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to God*

*Nurturing  
Community*

*Discovering  
how our Lives  
Make a  
Difference*

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## Notes from Pastor Geoff

*At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. - Genesis 8:6-12*

Dear Foreside Friends,

I have been thinking about Noah at the end of the flood a lot lately. As a child, I always appreciated the ingenuity of his little system and team of birds for tentatively feeling out the return of the earth. These days, I think I appreciate more the complexity of feelings that Noah and his passengers might have had: a shared trauma and memory of the world as it had been, the strange comfort of the tenuous security of the ark, and the anxious possibility of new life as the earth again rose to welcome them. Maybe we need some birds to send out to “test the waters” for us in these days of the pandemic!

At one level, we are in a season that instructs us in these testing times. We here in Maine are accustomed to April and May as a season where we always keep a suspicious eye on the horizon. It *is* mud season, but it is also “late snow” season, or “sudden frost” season. We keep

our gardens under the safety of leaves a little longer, and plant a little later than most... knowing that a sudden change can wound what we hope will grow. This tender way has felt familiar to Julia and I as we have returned to “life”, still marked by grief, still uncertain of ourselves, but also sustained by love and care from so many, and from all of you. As Pastor Kelli said last month, crocuses have to be built to endure a world not always ready to receive them.

It is also Easter season, where we tell stories of the tentative and stumbling first steps of the disciples encountering the risen Jesus and beginning to proclaim his resurrection to the world as the Church. As we gingerly walk with them towards Pentecost, we feel out a world that is changed: one that is filled with the hope of resurrection, but has not erased the memory and sorrow of the cross.

So it is also true that, in the midst of the hope and new life of increasing rates of vaccinations against COVID-19, our staff and leadership are beginning to plan for how we might be able to gather together in person more in the coming months. And—at the same time, in the challenge and the struggle of increasing numbers of cases, and in the younger family members who are not yet vaccinated—we are confronted by the reality that the time is not yet *fully* here.

Nonetheless, in May, we will begin by resuming Wednesday Evening Prayers (weather dependent) outside at 6pm. These gatherings will still follow good protocols for health and safety, including collecting information for contact tracing, seating households at physical distance, requiring masks, and offering online worship for those who are not able to be in person with us.

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This first step will allow Sunday worship to continue to be free of weather concerns and for our worship team to plan more fully how to create a meaningful “hybrid worship” experience. We want to plant ourselves and grow in the new world we are greeting on this far side of the pandemic: seeing one another in person where we can, and staying connected to the many who have been able to participate in worship more regularly *because* of online worship.

You can expect to receive another short survey (via mail or email) collecting feedback and information from you and your household in the coming weeks. Please be sure to look for this, and to complete the survey so our leadership can more fully understand what hopes or challenges they should be attentive to as they consider possibilities for worship and other programs and activities.

On May 17th, the Governing Board will meet to review the status of the pandemic, survey responses, and current policies and possible adaptations. At that time, I expect that we will share more information about how worship and other gatherings might hopefully expand in the summer months.

Like Noah, then, we will continue to “send out birds”... taking joy in each time their flight extends, each sign of growth that returns to us, and rejoicing that soon we may yet be able to renew the spiritual nest we are called to!

Blessings to you in this season of Easter!



**Worship Online**  
***Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.***

Join us through our [Facebook page](#) (more interactive),  
or through [our YouTube channel](#).

***Coffee hour on Sunday following Worship at 10:15 a.m.***

***And can be joined by accessing [this link](#)***

***Grab a cup and join your friends, family, and fellow members!***

***Starting Wednesday May 5, 2021***

***6:00 p.m. Outside Evening Worship (Weather permitting)***

***[Please register here.](#)***



## **NOTICE OF THE 2021 SPRING MEETING AT FORESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

You are hereby notified that an informational zoom meeting will be held on Sunday May 16, 2021 following the online church service. This is in lieu of coffee hour but will use the same zoom link (which is listed in the weekly updates).

