



**First Congregational Church
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The Newsletter of First Congregational Church

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The Pastoral Perspective

This September 27, a Thursday if you're curious, will mark the 250th anniversary of the organizing of our congregation. Six intrepid souls came together and the rest is, well, history. A dead letter? Lost, musty files? Or a living legacy, our stories, the memories and tales of men and women over the ages who sought to witness to the power of the God made known to us in Jesus? History can be exciting, especially if we see ourselves as part of the story being told.

Part of FCC Lebanon's story involves, yes, money: funds given and raised to build our meetinghouse, to buy our bell, to install the organ, to acquire furnishings, to purchase hymnals. Money given on Sunday mornings by way of a dollar tossed into the plate, and substantial amounts left to the church in wills. Gifts large and small have been made to further the work of our congregation.

We're fortunate. We've been bringing in about \$100,000 through annual stewardship and we have an endowment of more than \$2.7 million. That's a better financial position than many churches find themselves in. But there comes a time when we need to consider whether we are ready for a special push to fund enhancements to our ministry and improvements to our physical plant, which will allow us to more fully and faithfully live our vocations as Christians.

I believe that we have reached such a time, and Council agreed at its February meeting, voting to form a committee to consider a campaign this fall. We will need to define our mission and ministry as we want them to be, and we will need to identify what is needed to make our vision a reality. A campaign is about so much more than a kitchen, or an elevator, or new pew cushions. It's a vote of confidence in the future, an investment in our witness to the Upper Valley community. Gifts of any amount will be welcomed, and what people in the development business call annual giving (your stewardship), major or special gifts (a larger gift paid over a period of time), and legacy gifts (a bequest or other form of planned gift) will all be needed. How much we raise will need

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SUNDAY SERVICE

One Great Hour of Sharing SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING—MARCH 11

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a nationwide UCC offering for mission initiatives around the world. It supports healthcare, education, agriculture, emergency relief, and refugee assistance in over 130 countries. OGHS funds are leveraged with local, national, and global partners to maximize their impact.

Please give as generously as you can. Thank you!

Open Forum on Immigration Sunday, March 18, at 11:15 (After Coffee Hour)

Our church just adopted a resolution at Annual Meeting saying that we endorse and would support the work of the NH Immigration Solidarity Network. (See Page 5.) But what will that mean? Indeed, what does it mean for us to say we'll take any action in support of immigrants or refugees? Please join us after worship on March 18 for a conversation about these complex questions.

Bring your ideas, your thoughts, and your opinions to this important conversation!

Lenten Lunch Bag Offering Collection on Palm Sunday, March 25

Our Church School children will collect their lunch-bag offering on Palm Sunday for two vital organizations—

David's House (davids-house.org) and
Epilogos Charities (epilogos.org)

David's House offers lodging, meals, and home-away-from-home care for families with children in treatment next door at DHMC. Epilogos seeks to improve lives of people in San Jose Villanueva, El Salvador, a model for focused global outreach and a town dear to many at FCC. Our offering will fund the purchase of basic supplies for David's House and support SJV's school.

This Lenten collection encourages FCC's children to see stewardship as a way to share God's love, enabling them to help other kids in challenging circumstances.

Our children THANK YOU for contributing!

COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, March 25, at 5:00 pm

Leaders: WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Many thanks to Women of the Church for leading this month's dinner effort! All are invited to lend a hand as we provide a vital service to our neighbors. **Please look for sign-ups in the Parish Hall.**

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

We will again adorn the Sanctuary with flowers for Easter morning, and all are invited to contribute in honor or memory of family and friends. You may either order flowers through the church office or supply your own. **Dedications will appear in the bulletin on EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1.**

Please Note: We are still determining our purchase options for this year. It is likely that 6" lilies will cost \$8-10.

Orders through the church office must be placed by noon on MONDAY, MARCH 19.

All dedication information must be received by WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28. If you're donating your own flowers, please deliver them by SATURDAY, MARCH 31.

