



Old South Church

United Church of Christ

Telstar, March 2016

Rooted in faith, Growing in love, Reaching for justice

Beloved Old South,

While Liz and I were on maternity leave in Santa Cruz we discovered a mommy-and-me yoga studio, which quickly became one of our favorite places. Yoga is one of those things I've always wanted to do, but never had the patience for. Now it's totally my speed.

At the first session I was sad to realize how much flexibility I had lost over the years. I could barely stretch my fingers past my toes. But over time, my reach began to lengthen, and hopefully that will continue to improve.

It occurs to me that Lent is like the spiritual version of yoga. The word Lent actually comes from the word "lengthen." It's the time of the year when the days are getting longer (hal-lelujah!). Plants that appear to be dead are quietly preparing, beneath sleepy exteriors, to lengthen their roots and spring to life again after Easter.

Lent is about lengthening. It's about stretching ourselves, too. It's a time to lengthen our own roots more deeply into our faith.

If you are searching for a way this Lenten season to stretch and lengthen your faith, or maybe just your relationships with your faith family, I'd like to invite you to attend one of the following events:

- March 9 Art & Scripture** – Join us in the vestry for an intergenerational night of re-creation and recreation, where we will meet God through scripture and art. Art activities will be available for each age and ability level. We will start with a potluck dinner at 5pm and move into our art activities at 6 pm.
- March 17 Interactive Prayer Stations** – There is so much of faith that is about the "unseen," but between 6-8 pm we will offer 8 interactive prayer stations in the sanctuary to help you encounter faith in a way that is tangible, meaningful, experiential, and reflective. You are also welcome to enjoy individual prayer or silent reflection in the pews while Amy LeBlanc and friends serenade us by cello.
- March 24 Maundy Thursday** – "Maundy," from the Latin word for "mandate," reminds us of Jesus' last supper with his disciples where he left us with his final commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." In remembrance of that night and those words, we will host a Tenebrae and Communion Service at 6 pm in the Matthew Rm.
- March 25 Good Friday** – Our annual FAEM Good Friday service will be held in the sanctuary at noon.
- March 27 Easter** Sunrise Service on Voter Hill
Church family Easter Breakfast – 8:00 am BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
Celebratory family worship - 9:30 am

May the God of new growth be with us all as we seek to stretch and lengthen our connections to the Holy and one another this Lent.

Blessings,

Alexis

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"Old South Church is called to be a spiritual home where diverse hearts and minds are welcomed, nourished, and formed by God to transform the world."



From The Moderator



Thank you to everyone who came to the Annual Financial Meeting on Sunday, February 7, and especially to everyone who was able to stay for the long haul, as we deliberated our financial options and challenges. We covered a lot of ground, and although this meant a lengthy meeting, I think it is preferable to scheduling multiple meetings for multiple issues.

The Financial Trustees and Executive Council did a lot of ground work in preparation for the meeting. The membership is called to continue the conversation and make the decisions.

Here's some of the results of the meeting:

Proposal to sell a 10' strip of land next to the Holman Parish House to our new neighbors, John Moore and Jennifer Bjorn for \$10,000 – Approved.

Proposal to allocate the \$10,000 from this sale to the Accessibility Project – after some opposition and discussion it was decided to table this decision to a later date. The funds will be held until that time.

Proposal to proceed with a Capital Campaign in the amount of \$275,000 to pay for	
Accessibility Project	\$ 40,000
Repay Endowment for funds that were withdrawn in 2014 for the pellet boiler	65,000
Church preservation projects needed this year	155,000
HPH code compliance projects needed	13,000
Contingency	2,000

Approved

2016 Budget, reflecting a deficit of 15,120 - Approved

By the time this issue of Telstar is out the Financial Trustees will have begun to put together a capital campaign committee, and planning will be underway.

By the time this issue of Telstar is out there will have been another Our Turn, focusing on how our space, and particularly the Holman Parish House meet our vision.

In this season of Lent, God with us, calling us, seeking us out of anything that comes between beloved relationship with each other and Christ.

In peace,

Sherry Jenckes
Moderator



News & Upcoming Events



Dear Old South Family,

Liz and I were so touched by your gift to Heifer international on behalf of Nora's birth. We love that her arrival is now blessings others beyond our borders, through your gifts of ducks, rabbits, and an irrigation pump. Could there be a more perfect way to honor the living waters of baptism than through the life-giving waters that an irrigation pump can provide? Our family continues to be awed and deeply grateful for the love of this beautiful community.

