



CONWAY VILLAGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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THE GOOD NEWS

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Praying For Peace in Ukraine



In keeping with an ancient Celtic tradition, we were asked to bring stones to build a Peace Cairn. The idea is to lay down your symbolic weapons - the stones - and to balance them in cairns, symbolizing the balance needed to build peace.

Just over 100 people gathered Sunday, March 13th, for a prayer vigil for peace for Ukraine in North Conway's Schouler Park. Also among them were two Ukrainian students, Anna Bondar, 17, and Daryna Sarediuk, 18, both from Fryeburg Academy. Sarediuk said: "It definitely give us a lot of hope to see everyone here today saying their prayers out here and to see that people are thinking about us and our families."

It was organized by the Clergy of the Eastern Slope, which included our Rev. John Hughes; the Rev. Rev. Mary Edes of Silver Lake; the Reverend John Hogue of the First Church of Christ, Congregational; the Rev. Nathan Hall of Lutheran Church of the Nativity; and the Rev. Gail Doktor of Jackson Community Church.

Edes and the Silver Lake Singers performed "Where There Is Light," "This Is My Song (Finlandia)," "In Dangerous Times" and Let There Be Peace On Earth, " with attendees joining in.



Four Ukrainian flags were flanked by two American flags at the north end of the park, and a POW MIA flag and Stars and Stripes flapped from the flagpole.

A highlight was placing stones brought by attendees to build a symbolic cairn meant to illustrate the balancing needed to bring about peace through diplomacy. Hughes explained that stones were mankind's first weapons, and in the Celtic tradition, to lay down your stone was to lay down your weapon. He encourages the public to build cairns of peace in front of their properties and perhaps put Ukrainian flags into the cairns to show support.

Other presenters included Erica Banderob for Judith Felsen, Chavurah Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation; Barbara Lubin, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Tamworth; the Rev. Ann Cady of Christ Church Episcopal of North Conway; and Pastor Gerry Tilton of the First Church of Christ.

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The Conway Village Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
Reverend John G Hughes, II

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TO: All Members and Friends of the Conway Village Congregational Church

A Special Meeting of the Membership of the Conway Village Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, May 1st, 2022, at approximately 11:00 am in the Sanctuary of the Conway Village Congregational Church following worship. The meeting will be held in person and via Zoom platform. Voting will be done via roll call method. Please email cvccwebteam@gmail.com or call the office for the phone in information.

The purpose of this Annual Meeting will be:

1. To discuss and determine the sanctuary seating.
2. To conduct any other business that may come to the floor of the meeting.

Dated at: Conway, New Hampshire, on the 22nd of March 2022

Dawn Vitters, Clerk

The Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave,
Green is for the grass He made,
Yellow is for His sun so bright,
Orange is for the edge of night,
Black is for the sins we made,
White is for the grace He gave,
Purple is for His hours of sorrow,
Pink is for our new tomorrow.



THE DINNER BELL

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

Fresh Homestyle Meal

Everyone Is Welcome!!

Mondays 4-5 pm

Call office on Mondays for menu!

603-447-3851



Take Out Only!

These services continue to operate while taking recommended safety precautions & practicing social distancing.



Food Pantry Statistics

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>Households</u>	<u>People Served</u>	<u>Meals Given</u>	<u>Over 60</u>	<u>Under 18</u>	<u>Walk Ins</u>	<u>New Households</u>
First Quarter 2022	93	210	8,820	101	33	14	8
<i>First Quarter 2021</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>9,492</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>10</i>

Food Pantry Wish List (Revised)

Ramen Noodles-Chicken and or Beef
 Rice-A-Roni-Chicken or Beef
 Ketchup – 20 oz.
 Mustard – 20 oz
 Mayo - small jar
 Stable Milk box – 20 oz.
 Juice - Orange or Apple – 64 oz.
 Small Soup - Chicken Noodle or Tomato
 Jelly - Grape or Strawberry – 16 oz.
 Small canned Chicken or Tuna – 5 oz.
 Baked Beans – 15 oz.
 Tomato Sauce – 15 oz.
 Beef Stew - Canned – 15 oz.
 Boxed Crackers – 1 lb.
 Boxed Spaghetti – 1 lb.
 Canned Veggies - Peas, Carrots – 15 oz.
 Instant Oatmeal – 1 lb.
 Paper Towels
 Toilet paper – individually wrapped
 Shampoo - White Rain or Suave – 24 oz.
 Dawn Dish detergent – small size
 Tide Laundry Detergent – small size
 Large Laundry Detergent
 Hand Soap - Dial 2 or 3 pk bars

Most of these items can be bought at Dollar Tree or any supermarket.

