

**MAY
2018**



What's new at
THE OLDE WHITE CHURCH

Love in Action



Dear Friends:

As Pastor Holly anticipated taking Sabbatical time, she said that the relationship of Pastor to Church and Church to Pastor might be strengthened by having this time apart. It's an interesting claim to make. I believe I am seeing some indications that her insight is right on.

I have been here three weeks. My first impressions are of a resilient and faithful church. I see a church that knows how to have fun together and also knows how to brace itself and get everything done when the going gets tough. Your welcome to and embrace of me feels strong.

It's exciting to me to witness all the basic functions of the church taking place in predictable fashion. We worship each week, take care of rehearsals, meetings, obligations, Sunday school, Fellowship time.

Still, I have no doubt that just as you have long felt the presence of Pastor Holly, now is a time when you truly experience her absence. Surely, there will be things that "fall between the cracks", things she always takes care of that I won't even know to do. And I have no doubt that there are dozens of ways in which my approach and style is just different enough from hers, that you notice these changes.

Perhaps part of the "work of the people" of the church is reflective during this Sabbatical time. This can be a time to consider what Holly means to each of you. It can also be a time to consider what her ministry and leadership has meant and means to the church as a whole. Have you been changed in the time she has been here? How has your own presence and participation impacted Pastor Holly? Is there something you hope to do even better when she returns?

It's a rainy spring day as I am writing this, so it seems that these are my reflections for a rainy day. Yes, I think we can finally declare that spring is more evident now than even one week ago. And this Sabbatical time seems to be speeding ahead. I look forward to seeing you in church.

Yours in Christ's service,

Rev. Kathy

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

CHURCH HOURS AND PASTOR HOURS FOR MAY

Rev. Kathy Henry's office hours are Wednesdays from noon – 4:00 pm and Thursdays from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please call the church office at 508-673-7179 or Rev. Kathy at 401-523-7864 or email her at ksmhenry1@verizon.net for any and all pastoral concerns or needs that may arise. The church office remains open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 3:00 pm.

DEATHS IN OUR FAMILY

John Clark Reynolds,

Jack Reynolds' son, passed away in early March. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 am in the First Christian Congregational Church in Swansea.



Antone Rebello, Jr.

Karen Rebello's Father, passed away on Saturday, March 30, 2018 at the age of 83. His Funeral was held on April 4, 2018 from the Waring-Sullivan Home at Birchcrest in Swansea.



We extend our prayers and support to both families during this difficult time.

Congratulations
to Katie L. Viveiros and Allissa O. DaCosta who were married in our sanctuary on Friday, April 6, 2018.
We wish them well as they start their lives together!!

IN OUR PRAYERS:

- **Danielle Avery-Desmarais' brother, Philippe Desmarais and his partner, Melissa Duphilly** suffered a severe fire in their home in Swansea on April 8th. They did not suffer any physical injuries but their house will require extensive repairs. We send our prayers, well wishes, and support to Philippe and Melissa during this difficult time.
- **Bob Eddy, who is at The Highlander, 1748 Highland Avenue, Fall River, MA 02720 and Jane Eddy, who is home at 159 Wood Street, Swansea, MA.** Cards and well wishes are appreciated.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

- To Karen Rebello and her volunteers for a delicious Spaghetti Supper on April 21. At this time, our estimated profit is around \$900.00.
- To Chef Shaun for his wonderful Soup delivered on Sunday, April 29.
- To Rev. Dr. John Wilson for his ongoing Bible Study held each Sunday at 11:45 am.

**Kundalini Yoga for Awakening Self
With Yujin Nah, MD
At the First Christian Congregational Church
1113 GAR Highway, Swansea
Saturday, May 19, 2018
9:30 – 11:30 am**

**Bring your yoga mat, water, small blanket, blocks or props if needed, and wear something comfortable.
\$15 person by check or by cash.
Please make checks out to Yujin Nah.
All Welcome!!**



Annual May Breakfast

Saturday, May 12, 2018

7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**The Olde White Church
1113 G.A.R. Highway, Swansea, MA**



Join us for a wonderful Breakfast Buffet featuring
Scrambled eggs – bacon – sausage - home fries – pancakes - baked beans
scones - assorted muffins - fruit cup - juice- coffee- tea

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

Contact Marilyn Marvel at hohum@comcast.net for questions or if you would like to help, or call the church office 508-673-7179 to make a reservation.