Blessings Abound,
Alexis

New Member Class: Interested in learning more about membership at Old South? Please join Rev. Alexis after worship on March 6 and March 20 from 11 am-12:30 pm in the Newman Wing Chapel to learn more about Old South, the United Church of Christ and membership. If you have need of childcare, please let us know! Contact the church office (778-0424, Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org) for more information or to reserve childcare.



Easter Breakfast

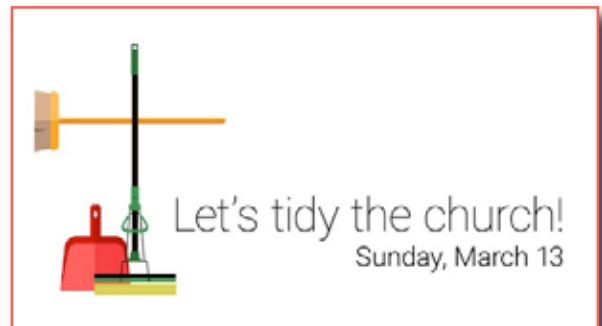
Please join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday to celebrate the resurrection of Christ together. The Deacons are organizing a potluck breakfast to take place in the Vestry, time to be announced. Please stay tuned for more information.

The deacon of the month is:
Chris Magri

Please plan to join us after worship on March 13

to de-clutter and clean our beautiful church building.
We will concentrate on the first floor of the church
and upper floor of the Newman Wing.
Cleaning supplies welcome!

The Property Trustees will post, on 3/13, an inventory of the items in the basement level of the church that need to be removed. If you have claim to any of these items they need to be removed by April 30th. Otherwise they will be donated to the Church's yard sale, placed on the curb "free for the taking," or (with little ceremony) deposited in a dumpster. Thank you for helping us clean up the basement!



Special Office HOURS

During Holy Week, the church office will be open Monday through Wednesday, March 21-23, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The church office will be closed March 29-31. Regular office hours will resume on April 5.

Earth Day Every Day eWaste Recycling – Location to be determined!

Don't throw those old and broken computers, monitors, TVs and other electronics out! Old or broken electronics, also referred to "e-waste", will be collected at the annual Earth Day Every Day! Disposal and recycling event to be held on Saturday, April 23th from 9 am to 1 pm. The location for the event will be shared through weekly emails and church announcements. Anyone can bring in their old or broken electronics for free.

Businesses that have a large number of electronic components should contact eWaste Recycling Solutions at 207-449-1709. eWaste Recycling Solutions, LLC(ERS) of Auburn will bring a team to pack and transport pallets of electronic devices left for responsible recycling. Old South Church volunteers will assist with traffic flow, parking and unloading. Old South Church has partnered with eWaste Recycling Solutions offering free electronics responsible disposal since 2009.





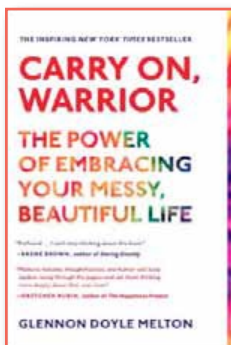
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Earth Day Every Day eWaste Recycling – Location to be determined! – (Continued)

Responsible recycling of e-waste removes tons of hazardous waste, like lead, cadmium and mercury, that is potentially buried or incinerated. It is a known fact that extremely large amounts of waste have been exported and piled up in places like China, Africa, and India creating hazardous conditions for nearby residents, some of who are paid very low wages to remove valuable metals including copper.

eWaste Recycling Solutions, LLC (ERS) is the only Maine based consolidation facility approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. ERS travels around the State working with towns and organizations to collect old and broken electronics. The primary focus of Old South's Earth Day Every Day e-waste recycling and disposal project is to collect those electronic devices mandated by the State of Maine, such as TVs, monitors and computers. Other electronic equipment, copiers, scanners, phones, stereos, speakers, microwaves and other eWaste will also be accepted. A detailed list is available at www.ewastemaine.com. This recycling and disposal service is free for individuals that might otherwise pay a significant fee through local transfer stations.

