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MINISTER'S COLUMN, Scott Couper

Dear Friends in Christ!

There is so much I am delighted with as it regards to serving this faith community at Centre Congregational Church. This month, I could write a hundred submissions to this newsletter – but Bruce will not allow me more than one. I could write on all the wonderful activities in which our church members participate (Compassionate Brattleboro discussion series and the Windham World Affairs Council events). I could write about all our awesome new members (Jeanushka singing in the choir, Shiva's upcoming book study and its introduction of contemplative mediation, and Gina's launch of our church Instagram account).

I could write about our church's consideration of participating in a church 'vitalization' program in which we can be 'coached' for a year. I could write about our leaders' consideration of enhancing the church's audio-visual capabilities for our parlor, sanctuary and 'chapel'. I could provide an update on our on-going Space Envisioning initiative whereby we are still seeking consensus on how to clean, clear, and intentionally designate and design for inspiration all our rooms and hallways. There is so much happening here – not to mention Lent and the upcoming Holy Week culminating with Easter next month.

Instead of focusing on any of the above, I have decided, as I did last month, to connect us to the wider church with a letter from our Vermont Conference minister, Lynn Bujnak, which addresses an issue that recently hit our headlines. Last month, the United Methodist Church decided at its General Conference to continue the historical and theological exclusion of so many people from the Kingdom of God. No one should be excluded from ministry nor from the Kingdom of God based on who they are and how God created them. Not disabled people (in the Hebrew scriptures, they are excluded). Not women (in the Catholic tradition, they are excluded). Not people of color (historically they could even be held as slaves). And not homosexuals, bisexuals and transgendered people.

I felt called to the ministry at Centre Congregational Church because it is an Open & Affirming congregation, so decided on 24 November 2013. While I prefer that Methodists continue to serve the Methodist church, and while I subscribe to our denomination's motto "That They May All Be One" and desire no division between us and our brothers and sisters in the Methodist faith tradition, I would hope and pray that any Methodist would feel welcome at Centre Congregational Church: 'For whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!' The Kingdom of God belongs to all and we pray that the Methodists will proclaim that truth with us.

For three years, I taught at a Methodist seminary in South Africa, so I feel strongly that that the below correspondence should be shared. Please find her correspondence below.

If one member suffers, all suffer together. -I Corinthians 12:26

Dear Beloved Community in the VT Conference,

Many of us have been watching and praying for our sisters and brothers in the United Methodist Church as they met in a special General Conference. The issues were the performing of same-sex marriages and the ordination of LGBTQIA clergy. These are issues many denominations have struggled with including our own at one point. The vote went against those who believe in a more inclusive church and for those who hold more traditional views. In fact as the resolution currently stands there is a doubling down on punishment for those who defy the Book of Discipline. It is not clear whether those additions will survive. It is not clear if the UMC will survive in its current form.

The Body of Christ is hurting. Once more those who are LGBTQIA and their allies have been told they do not belong in the denomination of their heart. This is heart-breaking. I admire those who will continue to advocate for a more open and inclusive church and know many of us will stand by their sides. I also know that for others, their spirits have been crushed by rejection.

Our Federated UCC/UMC Churches and pastors are especially caught in this painful division. Please keep our UCC clergy who pastor Federated Churches in your prayers: Rev. Kathy Clark, Rev. Marisa Laviola, Rev. Paul Eyer, Pastor James Mirriam, Rev. Jared Hamilton, Rev. Alyssa May. There are probably more and I apologize if I've left someone off this list. Pray for all of our Federated Churches and all UMC churches. Let us extend a welcome for safe space and a listening ear. Our congregations will continue to proclaim and live: no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.

In peace and hope, Lynn [Bujnak], *Conference Minister, Vermont, United Church of Christ*

From Council Chair, BILL McCARTY

Another month has progressed and we are now beginning to enjoy longer and warmer days – spring is arriving! Spring is always a time for increased activity at Centre Church. There are continuing plans for space utilization and room changes. It is hoped that the Space Envisioning sub-committee will have a final comprehensive plan in the near future. All board & committee members are being given an opportunity to give input - hence the time needed.

