

The Spire

Congregational Church of Somersville
United Church of Christ

April, 2011

Lent and Easter Worship



Contemplative Wednesday evening worship will continue from 7 - 7:30 p.m. on April 6 and 13. All are welcome to join in this mid-week Spirit infusion. Then join us April 21 at 7 p.m. for our Maundy Thursday service of worship. A brief Good Friday worship is planned for 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. on April 22. Then, of course, our Easter festivities commence with a great celebration of worship at 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Please don't miss out on these important services of worship!

Collection in Progress

Hygiene/Health Kits

The final push is on!! Supplies for hygiene kits should be in to the church by Sunday, April 10. Our goal is to complete 200 kits that will be sent to Church World Service to benefit those who are hit by devastation of floods, earthquakes, etc. Each kit includes: 1 16x28 hand towel, 1 wash cloth, 1 wide tooth comb, 1 nail clipper, 1 wrapped bath size bar of soap, 1 toothbrush in original package and 6 bandages (3/4"). Collection boxes are located in Wood Chapel and the social room. Or, you can make a monetary donation and someone else can do the shopping for you. Please support this activity.



| Item | Goal: | added | added | added | added | complete | Needed |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|--------|
| | 200 | a/o | a/o | a/o | a/o | kits | |
| Towels | 200 | 3/8 | 3/15 | 3/22 | 3/29 | 13 | 33 |
| Face cloths | 200 | 107 | 0 | 14 | 45 | 13 | 21 |
| Toothbrushes | 200 | 18 | 10 | 37 | 3 | 13 | 119 |
| Nail Clippers | 200 | 16 | 0 | 5 | 144 | 13 | 22 |
| Soap | 200 | 39 | 26 | 33 | 32 | 13 | 57 |
| Band-aids | 1200 | 408 | 0 | 670 | 0 | 13 | 109 |
| Combs | 200 | 200 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 |
| Bags | 200 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 60 | 13 | 95 |

From the Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Did you hear that the head of the world-famous psychiatric clinic and medical research organization, the Menninger Institute, estimated that about 70% of our minor ailments -- aches, pains, fatigue, garden-variety viral infections, etc. -- are psychosomatic reactions to stress, anxiety, and worry? And that these small problems can lead to bigger problems and eventually to major health concerns?

It is true that we tend to be a nervous bunch, even though Jesus has specifically cautioned against too much worry. "Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life," he asked rhetorically in the Sermon on the Mount. "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive one day and tomorrow is cut and thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you?"

The antidote to worry is an attitude of gratitude -- the realization that all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God and that God is good and generous all the time. The Harvard School of Public Health reports that research following people over the course of 50 years shows that those who count their blessings and give to others out of a sense of gratitude live longer, healthier, happier lives than those who worry, fret and hoard. Perhaps Jesus should have warned us in the Sermon on the Mount by saying, "Did you know that by worrying you are actually taking hours off your life each day? Cut it out, you're killing yourselves! Don't you know I came so that you might have life and have it abundantly?"



As we begin to plan for and promote our Faith Giving Sunday on Pentecost, June 12th, your stewardship committee and I invite you to count your blessings each day and commit yourselves to developing an attitude of gratitude. Then our giving will be a joyful, life-affirming and life-sustaining exercise of trust in our good and generous God.

May you have many blessings to spare,

Graham Van Keuren

New CareNotes

Check out our expanded selection of "CareNotes" in Wood Chapel. New titles include: *What I Wish Someone Had Told Me About Aging, What to Say to Someone Who Is Grieving, Discovering Simple Ways to Pray, End of Life Concerns, When the Healing Isn't Happening, Family Caregiving Near the End of Life, Getting Help with an Addiction, A Booklet of Prayers when You're Facing Surgery, Dealing with Difficult Emotions, and When Illness or Accident Challenges Your Faith in a Loving God.*

All CareNotes and PrayerNotes are free to you to read and share. So take one and take heart. Give one and give hope.

Kate's Invitation to All Women (submitted by Kate Carlisle)



Women's Spirituality Workshop

How does being a woman shape your life as a Christian? Does it shape your prayers? Do you ever think about feminine images for God? Being a woman presents unique challenges and gifts in spiritual life.

The Ladies Aid invites you to a workshop on Women's Spirituality led by student pastor Kate. We will talk about some issues related to Christian identity and being a woman, discuss some ideas from women theologians past and present, and pray together using methods that can be especially meaningful for women.

