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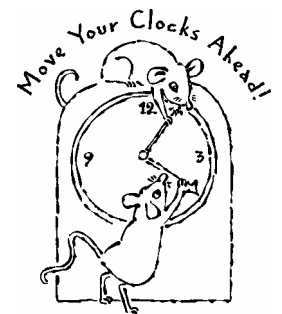


*Join Us for Palm Sunday,
Maundy Thursday,
Good Friday and EASTER*

...see details on pages 3-4



*Turn your clocks
AHEAD one hour
on Sat., March 8;
Daylight-Saving
Time begins early
on March 9!*



Carolyn's

Corner



From Pastor Carolyn:

"Mistakes are at the very base of human thought...If we were not provided with the knack of being wrong, we could never get anything useful done...What is needed, for progress to be made, is to move on the error."

From The Medusa and the Snail by Lewis Thomas

Lent gives us the opportunity to reflect on how faith transforms failure. Recognizing that we all make mistakes, aware of the fact that our actions can cause grief, sensitive to the enormity of our sin, we look to the cross to give both direction for our lives and hope for the assurance of forgiveness with its promise of grace and love.

As uncomfortable as failure is, at the same time failures force us to seek new solutions and to try different alternatives. God is hidden in the difficulties we face and in the mistakes we make as the power that strengthens us to endure, to overcome, and to grow. In facing the cross, we recognize that forgiveness is a possibility and difficulties can be faced with the help of God's grace.

Our celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter morning brings the season of Lent to a close. Out of the turmoil and tragedy of the cross rise the hope and promise of new beginnings and new life.

May we find joy and peace in that knowledge.

Blessings,
Carolyn

NH Conference News:

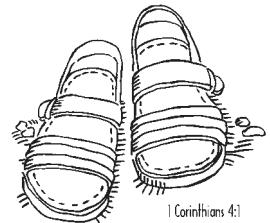
The Rev. *Robert Curry* has been selected to serve as the Interim Associate Conference Minister of the NH Conference, UCC. Bob is familiar with the life and ministry of our Conference. He brings a deep faith and love for the church in all its complexities. He is a pastor who has served with distinction in many settings, in both settled and interim roles.

This interim is intended to be a "bridging" time between the ministry of the Rev. Andy Jepson, who retired Dec. 31, 2007, and that of our new Associate Conference Minister, whose call and arrival are anticipated sometime later in 2008 (see next article). Please join us in welcoming Bob to this important time of ministry and preparation in the life of the NH Conference.

Let a man so account of us,
as of the ministers of Christ,
and stewards of the
mysteries of God.

**NH Conference Calls
Special Meeting**

Brookside Congregational Church will be the host of a special NH Conference UCC meeting on **Saturday, March 29** at 2:00 p.m. Delegates from around the state will gather to meet and vote on the call of the Rev. *Richard Slater* to become our new Associate Conference Minister. Rev. Slater is currently the pastor at First Congregational Church, UCC of Lebanon, NH. The Rev. Joyce Lovejoy, chair of the Search Committee, writes (among other points) that Rev. Slater, "comes to us with an emphasis on pastoral care to churches and pastors and a commitment to the work of the NH Conference. Richard is able to listen to people with differing viewpoints and help them find a way to work together. As a person with a long ministry in New Hampshire, he has a love for what New Hampshire's way of life offers."



Besides the honor of hosting this historic meeting, Brookside Congregational Church is allowed to be represented by six delegates and a youth delegate.





Lent / Holy Week / Easter



Please try to bring a food item to each activity you attend. All donations will be gathered and brought to New Horizons.

Feb. 27, Wednesday – 6:00 Supper; 7:00 Worship; 7:30 Lenten Study

Mar. 2 – 4th Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. – All Ages Worship (Communion; *Loaves & Fishes*; *One Great Hour of Sharing*)

11:15 a.m. – Lenten Activity – Light of the World

Mar. 5, Wednesday – 6:00 Supper; 7:00 Worship; 7:30 Lenten Study

Mar. 9 – 5th Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. – Worship and Church School

Mar. 13, Thursday – 6:00 p.m. – Agape Meal in Fellowship Hall

Mar. 16 – Palm Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Worship and Church School

11:10 a.m. – All-church photo

11:20 a.m. – Easter Food Basket Assembly

Mar. 20 – Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

Mar. 21 – Good Friday – 7:00 p.m. – Worship Service in the Chapel

Mar. 23 – Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. – Outdoor Sunrise Service on the Manning House Lawn

7:00 a.m. – Brief Service of the Word, in the Chapel

7:45–9:15 a.m. – Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. – Joyous Easter Worship with Choirs and Brass, in the Sanctuary
(No Sunday School)



Easter Plant Donations

If you would like to donate a plant to adorn the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, March 23, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by **Monday, March 17**. The cost is \$14 per plant. (Plants may be picked up after the 10 a.m. service.)



Name _____

I/We wish to donate _____ Easter Plant(s) in memory of _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ .

The Season of Lent

As Jesus went into the wilderness to meditate and pray, to ascertain direction for his ministry, and God's will for him, so we travel through this season of Lent determined to examine the meaning of our own discipleship.

Members and friends of Brookside Congregational Church are invited to explore the ways God is still speaking in 2008. Through worship, Bible study, prayer, and discussion, may we listen to God's voice calling to us in the wilderness, and envision the future to which it beckons.

Wednesday Evenings through March 5:

~ Soup, Bread and Fellowship at 6 p.m.

Once again the Board of Deacons hosts a simple fellowship meal each Wednesday evening throughout Lent. We gather in the Dining Room of Manning House, and share a meal before we worship.

~ Weekly worship in the Chapel at 7 p.m.

An opportunity to pray, meditate, and sing, allowing for reflection on God's overflowing grace and our own response to this abundant love.

~ Adult Lenten Study, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

We are studying some of the more challenging passages of scripture, ones that are usually avoided for good reason! This class is meant to be thought-provoking, and is designed to broaden our understanding of the cultural & historical settings of the Bible.

Agape Meal: Thursday, March 13

Join us at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for this remembrance of a first century meal that would have been shared among the first followers of Christ. This is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to be together in fellowship and prayer.



A Note About All-Church Photo

The Palm Sunday photo will be available to purchase, as follows: 4x6: \$5; 5x7: \$10; 8x10: \$15. Order forms will be in the Narthex, or call the church office at **669-2807**.

~ Holy Week ~

~ Palm Sunday – March 16

10:00 a.m. Worship Service. A time when we worship God and remember Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem.

Annual photo on the front steps of the Sanctuary, immediately following worship.

~ Maundy Thursday – March 20

7:00 p.m. Join us in the Sanctuary for a Candlelight Service of Tenebrae and a remembrance of the Last Supper. Tenebrae (meaning "darkness" or "shadows") involves the symbolic extinguishing of candles, signifying the gathering forces of evil and the approach of Jesus' death.

~ Good Friday – March 21

7:00 p.m. We will gather in the Chapel for this solemn remembrance of the three hours at midday that Jesus was on the Cross, and Darkness covered the earth. There will be an opportunity for anointing and healing as part of this service.

~ Easter Sunday – March 23 ~

Worship – *our three services will be held at:*

6:00 a.m. on the south lawn of the Manning House; dress warm!

7:00 a.m. in our Chapel; a brief service of the Word.

10:00 a.m. Joyous Easter Worship for all ages in our Sanctuary, featuring special music by our Choirs, along with accompaniment by the Nottingham Brass.

Breakfast An Easter Breakfast will be served from 7:45 - 9:15 a.m. Whether you go to the 7 a.m. service or the 10 a.m. service (or both!), this breakfast is timed just right!

Teaching in March:

Infant/Toddler Room:

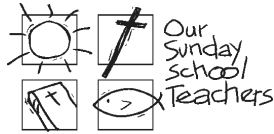
Cindy Migliori

Preschool (3-5 yr olds):

Thandi Dhliwayo, Peyton Fletcher

Grades 1-4: *Bob Milling, Erin Powers*

Grades 5-7: *Jeff & Debi Rapson*



Spring Is Just Around the Corner!! Sign Up for Summer Camp!

Camping Schedules for Horton Center and Geneva Point are available in Fellowship Hall, and online at www.nhcucc.org. There are camping experiences for Elementary, Middle School and High School youth, as well as Family Camp and Work Camp Weekends.

In particular, Pastor Carolyn is hoping to get a unit together to attend Horton Center **July 2-5**. Those eligible should be entering grades 3-5 in September 2008. This camp will fill up fast, so please contact *Pastor Carolyn (669-2807 x101)* if you are interested in attending.

Adult unit leaders are also needed for a variety of ages and camp experiences. Please consider being a camp leader this year.

For more information, please speak with *Pastor Carolyn (669-2807 x101)*.

Sr. High Group, Moving into Spring

Sunday, March 16 – Ice Skating at Livingston Park (weather permitting). Contact *Ed Mitchell (345-4335)* for more information.

Sunday, March 30 – Youth Group mission trip Bake Sale and meeting in the Youth Lounge (including lunch).

High School Mission Trip: School Vacation, Apr. 19-26

The NH Conference UCC is sponsoring a trip to **THE PILGRIMAGE, An Educational and Service Learning Center in Washington, D.C.**

High school youth from New Hampshire will experience a week-long service learning experience, an introduction to urban poverty and the different ministries and agencies re-

sponding to local, national, and international issues provided by the "Pilgrimage", an outreach ministry of the Church of the Pilgrims (PCUSA) located near Georgetown University and Embassy Row. Visiting national landmarks, museums, parks, and churches will also be included. **Cost: \$475 per person including lodging, train fare, and meals.**

THERE MAY STILL BE ROOM...IF YOU HAVE NOT SIGNED UP FOR THIS TRIP BUT WANT TO GO, please contact *Jean Dickson* at **669-2807 x104**.

Middle School Youth Group Endures 30-Hour Famine on Feb. 2-3

Do you think you could survive a Tribal Competition? Understand the sadness of children living with hunger and disease? Realize it is up to each of us to do what we can in our own community and around the world? Ask *Ashtyn Milling, TJ Rapson* or *Colin Fletcher*. They Did It!!! *They Were Hungry so others could eat!*

Thanks to the prayerful and financial support of our congregation, we completed our 30-Hour Famine! It wasn't easy... but we had a fantastic time.

Best of all, we raised \$180, which can help feed and care for three children for two months. That's an important accomplishment on their behalf. Thank you for your contributions!

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Motivated by faith in Jesus Christ, World Vision serves alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people.

Day Trip to Boston

Watch this month's bulletins for news about the Middle School Youth Group's service project trip into Boston during February vacation. Fun and learning all rolled up in one trip!

Confirmation, Class of One:

Confirmation Sunday, **April 6**, is fast approaching. *Chris Davison* is meeting regularly with his mentor, Ed Mitchell and with Pastor Carolyn. In preparation, he is reading through the Gospel According to Luke, participating in a variety of worship services and service activities, attending church meetings and studying various aspects of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Women of Faith

You are invited to attend a program entitled "Common Threads" on **Monday, March 3** where you can learn about other Abrahamic Faiths, meet women from other faiths, and tour the newly renovated Ste. Marie's Church, Notre Dame Ave. in Manchester. The program is from 7-9 p.m., with optional tour at 6:30. Please RSVP by **March 1st** to either *Barbara Lantiegne* (blantiegne@verizon.net or **668-5366**) or *Carolyn Cicciu* (**627-9473** or c.cicciu@comcast.net).

Women's Study Group

After a brief hiatus to be part of the larger church community on Wednesday evenings during Lent, the Women's Study Group will be gathering again beginning on **Wednesday, March 26** at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor Lounge. Join us for fellowship and discussion as we read and share from books about faith as part of our every day lives. Our next book will be focused on understanding life and love from the broader context of God's people among the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths.



Striking a Blow Against Hunger – Wow

It is with great joy that the New Hampshire Conference UCC announces that the Hunger Appeal for Zimbabwe has been an enormous success! A check in the amount of \$26,937.93 has been sent from the Conference to Global Ministries in Indianapolis to be forwarded to Zimbabwe. Brookside Congre-

gational Church donated the offerings received on Christmas Eve - \$2,355.97 – along with a generous gift of \$1,000 from the Women's Union.

Through arrangement with the UCC in Zimbabwe and Rev. Sandra Gourdet, Area Executive for Africa at Global Ministries, we are sending this money through Global Ministries to Christian Care in Zimbabwe. Christian Care is an ecumenical relief agency in Zimbabwe that has been at work for 40 years. Christian Care will purchase the food outside Zimbabwe, and will truck it to various distribution points across Zimbabwe. Just as importantly, Christian Care is able to receive funds safely and at a favorable exchange rate. The UCCZ will be fully involved in decisions about the spending of the money and the distribution of food. Rev. Edward Matuvhunye, President of the UCCZ and Rev. Forbes Matonga, Executive Director of Christian Care, have already begun consulting about this. Christian Care will furnish a full report of the use of the money to Global Ministries, which Global Ministries will share with us.

One Great Hour of Sharing

On **Sunday, March 2**, Brookside Church, along with nearly 6,000 United Church of Christ congregations across the United States and Puerto Rico, will be celebrating *One Great Hour of Sharing*. This special collection will help the UCC to build sustainable communities that enable people and communities to stand against and rise above hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other forces of injustice; provide emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of natural and human-caused events; and minister to refugees. If you would like additional information about how donations to *One Great Hour of Sharing* are utilized, visit <http://www.ucc.org/oghs/about.html>. Offering envelopes will be available on the 2nd or offerings can be sent directly to Brookside (please note that the donation is for OGHS-One Great Hour of Sharing). Thank you!



Mark Your Calendars for Easter Holiday Baskets

The Outreach Board is again organizing an Easter Food Basket collection. This basket collection, which will include Easter meal items such as ham and scalloped potatoes, will be shared with 40 families. Please consider donating food and/or your time to help make this happen. Here's the schedule of events:

February 24 and March 2: Signups for food donations and for volunteering your time will take place. Food donations (please mark "Easter Baskets" on the bag) can be left in Fellowship Hall if brought in on Sunday, or on the bench in the back hall if brought in at any other time.

March 9: All food donations should be brought in by this Sunday as the committee will inventory after worship and prepare a list of foods that we will have to purchase during the upcoming week.

March 15: On this **Saturday** morning a group of volunteers will gather at 8:30 a.m. to set up the food donations for the following morning's basket assembly. This is lots of fun, so think about signing up to join us. You'll be all done by 10 a.m.!

March 16 (Palm Sunday): We will assemble the baskets in Fellowship Hall after worship and the all-church photo. Plan on joining us for a fun-filled, frenzied half-hour when we see the fruits of our labor turned into bountiful baskets.

March 17: We need some help on this **Monday** from about 8:45 - 10:30 a.m. to assist in carrying the baskets upstairs to the waiting families or agencies.

Loaves & Fishes Thank You

In February, we collected 45 bags of groceries for the New Horizons Food Pantry. This monthly food collection is one of the many ways Brookside helps meet needs of others in our community. Please consider putting some extra items in your supermarket



basket for the food pantry. Their wish list currently includes: diapers, baby formula, peanut butter, jelly, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, canned goods, tomato sauce, pasta, and tuna. Our next collection is **Sun., Mar. 2.**

Lenten Loaves & Fishes

In an attempt to increase our Loaves & Fishes offering to New Horizons Food Pantry during Lent, Pastor Carolyn has encouraged us to bring in a canned good or other item every time we come to church. Suggested items will be included with your weekly bulletin. Please join us in this Lenten observance.

Train to Be a Hospice Volunteer

VNA of Manchester will offer a free Hospice Volunteer Training Program beginning **Saturday, April 5**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., then continuing **every Thursday**, 6 to 8:30 p.m., **through May 29**. For more information, and to pre-register, call *Linda Krisch*, **663-4008**.