Council met Tuesday, March 19 and reviewed the Easter calendar as planned by Scott and the Deacons. Additional information regarding the calendar is available in Centre Bells. – But there will be Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (at the Guilford Church) and Easter Sunday services.

The Personnel Committee will be meeting in the next week to prepare the annual review of our Minister and church staff. If anyone has any comments or input please confer with a committee member (Anne Fecto, Margo Neale or me). It is hoped we will complete the reviews in the next several weeks.

A well-earned “Thank You” to John Bertolini, our custodian, for the great job he has been doing to clean our church property. It looks great.

For everyone’s future plans, the All Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 9 at Memorial Park. Mark your calendars.

Church Council has had many issues and matters on its agenda and the list seems to continue to increase. But, if you have any concerns or ideas, please talk to a Council or Board member.

Centre Church’s Annual Program Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 19. A new slate of officers and Council members is needed. Please consider offering to serve in some capacity. New members and ideas are need. Our Bylaws require a change in membership every two to four years. Our Church needs a change in its committees. Please offer to help!!

And remember that Council meets every third Tuesday at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend and participate. Join us everyone is given a chance to participate.

From Music Director, MARYMILKEY-MAY

We have been very fortunate during March to have had some instrumental additions to our choir anthems. Peter Abell added his banjo talents while Alison Hale joined in on flute for the anthem entitled “Remember Me”. In addition, Alison added some lovely descants on two other anthems as well playing a wonderful Bach Flute Sonata for the Prelude. We were also able to use some hand bells to accompany the beautiful piece entitled “When Jesus Wept” by William Billings. How fortunate we have been.

The Children’s Choir has busily been rehearsing preparing even more anthems for the upcoming spring months. The children haven’t missed singing during any month so far and have sung more than once in some. They continue to grow in their abilities to learn more complicated tunes with more words!

Meanwhile, both choirs are getting ready for Easter. Stay tuned!

SPACE ENVISIONING PROJECT

Step I: Having completed the reconstitution of the "Faith in Action" and the AA rooms, the Space Envisioning sub-Committee, through the Buildings & Grounds Board and the church Council, proposes the following Step II scenario to continue to clear, clean, consolidate, designate and decorate each space in our church so that it is intentional and inspirational to each group that therein meets.

Step II: convert the Music room back to the Chapel (chapel, lecture room with audiovisual capabilities); convert the Library to the Music room (all music accouterments, except hand bells, found in current Music room, hallway, library, upper floor closet and corner room consolidated in the existing Library); convert the Corner room to a Deacons room (Memorial / Heritage room, Library, Meeting room) thus consolidating the deacons' accouterments in the hallway, library books, historic pictures in one beatified location; consolidate the Brattleboro Centre for Children's file cabinet in the hallway and accouterments found the corner room into the existing locking Archive room; move the contents of the Archive room to the upper floor locked walk-in closet in the hallway. With the Step II scenario, we hope to reconstitute three rooms and clear our hallways of clutter.

Please indicate your discerning perspective to various members of Council and Building & Grounds Space Envisioning sub-Committee: Marion Abell: 254-2653 / water_music@comcast.net

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CHURCH VITALITY PROGRAM

A Report on the all day workshop on inviting new people by Roger Brown

On Saturday, February 9, Jenifer Ambler and I attended an all day workshop at First Congregational Church in Springfield, VT on how to attract new people to one's church. Fifteen churches sent teams to attend this all day event which completely filled the church fellowship hall. Our workshop leader was The Rev. Paul Nickerson, a UCC minister who has served several local church pastorates and lives in Beverley, Massachusetts. For at least the past five years he has been leading workshops like this one all over the country and with churches of many denominations.

The workshop followed a pattern of lecture and Power Point presentation, followed by a time where each team would apply the ideas to their church. So, by the end of the day each church had a list of specific ideas for reaching out into their community. Jenifer and I produced about six months of ideas for connecting church members to the community.

