

# THE FOCUS

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

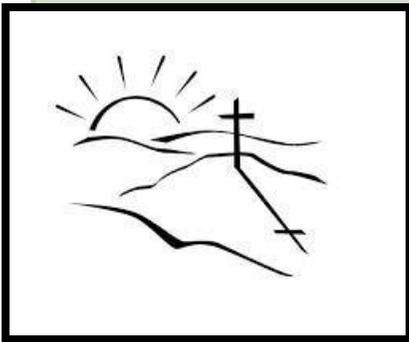
MILFORD, NH

APRIL 2018

## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Members and Friends,

Does Easter's proclamation of Jesus' resurrection really matter? As our world spins through the galaxies of our universe and grows older like all the stars, I wonder. Has humanity learned anything from the ages of violence and greed that punish us daily? Are we evolving to understand that Adam's sin still grips us with the need to be our own god and to have it our way? It appears from my vantage point of sixty-six years that we – collectively – are not. Our world grows more violent, more polluted, more unjust and more divided as we spin our path through the universe. The sun rises and sets each day on the same sad story of humanity's failures. We now live in a time where truth is turned on its head; where the gift of scientific exploration is ignored; where civil discourse has grown into a game of winners and losers; where the alien and the immigrant are the enemy. Through it all we see images of children starving that haunt the soul and move some to tears, but still the dying little ones come into view day after day after day. Slavery is still a reality in our world and sex trafficking moves in the shadows of our streets and on the internet. Have we not learned? Do we not see? We are our own worst enemy. Left on our own we will destroy the gift of life and possibility that has been given to us; for surely we did not arrive sensate on our own or by our own design. The fact that we are "alive" was not our choice. We live as though it were.



For me the answer lies in my heart; not so much in my intellect. I believe that God has given us the gift of life that places us for but a brief speck of time into an unfolding universe – one within us and one beyond us – that can fill us with awe and wonder. Collectively we have been blind, deaf and ungrateful for this gift. The pain of this is clear. The Gospel of Good News is that rather than ignore what we have done (and are doing), God has entered not only the awe and wonder of creation, but also the pain and brokenness of what we have and are doing to ourselves. This is the message of the cross and the tomb. God has become poor and broken that we might find our way back home. In the Four Quartets, T.S. Eliot sees Jesus like a surgeon on a mission of healing.

*The wounded surgeon plies the steel  
That questions the distempered part;  
Beneath the bleeding hands we feel  
The sharp compassion of the healer's art  
Resolving the enigma of the fever chart.*

With bloody hands Christ comes as a refugee child wounded among us and displayed on our violence of a cross, naked and alone. Yes, here is the giver of all that we have or ever shall be surrendering all; Jesus in

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...from the Rector, continued

the pain so that the pain can be redeemed and defeated once for all. Saint Paul called this the wisdom of God that makes our knowledge utterly foolish. He wrote, "But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. (cf. 1 Corinthians 1)

Does Easter's proclamation of Jesus' resurrection really matter? Look in the places of pain – within your own pain as well – and your heart may see Him alive and beyond the death and doubt and blindness of our lives. Allow your heart to see him in the lives of men, women and youth who are speaking and acting against the brokenness. Look with your heart. You will see them. In them the Word is made flesh and is very much risen and alive. What the eye does not see the eye of the heart is there to guide us.

Alleluia, Christ is risen and may his peace be always with you,

Hank +

## News from Outreach

### CROP Walk 2018: Helping End Hunger, One Step at a Time

Join us on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> for the Souhegan Valley CROP Hunger Walk.

#### Why Walk?

- Showing solidarity with those worldwide who walk miles for water and food to live
- Great exercise
- Fun working together to raise awareness and funds

#### Who Benefits?

- Hungry people worldwide through Church World Service
- Those experiencing hunger locally, as 25% of funds raised goes to SHARE and Wilton Open Cupboard
- The walkers (exercise, treats, and that feeling of making a difference)

#### When?

- Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Registration begins at 1:00 at St. Patrick's Church
- Walk step off at 2:00

#### Where?

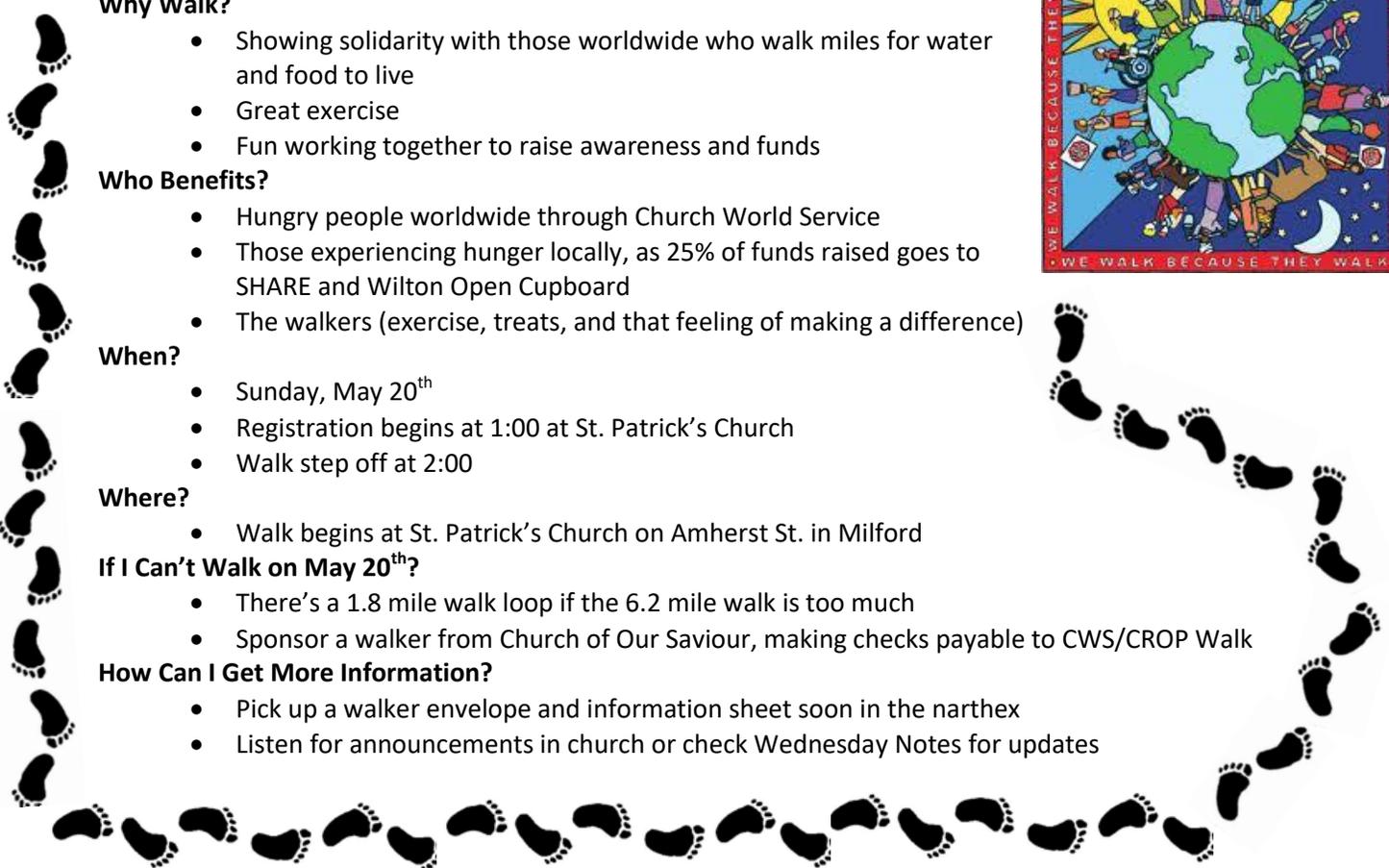
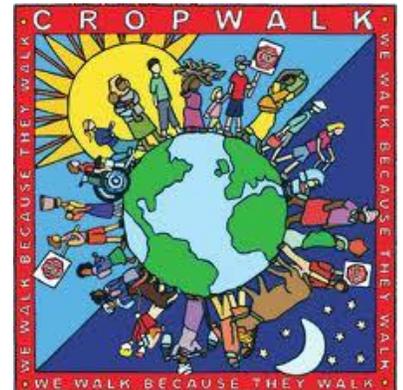
- Walk begins at St. Patrick's Church on Amherst St. in Milford

#### If I Can't Walk on May 20<sup>th</sup>?

- There's a 1.8 mile walk loop if the 6.2 mile walk is too much
- Sponsor a walker from Church of Our Saviour, making checks payable to CWS/CROP Walk

#### How Can I Get More Information?

- Pick up a walker envelope and information sheet soon in the narthex
- Listen for announcements in church or check Wednesday Notes for updates



## Rummage Sale Reminder

Church of Our Saviour will hold a rummage sale **Friday, April 13**, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and **Saturday, April 14**, 9 a.m. – noon (\$2-a-bag after 11 o'clock).

Rummage sales can benefit (almost) everyone:

You know you want to de-clutter. As you sort through your closets, your cellar and your garage, you find clean and usable items that you no longer need, but which might prove useful to someone else. You carry those things to the church, and like magic, less clutter in your life.



Our neighbors in the community find clothes, household items, gardening equipment, toys and who-knows-what-else that they need. We offer those things at a price they can afford.

Everything we earn through the rummage sale goes to support our church's outreach activities. We don't have to search very hard to identify the needs.

YOU can help:

- Gather your don't-needs, your don't-wants, your don't-have-room-fors and leave them in the Undercroft before noon on Friday, April 13.
- Help spread the word: Take one of the posters on the table in the Narthex to the library, the grocery store, your condo bulletin board. Tell your friends we will accept their contributions, too.
- During the week before the sale, but especially between Wednesday and Friday, stop in and help set up, sort, hang, display and price items. Be part of the sales force on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Help clear the decks on Saturday afternoon. Be a cashier. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

If you have donations but you need assistance in getting them to the church, please call or text me or email.

– Elizabeth R



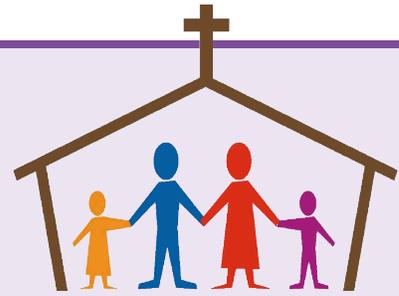
## Climate Change Presentation



Patrick E will present material on climate change on Earth Day **Sunday 22 April at 2 p.m.** downstairs in the church. Pat taught Biology and Environmental Studies at Keene State College for 35 years. He will discuss the science supporting climate change, problems caused by climate change, and some solutions to the problem.



## FROM THE VESTRY



I would like to briefly offer my thoughts on the concept of serving on the Vestry.

I do not particularly like the word “serve”. To serve is a time honored tradition that encompasses community activity as well as national considerations. However, serve is an action word that brings with it also the choice not to serve. This creates the situation that you might think, on any given day, you can just bow out for a while, not join in for an indeterminate period of time and catch up later. My opinion is that this is not possible when participating in a process that is as much a calling as choice.

As an example of my personal philosophy, I offer the advice I gave my children as they were starting their own families. Basically you are going to be a parent. If you dwell on all of the stuff that this entails such as lacrosse, football, music lessons, trips to the doctor or hospital, family events that drag you away from sleep, sun and fun and all the emotional lows and hi’s that go with this parent thing, you are going to be depressed and constantly question if you have done the right thing, chosen the correct path. In fact, this is what being a parent is all about, there is no value judgment involved, you just do it because that is what it takes to do what you do. Enjoy, there really is nothing more important.

I consider my time on the vestry not as serving, just doing what is done to be a member of the CoOS family.

Scott B (Scottness)

*The opinions expressed in this column are the author’s own and do not represent the stated position of the Vestry*

## Women’s Group News



**CANINE COMPANIONS**  
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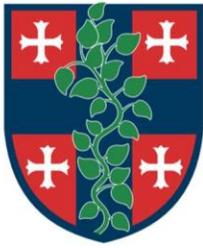
dog. Her experiences with Sundance and other dogs she has trained should make for a fascinating program.

All (not just the women!) are welcome to join us at **11:30 on April 21** when we will have a pot luck lunch followed by a most interesting topic. For further information contact Jean T.

At our April 21st meeting we will be welcoming our own Kim B as our speaker. Most of you have seen Kim, her husband Jim and their son and daughter, Camden and Gabrielle, at our services accompanied by their beautiful dog Sundance. Kim is raising Sundance to be a service dog who, at the end of the process, will be a skilled companion to someone in need. She will be telling us about the training procedures and the final goals she aims to achieve with each



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# The Church of Our Saviour

## April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER SUNDAY	2	3	4	5 9:00 Centering Prayer Group  7:00 Adult Choir	6	7
8 Easter 2	9	10 6:30 Workcamp 2019 Meeting	11 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study  6:30 Executive Committee	12 9:00 Centering Prayer Group  7:00 Adult Choir	13 5-7 Rummage Sale	14 9-12 Rummage Sale
15 Easter 3	16	17	18 10:00 Crestwood 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study  6:30 Vestry	19 9:00 Centering Prayer Group  7:00 Adult Choir	20	21 11:30 Women's Group Luncheon
22 Easter 4  2:00 Climate Change Presentation  May FOCUS Deadline	23	24 7:00 Southern Convocation	25 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study	26 9:00 Centering Prayer Group  7:00 Adult Choir	27	28
29 Easter 5	30					

### Our normal Sunday schedule...

#### September — June

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 9:45 a.m. Nursery  
 10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

### Community groups using Church of Our Saviour....

#### Scout Pack 421

Den Meetings:  
 Mondays 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
 Thursdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

7 days a week 6:30 a.m.  
 Friday 8:00 p.m.  
 Sunday (men) 5:30 p.m.  
 (women) 7:00 p.m.

## Café Eucharist – Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock

*Join us for discussion, fellowship and an informal Holy Communion*

*In the CoOS Undercroft downstairs*



### Sister Act Sneak Peak

The cast members for Actor Singers "Sister Act" will be joining us at the 10 O'clock service on **Sunday, April 15th** for a sneak peak at this hilarious and fun musical.

And join the Actor Singers May 11-13 for "Sister Act" at the Keefe Center for the Arts in Nashua. Use promo code EASTER on [actorsingers.org](http://actorsingers.org) to get \$2 off online ticket purchase.

Also check out the dinner/show deals on the [actorsingers.org](http://actorsingers.org) site.



## GRANITE STATE ORGANIZING PROJECT

Thank you so much for your donation of \$500 from the parishioners of the Church of Our Saviour in support of

GSOP's NH Immigrant Solidarity Network. Your generous contribution will help us in our work to support immigrant families in need with advocacy, accompaniment and emergency situations.

I so much appreciate the engagement of your parish and the presence of Church of our Saviour members at vigils and meetings of the NH Immigrant Solidarity Network. I enjoyed the chance to meet some of the members when I came with Eva Castillo for the Immigration 101 presentation.

As you know, the need continues, every time we are at Immigration and Customs Enforcement for one of our vigils, we hear another heart breaking story and meet another family in distress. The support of congregations and the wider community is very important in times like these!

Thank you again for your support and please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions about our work.

Sincerely yours,  
Sarah Jane Knoy, Executive Director





### On the Calendar for Early May:

- May 1 Community Supper at SHARE
- May 5 School for Vestries (details coming soon!)
- May 6 Café Eucharist 10:00 a.m.
- May 11 Newcomers Dinner 6:00 p.m.

## With a Grateful Heart

### From Group Cares:

Dear Church of Our Saviour,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$894.34 to the Hurricane Relief Efforts of Texas and Puerto Rico. On behalf of Group Cares, our staff and the thousands of people we serve, we want you to know how much we appreciate your support.

In His service,  
Tim Gilmour, President

### From Episcopal Relief & Development:

Thank you for demonstrating your ongoing commitment to healing a hurting world through Church of Our Saviour's generous contribution of \$1,100 to Episcopal Relief & Development.

May you have a peaceful Lent,  
Robert W. Radtke, President

## April

### Birthdays

- 2 Jenny L  
Danielle K
- 3 Leslie A
- 4 Isabella A
- 6 McKinley W
- 7 Fred R
- 8 Adam C  
Joanne C
- 10 Beth K  
Kevin H
- 11 Dana M
- 17 Susan R
- 20 Paul M  
Patrick E
- 28 Daniel C
- 29 Bill A
- 30 Jeffrey L  
Donna S

### Anniversaries

- 19 Michelle & Phil R

## Early May

### Birthdays

- 1 Ted C
- 3 Mabel D  
Steve T
- 4 Deb M
- 5 Mae L

### Anniversaries

- 7 Gail C & Jim M

*If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed please contact the parish office with your information.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

<i>February</i>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD 2018</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<i>Pledge Income</i>	\$11,941.00	\$15,107.00	\$ 36,101.50	\$ 30,214.00
<i>Other Income</i>	\$ 2,407.01	\$ 1,759.00	\$ 3,722.84	\$ 3,518.00
<b><i>Total Income</i></b>	<b>\$14,348.01</b>	<b>\$16,866.00</b>	<b>\$ 39,824.34</b>	<b>\$ 33,732.00</b>
<b><i>Total Expenses</i></b>	<b>\$16,688.31</b>	<b>\$16,370.00</b>	<b>\$ 35,190.82</b>	<b>\$ 33,959.00</b>
<i>Surplus(Deficit)</i>	\$ (2,340.30)	\$ 496.00	\$ 4,633.52	\$ (227.00)

*Note: \$13,100 prepaid pledges for 2018 are reflected in YTD Pledge Income*

### Parishioners e-mail List

If you're not on our list and would like to be able to receive our "Wednesday Notes" or other important parish news as it happens, please contact the parish office at 673-3309 or e-mail us at [office@coosmiford.org](mailto:office@coosmiford.org).



# OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**Forming community through Christ;  
serving community in Christ.**

## STAFF

*Rector:* The Rev. Hays "Hank" Junkin  
*Parish Administrator:* Dawn Catalanotti  
*Minister of Music:* Carla Carney  
*Church School Coordinator:* Leah Riseman  
*Sexton:* Joe Anton  
*Focus Editor:* Valerie Hungerford

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*Warden:* Elizabeth Rotch  
*Warden:* Chipper Brown  
*Treasurer:* Mae Landesman  
*Parish Clerk:* Cathy Hazelton

*The FOCUS deadline is the Sunday after the Vestry meeting (which is usually the third Wednesday of the month). Submissions from parishioners are welcome. We retain the right to edit submitted material.*

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### Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 AM Nursery Care  
10:00 AM Choral Holy Eucharist

### Weekday Schedule

Wed, 11:30 AM  
Holy Eucharist, Lectionary at Lunch

### Office Hours

8:30 -3:30 Mon, Weds, Fri

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