

**MARCH  
2018**

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**THE OLDE WHITE CHURCH**

*Love in Action*



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Greetings Friends~

True to form, this winter has been quite bazaar. Surprise snow blasts followed by 60 degree weather has one guessing what will the day bring next? But I am so happy to say that The Olde White Church has not had to cancel worship all winter, and as we turn our attention Spring-ward, God is calling forth new life during this Lenten season.

In the spirit of hearkening the warm weather, I wanted to share an interesting part of the history of Lent. Lent is one of the oldest observations on the Christian calendar. Its observances have changed over the years, but its purpose has always been the same: self-examination and preparation for Easter.

Interestingly though, the word “Lent” itself is not in the Bible. Originally, “lent” was nothing more than the English name of the season between winter and summer, the season when the snow melts and the flowers bloom; and it is still used with that meaning in everyday life in many countries. Ironically, the church observance of Lent took place during the *season* of lent. So, in England, “Lent” came to mean the observance rather than the season, leaving the season without a name. Instead of saying “Lent happens during lent,” the word “spring” was invented. Today, instead of calling the seasons winter, lent, and summer, we call them winter, spring, and summer. We use “Lent” instead of “spring” when we refer to the church season. The origins of lent is synonymous with spring!

So, even though the terminology of Lent is not in the Bible, the purpose of Lent is scripturally rooted: a time of self-reflection and preparation. There are countless examples in the Bible about re-examining one’s own life and preparing for a new journey. Moses, Jeremiah, David, the Apostles and so many others arrived at a point in their lives where God asked them to stop, listen, self-examine, and redirect to a call they were given. Jesus, Himself, stepped away to have alone time with God to ponder the journey ahead.

If we can see Lent as a time where we open ourselves to internal exploration and preparation for the new things God can do with our short lives, perhaps Lent can find a new and meaningful place in our faith life. It is a time to be willing to release the things that are holding us back in our faith life and be open to the wonderful new ways God is calling us to live in this world. With a disposition of self-reflection and openness, the ways to observe Lent are endless! So join me as we begin this year’s Lenten journey together.

Blessings in Christ,

*The Reverend Doctor Holly Nowick*

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

- To Rev. Dr. John Wilson for leading the discussion on The Heart of Christianity in January and February.
  - To the Deacons for the wonderful Sub Sandwiches provided on Super Bowl Sunday!
  - To the Deacons for hosting a wonderful Valentine's Day Dance on February 10.
  - To all the Leaders and volunteers who were nominated to various committees at our Annual Meeting on February 11. Also, a huge thank you to all outgoing committee members.
  - To Chef Shaun for his wonderful Soup which will be delivered on Sunday, March 4.
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CONGRATULATIONS TO  
Alex, Kerrie & Kaylie Moreau  
on the birth of Abbie Lynn  
on January 11, 2018



### IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Nancy Richards**, who is home recovering at 500 Swansea Mall Drive B125, Swansea, and MA 02777. Nancy welcomes cards, calls and visitors. Her number is 508-567-5518.
  - **Gwen Donald's sister, Gertrude Donnelly**, who is having health concerns at the present time.
  - **The Family of Geraldine Kempton**, our longtime member, who passed away on February 11 at the age of 95.
  - **Dorothy Norman** is now living at Clifton Assisted Living, 444 Wilbur Avenue, Apt. 320, Somerset, MA 02725 and her phone number is still 508-673-1895.
  - **Bob & Jane Eddy**. Jane is currently at Clifton Rehabilitation Center, 500 Wilbur Avenue, Somerset, MA.
  - **Pat Hayden**, who is currently at The Residence at Cedar Dell, 628 Old Westport Road, Room 164, Dartmouth, MA 02747. Her number is 508-636-2586.
  - **Ken and Nancy Bosworth**
  - **Donna Wood**
  - **Dorothy O'Neil**, who has moved to Buckley Health Care Center, 95 Laurel Street, Greenfield, MA 01301 and would appreciate cards and well wishes
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Happy Birthday to  
Joyce Wilson who turned 80  
on February 14, 2018!!



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**Update on Snowstorms:** In case of a major snow storm on a Sunday morning, we will try our best to post a message on our phone line, on FaceBook, and on our Website. Please check any of them for updates. Thank you!