This event is co-sponsored by the Fundraising Committee and the Outreach, Justice and Witness Committee. Free will monetary donations will be accepted to assist in supporting the church's community service, outreach and youth programs.



CARRY ON, WARRIOR!

In January, six of us (Katherine Heer, Margaret Wescott, Roger Condit, Sherry Jenckes, Carole Trickett and Shelley Griffith) read the book CARRY ON, WARRIOR, THE POWER OF EMBRACING YOUR MESSY, BEAUTIFUL LIFE, by Glennon Doyle Melton. Here are some quotable passages from this funny, wise and touching little book.

"The more I opened my heart to the folks in my circles, the more convinced I became that life is equal parts brutal and beautiful. And/Both. Life is brutiful...Sharing life's brutiful is what makes us feel less alone and afraid." (p 7)

"Peace is not the absence of conflict, but the ability to cope with it." Robert Fulghum (quoted in Carry on Warrior, p. 57)

"Be confident because you are a Child of God. Be humble because everyone else is too." (p 176)

"Happiness is low expectations paired with a short-term memory problem." (p 72)

"But if we want redemption...(w)e have to sit through the pain long enough to rise again." (p 103)

"When I want to turn away or run away, which is all the time, I remember what Adrienne told me the night I bought my new bicycle. "When you feel like you're falling," she said, "steer into the fall. Lean into it instead of away, and you'll be all right." (p102-103)

"Enlightenment is seeing one thing through all the way to the end." (p 103)

"Forgiveness and grace are like oxygen: we can't offer it to others unless we put our masks on first" (p119)

"...love is not something for which to search or wait or hope or dream. It's simply something to DO" (p 107)

"The beautiful thing about turning the other cheek is that it forces you to break eye contact with the person who has slapped you, and this little turn changes your perspective." (p 195)

If you liked this sneak preview, read on, Warrior!

BALANCE THE BUDGET!!

12% or \$3.50/Week Increase Will Do It!!!

At the Annual Financial Meeting on Sunday, February 7, the membership approved a deficit budget of a little over \$15,120. There was conversation about what it would take from each pledger to balance this budget. This deficit is about 12% of pledging income. In order to balance budget each pledging unit would need to increase their current pledge by about 12%. For example, a \$1000 pledge would need to increase to \$1120. Or, each pledging unit (83) would need to offer an additional \$180/year, or \$3.50/wk. One suggestion was to consider that we are all currently beneficiaries of the low gas prices, most likely more than \$3.50 aweek – why not transfer that savings in the tank to help fund the Old South's ministry??





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The Many Face of Old South Church

Have you seen the new photo directory of friends of Old South in the Vestry? We want to see you up there too! Please submit a photo (no larger than 4 x 6) to the church office or you may place your photo in Rina Bardo's communication folder in the file folder box located in the room just before you enter the Sanctuary.



March Committee Meetings

Christian Ed	To be announced
Deacons	Sunday the 13th following worship in Matthew Room
Executive Council	Wednesday the 2nd at 6:30 pm at the Holman Parish House
Financial Trustees	To be announced
Outreach, Justice and Witness	Sunday the 20th following worship in the Matthew Room
Property Trustees	Tuesday the 15th at 6:30 pm at the Holman Parish House



Mission and Outreach

A Special Note of Thanks

This week, as I looked around our church, I realized that we have again provided a wonderful gift to our wider community and to ourselves: the Warming Center that has been at Old South for the months of January and February.

We made the decision to participate in this ecumenical ministry because we wanted to help others. In winters when the economy can dip low, we welcome members of our wider community who needed a warm place to be and a hot meal. But I think we sometimes underestimate the gift that this is to our church community. Around thirty volunteers from Old South, several of us in our late seventies and eighties, have participated in this outreach and recognize the gifts we can give and receive in our friendships with the families who come. Others of us have supported this ministry with prayer and with donations of food. It is a privilege to see the boundaries blur, as our church offers The Warming Center to the community. The volunteers and guests have become good friends with love and laughter and that atmosphere is present each Thursday.

Many thanks to all of you who have participated. It has been another successful joint effort shared by Old South Church, Henderson Memorial Church and St. Joe's Church.

Betsy Riley

FOOD CLOSET ITEM(S) FOR MARCH
Canned Vegetables
Bring to church on Sunday – or anytime!