Traditional May baskets filled with homemade candy will be available.



Sign-Up Sheets in Fellowship Hall - There will be sign-up sheets in fellowship hall on Sunday, April 29 and Sunday, May 6 for volunteer workers. We are in need of people to set up, clean up, make muffins and candy, dining room helpers, cooks and servers. Please Sign Up to Help!!! This is a fun event to work at and a very profitable event for the Church. Thank you all for your help!!

Donations -If you are interested in donating toward the cost of the May Breakfast, please forward your donation to the church office indicating “May Breakfast Needs”, or you may donate eggs, bacon, or sausage. Please bring all food to church no later than Tuesday, May 8. Thank you to everyone in advance for your help!!

Candy Makers Needed!! - We are once again in need of fantastic homemade candy makers to help make homemade candy for the May Baskets. Please bring the candy to church on May 11th at 5:00 pm to be included in the May Baskets. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Slowe at 508-673-1361. We appreciate the volunteers that have been helping out over the years, and are hoping to add to our candy maker list this year. Everyone is welcome!!

Lots of Sales going on in the Thrifty Shoppe! Stop by on Wednesdays from 9:30 – 4:30 and on Saturdays from 9:30 – 1:00.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS....

Much of the success of the fellowship hour is due to the generous and thoughtful people that make sure there are plenty of delicious snacks for everyone. Of course it helps when the coffee maker remembers to plug in the coffee!!

Thank you, thank you to Chris Roy, Mary Finin, The Wilson's, Toosie Margolies, The Thomas', Shirley Kenyon, Deb Desjardins, Madeline Carvalho, Deb Lotz, Al Church and Nancy Richards.

Sara

Anniversary Remembrance DVD of Organ Rededication Recital by Jonathan Ortloff on March 25, 2017

We are offering the Organ Recital DVD for sale at a cost of \$10 per DVD. We are looking for interested members and friends to pre-order and pre-pay for a DVD, and when we have 20 orders, we will begin production of the DVD's. Please forward your checks to the office with the words "DVD Recital" in the memo line. We will let you know when to expect delivery of the DVD. If you have questions, please speak to Gregg or call the church office.

43rd Annual Swansea Quilt Club Show

**Saturday, June 9, 2017
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
The Olde White Church
1113 GAR Highway, Swansea, MA**

Featuring Quilt Displays, Knitting Displays, Quilting Demonstrations, Quilt Sales, Numerous Vendors, Homemade Pastries, and much, more more!!

Dunkin' Ministry

All are invited to our Dunkin' Ministry with Pastor Kathy Henry each **WEDNESDAY** from 5 – 6 pm in the lounge area of the Wilbur Avenue Dunkin' Donuts in Swansea. Stop in and enjoy a cup of coffee and fun fellowship with friends. All are welcome!!

Community Meal

A new Meal Ministry has begun at St. John of God Parish, 996 Brayton Avenue, Somerset on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month from 5 – 5:30 pm. St. John of God Parish provides a community meal twice a month! Seniors are encouraged to attend. Please take a card from the table in the narthex if you wish to attend. The doors open at 4:00 pm. For more information, please call 508-678-5513.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On Sunday, May 13, we will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing all-church offering (OGHS)**. This is the offering we take once a year to aid those who have been the victims of natural disaster.

We are smart. We give ahead-of-time!

For example, when the hurricane struck Puerto Rico last year, we were able to respond immediately when help was most needed? Why? Because we give to the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** and have the money ready. We don't need to take a collection - we already did. If we waited until after the hurricane struck, it would have taken over a month before the money got there.

But now it's time to get ready for the next disaster. We need to refill the **One Great Hour of Sharing** bank. Your gift on May 13 means a lot. Envelopes for the offering are included in this newsletter.

