First Church Messenger

First Church was gathered in 1685 April 2022

Sabbatical 2022: Nashua Iowa to Nashua NH…Cont'd

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going." Hebrews 11:8

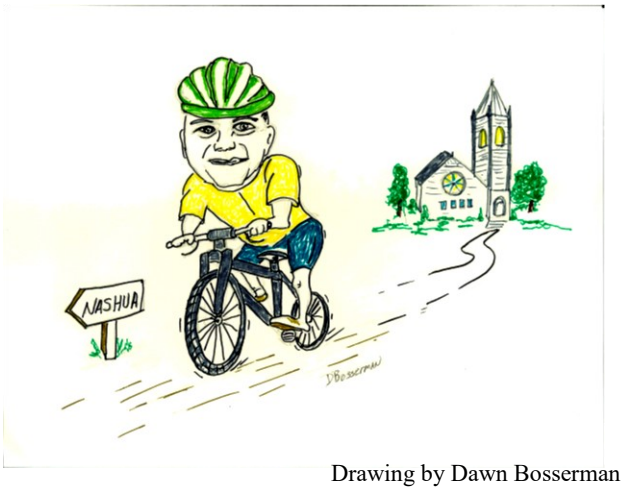
Let's be honest. Most of us like to have all the details in place before we embark on any journey. It's commonsense. Best to be prepared and plan for every contingency. That said, there's another approach which includes faith exemplified by Abraham and fulfilled in Christ. It's a belief that God will provide what we need when we need it.

One of my favorite movie scenes that demonstrates the walk of faith is in "Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade." Indiana is on the verge of his quest to find the Holy Grail when he must cross a deep crevasse. The problem is that there's no way to get there; even his whip is useless. Then he remembers Paul's words to the Romans: "The just will live by faith." (Romans 1:17) In a daring act of faith Indiana steps in the void and then miraculously a bridge appears to support him one step at a time.

I've experienced something like this on every one of my cycling adventures. It's happening now! Support that I never anticipated has come to me. Here's the most recent example: following worship service the other day, the parents of Grant and Rebecca Small approached me. They live just 20 minutes away from Nashua, IA! They offered their hospitality and other support to help my trip get off to the best start possible. Gestures like that and the lovely drawing shared with me by Dawn Bosserman have given my faith a big boost!

Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement. I'll be sure to keep you posted on further development on our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchNashua/) and my Go Fund Me page on https://www.gofundme.com/f/tower-to-tower-historical-ride.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Andy



Drawing by Dawn Bosserman

Soup and Bread Contemplative Supper April 5th at 7 PM

Rev. Andy is excited to welcome back The Soup and Bread Contemplative Supper. We will gather around at the table in candlelight in silence to enjoy a variety of soups and breads. During the meal you will listen to a selection of "Recovering the Joy of Service" by Hannah Whitehall Smith. We'll conclude with a discussion about this spiritual classic.

Please sign up to attend and indicate whether you will bring a soup (for 10) or bread to share.

Mission to La Romana, DR in 2023—Interested?

In this addition of the Messenger you will read a summary article of our mission experience in La Romana, DR (page 4). I'm so proud of our team members: Mike and Anna Fauteux, Adaezi and Kelechi Okorie, Judy Gentile and Kathy Meighan.

By God's grace and your support, we touched many lives and received profound blessings of our own. We will share our story with you in the coming months. In the meantime, if you have any interest participating in this mission next year, please inform Rev. Andy and ask any of our mission team members to learn more.

First Church of Nashua
United Church of Christ
1 Concord St., Nashua, NH 03064

Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 10:00 AM
10:00 AM: Livestreamed

Rev. Dr. Andrew W. Armstrong, Sr. Minister
Rev. Jami D. Boyle, Associate Minister
Rev. Nancy Haynes, Interim Assoc. Minister
Joseph R. Olefirowicz, CAGO, Minister of Music
LeeAnne Steenhoek, Director of Christian Formation
Dianne Smigliani, Business & Marketing Manager
Sue Englander, Secretary/Receptionist
Steve Buck, Sexton

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Rev. James S. Chaloner
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey C. Evans

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Telephone: 603-882-4861
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The Bulletin Board

All Boards meet on Monday, April 4.

Baptism - Any adult desiring to be baptized or to have their child baptized is asked to call the church office to schedule an appointment with one of the pastors.

Bible, Friends & Coffee meets on Mondays at 9:30 AM in the parlor.

