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The Pastoral Perspective

This year's Gospel lectionary readings are drawn from Mark and John, two books with their own unique perspectives. I've often been fond of Mark's Gospel, which is short and to-the-point. John's is a bit more of a mixed bag, characterized by its lyricism, but also its latent anti-Semitism.

There's been a lot of talk about anti-Semitism in the news in recent months. Frankly, it's been unnerving. We're supposed to be better than that. If that doesn't move you, then I suspect reminding you that Jesus was a Jew won't help much. Of course, it should.

There is nothing in the life of Jesus that tells us we should hate others. Jesus was all about forgiveness. He did not hold grudges. He did not nurse resentment. Jesus loved his neighbor. Jesus modeled the love of God. And we are called to walk the path of Jesus. That doesn't mean we shouldn't hold people accountable for their deeds. But we don't need to define them by what one person or group allegedly did long ago.

We read in John of how "the Jews" didn't like what Jesus did, and how they were his opponents. Just who were "the Jews" John writes about? It seems that they were a segment of the religious leadership. But John was angry as he wrote his Gospel, and we see echoes of the intramural fight that was taking place in the Jewish world, a fight which had grown particularly toxic in the wake of the destruction of Jerusalem.

Remember, many of the early Christians were Jews, who were driven out of the synagogue for their heretical beliefs. We can see how this animosity grew and ultimately led to violence and hatred directed at Jews, not just those in leadership, but all of them.

As we make our way through Lent towards Holy Week, this history is worth remembering. On Good Friday we will recall Jesus' death, which has wrongly been used as a cudgel against the Jews for millennia.

We will also ask for forgiveness, for ourselves and our community, and we will seek to make amends. One way to do that is to repent. Another is to intentionally follow the path of Jesus.

Yours faithfully,

Steve

HOLY WEEK IS MARCH 24-31
Full schedule of worship services on Page 6.

Lenten Lunch Bag Offering

Every year the CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CORNER asks for your generous participation in our Lenten Lunch Bag Offering for two great organizations:

**WISE (wiseuv.org) and
Epilogos Charities (epilogos.org)**

WISE seeks to end gender-based violence through survivor-centered advocacy and education. Our Lenten collection will fund welcome bags given to the children and women at WISE's Safe Home. Epilogos seeks to improve the lives of those in San Jose Villanueva, El Salvador, a model for focused global outreach and a town dear to many at FCC. Our offering funds scholarships at SJV's school.

The Lenten offering enables FCC's kids to help other children in tough circumstances and see stewardship as a way to share God's love.

Decorated lunch bags may be used to collect your savings from sacrificing a regular treat during Lent. **Whatever you sacrifice, please return donations on PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24.**



The Easter Lily Fund for the Open Door Ministry

As in past years, we invite you to honor beloved family and friends on Easter morning with a modest contribution to our Open Door Ministry for community assistance (\$5 minimum, payable to FCC, memo "Lily Open Door").

Please submit your dedication information by **THURSDAY, MARCH 28** (contributions gratefully accepted after that date). Dedications will appear in the bulletin on **EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31.**

Many thanks for supporting our local mission while commemorating your loved ones.

All Are Welcome to Worship at FCC
Sundays at 10:00 AM (Sanctuary/Zoom)

Coffee Hour Served Weekly!

New volunteers welcome to provide food and serve.
Please sign up on the list in the kitchen.

Zoom Greeters and Liturgists Needed!

Congregation members are essential to our worship services as ushers, Zoom greeters, and liturgists. **All are invited to serve in these vital roles, and no prior experience is needed—not even for Zoom!**

If you're interested in these opportunities to serve, please contact the church office.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS) is a vital, nationwide offering for mission initiatives around the world. It funds healthcare, education, agriculture, emergency relief, and refugee assistance in over 130 countries. OGHS support is leveraged with various service partners to maximize its impact in these areas.

We gratefully accept OGHS donations until Easter, March 31. Please give as generously as you can, thanks! (Payable FCC, memo "OGHS")

FCC's Memorial Garden Is Open to All

Many longtime members of our congregation have chosen to have remains interred in our Memorial Garden. As spring weather returns, all are invited to pause for reflection, read the names on the stone, and remember all those we've lost.



If you are interested in learning more about the Memorial Garden, please contact the church office.

MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 10a Worship/CCC	26 4-9p UVMC Suzuki Program 7p MSA	27 1p Cameo Baroque 4:30p FCC Choir 6p Contemplative Dance	28 3-6:30p UVMC 7p Bel Canto Chamber Singers 7p Book Study: Heart of It All	29 3-6:30p UVMC/ Children's Choir 7p NA Group	1 5-6p UVMC Suzuki Program 6:30p Leb Rec Quilters Retreat	2 9a-5p Leb Rec Quilters Retreat
3 10a Worship/CCC (Communion) NE Heritage Mid-winter Gathering (6:30p Concert)	4 4-9p UVMC Suzuki Program	5 1p Cameo Baroque 4:30p FCC Choir	6 3-6:30p UVMC 7p Bel Canto Chamber Singers 7p Book Study: Heart of It All	7 3-6:30p UVMC/ Children's Choir 7p NA Group	8 5-6p UVMC Suzuki Program 7:30p Anon Coffeehouse	9 10a-12p UVMC Chorus 4p UVMC Faculty Showcase
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24 PALM SUNDAY 10a Worship/CCC (Liturgy of Palms)	25 4-9p UVMC Suzuki Program 7p MSA	26 1p Cameo Baroque 4:30p FCC Choir 7p Bylaws Review	27 3-6:30p UVMC 7p Bel Canto Chamber Singers 7p Book Study: Heart of It All	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10a-4p WIC 7p Communion and Tenebrae	29 GOOD FRIDAY 12-3p Seven Last Words 7p Service of the Word and Prayer	30
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If you have questions or corrections regarding any event, please notify us at church@fccleb.org or 603-448-4281.

NEWS AND NOTES

2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Roughly 35 people attended Annual Meeting, most in the Sanctuary, with a handful on Zoom. Leading off all reports from officers and committee chairs, Rev. Steve Silver summarized key points of his **pastoral message** in the Annual Report. He emphasized the need to make decisions regarding our Bylaws review and reiterated his desire to pursue a capital campaign, mentioning the upgrade of our audio-visual system as an obvious funding need. Moderator Barb Jones repeated these points for the benefit of viewers on Zoom, adding the importance of a functioning Pastor-Parish Relations Committee.

Council chair Jon Scott noted that it may seem as though Council spends time discussing issues without making substantial progress. He explained, however, that our congregation is neither dictatorship nor democracy, and reaching a consensus from the broadest portion of our membership takes time. Our Bylaws review, for example, presents the challenge of how to structure our governance and volunteer positions to suit a smaller, changing congregation, and there are several ways to accomplish that. Jon reminded everyone that Council meetings are open to anyone, inviting all to attend if they're interested or have questions. He added support for an upgraded sound system, including an option for broadcasting downstairs, in order to share what's happening in the Sanctuary with those in church school. Jon looks forward to enabling online giving by year's end, and he encouraged all to consider increasing their stewardship commitments, financially and otherwise.

Wendell Smith thanked Jon for his service as Council Chair and added an appeal for improvements to the front walkway and steps; similarly, Denise Moriearty noted the need for better lighting on the ramp side of the building. Jon acknowledged these as priorities for Council and the Board of Governors to address this year.

For the **Diaconate**, Linda Gerlach offered great thanks to Chris Chase, as he steps down after three years of service as a deacon. She expressed joy that Bob Ross and Rob Crockett would be joining as new deacons. Linda also apologized for omitting mention in her report of Dominic Watson's baptism and 10th birthday celebration in October.

Trustees chair Valerie Nevel reported that our financial review by Parkers Accounting found no irregularities or concerns in our accounts. Referring to 2023 endowment reports, Valerie noted that while our investments performed well and increased in value, we had to withdraw from principal for the first time in her memory. She expressed gratitude on behalf of the current congregation for generations of members whose bequests have generously provided this financial security for our church.

Bob Gerlach asked whether bequests and other deferred gifts are reserved for endowment, rather than made available for current use. As Valerie explained, we have a total of seven accounts that receive such funds, from which transfers are made for current use; we don't have a "traditional" endowment in some respects. Jon added that FCC needs to formulate an explicit policy for investment and endowment management, rather than

simply following prior practices. It's most important to respect the wishes of donors when those are clear, but beyond that we need a transparent, consistent policy for investing bequests and similar funds. Jon wants to foster clearer understanding among the congregation of our endowment's composition and investment.

Referring to the pending proposal to hire a new coordinator for **Christian Education**, Rev. Silver affirmed this as an important program that needs investment. Rachel Silver, who has been leading the children's group since the fall, voiced her own support and added that many are interested in strengthening this area. Asked to describe what the children typically do for their Sunday programs, Rachel explained that they gather in a circle to discuss timely themes (the arrival of Lent, for example) and carry on traditions begun by Nan Parsons, such as prayer and devotions around a small fountain. Older kids may do weekly lectionary readings or discuss a book; ideas generally come from the children themselves. Rachel identified possibilities for growth: resuming the Godly Play curriculum, reintegrating some sort of Zoom component, and ensuring more consistency of staff and volunteers. She's enjoyed working

Committee Meetings

The following regular meetings will happen remotely via Zoom:

Diaconate	3/11 and 4/8, 7:00
Council	3/12 and 4/9, 7:00
MSA	3/25 and 4/22, 7:00
Bylaws Review	3/26, 7:00

For information on other groups' plans to meet, contact the church office.

with the children regularly, and she's grateful for this opportunity. Several commended Rachel for her efforts in this transitional period; she added her own thanks to Ashley Oronte for her vital contributions.

Corrine Erskine stated a concern that relatively low attendance of children on Sunday mornings—which she estimated at about 34 on average—doesn't seem to justify the potential investment of \$15,000 in the new coordinator position. Several observed that we don't have any volunteers in the congregation currently who can offer both experience and schedule consistency to lead the children's program. Linda Gerlach asserted that regardless of how many children are currently involved, funding Christian Education is an investment in our future, since it can attract families to our congregation. New families look for solid children's programming in a prospective church, and if we can't offer it, they'll look elsewhere.

For **Memorial Gardens** Linda Jacobs noted that she, Ike, and Nicole and Brandon Mason had cleaned up and planted the gardens this year. Wendell Smith asked how we publicize and promote the memorial garden, and Pete Mason recalled that we used to include notices in the bulletin. Jon cited this as one of several areas we could promote more broadly in the congregation and community.

Valerie reported that **Mission and Social Action**, which meets on the fourth Monday each month, had invited several non-profits to speak in worship during 2023. This year we hope to resume regular shopping cart collections. The biggest project for the year would be a symposium for local

Have You Seen This Box?

It is mounted on the wall in the narthex, just inside the front door of the church, clearly labeled **DIACONATE**. If you've seen it, do you know its intended purpose?

Given the label, one might assume our deacons knew. *Wrong.* Asked at a recent meeting, not one of the current deacons did; neither did Rev. Silver. After several unsuccessful queries of longtime members, we finally had success—Pete Mason told us it was used for suggestions. Pete knew this because *he made the box.* Thank you, Pete!



The Diaconate has decided to resume using this box. If you have a suggestion about something our church does, or something you'd like it to do; or you have a question about our worship service or liturgical practices; or you just have a request for prayers or pastoral care, write a note, fold it, and put it in the box. Every Sunday a deacon will check the box and forward any notes to the relevant staff. You may remain anonymous if you wish, and appropriate discretion and confidence will be maintained. ***We're excited to see what the box will yield!***

Many thanks to Diaconate chair Linda Gerlach for contributing this item.

non-profits to consider challenges and solutions for homelessness and affordable housing.

