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## Minister's Musings

*When an immigrant resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the immigrant. The immigrant who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the immigrant as yourself, for you were an immigrant in the land of Egypt.*

~ Leviticus 19: 33-34

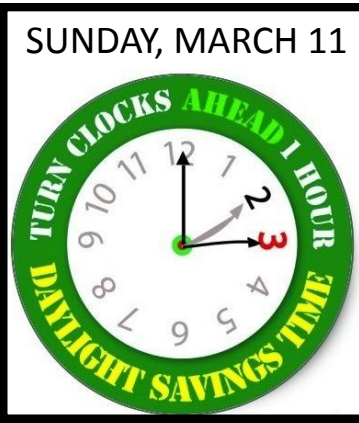
Over the last several months our community has heard a series of heartbreaking stories from local immigrants about their current plight. A father, mother or grandparent is arrested by Immigration Customs Enforcement officers (ICE) and brought to a regional detention facility to await a hearing and potential deportation. Sometimes the person arrested is in poor health and is being denied basic medical treatment while in custody. (We met with Congressman Moulton's office about that case.) Sometimes a young, hard-working father is picked up, leaving behind a young wife and three young daughters with little or no local supports or prospects and rent due on their apartment. Sometimes a grandfather who has lived here for 35 years and attempted – many times – to apply for citizenship is arrested in front of his children and grandchildren. These are all situations locally where we have stepped in and provided some support.

I am aware that some in our larger community shrug their shoulders and assert that this is the price to be paid for breaking the law. These people are here illegally and need to be apprehended. What this perspective misses is the fact that federal immigration laws have been broken for decades. Our country has needed common-sense immigration reform for many years. Any time there is a move to propose such a law, it is rejected and shot down by one political party. We need legal reform that would provide a clear path to citizenship for people who have lived here for decades, are law abiding (which most immigrants are) and are gainfully employed and pay taxes. In addition, we can and should bolster our security along our borders and tighten up the entry process for visiting the United States.

To ignore the current state of affairs is to cause undue suffering for millions of hard working people and their families, whose biggest crime is desperately wanting to flee a deplorable and life-threatening situation in their country of origin. It is also to go against thousands of years of moral teaching about how we should treat refugees in our midst. Most of us immigrated from somewhere else, lest we forget.

The First Church has been involved with helping several local immigrant families who are now suffering horribly as a result of unfair detentions by federal authorities. We find ourselves in a position to assist people having a hard time helping or defending themselves and their families. We do this with a clear conscience, knowing that our federal immigration laws have been broken for decades and that some of the oldest teachings of our faith encourage us to come to the aid of those in our community who have fled persecution in foreign lands: you shall love the immigrant as yourself, for you were an immigrant in the land of Egypt.

If you would like to hear more about some of our work with local families or support a fund we have set up to assist them, feel free to speak with me or a member of our Social Justice or Social Outreach Committees. As we enter the season of spring and rebirth, we have so many opportunities to help vulnerable people in our communities. Rebirth happens in our lives when we foster hope. See you in church,



