

THE CLARION

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“The Reminder of the Promise”

Last Saturday the lawn by the Manse was filled with robins. That (and the beginning of baseball season) is always the sign for me that spring is here. Feeling a warm breeze, knowing that flowers will start blooming very soon, and being able to put away the snow shovel, give me sense of renewal just when I need it most. But as great as all these things are they do not compare to what Easter means to me. What does it mean to you?

As a pastor one of the great challenges I feel, is to lead my congregation to receive Easter if it were the first time. Like Christmas, it can sometimes be hard to hear the story freshly when we have heard it so many times. I think only by acknowledging how much we have needed the joy and promise of Easter will we be able to see it with new eyes. Only then can we claim the whole story is our own. That is the one of the things Lent gives us. We can really open our hearts to see not only the reality and challenges of our life but also know that Jesus has also walked through them.

What tests have you faced this past year? What challenges have you struggled with? What losses have you felt since last Easter? We all have them. We all struggle through and many times try to forget how hard life can be. How much we need a day when we are reminded that as real as all those things are, the renewing and life giving power of God is just as real. The God who gives us the beauty of springtime flowers and the blossoming of trees, after what seemed like the death of winter, can give us the same thing. The God who could roll away the boulder at the entrance to the tomb, tells us that he is the God of life and new beginnings.

It happened 2000 years ago but it is always a new story. Easter is remembering an event long ago in a place half way around the world, but it also is the promise that the power of resurrection is here and now. It comes to us as a gift, when we need it most. If we receive it only as a tired story we have heard so many times, we haven't opened the gift. But if we receive it as the rebirth we have been afraid to admit we wanted, Easter will be a deep breath of fresh air.

Join us for our Holy Week services, which are listed in this edition. Come to our Palm Sunday service, and stay for my “Visit the Holy Land without Leaving Pawling” presentation after. Come to feel the incredible events of our moving Maundy Thursday service and share Holy Communion. And come to one of our two Easter services, to know how much you are loved by God and how fully we can rejoice.

It is all our story. We are a people of the resurrection. Let us claim that title in a new way this year.

In His Name,

Mark+

VISIT THE HOLY LAND WITHOUT LEAVING PAWLING

Do you have a picture in your mind of the place Jesus was born? Can you imagine the view from the place Jesus shared his Sermon on the Mount? What do you think the Jordan River looks like?

Join Rev. Mark for a special Lenten multimedia presentation, Palm Sunday, April 14th, after church.

As we begin Holy Week, this is perfect time to hear again some of the important moments of Jesus' life. But to this we will add photos of the places where these events actually took place.

It's not quite the same as actually being there, but will let you imagine what it is to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Join Rev. Mark for this special event and add to the depth of Lent and your experience of Easter.



DEDICATE A NEW HYMNAL!

As we prepare to purchase our new hymnals, *Worship & Rejoice*, we offer the opportunity to donate a hymnal with a special dedication. Each hymnal is \$20, and dedications can be made in honor or in memory of a person or group.

Bookplates with this information will be added to the front cover of each hymnal. We will accept dedications until we run out of hymnals, but we ask that all be in no later than May 26th.

The form is included in this edition, through the office or can be printed from our website: www.ccoqh.org. Checks can be made payable to "Christ Church" with "hymnal" in the memo line.



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Worship & Rejoice Hymnal Dedication

Our new hymnals are ready to be ordered! You have the opportunity to dedicate a hymnal(s) to honor a loved one or in memory of someone. The bookplate dedication will be placed in the inside cover just like our previous ones.

We will be ordering 250 new hymnals.

If you are interested in dedicating a hymnal(s) please fill out the form below.

The cost per hymnal is \$20

Please make checks out to Christ Church on Quaker Hill and note Hymnal Dedication on memo line.
(Please note the deadline for dedications is May 26, 2019 or once we reach 250 dedications)

Please print clearly

Your Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State: Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

No. of Hymnals Dedicated: _____ **@\$20 per hymnal = TOTAL \$** _____

In Honor of/Memory of (circle one): _____

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If you need additional dedications/space, please print the information on the back of this form.

A copy of this form is located on the Church Website: www.ccoqh.org



Palm Sunday	April 14	10:00 am
Tenebrae	April 18	8:00 pm
Guidepost Good Friday, Day of Prayer		
April 19 8am-5pm (Mizzentop Day School)		
Easter Sunrise Service	April 21	6:30 am
Easter Service	April 21	10:00 am



Women's Retreat

**Friday June 7 – Sunday June 9
2019!**

The theme of the retreat will be JOY!