Thank you for your donations!

Conway Village Congregational Church By Appointment Only

Tuesdays, 9-11:30 am
 Serving East Conway, Center Conway,
 Conway, Eaton, Albany and Chatham
 603-447-3851
 Call to make an appointment or for more information.

WHEN YOU GIVE TO

One Great Hour of Sharing

you deploy resources to people in need all around the world, and in our own communities. When man-made or natural disasters strike, love responds.

March 27th was our first week of collections for One Great Hour of Sharing. We will continue to seek donations through April 17th. Please make your check payable to "CVCC" and write OGHs in the memo field.

Thank you for your support!

**ONE GREAT HOUR
OF SHARING**

 UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



Every
Donation
Makes A
Difference

OUTREACH ~ FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry Wish List will be revised often to reflect what is needed in the Pantry at the time. Although gifts of food items are greatly appreciated, cash donations are more beneficial so that we can purchase items as they are needed. We are now purchasing meats and produce due to Fresh Rescue Program donations being down.

Marilyn Hughes has joined the Pantry Board! Welcome Marilyn! Also, after many years of service, Laura Sorensen has stepped down. A huge thank you to Laura for all of her time!

The number of families using our pantry have started coming back to where we were before Covid. Below are "Before" and "After" photos of the pantry shelves. This reflects only one day of servicing our clients! The need continues to grow each week! Your donations are always greatly appreciated. Thank you.



Outreach Committee

Anne Getchell, Sylvia Weld, Charlyne Gray, Dawn Vitters, Marilyn Hughes & Charles Monaghan

JOIN US SUNDAYS AT 10AM
IN-PERSON & ON ZOOM
WELCOME TO OUR
WORSHIP SERVICE
For Meeting Information please email
cvccwebteam@gmail.com



GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

We will receive a \$1 donation for every \$2.50 Fight Hunger Bag sold this month at our Hannaford store.

ALL MONTH LONG

Hannaford Supermarket
32 Mountain Valley Blvd, North
Conway, NH 03860

Learn more at hannaford.bags4mycause.com

For the month of April 2022, Brown Church Food Pantry will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag at the Hannaford store located at 32 Mountain Valley Blvd., No. Conway NH.



MASK UPDATE

The Leadership of the Church has made a decision about wearing masks in church. Starting **March 6th**, the recommendation for masks will be as follows:

"Wearing of masks will be optional for those who have been fully vaccinated, but we ask that you still social distance yourselves. If you have not been fully vaccinated, we ask that you still wear a mask and social distance yourself from others. If you wish to still wear a mask in church that is totally up to you and if you wish to be social distanced from others just let the usher of the day know. We will be happy to seat you in an area away from others."

If you have any questions, please see a member of the Trustees or Diaconate.
Thank you, the Church Leadership



**Conway Village
Congregational Church
Mission Statement**

*"We are a community of faith in Jesus Christ,
open to all, and by following His teachings
we willingly serve God, our neighbors and
each other through worship,
fellowship and ministry."*

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**Melody Bergman
Admin. Asst./Bookkeeper**

CVCC Office Hours

Monday	8:00 am-4:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am-4:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am-4:00 pm
Thursday	8:00 am-4:00 pm

CLOSED FRIDAYS



If you use Facebook please "LIKE" our Facebook Page by clicking the "Like" button at the top of the page. <https://www.facebook.com/TheBrownChurchConwayNH/>

This will help folks who may not be familiar with our church know we are well liked within the community. You will be notified on your Facebook

notifications when we post something new. You in turn, if you choose to, can share that post on your page, which is very helpful in promoting the church, particularly for promoting our events.