# Come and Celebrate Holy Week

## **Palm Sunday Service**

**Sunday, March 25 at 10:00 am**  
at First Christian Congregational Church

## **Maundy Thursday Service**

**Thursday, March 29 at 6:00 pm**

At The First Congregational Christian Church of Somerset  
1411 County Street, Somerset, MA

The Olde White Church and our sister, The First Congregational Christian Church of Somerset share a history of walking with one another through Holy Week. This year the Maundy Thursday Service is being held at The First Congregational Christian Church. In addition to dinner and worship, a combined choir will be created with rehearsal at 5:00 pm. Come and join us for Maundy Thursday Service. All are welcome.



## **Good Friday Ecumenical Service**

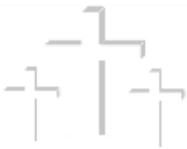
**Friday, March 30**

at The First Christian Congregational Church

The Good Friday "service" here at The Olde White Church has taken on quite an amazing life. This untraditional service moves through four stations of the last moments of Jesus' death through a guided tour of the stations. Teaming with the Greater Fall River Council of Churches and many other brothers and sisters from all around, we will join together to walk with one another in Christ's last moments. Please come and join us for our Good Friday Ecumenical Service.

*Completely handicap accessible.*

**There are three start times; 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm & 6:00 pm and the journey takes about 30 minutes.**



## **Sunrise Easter Service**

**Sunday, April 1 at 6:15 am**

at Pierce Beach, Somerset, MA

What a wonderful early spring we are having this year and the Sunrise Easter

Service at Pierce Beach in Somerset is the most exciting way to celebrate our Risen Savior! Come and watch the sun come up as we celebrate the Risen Son! We will join together with our sisters and brothers from surrounding churches. Immediately following the service, we are all invited to Somerset Baptist, just up the street, for a full breakfast together. All Are Welcome!



## **Easter Sunday Celebration**

**Sunday, April 1 at 10:00 am**

at The First Christian Congregational Church

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Come and sing and dance and worship our Risen Savior, uniting all people with God through the power and love of His resurrection here at The Olde White Church.



**It won't be the same without you, all are welcome!**

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## **CHURCH HOURS AND PASTOR HOURS FOR MARCH**

During the month of March, the office will be open weekly Monday – Thursday. Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick's Office Hours will be Monday – Wednesday from 9 am – 5 pm unless she is visiting or out at a meeting. Deb Gray's Office Hours will remain Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am – 2 pm. There will be a notice on the door if Pastor Holly is out visiting or at a meeting. Pastor Holly may always be reached on her phone which is 808-371-4701.

## **Lenten Dinner and Devotion Bible Study Series**

Pastor Holly Norwick will be leading a Lenten Dinner & Devotion Bible Study on Tuesdays in March. It will be held on March 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 5:30 -7:00 pm, with a light dinner at 5:30 pm and bible study from 6 – 7 pm. For those who are working, please come directly from work and join us for dinner and move into bible study thereafter. All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE NIGHT. IT WAS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAYS.

## **Tenebrae Service of Shadows**

**Wednesday, March 28 at 7:30 pm  
at Cathedral of St. Mary's  
467 Spring Street, Fall River, MA**

This is a special prayer service called Tenebrae which has its roots in monastic tradition and held each year. This service of readings, psalms and hymns at which the bishop presides in the light which eventually fades into darkness as the candles in the sanctuary are gradually extinguished.

Christians of all denominations and their ministers are especially invited to participate as a means of sharing in worship during these holy days when we are encouraged to forget our differences and focus together on the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

Please join us to experience the beauty of this special service, and perhaps it will become an annual tradition during Holy Week.

## **Becky's Sandwich Sunday Sunday, March 18**

Becky will once again delight us with her very own sandwiches available after service on Sunday, March 18. Plan ahead and lunch will be taken care of for you!!

This is a fundraiser to raise funds for the general operating budget of the church. Donations only!!

## **Dunkin' Ministry**

Our Dunkin' Ministry will be undergoing a change in day due to Pastor Holly's new part-time schedule. Our Dunkin' Ministry will be held on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 5 – 6 pm in the lounge area of the Wilbur Avenue Dunkin' Donuts in Swansea, **but as of WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, Dunkin' Ministry will continue on WEDNESDAYS, SAME TIME, SAME PLACE.** Stop by and enjoy great coffee and wonderful conversation. All are welcome!

