



May 2019 Newsletter
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Job 6: 1 and 13 "If my misery could be weighed, if you could pile the whole bitter load on the scales, it would be heavier than all the sand of the sea!...Do you think I can pull myself up by my bootstraps? Why I don't even have any boots!"
The Message Bible

My Dear Congregation,

I write this on Good Friday morning when all seems hopeless. Sometimes it feels as if there is no way life can get better and we are in despair. And then, something shifts.

Yesterday, at The Arbors, one of our regular attenders of the Protestant service there shared this, "I was very young, in college, and very unhappy. I was home for a school break and walking beside the river near my home and it seemed as if that was the solution. Nothing seemed as if it would get better. I had no purpose. I went to church as a last-ditch effort and planned to walk into the river afterwards. As I sat in church it was endless. I was hemmed in on both sides of the pew by people and didn't feel as if I could ask them to move. So, I sat. And I said to God, 'If you are there, please help me!' The service continued. I kept asking. As it ended, I could feel the depression lift and I knew that God was with me. Strangely, my parents were waiting for me by the curb after the service. It was strange because I usually walked home. It was that night that I accepted God into my life."

That's a resurrection story. What was dead returned to life. You will read this after Easter, after Good Friday, and after Holy Saturday. All of our most holy week will be past. And just like Pat, you hold some kind of resurrection story, whether it's your very own testimony to new life or our Christian story of Jesus' triumph over death.

The scripture above is from Job. He too, returned to his life after a time of deep questioning. He lost everything and railed at God and God was there to hear it. The best part of the story though is that God was there to give him a hand back into life. If you're just hanging on, hang on. If you can, ask for help. Scream it if you have to. God will hear your prayer.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Peace and resurrection stories, Greta



Board of Diaconate

Flowers and greeters are greatly appreciated on a weekly basis. You can just surprise us with flowers or a plant. No advance notice is needed unless you want to have a dedication in the bulletin and you should contact the Church Administrator, Debra, as she prints the Sunday bulletins. If you do not get in touch with her in time, you can just list the information in the announcement book and it will be read by a Deacon at the beginning of the service.

We have special bulletins or you can invent your own special Sunday observance at \$10 for a single service. (Easter and Christmas Eve are two services so the cost doubles or you can do half of it with someone else.) Please check the posted listed at the Church entrance.

Blessings,

The Deacons

Bob & Nancy Oldfield, Bonnie Sparrow, Johnna Rowley, Scott Holmes, Sue Norton, Sue Stiller, Loretta Baldwin, Corry Darling, Kena Gallagher, Christine Ward & Nancy LaFave

From the Trustees

On Saturday April 13, a group of volunteers met at the church to do spring cleaning. Most of the work was focused inside due to rain outside. The day was very successful. We cleaned the Kitchen and purged a lot of the clutter. Next week we will be contacting the town to get the kitchen certified for food safety. Some minor outside work was performed, cleaning out the gutters, but the outside power washing of the church, and general clean-up had to be postponed until Saturday April 27th due to rain. We want to thank all the helpers.

Trustee Committee





From Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship met on March 19th. Refreshments were provided by Nancy LaFave and Johnna. We discussed our annual budget and voted to donate up to \$600.00 towards a new office computer for Debra.

We planned our annual dinner at a restaurant for our final meeting before breaking for the summer, on June 18th, at the Mediterranean Grill in Taunton. We also talked about additional social activities including a hike on the Cape, a concert at the Zeiterion or a paint night, to name a few.

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 16th at 7:00 pm. On that night we will select an activity to enjoy together and also assemble May baskets for some of our church friends.

All women in the church are welcome to join us. We meet the third Tuesday of each month from September through May at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall.

Social Outreach Committee



The Confirmation Class, along with the Social Outreach Committee, is running the Operation Christmas Child outreach project. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 157 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. During the month of April, we invite you to bring in Clothing and Accessory Items and put them in the basket on the altar. In May we will be collecting School Supplies & Quality Crafts.



Thank you to all who helped make it possible to donate over 3,800 lbs. of clothing and linens to Savers on March 31st! These items are needed by Savers and it was a community effort to donate. In exchange, LUCC will earn \$1,000.

The next clothing drive will be May 18th. Bags of Clothes can be delivered to the LUCC parking lot between 8AM-11AM on Saturday May 18th.

For questions, call 774-259-1320.

From Church and Family Life



Spring is here! The weather is getting warmer, trees are leafing out and flowers are blooming. It is again time to get ready for our annual Church Picnic. All of our Church Family and Friends are invited to gather out in back of the church on Sunday, June 2nd right after the church service.

This is always an enjoyable afternoon of fellowship, games for the children, and good food (hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and great desserts).

Look for the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board near the kitchen. Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us on the 2nd.

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From the Treasurer

The **Gift Card Program** at LUCC is being offered on a monthly basis.

Working with the Scrip Gift Card fundraising program we will offer gift cards of a great variety of businesses and amounts to LUCC folks to purchase. The large list of available gift cards is available online on the LUCC Website <https://www.lakevilleucc.net/>, or by email upon request, and in the Fellowship Hall.

Local businesses include CVS, Olive Garden, Longhorn, Dunkin's, Starbucks, Mobil, Panera, Regal, Marshall's and many other stores, restaurants, hotels and even airlines. You can purchase gift cards to use as cash at the businesses you frequent and LUCC will receive a rebate based on what is sold.

- Gift card order forms will be available the last week of the month (or anytime)
- Orders will be collected (form and check or cash) the first Sunday of the month during coffee hour
- Gift cards are ordered and will be available the following Sunday during coffee hour

The May Sunday to order will be May 5, 2019. Gift Card orders will be collected May 5th and delivered May 12th.

Any questions? Reach Marie Nolan mnolan6@verizon.net or 508-989-3002

Calling all Crafters!

The next **Crop and Craft Day at LUCC is Saturday, May 11**, from 9am to 6pm in the Fellowship Hall for scrapbookers, card makers, paper, fabric, yarn and any crafters. All are welcome to join. Never did any scrapbooking? Bring some pictures – we can get you started!

Fee is \$20.00

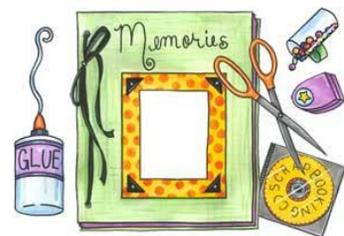
Generous crafting space, snacks and lunch will be provided. All are welcome! RSVP'S ahead help us plan but walk ins will be welcome until we run out of space.

Come join us for a fun day and get a project done with great company! Please share with your friends and family.

Contact:

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May Birthdays

- 3 Monroe Macuch
- 4 David Cooper
- 6 Gail Evors
- 6 Inez Marshall
- 12 Glenna Protami
- 17 Travis Corrette
- 18 Ken Creasy
- 24 Jack Mulgrew
- 29 Alexandra Goodwin
- 30 Lyle Strode
- 30 Bethany McMeekin

May Anniversaries

- 8 Chuck & Gail Evors
- 11 Paul & Janet Macuch
- 14 Dennis & Maggie Driscoll
- 23 Stuart & Sue Norton
- 23 Scott & Kim Mulgrew
- 24 Mike & Barbara Pomeroy
- 25 Mike & Marie Nolan
- 28 Toby & Maureen Baird
- 30 Kevin & Deb Nee





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