Coffee with Rev. Nancy - Join Rev. Nancy at Riverwalk Café on Tuesdays form 2:00-3:00 PM for coffee and conversation.

Hospitalizations - If you or a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office.

Help Keep our Records Current. If you have a change of name, address, phone number or email address please let the church office know.

Membership - For information about becoming a member of our faith community, please call the church office. The next orientation will be on Sunday, May 15 at 11:30 AM.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry- Crafted by the loving hands and hearts of parishioners, this ministry strives to bring comfort and healing to those in need and to those celebrating. Upon completion of each shawl, a final blessing is said before being sent to the individual. Prayer shawls bless recipients by knowing they are wrapped in loving prayers of healing and celebration from their fellow parishioners. This vital ministry is looking for more knitters and crocheters. For more information, speak with Karen Bianchi, Kay Potfora, or Rev. Jami.

Wednesday Morning Men's Group meets at 8:00 AM in the parlor through April 13.

Women's Wisdom & Spirituality meets on Zoom at noon on April 10, May 1 and May 22. The group is studying *The Women's Lectionary - Preaching the Women of the Bible Throughout the Year* by Ashley M. Wilcox.
Contact Rev. Jami or the church office for the link.

Visit our website at
www.tfcucc.org to view all the activities and events going on at First Church. If you would like to receive notification that the newsletter has been posted, sign up at the bottom of the "newsletter" page. If you wish to go paperless, please notify Sue Englander.
Find us on Facebook at:
https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchNashua

April 2022

04/02 Bill Reed
04/04 Bruce Lund
04/06 Dick Easton
04/06 Millie Giles
04/07 Jeanne Chaloner
04/07 Ken Chapman
04/10 Peter Chaloner
04/14 Steve Haas
04/15 Arlene Richmond
04/15 Brad Whitney
04/15 Charles Wingate, Jr.
04/18 Joanne Graves
04/18 Judi Easton
04/29 Marie Greene

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 11
PLEASE SEND ITEMS TO SUE ENGLANDER. THANK YOU.

Music & Choirs
in Worship

April 2022

April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent
8:30 & 10:00
Chancel Choir
Kristjon Imperio, guest organist

April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday
8:30 & 10:00
First Folk
Staff Singer Quartet
Craig Neth & Deb Walz, trumpets
Guests from the NCMS, percussion

April 14, 2022
Maundy Thursday
7:30 PM
Decibells
Janet Poisson, soprano
Brianne Biastoff, alto
Timothy Ayres-Kerr, tenor
Ethan Bremner, tenor
Jason Iannuzzi, bass

April 17, 2022
Festival of Easter
9 & 11AM
Chancel Choir
First Brass

April 24, 2022
First Sunday after Easter
8:30 & 10:00
Brianne Biastoff, mezzo soprano

The Making of Ashes for Ash Wednesday

It was a good turn-out for our March 2nd Ash Wednesday service. LeeAnne Steenhoek and I led worship in the sanctuary, beneath the stunning Rose window. Craig Plummer offered a soulful interpretation of *Were You There* (when they crucified my Lord) and Joe O played somber melodies on both the piano and the Anderson organ. The atmosphere was introspective.

Ash Wednesday, in the Christian church, is the first day of Lent. Lent is a penitential season in the church, a solemn reminder of our mortality and of our need to be reconciled with God. Ash symbolizes our letting go, both of the impermanence of our lives and of the sin that keeps us from living a life full of God's grace. Fasting during Lent reinforces our vow to repent from thoughts and behaviors that are not helpful to us spiritually and that keep us from feeling close to God.

But do you know where the ashes come from? As you can see in the images above, the ash is made from burning the previous year's palms. Those are the palms from 2021 Palm Sunday. Rev. Nancy and Steve Buck assisted in the burning of the palms while LeeAnne snapped photos of the process. How befitting that Joe O gave us his blessing from the music room window!

As we enter into Holy Week, may you awaken more to receiving God's blessings, because God's blessings are always there waiting to be integrated into our lives.

God speed,

Grounds Clean-up: Saturday, April 30 8:30 – 11:30 AM

Looking for volunteers! Bring your tools and gloves and help clean up the grounds. This is a great way to get some exercise, socialize, and help with the clean-up. Coffee and donuts will be served!

Contact Doug Brenner or the church office with any questions.