At the meeting, the roster of new and current officers, and members of the various ministries and boards will be presented. These rosters will also be distributed via email or USPS prior to the meeting. In addition, annual reports from the different ministries will be presented for review and again be provided prior to the virtual meeting.

Approval by the membership for all officers must be submitted by May 24, either via an online link (to follow shortly) or by returning a ballot copy to the office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carrie Penrose, Clerk

***I wish to once again invite every Member and Friend*** to consider whether you are called to serve in one of our church's Ministries: Justice and Outreach, Fellowship, Stewardship, Worship, Christian Education, and the smaller ministry of Pastoral Callers. Service on these Ministries is open to all, Members and Friends alike. This has been a hard year for all of us. We have faced numerous challenges, from the physical isolation of COVID to times of loss and grief. Through it all, the fellowship of our church community has persevered. We have had to adapt, to change our habits and practices. But we remain hopeful for the future and committed to the love and community that helps sustain us in these strange times. Our service on the various groups of the church is one way that we stay connected and build relationships with one another. Once again I invite you into those relationships, as you are called.

Grace and peace to you,  
Nancy Olmstead, Moderator

**Justice & Outreach** Do you have an interest in expanding your service to others? You might have a connection to an organization that helps people in need of support or perhaps you are passionate about having a voice that seeks justice for others. The Ministry of Justice & Outreach welcomes notably new members but new ideas for local, national, and international causes. During the pandemic members have been communicating by email and Zoom but we hope that soon we can have occasional safe in-person meetings. Members are always invited to share their ideas and to participate in discussions about projects and expenditures. Have past Mission Moments inspired you? Would you like to propose a new Mission Moment or sponsor a Good Samaritan request? If you would like to be part of this service team please contact: Dorothy: [dorothyb@maine.rr.com](mailto:dorothyb@maine.rr.com); or Lisa: [lisa11321@aol.com](mailto:lisa11321@aol.com); or Lois: [loisjmyers@hotmail.com](mailto:loisjmyers@hotmail.com); or Jennifer: [jennifergood-speed@gmail.com](mailto:jennifergood-speed@gmail.com); or Anne: [aojacks@gmail.com](mailto:aojacks@gmail.com); or Resa: [resabird@gmail.com](mailto:resabird@gmail.com), or Catherine: [catherineh116@gmail.com](mailto:catherineh116@gmail.com). Thank you!

**The Stewardship Ministers** are worker bees who care for the church building, grounds, and accounts. From the bell tower to the basement, painting to parking, the sign out front to the cemetery out back, we are the ones to contact. We are responsible for the pledge drive - and then we invest and spend your money responsibly. If you like property management, or deciding who uses the facilities, or reviewing numbers in tidy columns, this is the ministry for you! Please reach out to Carol at [cwardmd2@gmail.com](mailto:cwardmd2@gmail.com) for further information.

**The Ministry of Christian Education's mission** is to create an inviting and educational environment for families as well as the wider congregation. We work within the church's vision of nurturing community, connecting with God and discovering how our lives make a difference. We welcome any and all who are interested to join us, and welcome all levels of contribution.

Our ministry partners with the staff of the church to support Sunday School, Youth Group and Confirmation. In addition, we look for ways to connect families and support parents; for example the pageant, intergenerational retreat, bowling outings, the Clapboard Island trip and an invasive species

walk. We have reached out to the wider community through Food Pantry collection and Halloween trips to Foreside Harbor Senior Living. One of our goals has been to expand Christian Education to include learning for all generations. In addition to working with Laura Rodas and Beth Penrose in their work with the church's youth, our ministry also partners with Fellowship and Pastor Geoff to find ways to create community and support the learning of all our members and friends. Please feel free to reach out to Wendy at [wendyrtracy@gmail.com](mailto:wendyrtracy@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Ministry of Christian Education.