Thank you & God Bless



Trustees

We continue to welcome back new and old faces to the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. On March 20th, we had 22 people at the service and 31 on zoom. If you are still on zoom, we would love to have you join us in the Sanctuary and visit with friends at coffee hour.

There will be some equipment upgrades in the Sanctuary and the web team will be moving their operations to the back of the church.

We recently had another Cabinet/Goals meeting. We are looking at ways to bring in new activities and people to the church.

The Capital Campaign Committee has made some decisions on the work needed in the sanctuary. We thank all those who returned surveys. We are planning a Special meeting on **Sunday, May 1st** after the service. We hope you will plan to stay either in the Sanctuary or on zoom to listen to a discussion about the seating plans.

MAY 4th- 9:00am church clean out day. We hope you can join us to go through all rooms, closets, nooks and crannies to clean out an accumulation of "stuff". Some can be used at the garage sale. May 7th will be a continuation if needed.



MAY 21st- Spring Event 9- 2. We are planning garage, plant and bake sales, along with a BBQ lunch. We are also working with Bob Bernhardt and Charlyne Grey to sell their creative work.

John Edgerton	Duddie Andrews	Tom Workman
Anne Getchell	Nancy Irving	Nancy Divine
Paul Weld	Carl Vitters, ex officio member (CVCC Treasurer)	

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

4/3	Anne Getchell
4/10	John Edgerton
4/17	Duddie Andrews
4/24	Paul Weld

TRUSTEE'S MEETINGS
Tuesdays, 4:30 pm
April 12th & 26th

SaveThe Date!
Saturday ~ May 21st
9:00 AM

Springtime Event

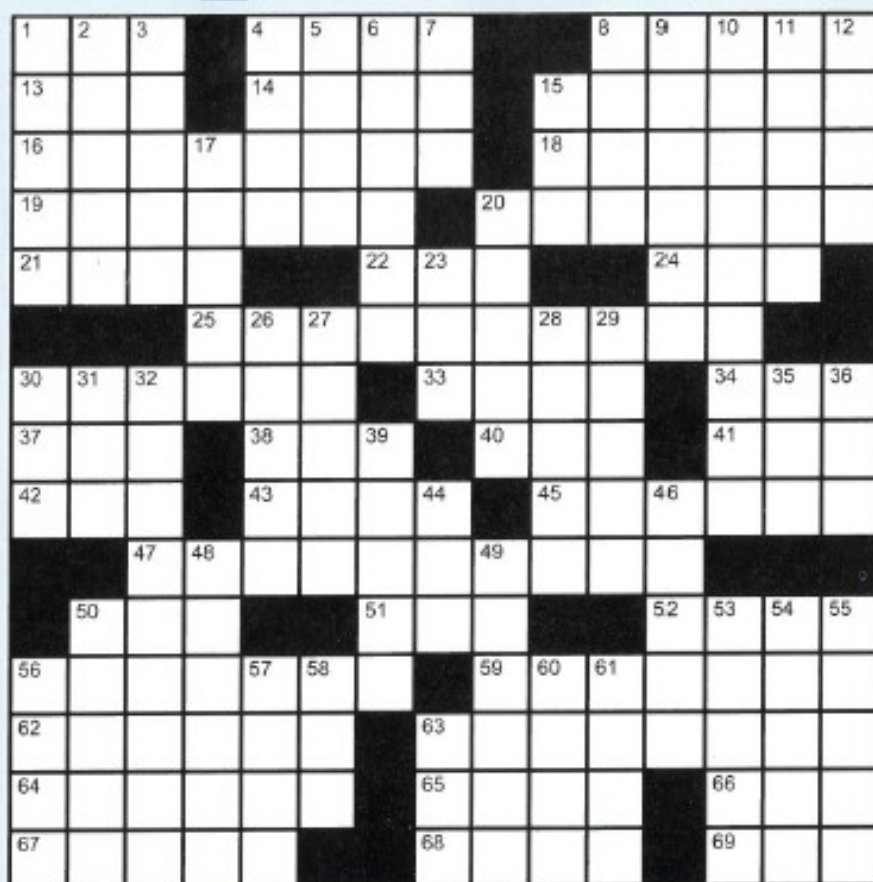
**Garage Sale, Plant Sale,
Bake Sale & Barbeque Lunch**