Barb Jones noted that the **Pastor-Parish Relations Committee** is moving forward. All are invited to submit questions or comments to her or any other member of the committee.

Inquiring about **Stewardship**, Bob Gerlach asked what progress we'd made so far toward the 2024 goal of \$100,000; Jon Scott estimated that we'd reached about an eighth of that amount. Explaining that the 2023 total came from a mix of small gifts and a few large gifts, he hopes that we can draw more people in this year. Confident that we can meet the goal,

Jon also promoted the prospect of online giving later this year.

The congregation voted to accept all committee reports and moved on to the **Nominating Committee**. Barb Jones referred to the proposed roster in the Annual Report, adding that Wayne Braley had agreed to return to the Board of Governors. She asked for additional nominations from the floor; Rachel Silver confirmed that she'll join the Christian Education Committee. The congregation elected the full slate of 2024 nominations.

As an item of old business, Phil Hammond revisited the need to improve the **Sanctuary sound system**, framing this as not only generally useful but also compassionate to anyone with

HOLY WEEK AT FCC

Zoom links will be emailed prior to each service.

March 24—PALM SUNDAY

10 am: Liturgy of the Palms (*Sanctuary/Zoom*)

March 28—MAUNDY THURSDAY

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

March 29—GOOD FRIDAY

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

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

March 31—EASTER SUNDAY

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

10 am: Festival Worship Service (*Sanctuary/Zoom*)

hearing difficulty. He supports making portable microphones available for prayer requests and other comments from anywhere in the space. Amid a general discussion of sound needs, it was suggested that we also provide individual hearing-assist devices.

Jon reported that the **Bylaws review** subcommittee had recently resumed its work. He invited new and creative ideas from the entire congregation for this important review.

Treasurer Dawn Troutman then introduced the **2023-24 budget report**, thanking several who had helped contribute to it. Reviewing income and expenses for 2023, she clarified that while we exceeded our \$100,000 stewardship goal (and thus our overall income projection), that was largely because of one significant year-end gift. She also pointed out that we project a net shortfall of almost \$38,000 in the proposed 2024 budget, due to staff compensation, rising operational costs, and anticipated

capital expenses. Dawn stressed that we've been prudent about reducing spending where possible, and we're not obligated to spend the entire total budgeted—it's an inclusive estimate of what we *could* spend. (In 2023, we spent almost \$44,000 less than first projected.) Jon added that FCC's budget is more a planning tool than a rigid, inflexible fiscal commitment. There may be unforeseen expenses, which the Finance Committee and Council would vet in advance.

Acknowledging the budget imbalance, Valerie Nevel noted that we've never passed a budget with so large a deficit and cautioned that we cannot rely on an individual donor to cover that each year. She explained not only that we have to draw from endowment but also that doing so reduces the amount that generate income; it's not sustainable long-term. Citing years of experience with educational budgets, Phil recognized FCC's particular circumstances but asserted that such

a deficit would never be approved in most other contexts. Bob Gerlach asked whether the 2023 surplus rolls into 2024, which Valerie confirmed. Bob also wondered whether capital expenses might be postponed this year, as they were in 2023. Wendell recommended we be more explicit about the contingency of needing to cover annual deficits with endowment withdrawals. Acknowledging that FCC's financial circumstances and operations can be confusing, Jon stated a desire this year to clarify and demystify money matters, increasing transparency and awareness among the congregation. He further stated plainly that we never spend money we don't actually have in hand.

Despite concerns, the congregation voted to approve the 2024 budget, with three abstentions. Jon closed the discussion by pledging consistent, open communication regarding the Christian Ed position with Council and the congregation as a whole.

Brian Clancy led the congregation in singing the closing hymn, “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.” Thanking everyone for their time and effort to address church business, Rev. Silver offered the benediction.

Full minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting, along with copies of the 2023 Annual Report, available from the church office.

DIACONATE

Reporting to the deacons last month, Rev. Steve Silver cited preparations for Ash Wednesday worship at FCC, which will not be explicitly ecumenical as it has been in the past. He has discussed future ecumenical services with West Lebanon Congregational pastor Amanda Swoyer. Steve also shared news of the recent arrival of Mark Zimmerman as new pastor at Lebanon United Methodist.

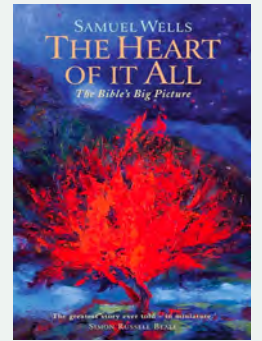
The group also discussed Deacon of the Month duties, including the recruitment of Zoom greeters. The Deacons also agreed to resume the responsibility to acquire and prepare bread for communion, and to review supplies in the Diaconate cabinet. Home communion could also be offered to church members who are unable to attend church.

The Deacons have begun to display a whiteboard in the Parish Hall to help recruit coffee-hour hosts. They discussed a second board to inform the congregation of the Diaconate’s current members and to convey any relevant announcements.

MARCH MOMENTS. The Mason boys learned about the Commandments, and mezzo-soprano Betsy Alexander sang *Panis Angelicus* for communion.

Lenten Book Study Continues

THE HEART OF IT ALL
The Bible’s Big Picture



Wednesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom
Through March 27

All are invited to join our discussion of *The Heart of It All: The Bible’s Big Picture*, a provocative, engaging book by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells. You may still join the group, even if you can’t attend every week.

Free copies of the book are available; if you’d like to participate or have questions, please contact the Rev. Steve Silver directly.

Stewardship 2024: Don’t Bury Your Treasure

For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance. —Matthew 25:29

The **parable of the talents** tells of three workers entrusted with their employer’s vast wealth in his absence. Two of them invest their shares, earning a high return. The third, worried about incurring a loss, buries his money instead. For that, the boss scolds and punishes him anyway. We’ve been given much by God and should use it wisely, to advance the Kingdom of God. So, don’t bury that treasure—use it for God!

No matter what you pledge, faithful stewardship is vital to FCC’s mission and ministry in 2024. Thanks for your support.

Offering envelopes for 2024 are available in the Parish Hall.



What's WIC? *Getting to Know One of FCC's Regular Guests*

In 2014 First Congregational Church started hosting bi-monthly clinics of the Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program—popularly known as WIC. Subject to income guidelines, families can obtain free health screenings, nutritional advice, breastfeeding support, and service referrals. (And despite WIC's name, fathers utilize its services, too!) An itinerant program with limited resources, WIC depends on sites across the state that offer enough space for its clinics at minimal cost.

Having overcome the pandemic shutdown, the state WIC program still struggles with staffing needs, but the Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program has resumed its two monthly WIC clinics at FCC.

Practicing responsible healthcare and nutrition can be challenging for any family, but without WIC's help it would be impossible for many parents with limited means, working multiple jobs. WIC offers them vital assistance, and they in turn are tremendously grateful. "Thanks to WIC," says a typical client, "my children's health is on track."

By offering this program the space it needs, our congregation extends the love and compassion that Christ asked us to share with each other.

For more information, call 800-942-4321 or, for Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program (which runs clinics in Grafton County), 603-225-2050. Alternatively, please visit www.dhhs.nh.gov. Brochures are also available in the Parish Hall.

The NH Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

In addition to operating WIC clinics in Grafton County, the Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program manages CSFP, a free healthy-food program for eligible seniors. This state-funded resource offers up to \$50 worth of food monthly to anyone aged 60 years or older who needs help stretching their food budget.

For more information about CSFP, including the required income guidelines, consult the brochures in the Parish Hall or call Belknap-Merrimack CAP (contact details at left).

Do Your Part to Fill the Cart!

In our effort to combat poverty and food insecurity, we've resumed collection of items in our shopping cart in the Parish Hall. This month's beneficiary is:

THE UPPER VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Many who struggle financially manage to take care of themselves but can't afford to provide for their beloved pets, whose companionship is vital in hard times. UVHS addresses this need with donations—see the current wish list at uvhs.org/give/.

Please consider a donation for our shopping cart. Alternatively, local service organizations appreciate direct financial support at any time. Thank you!

Hearts
You Hold



HEARTS YOU HOLD offers immigrants, migrants, and refugees new, self-chosen items they need or want. HYH and its local partners help recipients identify these items—from clothing to diapers, technology to appliances to bikes—and learn how to obtain them. Donors then fund the requests on HYH's website.

HYH believes immigrants and refugees should feel valued, respected, and appreciated—in part by asking them what they need and want.

Donations and more at heartstyouhold.org.

SOUPER BOWL 2024

323 CANS

MANY THANKS TO ALL who contributed so generously to this year's Souper Bowl drive! We may not have set a new record—call it a rebuilding year—but we still helped provide for our neighbors. As always, we split the total among HEADREST, the UV HAVEN, and LISTEN COMMUNITY SERVICES.

MUSIC AT THE MEETINGHOUSE



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Spring Concerts

All in the Sanctuary. Masks welcome but optional.

Northeast Heritage Music Camp Midwinter Gathering—Sunday, March 3, at 6:30 pm

UVMC hosts a full day of workshops and jam sessions, culminating in a concert of traditional music at FCC with Owen Marshall, Katie McNally, Jeremiah McLane, and Becky Tracy. *Adults \$15-25; more information about both daytime programs and concert at www.northeastheritagemusiccamp.com and uvmusic.org/events.*

The Anonymous Coffeehouse—Fridays, Mar. 8 and 22, April 5, 19, and 26, and May 10, all 7:30 pm

Our comfy community venue for live folk music is thriving in its fourth season! An informal “listening room” for emerging musicians, each show features several acoustic acts. Come and go as you please; baked goods and hot drinks available. *Free admission, donations welcome. For performers and more, visit anoncoffee.org/.*

Upper Valley Music Center Faculty Showcase—Saturday, March 9, at 4:00 pm

This popular annual program features the vocal and instrumental excellence of the faculty next door at UVMC, ranging from classical repertoire to traditional and folk genres and original compositions. *Free-will donation; all proceeds benefit UVMC tuition assistance fund. More at uvmusic.org/event/faculty-showcase-concert.*

Classicopia: Wind Power—Saturday, March 23, at 2:00 pm

In an uncommon but expressive combination of instruments, pianist Dan Weiser welcomes back oboist Margaret Herlehy and bassoonist Janet Polk for trios by W. A. Mozart, Franz Schubert, Astor Piazzolla, and more. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; more at classicopia.org/concert/wind-power/.*

Revels North Spring Singers—Saturday, April 13

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Classicopia: The Folk Cello—Sunday, April 21, at 2:00 pm

South African cellist Jacques-Pierre Malan joins Dan Weiser for an exploration of folk influences in music for cello and piano. The duo will play Edvard Grieg, Astor Piazzolla, and a suite based on Georgian folk tunes by Sulkhan Tsintsadze. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; more at classicopia.org/concert/the-folk-cello/.*

Bel Canto Chamber Singers: Your Soul is Song—Saturday, May 4, at 7:30 / Sunday, May 5, at 4:00

Harmony Night A Cappella Concert—Saturday, May 11, at 7:00 pm

Cameo Baroque Benefit Concert—Sunday, May 12, at 2:00 pm

UVMC Sing & Play Festival—Saturday, May 18 (various times/events throughout the day)

Classicopia: Fabulous Females—Sunday, May 19, at 2:00 pm

Brooks Hubbard: A Benefit for Good Neighbor Health Clinic—Sunday, May 19, at 7:00 pm

Cantabile Women’s Chorus: Early Voices—Saturday, June 1, at 4:00 pm

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Good Friday, and Easter Sunday

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