Musical Guests This Month

March 4—Meghan Davis (*Clarinet*), Victoria Nooe (*Piano*), Benjamin Kulp (*Cello*)

March 11—Meg Davis, Leslie Stroud (*Flute*)

March 18—Soloists from the FCC Choir

March 25 (Palm Sunday)—Judy Wild (*Violin*)

April 1 (Easter)—Joshua Pauley (*Trumpet*)

Queued for Coffee Hour

March—Diaconate

April—Mission and Social Action

May—Women of the Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 10a Worship and Church School 11:15a Bd of Gobs 5p Community Dinner	26 10a-6p NH-WIC	27 7p Boy Scouts 7p Valley Improv	28 5:30p Cub Scout Pack Committee 6p UVPRN 7p Bel Canto Chamber Singers	1 7p Choir	2 6-9p Leb Rec Dept Quilters	3 8a Men's Breakfast 10a-5p Leb Rec Dept Quilters
4 10a Worship (w/ Communion) and Church School 3p Trois Trios w/ UVMC Faculty	5 5:30p Cub Scouts (Bears/Wolves)	6 7p Boy Scouts	7 5:30p Cub Scout Pack Committee 6p UVPRN 7p Bel Canto Chamber Singers	8 12:30-4p G-O-S Assn CoCM 7p Choir	9	10
11 10a Worship (OGHS) and Church School 1p Aged to Perfection	12 5:30p Cub Scouts (Bears/Wolves) 7p Diaconate	13 7p Boy Scouts 7p Valley Improv	14 8a-4p NH-WIC 6p UVPRN 7p Bel Canto 7:15p Christian Ed Committee	15 7p Choir	16 7:30p LOH on LOCATION: Night Tree	17 4p UVMC Faculty Showcase
18 10a Worship and Church School 11:15a Forum on Immigration	19 6:30p Cub Scouts Movie Night	20 7p Church Council 7p Boy Scouts/ Troop Committee	21 6p UVPRN 7p Bel Canto Chamber Singers	22 10a-6p NH-WIC 7p Choir	23	24
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If your event is missing or incorrect, please notify us at church@fccleb.org or 603-448-4281.

COMMITTEE NOTES

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Opening our 2018 Annual Meeting, Moderator Amy Driscoll noted that more than 25 people were present, enough for a quorum according to church by-laws. Steve Silver offered the invocation.

For his **pastor's report**, Steve again expressed gratitude for having time away in 2017 on his sabbatical. He thanked everyone who helped lead the church during his absence, in particular the Rev. Jo Shelnutt. Steve then urged everyone to consider how we'll observe our congregation's 250th anniversary this year. He also suggested we assess our organizational structure to make sure it works best for current needs and capacities, noting that churches in Lyme and Norwich had suspended their by-laws to deal with similar concerns. Lastly, he commended our strong leadership, thanking all for being so generous with time and service.

Amy noted that a commitment at last year's meeting to conduct a **professional audit** had been fulfilled. Valerie Nevel added that the audit, conducted by Parkers Accounting, was clean and showed no major issues or concerns.

John Gilliatt explained that the **Board of Governors** was looking at FCC's carbon footprint, assessing insulation needs arising from last year's energy audit. Surveying capital projects that FCC could undertake, he reported a rough estimate of \$37,000 for floor refinishing and new carpeting and pew cushions in the Sanctuary, noting that these items should be undertaken together. The church's kitchen also needs improvement, whether a "face lift"

or full renovation, and installation of an elevator has been considered. Linda Jacobs asked for an estimate for the insulation project; John explained that while we don't yet have a full estimate, this would be roughly divided into three portions, with a focus first on the Parish Hall for about \$5,000. At the Parsonage, projects include chimney re-lining and potential sewer repairs. Stressing that none of the projects absolutely had to be done for safety or structural reasons, John asked the congregation to help determine which ones should (or shouldn't) be done this year.

Trustees chair Valerie Nevel noted that our investment income provides roughly half our annual budget. She is confident that market fluctuations would not adversely hurt church investments, which are diversified and allocated with only moderate risk. This year's endowment-income withdrawal rate of 6% was higher than ideal but not indicative of a long-term trend.

