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The Pastoral Perspective

By the time you read this, Lent will have started. Can you believe that? It seems like it was just yesterday that we were preparing for Advent and Christmas. Now, a new season has arrived, a new chapter has begun. In some ways, it is all so familiar: the texts from Scripture, the stories of Jesus being tested, the Passion that is relived in worship and liturgy, all culminating in Holy Week and Easter. Yes, we have been here before.

But take a closer look and pay careful attention to what is going on. For while this story and its attendant rituals are as old as the faith itself, Lent this year will be fresh, filled with the undiscovered and unseen. And how could it not be? For we each have changed over the past year, we've had new experiences... And we have found creative and novel ways to sin.

Sorry, but sin is inescapable. But rather than give up in the face of our helplessness or ignore sin's reality, we are reminded by our awareness of our failings, whether individual or corporate, that the time to repent is at hand. The moment has not passed us by but instead is clamoring for our full attention. Truthfully, we should be doing this all the year long, but our liturgical calendar, in reenacting the life, ministry, and ultimately death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, affords us a special opportunity, a time to focus with intent on returning to God and his ways.

I hope that during this Lent you will find new meaning in your faith, that you will be spiritually renewed through prayer and reflection, service and sacrifice. The sad news of our lives is that we are separated from God. The good news is that God doesn't want things to be that way and has shown us in Jesus and prompts us through the Spirit to come home, to be our true selves, to identify as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, to give thanks that we are children of the Most High.

A new season has commenced, and the time for us to repent is now—not so much because the end is near, but because God loves us and wants us to turn to him.

May you have a blessed Lent.

Yours faithfully,

Steve

SUNDAY SERVICE

Lenten Lunch Bag Offering

Beginning MARCH 10, our Church School children will again distribute decorated collection bags for two important organizations:

David's House (davids-house.org) and Epilogos Charities (epilogos.org)

David's House offers lodging, meals, and home-away-from-home care for families whose children are in treatment next door at DHMC. Our Lenten collection will purchase basic supplies for the house. Epilogos seeks to improve lives of people in San Jose Villanueva, El Salvador, a model for focused global outreach and a town dear to many at FCC. Our offering funds scholarships for SJV's school.

In both cases, this Lenten offering allows FCC's children to help other children in challenging circumstances, encouraging them to consider stewardship as a way to share God's love.

You are asked to use the decorated bags to collect savings from the sacrifice of a regular treat during Lent. Suggestions include skipping a daily coffee or latte; foregoing munchies when watching TV; or having dinner at home and contributing the cost of eating out. **Whatever your sacrifices, please plan to return your donations on PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14.**

One Great Hour of Sharing

SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING—MARCH 31

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a vital, nationwide UCC offering for mission initiatives around the world. It supports healthcare, education, agriculture, emergency relief, and refugee assistance in over 130 countries. OGHS funds are leveraged with local, national, and global service partners to maximize their impact in these areas.

Please give as generously as you can. Thanks!

HOLY WEEK IS APRIL 14-21

PHILIPPIANS: FOUR CHAPTERS, FOUR WEEKS

Sundays, March 24 through April 14

Enrich your Lenten experience with this study of Paul's letter to the church at Philippi, led by the Rev. Steve Silver. We'll explore a new chapter each week and learn what it means to Paul for us to be a living church. Each session stands alone, so you may come to just one or all four.

RSVP to the church office to let us know if you'd prefer the class before or after worship.

New Members to Be Received

Open House—Sunday, March 31, 11:15

New Members Received—Palm Sunday, April 14

Have you found a welcoming, spiritually nourishing church home here? Would you like to get involved in our programs and ministries? If so, we invite you to join our faith community as a covenant member.

If you'd like to learn more about this invitation, please join Rev. Steve Silver and members of the Diaconate for an informal conversation in the Parlor after worship on March 31.

Questions? Please speak with Rev. Steve Silver or contact the church office.

Community Dinner

Sunday, March 24, 5:00 pm

Leaders: Members of the FCC CHOIR

Many thanks to our beloved Choir for organizing this month's Community Dinner! Please lend a hand to provide this vital service to our neighbors, especially if you'd like to help for the first time.

Sign-ups will be posted in the Parish Hall.

Queued for Coffee Hour

March—Diaconate

April—Mission and Social Action

May—Women of the Church

MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 10a Worship and Church School 11:15a Bd of Govs 5p Community Dinner	25 3p WCBH After-school Group 5:30p Cub Scouts (Bears/Webelos/Girls)	26 7p Boy Scouts/Cubs (AofL)	27 6p UVPRN 7p Bel Canto Chamber Singers	28 10a-6p NH-WIC 7p Choir	1 7p Rehearsal ("The Spacious Firmament")	2 8a Men's Breakfast 1-4p Singing the Psalms: Choral Workshop
3 10a Worship and Church School (Communion) 11:15a MSA 2p Paul Ayres Organ Recital	4 3p WCBH After-school Group 5:30p Cub Scouts (Bears/Webelos/Girls)	5 7p Boy Scouts/Cubs (AofL)	6 ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30p Pack Cmte 6p UVPRN 7p Bel Canto 7p Ecumenical Service at LUMC	7 3p WCBH After-school Group 7p Choir	8	9 2p VT Chamber Artists: Revival
10 10a Worship and Church School 11:15a What Do You Think? Campaign Planning Session	11 3p WCBH After-school Group 5:30p Cub Scouts (Bears/Webelos/Girls) 7p Diaconate	12 7p Boy Scouts/Cubs (AofL)	13 8a-4p NH-WIC 6p UVPRN 7p Bel Canto Chamber Singers 7:15p Christian Ed Committee	14 5:45p Cub Scouts (Lions) 7p Choir	15	16
17 10a Worship and Church School 11:15a Pete Mason's 90th Birthday!	18 3p WCBH After-school Group	19 7p Church Council 7p Boy Scouts/Troop Committee/Cubs (AofL)	20 6p UVPRN 7p Bel Canto Chamber Singers	21 12:30p G-O-S Assn (CoCM) 3p WCBH After-school Group 7p Choir	22 TBD UVMC Rehearsals	23 4p UVMC Faculty Showcase
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If your event is missing or incorrect, please notify us at church@fccleb.org or 603-448-4281.

THE SEASON OF LENT 2019

LENT IS A TIME FOR US TO REFLECT upon our relationship with God, to examine our walk with Jesus, and to take stock of our lives as we prepare for the great miracle and gift of Easter.

LENT IS A TIME TO LOOK WITHIN our souls and hearts, to set aside those things that separate us from God and God's people.

LENT IS A TIME TO JOURNEY into the wilderness, so that we may fully enter into the New Creation.

Journey with us during Lent in worship, reflection, and service.

JOINING IN WORSHIP

March 6—Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm: Ecumenical Service, *Lebanon United Methodist Church*

April 14—Palm Sunday

10 am: Liturgy of the Palms, Sanctuary

April 18—Maundy Thursday

7 pm: Service of Communion and Tenebrae, Stripping of the Altar

April 19—Good Friday

12-3 pm: Quiet Meditation on the Seven Last Words, Sanctuary

7 pm: Service of the Word and Prayer, Sanctuary

April 21—EASTER SUNDAY

6 am: Ecumenical Sunrise Service, Colburn Park

6:30 am: Community Breakfast (beneficiary TBD), Parish Hall

10 am: Festival Service, Sanctuary

STUDY AND SERVICE (See Page 2 for details.)

Sundays, March 24 through April 14—Lenten Bible Study: Philippians

Four chapters, four weeks, and what it means to be a living church.

March 10–April 14—Church School Lenten Lunch Bag Collection

A special offering supporting David's House and the children of San Jose Villanueva, El Salvador.

Sunday, March 24, 5:00 pm—Community Dinner at FCC

Our monthly dinner for neighbors and friends, served this month by the choir.

