*March 2024* Volume 2024:03

The Community United Methodist Church of Cochituate Village in Wayland



# Weekly Schedule

### Sun, 10:00AM - WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join us in person! Masks are now optional.

Or join us on Zoom: http://zoom.us/join Zoom Meeting ID: 508 653 0577, Passcode: 0

> *To join by phone*: Dial (646) 558-8656 Enter the Meeting ID: 508 653 0577 When prompted press #, then # again.

### Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

See our Online Church Calendar at <u>cumcwayland.org/calendar.html</u>

# From the Pastor's Desk

During my morning devotion time I have recently been reading 1 Peter. One passage that challenged me was 1 Pet. 3:8-9:

"Finally, all of you, be likeminded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and



humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing..."

This advice seems so difficult to follow, but is very much in line with what Jesus taught his followers. Jesus said "Turn the other cheek..." (Matt. 5:39) and, "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." (Matt. 5:44).

I have at times found it difficult to pray for my enemies or for people with whom I am having a disagreement, or to repay evil with blessing. Yet, these are powerful spiritual disciplines, and ones that we are called to practice as followers of Jesus.

Is there someone in your life who has been unkind to you or has harmed you? I challenge you to pray for that person, if you are not doing so already. Honestly your prayer may start out not very nice. You may call out to God in anger against the person: "In your unfailing love, silence my enemies; destroy all my foes," (Ps. 143:12). And then you may find yourself praying for that person to change their harmful ways. Eventually though, you may find your own feelings toward the person also starting to change.

With God all things are possible. (Matt. 19:26).

Blessings Pastor Rebecca L. T. Cho

### Statement of Welcome for All People

Community United Methodist Church celebrates that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth. We are a community of faith that welcomes all persons without regard to age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or developmental and physical ability. Community UMC welcomes the full inclusion of all people in the life and ministries of our church. We invite everyone to join us in our faith journey! God loves all people. No exceptions.

Half page is H- 4 7/8" by W- 7 3/4" Quarter page is H- 4 7/8" by W- 3 7/8".

All submissions to be sent to office@cumcwayland.org.

Deadline for the April, 2024 issue is

### Friday, March 15

Some material adapted from www.churchart.com

# From the Lay Leader

"All God's People in All Places and in All Times, are Called to Love and to Serve." — Ministry of the Laity

*"We will be known forever by the tracks we leave."* Dakota. This Native American proverb gave me a "pause" moment this morning, one of reflection on what I have done and am currently doing that will be remembered by others. Things that might not have been wise, might have hurt someone, or things that might have made someone happy, or made a

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difference in another's life. Hindsight is often better than that 'moment in time'. We can reflect on our past and strive to perhaps take a different path in the future. In thinking about some of our congregation who have passed on, one way I remember them is for their acts of serving here at church, in the community, and even in other parts of the globe. We should always strive to do our best to live God's great commandment found in Matthew 22:37-39, "... Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself."" Using this as our guide during this Lenten season, we should be able to make the tracks we want to leave and be known for.

Sherry Anne Bryant

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### Weekly Scripture Readings (Revised Common Lectionary, Year B)

Sunday, March 3 3rd Sunday in Lent Ex 20:1–17 Ps 19 1 Cor 1:18-25 In 2:13–22 Sunday, March 10 4th Sunday in Lent Num 21:4–9 Ps 107:1–3, 17–22 Eph 2:1–10 Jn 3:14–21 Sunday, March 17 5th Sunday in Lent Jer 31:31–34 Ps 51:1–12 Heb 5:5–10 Jn 12:20–33 Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms Mk 11:1–11 Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 Liturgy of the Passion Isa 50:4–9a Ps 31:9–16 Phil 2:5–11 Mk 14:1–15:47 or Mk 15:1–39 (40–47) Sunday, March 24 Easter Sunday Acts 10:34 - 43 Ps 118:1–2, 14–24 1 Cor 15:1-11 Jn 20:1–18 or Mk 16:1-8

# Worship Team

March is a busy month with many opportunities for worshipping together. On Sunday, March 3, Reverend Ted Crass will be giving the message and offering Communion. The following week, March 10, Gary Rabideau will be our speaker. That is also Laetare (Latin meaning "to rejoice") Sunday, known to us as Pink Sunday during Lent, and we are encouraging you to wear pink to church that day. On March 17, our District Superintendent, Nizzi Santos Digan, will join us and will give the message. These Sundays offer us a special opportunity to hear one of our own members as well as a former pastor of CUMC and to meet our District Superintendent if you haven't already met her.

