



Church of Our Saviour Episcopal Milford, New Hampshire

*Forming community through Christ,
serving community in Christ*

Wednesday Notes for April 10, 2024

Dates to remember

Tonight - Wednesday, April 10: Book Group (*The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg) 6:30 p.m., *Holder Chapel*

Saturday, April 13: Messy Church, 4-6 p.m., *Undercroft*

Saturday, April 27: SHARE Outreach Collection, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *Market Basket, Milford*

Please check our online calendar for upcoming dates and events [HERE](#).

This Sunday's Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.



Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,

and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Bible discussion

Today, the Wednesday Group meets in person for Holy Eucharist and discussion led by Michael Reinke, followed by conversation over lunch. Pack a sandwich and join the group.

You are welcome to participate whenever you can as we reconnect and discuss our faith and life together. It's informal; you do not have to be a Bible scholar to participate.

We gather on the first and third (and fifth if there is one) Wednesdays at 11 a.m. on Zoom to check in with each other and to discuss Sunday's gospel.

Father Michael celebrates Holy Eucharist at noon on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Please join us in the church on these days.

Join us at Messy Church on Saturday, and invite some friends, too!



Our next Messy Church, with a Caring for God's Creation theme, is Saturday, April 13, from 4-6 p.m. After an hour of theme-related activities suitable for all ages, there's an interactive storytelling/celebration time, followed by a pizza dinner and a make-your-own-sundae bar.

We are excited about helping more folks explore God's love in this welcoming, accessible way. "Church, but not as you know it." We've advertised via posters, social media (please share our posts), email, and lawn signs, but *word of mouth* is always the most effective means of spreading the word. So, if you haven't already done so, please extend an invitation to Messy Church. If they come, you and that person earn a referral gift: either a Church of Our Saviour tote bag or a gift certificate to Toyland.

Please view the Messy Church info and video on our [church website](#) for a better understanding of Messy Church or reach out to [Debbie Donnelly](#) or our priests with your questions.

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good." — Genesis 1:31

Earth Day coffee hour April 21

At coffee hour on April 21, we will have a display of lifestyle and sustainability changes our households have implemented to be better stewards of God's creation.

What ways have you found to be more energy efficient, to reduce waste, to utilize more eco-friendly products, and to protect the environment? There will be tables set up to display items and photos you bring in, and an easel for you to write out your suggestions. We look forward to learning from one another.



What a Crock fundraiser

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a year-round fundraiser called 'What a Crock' to help us raise money for outreach grants to local non-profits like SHARE, Bridges, and Family Promise of Greater Nashua.

How does it work? You just click on this [link](#), create your account (selecting Church of Our Saviour Lucia as the organization to support), and order the frozen foods you'd like which are then shipped directly to you. To save on shipping charges, consider placing your order with a friend; discounted shipping starts at orders of \$50 and free shipping starts at orders of \$99 or more.

The merchant then donates 20 percent of all orders to Church of Our Saviour's outreach committee. And you have some delicious meals in your freezer, ready to pop into your crock pot or oven. Take a look at their [menu](#). No subscriptions, buy whenever you want, and whatever you want. What could be easier?

Sacred Ally Quilt Display

April 20-28

Unitarian Universalist Church, 20 Elm St. Milford

A display of quilts immortalizing the tragic
last words of George Floyd,
symbolizing the need for racial justice



Sat & Sun 12-8 pm

Mon, Wed, Fri 10-2 pm

Tues & Thurs 4-8 pm

Featuring the film, *Stitch Speak Breathe*
and discussion with creator, Chris Owen
Sunday 4/21 4 pm

**Quilting for Social Justice
Workshop
Wednesday 4/24 10-2**

**Sacred Conversation
with Rev. Koyama
Sunday 4/28 3 pm**

Presented by: Granite State Organizing Project; Congregational Church of Amherst; Milford
United Methodist Church; Unitarian Universalist Church & Church of Our Saviour, Milford

A powerful exhibit of quilts will be displayed April 20-28 at the Unitarian Universalist Church here in Milford in collaboration with Church of Our Saviour, other area churches, and Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP). As you may recall, in 2020, a Minneapolis police officer murdered George Floyd during an arrest by kneeling on his neck for more than nine minutes. Quilters from nine NH churches stitched Floyd's last words into beautiful quilt panels. Shining a light on racial hatred, their art is a visual prayer calling on us to love each other and to heal the pain of our past.