Sunday, March 31—One Great Hour of Sharing

A nationwide UCC mission offering for worldwide initiatives.

Daily Lenten Reflections

Every day from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, receive a devotional reflection by email.

Sign up by sending a message to silver@fccleb.org.

COMMITTEE NOTES

ANNUAL MEETING 2019

Observing that this year's annual meeting marked nine years since his arrival at FCC, the **Rev. Steve Silver** acknowledged what a blessing it is to serve as pastor and engage in ministry here. He noted a few items of business in progress, including a review of our membership list to more accurately determine the size of our congregation. He recognized the slow but continuing plans for an anniversary campaign, now moving forward. Steve also emphasized our "Congregational" culture of lay leadership and a strong roster of volunteer committees, encouraging us to make sure those roles serve our faith lives, our desires and strengths, rather than becoming burdensome obligations. He commended our church's leadership and thanked everyone for being so generous with time and service.

In his **Clerk's Report**, Brian Clancy referred to the pending review of our membership list, explaining that it will significantly decrease the reported size of our congregation. The benefit will be a more realistic assessment of our membership and its capacities and expectations.

Board of Governors chair John Gilliatt described ongoing insulation projects around the church and an energy audit for the Parsonage. He noted that the larger renovations for the Sanctuary, including floor refinishing, new carpeting, and pew cushions, would all have to be completed together.

For the **Board of Trustees** Valerie Nevel noted that our endowment returns fell roughly 8% because of

exposure to market fluctuations in 2018, although she is confident in their long-term stability. She also recognized those whose bequests had so generously provided for FCC over the years, and Linda Jacobs then read the list aloud.

Barb Jones expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to lead such a hard-working group of **Deacons**, who have accomplished much during the year.

Stewardship chair Jon Scott invited everyone to read his annual report closely, emphasizing in particular our pledge process, which this year has generated a third fewer pledges, for no obvious reason. He asked everyone to consider supporting the church in bequests and other estate-planning choices, noting that we have members who are qualified to discuss how to do that.

After the congregation accepted all committee reports, Moderator and **Nominating** chair Amy Driscoll directed everyone to the proposed volunteer roster for 2019. The Clerk noted a few minor updates to the printed version and explained the difference between "vacant" spots (to meet a minimum required by By-laws) and "open" spots (which are available but not required). Amy reminded everyone of the reality that we cannot fill all our volunteer positions given the size of our active congregation. She thanked everyone for being willing to serve the church.

Linda Jacobs asked about the vacant **Auditor** and **Assistant Treasurer** positions; the former role is filled by an outside contractor (Parkers Accounting), while the latter's main

duty, recording and depositing the weekly offering, was reassigned by Council to the Church Admin two years ago. (The Assistant Treasurer position was nearly eliminated as a result.) It was observed that Terry Ellison devotes considerable time to his Treasurer duties; a redefined Assistant Treasurer position might be helpful in sharing those tasks.

Having voted to accept the full slate of nominations, the congregation considered old business. Amy asked for follow-up regarding the **charter representative for Scouting**, given Biff Simpson's imminent move from the area. Rev. Silver has agreed to fill this role on an interim basis only. Wendell Smith volunteered to take it on, noting his favorable impression of the program on Scout Sunday (February 3).

The meeting next revisited a conflict of interest that some have observed regarding the **Pastoral Relations Committee's** oversight of pastoral

March Meetings

<i>Mission/Social Action</i>	3/3, 11:15
<i>Diaconate</i>	3/11, 7:00
<i>Christian Education</i>	3/13, 7:15
<i>Church Council</i>	3/19, 7:00
<i>Board of Governors</i>	3/24, 11:15

April Meetings

<i>Mission/Social Action</i>	4/7, 11:15
<i>Diaconate</i>	4/8, 7:00
<i>Christian Education</i>	4/10, 7:15
<i>Church Council</i>	4/23, 7:00*
<i>Board of Governors</i>	4/28, 11:15

*moved due to Holy Week

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compensation. Many churches delegate pastoral compensation to a PRC, and FCC has in fact done so for many years, although our By-laws do not assign that task to the PRC. Amy Driscoll noted some challenges of creating a fair, well-informed compensation package that follows the original pastoral contract, as the members of the PRC have limited experience with compensation and contract issues. The designated membership of the PRC does not include any of the church's financial officers, although they have typically been involved in the compensation process.