The entire focus of this workshop was on methods and philosophy for inviting new people into the life of the church and recommendations for ways the church could effectively address and nurture their spiritual needs so they might stay with us once they first attend worship or other church event.

The morning began with a slide of a castle surrounded by a moat - an image meant to symbolize to a rather extreme degree the idea that the local church has been focusing on itself more than the world outside of itself. We didn't think this metaphor fit Centre Church given our support of many local missions and non-profit programs, Loaves & Fishes and our El Salvador connection. However, the metaphor might also mean that to outsiders, the church appears difficult to enter and engage with as viewed by unchurched people. It could also mean that the church is so busy with its own internal business that there isn't much dialog with those on the other side of the 'moat' in the community.

Next The Rev. Nickerson suggested that many churches continue to do the same things they've done for fifty years or more, but these activities or programs or styles of worship are not effective in reaching new people because the culture outside the church has changed. The rest of the program concentrated on providing us with ideas on ways the church can make better informal connections with people in their local community.

The first suggestion was for church committees to begin meeting outside the church - in a local cafe for example. And then continue meeting in the same cafe at the same meeting time for every monthly meeting. However, it seems to me that some meeting agendas might best be not in public.) This idea was supported by a short video story of a pastor who kept hanging out at a local coffee shop, got to know the shop workers and some of the clientele. Eventually, one of them came to the pastor's church and later joined the church. Given this idea, the Mission & Service Committee is considering holding its meetings outside the church in a public place.

The next idea was to be present in some helpful way at public events and celebrations. Centre Church has already done this when they have sold drinks and snacks during the Heifer Parade. We propose the church might this year march in both the Heifer and the Fourth of July parades.

Another concept involved saying 'thank you' to some community group during a worship service - awarding them with certificates of thanks and recognizing their work in the community.

The key concept behind the ideas above is to develop new relationships with people in the community. Nickerson draws a contrast between personal or group connections that are relational and those which are transactional. So, for example, when a group like a singing group rents space in the parlor to practice, that's a transactional relationship. Relational is preferable.

Finally, The Rev. Nickerson talked about the importance of the church having a vitality (or 'Evangelism') team that coaches the church to encourages them as put these and other ideas into practice. We viewed a short video of the CEO of Google explaining how important it was for him to have a coach.

Another part of The Rev. Nickerson's consulting work is coaching church vitality teams as a follow up to a workshop. Multiple teams meet together with The Rev. Nickerson using the free Zoom online video conferencing service. Teams which make the commitment is to meet with The Rev. Nickerson once a month for a year via Zoom. He encouraged church teams to begin participating in this coaching process even if they were not yet sure they could commit to the process. This way, vitality teams would not lose momentum. Scott and I have already participated in the first call-in with thirteen of the fifteen churches who attended the vitality workshop. We plan to attend the next call-in on Tuesday, March 26 at 6pm, and hope others will join us. Scott will participate in the Pastors' call-in on March 20.

The coaching contract also includes monthly newsletters from Nickerson and unlimited email dialogs. I have just received the first weekly newsletter from Paul Nickerson. The topic is how to follow up with first time visitors.

We feel that joining this coaching process is critical for success. For without the support and mutual accountability, the energy for putting new outreach behaviors could dwindle and lose momentum. Furthermore, as teams share successes and failures, we will gain new ideas and be encouraged by one another.

We are in the process of seeking a way to find the \$1500 cost of the year of coaching. Five hundred dollars has been raised from the VT Conference. Meanwhile we're encouraged to continue to join the coaching process. The next step is to form a vitality team and attend the next coaching call-in on March 26. I personally encourage anyone interested to join the call-in, even if the vitality team is not yet formed, so as to experience and learn about the coaching process. In addition, I made a short report at the March Council meeting. Jennifer and I shared the workshop ideas with Mission & Service since we are members of that Board.

Thank you for taking the time and patience to read this summary. Copies of an annotated program booklet can also be made available for you to study these ideas further.



DEACONS

This is always a busy time of year for the Deacons. Coming up in April at Centre Church:

Palm Sunday April 14, 10:00am

Maundy Thursday: April 18, 7:00pm, a candlelight evening service with special readings

Good Friday April 19, noon-3:00pm at the Guilford Congregational Church.