Valerie then read the list of names of all who had arranged to support the church with memorial gifts and bequests, including recently from the estate of Elaine Cook. Valerie encouraged everyone to consider providing for the church in their estate planning.

Pete Mason officially welcomed Alyson Danyew-Ellison to the **Memorial Gardens Committee**, thanking her for planting and caring for the gardens in 2017.

Referring to the proposed slate of **committee nominations**, Amy Driscoll noted a few additions—Stacey Steele is joining Council as an at-large member, Jo Shelnutt is

March Meetings

Mission/Social Action	3/4, 11:15
Diaconate	3/12, 7:00
Christian Education	3/14, 7:15
Church Council	3/20, 7:00
Board of Governors	3/25, 11:15

April Meetings

Mission/Social Action	4/8, 11:15
Diaconate	4/9, 7:00
Christian Education	4/11, 7:15
Church Council	4/17, 7:00
Board of Governors	4/22, 11:15

joining the Music Committee, and Linda Jacobs will serve only a partial term on MSA. From the floor, Corrine Erskine volunteered to stay on MSA; Steve Teeter volunteered to join MSA and Music; Valerie Nevel, Amy Driscoll, and Terry Ellison volunteered to join Stewardship; and Terry will also join the Board of Governors. Amy thanked everyone for their willingness to serve in all these ways. The congregation voted unanimously to accept all committee reports for 2017.

Turning to old business, Amy asked for follow-up on a resolution from last year, to determine which church committee would oversee **FCC's role as charter organization** for Boy Scout Troop 279 and Cub Scout Pack 279. Council chair Corrine Erskine noted that this question is currently in discussion.

Introducing the **budget discussion** as Moderator and chair of Pastoral Relations, Amy noted the difficulty of defining an appropriate pastoral compensation package, adding that church by-laws don't specifically

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FCC Resolves to Support the NH Immigrant Solidarity Network

At Annual Meeting on February 11, the congregation voted to accept the following resolution endorsing and participating in the work of the New Hampshire Immigrant Solidarity Network (NHISN), as proposed by the Mission and Social Action Committee. (NOTE: The full resolution's original language is retained below, in order to show the deletions proposed and accepted at Annual Meeting. Please see the meeting notes for discussion.)

“E pluribus unum. Out of many, one.

“This is a core statement of our identity as a nation and speaks of one of the fundamental ideals of who we are as a people: that we, as a nation of immigrants seeking a better life, come together and work together to forge out of our diversity and shared humanity a sense of common purpose, to be a beacon of light and hope for the rest of the world. This treasured principle is anchored in our shared commitment to loving our neighbor and offering hospitality to the stranger. This is what has made our nation great. This is our strength; this is the very fabric of who we are.

“Rooted in our heritage, grounded in the fundamental precepts of our faith and practice, we come together to place ourselves in reverence before the spirit seeking assistance as we bear witness to stand in solidarity with all immigrants, with people of all color, documented and undocumented. The urgency of this moment of our nation's history calls us, compels us to stand against the unconscionable acts of deportation ~~by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)~~ and immoral expressions of racism that are currently tearing families apart and seeking to fragment and divide us as a nation.

“Therefore, we the undersigned members of the New Hampshire faith community place ourselves in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors, and join with other people of faith and practice, of all traditions, in opposing the separation of families and the tearing apart of the fabric of our community.

“Therefore, we the undersigned faith community endorse the objectives, ~~strategies, and tactics~~ of the New Hampshire Immigrant Solidarity Network. We hereby pledge our faith, our time, our energy, **and** our prayers, ~~and our resources~~ to the Network. We will do everything in our power, along with people of conscience and good will throughout our state, to provide support, accompaniment, advocacy, and/or sanctuary in solidarity with our immigrant friends and neighbors.”

assign this task to the PRC. Ensuing discussion considered which group should be responsible for this task instead; the Personnel Committee seems logical to some for issues of compensation, but there are reasons the pastor's compensation should be handled differently. Amy felt that this question was too important to be settled in a rush leading up to Annual Meeting, requiring more careful consideration in Council.

Resuming the earlier discussion, John Gilliatt noted that possible projects identified by the Board of Governors far exceeded the amount

proposed for capital improvements in the budget. He again asked for guidance from the congregation. Rachel Silver suggested that guidance could come from a capital campaign, for which the congregation would propose purposes and funding goals. Valerie Nevel agreed from a Trustees' perspective. Amy suggested that the Board submit a project list with estimated costs to Council, which could take up this issue within a possible campaign plan.

The congregation voted unanimously to accept the proposed 2018 budget, allowing for potential changes in

pastoral compensation and capital expenditure.

Kathy Beckett then read the full **resolution to support the work of the NH Immigrant Solidarity Network**, proposed by the Mission and Social Action Committee. The resolution's language was adopted directly from the NHISN. While expressing support for immigrant advocacy in principle, Hilary Ryder noted two concerns: 1) the explicit commitment to resist or obstruct the work of a federal body such as ICE, and 2) the undefined pledge of “time, energy, and resources” to the

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NHISN. Similarly, Valerie Nevel questioned whether we as a church could commit to endorsing the “strategies and tactics” of a group that wasn’t familiar to much of the congregation. Linda Jacobs offered strong support for the resolution, framing it in terms of what Jesus would do on behalf of immigrants.

Ron Bailey added that while the penultimate paragraph was meant to apply to the group of supporting churches, the last paragraph applied to each individual church. After Kathy confirmed that the language could be amended, the resolution was edited to reflect the concerns raised. The congregation adopted this amended version, with two votes against it. *(Please see Page 5 for the resolution as adopted.)*

The congregation sang the closing hymn and Steve gave a benediction, again thanking everyone for their service to our church. The meeting adjourned at 12:15, followed by a delicious potluck lunch.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Following up a request at Annual Meeting, **Board of Governors** chair John Gilliatt presented Council with a list of projects and estimated costs,

including maintenance, capital improvements, some cosmetic items, and energy-saving initiatives. (John offered to share the energy audit report with anyone who wished to see it.) John seeks guidance from the congregation about which projects to undertake.

From a Stewardship perspective, Jon Scott noted that some projects could be included within a **potential campaign for our 250th anniversary**. Council considered which projects we could commit to funding before officially opening a campaign. Steve Silver noted that some are better suited to a campaign than others, especially those with visible or tangible results (such as Sanctuary and kitchen improvements). Council voted to fund Parish Hall insulation and Parsonage chimney re-lining with the 2018 budget, deferring other projects to a campaign.

Insulating the Sanctuary is a much larger project that will likely have to be deferred to a campaign. While some may wonder if the Sanctuary is used enough to justify the cost, there was general agreement that energy savings and environmental benefit are worth the expense in the long run, especially given an increasingly full concert schedule.

We have a responsibility to future generations to use our resources efficiently and conscientiously.

Revisiting the prospect of a campaign, Jon Scott asked Council to consider the composition of a planning committee. He proposed three members from Council, two from the congregation at-large, and four others from various committees. Discussion emphasized broad congregational representation but cautioned against the agendas of any specific committees or groups taking precedence. All agreed that it is essential for the committee to include people with fundraising experience. The campaign would encompass all forms of giving, from regular annual contributions to capital and mission projects to bequest commitments. Council voted unanimously to approve the formation of a committee, which will report back no later than June on campaign feasibility and goals. Initial publicity will solicit members and potential goals.

Treasurer Terry Ellison reported that **church debit cards** were now set up, as previously authorized. He and Valerie Nevel emphasized that retaining expense records would be essential, particularly for auditing

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to be determined, and conversations will need to be held. There’s a lot to talk about and everyone will be given a chance to participate!

A campaign can, and should, be a source of inspiration and creativity. We are blessed to be part of something special, and it is our calling, our high privilege, to ensure that future generations may say the same.

Yours faithfully,

Steve

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purposes. Steve Silver thanked Terry for his work on this task, and he also thanked John Gilliatt for his extensive work and leadership of the Board of Governors.

For **Mission and Social Action**, Kathy Beckett reported the passage of the resolution supporting the work of the NH Immigrant Solidarity Network. The church now needs to consider how we will enact our support, and Kathy mentioned that NHISN had four levels of involvement. Some feel that our congregation might still need more information about NHISN, and the discussion should involve the whole church as far as possible. An after-worship forum on immigration will be helpful.

For **Christian Education**, Marcia Corkins reported that the Church School children had enjoyed making snacks for coffee hour on a recent Sunday. She is now looking toward events for Easter and beyond.

Moderator Amy Driscoll noted that the **Pastoral Relations Committee** will continue to work on pastoral compensation. She asked that Council and the Personnel Subcommittee clarify FCC's practices for reviewing compensation for all staff, not just for the pastor. Our by-laws don't clearly specify the manner in which these matters are addressed, and so it's important to codify our process going forward.

Discussion turned next to the topic of **gun violence and safety** in our schools and communities, and how we at FCC can and should respond. Steve Silver, noting supportive responses to his sermon referencing the Parkland (FL) school shooting,

said that the congregation seems ready to participate in this critical national debate. There are ways we as a church can make a statement. In addition to considering broader social context, Council considered that FCC has no explicit policy regarding guns on church property, despite widespread agreement that guns have no place here. More than simply setting a policy, establishing FCC as a "gun-free zone" would offer witness to our community. Depending on how we communicate this statement, Steve advised that we should be prepared for possible reactions against it. Council voted unanimously to strictly prohibit guns and other weapons on all church property, including the Parsonage, and all agreed that we should facilitate a congregational conversation about this issue and FCC's place in it.

In his **pastor's report**, Steve Silver voiced concern about an emerging discussion within the national leadership of the UCC, of which he learned during his recent trip to Cleveland for a meeting of the UCC Historical Council. Although there is consensus within that group about some historically-rooted "theological non-negotiables," including a willingness to witness to Jesus as head of the church, General Minister and President John Dorhauer claimed that some might be "traumatized" by the emphasis on Jesus and asked the Historical Council to reconsider. In Steve's view, this could suggest a Unitarian (rather than Trinitarian) theology, which would represent a fundamental shift for the national church. While this discussion is just

beginning and holds no imminent consequences, Steve wanted the congregation to be aware of it.

Adding to earlier discussion of a campaign, Steve considered how else we might observe our **250th anniversary**. He has ideas about guest preachers and other events, and he's discussed possible musical events with Henry Danaher. "Branding" would also be important, to raise our awareness and congregational identity, and he and Brian Clancy have both spoken with Gordon Sargent about graphically celebrating the anniversary on various church publications and communications. Steve noted that this anniversary offers an exciting opportunity to enhance our ministry, not just raise money for expenses.

Lastly, Steve commented on the prior discussion of our by-laws and the roles of Pastoral Relations, Personnel, and other church committees. He reiterated a widely shared belief that we should assess whether our current **organizational structure** works best for our church today, recognizing that the by-laws were first drafted over fifty years ago. Whether it is reviewing our staff's compensation or other important tasks, we need to make sure current practices are clearly defined and serve us best.

Steve expressed admiration and gratitude for how many people volunteered for new service roles from the floor of the Annual Meeting. Similarly, John Gilliatt commended Historian Corrine Erskine and marveled at the broad scope of our achievements as a congregation in the past year.

HOLY WEEK AT FCC

March 25—Palm Sunday

10 am: Liturgy of the Palms, Children's Procession (*Sanctuary*)

March 29—Maundy Thursday

7 pm: Service of Communion and Tenebrae,
Stripping of the Altar (*Sanctuary*)

March 30—Good Friday

12-3 pm: Quiet Meditation on the Seven Last Words (*Sanctuary*)

7 pm: Service of the Word and Prayer (*Sanctuary*)

April 1—EASTER SUNDAY

6 am: Ecumenical Sunrise Service (*Colburn Park*)

6:30 am: Community Breakfast to Benefit WISE (*Parish Hall*)

10 am: Festival Service, with Communion (*Sanctuary*), Easter Egg Hunt



ASH WEDNESDAY. Renewing a yearly ritual, Steve Silver burned last year's palms to make ashes, then offered them out front in witness to our community.



THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

Save the Date—Coming in April!
**Valley Improv Benefit Show
for the Open Door Ministry**

Saturday Evening, April 14 (Time TBD)

Come one, come all to enjoy an evening of improv! Biff Simpson's comedy troupe will entertain us with a variety of skits—many requiring audience participation!—all in support of our church's vital **Open Door Ministry** of community assistance. (Details still to come—stay tuned!)



WINTERTIME SCENES. Volunteers at the February Community Dinner; Cantabile's "Sacred Winter" concert; North Country Chordsmen in worship; Chip Silver with the Callahan and Mason boys; and waning moments of Annual Meeting potluck.

MUSIC AT THE MEETINGHOUSE



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UPCOMING CONCERTS

All in the Sanctuary, FCC

Trois Trios with UVMC Faculty—Sunday, March 4, at 3:00 pm

Pianist Victoria Nooe, cellist Benjamin Kulp, and our in-house clarinetist Meghan Davis offer trios by Johannes Brahms, Robert Muczynski, and American composer Rick Sowash. *Adults \$15, under 18 free.*

A Cappella with Aged to Perfection—Sunday, March 11, at 1:00 pm

This superb women's *a cappella* quartet returns to the Upper Valley for a special performance in a variety of genres—jazz and Broadway standards, doo-wop, ballads, and more. *Free admission, donations welcome!*

****LOH ON LOCATION!* Night Tree—Friday, March 16, at 7:30 pm***

Our exciting collaboration with Lebanon Opera House continues! This inventive ensemble of classically trained musicians offers a distinctive, eclectic blend of Celtic, Jewish, Swedish, Afro-Cuban, and American folk traditions. *Adults \$20, youth \$10; tickets available at <https://lebanonoperahouse.org/events/night-tree/>.*

Please use promo code CELTIC4 for \$2 off at checkout!

UVMC Faculty Showcase—Saturday, March 17, at 4:00 pm

All are welcome to enjoy this diverse performance featuring the vocal and instrumental excellence of the faculty next door at the Upper Valley Music Center. *Adults \$15, under 18 free.*

Headrest Benefit Concert with Acacia Music Ensemble—Saturday, April 7, at 7:00 pm

Clarinetist Meghan Davis, flautist Leslie Stroud, and pianist Matthew Odell present a wonderful program of music by Arvo Pärt, Miguel del Águila, and others. Proceeds will support the vital work of our neighbors at Headrest in addiction recovery and rehabilitation. *Suggested donation \$20.*

Classicopia: Four-hand Festival—Sunday, April 15, at 2:00 pm

Dan Weiser welcomes back good friend Philip Liston-Kraft for another delightful afternoon of four-hand piano music. This duo never fails to entertain! *Admission \$20, FCC members \$10; more at www.classicopia.org.*

Bel Canto Chamber Singers—Saturday, April 28, 7:30 pm / Sunday, April 29, 4:00 pm

Directed by Jane Woods, the Bel Canto Chamber Singers continue their 40th anniversary season with a rich selection of choral music spanning several centuries. All are invited to enjoy this performance of our resident chorus! *(More program information coming soon.)*

Classicopia: Music from the Underground—Friday, May 4, at 7:30 pm

Violinist Tim Schwarz joins Dan Weiser for a program of rare gems from minority and neglected composers, such as Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, William Grant Still, and Paul Schoenfield, as well as blues and spiritual arrangements. *Admission \$20, FCC members \$10; more at www.classicopia.org.*

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Forum on Immigration

Sunday, March 18, 11:15 am

What does it mean for us as a church to say that we'll take action in support of immigrants and refugees?

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Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday—12-3p Seven Last Words, 7p Prayer Service

Easter Sunday—6a Ecumenical Sunrise Service (Colburn Pk),
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10a Festival Worship w/Communion



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