YARDWORK Crew

NHCUCC Women's Fellowship

Spring Fling! April 23, 2022

This year the NH Conference, UCC NH Women's Fellowship will host a gathering at Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum in Warner, NH on Saturday April 23 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The cost is $12 and includes lunch. There will be worship, a tour of the Indian Museum and outdoor Medicine Woods and a brief business meeting. **Registration is due by April 10.** Contact Trudie Bergeron for more info at (603) 828-4200 or at TrudieGlenn@yahoo.com. It's sure to be a fun time.

Thank you! - Thank you! - Thank you! - Thank you!

The 2022 Medical Mission to La Romana team wants to thank all of our supporters for making this mission such an amazing success.

Thank you for supporting our team and our mission by purchasing sponsorships and providing donations of money, silent auction items, medicines, hygiene products, clothing, glasses and medical supplies. We were able to bring ***2500 pounds*** of supplies to the region, and we couldn't have done it without you!

Medical Clinics - We were the first major medical team to bring attention and aid to the people in the La Romana region since the pandemic began. The need was greater than ever, and the medical team treated over ***700 patients*** in five days. The food and clothing distributions were tremendously needed. Eye, dental and medical care had not been provided since our team had left in 2020. We were the last team out when the pandemic hit and the first medical team to return.

Our Batey Bible School cared for hundreds of children --playing games, making crafts, administering de-wormer medicines and **giving them hope** that the world sees them and that they are worthy.

The Construction team painted and finished rooms on the third floor of the hospital and also helped build a storage facility for medical supplies on the grounds of the hospital. Once the storage facility is completed, the fourth floor will become a surgical wing. In 2020 our team poured the concrete floor for this surgical wing but then it had to be repurposed for a COVID ward. Now the original plans are finally proceeding.

The Days for Girls program was better than ever. We purchased and distributed reusable, sustainable feminine hygiene kits that were created on the island by local women. Not only did we educate the young women of the bateyes (sugarcane villages) about feminine hygiene, reproduction and safe sexual practices, but local women can now make a living by creating and assembling the kits that we purchased and distributed. A truly sustainable effort now!

Our hardworking team of 25 people included members from First Church in Sterling, First Congregational Church in West Boylston, and First Church in Nashua as well as returning team members from all over Central MA and even one from Virginia!

YOUR amazing support helped make all of this possible – thank you!

Like us on Facebook -*"La Romana Mission Team"*

and look for details on our upcoming 2023 Medical Mission at

CentralMALaRomana.org

Support Ukraine

The United Church of Christ is appealing for support of the folks in the Ukraine. Gifts made to UCC Ukraine Relief Fund will provide shelter, food, and other care to war refugees and internally displaced people. It also will help refugees and asylum seekers from African, Middle Eastern and other countries who had sought refuge in Ukraine and now are twice displaced, as well as other citizens of more than 125 countries living in Ukraine.
All donations will be deposited into the International Disasters fund designated for "Ukraine Relief." Your generous financial support will be used by our partners in the areas of greatest need.

Donate at https://support.ucc.org/global-h-o-p-e/ukraine-emergency-appeal or mail a check made payable to the United Church of Christ PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "Ukraine Relief Fund" on your check in the memo section.

The 2022 First Church Scholarship

The scholarship application is available for any First Church Seniors who will be graduating in June and plan to continue their education beyond high school.

The 2022 First Church Continuing Education Grant application is available to any member of the church pursuing further training or education. Please contact Scholarships@tfcucc.org with any questions, or to request an application.

Scholarship Applications are ***due no later than April 15, 2022***. Late scholarship applications will not be accepted. First Church Scholarships are awarded on Children's Day.

News from In-Reach

The In-Reach sub-committee is taking a pause. This committee was formed more than a decade ago as a result of needs identified by our congregation. Times have changed as have the needs within our church. Our small sub-committee is going to take some time to rethink our goals and mission statement as it applies to our congregation today and going forward. We thank you for your support.
Any questions and/or comments please direct them to Sue Haas or the church office.

Christmas Fair Planning to Begin

It's that time again! A brand-new year and time to start thinking about the CHRISTMAS FAIR in November.
The fair will be November 4 from 4:00–7:00 PM; November 5 from 9:00 AM–2:00 PM and November 6 after both services.

The fair will have the normal things, such as the Auction, Bake Sale, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch and, of course, crafts!

