



The Beacon

April 2011

Sunday Worship Schedule: 10:25 AM & 6:30 PM

Palm Sunday
April 17
10:25 AM
& 6:30 PM



Maundy Thursday
Communion
April 21, 7:30 PM



Good Friday
Service
April 22
Noon

Come join us as we gather to meditate on the meaning of the cross and how God transforms even death.

Easter
sunrise service

April 24, 5:57 AM
Meet in the East parking lot for our outdoor worship.
Pancake breakfast follows.



A celebration with
Joyful Worship
April 24, 10:25 AM

Sunday Night Alive
6:30 PM

The Lenten Series Continues

Save the Dates

for light lunches and fellowship

Immediately following worship on...

April 3 — Forgiving Oneself

April 17 — Forgiving Others

How can I become part of this faith community?

If this is your question, come join us for an Inquirer's session on Sunday, April 17, following the morning worship service. We will talk about this faith community, and what it means to be a "member" of the church. We will welcome new members on Sunday, May 1 during our morning worship service. If you intend to join us, please call the church office at 860-653-2987 or email Office@egchurch.necoxmail.com. Please let us know if you need childcare.

Kingdoms

In our various Bible study groups we have noticed some parallels between the context of the Jesus story and events unfolding in Egypt, Libya and other countries. People living under oppressive regimes are seeking change - - some are marching peacefully in city squares, “tweeting” their way to revolution. Others are strapping explosives to their bodies and killing themselves in crowded market places. Some leaders feel the pressure and relinquish power. Other leaders crack down with bombs and guns and imprisonment, declaring that “my people love me, they would die for me.”

Jesus’ people 2000 years ago lived under the oppressive regime of the Roman Empire. Roman soldiers marched through their streets, could take their women, could eat their food, and could crucify them for crimes against the state. Israelites were longing for change – and they prayed that God would bring this change. Many expected the change to take the form of a violent revolution -- that God would raise up a leader (often called the “Messiah,” which means “anointed one”) who would call together an army empowered by God to overthrow the Romans.

Jesus had gone about the countryside declaring that God’s Kingdom (or “Reign”) was at hand, in the here and now. Then Jesus entered Jerusalem with a parade, riding on a donkey (as expected from Zechariah 9:9). The people honored him like a king, placing their cloaks on the ground, waving leafy branches, and crying out “Hosanna” (which means “save us”). But in what way did the people expect to be “saved?” Many of them expected the revolution to commence, for the oppressors to be tossed-out, and for home rule to return. They expected that this “Kingdom of God” would be like most kingdoms with royalty, armies, palaces, etc., except this kingdom would be God-endorsed and God-blessed. They expected this kingdom would work to *their* benefit (instead of the benefit of the Romans, or the Persians, or the Babylonians, etc.).

But Jesus, the one who looked like the Messiah, was crucified by Rome. He was broken, beaten, and executed like a common criminal. What kind of king is that? What kind of kingdom works like that?

God’s Kingdom.

As we move through the end of Lent and into the story of the sharing of broken bread and common cup, prayer, arrest, trial, beatings, crucifixion, and resurrection, we see the Kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed and that he calls us to seek first. This Kingdom is not first about politicians. It is not about armies. It is not about territory or land or GDP. It is about surrender. It is about dying to old life, and living a new kind of life. It is about life that never fails, power that heals and raises up, and justice that turns the world upside down. It is about the Spirit of God at work in and through us. It is about being the continuing, living Body of Christ in the World.

God’s Kingdom is still at hand. Come and worship. Come and study. Come and pray. Come and be. Come and serve. Come and see.

Love in Jesus,
Michael Bush

Opportunities to Grow in Faith
Please join us for one of our weekly groups!

Women's Book Study Generous Faith: Stories to Inspire Abundant Living—Tuesdays 12:30 pm will finish May 10th. Tuesday April 5th and May 3rd class will start at 12:15 pm for our Potluck Lunch.