The Rev. Jo Shelnett, from her time at other churches, has seen PRCs trigger the compensation process without taking on the process itself; she added that the PRC ideally serves as an intercessor between pastor and staff as well the congregation. There was a general desire to clarify what the By-laws specify for both the PRC and Personnel Committee, and wide agreement that creating any new committee solely for pastoral compensation would be inadvisable. The meeting voted to have Church Council pursue this discussion and consider the roles of both the PRC and Personnel.

It was agreed to table a discussion of prospective **capital improvements**. Campaign planning discussions are ongoing, and these will include study of the project list supplied in the Board of Governors' report.

Asked for a brief summary of the **proposed budget for 2019**, Terry Ellison noted staff raises and the effective projections of income and expenses, as well as the somewhat low amount budgeted for capital projects. This was intentional, given the availability of Dole Trust capital funds and the assumption that a campaign might address projects outside the regular budget. Valerie Nevel clarified that the Dole funds accrue annually, whether or not they are spent on anything. John Gilliatt asked about the possibility of escrowing funds for capital projects, as laid out in the budget. Wendell Smith expressed concern about the proportion of our budget that is supplied by our endowment.

Phil Hammond asked how pledge amounts compare to our overall stewardship totals. The amount pledged each year typically accounts for about half of what we ultimately receive in unrestricted contributions from the congregation; that is, many

of those who regularly contribute financially do not make an explicit pledge at the start of the year.

Following unanimous acceptance of the budget, the congregation sang the closing hymn and adjourned to enjoy a delicious potluck lunch.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Reporting to Council in February for the **Board of Governors**, John Gilliatt noted the removal and closure of fluorescent light fixtures in the office ceilings. Two areas still to be insulated are the medallion in the Parish Hall ceiling and the vent fan in the kitchen. The most costly, extensive insulation projects are the Sanctuary ceiling and basement.

Corrine Erskine noted for **Mission and Social Action** that March would be a hunger awareness month, with a grocery cart in the building for food collections. Council also discussed another planned visit by runners from the Ulman Cancer Fund, who hope to stay overnight on Sunday, July 28. The visit would need to be reconciled with the July Community Dinner that night, as some of the runners' parents want to prepare dinner for the Ulman group. It's possible that the runners' families will help prepare the Community Dinner as well. While we would like to host the Ulman group again, it was agreed that our commitment to the Community Dinner must take precedence.

For **Stewardship**, Jon Scott reported that we've received additional pledge forms since Annual Meeting, which is good but still short of our goals

From Church Council and the Nominating Committee

Volunteer Opportunities Still Available

As we approach a new year and a new term for FCC's volunteer committees, Church Council and the Nominating Committee ask you to consider how you might best contribute your skills, interests, and energy to the church's operations, ministries, and mission.

If you're interested in learning more about a committee or available opportunities for service and ministry, please contact the office or **Amy Driscoll (603-448-0976 or amykdriscoll@gmail.com)**.

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for participation. Council was also reminded to revisit the roles of the **Personnel and Pastoral Relations Committees**, as discussed at the Annual Meeting.

Council next considered a proposal for the **Anonymous Coffee House**, which Brian Clancy had circulated the prior week by email. Questions arose about heating costs and how the project would be funded. While there is clearly support for the idea, Council recommended that we host this event on a trial basis. Jon Scott added that we are investigating more opportunities with Lebanon Opera House for joint programming and ticketing of events at FCC.