There will be an organizational meeting today, March 24 in Memorial Hall at 11:15 AM. Everyone is invited to learn a little more about it and to help with planning. Sign-up will be through the office and there will be a cost of \$25 per person. This will cover all meals and supplies. There may be an additional cost to help with driving costs.

We will be going to Kurz' home in Newfane, Vermont.

This is a weekend of rest, sharing, renewal and focusing on how we find JOY in our lives.

CCoQH Family Picture

Board: You may have noticed as you walk through the Atrium that our pictorial directory has yet to be replaced on its usual bulletin board. As the pictures were being put away, it was noted that some adjustments need to be made and we need updated family photos, but more important - some of you are **MISSING!!** In the effort to keep things as simple/easy as possible, this is a request that you please submit your own pictures to the church office at your earliest convenience. Pictures need not be professional head shots; casual will work quite well, and even add interest to the collection. Please send your photos to the CCoQH office: ccoqh@comcast.net or by hand. Questions? Comments? Feel free to email Barbara Vogel: vogelmusik@mags.net

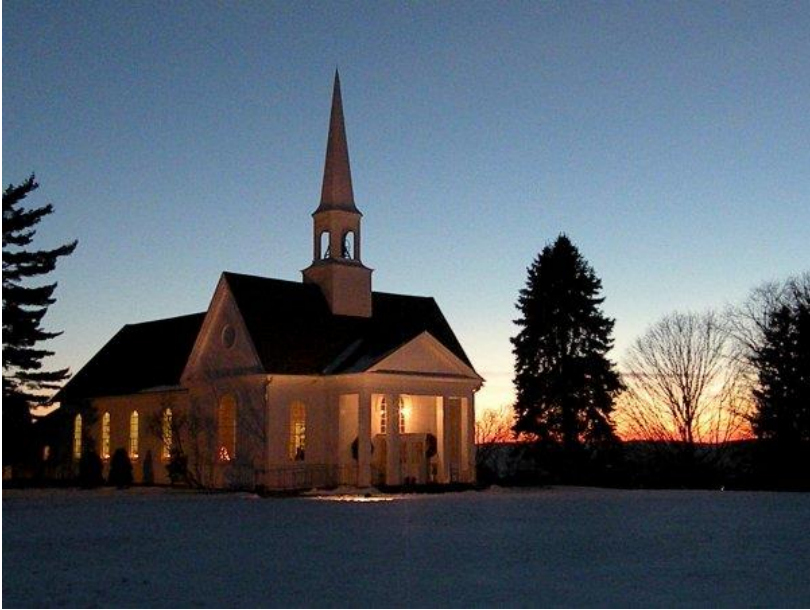


APRIL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>31 Sunday Service (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM) Ringers (11:30 AM)</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 AA (7:00 PM to 8:30 PM) Singers Rehearsal (7:00 PM to 8:30 PM) DQ's (8:30 PM)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 AA (7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)</p>
<p>7 Communion Sunday Sunday Service (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM) Ringers (11:30 AM)</p>	<p>8 Men's K Group (7:00 PM)</p>	<p>9 Grief Support Group (7:00 PM)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Stephen Ministry Supervision Meeting (4:00 PM) AA (7:00 PM to 8:30 PM) Singers Rehearsal (7:00 PM to 8:30 PM)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 AA (7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)</p>
<p>14 Palm Sunday Sunday Service (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM) Ringers (11:30 AM)</p>	<p>15 Clarion Deadline</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 AA (7:00 PM to 8:30 PM) Singers Rehearsal (7:00 PM to 8:30 PM) DQ's (8:30 PM)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 AA (7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)</p>
<p>21 Easter Sunrise Service (6:30 AM) Easter Service (10:00 AM) Sunday Service (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM)</p>	<p>22 Men's K Group (7:00 PM)</p>	<p>23 Grief Support Group (7:00 PM)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 AA (7:00 PM to 8:30 PM) Singers Rehearsal (7:00 PM to 8:30 PM)</p>	<p>26 Soup Kitchen</p>	<p>27 AA (7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)</p>
<p>28 Council Meeting Sunday Service (10:00 AM to 11:00 AM) Ringers (11:30 AM)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 AA (7:00 PM to 8:30 PM) Singers Rehearsal (7:00 PM to 8:30 PM) DQ's (8:30 PM)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 AA (7:00 PM to 9:00 PM)</p>

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You are invited to join us for
worship Sunday mornings at
10:00 am

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Return Service Requested

To: