

The Foreside Community Church United Church of Christ

March 2024

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“Hurry back Pastor Geoff. We will all be waiting for you!”

(See pages 2 and 3 for why the “good bye!”)

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Pastoral Notes

Dear Foreside Friends,

I am loving the holy pace of Lent as we prepare and make our way towards Holy Week and Easter rejoicing. It is a gift to worship, to serve, and to live among you as we follow Jesus to Jerusalem, to the cross, but then... beyond any tomb into newness of life.

As we shared at our annual meeting, the Governing Board and I have been preparing for my upcoming sabbatical this spring. In the United Church of Christ, it is recommended that congregations offer their pastors a three-month sabbatical every five years of service for learning, renewal, and rest. This practice strengthens and supports the partnership between a settled pastor and the church, bringing new energy, creativity, and ideas for what we pray is a lasting and fruitful ministry together. I hope you know that I receive this gift of time—both for me, and for my family—as a gift. One for which I am deeply thankful.

Some have asked what I will be doing during my time away. Though I have had other sabbaticals devoted to travel and study, this time will be focused closer to home. We expect this to be a precious time for Julia and me, with Grace and with our extended family: Grace in a time of wonder and new experiences, and our parents in some of the tender challenges and changes of age. *While I am away, I will pray for you... and for all the gifts of generations before and after you.*

Sabbatical also offers me a chance for personal reading and study farther afield than those books which are part of my usual practice of Bible study and preaching... but might be with some reflection! It is a gift to be able to look and discover new images, new words, new ideas for how God is at work in the world, and how we are called by the Spirit to follow in Christ's Way. *While I am away, I will pray for you... and for new discoveries of beauty, language, and arts that might give you glimpses of the divine.*

I will also admit that the last five years of ministry amid challenge and change for our congregation—and for the

world—have been deeply rewarding, exhilarating in the pace of adaptation, and... a little tiring! I'm thankful for the reminder, and the opportunity, to experience the holiness of rest. As much as I love to preach of sabbath, of how we are created to be loved as a body at rest... sometimes I can fall out of practice! Jesus spent a lot of time trying to encourage his disciples to "come away and rest." It didn't always work out how they planned, but it was core to the ministry he taught. *While I am away, I will pray for you... and for you also to know you are beloved at rest.*

After Easter Sunday I will take my leave for these three months. I will be unavailable for pastoral services between April 1st and June 30th. During this time, as always, leadership of the congregation rests in the care of the Governing Board and its officers. See the following page for wonderful plans and planning that our leaders have prepared for this time. Ministry teams will continue to operate as usual, and you can look forward to all the gifts of spring in our community and congregation.

After the sabbatical time, I expect that I will take my customary vacation in the first half of July, returning to full ministry among you on Monday, July 22nd. You can look forward to another wonderful season of *Prayers on the Patio* thanks to the Ministers of Worship and other lay leaders, and rest in the good pastoral care of our own Rev. Joan Murray in July.

For my part, I will miss you while I am away, but I will also rejoice in you—in all the strength, love, and resurrection joy of this community—and I will look forward to reuniting in the summer!

Blessings,



Dear Friends,

First of all, I want to say how happy I am to know that we are giving our beloved Pastor this extended and restorative “Sabbath”. It is part of the call agreement we entered into with Geoff five years ago.

When we consider all that has occurred over the past five years, the need for rest is clear. Geoff, who had just begun ministering here, was tasked with trailblazing a path for us through the unknown terrain of a global pandemic, where all of our normal ways of sharing church life and worship, were suddenly off limits. Geoff called on faith, ingenuity, and his tech skills and background. Together with Trevor and David, hybrid services were created, but not without speedbumps, detours, and potholes to maneuver! Geoff modeled the perseverance and problem solving we would all require for the next couple of years.