To Your Health!

The Parish Nurse has hours here every week, on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room E. Avail yourself of free nurse consultation, blood pressure checks, health information, referrals and more. Be sure to check out the Parish Nurse bulletin board across from Room E to learn about events throughout Manchester!



For more information, call the Parish Nurse office at **663-8004**.

If You're Hospitalized...

Because federal law greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals, the pastor and church office may not know that a member of the church has been admitted to the hospital. If you are hospitalized, and would like a visit from the pastor, it is important that you (or a family member) notify the church office (**669-2807**) as soon as possible.



Holy Communion

The sacrament of Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 2**, served by: *Kathleen Dube, Russ Dunn, Bill Hoysradt, Joyce Lovejoy,*

Jeff Rapson, Dale Trombley, Don Waldrupe and Raymond Brooks.

With Our Condolences:

John Cote, husband of Sylvia Cote, died January 25. He is also survived by three children, four grandchildren, and numerous other family members. A celebration of his life was held at Brookside Church on February 16.

Marion Lewis, a Brookside member since 1928, died February 17 in Georgia.

Baptisms

William Shaughn Lachance (born 8-16-07), son of Peter and Amy Lachance, was baptized on February 17.

If you are interested in receiving the sacrament of baptism on **March 9**, or a date further out (generally the 3rd Sunday of the month), please speak with *Pastor Carolyn* (669-2807).

Shingle Talk – Come and Listen

The Maintenance & Administration Subcommittee of the Board of Trustees invites you to an informal discussion regarding the roof replacement for our building.

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Sunday, March 30

Time: 11:15 until finished

The purpose of this meeting is to share information regarding the recent quotes for the roof replacement, type of roof the congregation would like to see, and will be followed up with a question and answer session. Your input is important, so please join us on the above date. So that you will have the information beforehand, the quotes are listed below:

40 year shingles--\$146,000

50 year poly slate--\$264,000

100 year VT slate--\$285,000

See you at the informational meeting!

Interested in Joining Brookside?

The next opportunities to learn more about membership in Brookside Congregational Church, UCC will be held on **Sundays, March 2** and **May 4**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lounge meeting room. Speak with *Pastor Carolyn* if you are able to attend either class or have an interest in attending another in the near future. New members will then have the opportunity to be received either on **March 30** or on **May 11**, Pentecost Sunday.

Fellowship Hour Schedule

Monthly hosts for Fellowship Hour are:

- **Mar:** Board of Trustees
- **Apr:** Music Committee
- **May:** Christian Ed. Board



Here's Our Monthly Financial Check-up:

TREASURER'S REPORT			
For the period ending January 31, 2008			
	<u>Actual vs. Budget</u>		
January	Actual	Budget	Variance
Total Income	21,353	26,732	(5,379)
Total Expenses	33,557	35,419	(1,862)
Net Gain (Loss)	(12,204)	(8,687)	(3,517)
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Year-to-date			
Total Income	21,353	26,732	(5,379)
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YTD Pledges	10,377	11,980	(1,603)



B'gosh & Begorra, It's Corned Beef with Women's Union!

Women's Union March meeting, featuring a corned beef and cabbage dinner, will take place on **Thursday, March 27** (note change from the usual 3rd Thursday, due to Holy Week).

We meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 for social time; dinner is served at 5:30, then a short business meeting and program follow. *Donna Welch* will speak about growing up in Webster House. To reserve a spot at dinner, please call either *Marilyn Hingston* (622-2190) or *Anna Hingston* (232-2033).

The Latest News from the Thrift Shop

Penny Stillman, Co-Chair

Excitement, joy and gratitude were all reflected on the faces of the little family the Thrift Shop had been helping on the big day of furniture moving to their home. For several previous weeks, after consultation with our "ruling" committee, Linda Stallard checked all local stores, plus internet, to find the lowest cost for two sets of mattresses, springs and frames.

May I interject here to explain how we operate financially? The rules were written by the committee of eight several years ago. The two Chairs can spend \$250 for purchases at one time. otherwise, a majority of five out of eight must agree on any expenditure over that. We officially meet once or twice a year but make most of our average decisions in person or by phone. The Treasurer keeps close watch on all our expenses and also gives us advice. Our customers often ask where the proceeds go. Non-members usually think it is all claimed by the church. When they learn how many charities and individuals we help, they are astounded.

Our usual activities continued over the Holidays while we worked towards helping our friends. Three of our staff visited the apartment at various times and found it to be the sad truth that they were sleeping on the floor and the five rooms were indeed empty.

At our annual church meeting, I rose to explain our newest endeavor, asking for furniture. During the rest of the meeting's agenda, many notes were passed to me as well as later. My phone rang or took messages for a week. Joe Forest offered the use of his truck and muscle for one day for pick up and delivery. Others contributed money. The Trustees bought a \$100 food gift card from Hannaford so I took the family shopping to stock their shelves and fridge. I gave them a hand calculator to use and they bought wisely and filled my car with bags. With the cash donated, I then took them to Wal-Mart and purchased a whole winter wardrobe for mother and daughter, plus a few spring things. That took an exhausting 3-1/2 hours. But the relief, happiness and gratitude expressed by them for your generosity was worth it many times over. For them and for our Shop workers, we sincerely thank our church family for their care and donations.

The people now have a real home, not just a roof over their heads. The mother has found a modest job, the daughter is in Hillside, no longer cold or embarrassed by her attire.

And I say good for you. Our church family feeling is again alive and well.

Nursing Home Services

Worship services this month are as follows:

– **Sunday, March 16:**

- Courville, 2:00 p.m.
- Hillcrest Terrace, 3:00 p.m.

Parishioners are always welcome to come along as visitors or participants. Please try to work it into your schedule this month!



Chronicle Deadline

Please submit all news for the April *Chronicle* by **Wednesday, March 12**. You can deliver it in person, send it by mail, fax it to **668-9041**, or e-mail it to: nicoleg@brooksidecc.org. Thanks.



Latest Update from the Search Committee

As you know from prior updates, in late November 2007 the Search Committee, with the wonderful support of the congregation, submitted the Brookside Local Church Profile and the Brookside Brochure to the Conference. The Brookside employment listing began appearing in the UCC monthly employment listing in December 2007. We have been following the process described below since that time. Because we continue to receive profiles, the process described below may be at different points for different candidates.

- An individual who sees the employment listing and is interested in Brookside contacts the Conference and requests a copy of our brochure.
- If, having read the brochure, the individual remains interested in Brookside, the individual contacts the national UCC office and asks that his/her Candidate Profile be sent to the Search Committee. Candidate Profiles include work history, a statement of ministry, a self assessment of strengths and skills and brief written references. To date we have received more than twenty profiles.
- The Search Committee thoroughly discusses each profile to decide if we wish to continue our conversation with the candidate. If we wish to do so, we schedule a telephone interview with the candidate. All available members of the committee are involved in this call. We have begun to conduct these telephone interviews.
- If, after the telephone interview, the Search Committee wishes to continue to move forward with a candidate, we will request additional information and materials that will help us deepen our understanding of the candidate's skills and his/her possible fit at Brookside. Such materials may include audio or video tapes of sermons, church bulletins, newsletters, or anything else the candidate wishes to submit.

- After review of the additional materials the Committee will again assess whether we wish to continue the conversation with a candidate. If we do, we will speak with the candidate's references.
- After the comprehensive review of additional materials and reference calls, the Committee will decide which of the candidates we would like to hear preach (the Conference arranges a neutral pulpit for such a visit).

The goal of this process, and the prayerful reflection that accompanies it, is the presentation to the Congregation of the Committee's recommended candidate for our next pastor. Through this process of discernment, we request your prayers and appreciate your ongoing involvement and support. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Lucas, Chair	Joe Lachance
Gil Desjardins, Vice Chair	Pete Lovejoy
Kerry Richardson, Chaplain	Judi Mitchell
Laura Sevigny, Clerk	Brock Swetland
Jeff Fletcher	Dale Trombley
Karen Horsch	

Isn't Easter Early?

Easter Day is March 23 and is almost as early as it can be this year. The earliest possible date is March 22 as Easter is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21. This means that there are 35 possible dates, but Easter has not fallen on the earliest date since 1818, and will not do so again until 2285. It will not fall on 23 March again until 2160.

Easter last fell on the latest possible date, April 25, in 1943 and will next fall on that date in 2038. However, it will fall on April 24, just one day before the latest possible date, in 2011.

Someone has worked out that the cycle of Easter dates repeats after exactly 5,700,000 years, with April 19 being the most common date, happening 220,400 times. (From Ralph Milton's RUMORS, a free Internet 'e-zine' for Christians with a sense of humor.)



The Lectionary

Each issue of the *Chronicle* features monthly Bible readings, so that you can read and reflect on your own. Underscored passages will be used by Pastor Carolyn in worship.

Lectionary for March

March 2 – Lent 4

Old Testament	<u>1 Samuel 16:1-13</u> Psalm 23
New Testament	<u>Ephesians 5:8-14</u> John 9:1-41

March 9 – Lent 5

Old Testament	<u>Ezekiel 37:1-14</u> Psalm 130
New Testament	<u>Romans 8:6-11</u> John 11:1-45

March 16 – Palm Sunday

Old Testament	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u> Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
New Testament	Philippians 2:5-11 <u>Matthew 21:1-11</u>

March 23 – Easter

Old Testament	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
New Testament	Acts 10:34-43 <u>Colossians 3:1-4</u> <u>John 20:1-18</u>

March 30

Old Testament	Psalm 16
New Testament	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 <u>1 Peter 1:3-9</u> <u>John 20:19-31</u>

READERS	
March 2 Teagan Soucy	March 9 Chris Bulkley
March 16 Mackenzie Cate	March 23 Raymond Brooks
March 30 Beverly Robie	

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Church Office Hours:	Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
<p>Pastor Carolyn plans to be in Manchester Monday through Thursday. Office tel. 669-2807 x 101; (H) 226-0625 email: pastor@brooksideecc.org</p>	
<p>Please remember that the pastor is frequently called away, or may have other commitments during the day. It is best to call first if you need to speak with her.</p>	

DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
March 2 Keith Hamer Dennis Giguere	March 9 Kerry Richardson Keith Hamer
March 16 Jeff Rapson Kerry Richardson	March 23 <i>Easter – All Deacons</i>
<p>March 30 Joyce Lovejoy Jeff Rapson</p>	

CE PERSON OF THE WEEK	
March 2 Liberty Dhlwayo	March 9 Sue Benson
March 16 Pete Lovejoy	March 23 Liberty Dhlwayo
<p>March 30 Donna Moody</p>	

ACOLYTES

March 2
Phoenix Thomas

March 9
Duncan Cate

March 16
Sara Swetland

March 23
Kyle Swetland

March 30
Jason Davison

GREETERS

March 2
Donna & Rod Leavell

March 9
Joe & Denise Forest

March 16
Harris/Horsch family

March 23
Brock Swetland

March 30
Keith Hamer

DOORPERSON

March 2
Scott Antonucci

March 9
Dennis Giguere

March 16
Dave Migliori

March 23
Mike Wentzell

March 30
Keith Hamer

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

March 2
Ernie Desrosiers

March 9
Gail Goodman

March 16
Steve Ferranti

March 23
Joe Lachance

March 30
Dave Migliori

USHERS

March 2
Doug Thomas
Dennis Giguere
Dave Migliori
Joe Lachance

March 9
Sis Dunn
Robert Dunn
Russ Dunn
Kerry Richardson

March 16
Mike Ninivaggi
Rod Leavell
Paula Ninivaggi
John Cooperider

March 23
Diaconate
Board
Members

March 30
Sally Sederquist
Sandi Decknick
Taylor Decknick
Kathleen Dube

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