Coming in May—Sign up this month! Tuesdays Women's Group, 12:30-1:30 pm:

Topic "Assertiveness" A look at five Bible stories that help us in different ways to HOLD YOUR OWN in this life. This class will run May 17th-June 14th! See sign up sheet near office for further details!

New Study Group on Tuesday evenings beginning April 12 thru June 7, 7:00-8:00 pm.

Fruits of the Spirit—A book study for 9 weeks with Pastor Sara focused on "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Both Old and New Testament passages will help us highlight each of these spiritual qualities. **Please sign up by April 4th** near the church office so that books may be ordered.

Early In The Morning Prayer - Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 am, in the Sanctuary

In the Scriptures we read that Jesus spent time with God "early in the morning." In that spirit, come join a group for a time of mid-week prayer in the sanctuary.

Gospel of Matthew Group on Wednesdays 9:15-10:15 am, in Buttaro Room (Childcare Available!)-

"Do Unto Others" "Blessed are the poor" "Seek ye first" "Wise men from the east saw a star"
Have you heard any of these before? These are all quotes from the story of Jesus told in the Gospel of Matthew, the subject of our exploration on Wednesday mornings. If you have been looking to grow in connection with God and with others in your faith community, this is a great opportunity. If you have questions, please talk with Pastor Michael Bush who facilitates this group. New people always welcome!

Gospel of Mark - Please join us on Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 PM beginning for a study of the story of Jesus' life, teachings, and ministry in the Gospel according to Mark. We will look at what the story meant in its own time and place and how that informs our stories in this time and place. This group also has a monthly potluck meal, on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Michael Bush.

Matthew Group on Thursdays 10:45-11:45 am, in Buttaro Room - see description of Wednesday morning group above. Pastor Michael facilitates this group. We close each time with prayer and a couple of hymns. New people always welcome!

Yoga, Meditation & Prayer on Thursdays 7:00-8:30 PM— A time of movement, meditation and prayer in the CEC, led by Martha Parrish Bush. These yoga sessions focus on the spiritual and are intended for all physical ability levels. While we work with various yoga postures and breath, we practice inviting the spirit to move in and through us. We end our time together with meditation and prayer choosing to listen attentively to what God might want to say to us. This time is quiet, gentle, and honoring of God and all who come to seek God in this way and place. If you're curious, just come and see! Or ask Martha or Sally Mullen for more information.

**New Spiritual Formation Experience Coming!
Apprenticeship with Jesus
May 1- June 5, 2011**

Come join us on Sunday evenings next month to be part of an experience that seeks to not just think about discipleship with Jesus, but that seeks to live it. We will be using Gary Moon's book *Apprenticeship With Jesus: Learning to Live Like the Master*. This book contains 30 days of readings and apprenticeship activities intended to help us be formed more fully as followers (apprentices) of Jesus. The writings and activities cover the spectrum from playful to challenging. **Please sign up by April 17th** so that we can be sure to have enough books. Talk with Pastor Michael Bush if you have questions. We will meet May 1-June 5 (no meeting May 29 during Memorial Day Weekend) following Sunday Night Alive worship, 7:20-8:20 PM. You may sign up on the sheet across from the church office or by calling or emailing the office, 860-653-2987 or office@eqchurch.necoxmail.com

Visitation Team will meet Thursday April 14th 6:00-7:00 pm in the Buttaro Room. If you would like or know someone who would like a visit, please call or leave word in the church office for Pastor Sara.

Calling all Knitters and Crocheters:

We would like to start a new group of knitters and crocheters to knit for various missions.