**Good Friday Ecumenical Service**  
an experiential interpretation of  
**The Via Dolorosa**  
March 30, 2018



Come experience **GOOD FRIDAY** in a new way.  
Walk through four stations of  
prayer, song, sight, taste and touch.  
**(Completely handicap accessible)**

Hosted by:  
**The First Christian Congregational Church**  
"The Olde White Church"  
1113 GAR Highway  
Swansea, MA 02777  
508-673-7179

Start times are: **5:00, 5:30, and 6:00**  
**The experience is about 30-45 minutes**

Presented by:  
The Greater Fall River Council of Churches

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS....

The Valentine decorations give the fellowship hall a warm and inviting feeling for our social time on Sundays; you can't help but have a smile on your face as you enter the room.

We've had some "out of the ordinary" snacks this month all due to leftovers from the Valentine's Day Dance. I especially enjoyed the punch with all the different fruits and sherbet!!

A very grateful thank you to our always faithful people that continue to bring snacks for our enjoyment. Thank you to the Wilsons, the Thomas', the Allards, the LeMays, Madeline Carvalho, Bob Smith, Mary Finnin, Chris Roy, Gwen Donald and Louise Slowe.

Just a reminder, the freezer is empty and we can always use snacks for one Sunday or another.

There are **STILL** some really nice dishes and a good cookpot that do not belong to the church; could one of them be yours??

Thank you,  
Sara

## SOUP MINISTRY

Greetings my faith family! Chef Shaun is pleased to offer his soup offerings for the Month of March. The soup offerings for March will be Shaun's famous Pea soup and a Bacon Corn Chowder. Please place your orders before March 24 and the soups will be available during fellowship on March 25th. If you are unable to pick your soups up, I will be more than happy to bring them to you.

Thank you very much for the amazing experience. You may email me [sschwarzenbach77@gmail.com](mailto:sschwarzenbach77@gmail.com) or call me at 413-387-2117, or talk to me at church.

Yours in Fellowship  
Chef Shaun

## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

For those of us 70 1/2 or older there is good news for us and for our church. The Internal Revenue Code Section 170 allows direct contributions from IRAs and other qualified investments to a church or other charitable organization as a non-taxable event. For those who take the standard deduction for Federal tax filing, now \$24,000 per year, the direct contribution is totally tax free at the Federal level. For the State of Massachusetts, the direct contribution will result in a lower adjusted gross income (AGI), which will also lower your tax bill.

Please check with your financial advisor to be sure you take full advantage of all the tax breaks if you are entitled.

Rev. John Wilson

### Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner



Saturday, March 10, 2018

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**First Christian Congregational Church**  
**1113 G.A.R. Highway, Swansea, MA**

**Join us as we all become Irish for a day and enjoy  
a wonderful Dinner of Corned Beef, Cabbage,  
Carrots, Potatoes, desserts & beverages**

Adults	\$12
Children (5-10)	\$ 6
Children 4 and Under	Free



Contact Karen Rebello at 774-644-4178 if you would like to help, or call the church office 508-673-7179 to make a reservation.

All proceeds to go towards the First Christian Congregational Church's General Fund!!

## **February 2018 Church School News:**

What a busy winter it has been and here we are almost half way through Lent. Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and support of Godly Play. I enjoy talking with you about what our children are learning from the new program. The Winter Program included a journey through the mystery of Parables in February and currently holds stories that lead children through a simple understanding of Lent, and how, like Advent, it points the way to the greatest mystery of all, Easter. A Godly Play informational meeting will be offered on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Sunday School area where I will share more details about the program and respond to questions you may have. All are welcome.