Please join us on Thursday, April 14, from 7-9 pm in the social hall - all women are welcome!

Thanks to ..

- .. all who volunteered to take on "service opportunities" during March.
- .. those who supported the Corned Beef supper
- .. all who gave to One Great Hour of Sharing
- .. everyone who is giving supplies for hygiene kits
- .. those men & women who helped at the senior luncheon.
- .. the volunteers who assisted at Cornerstone this past month.
- .. the individual(s) who donated the new stove in the church kitchen.



Christian Education (submitted by Graham Van Keuren)

Inquirer's Class Forming

The Deacons and I are continuing to collect names for our spring Inquirer's Class. If you are a friend of the church and have wondered what it means to be a member of the Congregational Church of Somersville, then this group is for you. If you are already a member and would like a refresher on the rights, privileges and responsibilities of membership, then this class is also for you.



Please note that the Inquirer's Class is required for all who desire to take the vows of membership at our church. (We will next receive new members on May 15th.) Once I have a complete list of everyone who would like to be a part of the class, I will work with the participants to set three class dates in April and early May that work the best for most people. If you would like to be a part of the class and I've not already spoken with you, please don't hesitate to let me know of your interest!

All-Church Outing to the Cloisters

Join us on May 21st for a day trip to the Cloisters Museum and Gardens in Fort Tryon Park, NYC. Portions of five medieval cloistered abbeys have been integrated into this separate campus of the Metropolitan Museum of Art to create an exhibition of medieval sculpture, metalwork, tapestries, stained glass, manuscripts, paintings and gardens unlike any other in the Americas. Experience medieval spirituality and see the sorts of treasures and religious artifacts few have been privileged to witness. Events at the Cloisters on the 21st of May include gallery talks, medieval garden tours, and family workshops for families with children ages 4-12. Indicate your interest in attending by speaking with Graham before May 8th. We will arrange for transportation and other particulars once we know how many will be attending. Costs will be modest for the day and financial assistance may be available.



Silver Lake Summer Camping

Silver Lake Camp and Conference Center is now accepting reservations for its 2011 summer camps. All kids going into grade 4 and up are invited to spend a week or two in the great outdoors learning to love God, love their neighbor, and love themselves. The cost for most week-long camps is still just \$410, which is probably the best deal in summer camps you'll find. In addition, the church will kick in half the cost for any of our kids, meaning the full week of camping costs parents just \$205. It's both a great place and a great deal! Check out all the different options available to your kids by logging onto www.silverlake.ctucc.org.

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday morning Bible study meets weekly in the social room from 9:30-11:15 AM. All are invited.

Opportunities in April

| | <u>Greeters</u> | <u>Ushers</u> | <u>Reader</u> | <u>Fellowship Hosts</u> |
|------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 4/03 | Donna Pendleton Elma Fletcher | Bill Moran Patrick Forbes | Ardie Carey | Bert & Mae Chillson |
| 4/10 | Donna Pendleton Elma Fletcher | Dan Dunn Art Lachance | Ulysses Orduz | Donna Pendleton |
| 4/17 | Donna Pendleton Elma Fletcher | Patrick Forbes ?? | Art Lachance | Tom & Elaine Hancock |
| 4/24 | Barbara Bagniet Charlotte Andrews | Dan Dunn Art Lachance | Pastor | None – Easter |

From the Moderator (submitted by Ray Foster)

*When Spring has come, and the flowers we see,
the parking lot is where the action will be.
51 shrubs all set out in nice clusters,
ready to be planted by such folk as can be
mustered.*

Bad verse! However, in a couple of weeks, the ground will be a bit drier. At that time, I plan on setting out stakes on the Green to lay out the planting pattern for the shrubs. As you know, the Town of

Somers is requiring us to plant shrubs to screen the parking area from the neighborhood, This is supposed to beautify the area as well.

When the time comes (probably within the next month) we will need volunteers to drive to Lebanon, CT, to the wholesaler, to pick up 51 plants, each in a 2 gallon pot. I'm thinking that the plants might ride better in a van. And I wonder if 2 vans are needed. (I just don't know how many 2 gallon pots can be loaded into a van.)

By the time of delivery, we (the Trustees) hope to have a Planting Team ready to go. I'm excited! I'm ready to see the plants in the ground, beginning to grow, putting on leaves. And in a year or so, blooming and setting berries. How pretty it will be.

Meetings

Cabinet will not meet in April. Our next meeting will be held May 15th.