Annie's⁺ Beanpole



We need volunteers! Our medical equipment lending ministry, Annie's Beanpole at Old South Church, receives a steady stream of inquiries from people in need of crutches, shower seats, bedside commodes, wheelchairs, etc. Requests are received by a volunteer through messages left on the church answering system. The volunteer responds to the messages, arranges a mutually agreeable time to meet at the Holman Parish House, and gives out the needed equipment. If we don't have the needed item, we ask that you call and let the individual in need know. Each volunteer is on call for two to two and a half weeks. Would you like to take part in connecting people with free equipment that allows them to live a reasonably comfortable, dignified existence? Please speak with Chris Magri, Randy Oakley, or anyone else associated with OJW. Thanks for your help!



Mission and Outreach



Fair Trade Coffee Ordering

Old South members and friends may join the group ordering of fair-trade certified, wholesale coffee, tea, and food items from Equal Exchange. The next order deadline is by 6 pm Wednesday, March 16th.

Contact the coordinator, Myrna Vallette, at 778-4387, or by email at myrna.vallette@gmail.com, to order, get more information, or to be added to her email notification list.

Ordering information: You can view the many different products online at <http://shop.equalexchange.coop/> to decide what you want (or look at a catalog, which is available on the bookcase in the vestry). Then ask Myrna to look up the wholesale (your actual) price, because the prices that are visible on the website are retail. Please note: The wholesale price is available only when buying by the case (e.g., 6 12-oz. bags of coffee, 10 pounds of coffee beans, etc.). If you want anything less than a full case, you will have to pay the retail price.

Payment is due to Myrna by the order date. Make checks payable to Myrna Vallette, and mail to 189 Marwick Road, Farmington, ME 04938; or pay via PayPal to myrna.vallette@gmail.com.

The ordered items will be available for pick up at the Holman Parish House the following week when the office is open (usually Tuesday through Thursday).

Community Luncheon Report

We continue on our winter Community Luncheon ministry, providing hot comfort food and an opportunity for fellowship to anyone in the Farmington area. For the February meal we served about 150 meals, which included over 60 meals delivered. Our menu was chicken stew over a biscuit and was quite popular, so quite a few folks to a meal home to have later or to share with a family member or friend. We are always happy when we can accommodate those requests.

We are happy to say that we had plenty of help for serving the meal, and THANK YOU to all those who came out to help. Some of our "regular" volunteers weren't able to be with us, so it was nice to have new folks show up. If you are interested in helping us with this ministry, please contact the church office and let Phyllis know of your interest. There is NO long term commitment required!

Our March meal will be on March 12th and will feature baked ham, scalloped potatoes and peas. We are hoping that God's Kitchen Crew will be available to provide us with cakes again for dessert!

Stan Wheeler,
Rocell Marcellino, Co-chairs



Outreach, Justice and Witness will be meeting in the Matthew Room at 11:00 on Sunday, March 20. This is an open ministry with no fixed membership, and we encourage you to stop in, see what we're up to, and help us to serve God's people both locally and globally.



Mission and Outreach

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering at Old South on March 6, 2016.



Purpose

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. In the 1990s, receipts have exceeded \$20 million annually. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, all use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more.

History

During World War II and immediately following, Protestant churches made appeals for relief and reconstruction. At the prompting of newly-elected Presiding Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill of the Episcopal Church in 1946, a goal of one million dollars per year was set for World Relief. On nationwide radio, he challenged members to raise "one million dollars in one hour" to help people and communities in need. During the first three years, Episcopalians raised \$3.8 million.

In 1949, church leaders from several denominations formed an ad hoc committee to organize an appeal aimed at supporting the separate campaigns of American churches. Their joint statement in support of this effort in essence conveyed the importance of strengthening the vitally important relief and rehabilitation work of the churches overseas. Pulling together, they could prove to the world the great power generated when Christians united in a common cause.

In 1950, the title "One Great Hour of Sharing" was used for the first time. Its goal was to make the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffered the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time.

From the beginning this has been an ecumenical effort. As denominations changed and merged, One Great Hour of Sharing has varied from eight to twenty-nine participating communions. Currently, the One Great Hour of Sharing committee officially comprises eight Christian denominations: American Baptist Churches USA, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Church of the Brethren, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), United Church of Christ, and Church World Service. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) calls the offering Week of Compassion. In various ways, all work in cooperation with Church World Service, the relief, development and refugee assistance arm of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.

