



March 04, 2018

Quiet Meditation:

"Hope is like a road in the country: there was never a road, but when many people walk on it, the road comes into existence." LIN YUTANG

Old Testament Lesson - Exodus 20:1-17

Gospel Lesson - 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Sermon: *"Three Weeks in Jesus' Life"*

Snow Days

Last year we were very fortunate and did not have to cancel Sunday service at all. This year unfortunately, we had to cancel service the past two Sundays. Since we are not a pledging church where folks pledge a certain amount each year to support the church, we do depend on the weekly offerings to maintain our budget and two Sundays with no offering seriously affects the budget. Please consider including your offering for the previous two Sundays with today's offering. Thank you. The Stewardship Committee.

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, March 4th – Deacon's meeting after church
- Tuesday, March 6th – 6:30 pm – Bible study at Beth White's home
- Thursday, March 15th – 10:00 am - Breakfast with Rev. Alli at Tory Hill Café
- Tuesday, March 20th – 6:30 pm – Bible study at Beth White's home
- Thursday, March 29th – 6:00 pm soup & bread meal; 7:00 pm service of Tenebrae & Communion at Standish Congregational Church
- Friday, March 30th – Ecumenical Good Friday service at Chicopee Methodist church
- Sunday, April 1 – Easter Sunrise service – steps of Tory Hill Meetinghouse
- Sunday, April 1 – 10:30 am Easter worship in sanctuary

Message from your Pastor

I am deeply grateful for a relaxing week in warm weather although it was a toss up the morning we left whether or not we would actually make it to the ship on time. Just the fact that I didn't have deadlines for service materials due for two Sundays was enormous, but I am really glad to be back with you. I actually caught up on some reading, found some great material for services during Lent and I read a book for pleasure for the first time in I don't know how long. Now we have lots of great events coming up.

This Sunday I will provide a synopsis of the first three Sundays in Lent and as Lent moves toward Easter, we will again join Standish for a soup and bread supper and Maundy Thursday service, and with Buxton Centre Baptist Church, Bar Mills Community Church, Standish Congregational Church and Chicopee Methodist Church at Chicopee for our Good Friday service.

We will soon be planning our 2018 Rogation Sunday service which is scheduled for Sunday, April 22nd which is also Earth Day, at the Snell Family Farm as we did last year. It would be very helpful if someone would volunteer to help plan this service and a light luncheon. Please contact Rev. Alli if you are interested. The service was very well received last year and we are hoping to have more community participation this year.

We will also be planning for our potting Sunday at the Snell Family Farm which precedes our annual plant sale and we are very blessed to have two confirmands, Daniel Hess and Grace Shimansky, who will be confirmed and welcomed into the membership of the church on Pentecost Sunday.

Our Bible study group is focusing on a Lenten study, "Forgiveness" during these weeks ahead and I wish you a meaningful and mindful Lenten Season.

Blessings,
Rev. Alli

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Inclement Weather/Storm Cancellations

During the winter months, it is occasionally necessary to cancel worship services due to weather. If this happens, the cancellation notice will be included with WCSH-TV Channel 6 or WMTW-TV Channel 8 storm cancellation listings. We will try to ensure that any cancellations are broadcast by 8:30 AM.

Facebook - Like us? Want to be our friend? Drop in to Facebook! Leave us a comment! Susan Eldridge and Missy Jewett are our contact persons. Please feel free to correspond with either of them via email and give them your thoughts, or chat with them at church. (susane1013@outlook.com) – (melissaretus@yahoo.com)

Pastor Allison Curry- Rev. Allison is working from her home office. Please feel free to make an appointment with Rev. Allison by calling her cell phone, 207-730-3287, or by emailing her at allisonflaherty43@gmail.com. She will be happy to make arrangements to meet with you.

AMIGOS 2018 – Tory Hill Church has been a long-time supporter of the AMIGOS program of the York Association Mission Committee. Let's keep bringing our change to make a change in the poverty & hunger in this poorest region of Honduras.

Deacons. Here is a list of our Deacons; please contact them if you have questions or concerns regarding the church, or if you need assistance in the pastor's absence: John Hess (727-6481), Nancy Kneeland (929-8773), Paula Welch (929-6752).

Bulletin announcements. If you have announcements for the bulletin, please let Rev. Allison know by Wednesday afternoon.

Tory Hill Website. Check it out at www.toryhillchurch.org. If you have suggestions and/or items to post on the website, contact David White. Get announcements to him by 5 PM on Sundays at dbewwhite@sacoriver.net.

Sunday School Program. Children and youth are invited to sit with their families until the Children's Time. After the Children's Time they are invited to join Sonia Damon at the rear of the church to participate in activities she has prepared to further engage them in the lesson of the day.

Our Weekly Offerings – Feb. 4th - \$402.75; Feb. 11th - \$452.00; Total to date for Feb. - \$454.75.

Last Week's Attendance - 33

~Our Prayer List~

Molly Hurt (granddaughter of Jean Golden), Judith Dufour (Carolyn Vail's sister), Cathie Karoskdik (Jim's friend), Mike Petrin, Scott Meserve, Paula Welch and her dog, Gracie, Richard Vail Jr. (Rick) Carolyn's nephew, Alberta Richards, Cory Richards, Andrea Atkinson York's granddaughter, Minnie, Mark and Denise Geschke (John Hess's cousin), Bob and Jan Flint, Richard Kelly, Jeffrey Nason (Dianne's husband), Durward and Janet Lang, Norma Peters, Dan Hamlet (Norma's son-in-law), Christian Wheeler, Sue Wheeler, our brothers and sisters in Honduras - and all who are suffering and in harm's way around the world.

Welcoming Statement

We the First Congregational Church of Buxton declare ourselves to be open and affirming of all humankind. We acknowledge and affirm the equal value of people of all ages, races, nationalities, ethnicities, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, regardless of physical, mental, or emotional abilities, family structures, faith backgrounds, or socio-economic status. All are welcome into the full life and ministry of the church.