

May



2011



THOTS FROM TOM

We had a glorious Easter celebration on April 24th! The Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah and the anthems from our senior and bell choirs was so inspirational.

Our worship service was glorious and spirit-filled. Thank you to all who made the service so meaningful.

The weather even cooperated on Easter morning! As we ended worship the sun was peering through broken clouds.

At this time of year the trees are blooming and bursting forth with new leaves, daffodils are in full bloom, the forsythia is out in all of its yellow beauty, and our lawns are growing, all testimony to the renewing and resurrecting power of God the Creator. This is one of the most beautiful times of year, when all things are made new.

Looking ahead at our busy month of May, we have seven new members joining our church on May 1. Mark and Melissa Curylo, Jason and Taylor Hickey, Kelly Mai and Mark and Tabor Napiello will be joining the church in a brief covenanting service. Welcome, and thank you for choosing the Congregational Church of East Hampton!

On Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day) our Church School will be holding its annual Children's Day Service. This service is always a fun and enjoyable time of celebrating God's blessings as seen through the eyes of our children.

Our annual Open Air Market will be held on Saturday, May 28, from 9am until 2 pm. Each year this is a fun-filled day of a farmer's market, flower purchasing, perennial sales from the East Hampton Garden Club, and crafters and vendors all gathered on the church lawn. Let's hope and pray for warm sunny weather!

As we embrace and celebrate the coming of

spring, amidst the busyness which comes with warmer weather, take some time to literally stop and smell the roses. As we rush from task to task and from one appointment to another, we can become so busy with our lives that we don't stop to enjoy what God has created. Worship continues every Sunday at 10 am; what better way to celebrate God's blessings than to gather with others to give thanks on Sunday mornings? I hope I see you there!

Have a blessed month!

Faithfully,

Tom

COSA MATTERS

One of the new projects COSA took on this year is establishing a connection with our local housing authority. We have a connection within our church in Jodi Brazal who works for the EHHA. She does so much more than attend to the housing needs of our local seniors. One of our new ministries is to help Jodi send cards to seniors. She is asking us to collect cards to defray the expense. In the months of May and June we will collect cards and give them to Jodi to send to seniors. Look for a card collection box in Fellowship Hall.

In addition, Jodi has contacted us with some needs for a specific resident. If you can donate any of these items or have any questions regarding these items, you can email Jodi directly at ehha@att.net Thanks for your support.

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Here is the list:

- *Bookcase with back & door on the bottom (to hide things behind)
- *Smaller kitchen table
- *Phone table
- *One set of twin sheets
- *Mattress cover
- *Radio

The Food Bank is all settled in the Chatham Corner Building at the corner of Route 16 and Routes 66 (240 Middletown Ave). Just a reminder, the Food Bank is located in the back of the building. The new phone number is (860) 267-7300. The Food Bank is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 9am – 12noon and they are ready to accept donations. The annual Postal Food Drive will be May 14th this year. Though they do not need help on that day, they are asking people to donate items to the drive that are in the greatest need. This is the list of those items in shortest supply. They are asking for:

- laundry soap
- toothpaste
- dish soap
- tuna
- ketchup
- mustard
- canned fruit
- coffee
- tea
- jelly
- salad dressing
- canned corn

Thank you for your continued support.
 Deb Robinson

MUSIC

The Senior Choir and Bell Choir celebrated the Easter season with the cantata, One Sacrifice by Joel Raney on Palm Sunday.

The participants are;

Senior Choir-Sopranos:Sherry Baine,Joyce Chamis, Karen Gallmon, Val Greco, Kristine Pekar

Altos:Nancy Crouch, Mary DeCoursey, Nicole Snurkowski

Tenors:Peter Aarrestad, Regan Gallmon,Anita Guerin

Basses:Lance Crouch,Jed Dolde,Whitney Fielding, Scott Jackson, Tim Quackenbush.

Narrators: Jonathan Baine & Sherry Baine.

Bell Choir- Lorraine Barlow, Sue Carr, Nancy Crouch, Helen Curylo, Nancy Dolde,Bobbie Fitzgerald, Lynn Hastings, Joanne Kneeland, Joyce Jasinski, Jean Raad.

This cantata was made possible by the Berwick Fund.



Y2K May Calendar
 Wednesday, May 4
 5:30-6:45 Bring \$4 for pizza
 Wednesday, May 25
 5:30-6:45

End of year picnic
 Bring your favorite ice cream topping!

Youth Sunday, May 8th
 Our annual Youth Sunday will be May 8th this year. All church school classes will be leading the service and it is sure to be a spiritful morning! **Please have your child(ren) at church at 8:30 for a one time rehearsal. PreK/Kind do not need to arrive until 9:30.**

Kudos Korner

What a busy bunch of church mice we were in April! Thank yous go out to: Alison Daley for hosting our Easter Bonnet making party, all our Macho Men Bakers, everyone that donated to our College Care Packages, the Spring Dinner kitchen and decorating crew, everyone that donated and assisted with the Tag Sale, Cyndi Shirshac for planting petunias at our entrance way, the mystery person who fixed the women's toilet, and anyone else that helped our church family in any way! Church mice keep us humming along!

Helping Hands

Be sure to let the church office (860-267-4959) or

Jill Walker (860-267-7180) know if you or someone you know of from our church family is in need of some helping hands. We have people who will provide meals, rides to appointments, help with a simple household task or just visit until things get back to normal!