We will be having a meeting on Wednesday, April 13 at 4:00 PM for all volunteers, new and old. We plan on brainstorming with you. Join us even if you think crafting is not for you!

- We would like to find someone to coordinate the dinner on Friday evening.
- We are in need of someone to run the bake sale, previous how-to's provided.
- We are in need of volunteers to craft on the third Wednesday of the month, starting on April 20.
- Volunteers will be needed for set-up and tear down before and after the fair.
- We are looking for ideas of what people would buy and what we should make.

Please use the directory to contact Sandy Gribbin or Jocelyn Henning or the church office if you would like to attend the meeting on April 13.

First Church Deacons…In this newsletter article we introduce you to **Deacon Ray Baldwin.** In his words...

My wife Carol and I became members of First Church 13 years ago. As part of our welcoming we were invited to participate in Christ's ministry when and where we felt moved to do so. I am currently serving my second six-year term on the Board of Deacons. Being a member of the board affords me the opportunity to support the ministerial team in our spiritual journey at communion, baptisms and at other times when needed. It is also a way to give back to our community of faith that has welcomed and supported us.

Women's Association Plans a Lunch Outing

All women of the church are invited to join the Women's Association at 110 Grill, 27 Trafalgar Square in Nashua for lunch on May 14 at 11:30 AM. Meet at the church if you would like to carpool, otherwise meet at the restaurant at 11:30.

Sign up at the welcome center starting April 17.

Contact Bea Dillaby or Carol Butler with any questions.

Join us!

Foundations of Christian Formation

What's New in Christian Formation

With LeeAnne Steenhoek

Eggs are a symbol of new life, springtime, rebirth, love, happiness, fertility, harvest and the circle of life. The egg is a symbol of the Resurrection of Christ and Eternal Life. When we come upon an egg in a nest or on the ground, we cannot tell if it is as cold as a stone or a protective barrier guarding young life as it grows from within. The young chick requires enough warmth from the parents and protection from the elements outside the egg's shell for growth and development to occur on the inside. Ultimately, the young chick must work its way out from within to have the needed strength and endurance to survive outside the shell. If an outside force like you or I try to pull the egg from the chick, the chick will perish and life will cease. The struggle is needed for the journey outside the shell to begin. When you see a broken shell look for New Life.

During Lent, Christians around the world decorate eggs to honor Lent and many people decorate eggs for fun and to celebrate Spring.

Christian Formation Volunteers and staff received Ukrainian pysanka eggs as a thank you for their dedicated service to the Christian nurture and education of God's children in the nursery, Sunday school, Bible studies and devotionals, Riverwalk and Women's Wisdom ministries. Thank you for leading, learning and sharing ways to learn and grow in faith and faithfulness. Please reach out to LeeAnne if you have yet to receive your egg.

Confirmands and their mentors assembled Resurrection Gardens to honor Lent and Christ's sacrifice for us on the cross. Easter morning we roll the stone away from the tomb and light our lights symbolizing Christ's resurrection.

Rev. Andy gave a children's sermon on Christ's love and protection for us. In the scripture reading from Luke 13: 31-35 Christ called Herod a fox and compared himself to a mother hen. Mother hen calls her children under her wings when the fox draws nigh and would perish rather than lose a single chick. What great love Christ holds for us. It is good to remember that in times of chaos and uncertainty Christ calls to us as a mother hen to offer protection and shelter. Christ, a mother hen, offers himself altruistically in sacrifice that we might experience protection, forgiveness and amazing grace.

We are Easter People! Christ said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Easter Activity Packets for Sunday School Children

In April, Easter Activity Packets are being mailed to all of the young children in the Sunday School. The packets include an Easter Bible Story and activity pages. Also included are links to the reading of the Bible Story by Stacey Plummer and to a singalong with Steve Blunt.

The Christian Formation Board hopes that this special mailing will support families' efforts at home to help their children understand the Seasons of the church and that God loves all of our church family, especially the children.

As with adult church members, it has been difficult for children to join us at church at times. This mailing also sends the message that Sunday School is open and looking forward to seeing all of our children again on Sunday mornings.
We hope that all families will encourage their children to open the packet they receive, learn about Easter and have some fun with the activities. They might even like to share these activities with a friend or family member.

Confirmation

Classes meet on the following dates:
Sunday, April 10, 11:30 AM:
Justice and Peace

Thursday, April 14, 7:30 PM:
Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae

Sunday, May 1, 11:30 AM:
The Holy Spirit, Forgiveness and Grace. Confirmation mission project reports shared.

Senior High Youth Group

The group began last week with pizza, corn hole and Jenga! We hope all highschoolers will join in the fun at the next gathering on ***April 3 at 11:30 AM in the Fireside Room.*** We will be "getting our Bob Ross on" by unleashing our creativity as we each make our own painting. No experience required, we can learn together!

Make a Difference (MAD)

MAD continues learning about tornado relief efforts and raising awareness and money for this need. They will be making cookies as a fundraiser on Palm Sunday. They will be sending care packages to our college students the last week of April.

Finals Week Care Packages for our college students – The M.A.D. team will assemble the packages on April 24. ***Candy donations are gratefully accepted***. Donation buckets are at the welcome center and the courtyard entrance. Please leave donations by April 24. Let our young people know we care!

Update your student's college address! Parents of College Students, please send your child's name and current address for the Finals Week Care Packages to LeeAnne at lsteenhoek@tfcucc.org, by April 18. We are generating a new list of labels.

July 18-22, 2022!

A highpoint in our summer for children and adults from 9:30-12:00. All children age 3-11 are invited to attend. Many adults and teens are needed in order to make this program a success. If you would like to be involved please reach out to LeeAnne Steenhoek in the Pat Harris Christian Formation office. You may volunteer for an hour, a day or all week. It's a great way to share Christian Fellowship and meet other families at First Church. Expect high energy, songs, learning and love to flow through our hearts. Sign- ups begin in April. Our workers enjoy time as much as our children. Joy! Joy! Joy!

EASTER FLOWERS

Help decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Lilies and chrysanthemums will be available to purchase for **$12.50** per plant. Make checks payable to: The First Church. Write "flowers" in the memo line.

Stop by the table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, April 3 or April 10, 2022 or leave this form and your payment in the collection plate. You may mail the form with your payment to the church office, by April 10. Forms are also available on the church website.

Name of Donor _____ Telephone _____

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Notes from the Chancel

Concert to Benefit Ukraine

No one could have anticipated the special significance it would be this season, to have a **Ukrainian concert artist,** headlining our next **First Music concert on April 10 at 3PM.** *See the poster on the next page.*

Knowing Liana comes to us from Ukranian heritage, and learning her parents, sister and nephew are still in the eastern part of the Ukraine led us to rally together to do something to help those in need overseas:

The April 10 concert at 3PM, will be a **keynote event** for the national **UCC UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL.** We will collect a free-will offering at this concert. If you would like to write a check for a donation, please make it out to UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST and designate UKRAINE RELIEF in the memo line of your check.

We thank you for your generosity, and hope to see many of you as award-winning Ukranian concert artist **Liana Paniyeva** and her Turkish colleague **Cihan Yücel** play a stunning program of "four hand" and solo piano literature by Arensky, Bizet, Dvorak, Mozart, Rachmaninoff, Saint-Saëns and Schubert (arranged by Liszt).

New Member of The Music At First Team

It is a pleasure to announce to the congregation, that **James E. Ferguson, III** will be joining the music ministry as the new part-time **Copyright Reporting Coordinator** for The First Church. With the advent of live stream, radio broadcast and YouTube presences making our worship ministry available outside of our walls, the legality of "reproducing" copyright-protected music from within our worship services *(and obtaining the necessary licensing)* are a "new normal" for the 21st century church. So a small part-time position was created to help fulfill this need to keep the church in compliance with all licensing and broadcast agreements.

For those who visit the church during the week, you might see James working on the opposite side of Sue Englander in the church office on certain afternoons, or choir members might see him referencing titles from our extensive music library. Welcome, James, to the **Music at First** team!

A Palm Sunday Surprise

We will be celebrating the arrival of Christ into Jerusalem this Palm Sunday, with a special project with **FIRST FOLK** which will certainly give a new flavor to this beloved annual commemoration. In addition to traditional hymns and music works for this worship celebration at the start of Holy Week, First Folk will be joined by our own **Craig Neth** joining **Deb Walz** on trumpets, and guests from the **Nashua Community Music School** on percussion for a *mucho caliente* anthem singing *Hosanna* to the Lord. Services are at 8:30 and 10:00 AM on Palm Sunday, April 10. Please join us!

Maundy Thursday to Feature Bells And Choral Music

Our Maundy Thursday Service this season, on **Thursday April 17 at 7:30 PM** will open with a very special Prelude on the PASSION CHORALE by our handbell choir DECIBELLS.