In his **pastor's report**, Rev. Steve Silver expressed thanks for a good Annual Meeting and noted that we had successfully hosted a pastoral candidate for the Walpole Church on February 17. He looked forward to Paul Ayres' visit on March 2-3, a busy weekend. Steve also confirmed that there will be a church-wide campaign planning discussion after worship on March 10. Planning for **Lent** is underway. The annual Ash

Wednesday service is at LUMC, and Steve will be one of the preachers. He will also offer "Ashes to Go" in front of our church.

Steve remains engaged in his wider-church roles in the Grafton-Orange-Sullivan Association, the NH Conference Investment Committee, the Congregational Library, and the APD LifeCare board. He will go to Cleveland in late March for a UCC Historical Council meeting.

DIACONATE

Barb Jones opened the February meeting by welcoming new deacon Stacey Steele and returning deacons Barb and Steve Teeter. Diaconate leadership remains as it was last year, with Barb Jones as chair and Barb Teeter as vice-chair; Bob Gerlach continues as secretary, and Alyson Danyew-Ellison as treasurer. In a discussion of what new deacons might like to know, suggestions included updates in the Deacons' manual and a summary of duties.

Concern was voiced that some of the **topics raised as prayer concerns**

in worship and presented in after-worship contexts may be too political for some in the congregation. After some discussion, Rev. Steve Silver offered to bring the issue to Mission and Social Action.

In his **pastor's report**, Steve noted that he was consulting with Eliot Fay, a member in discernment who is currently serving the Newport church. Steve has spoken with Jo Shelnuttt about preaching while he is on summer vacation, and about directing musical drama camp again.

Within broader discussion of the **Open Door Ministry**, Steve asked the Deacons to consider a request by a homeless person for cash support of around \$50-100. While acknowledging the need, consensus was that we should not distribute cash to recipients; we may only write checks directly to vendors (lodging, utilities, etc.).

There will be an additional service for **New Members** on a Sunday in the near future. Steve is looking into ways to update our directory every six months and the possibility of publishing it in-house.

Building God's Future: A Legacy of Giving

Each year we're encouraged to recognize the many gifts that we have received from our most generous God. As we continue celebrating our congregation's 250th anniversary, we consider Joshua's provocative question for the children of the Israelites: "What do these stones mean to you?" (*Joshua 4:6*)

What does this church mean to us? Our answers to that question—the stories we've told and continue to tell about our congregation and its ministry—inspire our stewardship commitments, for 2019 and for the next 250 years. Regardless of the size of your pledge, your participation is vital to our plans for this year!

We have so far received twenty-four generous pledges of time, talent, and money for FCC's mission and ministry in 2019. Additional pledges will gratefully be received anytime. And thanks to all!

Offering envelopes for 2019 are in the Parish Hall. Please take your preferred box and record it on the list.

THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION



A FULL FEBRUARY AT FCC. On Scout Sunday we honored a decades-long relationship between FCC and Scouting. A week later we welcomed **new members** Nancy Devenger and Leslie and Claire Thomson. On **Annual Meeting Sunday**, Amy Driscoll moderated church business and a delicious potluck, while the Hammonds reliably collected dishes. We closed the month with the North County Chordsmen.



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MUSIC AT THE MEETINGHOUSE. Lula Wiles sold out the Sanctuary for LOH on Location; anthropologist and tribal elder Donna Moody introduced the show with a recognition of the Abenaki homeland. Betsy Alexander and Laurel Stavis joined Henry Danaher for “Mother Tongue,” a lovely recital of English songs.



Useful Tools for Aging with Dignity

Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00, April 23, 30, May 7
Aging Resource Annex, UV Senior Center

Seniors and their families are invited to participate in this course led by trained facilitators Jan Lord and Jodi Austin. You will learn how to organize your affairs, stay active and connected, and plan for a time when you may not be able to advocate for yourself in important decisions. The course consists of three sessions:

Calendar of Seasonal Living—A fun tool to help you stay active and connected to the community year-round.