These were years when Foreside Community experienced huge personal losses, through the heart-breaking deaths of several of our dearest friends. When we most needed to gather together, we could not. Geoff again found ways for us to virtually meet and grieve. In the midst of this, he and Julia suffered unimaginable loss. How difficult was it for us not to be able to hold them in a true embrace at that moment. Somehow, battered as he was, Geoff returned to us and his heart’s commitment to be minister.

And finally, the sun rose again and baby Grace arrived. She may as well have been named “Manna from Heaven” as we all desperately hungered for something to celebrate. This joy fed our souls – and continues to do so. Yet joy in this case brings an even greater need for rest, as all of us parents can testify!

Thank you to every member for honoring our commitment to provide this time of sabbatical for our cherished minister.

While Geoff is away, the Governing Board has selected a ministry *team* to serve with us. I am excited that we have invited **The Rev. Cheryl Anderson and Sarah Whitfield** to be Sabbatical Pastors together, from April through June. They both bring wonderful and diverse gifts, and a deep love and commitment to church with them. They also bring a spirit of collaboration and learning; having met one another as they both guest preached at a local congregation, they sought out this team approach for their time with us.

Cheryl, as you will see, brings many years of faithful ministry experience with her, as well as new directions she is exploring and teaching in mindfulness and meditation. Sarah brings gifts of music, of leadership in education and in community life, and her perspective as she is preparing for ministry in the church. Cheryl and Sarah will together serve as a half-time ministry team, sometimes alternating duties, sometimes sharing them. You can be a gift to their ministry by helping them to get to know you, to know of any prayer or pastoral concerns that may arise, *and* by shar-



ing in some of the ministry of our church with them.

The Reverend Cheryl Anderson is a retired, second career UCC pastor. She served the First Congregational Church of Washington, Connecticut for 22 years. She and her husband, Scott Tilden, relocated full time to their condo in Portland in March of 2019. She is a member of State Street Church in Portland, but

most Sundays, can be found supplying the pulpit for other churches around Maine. Cheryl is a certified teacher of Mindfulness Meditation and offers classes through the Osher Life-Long Learning Institute at USM, and through State Street Church. Over the course of her varied career, she has taught elementary school music, directed a church choir, called contra dances, and was the Director of Interpretation and Education at Hancock Shaker Village in Massachusetts for 18 years. Cheryl is a spinner, weaver, knitter, and open-hearth cook, loves to sail and sing and play guitar.

Sarah Whitfield is a native of Wiscasset and is currently a student at the Maine School of Ministry having recently finished her first of three certificates. She regularly serves as a substitute lay preacher at several small churches in Maine. In her full-time job, she serves as the director of annual giving for the University of Southern Maine Foundation and is also the chair of the board of selectmen in Wiscasset. She's a graduate of Colby College, American University, and received her Ph.D. from the University of Southern Maine. Additionally, she plays the flute, is a big live music fan, and loves traveling the world.

Let us all give them a warm welcome to our community life, which begins on their first Sunday, April 7th! Please mark your calendars. It is the first Sunday after

Easter and Communion Sunday, and it will be our first chance to thank Cheryl and Sarah for their presence, their ministry, and the gifts they bring.



Peace to us all,
Cynthia Beggs



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Holy Week 2024

Maundy Thursday March 28: 7pm

Communion & Tenebrae

Good Friday March 29: 6am to 6pm

Vigil and Labyrinth Walk

Easter Sunrise March 31: 6am

Portland Yacht Club

Easter Services 8:30 & 10:30am

with Easter Egg Hunt between!



The Rev. Joan Murray has arranged for a **labyrinth walk to be available downstairs in Fellowship Hall throughout the day on Good Friday, March 29.** Using a labyrinth involves moving one's body and opening one's heart to Jesus. All you have to do is follow the path and you will find the center. Unlike a maze the labyrinth has no tricks. **However, to assist newcomers, a one page instructional will be available in the narthex and the hall.**

If you would like to place a plant or floral arrangement (please consider plants such as tulips or other greens that do not have "strong" floral scents) in our sanctuary in memory and/or celebration of those special to you, you may bring your donation ***and place on the stage downstairs*** between **9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday of Holy Week (3/25 through 3/30).** Please plan to retrieve your arrangement after the 10:30 a.m. Easter service, or by the following week. If you would like to have a dedication published in the Easter Sunday bulletins ***please fill out the form attached to this link*** or pick up a copy in the narthex and return to the office **no later than Monday, March 25.**



Worship in the sanctuary...

