

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ April 16, 2023

**WELCOME**

We're glad you've joined us for worship today.  
 Please know that whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!  
**If you're visiting, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card** (found in the pews or on the back tables) and place it in an offering box, to help us better connect with you.  
 Looking for more information about the church?  
 Please feel free to ask the pastor or contact the church office during the week.  
 Masking is optional and masks may be found on the back tables

*The flowers today are given by Susan Lampros  
 in loving memory of Bryant Merriam, Carolyn Merriam and Mickey Halczyn.*

**SATURDAY - SPRING CLEAN UP**

The board of trustees has planned our spring clean up day for **Saturday, April 22 at 8:30 am until noon.**  
 Refreshment will be supplied. Bring your tools that will be used to clip some bushes, spread mulch on the beds, and anything else we see that we can do.  
 Thank you in advance for your help. Questions: email Phil at [gacserv2@comcast.net](mailto:gacserv2@comcast.net)

**NEXT SUN., APRIL 23 – CARE OF CREATION SUNDAY**

For our service next week, **all are invited to bring in an item or two from nature**, that we'll place on the table in the chancel – rocks, shells, twigs, flowers, plants, leaves, soil, water.... etc.

**FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION**

Next Sunday we will be collecting food for the Canton Food Bank.

**PRIME TIMERS**

The Prime Timers will be visiting The American Mural Project in Winsted on Friday, April 21.  
 We will meet in the church parking lot at 1:00 to carpool, or you may meet us there (90 Whiting Street) about 1:45.  
 The cost is \$8 per person (we will collect this and pay as a group).  
 Please contact Harriet Vose, 860-693-2333 if you are able to join in this outing.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*We gather as a welcoming community in worship, learning, service and fellowship to embody Christ's message of love, compassion and justice.  
 Joining faith with action, both within and beyond our church,  
 we strive to build a community that serves all.*

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 An Open and Affirming Church

**MISSIONS & OUTREACH COLLECTION**

**For the month of April, we will be collecting loose change for Holy Joe's Cafe.**  
 As a military chaplain explains, "Holy Joe's Cafe is a place where chaplains... are able to bring a taste of home to the tired, the anxious, the angry, the lonely and the wounded..."  
 The cups for change can be found in the back of the sanctuary, the hallway table, and the social hall.

**RECOGNITION OF EARTH DAY**

Church School children will be planting bulbs and perennials in front of the School House on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
 If you donated tulips and lilies for Easter and do not have a plan for replanting them, we can use them for our School House project. Thank you!"

**Pastor:** The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka  
**Director of Music:** Mary Lou Keefe  
**Sexton:** Walt LeGeyt  
**Ministers:** Every Member

**Dir. of Faith Formation:** Dr. Hollace Bristol  
**Asst. Dir. of Faith Formation:** Karen Needham  
**Office Manager:** Kristen DiMattia

**Camera:** Kristin Oswald  
**Coffee Hour:** Music Committee

**Duty Deacons:** Tim Lundgren & Eric Herbek  
**Duty Trustees:** Julius Ziembra & Don Scott

Sunday 16	Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22
<b>Worship 10 am</b> <i>Moment for Missions—ECAD</i>	<b>Choir 5 pm</b> ACA & AI-Anon 7 pm	AA 7 pm		<b>Choir 5:30 pm</b>		<b>SPRING CLEAN - UP 8:30 - noon</b> AA 11 pm