The Trustees (members of finance, property, stewardship, and moderator) will meet at the church at 7 PM on Thursday April 7.



Report of the Treasurer (submitted by Sydney Cohen)

GOD PLUS ONE IS ALWAYS A MAJORITY
If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31b

| | February 2011 | Monthly Budget | Annual Budget |
|----------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Pledges | \$ 6,027.00 | \$ 6,737.50 | \$ 80,850.00 |
| Income | \$ 11,701.39 | \$ 9,404.56 | \$ 112,855.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 11,081.33 | \$10,494.33 | \$ 125,933.00 |

Collections for February

Fund Raiser Baked Stuffed Shrimp Supper- 1972.65- net income

Flow through Items- Income

Parking Lot Fund- 143.00- YTD- 521.00

Flow through Items- Expense

Parking Lot Loan- 138.88- Total left on loan- 4,305.60

This month I put in a monthly budget column. I wanted to show what the churches budgeted income and expenses are. As the totals indicate, the pledges were slightly lower than budgeted while the expenses were slightly higher than budgeted. The income was higher due to an Endowment Input of \$2,500.00, which was needed to meet our expenses for the month. The flow through income and expense is not reflected in the total figures above, giving a more accurate record of our monthly income and expense.



The fundraiser dinner did very well, with YTD total income of \$3,696.05. The contributions for the parking lot continue to come in every month as well.

Stewardship Message (submitted by Linda McEwen)

“Let There Be Thankfulness to God” Eph. 5-4

During this Lenten season Christians everywhere are actively involved in the task of contemplation, self-examination, and taking an honest look at ourselves as God sees us. More than any other time of the year we realize that we are to be held accountable for how we spend this one life that we are given.

But don't just look at yourself as a flawed, sinful individual. Remember Jesus paid for our sins, thus our lives are built on grace. And God only asks that we make spiritual progress, not perfection in working toward the goal of aligning ourselves to God's will for us here on this Earth.

No wallowing or self-pity allowed over the wrongs or sins we have either. So, what are we to do? We must face the light – renew ourselves and take action. Because I have found that if you want to change – you need to change yourself.

The good news is that God is ready willing and able to work beside you and in you. God is ready to empower you to do great things. *“Now therefore” says the LORD “Turn to me with all your heart” Joel 2:12*



Part of our challenge is for each of us to look at our attitudes about money – how we value it, hoard it, spend it. How does it define us? This has to be an important topic as Jesus spent much time talking about money and possessions in the Bible. It is not hard to draw a conclusive link between money and our spiritual lives.

To that end, this year's Stewardship message focuses on **Gratitude – An Attitude of Gratitude**. Gratitude is our only response as we realize that everything we are and have is a gift from God. Gratitude is the most powerful force in the world next to love – it is the door to inner peace, allows us to foster a sense of abundance, and lets us realize that we are enough, we have enough. Gratitude frees us to be generous with ourselves, our time and our treasure.

Remember : *“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” Matt. 6.21*

As the committee asks for your pledge this year, please search your heart and make a response that matches your “Attitude of Gratitude” and your commitment to our church community. Combining your treasure with the treasure of others enables us to do a lot more spreading of the Word. Our faithful stewardship helps to magnify God in the community.

“And Mary Said: ‘My soul magnifies the Lord’” Luke 1:46

Missions Outreach

2nd Mile Missions (submitted by Geneva Farnham)

Our second mile missions collection for April is NADA – Network Against Domestic Abuse. Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior exercised by one adult in an intimate relationship over another. It is not a “private family matter”. This behavior can be exercised by either male or female but statistics reflect that 95% of domestic violence victims are women. This violence occurs in 28% of all marriages – occurring in four types: Physical, sexual, psychological assault and/or attacks against pets or property. This occurs in all walks of life – all religions, all races and educational backgrounds.

Just as with the abused, batterers have similar backgrounds or maybe unemployed or highly paid



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professionals. Perhaps he or she is an upstanding citizen of the community and respected member of a church congregation.

How can we, as a congregation, help to aid domestic violence victims? Support the local NADA chapter located in Enfield. When things come apart, they offer shelter, a safe warm place, food and comfort, counseling, referrals, crisis intervention, a 24-hour/7 days a week hot line – all completely free of charge and confidential.