Meeting twice a month we will be able to support each other, fellowship together while creating hand-made items that will make a difference in peoples lives. We have many ideas for missions and are open for more. If this interests you or you have any questions please call:

Kathy Mock 860-653-3196 or
Fran Perkins 860-651-9523

**Abundant Life Ministry
March 2011 Update**

The Abundant Life Ministry (ALM) met on March 14th and continues to look to fill 3 more openings in two of the ministries. There are 2 openings ("Maintenance" and "Memorials") in the Physical Resources Ministry (Kevin McCloskey - Chair) and 1 opening in the Mission and Outreach Ministry (Kristen Hardendorf - Chair). Additional information for these positions may be obtained by contacting the Chair person of the ministry or any member of the Abundant Life Ministry. We hope that this update will stimulate interest in helping to serve in these important areas of the church.

The ALM has continued to develop descriptions of responsibility for the various ministries within the church so that the organization and goals of the various positions will be better understood by all of the members of the congregation.

Abundant Life Members (in no particular order):

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| Donna Clarke | Lori Rapuano |
| Bob Poudrier | Carl Pitney |
| Lauren Stuck | Wayne Korhonen |
| Staff Liaison: Lewis Vissia | |

ASP MISSION TRIP

On April 16, Edie Doherty, Marge Korhonen, Jim Pestana, and Keith and Diane Forney are leaving to serve in West Virginia through Appalachia Service Project. We will be returning to Connecticut on April 22. Please pray for us as we travel to West Virginia and back and as we serve a family there.

Message From the Moderator

*For lo the winter is past
The rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of singing has come,
And the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.*

Song of Solomon 2: 11-12

I'll bet some of you memorized this verse when you were children, as I did. It is a song of hope and transformation. As we struggle through our wintry blasts, we trust that new life will emerge and grow for each of us individually and as the body of Christ.

Certainly the seeds of growth are stirring. Questions arise and are wrestled with in our classes and Bible Studies. The choir is learning new anthems while revisiting some favorites. The Council has gathered for a retreat under the leadership of Pastor Michael and Dave Hasenbalg. The team to review the bylaws and structure of the church has chosen its leadership and has begun to set goals. The children rush to the front of the church in anticipation of the Time with the Children, and to their time in Sunday School. Sunday Night Alive is alive! The kitchen is now a KITCHEN! It is good...

The Council Retreat took place on Saturday, March 5, from 8:30-2:30. Pastor Michael led the group in a review and discussion of the book, Transforming Congregational Culture by Anthony Robinson. It was a lively, stimulating discussion that will be continued throughout the year. Following that time, Dave Hasenbalg facilitated a workshop on the four leadership styles. Dave guided us in identifying our own behavior style, learning where our own strengths lay, and how we could more effectively work as a team by drawing upon the gifts of each individual. At break time we were treated to gourmet soup prepared by our very own John and Lisa Kallen. Thank you to Michael, David and the Kallens for your ministry to us.

The team to review the by-laws and structure of the church held its organizational meeting on March 15th. There are 15 members who are committed to a prayerful and thorough review. The leadership was graciously accepted by Erica Demke, and our recording secretary is Rachel Korhonen. Sincere thanks to you both and to the team who are giving generously of their time and expertise.

We, as a church, are also deeply grateful to the team who has worked so hard to bring us a Kitchen! With the support of the Physical Resources Team under the leadership of Kevin McCloskey, we thank Frank Houghton, who has had principal oversight, and team members Judy Saxton, Jim Pestana, Karen Pestana, Judy Goff and Bill Bowers. Thanks also to all of you who have made it possible through your prayers, your time, and your financial support.

I wish you joy as we work together, pray together, and worship the One who gives us life. Spring is here. Listen for the singing, be in the Light, and rejoice!

Jeanne Daggett

Spiritual Formation Ministry

Ruthie Holton

At our February Ministry meeting, we welcomed two new members: Kate Boyer and Ellen Forney to three year terms. We are grateful for the gifts and enthusiasm they bring to our Ministry.

You may have noticed some new faces in the Infant/Toddler Nursery. Jodie French, a nurse at an area private school and an alumni of our Nursery School joined us in January. We also added a team to cover on a rotating basis. We welcome Lisa Kallen, Cortney Turner, Cindy Williams and Chrissy Leadbeader.

