



First Christian Church of Freedom
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Freedom Rings

March/April 2020



“Are You Ready For Lent?”

This was the title of an article in a Roman Catholic publication a while back. It was meant to be a reminder of the disciplines that the faithful member was supposed to observe. One of the ‘laws’ reads: “On the days of fast, those bound by law, that is those Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59, are limited to a single full meal each day. This meal is to be meatless. Two other meals, sufficient to

maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s needs; however, together these 2 meals should not equal another full meal.” It later maintains that the obligation to do penance is a serious one, the obligation to observe, as a whole or substantially, the penitential days specified by the Church, is also serious.

I cite this example not to criticize the Roman Catholic Church. I know that many members sincerely believe in what they’re doing, and it adds to their religious life. And it should be said that in the Bible, the practice of fasting, praying, and almsgiving is highly recommended. In the Gospel of Matthew it says: “When you give alms ..., when you pray ..., and when you fast ...” Jesus did these things routinely, religiously if you will, and it was assumed that such practices were just a natural part of one’s life. His criticism was against those who made a public display of their discipline, who showed off before others. And the purpose is not to please or appease God, or to somehow win God’s love. It was rather to build yourself into a better person, to show self-control, and perhaps to help others. When you pray, it is assumed that you’ll not only pray for yourself, but pray for others. So, with your discipline, how are you serving others as well as helping yourself?

As we study and meditate on the last days of Jesus' life during these weeks of lent, we gain insights into how God wants us to live. We see Jesus reaching out to the weak or discriminated against, we observe how Jesus stands up to injustice or inhumane behavior, and we view how Jesus refuses to compromise his values and beliefs to expediency. These are the things which inspire us to lead a life of pure motives and sincere service. If our Lenten experience leads us in this direction, our faith will grow and flourish. May God lead you to be a better Christian!

God bless!

Pastor - *Larry*



The solemn season of Lent is upon us. Ash Wednesday is February 26th. Spring stirs beneath remaining crusts of snow. Our cold, barren, New Hampshire landscape will yield to new life in God's Creation. The hope born at Christmas will be resurrected in lengthening hours of light and the promise of Easter Sunday.

Council will be able to turn attention to the outdoors. The challenges of the steeple structure and church roof tops, after months of cold weather, can be assessed and projects planned. The "dog house" on the south side of our building will have some repairs. Our grounds will be tidied up; trees and shrubs and lawn seen to before warmer days force new

green growth. The Totem Pole community has offered to donate a bench that could be placed on the north side lawn where two stone benches already make that area a pleasant place to sit quietly in sunshine. Inside, the new pew cushion covers will be scheduled for completion. The large, new wall clock has been hung in the Sanctuary. We have a fresh look to greet returning members, friends and visitors.

Before we know it, calendars will fill up, so please read the newsletters and bulletins to see what is happening in our church family. Mark dates to help with or attend events coming up this springtime. The Membership Committee is organizing a field trip... "**Music as Meditation**" at the Christ Episcopal Church in No. Conway at 5 p.m. on March 1st. The Fund Raising Committee will sponsor a bean supper on March 27th at 5 p.m. Sign up to host a Sunday coffee hour, donate an arrangement of fresh flowers in memory or honor of loved ones. Pots of tulips, lilies or daffodils can be ordered during weeks in March and early April with last orders taken on Palm Sunday. These flowers will decorate our 10 a.m. Easter Service. Dedications will be printed, as usual, in the order of service on Easter and purchasers may take their flowers home after church or indicate that the Deacons may use theirs to take to those who are ill at home or in a facility or hospital. All of us enjoy a burst of springtime color in our lives.

Come to a Tuesday Bible Study at 10 a.m. at Camp Calumet; these sessions are led by Pastor Larry and the readings from Scripture will be the focus of our Sunday worship for that week. Thursday mornings, an ongoing book discussion group meets at church. Perhaps you'd enjoy singing in the choir, helping in the Food Pantry on Saturday mornings, quilting with the ladies Guild on Mondays.

First Christian Church offers much to do each week. As the thermometer readings rise, so will out spirits. We meet to worship, share companionship and help with the work of our

church community, to honor and give thanks to God.

**As Psalm 37, verse 3-5 tells us:
"Put your trust in the Lord and do
Good. Take delight in the Lord, and
He shall give you're your heart's
Desire..."**

Mark your calendars and join us! All are welcome.

Gale Morris
Council Vice-President



All are invited to Camp Calumet each week on Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. (10:30 a.m. in the summer months) for a group discussion of the scripture lessons for the coming week and how the lessons relate to daily living. **Bible Study** is held in the Camp Calumet Conference Center on the right as you go west on Lake Ossipee Road. Please see Pastor Larry if interested. Remember "B. I. B. L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!"
Anonymous



PASTORAL VISITS

Should anyone wish to have a pastoral visit or communion, please speak to Pastor Larry, a deacon, or Patty in the church office.
If you need to reach Pastor Larry, his phone number is 860-573-4552.

PRAYER LIST

Kathy Avery	Dick & Wanda Fields	Carol Melvidas
Tarryn Balch	Fred Kistler	Judy Michaels
Gerry Barnicle	Jane Garnsey	Gay Mocerri
Suzie Bogart	Dick Gauley	Dick Mohla
Charlie Bojus	Michael Gilroy	Diana Mozzoni
Chris, Harold, Kevin & Robert Boynton	Cynthia Granahan	Cindy Nason
Steve Bracci	Tony Hampton	Peg Nichols
Harold Brown, Jr.	Lynn Hinchee	Billy Norton
Christie Catino	John Hogan	Pat & Roger Olson
The Family of Terry Chadborn	Karen Hopkins	Paul Olzerowicz
Eric Chamberlain	Glenn Hormell	DeMott Post
Carolyn Clancy	Rob Hyam	Jeannie Rogers
Celia Costa	Dale Johnson	Kim Rose
Greg Dayton	Elmer Killam	Susan Schofield
Lorelei DeNisco	Fred Kistler	Peter Scully
Connie Dockiham	Nancy Koza	Kevin Stark
David Eldridge	Harold Libby, Sr.	Ellie Stokes
Delores Ellis	Bernice MacLeod	Laureen Strauch
Kate Elliott	Jeff & Kathy MacLeod	Jim Tracey
Bonnie Engroff	Christopher Malloy	Debbie Trail
John Ferralasco, Jr.	Debbie McGivney	Deanna Valley
	Bill McIntire, Jr.	John White

all our country's military personnel and their families.



Summer fun for children!

The First Christian Church of Freedom Children's Summer Theater Camp will be back for our 15th year! All children, both local residents and Summer visitors who are at least 7 years of age are welcome to participate. The camp will run from July 27th through the 31st from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Freedom Elementary School. This year's play will be *Once Upon a Parable*. The children will act, sing, and dance the stories that Jesus taught.

There will be two public performances of the play. On Friday, July 31st at 2 pm the community is welcome to attend the dress rehearsal. The main performance will be a part of the Old Home Week Church Service at the school at 10 AM on August 2nd. Camp participants should plan to be at both performances.

The cost to participate is \$15 for the week. Scholarships are available. Registration forms and further information are available through the church office or by emailing me, Carolyn Olzerowicz, at colzerowicz@gmail.com.

This Newsletter features Dallas Fuller



Dallas and Judy Fuller retired to Freedom in 1996, and shortly after became members of the church. He worked for the Freedom Food Pantry for over 20 years, starting out with bagging, elevator running, and monthly food pick-ups, and then being the treasurer. At the church, he was the assistant financial secretary also for over 20 years. He and Judy helped out at many luncheons, dinners, and events; he could often be found under a table, plugging something into a wall.

He worked in New York and Connecticut for 36 years for James River and American Can Companies, and was born in North Dakota on a farm, surrounded by many Norwegian Lutherans. If you manage to get him chatting at coffee hour in between bites of cookies, you'll hear his jokes and puns, and the occasional tale of life on the farm. He was introduced to the East Coast by an outgoing army buddy from New York who invited him to Long Island for the weekend. This buddy had a friend named Judy... Dallas and Judy were married for 59 years until she passed away last March.

They landed in Freedom because her family had a summer camp here since 1941, and in 1996 they turned it into a year-round home. Since about the 1960s, members of the Goodwin and Fuller families have been attending this church. These days you can find him in church next to his daughter, as he nods his head along to the music. When asked what he likes about the church, he says, "All the ministers have been great, and the church is small and you know everybody.

He will be moving to Bellamy Fields in Dover. They have an excellent chef, so I think he'll do just fine. His family will bring him up for special events, etc, if he so wishes. He will accept all visitors, letters and calls! **And snacks!**



TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Financial Activity

Church expenses exceed income through February 15, 2020 by \$1,300, which is typical for this point in time during the church year. While final 2019 accounting and reconciliation is not yet complete, it appears 2019 church income exceeded expenses by about \$4,000. The final amount will be confirmed in the coming months.

The Capital Fund has been used up for improvements to the church (new furnace, fellowship hall carpeting, sanctuary painting and moisture management under the church). New sanctuary flooring and pew cushions are

being paid for from the L. Anderson rainy day fund.

The church 2020 budget was approved by the congregation at the December Annual Meeting.