Palm Sunday, March 24, Pastor Rebecca will return to the pulpit, and we will celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Holy Week will continue with our moving Maundy Thursday service. We will share communion just as Jesus shared the bread and the wine with his disciples at his Last Supper. On Good Friday, the Sanctuary will be open for meditation from Noon to 3pm. There will be printed meditations for those who would like them to help guide your thoughts. On Easter, celebrating Christ having risen from the dead, there will be two services. There will be a Sunrise Service (look for times and place in the "This Week" email) as well our regular 10:00 AM Service. Easter is, perhaps, the most significant date in Christianity as it is when Jesus Christ fulfilled the prophecy of the Messiah. It is the foundation of our faith. I hope you will be able to join us for all of these very special, and meaningful, services during March.

Each month as I write this article, I think about how blessed we are to have these times to worship together throughout the year and to share our faith together. There are many people whose expertise make worship services so meaningful from our pastor to the music director and choir, to the technology gurus, to our communion steward, to the aco-

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✓ 3/31 Easter Sunday at 10am - Worship Service

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lytes, and those who welcome us to the Sanctuary. Thank you all!

I look forward to seeing you in church this month.

Shirley Lowe Chairperson

# YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2024 <u>UPDATE</u>

The CUMC Youth Mission Team is very excited to announce that a talented and enthusiastic group of our high school age youth will be partnering with the United Methodist Economic Ministry (UMEM) on a week-long service project in Salem, Maine from July 14-19 this summer. Two adult leaders, Gary Rabideau and Deb Hastings, and 5–7 youth from CUMC will be working alongside other mission teams within the UMEM service programs to fulfill their organization's stated mission which reads: "In response to God's call in Christ to clothe the naked, feed the hungry and care for the homeless, the UMEM seeks to promote social justice and provide material, educational and spiritual support as first steps towards self sufficiency in this region of severe economic challenge."

Our hard working youth will have a significant impact on the quality of life for many under-resourced people in the Salem community, as well as experiencing their own spiritual growth and skill development as a Christian service team.

Our Mission Team youth look forward to your encouragement and financial support over the next 5 months as they seek to raise money through fundraising activities to support the costs for this important service project. Please be ready to participate in such fun events as a Trivia Night, Parents Night Out, a Silent Auction, a Car Wash, After-Church-Service Takeout Meals and others! Thank you to our Church Community for your ongoing commitment to supporting and inspiring the development of compassionate hearts, justice oriented minds and loving spirits in our youth!



# **Trustees Update**

The Trustees continue to address our ongoing list of maintenance requests across our properties. Here are a few highlights. We'd like to remind everyone that if you see something about our buildings that needs attention please say something to one of the Trustees or fill out one of the Maintenance Request forms in the church mailroom. We are grateful for all the continued support Dave Shrewsbury provides for our Sunday service streaming and recording. With his direction we've upgraded from old donated equipment to new with the goal to improve and stabilize this important part of our ability to include all who want to join remotely each Sunday.

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Calling all Campers! It is hard to believe that it's time to start thinking about summer camps. If you'd like CUMC to fund your camper please call both Aldersgate directly to register at 401-568-4350 and ask that the bill come to us. Then let Sara in the Office know at 508-653-0577. This year we will fund \$500 for one week per child. For more information see page 9. And thanks again for this congregation's ongoing support of this annual tradition. Please note on your donation that it is for the camper funding.

We continue to look for a new Trustees Treasurer who would be willing to spend an average of a few hours a month helping with our Trustees funds. This work is well documented and does not require any accounting, special skills or experience. Please let Pastor Rebecca or any Trustee know of your interest.

Thanks again for all your help to keep the Church in the condition you found it, shut off the lights, close and lock all windows, and lock the door when you leave. This will ensure that everyone, members and visitors, finds it welcoming, safe and inviting.

Dave Getchonis The Board of Trustees

# United Women in Faith

We have been invited to join the Fisk women at their church on Saturday, March 16 for a 10:30 AM brunch. The program will center around water. Folks from OARS will talk about their work and some of the challenges facing local waterways (think Concord, Sudbury, and Assabet River watershed system) and toxic materials in our town water supplies. We must RSVP, so please let Sherry Anne know by March 10 if you will attend. A basket will be passed to cover cost of the food.

