

Resurrection Joy: Easter Sunday

Excerpt from UCC Website

The morning sun was peeking over the hills of the cemetery where the faithful had gathered to sing the first alleluias of Easter. As the sky turned from black to gray to an orangey pink, casting a warm glow on the sleepy headstones, the pastor spoke of a stone rolled away, an empty tomb revealed, and angels in bright clothing asking the living among the dead, "Who are you looking for?"

It was then a young woman attending the sunrise service could no longer hold back her tears. With them flowing freely, she offered no apologies but rather she proclaimed the message of Easter more eloquently than any pastor ever could.

It's amazing that Easter joy begins in a graveyard! There is resurrection all around! We live because He lives! Those around her smiled. Some even joined her in the tears she shed.

Yes, isn't it amazing, my friends, that Easter joy begins in a graveyard. Isn't it amazing that God brings new life from what has passed away? Death does not have the last word. Endings are new beginnings. Good-byes are followed by blessed hellos.

And yet, how many times do we fully embrace the Easter promise, believing beyond belief that the end is never the end with God?

The late Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong once said that "the Easter moment is a call to life, to love and to the courage to be all that God created us to be." We will never get to that Easter life, though, if we linger among that which is dead. For what are we hoping to revive? What are we clinging to? Who are we looking for?

As the angels proclaimed that first Easter morning, Jesus is alive. He is waiting to meet us on our paths where we discover the Risen Christ in the care shown to us from strangers as well as the compassion we give in return. We might not always recognize Jesus, but He is indeed there. Our cynical eyes just need to see through the lenses of faith.

May this Easter we stop our woeful gaze into the tomb of dead dreams and hopes and shout to the world, as Mary did, "I have seen the Lord!" For you have. He is alive among us – within all our hearts.

God of Easter new life, we thank You and praise You for fresh beginnings. May we begin to live as Easter people, holding tightly to the promise that death is no more. With our Risen Lord by our sides, there is always hope and amazing possibilities. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. John 20:1-18



Easter Services

Sunday 4/13

10:30 Palm Sunday

Thursday 4/17

7 PM Maundy Thursday service of Tenebrae

Sunday 4/20

6:30 AM Sunrise service at Camp Leslie

Sunday 4/20

10:30 Easter service

NEW OFFICE HOURS

WEDNESDAY

9AM - 12PM

THURSDAY

9AM - 12PM

FRIDAY

9AM - 12PM



Mission Team of the First Congregational Church, Georgetown is holding a diaper & essentials drive!

Help keep babies safe and dry!

- New & Gently used Children's Clothing
 - sizes 2T - 10/12, all seasons, boys/girls
- Diapers - sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7
- Pull Ups sizes 2T/3T, 3T/4T, 4T/5T, 5T/6T
- wipes
- diaper cream baby cream and wash

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from our diaper wish list



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Low-income families often have to choose between putting food on the table and buying diapers.

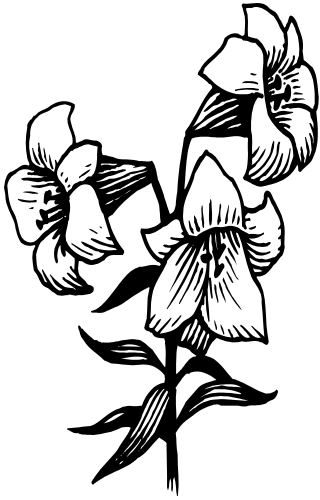


Community Giving Tree

DONATE BY:

3/1/25-4/30/25

Easter Flowers



Our sanctuary will be filled with beautiful flowers on Easter Sunday. The Diaconate welcomes your contributions in memory/honor of beloved friends and family.

Make donations payable to First Congregational Church and place in the offering plate or mail to 7 Andover St. Georgetown, MA 01833. Or order on-line using the QR code below or visit our website fccgeorgetownma.org
The deadline will be **April 13th**

A listing of those remembered and those who have contributed will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Flowers will be delivered to folks who are homebound or who have recently lost a family member.

My donation (in any amount) \$ _____

IN MEMORY or IN HONOR OF (please print)

FROM: _____



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WOMEN'S GUILD



TUESDAY, APRIL 1ST @ NOON

Bring Your Own Sandwich / Salad Lunch & Dessert is Provided.

This may be April Fool's Day, but we're not fooling around when we're talking about Nancy Aberman's wonderful photography and stories regarding scenes 'across the pond'!

Just us that day for 'Armchair Travel", with Nancy, to the UK".



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Men's Group

Saturday,
April 12th
8AM
Cafe Sarina



Community Conversations

Tuesday, April 8th 6pm - 7:30pm
Death Cafe - Coffee, Cake and
Conversation
Rowley Public Library
141 Main St, Rowley
Contact Angie @illstandbyyou.net

BOOK CLUB SCHEDULE



4/30: The Collected Regrets of Clover by Mikki Brammer

5/28: The Lioness of Boston by Emily Franklin

6/25: The Museum of Failures by Thrity Umrigar

As always, check the website for the Zoom link, under 'Ministries'

SENIOR CITIZENS' FREE LUNCHEONS TUE, APRIL 15TH: 11:30AM

All seniors are invited to join us for our Senior Citizens' Luncheon gatherings at Byfield Parish Church in Georgetown.

These luncheons help provide an opportunity for seniors to gather in community over a hot meal and devotional time.

Luncheons are FREE to ALL attendees. Come as you are and join us! All luncheons begin promptly at 11:30am and hot lunch is served at 12:00pm.

Please RSVP by calling our church office at least 2 days prior to each luncheon, 978-352-2022.



Council on Aging

Click [Here](#) for a List of Health & Wellness Services.

Energize and Strength Class

Perfect for all fitness levels.

Thursdays @ 1PM

Ongoing Activities

BINGO:

2nd & 4th Mondays @ 12:30pm

Quilting Group:

2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 12PM

Mah Jongg:

Wednesdays @ 12:30

Knitting / Crochet Group:

Thursdays @ 9:30am

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Note Red=Church Service Black=Church Group Purple=Team Meeting Blue=Outside Group 9:30 AM Band		1 12 Noon Guild	2 3 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 Bell Choir 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 Band	3 6 PM GTW	4	5
6 9:30 AM Bells 10:30 AM Worship 3 PM GTW	7 6 PM GTW	8 6 PM Finance 6:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Band	9 3 PM Girl Scouts 7 PM Missions 7 PM Boy Scouts	10 6 PM GTW	11	12 8 AM Men's Group Café Serina
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Church Office Hours: Wednesday-Friday 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

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