The purpose of One Great Hour of Sharing has remained the same: to collect special gifts to assist those in need. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. From the 1990s to the early 2000s, receipts have exceeded \$20 million annually. While specific allocations differ in each denomination, most use their One Great Hour of Sharing funds to make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid.

Contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing make a difference in the lives of real people. Leaders of impacted communities identify the needs of their people. Priorities for short, medium and long-term solutions are then made for the purpose of improving the quality of life for individuals and the communities. Around the world, One Great Hour of Sharing continues to respond to needs equally critical as when it was first created.

Please give Generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you..



Children & Youth

Sunday School and BBC

We're in the midst of Lent, but know that our path ends with the celebration of Easter Sunday! Our Sunday School and BBC lessons continue to walk with Jesus through the New Testament, with stories of Jesus calming storms, healing the sick, and teaching parables of yeast and mustard seeds. In addition, we continue to observe Lent with our new "Passport," which provides daily prayers and activities to help us stay mindful of this special season. Please remember to bring in your Passports each Sunday for stickers to help mark our progress together!

Old South teens, meanwhile, are traveling together through Lent with both daily and weekly contemplative exercises to encourage us to let go of those things that act as barriers as we move closer to God. Each Sunday, we reflect and write about obstacles in our faith journeys. And, we will culminate our Lenten practice together in a special ceremony on March 19—when we return from our mission trip to Portland. (See more information our our mission trip, below!).

On March 20th, children will observe Palm Sunday with the joyful waving of palms in the Sanctuary. Then, we will move down to the Chapel for a special "Kids' Communion", where we'll have a chance to talk about Jesus and his last meal with his friends, and what that meal means to us today. We'll celebrate Easter Sunday (March 27) with our families in the sanctuary.

Youth Group (and Faith & Cinema, too!)

Originally scheduled for February (and bumped by the Super Bowl)—it's finally time for Faith & Cinema's showing of *"The Pursuit of Happyness,"* the terrific Will Smith movie about a father and his incredible struggles to raise himself and his young child out of homelessness. Join us on Sunday, March 6, starting at 5 pm with a light dinner. The plan is to meet up at a youth group member's house instead of the church (would anyone like to volunteer to host this?), so watch your email for more info as we get closer to the date!

In addition to the movie night, we'll have a "regular" Youth Group meeting after church on Sunday, March 13th to prep for our mission trip. This is an important last-minute check-in before we pack our bags. Don't miss this!

Mission Trip: Preble Street

Matthew 25: 34-36: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

This month, the Youth Group will be serving at Preble Street in Portland—a multi-faceted organization that provides food, shelter, counseling, and other services to homeless individuals. We will be working in their "soup kitchen," serving dinner on Friday 3/18 and breakfast and lunch on Saturday, 3/19. We will be cooking, cleaning, sweeping, washing dishes, serving food, and any other chores we are asked to do. Our time together will also include a "pause" for spiritual reflection; a discussion about the challenges for adequate food, clothing and shelter that homeless individuals face in our state; and a silly late-night game, too! We'll end our mission trip back at Old South Saturday in the late afternoon with a special ceremony—one that is also the culmination of our Lenten journey together.

God's Kitchen Crew

We'll be enjoying a bit of the "luck o' the Irish" this month, with a leprechaun theme to our kitchen work. Join us Wednesday, March 9 for food, fun, and more. Our cakes will be served at the Community Luncheon on March 12th. All kids in grades 2 - 5 are warmly invited to join us! The fun begins at 3:00 pm.

Bread for Benefit

The Youth Group will be offering bread for sale twice this month—March 6 and March 13. Our profits will be helping defray the costs of the mission trip to Preble Street.

Old South Movie Studio

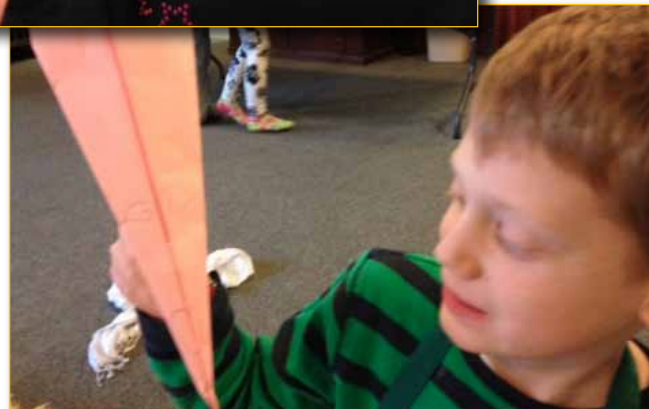
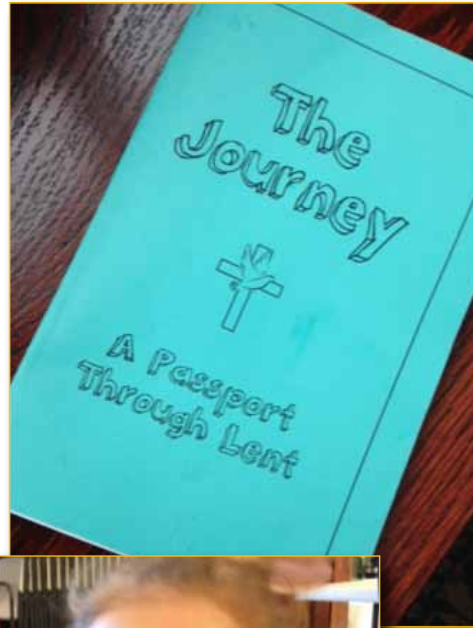
Look for our latest video offerings on YouTube—"Old South Movie Studio"—including our recent *"Jonah and the Rather Large Fish"* episode. Here's a link to all the fun: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPY4OJ5rxQU7XZ6mx-3Mb6w>.

How Do I Find Out More?

Don't miss a single youth activity! Sign up for our email newsletter, "Old South Kids This Week," to receive updates, news, photos, and more. Just send a note to Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org. Students in middle and high school can also check out our new (open community) Facebook page, *"Students at Old South,"* for Youth Group updates, Lenten musings, and more!



Children & Youth



Registration is now open!

Go to www.pilgrimlodge.org to view the schedule and register for camp! Questions or concerns please email Our Administrator Karen Steelhammer at karen@pilgrimlodge.org

Scholarship is available through the Maine Conference. Please check the Pilgrim Lodge website for the application form or pick one up from the church office.



Fundraising



FUNDRAISING

Stop by the FRC table on Sundays either before or after church to buy or reload your Hannaford Card. The church earns 5% on your purchase at no cost to you other than stopping by our table and using your cards when you shop.

We also sell merchandise cards (UnitedScrip.com). We have several cards available to buy and use now, such as Walmart, RiteAid, DD, Subway, Olive Garden, LL bean etc. The church earns a percentage on the cards you purchase. The amount varies on each vendor. Some vendors give us 2% and one vendor gives us 18% (LL Bean - WOW!!).

Volunteer Opportunities!

Get up to date on all of the opportunities available where you can volunteer and get involved in our church family. You do NOT have to be a member of the Fundraising Committee to have fun with us. Volunteer for one event or all. Your helping hands are welcomed!



Have any shopping to do on Amazon?

Be sure to do your shopping through Amazon Smile and Amazon will donate .5% of your total to Old South. There's no cost to you and once you choose Old South as your charity, there's nothing else you need to do. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and click select on First Congregational of Farmington.

Thank you!



Worship & Music



Palm Sunday: Please join us for Palm Sunday worship on March 20 at 9:30 am. Rev. Alexis will lead worship through the end of the sermon then she will leave to teach the children about the last supper.

Maundy Thursday: Tennebrae and Communion Service on March 26 at 6:00 pm, Matthew Room.

Good Friday: Farmington Area Ecumenical Ministry (FAEM) Ecumenical worship service at Old South on March 25 at Noon in the Sanctuary.

Farmington Area Ecumenical Ministry Easter Sunrise Service on Voter Hill (a little more than a mile past the former WKTJ radio station; turn left and go straight UP. Meet at the intersection – a short way after you pass the farm buildings) at sunrise on Sunday, March 27. This is an ecumenical service; all are welcome!



Easter Worship Celebration: Church Family Easter breakfast organized by the Deacons in the morning (time to be announced) on March 27 followed by worship at 9:30 am.