Honoring Care Decisions—Detailed information that will help you select a Health Care Agent, prepare an Advance Directive, and have that all-important family conversation about end-of-life decisions.

Checklist of Resources to Aid Life Care Planning—Record information in case someone else needs to manage your affairs due to illness, incapacity or death.

Enrollment is limited! For registration or questions, please call the ARC at 603-653-3460 or email deb.dworak@comcast.net.



Happy 90th Birthday, Pete Mason

Let's Celebrate!—Sunday, March 17, 11:30 am
RSVP to Jane Mason (jgmason35@comcast.net)

The Mason family invites everyone to join in celebrating this milestone in the rich life of one of our congregation's longest-serving members. Pete turns 90 on March 22.

MUSIC AT THE MEETINGHOUSE



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Spring Concerts

All in the Sanctuary, FCC

Vermont Chamber Artists: Revival—Saturday, March 9, 2:00 pm

Among the region's premier choral ensembles and directed by Jessica Pierpont, Vermont Chamber Artists presents music for women's voices by Felix Mendelssohn, Hubert Parry, Erik Esenvalds, Arvo Pärt, and many others. *Adults \$20, seniors \$15, under-18 \$5; more at vermontchamberartists.weebly.com.*

Upper Valley Music Center Faculty Showcase—Saturday, March 23, 4:00 pm

All are welcome to this diverse program featuring the vocal and instrumental excellence of the faculty next door at UVMC. *Adults \$15, under 18 free; proceeds benefit UVMC tuition assistance fund. More at www.uvmusic.org.*

Revels North Spring Singers: Vermont Composers—Friday, March 29, 7:00 pm

The multi-generational chorus of Revels North welcomes spring with a program celebrating the rich, living tradition of folk music, in original pieces and arrangements by composers from Brattleboro to Burlington.

Admission by free-will donation in support of Revels North; more at revelsnorth.org/spring-singers/.

Camerata New England: Spring Piano Trios—Saturday, April 6, 7:00 pm

The acclaimed chamber music group Camerata New England makes its premier performance at FCC with a program of glorious piano trios by Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Turina. Violinist Omar Chen Güey, cellist Linda Galvan, and pianist Evelyn Zuckerman have all performed on international stages. *Adults \$28, under 18 free; tickets available online at cameratanewengland.org, by phone at 802-785-4833, or at the door.*

Classicopia: Reed 'Em and Weep—Sunday, April 21, 3:00 pm

Pianist Dan Weiser welcomes Margaret Herlehy (oboe) and Janet Polk (bassoon) for a lyrical program of trios by Ludwig van Beethoven, Ludwig Milde, Paul Carr, Andre Previn, and more. Perfect for after Easter brunch! *Admission \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; tickets at classicopia.org/concert/reed-em-weep/.*

Bel Canto Chamber Singers: Sudden Light—Saturday, May 4, 7:30 pm / Sunday, May 5, 5:00 pm

Directed by Jane Woods, the Bel Canto Chamber Singers continue their four-decade tradition of choral excellence with a rich selection of music spanning several centuries. Come support FCC's resident chorus!

Adults \$15, students \$10, under 13 free; more at www.belcantosingers.org/concerts.html.

Classicopia: Musical Mothers—Saturday, May 11, 7:30 pm

Cellist Cecylia Barczyk joins Dan Weiser for beautiful, dramatic, but sadly neglected music for cello and piano by three female composers of late-19th-century France: Melanie Bonis, Luisa LeBeau, and Cecile Chaminade. *Admission \$20, FCC members \$15, children free; tickets at classicopia.org/concert/musical-mothers/.*

LOH ON LOCATION: April Verch Band—Friday, May 17, 7:30 pm

Champion Canadian fiddler, singer, and stepdancer April Verch plays traditional styles from her native Ottawa Valley but adds a dynamic, fresh interpretation of bluegrass, country, and Americana. *Adults \$18.50, youth \$8.50; tickets and more at lebanonoperahouse.org/events/april-verch-band/.*

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