Admission is for a suggested donation. Look for flyers around the church with dates and times. If you feel called, please click this link to sign up and volunteer for part of the event: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48A5AA2DA7FAC25-48770956-sacred#/>

Meet our Outreach recipients

Church of Our Saviour's outreach grants traditionally are made possible thanks to our various fundraisers and in-gatherings, Charitable Trust grants, designated gifts, and allocations by the vestry to outreach from Christmas Fair proceeds and year-end surpluses.

Your Outreach Committee thought parishioners would find it interesting to learn more about recipients of our outreach grants. You no doubt know that SHARE is a long-standing beneficiary, but do you know that there are more than 10 other worthy charities we support as we seek to extend God's love to those in need? In the coming months, we'll briefly highlight a different recipient each week.

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is a regular grant recipient of ours, and sometimes we've held additional targeted in-gatherings to help ERD's work ministering to refugees, such as Ukrainian refugees in Europe, and to communities ravaged by natural and human-made disasters. ERD's mission is to "facilitate healthier, more fulfilling lives in communities struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease," whether in the US or overseas. Their four interconnected priorities are:

- "Early Childhood Development: equipping parents and caregivers so young children can reach their full potential.
- Women and Girls: forging partnerships to reduce gender-based violence and advance equality.
- Climate Resilience: investing in communities to strengthen resilience to climate change.
- Disaster Response: providing emergency relief and long-term support in disasters."

Their method is not a top-down approach, but one of collaborating with local Anglican partners and local communities to provide effective, locally endorsed programs and assistance over the long haul.

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." — Matthew 25:40

SHARE Collection April 27

Outreach will hold a collection of food and personal care items at Market Basket in Milford on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We'll have a table set up outside the main entrance with signage letting folks know that we're Church of Our Saviour holding this collection for SHARE. We will give shoppers a list of needed items as they head inside, then collect donated items, gift cards, or cash/checks on their way out, and deliver everything to SHARE that afternoon. We held a



collection like this in June 2023 and collected about \$2000 in food and cash donations for SHARE!

Interested in helping staff our table for an hour or two? Please contact Debbie. Thank you.

SHARE's food donations down

Please continue to keep SHARE in mind each week as you shop. Right now, their food donations are down to a trickle says Executive Director Chris Janson, and they are needing to purchase food to provide groceries to their more than 100 clients each week.

Outreach will therefore re-start the “reverse offering” where slips of paper with a category of item needed by SHARE are handed out periodically with the Sunday bulletin and you’re asked to bring that item in the next time you’re at church.

You can drop these items in the basket in the Church Narthex, take items directly to SHARE (1 Columbus Ave., Milford, Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30), leave them in barrels at Shaw's or Market Basket in Milford, or Bar Harbor Bank & Trust (32 Elm St., Milford), or donate online via their [Amazon Wishlist](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support to this vital community organization providing food, clothing and emergency financial assistance to area families in need.

Our Prayer List this week

Please keep these loved ones in your prayers for healing and support: **Betty, Joanne, Deirin, Mabel, Cathy, Carrie, Erika, Cheryl, Susan, Ben, Diana, Carole, Joe, Forrest, Brian, David, Valerie, Terry, Peggy, Jeff, Sharon, Paul, Amanda, Stephanie, Dick, Andrew, Fr. Jack, Fred, and Lu.** May God’s grace and the healing love of Jesus Christ be with them each day.

Please call or email the office to add names to the prayer list. When the time comes that a name could be removed, please let the office know that, too.

Altar flowers/Sanctuary lamp

Altar flowers are given this week to the glory of God.

The sanctuary lamp burns in honor of the Lord's presence with us, given this week by Jan in memory of her devoted dog, Annie.



To donate for the lamp or flowers, sign upon the calendar in the Narthex (to the left of the Memorials Book) and fill out one of the forms there; or simply contact the church office (mail, email or phone) with your name and those to be honored.

The suggested donation is \$10 for the lamp and \$35 for flowers.

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