

Early Spring and Lenten greetings from United Christian Church in the Center! It's been a while since you've heard from us, and we want to let you know what's coming up...

Listed below you'll find news of some exciting and important events that we hope will draw you into wanting to be with us "in community" as the Lenten season continues. All are welcome to participate in any or all of our concerts, worship times or services to the community. Here's what's happening at the Center church in coming weeks:

Music and Reflection for the Season of Lent

March 20, 4 p.m.: Spring Sing-Along

Accompanied by Connie Parker, organist

Everyone's favorite old time hymns such as

"In the Garden", "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", and "Some Glad Morning"

March 27, 4 p.m.: Celtic Spirit

Mildred Crocker, Celtic harpist

Celtic tunes and readings

April 3, 4 p.m.: Organ Recital

Jane Schroeder, principal organist and music director

St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Camden

playing the Rodgers Masterpiece Trillium Customized 788 Organ

April 10, 4 p.m.: A Service of Healing and Reconciliation

led by Pastor Susan Stonestreet

Folk music provided by Pastor Stonestreet, harmonica, and Ellen Connors, guitar

April 17, 4 p.m.: Taize Service

Singing meditation, selected readings, and silent prayer

led by Pastor Susan Stonestreet


accompanied by Mary Schulien, flute, and Jean Goldfine, guitar

☐Thurs., April 21, 6 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service and Lite Supper

✝ Fri., April 22, noon & 6 p.m. - Good Friday Service (come to either service)

☪Sun., April 24, 6:30ish a.m. - Easter Sunrise Service (weather permitting!) at the boat ramp on Norton Pond, coffee & hot cross buns served!

☀Sun., April 24, 9:30 a.m. - our traditional Easter Service in our sanctuary.

 **Remember that we gather for silent prayer and meditation at 8 a.m. each Friday morning in our Parish Hall.** All are welcome for this half hour of quiet and contemplation. Call Pastor Susan at 763-4526 between 7 and 7:30 a.m. on Friday if the weather looks “iffy” and to be sure we are meeting.

⑧ **Remember, too, to be in touch with Pastor Susan at 763-4526 or by e-mail at susanstst@aol.com for more information regarding any of the above or for questions regarding our denomination, the United Church of Christ, or our service to the greater community.** You may want to check out our webpage at www.ucclincolnville.org. Our “web mistress,” Lois Lyman, posts Pastor Susan's sermons each week on our webpage! And if you would like to receive the “Sunday words” Pastor Susan sends out each Sunday morning via e-mail before our worship service, please e-mail her with your e-mail address and she will gladly add you to our “cyberspace congregation” mailing list!

And know that you are always welcome to join us for Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. each week!

If you would like to contribute to our “Good Neighbor Fund” to help those in need in our community pay for their oil and other emergency needs in these hard economic times, you may make checks payable to United Christian Church and include a note that you would like for your contribution to go to our “Good Neighbor Fund.” If you would like to make a contribution to help us “heat the church” and meet other church expenses in the months to come, you may do that also! Note that, too, with your check. You will receive a formal thank you for your generosity towards our Lincolnville neighbors and/or the church! Send your tax deductible contributions to: United Christian Church, PO Box 288, Lincolnville Center, ME 04850.

⑧ *Thanks for caring!* ⑧

For your Lenten reflection...

“I would not know how to be human, how to think as a human being, how to walk as a human being, how to talk or how to eat as a human being except by learning from other human beings. I learn to be human by associating with other human beings. We are thus, according to the Bible, made for family. We're made for community, we're made for togetherness, we're made for friendship. We're made to live in a delicate network of interdependence, for we are made for complementarity. I have gifts you don't have. And you have gifts that I don't have. Thus we are made different so that we can know our need of one another. And this is a fundamental law of our being.”

⌘ Archbishop Desmond Tutu in the Forward to *The Green Bible, NRSV*, 2008 by HarperCollins Publishers

Blessings and best hopes for all in our community as we enter Spring!