Seeds of Hope Update

***Thanks to everyone that gave an offering for our Easter Celebration. The Seeds of Hope money will be used to offset out of pocket expenses beyond our fundraising which may make it possible for someone to participate that might not have been able to, and for leadership expenses.
 ***Visit our Bake Sale table on the front lawn during the Memorial Day parade

**ANNUAL SPRING MARKET
 ON THE LAWN
 SATURDAY, MAY 28th FROM 9-2
 Flowers, Veggie Plants, Farmers
 and Crafters Market**

Volunteers are needed for food concessions, flower tent sales and service.
 Sign up for a shift in Fellowship Hall .
 Wagons are needed to transport flowers to customers cars- sign up in FH if you have a wagon to loan

Invite your family and friends to this festive Spring event. Breakfast and lunch will be served- egg sandwiches, muffins, coffee, hot dogs, chips and drinks.

Contact Rick Walker at 860-267-7180 or JUSTUSPITAS@comcast.net to be a vendor. Crafters, home based business vendors, nonprofit groups. \$20 to set up for the day, \$10 non profit groups. Bring your own tables and tent if desired.



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Old Home Day Silent Auction Challenge

Our Old Home Day Silent Auction is our traditional part of the festival weekend whose success depends on items to bid on and volunteers to run it. The auction will be July 7-9.

It's not too soon to start thinking about how you want to contribute items. Here's a list of ways to donate so that the event is easy and fun because of the variety of items to bid on:

Re-gift things you will not use and cannot return, scour the house for new items that you do not need after all, donate a service you can provide, gift cards from your business, event tickets, time share weeks, host a home based party and donate one or more of the "Host" gifts you earn, go ahead and purchase something you think would be a bid getter! Items should have a minimum bid value of at least \$15 but higher minimum bids can bring bigger results and up to priceless will be accepted! All things should be new though true antiques are welcome. Nothing that would be better suited to a tag sale please!

Items can be brought to the blue classroom closest to the furnace room beginning June 12, so look for more info in the next issue of the Chatter for how to drop things off and volunteer with set up or hosting during the auction. THANK YOU!!

Women's Potluck

Monday, May 2nd 6:30PM

at the home of Diana Evans

38 Keighley Pond Rd 860-2674356

Bring a dish to share and join us for fellowship and conversation

Never beens always welcome!

ALTAR FLOWERS

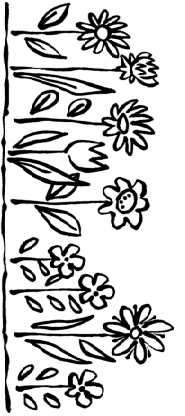
Thanks to Jeanette Knotek for her many years acting as flower chairperson for our church. Under Jeanette's watchful eye, our altar has been graced for the last ten years or so, with a lovely flower arrangement, given in celebration or memory of someone or something.

Beginning in May 2011, I am pleased to be the flower chairperson. There is a new "Flower Calendar" in Fellowship Hall, located on the door next to the exit/entrance of Fellowship Hall (near the church offices). This calendar shows the year at a glance: who is signed up and what weeks are available. Please consider signing up for any week that is open (as this is a new system...at this point, there are many openings !!). Kindly write your name and phone number. I will call you for the appropriate wording you wish to have in the bulletin.

Our church has a standing arrangement with "It's So Ranunculus" Flower Shoppe in Marlborough. For a cost of \$30, they prepare and deliver an arrangement to our church. If you wish to have a particular flower or color in "your" arrangement, they are very receptive to such requests. If you prefer to make an arrangement yourself, that is perfectly fine...just let me know or Ann in the church office. We will notify the florist that an arrangement from them would not be needed that week. Flower arrangements can be taken home after worship on Sunday or left to be delivered to a shut-in (if you are leaving the arrangement and would like it brought to a shut-in, please notify the church office, myself, a Deacon or Rev. Kennedy) There will also be a sheet posted, next to the Flower Calendar, for a list of folks that are willing to donate flowers when no one is signed up. Thanks so much for your continued support and enthusiasm of having a lovely arrangement of fresh flowers grace the altar each week!


I welcome any questions or suggestions.

Karen Gallmon



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 2 nd Sunday of Easter Communion Sunday Worship/ New Members, 10am <i>Seeds of Hope</i> , 11am AA, 8pm	2  Women's Potluck 6:30pm	3 Tiger Cubs, 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts, 7pm	4 Bible Study, noon Y2K, 5:30-6:45pm Cub Scout Leaders/Parents, 7-9pm AA, 8pm	5 Bell Choir, 6-7pm Sr. Choir, 7:10-8:30pm	6	7
8 <i>Mother's Day!</i> Youth Sunday Worship, 10am Deacons, 11:30am AA, 8pm	9 Cub Scouts, 6:30-7:30pm	10 Boy Scouts, 7pm	11 Bible Study, noon Daisy Troop, 6pm AA, 8pm	12 Bell Choir, 6-7pm Sr. Choir, 7:10-8:30pm	13	14
15 Worship/Baptism, 10am AA, 8pm	16	17 Boy Scouts, 7pm	18 Bible Study, noon AA, 8pm	19 Bell Choir, 6-7pm Sr. Choir, 7:10-8:30pm	20	21
22 Worship, 10am AA, 8pm	23 Mom's Group, 10am	24 Church Council, 7pm Boy Scouts, 7pm	25 Bible Study, noon Y2K, 5:30-6:45pm AA, 8pm	26 Bell Choir, 6-7pm Sr. Choir, 7:10-8:30pm	27 Set-up for the Open Air Market	28 Open Air Market 9am-2pm
29 Worship, 10am <u>Church School Workshop</u> AA, 8pm	30 Memorial Day <i>Seed of Hope</i> bake sale at parade	31 Boy Scouts, 7pm			