ACROSS

1. Bay Area airport inits.
4. Sir's counterpart
8. Course in which to study Freud
13. Home of the NCAA's Rhody the Ram, for short
14. Jessica of "Fantastic Four"
15. Part of the eye's iris, bordering the pupil
16. Is out of control
18. "Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer", e.g.
19. Jesus' orchard parable in Luke 13:6-9 concerns this plant's fruitfulness
20. Cactus whose blossom is Arizona's state flower
21. Warehouse: Abbr.
22. LA-to-San Diego dir.
24. Annoy
25. Jesus' statement about Himself in John 15:5, using an analogy from the orchard
30. Typical midrange basketball shot
33. Observed closely
34. Result of the '64 Clay/Liston boxing match
37. Suffix with item-, capital-, or union-
38. Mil. training academy
40. Bad "Wheel of Fortune" vowel purchase for "AN EYE FOR AN EYE"
41. Chop down
42. School in Cambridge, Mass. that sometimes sends out its acceptance letters on Pi Day
43. Loony
45. Cyclops' main feature
47. Jesus' description of God the Father in John 15:1 (KJV), using an analogy from the orchard
50. Get an ____ (ace, as a test)
51. Sports org. with a five-ring logo
52. "I don't know why ____ this way"
56. "OK, OK, what happened next?"
59. Easygoing
62. "No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must ____ in the vine" (John 15:4)
63. See 10-Down
64. Isaiah 5 includes a song about an orchard (Israel) that failed to produce this crop, so God allowed it to be overrun
65. In the on-deck circle, as it were
66. Cracklin' ____ Bran
67. Fruit of the Loom competitor
68. Scott of "Joanie Loves Chachi"
69. ICU pros, for short

DOWN

1. Flips through, as TV channels
2. "Neither can you bear ____ unless you remain in me" (John 15:4 NIV)



3. ____ Boingo, new wave band that sang 1985's "Weird Science"
4. Bryn ____ College
5. "I cannot tell ____"
6. Most qualified
7. Ticked
8. With child: Abbr.
9. Outfit bit, for an ice skater
10. With 63-Across, Jesus' statement about believers in John 15:5, using an analogy from the orchard
11. Bob Cratchit's job in "A Christmas Carol"
12. Symbol of saintliness
15. Fresh ____ daisy
17. "Dilbert" or "Doonesbury"
20. "I'm outta here!"
23. This woman
26. Ages and ages [British spelling]
27. Nickname for Hall-of-Famer Ernie Banks, who played all 19 of his major league years for one team
28. Snake poison
29. ____ Menzel, Tonywinning actress for "Wicked" and the voice of Elsa in "Frozen"
30. The Muppets' Henson, or the NFL's Brown
31. Israeli gun
32. Rapper who collaborated on "Hit 'Em High (The Monstars' Anthem)" for the "Space Jam" soundtrack (anagram of TO MEND HAM)
35. Item on a custodian's ring
36. Have obligations
39. Tough job for a dry cleaner
44. ____ Balls (Hostess snack)
46. Pioneering computer from the 1940's (anagram of CAINE)
48. Remove bandaging from
49. Where Bethesda, Md., and Alexandria, Va., are
50. "It's the end of ____"
53. Detest
54. "You are already ____ [pruned] because of the word I have spoken to you" (John 15:3)
55. Exams
56. Frustrated exclamation
57. Hurries, in Elizabethan English
58. USNA grad: Abbr.
60. Opposite of mini-
61. Fascinated by
63. Mom-and-pop lodging, for short (often preceded by "Air-"; these days)

Diaconate

For some reason I have been thinking about what Easter was like when I was a child.

The first Easter I remember was when my family was living in Bartlett. My Aunt Laura lived in New York and she sent me a new dress to wear to church. That was so exciting.

Back then we wore fancy hats and gloves on Easter Sunday. Easter baskets were filled with candy. Stuffed bunnies were in abundance. Sometimes live bunnies and chicks were also gifts.

Church was mandatory. As a child I did not really understand the true meaning of Easter. I knew Jesus died for us but didn't realize what he endured to save us.

