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I wondered this week as we went from 70 degree weather to more snow, what are the things that make it spring to you? I love the warmer weather, the flowering of the gardens and the promise of longer days and shorter evenings. New life springing from the ground as well as the new life we celebrate in this time of our Liturgical year. We celebrate the resurrection on Easter and now we move into the Easter season. This is the time where we are challenged to prepare for Pentecost. Before we get there, I have some thoughts for us to consider along the way.

During this Lenten season we contemplated on our Human condition, our use of ashes, and our divinity. The being created of God's image as well as our understandings of scripture around promised divinity. To quote Nadia Bolz Weber's "Accidental Saints" we are 100% Human as well as 100% Devine, that our Grace comes from God not our Grace to God. From this we summarized our time during Lent into three elements/ themes. They were Ashes, Oil and Sacred time.

Now, as we have moved into the new Liturgical as well as the Earthly seasons we will be exploring the connection of our Baptism, our responses to it, and how these relate to the promises of salvation. But, this all will be done with a slight twist to our contemplating, that is we will be looking this year at our responses to the vows of Baptism, reminding ourselves of the promises that we make, but how the Grace of God through the Holy Spirit is at work in that. Repentance, Receiving and renewal will be the first step for us to begin our work in understanding and what will centralize our preparations for Pentecost.

As we look again at how we accept forgiveness and how to forgive, we will have the opportunity to look deeper into the understandings of these writers of scriptures. For example, what was Paul's motive when he inspired the Romans scripture to say "Nothing can separate us" or how John's account of Jesus was Divine from creation where others waited till the miracles started showing up.

Next we will take a stab at what has been in our way to finding the grace that is present in our lives through reflections and stories. May we all reach Pentecost with the flames of hope, peace, love and renewal in our hearts. May we all remember our Baptism, be renewed in Love, and revitalize our lives in concert with God through the Holy Spirit this Easter season so when we reach Pentecost we will be on fire for Love and walking the journey of Faith and Perfected with Love.

In God's Peace and in God's Time I pray for all of you to discover again the great gift you have received through your Baptism. Be infected with the Love of God in your Hearts and live into a deeper relationship with God through Christ and the Holy Spirit.

In Peace and Pentecost Anticipation.

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Church hours:
Sunday Worship Service 10:30am
Sunday School 9:30am
Office Hours Monday thru Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

Church and Community News

DONATIONS – Tote bags for cancer patients in the hospital for treatment. Tote bags will be distributed as needed through the Cancer Prayer and Support Group.

Filtered refillable water bottles

Box of note cards and stamps

Cozy Socks

Planner/Journal

Plush throw 50"x70"

Detox Herbal Tea

Skin conditioning oil (vegan)

The Oneco -Sterling Cancer Support and Prayer Group



Join us on the 4th Tuesdays of the month- 7:00pm at the Oneco United Methodist Church
1128 Plainfield Pike, Oneco, CT 06373
This is an ongoing group. New people are welcome at any time.
For more information contact:
Cathy McNeill - 860-230-6804
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A **Cancer Diagnosis** of your own or for someone you know can be a frightening thing-



Having people to talk with - helps.

- Safe Environment
- Respectful
- Caring
- Understanding

The Dough Boys & Girls

are meeting at 9:00am every Saturday morning. All are welcome to join us in our therapy as we beat up bread dough for a good cause. Please come

WE KNEAD YOU!!

Sunday Nursery Sunday School

The gathering will be in the Nursery during worship for all infant to 8 years olds.

There will be games, crafts, music and some interactive play. The intention is to offer the young families a place where their children can learn and play and they can have an opportunity to have worship.

All childcare providers will be Safe Sanctuary trained.

Please bring your children and your neighbours children!



Please continue to support the ongoing projects of the Outreach Committee:

- Spam, tuna with oil & peanut butter
- * children's underwear
- * old suitcases for Haitian Health Foundation
- * Can tabs for children at Shriners' hospitals
- * Campbell labels for educational supplies
- * Blankets, towels and twin sheets for the homeless shelter
- * Diapers for the local Diaper Bank
- * Shoes for Africa

The local shelter is looking for shampoo, towels, soap, toothpaste and tooth brushes, coffee cups, soup bowls, silverware, razors, twin sheets and blankets. The sample sizes of personal amenities are welcome too.

