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Please keep in your thoughts and prayers: your friends and neighbors; those people who are suffering and those who are ill; those struggling with on-going health issues, especially

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Also, keep in prayer those impacted by gun violence; the displaced people of Ukraine, Syria, and other war-torn countries; our divided country, as we work together toward unity; the so-called “Long Haulers”, affected by the Covid 19 virus and those who have yet to get their vaccinations; those who are marginalized by society; those protesting injustice; the police officers who protect us; victims of natural as well as man-made disasters; families seeking asylum in our great country; service people at home and abroad; and our world leaders. Pray for those in need of comfort, tolerance, peace, justice and the basics for comfortable and safe living; and for those who long for hope, courage and guidance.

Always give thanks to God for the many blessings, gifts and joys in our lives!

PASTA SUPPER

The Sunday School Pasta Supper on March 4 was a spectacular success! The Sunday School raised over \$800, which will go towards the Church World Service kits and to local children's charities. Served was lasagna, spaghetti, meatballs and sausage, salad, bread and a drink, all topped off with brownie sundaes! Add to that efficient and attentive waitstaff and it all equals a winner of a night out.



As well as crisp, fresh salad with all the toppings, there was homemade lasagna as well as succulent spaghetti and delicious meatballs (and I heard the sausage was great, too). In addition to the great waitstaff, the kitchen was busy as well.



Lenten Bible Study

Join us for a special Bible Study during Lent, which continues Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 pm at the Deansboro Church. There are seven lessons, each covering a day in the week leading up to Easter. Palm Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday have been studied. The rest of the examination of Holy Week ends Tuesday, April 11. We will be using the book The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Let Pastor Tom know if you plan to join in this study group.

This study has resulted in some lively discussion. It focuses on the history of the lessons we read in the Bible, for example what led up to the procession on Palm Sunday? It turns out there was an opposing celebratory march that week, led by Pontius Pilate, which was much different from Jesus'. But was that deliberate or a coincidence? Good conversation!

Maundy Thursday, also called Holy Thursday, is April 6 and we will observe it with a service of Tenebrae in the church house starting at 6:00. We will enjoy clam chowders before commemorating the last three days of Jesus' life, including the Last Supper. Jesus' command was for us to love and serve one another. Come join us for this very meaningful service.



One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. OGHS has responded to disasters in more than 45 countries, including the United States. Today, projects are underway all over the world. One Great Hour of Sharing funds make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more.

Envelopes to contribute to OGHS are available at church. You can put them in the collection plate; or mail your contribution to the Treasurer at Deansboro UCC, PO Box 276, Deansboro through the month of March. They will be dedicated on March 26.

Closer to home, we should not forget the Food Pantry the next time we grocery shop. Even though it's spring, it is still cold and hunger does not go away. The needs go beyond food, however; the Food Pantry is pleased to receive health and beauty items as well. Anything which cannot be purchased with SNAP is most welcome. No one should go to bed hungry, and no one should do without essential health and beauty items so many of us take for granted. Giving to others is an act of worship, and in line with the teachings of Jesus.



There is a basket in the narthex where the contributions to the Food Pantry can be placed. Every Tuesday, your food and/or health and beauty donations are taken to the Waterville Food Pantry, where they are gratefully received. If you would prefer giving monetarily, please send your checks to:

Waterville Food Pantry
Box 22
Waterville, NY 13480

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.”

Matthew 25:35



For the past few years, we have not relied on Alcott's Greenhouse or Willson's Greenhouse or any other greenhouse for our Easter flowers. We have been selecting them ourselves, and it has turned out very well. The altar is beautifully decorated every year. The Congregational Care Committee will gladly purchase the flowers for you – just let us know. Please make your check out to the Deansboro Congregational

United Church of Christ.

Be sure to have them at the church by Saturday, April 8, so they can be set up for Easter Sunday.

If you'd like the flowers to be in memory or in honor of someone, please let Janet know by Saturday, April 8, so it can be in the bulletin.



Flowers on the altar at Easter are very appropriate, especially the lily which symbolizes purity and innocence, as well as the resurrection of Jesus Christ

WELCOME EASTER MORNING

Join us for our Easter service on April 9 at 9 am. This year will feature trumpet music as well as lovely and fragrant flowers. Easter is the most important date in the Christian calendar, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his crucifixion.

The date is related to the full moon - specifically, Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on or just after the vernal equinox, or the first day of spring. So, Easter can be any time between March 22 and April 25, depending on the full moon and the vernal equinox.

The word "Easter" may have come from the Anglo-Saxon goddess of dawn, called Eostre, whose feast day was celebrated each spring. Or it may have come from words meaning "dawn," "rising," and "east." The Latin and Greek Pascha ("Passover") provides the root for Pâques, the French word for Easter.



April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Celebrate Diversity Month * Counseling Awareness Month * Global Astronomy Month * Jazz Appreciation Month * National Poetry Month * National Volunteer Month * School Library Month * Dog Appreciation Month * National Garden Month * National Kite Month * National Woodworking Month						1 April Fool's Day
2 Palm Sunday	3	4 Bible Study: Chapter 7: Saturday	5	6 Maundy Thursday/ Passover	7 Good Friday	8 Holy Saturday
9 Easter Easter	10 Nat'l Library Worker's Day	11 Bible Study: Chapter 8- Sunday	12	13 Thomas Jefferson's birthday	14	15 Income Tax Day
16	17 Laylat al Qadr (Muslim)	18 Holocaust Remembrance Day	19	20	21	22 Earth Day
23	24	25	26 Admin. Ass't. Professional Day	27	28 Arbor Day	29
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May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 May Day	2 National Teacher's Day	3	4 National Day of Prayer	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 National Nurses Day
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day	16	17	18 Ascension Day	19	20 Armed Forces Day
21	22	23	24	25	26 Shavuot	27
28 Pentecost	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

EASTER QUIZ

1. What was the Jewish feast which was being celebrated the week Christ was crucified? (Luke 22:1)
2. Judas, one of the disciples, betrayed Jesus. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what? (Matthew 27:3-5)
3. A man named Simon was compelled to carry the cross of Jesus. In Mark 15 we are told the names of Simon's two sons. What were their names?
4. What did Pilate's wife counsel him to do concerning Jesus? (Matthew 27:19).
5. What was the inscription above the cross? (Luke 19:19, John 19:20)
6. What happened in the Temple as a sign that the death of Jesus had made way for the individual believer to approach God? (Matthew 27:51).
7. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last? (Matthew 27:45; Mark 15:33; Luke 23:44-45)
8. In John 19 two men helped prepare the body of Christ for burial. One is said to have been a secret disciple and another secretly came to Jesus early in His ministry to ask a question. Who were these men? (John 19:38-42)



David Adams – March 23
Olivia Vasquez – March 29
Lawrence Gilley – April 2
Connor Machold – April 4
Zach Ellingson – April 7
Joyce Ingraham – April 10
Barbara J. Adams – April 14



McKenzie Taylor & Adam Kistner –
March 19

Debbie & Mark Taylor – March 22

Tammy & Gerald Sehn – March 30

Barb & Dave Adams – April 5