...and attendance on Sundays is open to all with the following protocols in place:

- Mask wearing is voluntary (a supply can be located in the narthex).
- We ask households to give each other good social distance.
- Windows will be opened enough to increase ventilation.
- Worship continues to also be live-streamed for attending convenience by going to:

[https://www.youtube.com/
ForesideCommunityChurch](https://www.youtube.com/ForesideCommunityChurch)

Bulletins for each service, including words to that day's hymns are also posted at the above website address.

On the road and missing a sermon? Want to go back and revisit any one sermon? Want to share a sermon with a friend or family member? Pastor Geoff's sermons in both written and audio form from May 2019 to the present (minus "Prayers on the Patio" can be viewed and/or heard on FCC's website at:

[http://www.foresidechurch.org/
index.php/category/sermons/](http://www.foresidechurch.org/index.php/category/sermons/)



***Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayers
have begin
and will carry through the Lenten season***

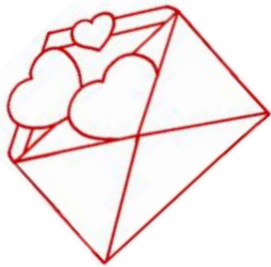
Supporting the Ministry of FCC

As we work to continue to offer ministry inside and out of our congregation in a time of so much instability, we would invite you consider how you can continue to support our work in the world. Please know that if you would like to mail a gift or regular pledge payment to the church office, the office will be open to receive that gift.

If you would like to make a one time gift online, or if you would like create an account for a monthly recurring gift, you may do so through PayPal by going to our [giving page](#) and clicking the "Donate" button.

Thank you for the ways you share from your lives and empower the ministry of the church, offering connection, nurturing, and support here and in the wider world!

UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS



UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

A delightful group of card makers of all ages gathered in Fellowship Hall (see pictures on proceeding page) on February 5th to create Valentine's cards to send to FCC members and friends. CE and Fellowship teamed up to sponsor this event, aimed at spreading warmth and love to our community this February. There were over 30 people involved one way or another. That is awesome!

I would like to thank all of you who made the close to 50 cards we are able to send out. There will be lots of smiles from those who received them. The cards were varied – some funny, some cute, some fancy, but all artistic and heart felt. Thank you! Thank you!

I would also like to thank all the helping hands and rather than list people(you know who you are), I will list tasks done to make this possible: Setting up and taking down tables and chairs, organizing and setting up all the supplies (it was a beautiful stash), providing supplies either from your personal stash or via a trip to a store. (The selection was amazing and that is what made it so fun!) Thank you to all who brought goodies and a bigger thank you to all who ate them. I would have hated to carry them home. (Not good for the waistline.) Thank you to the card folders, stuffers, addressers, signers, sealers, and stampers. Thank you to those who came to just be with us. We all love the support and conversation. Thank you to the clean-up crew. We are putting the extra supplies away to do this again next year. A special thank you to the kitchen elves who cleaned up from coffee hour. I had planned on doing that myself at the end. You went above and beyond; and I am very grateful.

This activity exceeded our hopes in many ways. It just confirms was a wonderful and creative community we have. We sure do have fun together!

Gratefully, Liz

The big news from the Stewardship Ministry is that we anticipate installation of the rocks in the memorial garden this month! Seth Bullock, who grew up in our own church, has been engaged to create it, starting in mid-March – so expect big machines and a lot of activity one of these weeks. Plantings will be installed later, as spring unfolds, probably starting with two dogwood trees picked out by Terry Skillin. Dedication of the garden is anticipated in the fall.

We have several leftover “orphan” items with suggested prices (see photos) from the Christmas Fair silent auction that need new homes:

- ♦ A lovely antique wooden hanging shelf from the Saabyes (\$60?);
- ♦ A big oval wooden mirror (\$60?):
- ♦ Cathy Sanders’ stained glass hummingbird window hanger (\$60?);
- ♦ The Cinelli white parka from Bergdorf’s (originally \$270!);
- ♦ An antique library lamp that maybe used to be a candle-holder (??);
- ♦ And a king-sized cheerful patchwork quilt and shams for your “camp?” (\$60?).

Please buy one of these great items! They are useful and attractive, and we need the space! *And the income!* Please contact Christina in the office (781-5880) for assistance.

Finally, after 10 years I would like to step down from the chair position of the Stewardship Ministry. It has been a great run. I plan to hang onto the Christmas fair for a few more years.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ward



Orphans left over from the silent auction! We need homes!

Stained glass window hanger from Sanders
Wooden hanging shelf from Saabyes
Blue wing chair, from _____
Antique candle style Library lamp from de Sieyes
King quilt and shams from _____
White down Bergdorf's parka, from P. Cinelli's mother



UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

Winter Green Team Program Wrap-Ups The Problem of Plastics....Why should we care? and How to make Your Home Greener



Kathie McCatherin and Nancy Olmstead coordinated a program about the problem with plastic waste on our planet. . In short, only 5-6% of plastics that we put in our bins for recycling are actually recycled. The source of the problem is our over-

dependence on plastics and the solution is to greatly reduce and eliminate our reliance on this substance that never completely “goes away”.

Nancy provided a brief synopsis of what is going on at the State level to reduce plastic use. She also touched on a variety of community groups who are working on the problem and ways that we can all advocate.

Lastly, two members of the Falmouth Conservation Commission spoke about what was happening at the local level. Handouts “Resources, Important Topics, and Ways to Advocate” and “Plastic Alternatives and Ideas” are available from Kathie or Nancy. As well as a copy of the presentation

On Feb. 7th, Fred Horch and Peggy Siegel of Sustainable Practice joined an audience of about twenty people via Zoom to discuss the top twenty sustainable best practices to make our homes earth friendly. Composting is at the top of list which also includes the advice to recycle metal glass, and clean cardboard, but not plastic since plastic is essentially nonrecyclable.

Fred answered audience questions in some depth on topics including electric vehicles, solar energy, the latest on electric batteries, and heat pumps. Fred’s “Guidebook for Sustainability” can be downloaded from his website, www.SustainablePractice.life.

Many thanks to all who attended.

The Rev. Dr. Allen Ewing-Merrill will join us on Sunday, March 17, starting at 11:00 a.m. in the large classroom to present his postponed program “*Cultivating Hope and Resilience in an Age of Eco-Anxiety.*” Allen is the Executive Director of the BTS Center in Portland and co-founded HopeGateway Church in Portland with his wife the Rev. Sarah Ewing-Merrill.

Volunteer Opportunity: State Street Shelter March 17th-23rd

This cold weather reminds us to be grateful for shelter and for the power of the Spirit who works among us and through us to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. The State Street Church has been working to prepare a new shelter space. A coalition of faith communities will come together so 4-5 families with children (20-24 people who have had harrowing journeys) will have a safe, warm place to go each night this winter and spring.

*The Foreside Community Church and
Falmouth Congregational Church*

have signed up to staff Sunday,

March 17th through Saturday, March 23rd

We will need 2-3 volunteers per night:

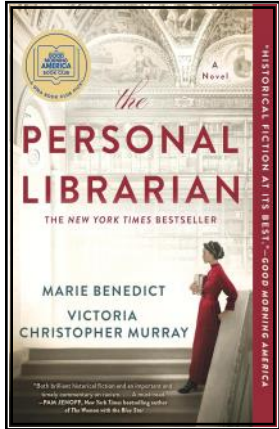
- ♦ One person who will cover the 6:00-8:30 p.m. shift welcoming families as they arrive for the evening (serving with a State Street Church Host);
- ♦ Two people who will cover the 8:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. shift;
- ♦ Volunteers will stay on cots in an area near the families in the basement shelter area;
- ♦ There will be mentoring and orientation as needed so volunteers feel comfortable. Volunteers will undergo a simple background check.

Please reach out to Carrie Penrose at carriepenrose@gmail.com for more information. We will have an online sign up available soon. And please keep these families and this vital ministry of love, warmth, and welcome in your prayers! **For easy sign-up, please access this link.**



UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

The Foreside Book Club discussed *The Great Alone* by Kristen Hannah in February. It was a wide ranging discussion about the themes of love and hate, abuse, and a desperate family's search for a new beginning, all set in the remote Alaskan wilderness. It was a real page turner and gave me a new appreciation for the powers of both human nature and Mother nature.



Our book selection for March will be *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict.

"*The Personal Librarian* tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths to which she must go—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.

In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture on the New York society scene and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps build a world-class collection.

But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white—her complexion is dark because she is African American."

This discussion will take place by Zoom on March 20 at 4:00. As always, anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend for an hour of friendly conversation. FMI: mimi-hinkel@gmail.com

Response to the collecting of supplies for the *Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland* is both amazing, and most generous! However, the number of animals in need of this loving support is equally large so, please keep giving! And during worship on March 10th our donations will be blessed and sorted before we deliver them to the League later that day. If you are interested in being part of the

delivery party, and maybe cuddling up with some new furry friends, please contact

the [church office here](#) and

register to carpool as parking is at a minimum. If

you are thinking of giving but not sure what is needed, an info sheet is available in the narthex next to the collection box, or a detailed list of requested supplies, including food and toys, [can be accessed at this site.](#)

Questions?

Please contact Wendy Tracy wendytracy@gmail.com. And thank you for making a difference in our community.



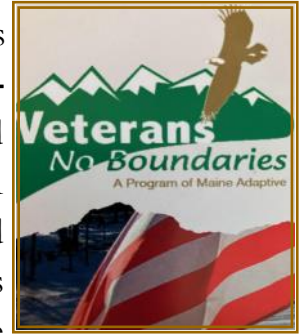
"Maine to Morocco" Travelogue Rescheduled

On March 7 at 6:30 p.m. join Liz Ventre on a trip to Morocco. Journey this coastal North African nation only three weeks after the devastating earthquake. You will travel much of the country and see its beauty and some of the devastation. Fascinating! [To join us please click](#)



UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

Mission Moment Updates ~ On February 11th FCC's Mission Moment was presented by Navy veteran Kathy Kroll, who has been a part of the **Maine Adaptive** program for 39 years as volunteer and board member. Kathy and her husband Bob, also a Navy vet and who joined us in the pews and then afterwards for Q&A during fellowship coffee, have championed Maine Adaptive's specialty program and Mission topic, [Veterans No Boundaries](#) since its inception 20 years ago. Kathy is extremely compassionate about this veterans program and shared one experience that she still carries with her. *"One memorable veteran, that I had the privilege to ski with was a Medal of Honor nominee from Fort Drum," she said. "He was dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder and physical injuries from his combat tour in Afghanistan. I remembered he told me that he didn't "feel athletic anymore." He had spent the entire first day on the beginner slope utilizing outriggers for balance. It was clear he didn't need that adaptive equipment on his second day and with patience and trust he starting skiing using ski poles. As we progressed through the day, he was challenged on steeper terrain, and he met every challenge. By the end of the day he was the lead guide for a visually impaired volunteer. I still have that picture today of a proud soldier wearing a guide bib, who trusted us enough to believe in himself. It was priceless!"* Founded in 1982, **Maine Adaptive** is now the largest year-round adaptive recreation program in the state of Maine for adults and children with disabilities. Over 400 volunteers assist athletes in appreciating the joys and challenges of sports participation. Maine Adaptive provides over 3,500 lessons winter and summer thanks to the generous support of individuals, businesses corporations, and foundations that sustain their programs every year. If you are interested in further information on either Maine Adaptive or specifically [Veterans No Boundaries](#) please go to www.maineadaptive.org. Volunteers are always welcome.



The next Mission Moment is scheduled for March 10th during which the subject of trans youth will be reviewed by presenters AJ and Christine Caulfield, of MaineTrans.Net. **Then on Wednesday March 13 @ 6:30 p.m.**, a round table discussion will conclude this topic, with Christine focusing on the spectrum of the history of sexual identify. Light refreshments will be served.



Kathy Kroll in front, serving as a blind guide, assisting her brother-in-law Glenn Kroll.

Veterans No Boundaries Winter Camp is open to veterans of all ages with permanent disabilities including PTSD.



UPDATES, REPORT OUTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

March Birthday Greetings

Pisces ~ The most intuitive, sensitive, and empathetic sign of the entire zodiac — and that's because it's the last of the last. As the final sign, Pisces has absorbed every lesson — the joys and the pain, the hopes and the fears — learned by all of the other signs. It's symbolized by two fish swimming in opposite directions, representing the constant division of Pisces' attention between fantasy and reality. A true zodiac gift.

Theodore Shetenhelm ~ 2

Dick Shand ~ 8

Julia Teitel ~ 8

Bruce Kaake ~ 9

Chuck Erb ~ 11

Sophia Bezanson ~ 11

Ann Deering ~ 14

Laura Rodas ~ 14

Charlie Bernacchio ~ 16

Lyll Rogers ~ 19

Aries ~ The first sign of the zodiac, Aries loves to be number one. Naturally, this dynamic fire sign is no stranger to competition. Bold and ambitious, Aries dives headfirst into even the most challenging situations—and they'll make sure they always come out on top

Debra Coyman ~ 21

Phil Gleason ~ 24

Rebecca Erb ~ 27

Caroline Tracy ~ 27

Gretchen Lacombe ~ 28

Henry Jose Curtis ~ 30

Jackie Bates ~ 31

Let's do (a continental)

Breakfast Ladies!

Women of the church, members and friends are invited to breakfast on

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 @ 8:30 a.m.

in the FCC coffee area,

we'll provide the food,

you bring your appetite.

~ good food, good conversation ~

it's a great way to start your day!

Please RSVP to

deborah.gray48@gmail.com

or 952-4041 by March 18

so we can plan accordingly.

The Men's Breakfast...

will be gathering on

Saturday, March , 2024 @ 8:30 a.m.

at the church

An enjoyable repast and

lively discussions are always on the menu!

FMI John Bischof

jegbischof@gmail.com or 781-2391

The April edition of *Steeplenotes* material submittal deadline is Wednesday, March 20 2024

Submitted articles should be final and print ready, pictures complete with captions in jpeg format can be included. Thank you.



COMMUNITY NEWS



ST MARY SCHOLA

presents

Canto Intermedii et Concerti

featuring Italian secular vocal and instrumental music of the early baroque



Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 4:00pm
St Albans Episcopal Church, Cape Elizabeth

— and —

Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 4:00pm
St Mary's Episcopal Church, Falmouth

Hentus van Rooyen, guest director

There will be a preconcert talk 30 minutes prior to each performance.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT stmaryschola.org