SUNDAY, MARCH 11



## March Schedule of Events

### Fri, March 2

6:30pm First Church Spaghetti Supper

### Sun, March 4

10:30am Service

### Wed, March 7

7pm Human Resources Committee Meeting

### Sat, March 10

9am Choir Rehearsal

### Sun, March 11: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

9am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Service

4pm Pint with the Pastor

### Tue, March 13

12pm Lunch with Pastor

### Sat, March 17

9am Choir Rehearsal

Youth Sunday Rehearsal

### Sun, March 18: Youth Sunday

9am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Service

4:45pm Lifebridge Dinner Team

### Wed, March 21

7:15pm Standing Committee Meeting

### Sat, March 24

9am Choir Rehearsal

4:45pm Lifebridge Dinner

### Sun, March 25: Palm Sunday

9am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Service

During Religious Education: Egg Dying

### Thu, March 29: Maundy Thursday

4pm Salem Pantry Bagging

7pm Maundy Thursday Candlelight Service

### Fri, March 30: Good Friday

### Sat, March 31

9am Choir Rehearsal

9am Salem Pantry Distribution

### Sun, April 1: Easter Sunday

9am Choir Rehearsal

10:30am Service

## Around the Parish

**Charlene Long** has a new (and shiny?) hip. She underwent hip replacement surgery at Mass General in mid February and is now at home recovering. She welcomes calls, emails, and even visits on certain days. She is currently receiving daily physical therapy. The First Church Pastoral Care team continues to support her. We look forward to seeing her walking, if not dancing, around Salem later this spring. Sometimes, it's nice to live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century!

**Lloyd Woodcock** lost his aunt suddenly as a result of an accident last month. He and his wife Stacia travelled home to be with his family and friends the weekend of February 25. He has our condolences and prayers. Losing someone we love suddenly is especially hard.

Attention all Fans of Prof. Plum and Ms Scarlett: **Denise Granniss** is directing a staged version of legendary board game and later movie, **Clue**, as part of her work directing the Drama program at Salem Academy. The student production will perform three shows the weekend of March 16-18. As an added draw, each night will feature a different ending, and culprit! None of this Col. Mustard used the rope in the parlor three nights in a row! For more information, speak with Denise or check out **Salem Academy's** website.

*Ccon-grat-u-la-tions: words expressing praise for an achievement or good wishes on a special occasion. Congratulations...* to **Rose Wolf** for winning the first annual Community Spelling Bee sponsored by the Salem Education Foundation. She won first prize at the February 1 event in the Individual Event for Adults, held at the Hawthorne Hotel. Her winning word that she spelled correctly? "Zygomatic." Other words she spelled were "ergot," and "daiquiri." She was thankful that someone else, and not her, was asked to spell "daguerreotype." (Who can blame her?!) Also, special recognition to First Church friend and supporter, **Krishna Gaddipatti**, who came in third overall. We wonder if he was asked to spell "ophthalmology."

The First Church played host to a Reenactment of **Leslie's Retreat** for a second year in a row. **Resistance Sunday** was a success with over 130 people attending the morning service and many more then joining us outside for the confrontation. The famous event originally occurred here in Salem 233 years ago, between the British Colonel Leslie and his "Redcoats" and local colonists. While the weather was cold and damp, the people were fired up and ready to resist!

Special thanks to **Charlie Newhall** who reprised his role at the obstinate Colonel Leslie, and **Jon Streff** who once again gave an excellent performance as local resident and militia leader, Capt. John Felt. In addition, we would like to thank **Michael and Stacia Kraft** for arranging for the colonial singing group, **Norumbega Harmony**, to perform during our service that morning. Finally, we want to thank all the people who helped out with the Community Reception, including **Deb DiGuilio** and **Brenda Marean** who arranged for a yummy cake and many others who brought and served food. We also want to acknowledge the contributions of **Donna Fritz, Jen Sampson and Wolfgang Koch** in keeping us on track and organized during the reception. All in all, the second annual Resistance Sunday was a (revolutionary) success!

Our annual **Chocolate Sunday** was held on Feb 11 this year. Many people donated baked and prepared items made of chocolate and many

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<b>4</b> 10:30am Service	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7pm HR Committee Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9am Choir Rehearsal
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<b>18</b> 10:30am Service Potluck Fellowship 4:45pm Lifebridge	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:15pm Standing Committee	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9am Choir Rehearsal 4:45pm Lifebridge
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[continued from page 2] more bought them! This annual fundraiser for the RE Program's selected charity is a winter favorite. This year, the kids raised over \$800, which will be donated to a vetted non-profit located in Puerto Rico doing local relief work. The editors note a bidding frenzy during the silent auction that encircled a particularly stunning chocolate cake made by church member, and former professional baker, **Brenda Marean**.

Did you know that a local chapter **Citizens Climate Lobby** meets here at the First Church on the first Saturday of each month. Typically the meetings, which begin at 9:00 AM, draw 18-25 people from all over the North Shore. David Radue founded the chapter here in Salem in 2015 and the meetings continue to grow. Citizens Climate Lobby is a national bi-partisan advocacy group that lobbies Congress to pass a straightforward national carbon tax as a way to align our country's economic activity with the goals of reducing CO2 emissions and addressing climate change.

### Easter Schedule

**Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday**  
9am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Palm Sunday Service  
11:45am Easter Egg Decorating

**Thursday, March 29**  
7pm Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday, March 30: Good Friday**  
Meeting House open during the day for quiet prayer and reflection.

**Sunday, April 1: Easter**  
5:45am Sunrise Service at Willows  
9am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30am Easter Service  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt to follow service

## ***Chatting and Cheer-ing with the Minister this Spring***

### **Pint with the Pastor**

Sunday, Mar 11, 4:00pm - 5:30 pm at O'Neill's Pub. Washington Street in Salem

Join Jeff and others for a popular new monthly gathering. He will have a few tables at O'Neill's starting at 4pm. There will be a copy of the Sunday NY Times as he wont to possess on a weekend afternoon. The music will be live and Irish, and the conversations stimulating. We had 17 people show up in January. You never know who might drop by.

### **Lunch with the Pastor**

Tuesday, Mar 13 at 12 noon, at the First Church.

Join Jeff and an eclectic and very articulate group of regulars on the second Tuesday of the month for a brown bag lunch. Conversation often ventures into current events, local history, religion and ... you name it.

## ***Religious Education***

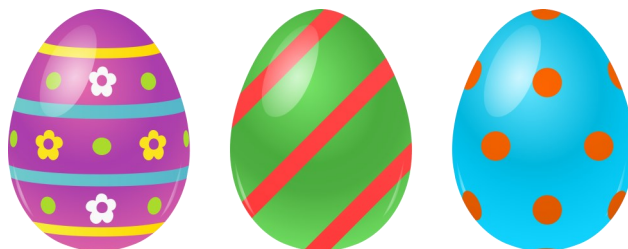
Thanks to the wonderful support of the congregation, Chocolate Sunday was possibly our most successful ever! We are always thankful for the generosity and support of our congregation. All proceeds will go to the people of Puerto Rico. Expect to hear more about our American sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico soon from our students.

Youth Sunday is March 18th. This is the day that Religious Education classes take over the Meeting House for the Sunday Service. For the next few weeks each class will be using some or all their class time to prepare their Youth Sunday presentation. One goal of Youth Sunday is for students learn about the church service and all its components. Another goal is for the congregation to get a good look at our students as they showcase what they have been learning in class. I believe the best part of RE Sunday is sharing all our talented and thoughtful young Unitarian Universalists with the entire congregation. Please be sure to be here to be part of this special service on March 18.

Palm Sunday is March 25. Our students will assist Reverend Jeff in distributing the palms during the Story for all Ages. After the service we have a special Family Egg Dying event. Families only need to bring one dozen hard boiled eggs with them, we provide the rest. This is a long standing fun tradition here at First Church. We may even offer a few special techniques this year.

Last but in no way least April 1st is Easter Sunday! Students will gather in Willson Hall for a special story time. We will play games and all make our traditional bunny ears to wear while participating in our fabulous noncompetitive Egg Hunt. The secret of our noncompetitive Egg Hunt is, of course, our wonderful and thoughtful children. I have also noticed that having plenty of eggs for each child helps every to be generous! To assure we have plenty of eggs we will start collecting our filled plastic eggs March 11th. We ask each family to provide one dozen filled eggs per child. The entire congregation is also encouraged to help by donating filled eggs. Why should the families with kids have all the fun? I have bags of plastic eggs recycled from previous hunts you can take home to fill or you can buy your own. It takes a village to stage a fabulous Egg Hunt!