We began the second semester of Sunday School with a Teacher/Shepherd Breakfast where we gathered to share in food, scripture study, communion, prayer and fellowship. Several teachers and shepherds also gather on Sunday mornings for a time of prayer before worship.

For ten years we have used the WRM (Workshop Rotation Model) for our Sunday School program. This model works well for us. For the last couple of years, Lewis has been writing our WRM curriculum and he began sharing it on the website. We have used the rotation.org website as a free resource for a number of years and now our church, through Lewis, is able to give something back. So thank you, Lewis.

A Men's Group has recently formed for the purpose of spiritual bonding through fellowship and service. They meet on the third Sunday of each month at 8:30AM. All men of the church are welcome. Contact Dana Thompson if you have any questions. Two upcoming events: preparing and serving a meal for the Emmaus Weekend in April; a special treat for the women of the church is planned for Mother's Day. The Men's Group will also participate when needed with the preparation and serving of food to the Soup Kitchen and will share in hospitality by greeting and serving coffee once a month.

Our Lenten Team has put together three opportunities to gather during the Lenten Season to talk about "forgiveness". The first one was held on March 20th and about 20 people gathered for a light lunch and to talk and share ideas about forgiveness. If you feel called, or struggle with questions about forgiveness, please join us for the next two sessions on Sunday, April 4th and Sunday, April 17th.

Almost 50 women will be gathering on Saturday, March 26th for the Women's Retreat. This is the third annual retreat and each year brings more women who are seeking spiritual connection through study and reflection of scripture, prayer, and fellowship. This year our theme is "Joyful Hearts, Dancing Spirits". We are grateful to Pastor Sara and Becky Brown and her team for creating this opportunity.

Game Night Follow Up. . .

We had a great time. There were about 35 who participated. Pizza for dinner with salad, snacks, drinks, and lots of desserts, no one went away hungry. The kids saw Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and there was fierce competition in the game room with lots of shouting out and chowing down on snacks. With a power outage and snowstorm it was complete! In the summertime we will have another. Please join us!!

Debby Reimer

Local/International Mission Project

Come on out and support our annual CROP WALK!

What in the world is that? (I used to ask the same question!)

YOU sign up online or by finding or calling me, Jenny Waller (860) 463-4313

YOU sit after morning worship at our table two weeks before the walk ...while wonderful church families sign up to support your walk or ask family/friends out of church to support you

YOU come May 1st at 1:00 PM with a main dish to EGCC to share in a little potluck (this is optional) with fellow walkers

YOU arrive at 2:00 PM to walk on a flat trail (Rails to Trails—Cooper Hill entrance—walk as far as you'd like!), talk with others from our church and community or alone to reflect on this great opportunity to reach out to others—all the time helping our food banks locally AND internationally.

http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/PageServer?pagename=crop_main



We have created a 5 Day 4 year old program for next year. This multi-age program would be for 4 year olds who would like a little more, who would like another year before they head off to Kindergarten, or for parents who work mornings. It will run 8:15 to 11:30 AM.

We will also have our traditional 3 and 4 year old classes.

PLEASE help us spread the word!

Check out www.egccns.com for more information. THIS year we have added an extended day two Fridays a month. This is for children of preschool age (or Kindergarten) and runs 11:30 to 2:30 PM. We have many who come to this program who aren't in our other preschool and that is great. We love to be able to open our program up to a bunch of families!

How does our garden grow?

The Mission and Outreach Ministry is considering the possibility of planting a vegetable garden on our church property to provide some fresh produce for local Food Pantry recipients or neighbors in need.

We are in the beginning stages of discussion and have many factors to consider. If you are interested in working on this potential outreach to the community and in sharing God's abundance with others, please contact Diane Forney, Kristen Hardendorf or other members of this Ministry.

Kristen Hardendorf,
Mission and Outreach Ministry

What Can I DO??? Heads Up! Hartford! HUH!!!!!!!