Thank You
Rev. Dr. John Wilson

Bible Study on Sunday Mornings

Rev. Dr. John Wilson is leading a Sunday morning Bible study entitled "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Bible" in fellowship hall from 11:45 – 12:45. Many Christians have great difficulty understanding the Bible. Although it's the basic text of our Christian faith, many find it confusing but wish they knew more about it. Our focus will be the Bible: where it came from; what it meant to those who wrote it; what it might be saying to us today. We will start with the New Testament and the life of Jesus. All are welcome.

MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Calling all service men and women and your families! On Sunday, May 27th, we are cordially inviting you to a very special Memorial Day Sunday Service. Please come and allow your greater community to honor you on this very special Memorial Day weekend. All military are encouraged to come and join with us this day. Come dressed in uniform or civilian attire. Service begins at 10 am. Fellowship offered immediately following the service. All are welcome!

**3rd Annual Veterans Memorial Meat Pie Supper
Friday, May 25th from 4 – 7 pm
at Somerset Congregational Christian Church
1411 County Street
Somerset, MA 02726**

All are welcome invited to attend!

Creation of a New Reserve Account for Family Medical Leave for Pastor Holly

I have been working on The Olde White Church budgets for over 5 years now. At first as Financial Secretary and now as Treasurer. I have seen some wonderful things transpire here that we didn't anticipate and some that we should have anticipated. One of them was Pastor Holly's Sabbatical coverage. In hindsight, we should have been putting aside funds for when it eventually came. We didn't plan accordingly and now we are drawing out of our investment principal. We will resolve that issue next year. We anticipate adding a line item in the budget for future Sabbaticals that can also be available for future Pastoral Care issues.

So far, one person from the congregation has donated \$500 to defray the Sabbatical expenses. Thank you for helping us get started on funding our Sabbatical account. It is a wonderful example of people seeing a need in the church and stepping forward to help.

The main reason for this article is to ask people to donate some money to fund Pastor Holly's upcoming Maternity leave. The church has the Sabbatical covered. Now we need to establish a fund that Pastor Holly would be able to access, if needed. This way she will not come back to the church too early. Her contract allows her three months to recover and bond with her baby. We all know she will come back too soon if she knows there are no funds to cover pulpit supply for our congregation. I know my wife felt pressure to return to work after giving birth to Abby. She was fortunate to be able to leave Abby with Grandma, Meme and Nini during the day.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

John Chace,
Treasurer



Come to Book Night and Meet Author Mai Donohue

Book Night will take place on Thursday, May 31st from 7-8:30 pm with author Mai Donohue.

We will meet at the church with Mai to talk about her book, "Crossing The Bamboo Bridge."

Mai left Vietnam in 1970 to move to the United States with her Irish/American husband Brian. Mother of seven children, Mai received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island in 2002 after twelve years of study. After raising her children Mai worked with students at the Alternative Learning Program at Barrington High School for fifteen years. She is recently retired. Mai is also known for her Vietnamese cooking.

This vivid, compulsively readable memoir of courage, grief and redemption illuminates the life of Mai, a young girl from Vietnam's rice fields, who risks everything to escape poverty, abuse and war.

To learn more about the book and author Mai Donohue, visit her website at maigoodness.com for recipes, stories and videos about her life and cooking.

You may order a copy of Mai's book in the office. Mai will be able to sign your book at book night.

Be sure to sign up if you are planning to attend.

YOUR SUNDAY OFFERING

The apostle Paul writes this to the church in Rome: (12:1-3)

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your every day, ordinary life - you are sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."

"I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me. . . . Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him."

The Christian's motive for forgiving is always gratitude, deep gratitude, for what God has done and is doing for us. Do you agree?

Your Stewardship Committee

Five Becomes Six!!