Happy and welcome Spring!  
Deb DiGiulio



## Archives Committee

### Women Ministers from Our UU Heritage

In 1975, the Universalist Historical Society published the landmark book by Catherine F. Hitchings titled, *Unitarian and Universalist Women Ministers*. At the time of publication, Hitchings noted:

The Universalist and Unitarian denominations, now merged [in 1961], have ordained almost two hundred women ministers in the last one hundred and twelve years. The Universalists claim the first denominationally ordained minister, Olympia Brown, ordained by the St. Lawrence Association of Universalists in 1863; eight years later the Unitarians ordained their first woman minister, Celia Burleigh, in Brooklyn, Connecticut.

Antoinette Brown Blackwell was ordained by a Congregational parish in 1853, and Quakers especially had a tradition of women preachers," Hitchings writes, but Universalists can lay claim to "the first denominationally ordained minister." Hitchings continues:

Admission to institutions of higher learning meant training for many professions, among them the ministry. Lombard College (established in 1852) admitted women from the start. St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York and Buchtel College in Akron, Ohio opened to both sexes in 1859 and 1872 respectively. The theological schools at Lombard and St. Lawrence were slower to take on women, thus it was that Olympia Brown was the first graduate of Canton Theological School from St. Lawrence University. She graduated in 1863. Before this intelligent young women proved herself equal to any male theological student, it had been said at St. Lawrence:

'First, that women could not preach; second, that they would not preach; third, that if they did nobody would listen to them, and fourth, that however much people might like to hear them, they could never be pastors of societies.'"

Hitchings' book will serve as the basis for an upcoming exhibit by your Archives Committee. Of particular interest to us is Elizabeth Holt Goldthwaite (1866-1943). She was born in Salem, attended Tufts Divinity School, and "ministered to New England Universalist parishes," Hitchings explains. "She believed in working in small communities and had the 'ministering spirit.'"

We have not yet started our research, so if you'd like to join the team, please do!

-Bonnie Hurd Smith,

bonnie@hurdsmit.com or 978-578-9307

## Garden Committee

At this writing the temperature is an unseasonable and glorious 70 degrees, making it feel like spring is indeed here; but of course we all know better. Easter falls quite early this year, so we have already changed our exterior container displays from exuberant greens and red berries to a simpler and more austere Lenten look. The challenge of moving from winter to Lent and an early Easter lies with the frozen potting soil, which does not like to let go of the branches and twigs of winter. We are already trying to think outside the box about how to create a cheerful Easter mood when it will be too early to plant tender flowering bulbs or even early pansies.

As is our tradition, we will have a floral display in the meetinghouse for Easter. You, the congregation, will be able to order blooming potted plants to grace the altar and then take home. Please watch for an order form online and in upcoming orders of service. At Christmas we decided to purchase our poinsettias and cyclamen from Nunan's, in Georgetown, because they grow their own plants and the quality is far superior to the vendor we had been using. We expect the Easter plants to be equally as wonderful and to fill our meetinghouse with the halleluiah of spring.

As hope springs eternal,

Co-chairs Mary Collari, Jan Eschauzier, Brenda Marean, and Lynn Taggart





## Stewardship Remarks for Resistance Day 2018

By Denise Granniss

People heard the soldiers were coming - with their guns - and people had predicted it - but now it was actually happening. So what does one do in a moment like that?

I'm sure there were a lot of reasons a person could give not to do anything. That's human nature isn't it? One could argue that to respond might be a provocation, force violence when there wouldn't have been any, -- besides it was really dangerous, and didn't one have a child, a husband, a wife, a mother, a cat to take care of? Someone else would step up.