Easter: April 21, 10:00am

Please don't forget to order your Easter Flowers.

The April Deacon of the Month is April Harness.

-Carlene McCarty, *Chair of the Deacons*

WOMEN'S SPIRIT

This group meets each Thursday at 4:30pm in the church library and is open to everyone. A new book by Mary Pipher, entitled *Women Rowing North*, is the book that is currently being read and discussed. It's a lively group that is open to all opinions and shared experiences. Come join us!

BROWN BAG LUNCH GROUP

The first Wednesday of the month always comes on us quickly, but April 3 is the date for the next noon time get together to share conversation. Just bring whatever you want for lunch and be ready for a warm time of being with friends and learning more about each other.

Everyone is invited to the
MOMENT for PEACE
 Friday, April 5 • 5:30-6:00pm

In a presentation entitled *Songs of Peace from Asian Traditions* led by Larrimore Crockett, we will learn and sing a few songs drawn from an Asian hymnal, *Sound the Bamboo*, from countries such as India, Korea, Taiwan and Japan. Larry is a retired UCC minister, singer and choir director who lives in Dummerston.

MISSION & SERVICE

We continue, with the congregation, to serve our community and reach wider in the world! Last month we celebrated One Great Hour of Sharing with the children participating in the Peace Candle and a week thinking about people around the world and how fortunate we are. Funds were gathered by the children and contributed to our congregation's giving on Sundays 3/10 and 3/17.

In February, the Special Offering was for Groundworks Collaborative and \$126 was collected. This month, our April 14 second Sunday offering benefits Loaves & Fishes.

We look forward to the mural painting by Terri Sylvester which Centre for Children has commissioned. It will be on the wall at the base of the stairs outside Memorial Hall and Centre for Children's entrance. This is will be a wonderful, bright addition to our church!

Moment for Peace will be having some important changes. This reflective half hour, from 5:30 to 6:00, happens during Gallery Walk on the first Friday of each month in our parlor. Margo Neal and Marion Abell started this wonderful community filled time over ten years ago. Although few CCC members have attended most recently, about twenty-five community members consistently attend. Parker Huber has directed this for many of these years and as of June he will be stepping down from this role. There are others who have also contributed their steady hand in this wonderful ongoing community event and we look forward to recognizing and thanking them in the coming months. Roger Brown, with the help of others, has begun to take up the organizational tasks and will be looking for our congregational help, ideas and talents to be shared. If you or someone you know would like to participate with music, ideas or just help with set-up on the day of Moment for Peace, please speak with Roger.

Our new WELCOME sign has been shared in other corners of the US! Scott shared a photo of it with the President and General minister of the United Church of Christ, John Dorhauer, who then put it on his social media page. Centre Church then received this message from Holy Covenant United Church of Christ, Charlotte, NC; "I have seen this photo with that welcome sign. I would love to have that for entrance of our church". May Centre Congregational Church continue to be a beacon of faith for all, welcoming all.

We continue to light our Peace Candle each week, focusing our hearts and our spirits on a course toward peace with the help of God. This short time in our service has been a time of celebration and a time of lament, at times. If you would like to share a short prayer of something or someone that demonstrates Peace in our world, contact Priscilla Svec.

Soon, a group of teens from the Interfaith Youth Group will be sharing with us information about their upcoming trip to a Sioux reservation this summer. The group will do a pre and post trip talk. Please look for the date in upcoming news briefs.