Easter Lily Order Form

You are invited to remember your loved ones by providing lilies for the altar on Easter Sunday. You may place this order form with your payment in the offering basket, drop off or mail to Phyllis in the church office or give it to Carolyn Parr. Plants are \$16.50 this year. The deadline for orders is Thursday, March 17. Checks may be made out to: Old South and marked for Easter Lilies in the memo line.

Number of Lilies _____

Ordered by _____

Given in memory/celebration/honor of: _____

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for March

The Revised Common Lectionary are the readings from the Bible selected for use in worship which are utilized by many church denominations including the United Church of Christ. Each week, a passage typically from the Old Testament; a passage from one of the Psalms; another from either the Epistles or the Book of Revelation; and finally a passage from one of the four Gospels are included. The major principle behind the lectionary is that on a Sunday members of congregations should be able to hear the voice of each writer week by week, rather than readings being selected according to a theme. Below you will find the Revised Common Lectionary readings for the month of March.

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 6, 2016	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Fifth Sunday in Lent March 13, 2016	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Liturgy of the Palms March 20, 2016 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i>		Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29		Luke 19:28-40
Liturgy of the Passion March 20, 2016 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i>	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49



Worship & Music

Holy Week:				
Monday of Holy Week March 21, 2016	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday of Holy Week March 22, 2016	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday of Holy Week March 23, 2016	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Maundy Thursday March 24, 2016 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday March 25, 2016	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday March 26, 2016	Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24	Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42
Easter Sunday				
Resurrection of the Lord March 27, 2016 <i>Easter Day</i>	*Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12



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Old South Statement of Identity

"In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one..."
(Galatians 3:28)

Walking toward God, we, the members of (Old South) First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Farmington, Maine, seek through God's Grace to be a congregation that includes all persons who desire to live God's Love, as shown to us through the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. We respect and embrace differences of gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identification, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic background. We welcome all to share fully in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation. We are an open and affirming church: open to all, and affirming of all God's beloved children. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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Calendar

March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:15pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)	2 6:30pm Executive Council (HPH Meeting Room) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	3 6:30pm Shepherd's Pie (Chapel)	4	5
6 9:30am Farmington Friends (Holman Parish House) 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am New Member Class (Matthew Room) 11:00am Faith and Cinema (Offsite)	7 12:00pm Retirees Lunch (Vestry) 6:00pm Zen Buddhist sanga (John Room (next to Chapel))	8 2:30pm Just Friends (HPH Gathering Room) 5:15pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)	9 2:30pm Bereavement Support Group (Chapel) 3:00pm God's Kitchen Crew (Kitchen, Vestry) 5:00pm Art and Scripture Lent Activity (Vestry) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	10 6:30pm Shepherd's Pie (Chapel)	11	12 12:00pm Community Lunch (Kitchen, Vestry)
13 9:30am Farmington Friends (Holman Parish House) 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am Youth Group (Youth Room) 11:00am Clean Up Day (Newman Wing, Vestry) 11:00am Deacons' Meeting (Matthew Room)	14 6:00pm Zen Buddhist sanga (John Room (next to Chapel))	15 5:15pm InnerRhythm (Chapel) 6:00pm Property Trustees (Holman Parish House)	16 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	17 12:00pm Moving On Lunch (Vestry) 6:00pm Lenten Prayers (Sanctuary) 6:30pm Shepherd's Pie (Chapel)	18 Youth Group Mission Trip: Prebble Street (Offsite)	19 Youth Group Mission Trip (Offsite)
20 9:30am Farmington Friends (Holman Parish House) 9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:00am New Member Class (Chapel) 11:00am Outreach, Justice and Witness (Matthew Room)	21 6:00pm Zen Buddhist sanga (John Room (next to Chapel))	22 5:15pm InnerRhythm (Chapel)	23 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	24 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service of Tennebrae and Communion (Matthew Room) 6:30pm Shepherd's Pie (Chapel)	25 12:00pm Good Friday (Sanctuary)	26
27 8:15am Easter Breakfast (Vestry) 9:30am Easter Worship (Sanctuary) 9:30am Farmington Friends (Holman Parish House)	28 6:00pm Zen Buddhist sanga (John Room (next to Chapel))	29 6:00pm Zen Buddhist sanga (John Room (next to Chapel))	30 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Matthew Room)	31 6:30pm Shepherd's Pie (Chapel)		