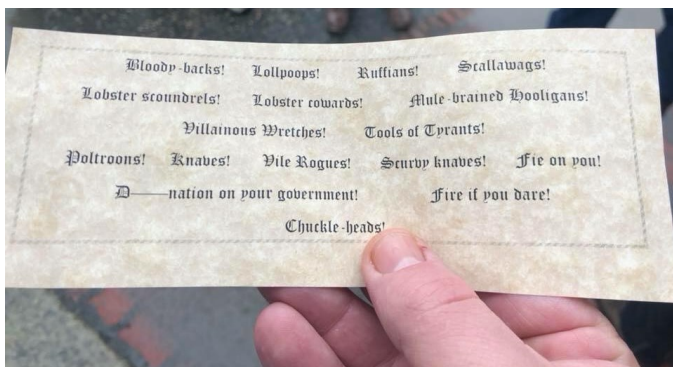
One of the great things about being part of a tradition - a congregation, with a history and a present like this one is that weekly practice in living our values builds courage to do the right thing, the hard, - right thing - when we are called upon. Here at First Church we are reminded it's not okay to just believe - one must act. How many times have we heard Jeff say, "deeds not creeds" or "you will know them by their fruit," or the idea we should be making a heaven here on Earth?

But it's not just words. In a congregation with a present and a history like this one, we are chock full of role models of values in action: Yes Caroline Emmerton, the Abolitionists, the Suffragists, Jeff himself with his leadership on climate change.

But Part Two is looking beyond them and ourselves as individuals. When we are part of a community like this one we are challenged to be our best selves, we are encouraged to act, and we ensure our collective action has more impact. Look around at the people here who together address the need for "justice, equity and compassion in human relations" as they serve dinners at LifeBridge, march for women, chase the chill, advocate for legislation - even our kids financially supporting Puerto Rico's hurricane relief. These along with all the other wonderful initiatives happening here at First Church.

So on behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I ask you to be a steward of this congregation - in all the ways you can - from your weekly attendance to serving on committees to your financial support - to help with all the work still left to do.

Because we look to the Reverend Barnard, who we are celebrating on Resistance Sunday, but also the unnamed congregants who stepped up and streamed out behind him, who "had his back" as my students would say. Because if Rev Barnard stood out there alone - Col Leslie would not have retreated.



## Henny Penny

March is a busy month at Henny Penny. Our days will be inspired by Dr. Seuss, resulting in a silly & fun filled month! This month's Henny Penny Family Night is focused on literacy, and will include an appearance by The Cat in the Hat! The Literacy Night will take place in the Henny Penny rooms on Thursday March 6th from 6p – 7pm. There will be an opportunity to participate in fun crafts & activities before the arrival of The Cat. Once the Cat has arrived and settled in, he will tell us all a fun and familiar story! Finally, families will have the opportunity to take photographs with the Cat in the Hat. Please join us if your schedule is free!



In the fall the children witnessed the life cycle of monarch butterflies. We harvested some milkweed seeds with the intention of sowing them in our garden table, and then planting any thriving seedlings in the neighborhoods of Henny Penny students. March is too soon to sow the milkweed, so the children will begin sowing seeds of other plants, flowering and vegetable, in our newly acquired grow table. After we will begin sowing our milkweed seeds.

Henny Penny is enrolling for September 2018, and we have limited 2-day, 3-day and 5-day schedules available. Spread the word if you know any families looking for a high-quality half-day preschool program. As always, First Church Members receive a 10% tuition discount. Our half-day program is 8:30-noon, with options for 8am drop-off and an extended day dismissal at 1:30pm.

Save the date – April 26th! The Fourth Annual Henny Penny Art Show will take place in the Cleveland & Barnard Rooms on Thursday April 26th from 6p – 7:30p. The space will be filled with a variety of art projects including clay pieces, self portrait collages, experiments in negative space, watercolors and more.



The Henny Penny Teaching Team:  
Tricia Pini, Stacey Dupuis and Barbara Hermann

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## Stewardship Committee

### Fiscal Year 2019 is just around the corner!

We know it seems early but we're starting the preparation for the kick-off to Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19). This year, instead of doing a lunch after church to start the pledge drive, we are going to be holding small-group potlucks. In order to accomplish this we will be looking for 8 to 10 people willing to host potlucks the first weekend in April: Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, April 6, 7, or 8. There will be a Stewardship committee member to deliver our pledge message at each of the groups. Please reach out to Bob Allen if you would be interested in hosting.

By this time, you should have received your year-end giving statements for 2017 income tax statement purposes. If you have not received one, please contact one of the committee members.

As always, thank you for your support of First Church and its important programs through your gifts of time, talent, and financial means.

The Stewardship Committee

Tommy Leon, Chair; Bob Allen, Joe Bayne, Bill Henning, Sally Millice, Marlene Warner, Lloyd Woodcock

## Events and Goings on At and Around First Church

### Spaghetti Supper

Friday, March 2, 6:30pm

Community Humanity  
Friendship Spaghetti?



You are cordially invited to join the current leaders of the congregation for an evening of delicious spaghetti and sparkling conversation. Our Congregation IS this Church. We drive everything that happens here. So many opportunities to get involved and make a difference. Babysitting provided.

### Voices Against Injustice

March 25 -- Salem Award Ceremony

Sophia Gordon Center, Salem State University  
4 PM, reception to follow

Voices Against Injustice presents the 2018 Salem Award for Human Rights and Social Justice to The GroundTruth Project, a Boston-based non-profit media organization. Founded by award-winning journalist Charles Sennott, The GroundTruth Project is dedicated to supporting a new generation of journalists and to adding increased knowledge and understanding of critical global issues through enterprise journalism with a focus on social justice.



### SALEM FILM FEST

MARCH 22-29, 2018  
COME TO SALEM, SEE THE WORLD.

Entering its eleventh year, Salem Film Fest is one of New England's largest documentary film festivals and presents a rich and diverse collection of the year's best work from all over the world. More details on films and locations: [salemfilmfest.com](http://salemfilmfest.com)

### Nominating Committee

**What? We have a Nominating Committee?**

**What do they do?**

The Nominating Committee is a by-lawed committee made up of 3 former Standing Committee Presidents (aka board of directors). This year Donna Fritz (Chair), John Wathne and Mary Collari are the 3 members of the nominating committee.

For the Annual Meeting in May, we are tasked with suggesting 3 new church members to serve a 3 year term on the Standing Committee. The three of us will begin talking with church members to see if they would be interested in joining this important church board of directors to carry our church forward another 3 years.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, please to reach out to one of us or email Donna Fritz at [dlhayes44@hotmail.com](mailto:dlhayes44@hotmail.com) or call/text 978-828-5673.

### Family Promise Returns April 8 –15

Our guest families will be arriving on Sunday April 8, and will be spending evenings and nights within our church until their departure on April 15. We welcome any kind of assistance you can give. If you have questions, and/or wish to be added to the Family Promise email list, please contact Jessica Kane [jesskane07@gmail.com](mailto:jesskane07@gmail.com).

### Host a Middle-School student from Japan! Sunday, July 22 to Monday, July 30

For 25 years, students from Salem's sister city, Ota, Tokyo have visited each summer to tour Salem and Boston, experience American culture and strengthen English language skills. When you participate in this program, we will match your child with a boy or girl from Japan. Your child will make a new friend and a new world view. Your family will make life-long connections halfway around the world plus strengthen ties with others in Salem. There is a full slate of weekday activities for the exchange students and optional evening group activities for all! A separate bedroom is not necessary and no Japanese language is required. Preference is given to families who live in Salem, though those from neighboring communities are welcome to apply. Learn more at [www.salemotace.org](http://www.salemotace.org)

To apply, contact Constance Arlander, [Patchwerk7@gmail.com](mailto:Patchwerk7@gmail.com), (978) 979-0037 OR Midori Oka, [midori.oka.home@gmail.com](mailto:midori.oka.home@gmail.com) (978) 809-0949 by March 16!



## Get Involved/Thank You!!!

### Lifefridge Dinner Team

**Next Dinners: Sun, March 18 & Sat, March 24 at 4:45pm**



The Lifefridge teams of the First Church serve dinners at 56 Margin Street on the third Sunday and the fourth Saturday of every month. There are THREE ways you can sign up to help; the easiest is to just use the sign-up sheet in the Barnard Room. Alternatively, you can always join our Facebook page, or send an email to Alan Hanscom (alanh1954@gmail.com) to be put on the email list.

Thank you to the following people for volunteering during February: Holly Chase, Peter Copelas, Tracy Ware, Ida Whanudunit, Stacia Woodcock, Lloyd Woodcock, Doreen Beauregard, Paul Marquis, Iana and Zach Plum, Christine Parsons Booth, Samantha, Rebecca, and Crystal Truong, Percy Jackson, Tracy Ware, Wendy Reilly Harris, Alan Hanscom, Paul and Sara Massari.

### Fellowship Committee

Fellowship is looking for more friends! Are you looking to find your place within the church? If your interested in joining the Fellowship committee, **please join us for an information meeting after fellowship on March 18th.**



Thank you to our February Fellowship Hosts for your hospitality, Iana Plum and Neil Alsip and Laura Caron. Thank you for everyone who chipped to host a fun Patriots Potluck fellowship and for the plentiful food that was served following the Leslie's Retreat reenactment. A special thank you to our sexton, Billy, Wolfgang, Christiane, Jen Samson, Brenda and many others for setting up, donating food and cleaning up at this special event.

**Fellowship Chair Position:** This is my 3rd year as the Chair of the Fellowship Committee and I'm ready to take on some new roles and work towards my next phase of life. I have been home full time for A LONG TIME with my children and have enjoyed volunteering as a way to keep me busy and meeting the needs of the different communities my family is a part of. But I'm ready to start thinking about my next career or at least a part-time job. So I will be stepping down from as the Chair of Fellowship at the end of this church year. If anyone is interested in being the Chair of the Fellowship Committee, I am not going anywhere and would be happy to help you learn the ropes. Please email, call or text Donna at dlhayes44@hotmail.com or 978-828-5673

Thank you!

The Fellowship Committee,

Donna Fritz (Chair), Chris Finn, Christiane Hansen-Mitev, Indra Milowe, and Nancy Peluso.

### Welcome Committee

**On March 4th at 8:30am the Welcome Committee is organizing a Potluck Breakfast at the church for new members of the church.** We welcome new members from Dec 2016, May 2017 and Dec 2017 to attend. Please bring a simple breakfast item to share, we will provide, coffee, tea and juice.



The Welcome Committee could use a few new members to help organize fun events

like this and to help everyone who comes through our doors feel more at home in the church. If you interested in joining the Welcome Committee, please email Donna Fritz at dlhayes44@hotmail.com or text 978-828-5673.

Be well, do good deeds and keep in touch!

The Welcome Committee;

Donna Fritz (Chair), Neil Alsip, Iris Weaver and Linda Stark

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*Minister:* Reverend Jeffrey Barz-Snell  
*Director of Music:* Michael Kraft  
*Director of Henny Penny:* Tricia Pini  
*Director of Religious Education:* Deb DiGiulio  
*Youth Group Coordinator:* Hannah Peterson  
*Administrator:* Catherine Bertrand  
*Sexton:* Bill McCarthy  
*Chair of the Standing Committee:* Ben Waxman  
*Chair of the Deacons:* Mimi Ballou



## ***Easter Flowers 2018***

Carrying a longstanding tradition, Easter Flowers are provided entirely by donations received from members and friends of the parish. It's a great way to remember or honor a loved one or commemorate a special event. Your generosity will be gratefully acknowledged in the Easter Sunday Order of Service.

If you wish you may take your flowers home with you after the service. You may also prefer to make a seasonal gift of a spring arrangement for one or more of the six planters on the front steps of the church.

**Orders due:**  
**Wed, March 14**

You can leave the form in the FLOWER ORDERS folder outside the Church Office or email the order to firstchurchinsalem@gmail.com

Flower	Price	Quantity	Total
Lily: 6" Pot	\$7.50		
Lily: 8" Pot	\$17.50		
White Azalea: 8" Pot	\$20.00		
Daffodil: 8" Pot	\$14.50		
Daffodil: 10" Pot	\$19.50		
General Donation: Flowers or Planters			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

Name	Given in honor/memory of/for special event:
Email	
Phone	