-Priscilla Svec, *for Mission & Service*

COMPASSIONATE BRATTLEBORO continues to present *Community Conversations on Compassion* in April and May. Compassionate Brattleboro's mission is to raise community awareness about the meaning of compassion in our lives, and ways in which compassion can influence the town's government, the organizations and institutions within the town, and, most important, among the town's citizens in our daily lives and interactions with others. All programs will be held at 6:30pm, at the Brooks Memorial Library. Admission is free and all are invited to attend. It would be great if our church was visibly present and supportive. Dates and topics as follows:

April 10 Compassion and Business

April 24 Compassion: Town Government and the Police

May 8 Compassion and Our Schools

May 22 Compassion and Healing

BRATTLEBORO CENTRE for CHILDREN

We are really looking forward to spring at BCC! The playground will finally be clear of snow and our youngest will be able to go for walks in their strollers again. That being said, our double jogging stroller (three wheels) has three flat tires and it would be nice to replace it before spring really takes over. If anyone knows of one that we could buy second-hand, please let Nan know. Thank you to all of you who ask so often "what do you need?" Your generosity is very much appreciated and we are truly grateful.

PEOPLE



A word of good cheer would be warmly received by members and friends of our church who are in nursing homes, assisted living centers, or are housebound as of March 26.

Fran Burrows—Langdon Place
136A Arch St. #150, Keene, NH 03431

Jeanne Rueter—Thompson House
80 Maple St., Brattleboro, VT
254-4977

Nancy Clarke—Holton Home
158 Western Ave, Brattleboro, VT
254-4155

Wanda Godfrey—Vernon Hall
13 Greenway Dr., Vernon, VT
254-2444

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1520 Little Blue Stem Ct., Ames IA 50014
515-337-1956

Jane Reed
461 Grafton Rd., #101, Townshend VT
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Karen Getty Peter—Pine Rock Manor
3 Denny Hill Rd., Warner NH 03278

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201 River Rd., Westmoreland NH 03467
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*Please let the Administrator know
if we've missed someone*

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Our deep thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, emails, cards, food, a cozy prayer shawl and other gestures of love that you gave to us during recovery from my recent shoulder surgery.

What a supportive church family we have!

*Gratefully,
Marion & Peter Abell*

BIRTHDAYS

5 Nancy DiMauro	22 Meg Harriman
9 Cody Balin	25 Alison Hale
11 Amy Balin	27 Ann Doesburg
12 Kai Ming Pu	Dawn Pollard
13 Sandy Daly	
14 Deb Brown	Judy Miller
17 Arnold Young	
19 Julie Ball	
Beverly Webster	



If you would like to give one or more flowers for Easter, please fill out a form for each plant ordered and return the form(s) to the church office with your check made out to:
Centre Congregational Church
193 Main Street
Brattleboro, VT 05301

DEADLINE: Sunday, April 7, 2019

EASTER FLOWER ORDER

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Circle one:

IN HONOR/MEMORY/CELEBRATION OF
IN THANKSGIVING FOR

_____ 8" pot tulips@ \$15 each

_____ Easter lily@ \$12 each

_____ 3-bulb hyacinth@ \$10 each

CHECK TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Michael and Lisa Vose and the **Everett family**; **Marion Daley**, who is undergoing rehab at Pine Heights and will be returning home at the end of the month; for the victims of religious bigotry in New Zealand last week; our new member **Jeanushka Fishell** as she mourns the death of her cat; for the victims and families of the **Ethiopian Air** crash in Addis Ababa; for those in the **mid-west** reeling from heavy floods; **Margit Brosnan**, who is at home recovering from hip surgery; **Margaret Johnson**, who is undergoing rehab at Maplewood in Westmoreland NH; for those contemplating suicide due to 'survivors guilt' in the wake of gun violence in our country.