Children continue to learn about our adult church service through their participation in the full sanctuary service EACH COMMUNION Sunday, the FIRST SUNDAY of each month. Children will participate in the Children's Message in addition to learning the parts and flow of the worship service while learning expectations for quiet engagement. Children will be helping in various capacities such as the offering and lighting candles as their participation progresses. As usual, children will come to the front of the sanctuary at the beginning of each service. Instead of going down stairs following the Children's Message children will remain in the sanctuary either sitting with their family or with Miss Deb and Miss Jill. Babies are welcome also. To keep children's hands and focus engaged during the remainder of the service we've provided learning boxes to help them work and learn the subtle expectations required for quiet engagement and reflection. There is also a large basket of books in the front of the children's area (small basket has toddler board books and toys). Children are free to take a box of doing materials, a clipboard and books to where they'd like to sit. Please be sure your child takes her/his work home and return box to front sanctuary. Thank you for your support and patience.

### ***SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE BELOW:***

**Mar 4: Faces of Easter/Communion/Children remain in church during the full service**

**Mar 11: Faces of Easter**

**Mar 18: Crosses**

**Mar 25: Palm Sunday/Holy Week**

**Apr 1: Easter/Communion/Children remain in church during full service**

In Continuous Gratitude for all you do.

In Christ,

Deb Allard, Director of Children and Youth Ministry

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### **DEDICATION OF EASTER FLOWERS**

Anyone wishing to purchase Easter Flowers, please fill out this form and mail to the Church Office at 1113 G.A.R. Highway, Swansea, MA 02777, Attention: Easter Flowers, or place in the mailbox on the door of the Church Office. **The deadline to have your orders in to the Church Office is Sunday, March 25.** Please make checks payable to First Christian Congregational Church with "Flower Fund" in the memo. Thank you!

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory/Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Lilies \_\_\_\_ Tulips \_\_\_\_ Daffodils \_\_\_\_ Hyacinth \_\_\_\_\_ (\$11.00 Donation each)

**Boo Boo Bunnies are available for \$3.75. They are made from towels and the colors will vary. Please indicate how many you would like to order. \_\_\_\_\_ .Thank you!!**

Will you be taking your flowers(s) after the Easter Sunday service \_\_\_\_\_? Or donating to a shut-in \_\_\_\_\_?

The names of "in memory/honor of", will be listed in the Easter Sunday Worship bulletin. Any profits from the sale of the flowers will be given to the Church to support the ministries of the church. If you have any questions, please call or text Karen Rebello at 774-644-4178. Thank you for your purchase of the flowers to decorate the Church, and for honoring our brothers and sisters in Christ!

**We must order flowers on March 25. Any dedications made after that date will be at a cost of \$13.00 per plant**

## **Journey in Ministry**

Greetings Friends in Christ!

My journey in ministry here at The Olde White Church is so exciting and rich that I want to share it all with you! You already know that I am in the office Tuesday - Thursday, and of course, on Sunday mornings; but some of the most powerful moments of ministry can happen outside of the office. I would like to share with you the amazing opportunities of ministry that I have with our family, our friends, our community, our denomination and beyond! Come along and enjoy my journey of ministry with me...

This month was full of amazing moments of ministry. Though I was away on vacation for a part of the time, there were still opportunities to engage in ministry! In addition to my office hours, management of our four social media sites, preparation/writing time, and worship this month I had the honor of...

- \*visiting with more than 15 people
- \*providing Dunkin' Ministry each Thursday Evening
- \*attending several church committee meetings
- \*leading the Greater Fall River Council of Churches meeting
- \*leading the Committee on Ministry Meeting
- \*enjoying several meetings with local colleagues
- \*attending the Valentine's Day dance
- \*providing Ashes throughout the day to over 50 people on Ash Wednesday
- \*participating in the Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service
- \*representing the Council of Churches in the Food Pantry Sponsorship Event
- \*providing funeral services for Richard Cyr
- \*providing funeral services for Brian Lavoie

My church family is a part of my ministry everywhere that I go. I hope to be able to bring some of that joy back to all of you!

Blessings,  
Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick

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## **SAVE THE DATE – MARCH 11**

Kacie and Amberly (Pastor Holly's girls)  
would like  
to invite everyone to  
stay after worship for a special  
Gender Reveal Party on  
Sunday, March 11  
where they will be revealing to everyone the  
gender of their new sibling due July 2018.  
All are welcome!!



# SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

## *Harland O. McNeill Memorial Scholarship*

Applications for the **Harland O. McNeill Memorial Scholarship** are available at the church office. To be eligible for the scholarship, an applicant must be a member in good standing of the First Christian Congregational Church of Swansea, MA and currently enrolled in or accepted by an accredited college or university as a full time student. The completed application must be returned to the church office no later than May 15, 2018.

One scholarship of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.)** will be awarded each year if there is a qualified candidate. Payment usually will be made directly to the school involved at the beginning of the second semester after the recipient has successfully completed at least one semester.

Selection of the recipient in any given year shall be the responsibility of a committee of five members: the Treasurer, one Executive Council member, one Deacon, one member of the Board of Religious Education, and a member-at-large.

High School Seniors, college undergraduates and adult church members are encouraged to apply.

### Scholarship Committee

*Applications will be placed on lower Bulletin Board for the convenience of interested parties.*

## ***To Family and Friends of Carolyn A. Sampson***

Dear family and friends of Carolyn A. Sampson,

Thank you for your previous gifts to the Carolyn A. Sampson Memorial Scholarship. As you know, it has been eight years since Carolyn passed. In her honor, we have been awarding a memorial scholarship for seven years. Usually, the scholarship is awarded by either Renee or Jon Carl Bernier at the Case High Senior Class Awards Ceremony.

I have been part of the selection team that identifies a qualified student from the senior class. Carolyn's scholarship is given to a Case High Senior who plans to continue their education at a professional, technical, or vocational institution, not always a four-year academic institution. We look for students that have been actively involved in the music or drama programs at Case High School, and we try to select students who have participated in marching band and/or drama club, as well.

The previous winners of Carolyn's Memorial Scholarship include: Kirsten Gonsalves (2010); Taylor DeMoranville (2011); Brittany Costello (2012); Samantha Hussey (2013); Lauren Dunn (2014); Amanda Feno (2015); and Samantha Coffey (2016). Six winners have been given a \$500 scholarship after the first year of the CAS Memorial Scholarship, based on the interest earned by the trust. In the first year, we were only able to award a scholarship of \$450.

I wanted to remind everyone that it is once again time to consider making a gift to Carolyn's Memorial Scholarship. I wanted to acknowledge that you are part of Carolyn's Memorial Scholarship team, so that's why I included the names of the past awardees. Gifts to Carolyn's Memorial Scholarship are welcome until April 25, 2018.

If you are interested in making a contribution to Carolyn's Memorial Scholarship, you should send your gift to: Treasurer, Case High Scholarship Trust, Inc. Their mailing address is: P.O. Box 33, Swansea, MA, 02777. Checks should be made payable to: Case High Scholarship Trust, Inc.

Thank you so much for your continued support of Carolyn's Memorial Scholarship.

With warm regards to all,  
Martha H. Curtis, CAS Memorial Scholarship Coordinator

## MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>**Church Office Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 2:00 pm**</b>				<b>1</b> Dunkin' Ministry with Pastor Holly at DD on Wilbur Ave. 5 – 6 pm	<b>2</b> AA 7 – 8:15 pm	<b>3</b> Thrifty Shoppe 9:30 – 1
<b>**In March, Pastor Holly's Office Hours are Monday thru Wednesday from 9 am – 5 pm**</b>						

<p><b>4</b> Jr. Handbells 9:30 am</p> <p><b>Worship Service</b> 10:00 am</p> <p>11:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Deacons</b> 6:00 pm at Church</p>	<p><b>6</b> Lenten Dinner &amp; Devotion Bible Study 5:30 - 7 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b> Thrifty Shoppe 9:30 - 4</p> <p>Quilt Club 1 - 3 pm</p> <p>Dunkin' Ministry with Pastor Holly at DD on Wilbur Ave. 5 - 6 pm</p> <p>Chimes 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>Finance</b> <b>Meeting</b> 6:00 pm at church</p>	<p><b>9</b> AA 7 - 8:15 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b> Thrifty Shoppe 9:30 - 1</p> <p><b>Corned Beef</b> <b>&amp; Cabbage</b> <b>Dinner</b> 4 pm - 8 pm</p>
<p><b>11</b> Jr. Handbells 9:30 am</p> <p><b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> 10:00 am</p> <p>11:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Property Committee Meeting 11:15 am</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> Lenten Dinner &amp; Devotion Bible Study 5:30 - 7 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b> Thrifty Shoppe 9:30 - 4</p> <p>Quilt Club 1 - 3 pm</p> <p>Dunkin' Ministry with Pastor Holly at DD on Wilbur Ave. 5 - 6 pm Chimes 7 - 8 pm</p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>Godly Play</b> <b>Info. Meeting</b> 6:30 in <b>Sunday</b> <b>School Area</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> AA 7 - 8:15 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b> Thrifty Shoppe 9:30 - 1</p>
<p><b>18</b> Jr. Handbells 9:30 am</p> <p><b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> 10:00 am</p> <p><b>Becky's</b> <b>Sandwich</b> <b>Sunday!</b></p> <p>11:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>E-Council at</b> <b>6:30 pm at</b> <b>Church</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> Newsletter Items Due to Church Office</p> <p>Lenten Dinner &amp; Devotion Bible Study 5:30 - 7 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b> Thrifty Shoppe 9:30 - 4</p> <p>Quilt Club 1 - 3 pm</p> <p>Dunkin' Ministry with Pastor Holly at DD on Wilbur Ave. 5 - 6 pm</p> <p>Chimes 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> AA 7 - 8:15 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b> Thrifty Shoppe 9:30 - 1</p>
<p><b>25</b> Jr. Handbells <u>9:30 am</u></p> <p><b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> <u>10:00 am</u></p> <p>11:30 Choir <u>Rehearsal</u></p> <p>Soup Available for distribution</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> Lenten Dinner &amp; Devotion Bible Study 5:30 - 7 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b> Thrifty Shoppe 9:30 - 4</p> <p>Quilt Club 1 - 3 pm</p> <p>Dunkin' Ministry with Pastor Holly at DD on Wilbur Ave. 5 - 6 pm</p> <p>Service of Shadows at St. Mary's Cathedral at 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>29</b> Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service at Cong. Christian Church of Somerset at 6 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal at 5 pm with combined choirs at Congregational Christian Church</p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Ecumenical</b> <b>Service HERE</b> <b>Start times</b> <b>5:00, 5:30 and</b> <b>6:00 pm</b></p> <p>AA 7 - 8:15 pm</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>

**April 1 - Easter Sunday**

**Easter Sunrise Service at 6:15 am at Pierce Beach, Somerset**

**Breakfast for all at Somerset Baptist Church following Sunrise Service**

Jr. Handbells at 9:30 am

**Easter Worship Service at 10 am**

# First Christian Congregational Church

## The Olde White Church

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Twitter: @Pastor\_Holly

The Reverend Doctor Holly Norwick, Pastor

Worship Service and Sunday School at 10:00 am  
Coffee and fellowship following worship

March Church Office Hours  
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 – 2 pm  
Pastor's Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday  
9 am – 5 pm

### UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

**All are Welcome!!**

Dunkin' Ministry at Dunkin Donuts on Wilbur Avenue	Thursday, March 1 & Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21 & 28
Choir Rehearsal	Every Tuesday from 7 – 8:30 pm
Tone Chimes	Every Wednesday from 7 – 8 pm
Lenten Dinner & Devotion Bible Study	Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27 from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Deacons Meeting	Monday, March 5 at 6 pm at church
Finance Meeting	Thursday, March 8 at 6 pm at church
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner	Saturday, March 10 from 4 – 8 pm
Property Committee Meeting	Sunday, March 11 at 11:15 am
Godly Play Info. Meeting	Thursday, March 15 at 6:30 pm
Becky's Sandwich Sunday	Sunday, March 18
Executive Council Meeting	Monday, March 19 at 6:30 pm @church
Palm Sunday Worship Service	Sunday, March 25 at 10:00 am
Soup Delivery	Sunday, March 25
Service of Shadows at St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River	Wednesday, March 28 at 7:30 pm
Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service at Cong. Christian Church of Somerset	Thursday, March 29 at 6:00 pm Choir rehearsal at 5:00 pm
Good Friday Ecumenical Service	Friday, March 30 starting at 5:00, 5:30 & 6:00 pm
Easter Sunrise Service	Sunday, April 1 at 6:15 am at Pierce Beach, Somerset
Easter Worship Service	Sunday, April 1 at 10:00 am