Our Fair special gifting included Habitat for Humanity. "Dear Friends, Thank you for your recent

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gift [of \$300], and welcome to a community that helps create strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter. Where and how we live shapes the quality of our lives. With an affordable mortgage, Habitat homeowners no longer have to worry about rising rents or frequent moves and can save for the future. ...We believe everyone deserves to live in a safe, decent home. That's exactly what you help provide for older adults, families, single parents and individuals who long for the financial and emotional security of home. Once again, welcome to our caring community. We're so glad you've joined us. In appreciation, Jonathan T. M. Reckford, Chief Executive Officer."

Sherry Anne Bryant, President



# The Flower Committee

In this issue of *INCommunity* you will find the form to fill out for your Easter Plants to honor loved ones or in memory of loved ones or friends (see page 10). These flowers will decorate the Church and the altar. The Plants will be available for you to take home after the Easter Sunday Service. The cost will be \$8.00 per tulip and \$10.00 per lily.

Please bring the completed form to church with you or drop off/mail (attention Flower Committee) with your check at the church office **no later than TUESDAY, March 12, 2024.** We will not be able to accept any orders after that date.

In addition to ordering your Easter Flowers, you may place an order for altar arrangements during the year after the Worship Service with Susan Richardson or Shirley Lowe. All requested dates must be accompanied by a payment of \$25.00 per arrangement. Please understand that we will make every attempt to have your arrangement on the altar on the Sunday you have requested. However, sometimes that date has already been taken. We will then choose the closest open date.

Shirley Lowe Chairperson

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# Ham & Bean Supper Sat. March 9, 2024 6:00PM Fellowship Hall

Menu

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- Honey-glazed ham
- Baked beans
  - Mac & cheese
- Apple cole slaw
  - Corn bread
- Assorted desserts



# Tickets

### **In Advance**

Adults.....\$15 Children (Ages 6-12)....\$10 (Ages 2-5)....Free with adult Family of 4.....\$46 (2 adults +2 kids 6-12)

### At the Door

Adults.....\$16 Children (Ages 6-12).....\$11 (Ages 2-5).....Free with adult Family of 4.....\$50 (2 adults +2 kids 6-12)

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Lenten Suppers ENJOY A DELICIOUS SOUP SUPPER, GOOD COMPANY & FAITH SHARING BY SOME OF OUR MEMBERS!



evenings 5:30-7:00PM February 22 February 29

March 7

March 14

March 21

Thursday

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2024 Holy A

March 24 (Palm Sunday)10:00AMMarch 28 (Maundy Thursday)7:00PMMarch 31 (Easter Sunday)<br/>Sunrise Service at Cochituate State Park6:00AMEaster Service in the Sanctuary<br/>with Easter Egg Hunt for kids to follow!10:00AM



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# How can I help?

- Help out in the kitchen.
- Donate items for small prizes (could be some candy or a few items from the Dollar Tree, for example.)
- Donate one or more \$5 or \$10 gift cards to Dunkin' Donuts or Starbucks, for the larger prizes.
- Donate snacks, drinks or frozen pizzas.
- Spread the word about the fundraiser among friends & neighbors!

Please let Evelyn Cho or Pastor Rebecca know ahead of time if you would like to help in any of these ways. Thank you!

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# Summer Camp 2024!

Our Trustees have decided to send every child at Community UMC who wants to go for one week of camp. Whether the kids have chosen a week of sports, theater, crafts, or a mixture of all these and more, there has never

been one of our youth for whom this wasn't the highlight of their summer. You can make this happen for your youth in three easy steps!

- Pick a session from any of the following camps: Camp Aldersgate: (401) 568-4350 <u>http://campaldersgate.com/</u> Camp Mechuwana: 207) 377-924 <u>http://www.mechuwana.org/</u> Camp Wanakee:(603) 279-7950 <u>https://www.wanakee.org/</u>
- **2. Call the camp to register** your child for the session for which you would like to enroll them. Tell the camp that Community UMC will be covering \$500.00 of the tuition for one week of camp. You will need to pay any remaining balance to the camp.

**3.IMPORTANT:** Call Sara in the Church Office during office hours or email her at <u>office@cumcwayland.org</u> and give her the name of your child, the camp and the session.

That's it! Contact Sara in the Church Office or Pastor Rebecca if you have questions.

Go ahead. Take the plunge!





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### Easter Flower Plant Order Form

I/We wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Plant(s) at \$8.00 per tulip and \$10.00 per lily to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.