APRIL 2019

**Holy Communion
celebrated

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ⁰⁰ Prayer Shawl 4 ⁰⁰ BCC Board	2 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	3 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 12 ⁰⁰ Brown Bag Lunch 12 ⁰⁰ Tai Chi 5 ³⁰ AA Meeting 7 ⁰⁰ WWAC/Marlboro	4 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ³⁰ Quilting Ministry 4 ⁰⁰ Fundraising 4 ³⁰ Women's Spirit 5 ³⁰ Choir Rehearsal	5 11 ⁰⁰ Tai Chi 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 5 ³⁰ Moment for Peace 7 ³⁰ AA Meeting	6 11 ⁰⁰ Writing Workshop
7 9 ⁰⁰ Book Study 10 ⁰⁰ Worship** 10 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting 12 ⁰⁰ Deacons 5 ⁴⁵ Overflow Shelter 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	8 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ⁰⁰ Prayer Shawl 6 ⁰⁰ Mission & Service 7 ³⁰ AA District 8	9 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	10 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 12 ⁰⁰ Tai Chi 5 ³⁰ AA Meeting 7 ⁰⁰ WWAC/Marlboro	11 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ³⁰ Quilting Ministry 4 ³⁰ Women's Spirit 5 ³⁰ Choir Rehearsal 7 ⁰⁰ Building & Grounds	12 CB DEADLINE 11 ⁰⁰ Tai Chi 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 7 ⁰⁰ WWAC lecture 7 ³⁰ AA Meeting	13
14 Palm Sunday 9 ⁰⁰ Book Study 10 ⁰⁰ Worship/FIA 10 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting 11 ³⁰ Report Sunday 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	15 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ⁰⁰ Prayer Shawl 1 ³⁰ Compassionate Brattleboro mtg.	16 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 6 ⁰⁰ Council 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	17 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 12 ⁰⁰ Tai Chi 6 ⁰⁰ Finance Comm. 5 ³⁰ AA Meeting	18 Maundy Thursday 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ³⁰ Quilting Ministry 4 ³⁰ Women's Spirit 5 ³⁰ Tenebrae Service	19 Good Friday 11 ⁰⁰ Tai Chi 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 12 ⁰⁰ - 3 ⁰⁰ Worship @ Guilford Church 7 ³⁰ AA Meeting	20 11 ⁰⁰ Writing Workshop
21 Easter Sunday 9 ⁰⁰ Book Study 10 ⁰⁰ Worship/FIA/ 10 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting 11 ³⁰ Egg hunt 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	22 Earth Day 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ⁰⁰ Prayer Shawl	23 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	24 MAIL CB 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 12 ⁰⁰ Tai Chi 5 ³⁰ AA Meeting	25 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 1 ³⁰ Quilting Ministry 4 ³⁰ Women's Spirit 5 ³⁰ Choir Rehearsal	26 11 ⁰⁰ Tai Chi 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 7 ³⁰ AA Meeting VT Conference Annual Meeting	27 9 ⁰⁰ Spring Clean-up VT Conference Annual Meeting
28 9 ⁰⁰ Book Study 10 ⁰⁰ Worship/FIA 10 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting	29 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 4 ³⁰ Prayer Shawl	30 8 ⁴⁵ Devotional 11 ³⁰ Loaves & Fishes 6 ⁰⁰ AA Meeting				

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https://www.facebook.com/pg/Centre-Congregational-Church-Brattleboro-VT-632678343519640/notes/?ref=page_internal -or-
From the website *Welcome* page, click *Audio & Video* in the top list (or click *More* or *Other* on the top right).

FOR SALE

Silver Ford Focus SE front wheel drive wagon. Car comes with 4 terrific Nordic tires for winter, as well as 4 regular ones for warmer months. It has been kept up quite well. 110,000 miles / \$1,100 OBO. Contact Jeanushka Fishell: 802 275-7791 / jnushka07@gmail.com

CAREGIVER

I am looking to connect with anyone who is in need assistance with:

- animal care
- house cleaning
- house sitting
- personal care, help of any kind for an elder or other.

Contact Jeanushka Fishell: 802 275-7791 / jnushka07@gmail.com

APRIL LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, April 7—Fifth Sunday of Lent
Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126; 2 Phil 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Sunday, April 14—Sixth Sunday of Lent, Palm/Passion Sunday
Ps 118:1-2:19-29; Luke 19:28-40 (Liturgy of the Palms);
Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16; Phil 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or
Luke 23:1-49 (Liturgy of the Passion)

Sunday, April 21—Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43 or **Isa 65: 17-25; Ps 118:1-2:14-24; 1Cor 15:19-26** or
Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or **Luke 24:1-12**

Sunday, April 28—Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:27-32; Ps 118: 14-29 or **Ps 150; Rev 1:4-8; John 20:19-31**



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