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FEBRUARY 2017**

April 10, 2016 – Information meeting with pot luck dinner. **Danielson UMC** – **5:00pm**. This trip is open to anyone 16 years and older. Limited space available. Fund raising events will be hosted to defray cost. Call Cathy McNeill if interested. 860-230-6804 or email cathymcneill@ymail.com

Danielson UMC – Monday morning breakfast – every Monday morning 7:30 – 11:00am. Food servers and cleanup. We are also looking for a volunteer to introduce crocheting plastic bags for mats for homeless people. Also a volunteer to help write resumes.

Danielson UMC – Friday Be Our Guest Dinners – the 3rd, 4th and 5th Friday's. 4:00 – 8:00pm. Servers and cleanup is needed.

**Monday morning
breakfasts**

could use any of the following:

Pancake mix, milk and eggs

Hash browns

Eggs

Bacon/Ham/ Sausages

Coffee, and canned or frozen Juice

Paper products, including plates coffee and juice cups

Or a monetary donation to purchase these items and some of the more perishable items we us.

**WE ARE CURRENTLY
LOW ON PAPER
GOODS.**

Kids Care Packaging Event on Sunday, April 3rd.

. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE

. We will start packaging at 11 AM on Sunday, April 3rd at our new home –

190 Wauregan Road in Danielson, just south of Big Y across from current home of Danielson Glass.

APRIL UMCD CALENDAR

- Apr 3 Kids Care Food Packaging
- Apr 4 Fellowship Breakfast 9-11pm
- Apr 2 Dough Boys 9:00am
- Apr 6 Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- Apr 6 Cub Scouts 5:30pm—6:30pm
- Apr 7 Choir Practice 6:30pm
- Apr 10 Native American Sunday
- Apr 10 Remembering Charlie Kelly –after service
- Apr 10 Nicaragua Meeting Potluck 5:00pm
- Apr 11 Fellowship Breakfast 9-11am
- Apr 13 Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- Apr 14 Cub Scouts 5:30—6:30pm
- Apr 14 Choir Practice 6:30pm
- Apr 16 Dough Boys and Girls 9:00am
- Apr 18 Fellowship Breakfast 9:00
- Apr 20 Community Kitchen 9:00—1:00pm
- Apr 21 Cub Scouts 5:30—6:30pm
- Apr 21 Choir Practice 6:30pm
- Apr 22 Be Our Guest Dinner 5:00pm
- Apr 23 Dough Boys and Girls 9:00am
- Apr 25 Fellowship Breakfast 9-1pm
- Apr 26 Cancer Support Group @ Oneco UMC 7:00pm
- Apr 27 Community Kitchen 9-1pm
- Apr 28 Cub Scouts 5:30pm—6:30pm
- Apr 28 Choir Practice 6:30pm
- Apr 29 Be Our Guest Dinner 5:00pm

April Volunteers

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| 4.3 | Liturgist: Barbara Schreiere
Greeter: Connie Viveros
Ushers: Maggie Baird & Mark Hoyt

Coffee Hour: Cyndi Perkins
Tellers: Marsha Hardell & Nate Bramlet |
| 4.10 | Liturgist: Cathy McNeil
Greeter: Joyce Davis
Ushers: Peg Bernat & Betsy Kneeland

Coffee Hour:
Tellers: Sue Theroux & Barbara Schreier |
| 4.17 | Liturgist: Betsy Kneeland
Greeter: Leon Stevenson
Ushers: John Bradley & Amanda Levesque

Coffee Hour: Christina
Tellers: Mildred Briggs |
| 4.24 | Liturgist: Cyndi Perkins
Greeter: Doug Ewing
Ushers: Drew & Joe
Coffee Hour: Doug Ewing
Tellers: Betsy Kneeland |
| Bell Ringer: | John Bradley |

April Scripture Readings

April 3

- Acts 5:27-32
- Psalm 150 (UMH 862)
- Revelation 1:4-8
- John 20:19-31

April 10

- Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
- Psalm 30 (UMH 762)
- Revelation 5:11-14
- John 21:1-19

April 17

- Acts 9:36-43
- Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)
- Revelation 7:9-17
- John 10:22-30

April 24

- Acts 16:9-15
- Psalm 67 (UMH 791)
- Revelation 22:10, 22-22:5
- John 14:23-29

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