Have you been listening for the call? Have you been called to serve? To join in the fun? To make a difference? Consider yourself called! Ok, so you are unable to serve on the HUH team for a full week...you can STILL be a part of this important mission project! There are so very many ways to serve!

- Most importantly, please hold the HUH team, and those we serve, in prayer, before during and after camp.
 - **SAVE THIS DATE!!!!** YTBD from 10 am to 2 pm at the EG Fire House - CAR WASH & BAKE Sale. Karen Rhodes and Carol Schwartz are in charge of our annual fund-raiser. The donations help to offset the EGCC teen camp tuitions.
 - Do you have an afternoon or evening to volunteer as a part-time adult advisor? Call Gayle Wilcox (653-2460).
 - We are looking for (CT licensed) Registered Nurses to volunteer during the day (projected dates June 23-30, 2011) to help our Camp Nurse with administering meds., attending to cuts and scrapes etc.
 - You can donate snack foods - packaged snacks or bags of fruit - things that do not need to be refrigerated and in containers that you do need returned. There will be an area in the kitchen marked "HUH snacks". Perishables can also be brought to St. Thomas during the week of camp. Veggie trays are a team favorite!
 - Suppose it rains? Can you imagine 100+ folks unable to get outside and move around? Well, we are also collecting new or gently used indoor games to use during camp, year after year. Might be a good time to make some space in your closet by donating some games???
 - Given the difficult economic climate, we have many more teens throughout the HUH program seeking financial aid. Especially our urban sister churches have teens unable to cover their tuition. Historically, HUH has never turned anyone away. In order to retain this approach and still cover expenses, we are looking to others who might wish to contribute towards tuitions. The weeklong-7 night camp costs \$375.00. Perhaps you can serve by covering tuition or a partial tuition. Please contact Gayle Wilcox (860-653-2460) if God is calling you in this way.
- Attend the closing ceremony at St. Thomas on Wednesday, June 30th at 7 PM to support these amazing teen volunteers.

"What would you have me do, Lord - take something on, give something up, or both? How would you have me serve You and grow in You?" Heads Up Hartford is a wonderful way to serve the Lord - to be His hands and feet on earth. Might this be part of your answer? Please pray on it!

CLEAN and EAT

That's right! Get your car washed and bring a goody home for supper! Please support the Heads Up! Hartford Car Wash and Bake Sale on a date yet to be determined 10 AM to 2 PM. All donations will be used to offset the tuition of our EGCC teen missionaries.



Sr. High Youth Group: April News!!!

(Mission- 'In His Steps')

All 9th-12th Teens welcome to attend*

Regular meetings 1st & 3rd Sundays 7:15pm-8:45pm at EGCC. Service projects and fellowship times to happen 2nd & 4th weekends time to be announced via e-mail and church bulletins.

****Come meet for FUN, FAITH, and FELLOWSHIP!!! Bring your friends!****

April 3—7:15-8:45 pm NOOMA dvd...Three Kinds of Love” plus group games, and praise circle. Youth Room.

April 10—No Youth Group

April 17—7:15-8:45 pm Topic “Parental Units” meets in Youth Room plus games and worship.

April 22nd... Start 30 Hour Famine on Friday Midnight. Then Saturday April 23rd 2 pm Youth Group meets at Church to support each other, raise awareness, and stays over to do service project, a movie, and help with Easter Sunrise Pancake Breakfast. Bring overnight gear to Youth Room.

*Teens needed each coffee hour following worship to get financial contribution toward 30 Hour Famine Fundraiser.

May 1—Sunday 12:00-3:00 pm Clay Pottery Trip. Cost \$10-20. Sandwiches Provided.

Advisors:
Jim Pestana, Gayle Wilcox & Kate Boyer

Coordinator of Youth Ministries: Pastor Sara



Church Family Notes

Many thanks for your visits, calls, flowers, and food received during my surgery and rehabilitation. My husband and I so appreciated your care and concern; this has made convalescence easier.