**Ministry of Worship** is always open and welcoming to new members. Quite simply put, our ministry seeks to make the activity of weekly worship a positive, meaningful, and personal spiritual experience for all who join our weekly service. This includes greeting and welcoming each and every congregant, making sure they are familiar with the service and the church building, find a place to commune with others as well as the space to go within, and are aware of the order of service. We work directly with our pastor, to take part in the conduct of each church service. Ministers of Worship perform the Call to Worship, share the Prayer of Offertory Dedication, and read the scriptures each Sunday prior to the sermon. We also have the privilege of offering communion, assisting the pastor in this monthly sacrament, and so ministering to our fellow church members. The experience of worship is also enhanced with sanctuary design and decoration, depending on the season and liturgical calendar. This is a wonderful way to creatively invite and deepen our spiritual experience.

In this time of Covid and its pandemic restrictions, we have continued to work closely with the pastor to record our online services. Preparing the sanctuary, reaching out to parishioners personally, leading Calls to Worship, Offertory Prayers, and scripture readings on video, is how we promote and sustain our ministry in these unusual times. The gifts of serving FCC through enhancing worship are personally rewarding and collectively so important. Please reach out to co-chairs Robin Singer [bsinger@maine.rr.com](mailto:bsinger@maine.rr.com), or Cynthia Beggs [Cynthia.beggs54@gmail.com](mailto:Cynthia.beggs54@gmail.com) if you feel this opportunity of serving FCC speaks to you.

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**Fellowship is Fun** Happy Spring Everyone! With Spring comes the spring meeting and the time to consider sharing your talents with the greater community. To that end, we would love to **encourage you to join the Fellowship Ministry**. We consider ourselves the committee of Welcoming, Community, and Fun. We are the folks behind the Travelogues, the on-line scone lesson, the baby shower, Mardi Gras Mask Parade and Grief gatherings and upcoming Grief book group. We collaborated with CE for BINGO and the Eggs of Hope. We are currently working with a larger committee to improve the onboarding of new members. We welcome enthusiastic folks who are willing to throw out ideas and have some fun making these ideas come to life. With any luck in 2021 we will be able to meet in person and get back to organizing coffee hours and potlucks along with several other new activities. PLEASE consider joining our band of merry makers. Any questions, call Liz Ventre 207-653-4117, or contact any of our other committee members: Wendi Maynard (650-8292), Colleen Hutchinson (781-3874), Shirley Pyles (781-2321), Lynn-Thomas Harrison (232-3685), or Pete Ventre (653-4447).

The **Pastoral Callers** form a small group ministry that helps to keep our church community connected through phone calls, cards, and notes. It's a way to let folks know that we are thinking about them as a congregation---to touch base, hope they're well, celebrate special occasions, offer help from the church in times of need. This outreach has been especially important during this period when we haven't been able to gather in person with our church friends, but it is an on-going ministry that will continue during "normal" times. If you love to write cards or notes or prefer to chat with a fellow member or friend of FCC, this is the group for you. Please contact Deb Gray for more information (433-0427 / [deborah.gray48@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.gray48@gmail.com)).

**UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT FCC**

**May 22 has been scheduled for the annual church grounds clean-up** with a rain date of May 23. Stay tuned, more info to follow!

**Greetings from Fellowship!**

Spring is here (we think, it is Maine, of course) and that means summer is just around the corner. Below are a few apps for the great outdoors that are free or have a free version which the Ventre's can recommend:

- Audubon – which is site that helps you identify birds, provides a bird guide and allows you to track the birds you have seen.
- All Trails – A site of trails for hiking, biking, walking, paddling, fishing and just about anything else. It allows you to put in your location to find trails near you.
- Picture This – A plant identification ap
- Maine Island Trail Association – A site that tells you which islands allow you to go ashore for walking, picnicking and camping
- NOAA – from the National Weather Service which will provide warnings of severe weather.

- WAZE – GREAT free car navigation app.
- Navionics – Bike and Hike navigation Ap which allows you to map your trail.
- Sky Guide – This ap is for constellations and night sky.
- Campendium – A site for RV and Tent sites.

I hope this list inspires you to have an outdoor adventure.

**May Birthdays!  
Let us celebrate:**

<i>Cathy Sanders</i>	15
<i>Alan Saabye</i>	28
<i>Henry Demetriou</i>	30



## UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT FCC (cont.)

### FCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Social Hour

**On Friday May 21** Fellowship will host a second **FCC Social Hour** for all ages **starting at 6:30 p.m. and going for one hour on Zoom**. As with the first Social Hour, this is a BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage) event. Depending on the numbers, we will set up various breakout rooms (kids can have their own) and we will switch the rooms up every 20 minutes so we get a chance to visit with different people whom we may not have had a chance to see over the last year.

If you are worried about topics to talk about, the will be a possible conversation starter question which each group can choose to use or not to use. So join us for an informal chance to start the weekend with the fellowship of members and friends of FCC. **Watch for the Zoom link coming soon!**

### Hallelujah Anyway

**Starting on May 11 at 9:15 a.m.** the **Tuesday Morning Book Group** will begin discussing ***Hallelujah Anyway*** *Rediscovering Mercy* by Anne Lamott. The inside of the jacket says the following about this book:

*“As we struggle to navigate an increasingly complex world and understand our place in it, mercy points the way forward, ... In this insightful, encouraging book, Lamott explains that it is mercy – the promise to offer and receive relief and forgiveness – that lies at the heart of all great faith traditions and our own spiritual identity. As it has for millennia, mercy gives us the chance to, in Lamott’s words, “soften ever so slightly” to understand one another more deeply. By embracing mercy, we give our families, our communities, and even ourselves the opportunity to see the world in gentler and more engaging ways. Mercy is the medicine, the light that shines in dark places.*

*With the sensitivity, wisdom, and humor that have won her millions of readers, Anne Lamott explains the importance of mercy in our lives, the extraordinary power it can have if we welcome it, and the unexpected value of sharing it with others and with ourselves. As forthright as it is honest, as surprising as it is joyful, Hallelujah Anyway reveals both universal truths and a path home.”*

We plan to discuss the first two chapters on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please read and join us for a discussion of what we have read and how we can, or perhaps, cannot relate to what is written in these chapters. All are welcome. [FMI Liz Ventre](mailto:FMI.Liz.Ventre).

### **Another Sweet, Successful Sale!**

*Thank you all! With your participation, we sold so many Girl Scout cookies! We split the orders between our two Girl Scout troops. All the money we made will go to projects and activities for our troops that will help better our local community. We’d like to extend a special thank you to Christina, who managed all of the cookie deliveries and payments at church. Without her, there is no way we would have been able handle all the orders in this crazy time so the biggest thank you to her!*

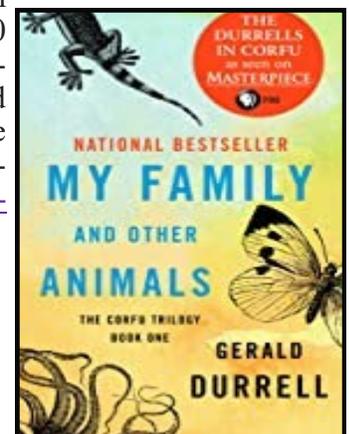


**-Adey and Caroline-**

**The Foreside Book Club** is ending for this season by meeting by Zoom **on May 19 at 4:00 p.m.** to talk about ***My Family and Other Animals*** by Gerald Durrell.

This novel, published in 1956, is an autobiographical work by British naturalist Gerald Durrell. It tells in an exaggerated and sometimes fictionalized account of the years that he lived as a child with his siblings and widowed mother on the Greek island of Corfu between 1935 and 1939. It describes the life of the Durrell family in a humorous manner, and explores the fauna and people of the island. This should be easy to get and a light read after plowing through *Jane Eyre*.

We will not meet in June, July, or August but will reconvene in September (maybe in person?). I will send out a list next month of the books we choose to read in the fall so you can get a head start over the summer. Feel free to join us by Zoom on Wednesday May 19 at 4:00 p.m. to wrap up another rewarding season of reading and friendly discussions. All are welcome for any discussion. FMI: [mimi-hinkel@gmail.com](mailto:mimi-hinkel@gmail.com).



## UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS AT FCC (cont.)

### Sunday, After Service Coffee

Hosted by Carrie Penrose  
@ 10:15 a.m. each Sunday

Please join everyone  
by [accessing this link](#)

Meeting ID: 815 4906 2078 ~ Passcode: 897054

### The Women's Breakfast

Gathers via Zoom on **Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.**

Please drop in and [Join](#) us!

(Meeting ID: 811 3379 8782 Passcode: 813778)



### The Men's Breakfast

Meets every other Saturday. **The next gathering is scheduled for May 1 at 8:30 a.m.**

Join the gents here ([Zoom](#))

### The Prayer Shawl Knitters

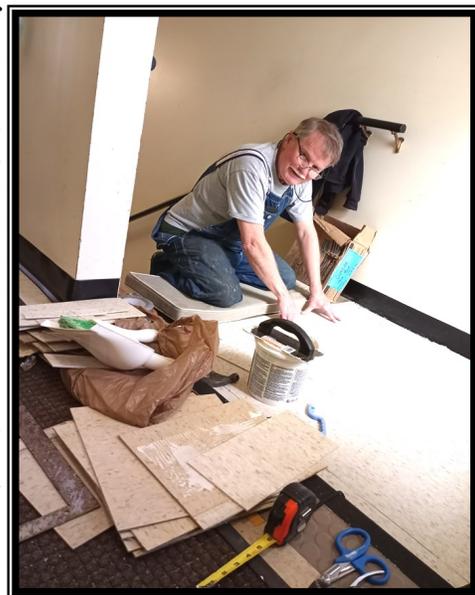
**Meet every Tuesday, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

via Zoom [through this link](#).

Please feel free to contact Carrie if you have any questions at 415-5513 or [carriepenrose@gmail.com](mailto:carriepenrose@gmail.com). This gathering is for knitters of all levels, including beginners!

(Meeting ID: 957 287 7496 and Passcode: 985716)

**The Spirit of Stewardship** was on display in April when Mark Munson donated both his time, talents, and tools to retile the two landings outside the interior door of the church office. This is not the first time that Mark has supported the church by performing much needed maintenance. The month



prior he replaced the broken paper dispenser in the ADA bathroom as well as wall mounted the new kitchen-rated fire extinguisher. An active church member since joining in November of 2019, Mark will be staying on another year with the Stewardship Ministry and will again be part of the **annual grounds cleaning on May 22 (rain date May 23)** so come on down, grab a rake and meet one “good man at the wheel!”

Thank You!

For all your kind remembrances on the passing of my dear brother Wieland. Prior to his death, I spent lots of time traveling to Germany and we were able to talk often on the telephone. Your words and cards were of great comfort during this tremendous personal loss.

I wish to also send another “thank you” for your support as I begin my 23rd year effort to fundraise for Habitat for Humanity (details of which can be found on page 10).

*Thank you all very much.*

*Claudia Kinnear*

**June Steeplenotes**

**Deadline Is Friday,**

**May 14, 2021**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Habitat for Humanity announces that due to the pandemic, the Annual Community Springtime Walk to benefit Habitat for Humanity (also/previously known as the Good Friday Walk) will again be held virtually during the month of May 2021.

This year Habitat will also be holding a Photo Scavenger Hunt with items that can be found on your hike or walk. Photos can be uploaded to the same Habitat Website that you enroll in to accept donations! All completed Scavenger Hunts will be entered into a raffle to win local area gift cards! Simply sign up on the website, collect at least \$50 in donations and upload your photos. All winners will be contacted via phone or email.

Walkers are encouraged to pick up their own Walk Bag which will be available shortly here at The Foreside Community Church. Availability to be announced. These bags will contain small snacks and information on the walk including sample walks and hikes.

You will get your own HABITAT WALK STAR badge to proudly wear on your way. It's even one of the Scavenger hunt photos! We hope that you will join us this year as we walk in pursuit of housing equity for all! To register and/or see designated walking routes [click here for Habitat's website](#). Or for more information please contact Resa Jones [resabird@gmail.com](mailto:resabird@gmail.com) or 329-3399.



VIRTUAL SPRINGTIME WALK

May 2021



Join us for our annual SpringTime Walk this May! Walk any of the suggested routes in Cumberland, Yarmouth, N. Yarmouth, and Falmouth, or explore and decide your own individual path. Complete your walk by the end of May and help fundraise for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland.

Join in the photo scavenger hunt by uploading your photos to win a prize!

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Portland is currently working on a three-home project in Freeport. Come put your faith into action by walking and help local families realize the dream of simple, decent, and affordable housing.

To sign up as a fundraiser:  
[charity.gofundme.com/springtimewalk2021](https://charity.gofundme.com/springtimewalk2021)  
 OR get a sponsor sheet from a participating church.

Little Children of the World, Inc.  
 P O Box 37  
 Barnesville GA 30204  
 770-358-2771

Contribution Receipt

DATE	RECEIPT #
3/29/2021	54751

CONTRIBUTOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Foreside Community Church 34C Foreside Road Falmouth Maine 04105	Soup Kitchen # 1 food	1,200.00

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Thank you so much!  
 God Bless! ♥♥♥

2 Corinthians 9:7  
 "God loves a cheerful giver."

Dear Friends In Christ,  
 We pray you are all safe and healthy through this pandemic year. We are very grateful for your faithful support of the soup kitchen. These kids were so blessed for food each day. They even gave take out meals during the long months of covid. This was a life line for many children. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for caring and sharing. May God bless each of you for all your kindness. You are the hand and feet of Jesus. May God care for you and keep you in good health and bless your church as you serve Him. We hope and pray one day to be able to come again to thank you in person for all you do. Many thanks and blessings.

Glenna Waller, President  
 Little Children of the World, Inc.

A Heartfelt "Thank You" from Little Children of the World

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Glenna Waller, President, Little Children

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)**

## The Art & Science of Dying Death as a Part of Life

This year **Thresholds, in association with Hospice of Southern Maine**, is holding a virtual conference on **May 20 from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.** FCC members Dr. Mark Wrona and Deb Gray both speak highly of this conference which covers topics around end of life. In particular, they say that the scheduled speaker (Dr. BJ Miler) is outstanding.

An exert from the website:

“Death comes in its own time, in its own way and is as unique as the individual experiencing it. Join us at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VIRTUAL Thresholds Conference for a series of presentations about end of life, dying, and death. By acknowledging death’s imminence, we open the door for better understanding and honest conversations about the end of life. “Don’t miss this rare opportunity to hear Dr. BJ Miller - acclaimed speaker and hospice and palliative care specialist - and Barbara Karnes - internationally renowned end-of-life educator, and author of the little blue book *Gone From My Sight*, speak and answer questions about end-of-life care.”

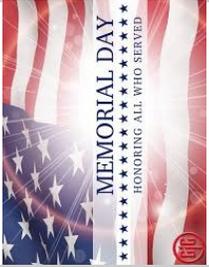
Cost is \$35 and link for registration is here:

<https://www.hospiceofsouthernmaine.org/thresholds>



# May 2021

Be sure to check the calendar at [Foreside Community Church's website](http://ForesideCommunityChurch.org)  
[www.foresidechurch.org](http://www.foresidechurch.org) for any updates or changes.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 a.m. Online Worship w/ Pastor Geoff Coffee hr. to follow (see pg. 5 for link)	3	4 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Book Group (see pg. 7 for details) 1-3:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters (see pg. 8 for details) 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	5 9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast (see pg. 8 for details) <i>Pastor Geoff in church office</i> 6:00 p.m. Outside Worship	6 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. church office closed to traffic please call if help needed 6 to 8 p.m. Bell Rehearsal	7	8 8:30 am. Men's Breakfast (see pg. 8 for details)
9 9:30 a.m. Online Worship w/ Pastor Kelli Coffee hr. to follow 4:00 p.m. Youth Group TBD	10 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Ministry Monthly Mtg.	11 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Book Group 1-3:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters	12 9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast <i>Pastor Geoff in church office</i> 6:00 p.m. Outside Worship	13 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. church office closed to traffic 6 to 8 p.m. Bell Rehearsal	14 <i>June Steeplenotes article submittal deadline</i>	15 8:30 am. Men's Breakfast
16 9:30 a.m. Online Worship w/ Pastor Geoff Spring Informational Meet- ing immediately following	17 7:00 p.m. Governing Board Monthly Meeting	18 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Book Group 1-3:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters 4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting	19 9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast <i>Pastor Geoff in church office</i> 4:00 p.m. Foreside Book Club (see pg. 7 for details) 6:00 p.m. Outside Worship	20 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. church office closed to traffic <b>Threshold Conference</b> (see pg. 10 for details) 6 to 8 p.m. Bell Rehearsal	21 <b>6:30 p.m. Social Hour</b> (see pg. 7 for details)	
23 9:30 a.m. Online Worship w/ Pastor Geoff <b>Rain Date for Clean Up Day</b> 4:00 p.m. Youth Group TBD	24	25 9:15 a.m. Tuesday Book Group 1-3:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters	26 9:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast <i>Pastor Geoff in office today</i> 6:00 p.m. Outside Worship	27 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. church office closed to traffic 6 to 8 p.m. Bell Rehearsal	28 <i>Christina PTO The office will be closed today.</i>	29
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## Daily Lectionary Readings for May 2021

**Sat., May. 1**

Psalm 22:25-31  
Amos 9:7-15  
Mark 4:30-32

**Sun., May. 2**

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

**Mon., May. 3**

Psalm 80  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Galatians 5:16-26

**Tues., May. 4**

Psalm 80  
Isaiah 32:9-20  
James 3:17-18

**Wed., May. 5**

Psalm 80  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
John 14:18-31

**Thurs., May. 6**

Psalm 98  
Isaiah 49:5-6  
Acts 10:1-34

**Fri., May. 7**

Psalm 98  
Isaiah 42:5-9  
Acts 10:34-43

**Sat., May. 8**

Psalm 98  
Deuteronomy 32:44-47  
Mark 10:42-45

**Sun., May. 9**

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

**Mon., May. 10**

Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 7:1-11  
1 Timothy 6:11-12

**Tues., May. 11**

Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 11:1-17  
1 Timothy 6:13-16

**Wed., May. 12**

Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 11:18-21  
Mark 16:19-20

**Thurs. May. 13**

*Ascension of the Lord*  
Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 or  
Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

**Fri., May. 14**

Psalm 47  
Exodus 24:15-18  
Revelation 1:9-18

**Sat., May. 15**

Psalm 47  
Deuteronomy 34:1-7  
John 16:4-11

**Sun., May. 16**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

**Mon., May. 17**

Psalm 115  
Exodus 28:29-38  
Philippians 1:3-11

**Tues., May. 18**

Psalm 115  
Numbers 8:5-22  
Titus 1:1-9

**Wed., May. 19**

Psalm 115  
Ezra 9:5-15  
John 16:16-24

**Thurs., May. 20**

Psalm 33:12-22  
Genesis 2:4b-7  
1 Corinthians 15:42b-49

**Fri., May. 21**

Psalm 33:12-22  
Job 37:1-13  
1 Corinthians 15:50-57

**Sat., May. 22**

Psalm 33:12-22  
Exodus 15:6-11  
John 7:37-39

**Sun., May. 23**

*Pentecost*  
Acts 2:1-21 or  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27 or  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**Mon., May. 24**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Joel 2:18-29  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**Tues., May. 25**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Genesis 11:1-9  
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

**Wed., May. 26**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
John 20:19-23

**Thurs., May. 27**

Psalm 29  
Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20  
Romans 8:1-8

**Fri., May. 28**

Psalm 29  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 8:9-11

**Sat., May. 29**

Psalm 29  
Isaiah 5:15-24  
John 15:18-20, 26-27

**Sun., May. 30**

*Trinity Sunday*  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

**Mon., May. 31**

Psalm 99  
1 Samuel 2:11-17  
Romans 9:19-29



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