

THE EARLY MORNING AND FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICES will be on hiatus for the remainder of the church school year (April, May and June) to accommodate our upcoming worship schedule.

In the coming months, the early service overlaps with Palm Sunday, Mother's Day and Children's Day, and the family worship service overlaps with Easter, Heritage Sunday (275th anniversary celebration), and the end of the church school year.

We are grateful that both services have been well received and both will resume in the fall!

OPERATION SANTA: A second grader at Wilkins School asked Santa for 1,000 blankets to donate to needy children. Now we're trying to make her wish come true. New blankets may be dropped off at the Amherst Town Library, or at Clark or Wilkins schools through the end of April.

SHARE FOOD PANTRY requests for April include toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorants, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner. Donations can be left in the SHARE cupboard in the narthex or in the container by the community room entrance. Many thanks for your continuing support!

WHAT IS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING? One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Church's Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

Holy Week Services



Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Senior High Youth Group will present the Passion drama.

Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday
Communion and Tenebrae service at 7:30 p.m.
A Tenebrae service is an adaptation of an early fourth century commemoration of the Last Supper.

Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday
Sunrise service at 6:00 a.m. on the green, with a light breakfast to follow in the community room, sponsored by the senior high youth group.

Easter celebration worship at 10:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY SUPPER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: The next FREE community supper at our church will be on Thursday, April 6, serving from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A delicious menu is being planned. This is a great opportunity to serve your community.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with the April 6 supper. If you can help with the May 2 supper at the SHARE Center in Milford, please contact Bob Miskelly at robertmiskelly@comcast.net or 554-8789; or Bob Gibson at gibson@myfairpoint.net or 672-7244.

THANK YOU to everyone who has helped make these suppers at our church and at SHARE successful!

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In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

Unison

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
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Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.

Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.
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