Investments

The diversified portfolio at the church did well in 2019 providing almost a 10% return for the year. The final return will be computed in the coming months. Equity market volatility is very much on investors' minds due to the Corona Virus, trade wars and the upcoming election. The church maintains sufficient liquidity to meet its obligations and short term cash requirements. The Church investments are held at discount brokerage custodians; Vanguard and TD Ameritrade.

If you have any questions about any financial matters of the Church, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul J. Olzerowicz

Treasurer, First Christian Church of Freedom



LADIES GUILD

We have been meeting regularly most of the past two months. Only a couple of snow days. We took 14 more quilts to the birthing center mid-February and since last July 1 have sent 164 quilts. That's a LOT of work from our small group. We eagerly look forward to the return of our "snowbirds".

As usual, we always welcome newcomers to our group...You don't have to know how to quilt. There are lots of jobs (including pressing

fabric) that need to be done for each quilt we make.

Come join us any Monday and bring a bag lunch. We meet from 9 am 'til 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Submitted by Peg Nichols

LUNCH MENU AT

Ossipee Concerned Citizens Inc.

3 Dore Street P.O. Box 426 Center Ossipee, NH 03814 (603) 539-6851

Blood Pressure Clinic 1st Thursday VNA 11:30

Foot Care Wednesday Call Bev. for an appt. (603) 323-7048




Bingo Mondays 1:15 - Cribbage Tuesday and Friday 1:15

Tamworth Meal - Mondays



MARCH 2020



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Chicken Legs Potato Puffs Squash, Peas Cranberry Sauce	3 Baked Potato Bar Cheeses Meat Balls - Gravy Broccoli W/ Cheese Sauce Apple Sauce	4 Chop Suey Spinach Boiled Egg Hot Biscuit Tossed Salad	5 Roast Pork Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Carrots Green Beans Apple Sauce Corn Bread	6 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Ham Brussels Sprouts Crackers Cole Slaw
9 Shepherd's Pie Broccoli W/ Cheese Sauce Boiled Egg Apple Sauce Hot Biscuit	10 Brunch 4 Lunch Pancakes Bacon/Sausage Home Fries Fruit	11 Pork Stir-Fry Noodles, Egg Rolls Asian Veggies Corn Bread	12 Chicken Cordon Bleu Mashed Potatoes Squash, Peas Cranberry Sauce	13 Corn Chowder Egg Salad Pickled Beets Cole Slaw Crackers
16 Lemon Pepper Fish Potatoes Au Gratin Peas, Cole Slaw Bread	17 ST. PATTY'S DAY Meat Loaf Mashed Potato Gravy, Gr. Beans Stewed Tomatoes Hot Biscuit	18 Mac & Cheese Franks, Spinach Tossed Salad Cottage Cheese	19 Baked Spiral Ham Mashed Potatoes Sweet Potatoes Carrots, Corn Bread Apple Sauce	20 Pizza Boiled Egg Cole Slaw 3 Bean Salad
23 Stuffed Peppers Linguini and Sauce Spinach Cole Slaw Hot Biscuit	24 Fried Chicken Fries, Squash Peas, Cole Slaw Cranberry Sauce Bread	25 Sausage Scrambled Eggs French Toast Fries, Fruit	26 Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes Carrots, Gravy Green Beans Apple Sauce	27 Pea Soup Egg Salad Cole Slaw Corn Bread
30 Chicken Parmesan Noodles Squash, Peas Cranberry Sauce Bread	31 Spaghetti and Meat Balls Sauce Spinach Hot Biscuit			

We miss Bob Bossdorf who served as our co-director for many years. Our board has selected Peg Nichols to serve as our new co-director. Hannaford Fresh Rescue continues to provide meat which has reached its "best by date". Charlie Peterson picks up the donation each Monday and brings it to our pantry. So far, the deliveries have averaged between 100 and 250 pounds. In December we provided food for the clients to prepare the following meals:

Center Ossipee received 315 meals, Effingham received 924 meals, Freedom received 714 meals, Ossipee received 315 meals, West Ossipee received 63 meals for a total of 2331 meals. January saw snow, ice and freezing rain. The weather conditions caused fewer meals to be served because clients were not able to safely venture out. We provide food for clients to prepare the following meals: Center Ossipee received 315 meals, Effingham received 336 meals, Freedom received 420 meals, Ossipee received 252 meals, West Ossipee received 63 meals for a total of 1386 meals. We would appreciate donations of TOMATO SOUP.

Respectfully submitted, Peg Nichols, Doris Sirois



Next Newsletter Deadline is **April 20th**



COME, CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK!

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday, April 5th at 10 a.m.

This was when Jesus came into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. We traditionally hand out palm crosses to remind us of the 'hosannas', but also his death a few days later. Special music and lessons mark the day.



Maundy Thursday, April 9th at 7 p.m.

The anniversary of the Institution of the Lord's Supper. We'll have a service of Holy Communion as we remember Jesus gathering with the disciples on the night of his betrayal. It's a meaningful service, which ends with the stripping of the altar, representing the abandonment of the disciples after the betrayal by Judas.

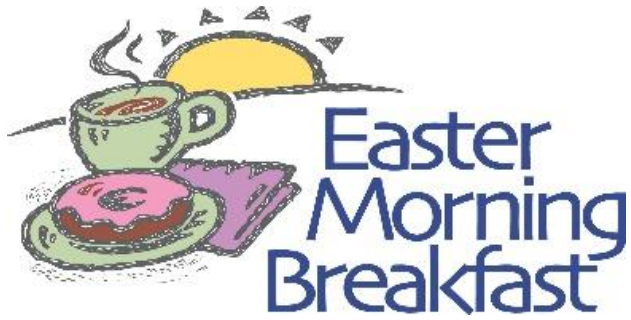
Good Friday, April 10th at Noon

This marks the time of Jesus' crucifixion. We'll spend that hour contemplating the meaning of that event, and how it intersects with our life today. Why did the Son of God have to die? What does it mean to us and our faith? We'll follow an outline suggested by Pope John Paul II, which offers a reading and short meditation.



Easter Sunrise Service, April 12th at 7 a.m.

This is a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus at the Pavilion on Loon Lake. This is the climactic event of Jesus' life, and a joyous celebration of what he has done for us. It's usually cold, so bring a blanket.



Pancake Breakfast



Easter Sunday Breakfast - April 12th; coffee at 7:30 & Breakfast at 8am at Freedom Town Hall.



**Sponsored by Freedom Community Club
March 15th at the Town Hall from 8-10 am**

Cost: Adults \$8.00

Children under 12 free

Pancakes, Sausages, Juice, Coffee

COME ONE, COME ALL!!!!

Service of the Resurrection, April 12th at 10 am

This is the time our congregation gathers to honor the Risen Christ and give thanks for God's great plan of salvation for all believers. Our hymns, prayers, sermon, choir anthem, and lessons all reflect the crux of our faith. Be sure to join us for this wonderful worship service, as well as the ones leading up to it.



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Spring is God's way of saying "One more time". Happy Spring everyone!

If you have any information for the office or for me, please leave it on my desk on Sunday mornings. Office hours are Monday 9-1, Wednesday 9-1 and Thursday 9-1.

Sincerely,

Patty Dumas

Just for Fun!

The answers to the Winter Newsletter
are:

1. Brothers
2. Father & Son
3. Sisters
4. Husband and Wife
5. Brothers
6. Daughter and Mother
7. Brothers
8. Husband and Wife
9. Brothers
10. Father and Son

NEW RIDDLE Who Was He?

There was a man who went one day
On top a Joppa house to pray,
And while he waited for his meat
He dreamed he saw a great big sheet
Let down from heaven, and inside
Fowls and creeping things did ride,
The one who prayed was told to eat,
For God has cleansed this "common"
meat.



Just for Laughs!

Boy aged 4: Dad, I've decided to get married.

Dad: Wonderful. Do you have a girl in mind?

Boy: Yes...grandma! She said she loves me; I love her too; and she's the best cook and story teller in the whole world!!

Dad: That's nice, but we have a small problem.

Boy: What problem?

Dad: She happens to be my mother. How can you marry my mother?

Boy: Why not? You married *my* mother!

March, 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9 am Choir Sunday Service 10 am 5 pm "Music as Meditation"	9 am Ladies Guild	10:00am Bible Study at Calumet 7 pm Choir Rehearsal		9 am Deacon's Meeting 10am Book Study Group		10 am Food Pantry
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9 am Choir Sunday Service 10 am Daylight Savings 	9 am Ladies Guild	10:00am Bible Study at Calumet 7 pm Choir Rehearsal		10am Book Study Group		10 am Food Pantry
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9 am Choir Sunday Service 10 am 8-10 am Pancake Breakfast at Town Hall sponsored by Community Club	9 am Ladies Guild	10:00am Bible Study at Calumet 7 pm Choir Rehearsal St. Patrick's Day 	7 pm Council Meeting	10am Book Study Group	First day of Spring!! 	10 am Food Pantry
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
7 am Easter Sunrise Service  10 am Easter Sunday Service 10 am	9 am Ladies Guild	10:00am Bible Study at Calumet 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	7 pm Council Meeting	10am Book Study Group		10 am Food Pantry
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