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THE STEEPLE BELL

April – 2017

Dennis Union Church – United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

*With Jesus as our anchor and compass,
God bids us to be a blessing in the world*



In the course of preparing one of my sermons for Lent, I came across the following story:

In one tribe of Native Americans, there is a ritual for when a boy becomes a man. His father leads him out in the woods, blind folds him and sets him down by a tree where he will spend the night alone. Well, needless to say it is a frightening experience for a young boy hearing all of the noises of the forest without being able to see the source. Each noise is, of course, amplified by his fear. He is told that He may remove the blindfold at any time but if he makes it until morning without removing the blindfold, then he will be a man. But, here's the thing, when morning comes and the boy is allowed to remove the blindfold, he discovers that all through the night his father had sat in silence, only a few feet away from him, watching over him, ready to protect him if need be, and the boy was never aware that he was there. He didn't hear him. "I didn't hear you father. The other noises must have drowned out any noises you made." "You did not hear me son, because you did not listen for me. But I was always here."

During the season of Lent I have been preaching a series of sermons titled: *Listen – Praying in a Noisy World*. The sermon series is based on a devotional written by Rueben P. Job. Indeed we are bombarded in life by so many voices all clamoring for attention. And among those voices is the voice of our still speaking God. Though we may not hear God, though we may not see God, God is never far away. Like the young boy's father, our God stands by our side.

Blessings,
Terry



WORSHIP IN APRIL

April 2 @ 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Sermon: *The Journey*

Text: Luke 9:18-23

8 students will be **confirmed** at the 9:00 A.M.

Communion service

April 9 (PALM SUNDAY) @ 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Sermon: *Getting Into Position**

Text: Mark 14:32-37

April 13 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE AT

7:00 P.M. at DUC

April 14 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – Noon to 3:00

P.M. at St. David's Episcopal Church in Yarmouth.

You may attend all or any portion of the 3-hr. service.

April 16 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – 5:59 A.M.

on Corporation Beach. Terry is preaching.

April 16 (EASTER SUNDAY) @ 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

Sermon: *An Easter Blessing*

Text: John 20:1-18

April 23 @ 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Sermon: *I'll Believe It When I See It*

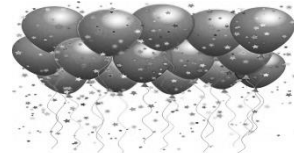
Text: John 20:19-31

April 30 @ 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Sermon: *Hope Is Alive!*

Text: Luke 24:13-35

Note: The sermons on April 2 and April 9 complete the Lenten Series – *Listen: Praying In A Noisy World*



APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

Emir Sehic	April 5
Katie Clancy	April 8
Karen Mutti	April 9
Barbara Gray	April 9
Janice Conrad	April 10
Cindy Fiscus	April 12
Maggie Bossi	April 12
Bob Waldo	April 12
Irene MacDonald	April 13
Howard Kendall	April 13
Barbara Peirce	April 13
Gail Stern	April 14
Ed Brink	April 16
Tony Coccio	April 23
Dick Wilson	April 27
David Williams	April 27



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

George & Joan Buffington	April 24
Tom & Shannon Huettner	April 27

APRIL FLOWERS

April 2	Given by Gordon Bellemer "In loving memory of my mother, Gertrude Bellemer."
April 9	Given by Diana Hanford "In memory of loved ones."
April 16	Given by Marjorie Beyler "In loving memory of my husband, Arthur."
April 23	Given by the Flower Committee
April 30	Given by Betsy Crowell "Love and gratitude to all the Important people in my life, living And gone."

The Flower Committee will sell Easter lilies and tulips on April 2 and 9 during fellowship hour.



AUCTION NEWS

Important! The Pick-Up Crew needs your help! Due to illnesses and vacations, we are desperately short-handed. Can you help us? If you have some time on Tuesday mornings, please talk to a member of the Auction team or tell Nancy in the office. We meet for coffee before setting off on our assignments. We also need someone (man or woman) to help assess small electrical appliances in the barn. No experience needed. For anyone wanting to donate items and need us to pick them up, please call Nancy at [508-385-3543](tel:508-385-3543) to get on the schedule. If you have small things to drop off, just come on down on Tuesday mornings between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Reminder...this is our 63rd year! Thank you!

AV @ DUC

If you would like to learn how to use the audio visual equipment in the sanctuary, please head upstairs any Sunday morning during the 9:00 A.M. worship service.