Abuse is wrong, no matter who is doing the abusing. How can we help? Support our 2nd mile mission with heart, soul and mind and financially. Gift cards to Friendly's, Dunkin Donuts, pharmacies, grocery stores, gas stations are all gratefully accepted by NADA.

Sometimes innocent children are involved. Let us do our part.



Cornerstone Soup Kitchen

(submitted by Johanna Karbonic)

There's an opportunity to help serve a dinner at Cornerstone Soup Kitchen in Rockville on Tuesday, April 19. We can carpool from the church – leaving at 4 PM; we'll return to the church about 6:30. Please speak with myself or Barbara Bagniet if interested or if you have questions.

Update: Doc and Wolfie (submitted by Linda McEwen)

Through no fault of their own, Doc and Wolf have need of a new home. They will temporarily be staying at my home on 17 Quality Avenue where he will be house-sitting and pet-sitting for me while I am living in Monson.

Re-integrating Doc back into society after a long period of isolation and homelessness has been slow but progress is being made and I would ask for continued support in this matter. At the present time, we are still trying to secure medical insurance for him so that he can begin to address some of his medical issues.

In the interim I am asking that anyone who has any task he can do at their homes, such as Spring clean up, or any other landscaping tasks, please contact Doc at (860) 749-8861 and make arrangements with him to do this work.

Also, if you have time, give him a call during the week to see if he needs perhaps a ride to the grocery store, or the library, etc. or just call and stop by for a brief chat with him. More than anything else in the world, Doc needs connection with other people.

We are still looking for more permanent work and housing for him as well. If you have any extra room and can find it in your heart to provide him with a place to stay, especially with eyes toward next fall and winter, please help. Or maybe we could get two or three people to split the responsibility. I assure you that Wolfie is not a problem, in fact, she is a joy to have around.



Ladies Aide Society

Monthly Meeting

All women of the church are welcome to attend the Ladies Aide meeting in the social room on Tuesday, April 12 at 1 PM. Ruth Bruch and Donna Pendleton are hostesses. Following the business meeting, hygiene kits will be assembled.

Prayer Shawl Ministry (submitted by Lois Sharpless)

The prayer shawl knitters will meet twice in April:

Sunday, April 10, at fellowship time

Thursday, April 14, at the Sharpless home, 7 PM til ?

All are welcome to either or both times, whether you're and "old" knitter or just want to learn. Supplied can be provided with prior notice to Lois Sharpless. (860-716-7636)

Blacksmith Shoppe (submitted by Marge Morgan)

It's only another month until the Blacksmith Shoppe is up and running again for the spring and clean up days will be held toward the end of April and/or first week of May. Feel free to contact Barbara Abbe or Marge Morgan to find out exactly when they will be cleaning and sorting.



As always, donations of new or gently used items are welcome (ie. books, tools, puzzles, toys, small furniture, etc.) Again, please contact

Marge Morgan, Barbara Abbe or Joan Lange to arrange drop off. No clothing, tv's, or electronics, please!

The Blacksmith Shoppe coordinators welcome your continued support this year – a sign up sheet will soon be posted in the social room offering an opportunity to assist at the Shoppe for two shifts each Saturday ~ men of the church are welcome to come early (9 AM) to help move items out onto the lawn for display and again at 3 PM to move unsold items back into the Shoppe. And, as always, we encourage you to bake – baked goods are always a popular seller!

Funds earned at the Shoppe benefit church activities and projects.

Women's Spirit Retreat (submitted by Graham Van Keuren)

This Silver Lake retreat is for all adult who have an interest in exploring God through guided yoga meditation, dance, chant and song. Held from the evening of April 15th to the morning of April 17th, this retreat costs only \$180 and includes four meals, two nights accommodations, instruction and materials. It is a great get-away to a beautiful place, to boot! Deb Robidoux has attended this retreat in the past; please speak with her for a first-hand account of what it is like. For more information, go online to www.ctucc.org/events/pdfs/20110415_yogaretreatbrochure.pdf for

Invitation from the Men of the Church!

(submitted by Graham Van Keuren)

The men of the church want you... to join them for a spaghetti dinner on May 7th at 6 p.m. here at the church. It will be followed by a showing of the wonderful Disney movie, "Secretariat." The dinner and movie is free and open to any -- young or old, male or female -- who would like to participate, but a ticket is required. Tickets can be picked up from the church office or from any of our regular men's group participants (if you don't know who they are, just ask around and you'll find one soon enough.) Tickets must be picked up by May 1st and redeemed at the door. We will have door prizes, to boot. It is not an event to be missed!



Fundraising Suppers (submitted by Ruth Bruch)

Recap of March Supper

Reservations filled up in three days and everyone who attended certainly enjoyed "melt in my mouth" corned beef, delicious vegetables and complimented with a moist cake. The cost of corned beef (\$562.54) is always a bit higher than some of our other dinners, but we did fairly well. We took in \$2416.20 which includes \$160.20 from a bake sale!! We had a table FULL of baked goodies – thanks to those who baked!

April 9 Supper and Bake Sale

Our next supper is being held Saturday, April 9. Menu is roast beef, gravy, twice baked potato, corn, salad, homemade rolls/breads, beverage and lemon lush (sugar free offered, too). As always, two sittings are offered: 5 & 6:15 PM. Reservations were full within a day and a half! What does that say about our dinners?!? Orders for take out dinners can still be placed, or there is a wait list in the event cancellations come in during the coming week. Email (somcong@aol.com) or call the church office (860-749-7741). Cost is \$11 for adults and \$5 for children (5-10).

A sign up sheet in the social room offers many opportunities for your help and donations. The list includes needs for:

- homemade breads (your choice)
- d-caf coffee
- potato prep. (on Friday)
- baked goods for bake sale
- lemon lush for dessert (recipe available)
- waiting on tables
- dishwashers
- clean up help



A **bake sale** will also be offered during the supper. Your contributions of cakes, cupcakes, muffins, bars, cookies, pies, breads, candy, etc. would be appreciated.

This & That

- **Fellowship hosts** are needed. Anyone willing to provide a light snack following worship on any given Sunday is encouraged to sign up in the social room
- **Meeting minutes** are to be filed with the office. Copies will also be posted on the bulletin board on the south wall of the social room.

Connecticut Conference, UCC

Save the date for the Spring Session of the Conference Annual Meeting on May 14th in Naugatuck. Andover Newton Theological School's J. Mary Luti is the vibrant keynoter for a day of "Worship Remix," looking at ways of coming to God with energy, integrity, and sincerity.

The night before, May 13th, is a Youth Revival called "Walking in the Spirit," to be held at Faith Congregational Church in Hartford. UCC youth from across the state will share in music, liturgical dance, drama, and worship. There will also be a display from In Our Shoes, an anti-bullying project of King Street United Church of Christ in Danbury.

More information can be found on the website:

<http://www.ctucc.org/events.php?event=2403>

Some Question Conventional Wisdom on Divorce Stats

March 25, 2011 Religion News Service by Adelle M. Banks

WASHINGTON

It's been proclaimed from pulpits and blogs for years — Christians divorce as much as everyone else in America.

But some scholars and family activists are questioning the oft-cited statistics, saying Christians who attend church regularly are more likely to remain wed.

"It's a useful myth," said Bradley Wright, a University of Connecticut sociologist who recently wrote *Christians Are Hate-Filled Hypocrites ... and Other Lies You've Been Told*.

"Because if a pastor wants to preach about how Christians should take their marriages more seriously, he or she can trot out this statistic to get them to listen to him or her."

The various findings on religion and divorce hinge on what kind of Christians are being discussed.

Wright combed through the General Social Survey, a vast demographic study conducted by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, and found that Christians, like adherents of other religions, have a divorce rate of about 42 percent. The rate among religiously unaffiliated Americans is 50 percent.

When Wright examined the statistics on evangelicals, he found worship attendance has a big influence on the numbers. Six in 10 evangelicals who never attend had been divorced or separated, compared to just 38 percent of weekly attendees.

Wright questions the approach of The Barna Group, evangelical pollsters based in Ventura, CA.

Barna's latest published divorce statistics say one-third of all adults, including "non-evangelical born again Christians," have ended a marriage

Barna's statistics are tied to its highly specific — and controversial — definitions of born-again Christians and evangelicals.

For instance, Barna labels Christians "born-again" if they have made a personal commitment to Jesus and believe they will go to heaven because they have accepted him as their savior.

Evangelicals, on the other hand, are those who fit the born-again definition but also meet seven other conditions, including sharing their beliefs with non-Christians and agreeing that the Bible is completely accurate.

David Kinnaman, Barna's president, said the statistical differences reflect varied approaches, with Wright looking more at attendance and his research firm dwelling on theological commitments.

"We've tried to measure it based on theological perspective, not merely their church attendance or whether they call themselves Catholic or mainline," Kinnaman said.

Glenn Stanton of Focus on the Family wrote a recent column in Baptist Press highlighting Wright's interpretation of the state of divorce for Christians.

"The divorce rates of Christian believers are not identical to the general population — not even close," he wrote. "Being a committed, faithful believer makes a measurable difference in marriage."

Brad Wilcox, director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, agrees there's been some confusion.

"You do hear, both in Christian and non-Christian circles, that Christians are no different from anyone else when it comes to divorce

and that is not true if you are focusing on Christians who are regular church attendees,” he said.

Wilcox’s analysis of the National Survey of Families and Households has found that Americans who attend religious services several times a month were about 35 percent less likely to divorce than those with no religious affiliation.

Nominal conservative Protestants, on the other hand, were 20 percent more likely to divorce than the religiously unaffiliated.

“There’s something about being a nominal ‘Christian’ that is linked to a lot of negative outcomes when it comes to family life,” Wilcox said.

About our Members & Friends

Birthdays

Birthdays are being celebrated this month by: Dotty Forbes, Jody Renshaw, Tristan Renshaw, Nick Wood, Mark Farnham, Mavis Collins, Karen Blondin, Roger Pease, Marj Butler, Millie Hare



Happy anniversary wishes this month to Dave & Marj Butler.

Congregational Church of Somersville

Vision Statement

We will be a faith-based church welcoming diversity, empowering the individual, growing in faith and doing God’s work in the global community in unity and love.

Behavioral Covenant

- We will follow a process that includes unconditional listening and time to collect thought, enabling all individuals to comfortably express their opinions.
- Our actions and demeanor will support and empower all participants
- All opinions will be welcomed, reflectively considered and respected.
- Opinions will be expressed with humility, self-control, gentleness, and kindness.
- We will look for common ground as we search for consensus, and we will respect that consensus.
- We will affirm by our works and actions our common goal to serve God.

Easter Lilies



Easter lilies “in memory of” or “in honor of” loved ones will be displayed in the sanctuary n Easter Sunday, April 24. A listing will be included in the bulletin on that Sunday. The cost is \$5 per plant; orders should be placed through the church office by Wednesday, April 13.

(submit form with payment to office; fax order to 860-749-5132; email order to somcong@aol.com)

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Number of lilies ordered _____

Please indicate below how you would like the listing to appear in the bulletin.

Given in loving memory of: _____

Given in honor of: _____

Given by: _____

April 2011

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|----------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| Congregational Church of Somersville 22 Maple St., PO Box I Somersville, CT 06072 860-749-7741 860-749-5132 (fax) somcong@aol.com (email) www.somersvilleucc.org (web site) | | | the Rev. Graham Van Keuren, Pastor Catherine Carlisle, Intern Ray Foster, Moderator Sydney Cohen, Treasurer Ruth Bruch, Clerk/Office Administrator Jason Stefanik, Organist/Choir Director | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Communion | 4 | 5 Evergreen Worship 11 AM AA 6:15-8:30 Deacons 7 PM | 6 Bible Study 9:30-11:15 Lenten Service 7 PM Choir 7:30 PM | 7 Trustees 7 PM | 8 Supper Prep. 9 AM Missions 1 PM | 9 Roast Beef Supper & Bake Sale 5 & 6:15 PM |
| 10 Hygiene Kit Supplies Due Prayer Shawl Ministry | 11 | 12 Finance 11:30 AM Ladies Aide 1 PM AA 6:15-8:30 Nominating 7:30 | 13 Bible Study 9:30-11:15 Lenten Service 7 PM Choir 7:30 Lily Orders Due | 14 Prayer Shawl Ministry at Sharpless' 7 PM Women's Spirituality led by Kate 7 PM | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Palm Sunday | 18 | 19 Cornerstone 4-6:30 AA 6:15-8:30 | 20 Bible Study 9:30-11:15 Choir 7 ?? | 21 Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM | 22 Good Friday Service 12:15-12:45 PM | 23 |
| 24 Easter Sunday | 25 Spire Deadline | 26 Blair Manor Worship 10:30 AM AA 6:15-8:30 | 27 Bible Study 9:30-11:15 Choir 7 PM | 28 | 29 | 30 |

Clean Up Weeks at Blacksmith Shoppe April 25-30 and/or May 2-6; check w/Marge Morgan, Barbara Abbe or Joan Lange

For the Young at Heart - Good Clean Fun - Hidden Pictures