As I have grown in my faith I am overwhelmed and grateful for what he did for me and all of us. His love and devotion is mind boggling.

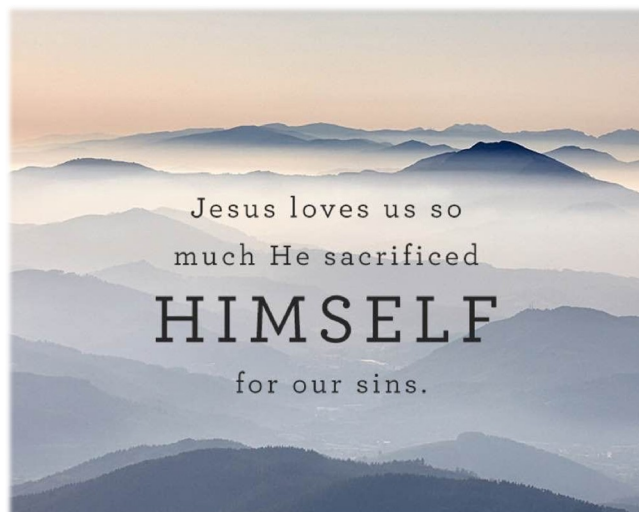
Suzanne Rancourt

Diaconate

*Louise Saxby, Chair; Beth Campbell,
Secretary; Dawn Vitters, Treasurer; Judy
Workman, Mitzi Fitch, and Suzanne Rancourt*

**Next Diaconate
Meeting 3:30 pm
Wednesday,
April 13, 2022**

**April
Deaconess
of the Month
Suzanne Rancourt**



Women's Bible Study JOIN US!

Weekly meetings are
Thursdays 9:30 am
Church Conference Room.
Also on Zoom.

If you would like to join the group,
please contact the office at
603-447-3851 or email
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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY JOIN US!

Weekly meetings are
Fridays 9:00 am
Church Conference Room.
Also on Zoom.

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Diaconate

April 17th Easter Sunday Services

Sunrise service at 5:55 am on the grounds of the church. Join us for this service then enjoy a **breakfast brunch** for fellowship! **Easter eggs** will be given to children old and young!

Bring a new tradition to your family by coming early and "staying late" - our weekly services to celebrate Easter will be held at 10:00am.

All are welcome! Come early, stay "late"!

Spring Event on May 21- 9-am-2pm

Yard Sale items wanted!

Please donate items in good condition!

We are asking for household items in every category EXCEPT clothing, electronics, and upholstered furniture. Items can be brought to the church during business hours up until May 20th, please call the office, 603-447-3851, to arrange drop off location & time. Any other questions can be answered by calling Louise 603-662-7440.

Feel free to ask your family and friends to consider donating to our cause - useful items in good condition please!!

Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated!



In the Orchard



origins of EASTER TRADITIONS

Easter is a religious celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. It is Christianity's oldest and most important holiday. Although the resurrection was likely celebrated before then, the first recorded observance took place in the 2nd century.



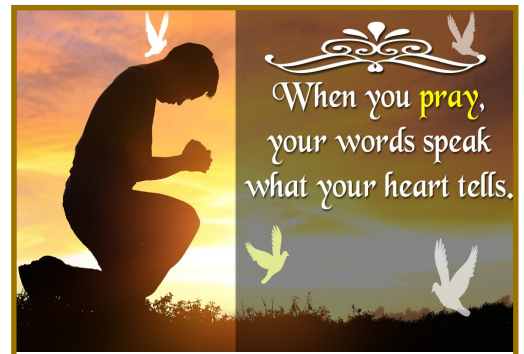
The tradition of painting and decorating Easter eggs began in the 13th century, when churchgoers were prohibited from eating eggs during Holy Week, but decorated eggs that chickens laid during that week.

The Easter rabbit originated in the 17th century and gained prominence in the 19th century. In Switzerland, it was a cuckoo that brought Easter eggs, and in Westphalia, it was a fox.