As we all know, Holly and Shaun will be welcoming a new baby to their family and we, as their extended church family know that it takes a village and a lot of stuff to raise a baby. SO..... we are excited to announce

The Olde White Church Baby Shower
In Honor of Pastor Holly and Shaun
Sunday, May 20, 2018
11:30 am following worship

Pot Luck Luncheon (see Chris Roy to make your favorite dish)
The Theme will be pink, of course....pink baby sea creatures!!
All are welcome!! Men, women, members, friends & children!!
Pastor Holly and Shaun are registered at Walmart.



Please RSVP to Chris Roy at 508-642-4568 or email her at chris449977@yahoo.com
or speak to Chris at church

(This will give us a better idea of how many people will be there so we can be sure to have plenty of food)

Church School News:

The children are learning that Easter in Godly Play is so BIG and so important that we keep track of the six Sundays of Easter. It seems as though Resurrection Sunday was yesterday but here we are embracing the fourth Sunday of Easter on the 22nd. The GP lesson of 'The Twelve' was inspiring as we dove deeper into the Easter Story. The Spirit of Pentecost will soon come to life in May.

- Please set your calendar for the last Communion bread baking of the church school year on Thursday, May 24th at 6:30 pm. Come have fun!

April's Journey in Ministry:

Easter children attendance - 29 (nine visitors)
Attended UCC Christian Education Classes
Prepared/created Weekly Godly Play Lessons
Planned Heifer Project volunteer for Children's Time May 6th
Held informational meeting/Godly Play
Baked Communion Bread children/adults
Met with parents of newly registered children/ two new children visitors
Monthly phone calls to families
Planned worship with Pastor Kathy
Investigation of summer vacation bible school program options

SUNDAY SCHOOL/GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE BELOW:

May 6: Sharing Heifer Project /Communion - Children remain in church

May 13: Enrichment Project

May 20: Pentecost

May 27: Paul's Letters

UPCOMING: JUNE 3rd /CHILDREN'S SUNDAY with games and cookout for children and church family following the service. Join us for hotdogs, hamburgers, and fun for all. **JUNE 10th: Last Sunday for church school.** Children will be taking field trip to Simcock Farm in Swansea to see, learn, and feed the animals while making connections to our support of the Heifer Project **and of course enjoy ice cream.** I'll be asking for volunteers to drive us at ten o'clock and return at 11am.

In Christ,
Miss Deb
Director of Children and Youth Ministry

MUSIC NEWS...

Hello Everyone,

Warmer days are finally upon us and the signs of spring can be seen. Many things are ahead for me such as looking at organization of space, condition and use of audio equipment, as well as teaching the choir new music. I wanted to continue to share those testimonials from the choir that have stepped forward as well as look at some of the roles the choir has within worship time. Over the next couple of newsletters I will be looking at this. I hope you enjoy, and are enriched by these articles.

The choir's role in worship and church life.

- 1. A Choir can help to support congregational singing**, allowing the congregation to sing more confidently and join their voices with those who are already singing, helping to lead God's people in worship.
- 2. A Choir will help the congregation to know when they are supposed to sing.** When arrangements for the congregational singing are led by a praise band, worship leader, and praise teams, sometimes people in the congregation become uncertain about when they are supposed to sing along. A well prepared choir helps to prevent confusion as they assist in leading the service. Since the choir will know when a verse or chorus is supposed to be sung as a solo and when everyone is supposed to sing, the congregation will begin to take their cue from the choir.
- 3. Choirs provide spiritual encouragement and inspiration to the church family.** When the life stories and faith journeys of the people who make up the choir are coupled with their faithful commitment to praising the Lord and leading in worship, *the choir serves as a collective testimony of walking by faith.* The presence and praise of a choir member who is walking through a trial, remaining faithful as a choral worship leader, can be a powerful message in itself. Since choir members are often some of the busiest church members, serving in many ways and being vitally involved in church life, their ministry and testimony has personal significance for a large percentage of the church body. **“O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the people. Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him; talk of all His wondrous works. Glory in His holy name; let the heart of those who seek the Lord rejoice.” – Psalm 105:1-3**
- 4. Church choirs can share messages of praise, reverent worship, testimony, exhortation, encouragement, comfort, thankfulness, and perseverance through the songs (both anthems and congregational worship songs) that they sing.** Since choral anthems often have lyrics that are full of scripture and of Biblical truth, the choir can share a message in song that is full of meaning with even more impact than the spoken word because of the marriage of music and lyrics that amplifies the truths being shared. The choir's ministry is one of proclamation, praise, and encouragement as they and the congregation “speak to one another in Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs”.
“I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of Him shall be sweet; I will be glad in the Lord.” – Psalm 104:33 & 34
- 5. As worship leaders, the choir can also help the church to learn new songs and worship choruses.** It is possible to find choral arrangements of new worship songs that are in congregationally friendly keys, which also have chord and rhythm charts and even full orchestrations available. These can be prepared as an anthem and introduced by the full worship team (choir, praise band and/or orchestra, praise team). Later, as the congregation becomes more familiar with the song, they can be invited to join in singing the worship song with the same arrangement.
- 6. A choir can help to break down generational barriers in worship.** The fact that choirs (and praise teams, rhythm sections, and orchestras) are often made up of young, median, and older adults (and sometimes students) communicates the message that the new song is a vehicle of praise and worship for the entire congregation, regardless of age. As members of the worship leadership team, choir members have invested time in preparation for worship, both musically and spiritually as they have learned the new music. Because they have rehearsed and lived with the lyrics of the songs being shared (both Anthems and congregational praise), choir members have the opportunity to internalize these messages of truth and to communicate them meaningfully, as a group that is visually representative of the church body (in age range and other factors) rather than just as professional musicians.
KEY GOAL: Ideally, the worshipping choir will be both spiritually and musically prepared to praise the Lord and to encourage and inspire God's people. Because of this investment of time in preparation and their heart for the Lord, a choir can be a living, vibrant team of worship leaders, messengers of hope and praise.
- 7. There is nothing else like the sound of a well-prepared choir**, and the secular music industry often employs a choir to maximize the impact of a powerful ballad or to visibly and audibly celebrate with an upbeat song. Choirs are often seen in the music videos and television appearances of pop stars, on music specials, and at events where the entertainment is an extravagant production, such as an Olympic opening ceremony or even a Super Bowl halftime show. If secular entertainment still values the impact that a choir can make, those of us who love and worship the Lord should realize that choral singing can be an *effective testimony of God's goodness* that can touch the hearts of a congregation (and of others who hear them when they sing in public places). “O come, **let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise** to the rock of our salvation. Let

us **come before His presence with thanksgiving**, and **make a joyful noise unto Him** with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also. The sea is His, and He made it; and His hands formed the dry land. O come, **let us worship and bow down**; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. **For He is our God**, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.” –Psalm 95:1-7a

8. There is Biblical support for choral worship ministry.

A. Since there are many Biblical accounts of choirs, and since 55 Psalms are written to the Choir Director or Director of Music; there is certainly a *Biblical precedent for choral worship*.

B. In addition, the Biblical exhortation to use our gifts to honor and bring glory to the Lord calls for opportunities for those who are a part of our congregations and who have musical gifts to serve and contribute to the ministry of worship.

What these service opportunities may be in an individual congregation depends upon the musical gifts that are present among members who are willing to faithfully serve in worship ministry. A smaller congregation might have a choral ensemble rather than a full choir, in addition to their praise band or accompanists. Larger churches may have a full choir and perhaps an instrumental ensemble or orchestra in addition to their rhythm section, praise band, and/or accompanists. Some churches may use a choir to help serve as worship leaders, but the choir may sing a choral anthem only occasionally. Some churches also use choirs only seasonally (for a special Christmas program, for example).

Every congregation is different, and no one can prescribe what your church should be doing in musical worship from the outside. Your ministerial leadership is more in tune with the musical and spiritual gifts of your congregation and to the music that speaks to the hearts of your congregation as well as to the visitors and seekers that your church can reach.

“Above, the hosts of angels sing praise; below, men form choirs in the churches and imitate them by singing the same doxology. Above, the seraphim cry out in the thrice-holy hymn; below, the human throng sends up the same cry. *The inhabitants of heaven and earth are brought together in a common assembly; there is one thanksgiving, one shout of delight, one joyful chorus.*” – St. John Chrysostom

May the many Blessings of Jesus Christ shine down on us all!