MEALS MINISTRY

We have a growing list of those who are willing to provide a meal or two to help individuals or families in their time of need. If you wish to be added to the list of meal providers, please call the church office. If you are aware of someone in need of meals, please inform the pastor, a deacon, or the church office.



PASTORAL VISITS

To request a home visit from our interim pastor, please call the church office. Visits can include communion if requested.

Terry visits our parishioners regularly at the nursing homes, and he visits the homebound that he is aware of. If you know folks that are not on his list, please call the church office.

FAITH JOURNEY LUNCHEON

Please join us for the final Lenten Faith Journey Luncheon on Wednesday, April 5th @ noon.



MUSIC WEEK AT DUC

Friday – April 28 @ 7:30 P.M. – ***Sing Sistah Sing*** featuring Andrea Baker. *Sing Sistah Sing* depicts the voice of the African-American woman through song: spirituals, jazz, opera, art and folk songs. Andrea Baker is a world-renowned soloist, known for her distinctive voice, intense artistry, and passion. The concert is not to be missed. Tickets @ \$20 are available in the church office.

Sunday – April 30 @ 3:00 P.M. – ***Organ Concert*** featuring Steven Young. Steve is a Professor of Music at Bridgewater State University, He has performed throughout the United States and Europe as an organ soloist. Please join us! A freewill offering will be received.

Tuesday – May 2 @ 5:30 P.M. – ***Potluck Supper and Hymn Sing*** – please make reservations through the church office.

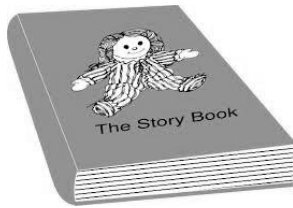
Sunday – May 7 @ 3:00 P.M. – ***Choir Concert*** featuring the combined choirs of The Dennis Union Church.



TARGETED DONATIONS

Thank you very much for your generous donations of healthy snacks and food cards for the Dolphin Fund at DYHS. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

In April we will be collecting children's storybooks for the local Head Start program. Books should be either new or used books in very good condition.



MISSION COMMITTEE



The Mission Committee has put a basket in the hallway to collect manufacturer's coupons for diapers and wipes which will go to A Baby Center. Please cut coupons and put in the basket! Thanks!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Colombia mission team is pleased to announce our upcoming "Wedding Traditions" tea. Weddings have so many traditions! The how's and why's of wedding celebrations, from the Victorian era to modern days, will be explained by Donna and Ron Lasko... remember them from the 150th anniversary tea? Mark your calendar for our celebration tea complete with period wedding gowns on Saturday, April 29, from 2:00 to 4:00 in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 with proceeds benefitting the library project in Ararca, Colombia. Wedding hats optional! Tickets can be purchased during the week from Nancy in the church office or on Sundays during fellowship hour.

YOUR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Your Search Committee continues to be hard at work to identify just the right person for our Pastor position. We have reviewed more than 60 resumes and have interviewed two. We will continue to keep you posted on our progress. If you have any questions feel free to contact any one of us. Search Committee: Patti Goyette, Lyle Ashby, Luke Furey, Judy November, Carole Bohn, Jean Tripp, Sarah Carpenter, Carole Bohn

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY



The minister, officers and congregation of Dennis Union Church offer their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of George Mabee, who died on March 10, 2017. A memorial service was held at our church on March 17.

We also offer our sincere sympathy to Maggie Bossi and her family for the death of Arnold on March 11, 2017.

Additionally, we offer our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Avis Cayton who died on March 13, 2017. A service will be/was held here on Thursday, March 30.

APRIL USHERS

	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
April 2	Carlene Brown Earl Springer Elsa Erickson	Wil & Adele Diaz Sue Day
April 9	Bill & Joanne Crowell Ken Mills	Dewey & Ruth Lund
April 16	Howard & Judy Chesley Betsy Crowell	Peggy McAloon Janice Gardner
April 23	Mike & Cheryl Cerbone	Midge Kuntz Sandy Wiper
April 30	Lloyd & Ann Swaim Lois Andre	

Children and Youth Schedule



April 1 – Youth Overnight, begins at 6:00 p.m.

April 2 – Confirmation Sunday! 9:00 a.m.

April 9 – our annual EGGStravaganza with an Egg Hunt between services.

April 16 – Happy Easter! See you at the sunrise service!

No Sunday School today, but the Crib Room will be open for babies – 3 years old.

April 23 and April 30 – Youth Fellowship at 12:30 - 2:00. We need these two consecutive meetings to work on our shelf units for Habitat!!

April 30 – SKIT Sunday!