Within the service itself, the reflective service of Communion and Tenebrae will be supported through a complete offering of the choral masterpiece THE SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS by Heinrich Schütz. Our Staff Singer Quartet and choral guests will give us a special reading of this masterpiece, as a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ.

Janet Poisson (soprano)
Brianne Biastoff (alto)
Timothy Ayres-Kerr (tenor)
Ethan Bremner (tenor)
Jason Iannuzzi (bass)

will join Joseph accompanying the work at the organ for this reflective narrative work.

A "Normal" Easter

It is a pleasure to welcome the congregation to our 9 and 11 AM **Festival of Easter** Sunday worship services in 2022, in our "full music roster" for the first time since 2019. On **Sunday April 17**, our CHANCEL CHOIR will be joined by FIRST BRASS for our traditional Easter services, featuring choral music by Händel, Pote, Lotti and a premiere by our own Floice Lund. *(This premiere has been on the roster since 2020 and is finally able to be offered in worship!)*

Instrumental selections by Jenkins and Raney will round out the joyous Sunday morning, including favorite hymns of the season!

Music Committee Seeking Members

Have you ever thought of serving on the Music Committee at The First Church?

The committee meets monthly, generally on the first Mondays of the month at 7:00 PM and also supports ministry events such as the First Music Concert Series and select choir fellowship times during the year.

This is a great way to serve at The First Church and choir membership is not a prerequisite. Please contact at jolefirowicz@tfcucc.org or (603) 882-4861 X15 for more information!

There is a lot to do to support the scope of music in our church community and many hands make lighter work.

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piano duo

SUNDAY APR 10

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3:00 PM

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship

8:30am: In-Person Worship
10:00am: In-Person Worship, Livestream & Radio Broadcast
SUN APR 17: 9:00 & 11:00 am services for Easter

Choirs

SUN APR 3, 10: 9:15am-Chapel Chimers
SUN APR 3, 10: 11:20am – Joyful Noise
SUN APR 17: 10:30am – Joyful Noise
TUE APR 5, 19, 26: 6:00pm- First Folk
WED APR 6, 13, 27: 6:45pm- Chancel Choir
SAT APR 9: 10:00am - Chancel Choir
SAT APR 16: 11:00- Chancel Choir
THU APR 7, 21: 7:00pm - Decibells

Small Groups

MON APR 4, 11, 25: 9:30am- Bible, Friends & Coffee, Parlor
WED APR 6, 13: 8:00am – Wednesday Morning Men's Group, Parlor

Other Groups

SAT: 11:00am - Sisters in Sobriety, dining room
TUE: 4:00pm - Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter
TUE APR 5: 7:00pm- Contemplative Supper & Lenten Study, dining room

MONTHLY EVENTS

MON APR 4: 6:00pm- Safe Church
MON APR 4: 7:00pm- All Boards
WED APR 6: 12:00pm - Nashua Area Interfaith Council, Zoom
SUN APR 10: 11:30am - Confirmation Class, Fireside Room
SUN APR 10: 12:00pm – Women's Wisdom and Spirituality, Zoom
TUE APR 12: 2:00pm - Visitation Meeting
TUE APR 12: 7:00pm - Thank You Project, room 10
WED APR 20: 4:00pm – Craft Group, dining room
THU APR 21: 12:00pm - Chamber of Commerce, dining room
FRI APR 22: 4:00pm - Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter
SAT APR 23: 10:00am - DAR, room 10
TUE APR 26: 2:00pm - Huntington Service

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRI APR 1: 12:15pm – First Fridays @ First Church
SUN APR 3: 10:00am Service, New Members Join
SUN APR 3: Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Run/Walk
SUN APR 10: 3:00pm - First Music Concert
WED APR 13: 4:00pm – Christmas Fair Organizing Meeting, dining room
THU APR 14: 4:00-7:00pm - Labyrinth Walk, Fellowship Hall
THU APR 14: 7:30pm – Service of Tenebrae
THU APR 21: 7:00-8:30pm – Intro. to Alzheimer's, dining room
MON APR 25: 2:30-4:00pm Intro. to Alzheimer's, dining room
FRI APR 29: 7:00pm – Movie Night, dining room

Holy Week Schedule

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8:30 AM: In-person
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Guests from the NCMS, percussion

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(Prelude: 7:25)
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