Director of Music Ministries,

Gregg LeMay

A letter from Bob Smith...

When I was in 3rd grade I took piano lessons. The Catholic nun tried to teach me how to read music. I just didn't get it. So, I memorized the keys. I could play the "Marine's hymn" by heart.

When I first joined the choir back in 1993 here, I still could not read music. I listened to those on either side and I would sing along.

I went away with the military and returned a little over 3 years ago. I still could not read music. It wasn't until our music director, Gregg LeMay arrived and started teaching some of us sight reading lessons that I finally learned how to read music. Now I can actually read the notes I'm supposed to sing! I can even help others! My confidence has soared!

Being on the choir has taken on a deeper meaning. Gregg encourages us to "feel the words". It's worshipping God through song.

I remember Gregg telling us about a study that demonstrated: that when people sing together their heartbeats synchronize. So the next time you are worshipping through song; remember, we, as a congregation, are praising God as one in mind, heart and soul.

Bob Smith

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 on lower Bulletin Board for the convenience of interested parties.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>***Rev. Kathy Henry's Office Hours are Wednesday from Noon – 4 pm and Thursday from 10 am – 3 pm***</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7 – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Thrifty Shoppe <u>9:30 – 4</u> Quilt Club 1 – 3 pm</p> <p>Dunkin' Ministry with Rev. Kathy at DD on Wilbur Ave. 5 – 6 pm</p> <p>Chimes 7-8 pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>AA 7 – 8:15 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Thrifty Shoppe 9:30 – 1</p>
		<p>6</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 am</p> <p>11:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Bible Study with Rev. Dr. Wilson 11:45 – 12:45</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Deacons Meeting 6:00 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7 – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Thrifty Shoppe <u>9:30 – 4</u> Quilt Club 1 – 3 pm</p> <p>Dunkin' Ministry with Rev. Kathy at DD on Wilbur Ave. 5 – 6 pm</p> <p>Chimes 7-8 pm</p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>20</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 am</p> <p>Baby Shower for Pastor Holly and Shaun following morning worship</p>	<p>21</p> <p>E-Council at 6:00 pm at Church</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Newsletter Items Due to Church Office</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7 – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Thrifty Shoppe <u>9:30 – 4</u> Quilt Club 1 – 3 pm</p> <p>Dunkin' Ministry with Rev. Kathy at DD on <u>Wilbur Ave.</u> 5 – 6 pm</p> <p>Property Committee Meeting 6:30 pm at Dunkin'</p> <p>Chimes 7-8 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bread Making for Kids and Adults 6:30 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>AA 7 – 8:15 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Thrifty Shoppe 9:30 – 1</p>
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The Reverend Doctor Holly Norwick, Pastor

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

April Church Office Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 – 3 pm

Rev. Kathy's Office Hours: Wednesday from
noon – 4 pm and Thursday from 10 am – 3 pm

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

All are Welcome!!

Dunkin' Ministry at Dunkin Donuts on Wilbur Avenue	Every Wednesdays from 5 – 6 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Every Tuesday from 7 – 8:30 pm
Tone Chimes	Every Wednesday from 7 – 8 pm
Deacons Meeting	Monday, May 7 at 6 pm at church
Candy Drop Off for Baskets	Friday, May 11 from 5 – 6 pm
Annual May Breakfast	Saturday, May 12 from 7 – 10 am
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	Sunday, May 13
Finance Meeting	Thursday, May 17 at 6 pm at church
Kundalini Yoga	Saturday, May 19 at 9:30 – 11:30 am
Holly & Shaun's Baby Shower	Sunday, May 20 following worship
Executive Council Meeting	Monday, May 21 at 6:00 pm
Property Committee Meeting	Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30 pm at Dunkin' Donuts
Bread Baking	Thursday, May 24 at 6:30 pm
Book Night with Mai Donohue	Thursday, May 31 from 7 – 8:30 pm