Virginia Trenholm

April Birthdays and Anniversaries



Happy Birthday to:

- 2 Stephen Simmons (Son), Ann Caye Beth Galloway
- 4 Erin Connole, Zak Howard
- 6 Christopher Juliano, Lisa Rossetti Glen Lennon, Nicole Bach, Ryan Trombly
- 7 Anne Newhall
- 8 Kevin Goff
- 9 Holly Bowers, Sam Hoadley, Carol Mathis, Amy Gray
- 10 Jeanne Daggett
- 11 Cindy Marsele Nemeth
- 12 Amy Rapuano
- 13 Shellee Horner
- 14 Betty Guinan, William Caterino
- 15 Cliff Betz
- 16 Judy Saxton, Chris Granger,
- 17 Ann Smith, Gary Trombly
- 20 Nora McCloskey
- 23 David Hines
- 25 Emily Kelly, Kimberly Hecht
- 26 Rebecca Bollam, Helene Stoldt
- 28 Spencer Beekmann
- 29 William Fisk
- 30 Nancy Boardman, Thelma Wilmot, Matthew Hecht

Happy Anniversary to:

- 12 Lee and Ewa Brody
- 23 Jim and Lauren Farley
- 25 Bob & Lisa Poudrier
- 26 Bill & Kim Caterino

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed here, please call Sharon @ 860-653-2987.

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3 10:25 Worship Lenten Series—God’s Forgiveness, Following Worship 5-6:30 Middle School Youth Group, F.H. 6:30 Sunday Night Alive 7:20 Adult Confirmation 7:20 A New Kind of Christianity	4	5 12:15 “Generous Faith” Study 6:45-9:00 Boy Scout Leaders, F.H. & CEC 7-8 The Lord’s Prayer Study 7-9 Bylaws Committee	6 6:30 Early Morning Prayer 9:15 Matthew Bible Study 5:30 Mark Study Dinner 6:30 Gospel of Mark Bible Study 7:30 Senior Choir	7 10:45 Matthew Bible Study 7:00-8:30 Yoga, Meditation & Prayer, CEC 7:00 Senior Bell Choir	8 9:30-11:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Emmaus, Weekend Begins	9 Emmaus
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All Beacon articles are due on the 18th of each month .
All articles are subject to editing.

If you would like to schedule meetings, events or make any
changes to the church calendars, please call Sharon, or leave a
note on the desk in the church office.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

We are going to **FRANCE**. The trip is called
"French Waterways: Highlights of Burgundy and
Provence". It is a fifteen day trip that includes a 12
day cruise on the Saone and Rhone Rivers aboard
an 80 passenger boat. A 4 day pre-trip to Paris
can be added on as well as a post-trip to southern
France. Check it out at vantagetravel.com or see
Judy Saxton. We would love to have you join us!

Communion Table Flowers

Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby to offer to
grace the Communion Table with flowers.

April 3	Available
April 10	The Gibson's
April 17	The Mock Family
April 24	Easter Sunday

April Greeters

Greeters are needed. Sign up on bulletin board in
lobby.

April 3	Confirmation Class
April 10	Wednesday AM Bible Study
April 17	Available
April 24	Becky Brown

Fellowship / Coffee Hour



April 3	Available
April 10	The Rafferty's
April 17	Available
April 24	Becky Brown / Janice Gibson

Audio Tech crew for worship services in the
month of April is as follows:

April 3	Marge Korhonen
April 10	Bill Bowers
April 17	Tom Horner
April 24	Lew Noble

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PURPOSE STATEMENT:

East Granby Congregational Church, U.C.C.,
is called to receive the abundant Life and Love of God,
to love the LORD our God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and
strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

With the power of the Holy Spirit, we will do this by:

- Seeking first the Kingdom of God
- Following Jesus Christ and being formed as disciples
- Serving our neighbors and equipping one another for ministry.