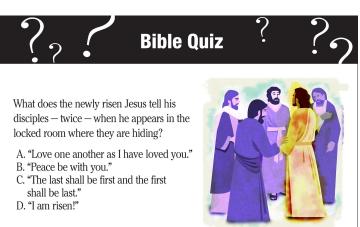
Please complete EXACTLY as you want to have it printed in the Bulletin.

| As a memorial gift:  |
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| As a living tribute:   |
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| TYPE & NUMBER of plant(s):LilyTulip                                  |
| ***************************************                              |
| Please take your plants with you after the service on Easter Sunday. |

Please complete this form and submit to a Flower Committee representative in Fellowship Hall after Church on Feb. 25, March 3 and 10 or to the Church Office during the week. **Payment must accompany order** - plants will not be purchased for any unpaid orders.

ABSOLUTE ORDER DEADLINE - Tuesday, March 12, 2024

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Answer: B (See John 20:19, 21.)

# Quotes of the Month

"The cross is both the symbol of our salvation and the pattern of our lives."

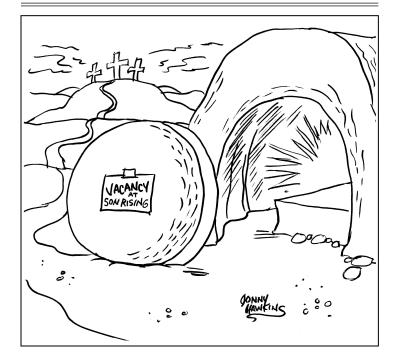
-Brennan Manning

Christianity without the living Christ is inevitably Christianity without discipleship, and Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Do something you really love in the most adventurous place you can and make sure it helps other people."

-Diane Sawyer



# Celebrations!

# Bírthdays

- 3/3 Michael DeFlorio
- 3/13 Rachael Tearle 3/14 Gayle Gledhill
  - Gregory Daneault3/14Gayle GledhLaerte Torres3/15Chung Kim
- 3/5 Laerte Torres3/6 Bonnie Tracy
- 3/16 Janice Viveiros 3/17 Sutton Webb
- 3/7 Sue Lincoln3/8 Amy Odell

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- 3/18 Ella Zachery
- Jonathan Bryant 3/19 Debra Ferullo
- 3/10 Geoffrey Bryant-Leard 3/20 Douglas Tracy
- 3/11 David Lok 3/21 Collin Shrewsbury
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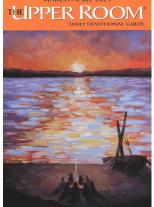
| 3/1/2008  | Sara Herwig & Jen Duhamel        |
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| 3/18/2023 | Theodore & Terra Frederick-Kirby |
| 3/25/1961 | Don & Alice Macumber             |

### Birthday /Anniversary Listings

We try to include everyone for whom we have a birth date or anniversary date. If we have the wrong date for your birthday or anniversary or you would like to be included, please notify Sara in the Church Office at (508) 653-0577 or <u>office@cumcwayland.org</u>.

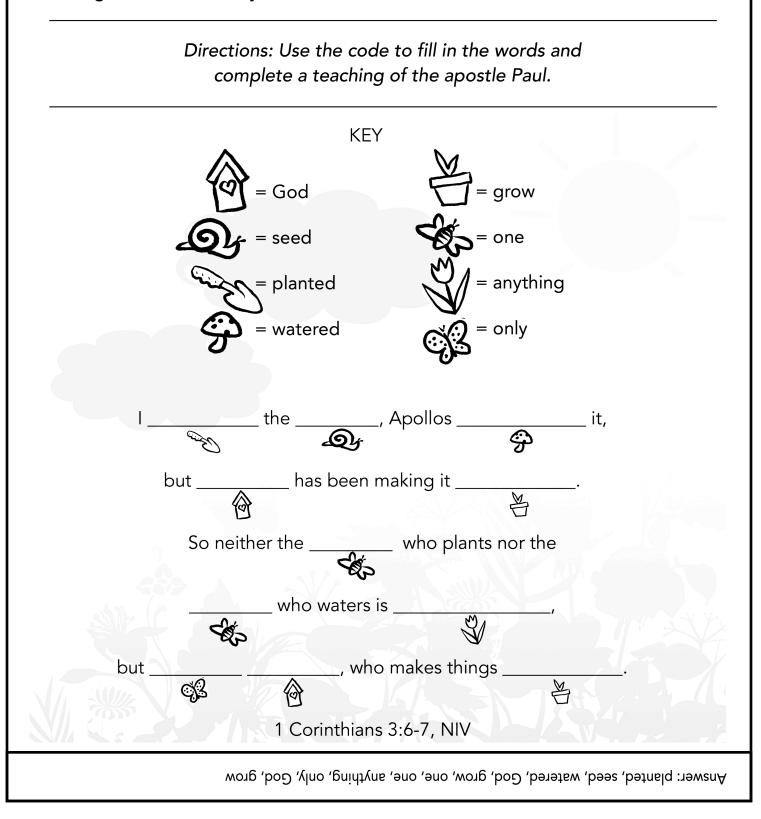
# March-April, 2024 Issue of "The Upper Room"

