and 4-6

members of 8 NH congregations to think about how to be a community of faith in this post-Covid world.

The workshop will be held at the Conference Office on **Saturday, April 13** from 10-3 with lunch. See below for details and a sign-up link. This is limited to 8 churches, so if you are interested sign up soon!

[Read More Here...](#)

Come to the River: Clergy Day of Replenishment and Renewal



Tuesday, April 30, from 9am-1pm at the Congregational Church of Hooksett. Light breakfast and lunch provided.

*Zoom Retreat Option: **Wednesday, May 1**, 12:30-2pm.*

Leave work behind for a day of spiritual exploration involving voice and movement, silence and rest, and community connection.

The retreats will be led by The Rev. Steve Miller, Pastor of First Church in Jaffrey.

Registration will open **April 2**. Cost is \$20 to attend either in person or on Zoom. Please mark your calendars for a day away. All clergy welcome!



NHCUCC's 2nd Annual Anti-Racism Lecture with Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 5pm
BROOKSIDE CHURCH, UCC
2013 ELM STREET, MANCHESTER, NH

Come hear Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, the first Black female General Minister and President of the UCC, present the second annual lecture sponsored by the Anti-Racism Ministries group of the New Hampshire Conference, UCC. The lecture will begin at 5pm on Sunday, April 7th at

Brookside Church in Manchester, NH. The Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry will be available for viewing in the sanctuary before the lecture beginning at 4pm. Following the event there will be an opportunity to meet and greet Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson during the reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Sign up at no charge: tinyurl.com/antiracismlecture

For Children and Youth: UCC Climate Hope Art Contest

To give our children and youth a voice this election season, while also reminding adults of their responsibility for the next generation, the UCC is conducting a Vote for Climate Hope Art Contest. From now until **April 16**, art submissions will be accepted. [Participating churches should register now to receive important information and updates.](#)



NEW & PROSPECTIVE CAMPERS and FAMILIES

What is it like to be a Horton Center camper?

Join us for an information session via Zoom to learn all about what makes Horton Center fun, safe and meaningful!



Sign up at: tinyurl.com/newhccamper24



[Sign up](#) for one of our informative Zoom calls all about what to expect as a camper at Horton Center!

- What will we eat?
- What activities will we do?
- Where will we sleep?
- Will I feel welcome?
- Is it safe?
- What if I get homesick?
- How many s'mores will we make?

Let's get ready for an awesome summer at camp together! Come away feeling more ready and excited for camp than ever!

Check out our summer camp schedule here: www.hortoncenter.org/summer-sessions

Thinking about taking your church up for a retreat at Horton Center? [Email Tivi](#) for more information!

NEW ENGLAND
Regional Youth Event
July 28-31 // Silver Lake in Sharon, CT

LOVE > FEAR

Registration
is now
OPEN!

Stretch. Pray.
Serve. Play. Sing.
Worship. Grow

For Grades 7-12 +
and their youth leaders



The New Hampshire Conference is planning to have a delegation of youth from across the state attend the Regional Youth Event July 28-31. Significant scholarship support will be offered (details to be announced in the next couple of weeks.) If you would like to be a part of the New Hampshire team attending the Regional Youth Event, please [go ahead and register](#) and then please send a copy of your registration confirmation to grankin@nhcucc.org.

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