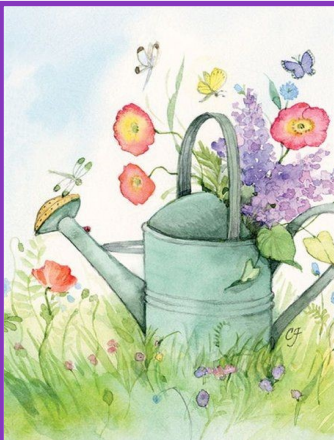


March Worship Service

Date	#	Special Day/Sermon Title
3/2	29	Ash Wednesday - Zoom Only "Stop ... Look ... Listen"
3/6	50	First Sunday in Lent ~ Communion Sunday
3/13	46	Second Sunday in Lent "Is Your Mind set on Earthly Things?"
3/20	53	Third Sunday in Lent "Testing the Limits of Faith"
3/27	52	Fourth Sunday in Lent "Overwhelmed Silently"
Attendance # includes both In Person & Zoom		



- ◇ Alice Clapp
- ◇ Cathy Currier
- ◇ Colleen Albert
- ◇ Ruth Ward
- ◇ Elise Keeney Edgerton
- ◇ Linda Frechette
- ◇ Alice Spear
- ◇ Sharon Campbell
- ◇ Lisa & Sandy Stowell
- ◇ Judy Burgess
- ◇ Jill & Curt Reynolds
- ◇ Susan Proctor
- ◇ Bernie Plimpton



Happy Birthday

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 4/8 Kristin Burnell | 4/16 Bill Weiss |
| 4/11 Laura Sorensen | 4/20 Megan Jones |
| 4/14 Dana Jones | 4/21 Judy Workman |
| 4/15 Lewis Busell | 4/24 Ciarra McIlarky |
| | 4/26 Anne Getchell |
| | 4/30 Suzanne Rancourt |

To add someone to the Prayer List

Please call
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Please provide
mailing address.
Thank you



**May
Newsletter Articles
Due by April 25th**



April Worship Schedule 2022



Sunday, April 3rd – *Communion Sunday*

Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21
John 12:1-8

Sermon: “*Remembering Jesus Christ*”

Psalm 126

Sunday, April 10th – *Palm Sunday*

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 23:1-7, 12-18

Sermon: “*The Scales of Justice*”

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24

Thursday, April 14th – *Maundy Thursday*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Liturgy of the 3-communions

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Friday, April 15th – *Good Friday*, 6:00 p.m.

Liturgy of the 7-Last Words

Sunday, April 17th – *Easter Sunrise Service* 5:55 a.m.

Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

Reflection: “*Complete Nonsense!*”

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Sunday, April 17th - *Easter Sunday* 10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43
John 20:11-18

Sermon: “*Unexpected Joy*”


Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Sunday, April 24th – Guest Preacher, Carl Vitters

Scripture: Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Sermon: “*TBA*”


Psalm 150



**Virtual
WORSHIP
Service**

Sundays 10:00 AM

If you would like the access
information to attend these
“meetings” please send a
request for zoom info to
cvccwebteam@gmail.com



zoom
Worship Service
JOIN US LIVE ON ZOOM



April 2022

He is RISEN

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
May 1st, Sunday ~ Special Meeting					1 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	2 9am AA- Good Morning Group
3 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service	4 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	5 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am	6 AA-Men's Way of Life 6:30	7 9:30 am Women's Bible Study AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm	8 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	9 9am AA- Good Morning Group
10 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service 	11 Dinner Bell 4-5pm Take Out Only	12 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am Trustees 4:30	13 Diaconate 3:30 AA-Men's Way of Life 6:30	14 9:30 am Women's Bible Study AA-Big Book Step Group 7pm 	15 9 am Men's Bible Study  <u>Office Closed</u>	16 Holy Saturday 9am AA-Good Morning Group
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24 10 am Zoom & In Person Worship Service Newsletter Articles Due By midnight	25 Dinner Bell 4-5 pm Take Out Only	26 Food Pantry 9-11:30 am Trustees 4:30 Newsletters Mailed	27 A-Men's Way of Life 6:30	28 9:30 am Women's Bible Study AA Big Book Step Group 7pm	29 9 am Men's Bible Study <u>Office Closed</u>	30 9am AA-Good Morning Group