

# ***From the Hill***

## ***First Congregational Church of Georgetown***



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**May 2022**

Dear Church,

Happy Easter! Even weeks after we celebrated Resurrection Sunday, I can still say this. We are in the time of Easter, according to the church calendar, so, again, *Happy Easter!*

As a faith community with Christ as our head, or Guiding light, we are “Post-Easter” People, Resurrection people. Jesus walked the world showing us how to live and love; and Christ remains, lives on in us giving us the strength and vision to tell the story, and live our lives as Jesus taught.

Post-Easter, life *after* the Resurrection -- not only on Easter Sunday (which was lovely by the way). A quick but important “Thank you” to the Diaconate, the church set-up team, the flower team! What a joyful place we had to celebrate the Resurrection. And thank you to the Camp Leslie fireside/ sunrise service team, and to Easter morning breakfast team. What a nice set of gatherings to mark this day of renewal and rebirth for our faith community. Well done, teams!

Did you make it to church on Easter Day? If not, come next week, come every week or once in a while, when you can, when you need a boost, when you need to be with curious people striving to learn and live as God’s beloved in community. And, if you can’t get to church, either in person or via ZOOM for whatever reason, and need a boost, call and let’s arrange a visit.

Post-Easter - the emphasis on a God, a Love-So-Strong, that it overcomes death experience. Post-Easter, Love trumps hate; Love conquers death. God’s surprise. God wins, even in times of darkness. Love wins - perhaps not in your timeline or mine, but in God’s timeline.

All of us are invited to live into the Resurrected life which is a life energized by the God who is always present, even in times when it doesn’t feel like it. Maybe especially those time. Jesus came down as God’s beloved One; he walked and wandered the world, he spoke to those in pain, he felt their pain, he healed the lame, he cured the sick, he restored life to those who felt life-less, he celebrated with those who were rejoicing.

In faith, Jesus faced the ups and down, as one of us. So, God knows our pain, and God walks with us. In Christ, we are never alone in pain, in sorrow or in death. Just as we are never alone in

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joy. God has felt and seen it all, and this Love is right there always, alongside you and even within you.

We might not always know what it means, but we can live into faith that God is with us through all of our trials, all of our quandaries, all of our good times too!

Let us continue to live as Post-Easter people, and like Mary Magdalene, the first at the tomb, the first to be named by the Resurrected Christ, the first to share the Good News that Love wins.

I wish you the peace of the ever-resurrected Christ,

Rev. Holly

### FCC Men's Group

FCC Men's group will meet for breakfast on Saturday, May 22nd at 8:00 AM, at Cafe Sarina.



Knitting  
Group

### Knitting Group

Beginners and experts alike! Join us at church for knitting, crocheting and fellowship! Needles and yarn provided if needed.

Knitting meets every *other Thursday* at 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.

The next meeting is *Thursday, May 5th*.

### Yoga - Let's Grow Together

Christine Litch is offering a five week yoga series on *Monday evenings 7-8 PM beginning April 25 and ending May 23. Please contact Christine to sign-up & preregister.*

Seated Gentle Therapeutic Stretch: Take a more active role in healing imbalances in your body and gain more mobility and stability. This class is for all abilities. For more information contact Christine at [christine@zensationalhealing.com](mailto:christine@zensationalhealing.com)



### Flower Contributions

If you would like to contribute flowers, make a monetary contribution for the Communion Table, an anniversary, birthday or a special occasion contact Jaime Krenn at 978-352-7932 or the church office.

## **Diaconate News**

MAY 2022 Greetings from your Diaconate:

Spring has been beckoning us with her soft breezes and her colors peeking out from the winter browns and grays of the soil. We feel a sudden joy when walking outside either to our car or on a longer walk to shake the cold from our heads. We feel this joy as we see a green sprout, promising a happy yellow daffodil, or the rich and heady fragrance of the beloved hyacinth. This my friends is our call from God that hope abounds and the seasons ahead will warm us inside and out!

The description above could also be used to describe our Easter. That same hope and warmth stays with us, as we were able to share our traditional Easter service, with all its glory in person. How fortunate we are to have such musical talent to soothe our souls and excite our ears! Emily, Bob and all those who share their God given talent with us...thank you!!

A very special thank you to everyone who made this Easter Holy Week so special. To start let's open our hearts with thankfulness for our very own Pastor Holly. Her care, her messages and her ever present positive outlook have reached each and every one of us. Thank you to all the readers on Sundays, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Your voices spoke so clearly of our beliefs. .

A special thank you that we were able to gather, once again, as we enjoy the tradition of beginning the joyous Easter morning at Camp Leslie. There is something so moving about that sunrise service that stays tucked in our hearts all year. To commune with nature and all her beauty...how blessed we are!

Rich Brock, our moderator, together with our wonderful team of deacons (Antoinette, Emily, Pam, and Sharon) are certainly worthy of mention. Their boundless energy and their many ideas are so important in the 'life of our church'.

To Jaime Krenn for her help obtaining and making sure our palms were available for everyone, To Emily for ordering the Easter Lilies that graced our sanctuary, To Kim for the glistening rooms, to Jessica our church manager for all the many ways you keep us organized in such a busy month. To all who donated to the Easter Memorial Flowers and those who delivered them, a giant thank you.

As always our Community of God is precious. Our church family boosts us up when our world is overwhelming, when we feel hurt or lost, or on the flip side, our church family always shares our joys and happiness so much that our hearts swell!

Happy Spring! Gladie Kneeland, Chair

## **From the Member at Large**

The Church Council is very interested in your ideas as to how we can grow spiritually as a church. How can we expand what we do well so that it reaches beyond our own walls? Please share your thoughts with me or any of the Council Members. Other thoughts and concerns may be shared at any time. Our Member-at- Large to the Council is Susan Stead.

## Women's Guild

### **BRING YOUR OWN SANDWICH LUNCH**

Tuesday, May 17 at NOON

ADVOCATING FOR THE JEANNE GEIGER CRISIS CENTER

Guest, Glenna Etheridge, is an experienced volunteer with the Jeannie Geiger Crisis Center, serving the Greater Newburyport communities. Her work includes mentoring and accompanying women to court hearings. The Geiger Center protects, and educates, providing a safety net for many families in abusive situations. Glenna is also the daughter of proud Mom, Gloria Webster!

Hostesses: Sylvia Johnston & Mary Ann Nelson

Devotions: Gloria Webster

## Book Club

All are welcome and you do not have to RSVP to attend. Below is a list of the books they will be discussing in the coming months in case you want to get the book ahead of time or you might just be looking for a good read.

May 25 7:00 p.m.	<i>Mrs. Jack: A Biography of Isabella Stewart Gardner</i>	Louise Hall Tharp	Zoom
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### **Light The Church Fund**

Contributions for lighting the church can be made in memory of loved ones or in honor of someone special. If you would like to make a contribution or need more information please contact Robert Knapp at 978-518-7859.

*Our steeple will be lit this May in memory of Tom Scale 5-1-59 ~ 2-16-22  
by the Aberman family.*



Do you have someone in your family who is graduating?! Please contact the church office by May 28th to let us know who your graduates are. We are planning a wonderful service and would like to recognize your student's accomplishments in church on Sunday, June 12th.



### **Strawberry Social & Band Concert June 21st**

Enjoy the first day of summer on our church lawn! Help will be needed with hulling, serving, set up and clean up. Raffle items needed. Questions, please contact Emily Knapp 978-257-6277 or Janice Murphy 978-273-2999.



Jonathan Brock  
Althea Chute  
Brad Chute  
Cameron Davis  
Steven DeSisto

Kyle Gillen  
Hannah Lamoureaux  
Alexa Lee  
Amanda Lee  
Jeffrey Moore

Jean Perley  
Mason Pesce  
Warren Young





## 2022 Easter Flowers



### Given By

The Murphy Family

Jean R. Perley

Steve Pinto & Jaime Krenn

Shirley Powell

Pam Sheehan

The Stead Family

Ruth Stewart

Nancy Tariot

Gloria Webster

Carole Young

Warren Young

Anonymous

### In Memory or In Honor Of

Benedetta Murphy,  
Jim & Betty Blomley

Loved Ones

Flo Pinto

Loved Ones

Joseph & Carol Sheehan, Jimmy Sheehan  
Janice Hall, Edward Sheehan

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Paul Tariot

Floyd Webster, Paul Webster

Loved Ones

Karen Young

in honor of generous &  
supportive friends

### Given By

Nancy & Richard Aberman

Richard & Michelle Brock

Toni Cassidy and Family

Tom & Marie Chaffee

Joan Chatterton

Susan Clay

David Clinton

Steven & Donna DeSisto

Karen Harris & Family

Sylvia Johnston

Antoinette Taylor Jones

### In Memory or In Honor Of

Tom Scale

Rodney Brock & Lorraine Jette

Loved Ones

Our Families and those in Ukraine

Donn Chatterton and Parents  
Russ & Dorothy Clinton

Roger Clay

Russ & Dorothy Clinton

Donald & Muriel Gordon

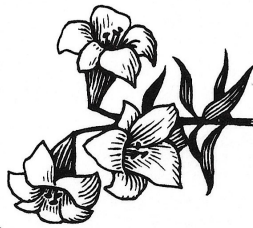
The Harris & Driscoll Friends & Family

Loved Ones

Ansilee Jones,  
Rachel Ann Taylor




## 2022 Easter Flowers





# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30 Bells 10:30 AM Worship 5-7 PM Line dancing	<b>2</b> Yoga 7-8 PM	<b>3</b> 10 AM Bible Study 4:45-6:15 Girl Scouts 6:30 Bells 7:30 Band	<b>4</b> 7PM Boy Scouts Eagle Court 5-8:30 6:30 Band	<b>5</b> Knitting 10 AM/7 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:30 AM Worship 5-7 PM Line dancing	<b>9</b> Yoga 7-8 PM	<b>10</b> 10 AM Bible Study 4:45-6:15 Girl Scouts 6 PM Finance 6:30 Bells 7:30 Band	<b>11</b> 6:30 Band 7 PM Missions meeting 7PM Boy Scouts	<b>12</b> 7 PM Diaconate Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Men's Group 8:00 A.M. Café Sarina
<b>15</b> 10:30 AM Worship 5-7 PM Line dancing	<b>16</b> Yoga 7-8 PM 	<b>17</b> 10 AM Bible Study 12 PM Women's Guild 4:45-6:15 Girl Scouts 6:30 Bells 7:30 Band	<b>18</b> 6:30 PM Council 7PM Boy Scouts 7:30 Band	<b>19</b> Knitting 10 AM/7 PM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 Band 10:30 AM Worship 5-7 PM Line dancing	<b>23</b> Yoga 7-8 PM	<b>24</b> 10 AM Bible Study 4:45-6:15 Girl Scouts 6:30 Bells 7:30 Band	<b>25</b> 7 PM Book Group Guild Room/ZOOM 7PM Boy Scouts 6:30 Band	<b>26</b> 6 PM CD Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 Bells 10:30 AM Worship 5-7 PM Line dancing	<b>30</b> Office Closed	<b>31</b> 10 AM Bible Study 4:45-6:15 Girl Scouts 6:30 Bells 7:30 Band	7PM Boy Scouts		<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

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Our Church Mission Statement:

*“To nurture those in our own faith community  
and to act on our faith by reaching out to others.”*

We are an Open and Affirming church of the United Church of Christ.