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>March 31 - Easter Sunday Services 6:00 a.m. Sunrise @ Portland Yacht Club 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. @ FCC AND..... ...an Easter Egg Hunt in between!</p>						
<p>3</p> <p>9:30 hybrid service (see pg. 3 for details) 10:45 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Writing Workshop</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 a.m. Tues Study Grp 12 p.m. Knitters 6:15 p.m. Choir 6:45 p.m. AA 7:15 p.m. Bells</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9 a.m. Bells of Casco Bay 6 p.m. AA 6:30 p.m. Travelogue see pg. 9 for details</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Men's Monthly Breakfast see pg. 11 for details</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:30 hybrid service & Mission Moment</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 a.m. Tues Study Grp 12 p.m. Knitters 6:15 p.m. Choir 6:45 p.m. AA 7:15 p.m. Bells</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. J&O Round Table Discussion see pg. 10 for details</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9 a.m. Bells of Casco Bay 6 p.m. AA 7 p.m. Stewardship Mnthly Mtg.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:30 hybrid service <i>NEW MEMBER</i> <i>SUNDAY</i> 11 a.m. Green Team Presentation see pg. 8 for details</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Governing Brd. Mnthly Mtg.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9 a.m. Tues Study Grp 12 p.m. Knitters 6:15 p.m. Choir 6:45 p.m. AA 7:15 p.m. Bells</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast - see pg. 11 4:00 p.m. FCC Book Club (see pg. 5) 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. Green Team Mtg</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9 a.m. Bells of Casco Bay 6 p.m. AA</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:30 hybrid service <i>Palm</i> <i>Sunday</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9 a.m. Tues Study Grp 12 p.m. Knitters 6:15 p.m. Choir 6:45 p.m. AA 7:15 p.m. Bells</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Lenten Evening Prayer</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9 a.m. Bells of Casco Bay 6 p.m. AA 7 p.m. Maundy Srvs.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

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Daily Lectionary Readings for March 2024

Friday., Mar. 1

Psalm 19
Exodus 19:9b-15
Acts 7:30-40

Sat., Mar. 2

Psalm 19
Exodus 19:16-25
Mark 9:2-8

Sun., Mar. 3

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Mon., Mar. 4

Psalm 84
1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22
1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Tues., Mar. 5

Psalm 84
2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19
Hebrews 9:23-28

Wed., Mar. 6

Psalm 84
Ezra 6:1-16
Acts 15:36-41

Thurs., Mar. 7

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Genesis 9:8-17
Ephesians 1:3-6

Fri., Mar. 8

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Daniel 12:5-13
Ephesians 1:7-14

Sat., Mar. 9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Numbers 20:22-29
John 3:1-13

Sun., Mar. 10

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Mon., Mar. 11

Psalm 107:1-16
Exodus 15:22-27
Hebrews 3:1-6

Tues., Mar. 12

Psalm 107:1-16
Numbers 20:1-13
1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Wed., Mar. 13

Psalm 107:1-16
Isaiah 60:15-22
John 8:12-20

Thurs., Mar. 14

Psalm 51:1-12
Isaiah 30:15-18
Hebrews 4:1-13

Fri., Mar. 15

Psalm 51:1-12
Exodus 30:1-10
Hebrews 4:14—5:4

Sat., Mar. 16

Psalm 51:1-12
Habakkuk 3:2-13
John 12:1-11

Sun., Mar. 17

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 or
Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Mon., Mar. 18

Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 43:8-13
2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Tues., Mar. 19

Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 44:1-8;
Acts 2:14-24

Wed., Mar. 20

Psalm 119:9-16
Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23
John 12:34-50

Thurs., Mar. 21

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Deuteronomy 16:1-8
Philippians 2:1-11

Fri., Mar. 22

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Jeremiah 33:1-9
Philippians 2:12-18

Sat., Mar. 23

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Jeremiah 33:10-16
Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

Sun., Mar. 24

Palm Sunday
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Mark 11:1-11 or
John 12:12-16
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1—15:47 or
Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]

Mon., Mar. 25

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

Tues., Mar. 26

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:31
John 12:20-36

Wed., Mar. 27

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

Thurs., Mar. 28

Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Fri., Mar. 29

Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 or
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1—19:42

Sat., Mar. 30

Holy Saturday
Job 14:1-14 or
Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Peter 4:1-8
Exodus 19:1-9a
Matthew 27:57-66 or
John 19:38-42

Sun., Mar. 31

Easter
Acts 10:34-43 or
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or
Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or
Mark 16:1-8



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