The March-April, 2024 issue of "The Upper Room" is in! You'll find your copy outside the Church Office or on the table by the stairs going up to the main entrance from the 1st floor. This is a great guide to reading and reflecting on scripture during this Lenten and Easter Season.



# Just for Kids... PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?



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| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday                 | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
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| 3<br>Pastor Rebecca Away<br>10:00 AM- Worship Service  | 4<br>Pastor Rebecca Away<br>1:30 PM- Create & Relate -                    | 5<br>Pastor Rebecca Away<br>7:00 PM- Midweek Bible<br>Study | 6<br>Pastor Rebecca Away  | 7<br>Pastor Rebecca Away<br>6:00 PM- Lenten Supper<br>7·00 PM- Chair rebearsal  | 1<br>Pastor Rebecca Away<br>7:00 PM- AA - Hall  | 2<br>Pastor Rebecca Away   |
| 1:00 PM- Church South India<br>2:00 PM- Confirmation - Library   |   | 6   |                           |   | 8<br>12:00 PM- Soup Kitchen Prep<br>7:00 PM- AA - Hall                                      | 9<br>5:00 PM to 9:00 PM- Kids'<br>night Out<br>SET CLOCK AHEAD 1<br>HOUR |
| 10 UMCOR Sunday<br>Pastor Rebecca Away<br>10:00 AM- Worship Service<br>1:00 PM- Church South India<br>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME<br>BEGINS       | 11<br>Pastor Rebecca Away<br>1:30 PM– Create & Relate -<br>Library        | 12<br>Pastor Rebecca Away                                   | 13<br>Pastor Rebecca Away | 14<br>Pastor Rebecca Away<br>6:00 PM- Lenten Supper<br>7:00 PM- Choir rehearsal | 15 IN Community Due<br>Pastor Rebecca Away<br>7:00 PM- AA - Hall                            | 16<br>Pastor Rebecca Away  |
| 17<br>Pastor Rebecca Away<br>10:00 AM- Worship Service<br>11:30 AM- Stewardship &<br>Finance<br>1:00 PM- Church South India                | <b>18</b><br>Pastor Rebecca Away<br>1:30 PM– Create & Relate -<br>Library | <b>19</b><br>7:00 PM- Midweek Bible<br>Study                | 20                        | 21<br>6:00 PM- Lenten Supper<br>7:00 PM- Choir rehearsal                        | 22<br>7:00 PM- AA - Hall<br>Noon - 3:00 PM- Sanctuary<br>open for Prayer and Media-<br>tion | 23   |
| <ul> <li>24 Palm Sunday</li> <li>10:00 AM- Worship Service</li> <li>11:30 AM- Worship Team</li> <li>1:00 PM- Church South India</li> </ul> | 25<br>1:30 PM- Create & Relate<br>7:00 PM- Trustees                       | 26  | 27                        | 28 Maundy Thursday<br>7:00 PM- Maundy Thursday<br>Service                       | <b>29 Good Friday</b><br>7:00 PM- AA - Hall   | <b>30 Holy Saturday</b><br>10:00 AM- Church South<br>India               |
| <ul> <li>31 Easter Sunday</li> <li>100 AM- Worship Service</li> <li>1:00 PM- Church South India</li> </ul>                                 |   |   |                           |   |   |  |

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUEST

### Have you visited our website lately?

website: <u>www.cumcwayland.org</u> email: <u>office@cumcwayland.org</u> Phone: (508) 653-0577 Fax: (508) 653-0519 *Like us on Facebook @cumcwayland* 

# SUNDAY SCHEDULE

### 10:00 A.M.

Worship Service Nursery/Child Care Provided

# 10:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

### Sunday School for Age K thru Grade 12

(begins with the Worship Service - dismissal to classes is generally made after the children's message)

# 11:15 A.M.

Fellowship / Coffee Hour

# **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

MONDAY thru FRIDAY 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM