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# The Messenger

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Dear Friends,

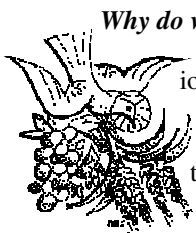
On February 12, 2012, it was announced by Bishop Peter Weaver that Rev. James Cann will become the new pastor at the United Methodist Church of Westford (MA) effective on July 1, 2012. In the five months leading up to that day, there are several transitions that need to take place for the pastor and church. I have created this blog to help in that process. It will help me to say good-bye after serving for nine years in this wonderful community, I can help as you prepare for the new pastor. All of this while we continue to do ministry in this community. Questions and answers will be two-way and will be somewhat moderated so that we build the body of Christ.

Where has the time gone? In many ways it seems like I just arrived, but the truth is that I have had a long and stable appointment, as the United Methodist Church goes. I will miss you. I have been with you at some of the most important times in life; baptisms, confirmation, weddings, funerals, hospitals, and in many homes. One of my greatest joys has been to see how so many of you used your talents to step up to ministry and leadership opportunities, and you have done a great job!

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**Sky VBS** It's hard to believe that summer is just around the corner. If you are looking for a high-flying , unforgettable time, come experience Sky Vacation Bible School. Sky VBS, "Where everything is possible with God"(Mark 10:27) will be coming **July 9-16** from 5pm to 8pm. We will be flying and soaring with games, food, videos, music and drama. Keep your eyes open for our requests for donations that are necessary to keep VBS free for all who attend. The VBS donations request center will be up soon. There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping with VBS this year in April. Volunteers are always needed to help spread God's love. Please ask me if you have any questions. In His service, Linda Smith



### Why do we “do” Communion?

We here at First UMC Rochester celebrate Holy Communion at all three services on the First Sunday of each month. Those Sundays, along with a few special occasions (or High Holy-days, where we get the term *Holiday*), are meant as a time for each of us to openly welcome the love of God, remember the sacrifice of his Son Jesus Christ, and to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Our Communion in March we will try a slightly different approach to the serving of the sacraments. The past several months at many of our 8:30 services, we have invited people up to the table, and as we stand around the table (most of the time in groups of 12), we take of the bread and the “new” wine (or grape juice as it is better known) and then pass it on to our brother or sister to our left. This “intimate dining experience” of the simple but soul nourishing meal shared with Christ, brings a closeness and spirituality to many who have participated in similar settings. At our 10am worship, we will have two tables, one on either side of the cross, and members will proceed up the center aisle as we typically do, stand at the table in groups of 12, receive the sacraments, and then return to their seats. We will have a similar single-table setup for our 5pm Hope Café worship as well. The staff and worship committee has discussed this opportunity to try it out-hoping you will be enriched by it, and we welcome any feedback you may have to further enhance our worship time together. With that said, we also wanted to refresh and educate all of our members and visitors with a better understanding about Communion.

Following the last Supper, the time when Christ knew of his coming death, he shared a Passover meal with his disciples and, as he often spoke to them by giving living examples (parables), he took the bread, blessed it, and said to them “take this as my body...and each time you eat of it...do in remembrance of me”. He then gave thanks over the cup of wine, and again said to them “take this as the blood of the new covenant...each time you drink of it, do in remembrance of me”\*.

Below you will read excerpts from *The United Methodist Member’s Handbook, Revised and Expanded by George E. Koehler -Discipleship Resources, 2006*).

*As early as the Emmaus experience on the day of Resurrection, recorded in Luke 24:13-35, Christians recognized the presence of Jesus Christ in the breaking of bread. The traditional Jewish practice of taking bread, blessing and thanking God, and breaking and sharing the bread took on new meaning for them. When followers of Christ gathered in Jesus’ name, the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup was a means of remembering his life, death, and resurrection and of encountering the living Christ.... this custom of Eucharist became the characteristic ritual of the community and the central act of its worship.*

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### A Big **THANK YOU TO OUR** Messenger

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Hammond Organ available for Donation only to the First United Methodist Church Discretionary Fund. Owner: Jessie Boucher. Organ will be given in as is condition. Call Donna Walter 1-207-339-2144 See Church Bulletin Board for photo.



The birthdays listed in this monthly publication are what is in my computer system. If you don’t see your birthday please let the office know so we can update our records.

### The Messenger

Published once a month for the members and friends of First Methodist Church of Rochester. The purpose is to inform the church of meetings, upcoming events and to proclaim the works of God in our midst. Articles are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the following month’s newsletter. The Messenger will be mailed and emailed during the last week of the month unless there are extenuating circumstances. The First United Methodist Church is in connection and mission with all United Methodist churches in the World including the United States, New England Annual Conference and the Tri-State District.

**Worship 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm Sundays**  
**Childcare available during 10 a.m. service along with Sunday School**  
**Church Office hours:** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. M-F  
**Phone:** 603-332-4170 **Email:** office@firstumcrochester.org  
**Church Website:** www.firstumcrochester.org  
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Like baptism, Holy Communion is regarded by Protestants as a sacrament. That is, it's an act of worship ordained by Christ and is a means of grace. This does not mean that we become any more worthy of God's grace by taking part in Communion. Rather, we open ourselves to the divine love that's already there; we become more ready to receive that love and respond to it. As with baptism, we use common, physical gifts of the earth, bread and wine—though in United Methodist churches we prefer unfermented grape juice\*(recognizing many may have issues with using alcohol). All Christians are welcome at our table, whatever their denomination. Holy Communion is a family meal, and all Christians are members of Christ's family. Therefore, in each congregation, when we receive the bread and cup, we join with millions of brothers and sisters across the ages and around the world. Holy Communion (or the Lord's Supper) is a mystery too deep for words. Its meaning will vary for each of us ... three essential meanings are caught up in this proclamation in our Communion service: "Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again" (The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 14). **"Christ has died"** In part, Communion is a time to remember Jesus' death, his self-giving sacrifice on our behalf. In remembering his passion and crucifixion, we remember our own guilt; so the Lord's Supper is a time of confession: "We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.... We have not heard the cry of the needy" (The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 12). **"Christ is risen"** ... Communion is not a memorial service for a dead Jesus. It's not a time to wallow in our own guilt. It's a time to celebrate the Resurrection, to recognize and give thanks for the Risen Christ. The bread and wine represent the living presence of Christ among us...nourished by this meal, our eyes are opened; and we recognize Christ here in our congregation, our community, and our world. What's our response? Thanksgiving! \* The Eucharist is another word we use to describe Communion. It's meaning? Thanksgiving! **"Christ will come again"** ... we also celebrate the final victory of Christ. We anticipate God's coming reign, God's future for this world and all creation. As Jesus said, "I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matthew 26:29). Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are all on God's Team. We are here to help be Christ's hands and feet-building the kingdom. Discipleship is hard work. When we take of the bread and juice at the Lord's Supper, together as friends gathered at his table, we are nourished to tackle the tasks ahead.\* May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you- \*Skip Smith, Pastoral Assistant

## March 2012 Worship Support Team Sch

Date	4th	11th	18th	25th
<b>Greeters</b>				
8:30	Don & Sue Raab	John & Marilyn Bryant	Lynda Ward	Brenda Sewall
10:00	Barbara Leyburn, Rhonda Serno & Debbie Reed	Judy Saddler & Janice Lewis	Dottie Longo & Guest	Carl & Elaine Mallabar
<b>Usher Team</b>	B	C	D	E
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hillary Mayotte	Nicholas Genkinger	Mikah Smith	Emma White
<b>Sound Tech</b>	Charlie Devito	Danny Hughes	Frank Ward	Sam Tweedy
<b>Liturgists 8:30</b>	Lois Hallum	Jane Combs	Robert Molinaro	Gary Leugnyer
<b>10:00</b>	Youth-Jacob Bennett	John Christiansen	Kristen Sturtevant	Elaine Menard
<b>Communion Stewards</b>	<b>8:30 Joan Brown</b> <b>10:00 Rita Ward</b>			
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Cheryl & Rick Wachter			

## MISSION MINUTE FOR MARCH

Your mission's team is off to an exciting start in 2012 but *we need your help*. Our meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month right after the 10 o'clock service, ALL are welcome to attend. Lately there are about three people attending those meetings and it is very difficult to get outreach and mission projects off the ground with so few volunteers. We have some great outreach ideas that need bodies from the church family to do the work.

We continue to support local missions: the area food pantries, Project Pride and our own fellowship kitchen. This means that each week someone has to take the items collected from the church to the place we are giving them; right now Bob Bourne has been our delivery man- special thanks to him for that.

There will be signup sheets on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center to go and support the *Cooper Community Center in Roxbury MA*. I would like to get at least one day in April with about 15 people: it will consist mainly of painting window trim and ceilings.

March brings us our last Souped Up Sunday. These have created great fellowship for our congregation and funds raised through Free-Will donations support our Missions scholarship fund. (\$157 raised in Jan.!) There will be a sign up sheet in the welcome center for soup makers, bread buyers/bakers, and drink providers. Your help and support is appreciated.

We also have a Red Cross on March 31-a few volunteers and some baked goods are needed-look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Looking ahead we have up to 3 fund raising opportunities for Missions as well as the church general fund with Race Track clean-ups. I will be posting the dates soon. The last item on our radar is the annual yard sale in June, I would like to know if anyone is interested in leading the coordination for this event-if so please see me.

To continue great things, if the whole church family shares the load it makes the load lighter for all. Thank you for all you do!  
In Christ- Dan Saucier Missions Chair

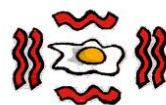


## **Blood Drive Saturday, March 31, 2012 9 - 2**

The Missions & Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive to be held in Hurd Hall Saturday, March 31, 9 AM – 2 PM. A critical need for blood always exists and all church members are encouraged to donate as well as help promote the Drive by inviting family, friends, coworkers and neighbors.

In addition to donating blood, you may also signup to assist the Red Cross staff at the Drive registering donors, escorting donors and serving refreshments – signup sheets will be available Sunday, March 18. The five hour Drive will be divided into two work shifts. Signup sheets will also be available for baked goods to be served to donors.

**Please support** this important mission activity by donating a pint of blood and/or assisting the Red Cross staff at the drive.



**BREAKFAST**

**Don't forget to join us for Monthly Breakfast**, every second Saturday of the month from 8-10. All are welcome! Breakfast is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. All you can eat! Pancakes, eggs, bacon, and other marvelous Methodist breakfast foods. **Hope to see you on Saturday, March 10, 2012.**



**Cancer Prayer And  
Support Group  
March 7, 2011  
6 pm - 7:30 pm and  
First Wednesday Of The Month**

**Our Church Cancer Ministry  
Helping People In Their  
Community  
Accept Them For Who They Are  
Care For And Support Each Other  
Show Respect For Other Religions  
Support People Facing Difficulty**

**Welcome Diverse Opinions And Beliefs**  
*If You Know Of Someone Who Has Cancer Invite Them To Join Us.*



Our MYF, Methodist Youth Group, is open to all area Middle and High School Students. Meetings are held regularly with game nights, outings, missions work and more! Jen Bennett,

Holly Letourneau, Jon and Michelle Pyrich are our MYF Advisors. Jordan Watson and Kaitlyn Lindsay are the MYF leaders.

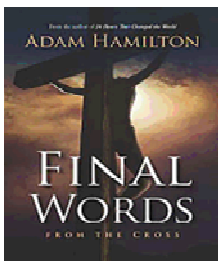
**MYF MARCH SCHEDULE:**

**Mar 4<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm**

**Mar 25<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm**

*\*A special prayer for those members participating in the SHS Drama production*

*"Phantom of the Opera" March 16-24<sup>th</sup> –"Break a leg"!!*



**Lenten Bible Studies**

**Final Words from the Cross** begins Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm **Leader:** Gary Leughmyer

**Final Words from the Cross** Soup and Study begins on Wednesday, February 22 at

12 Noon **Final Words**

**Leaders:** Jim and Barb Cann

**24 Hours that Changed the World Lenten Studies** will be featured at Hope Café on Sundays at 5 pm

**The Names of God Lenten Services** will begin on Thursday February 23, and every Thursday through Lent at 7:00 am



**Would You Like to Join our church family?**

If you would like to join this church and become a member of our family, there is a new members informational meeting on the first Sunday of every month following the worship services.

The meeting will be with the Pastor in the Chapel. New members then will be welcomed on the second Sunday of the month.

**SPPRC: Who are we, and what do we do?**

**SPPRC = Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee**

Our committee is charged with facilitating communication among and between the pastor, all church staff, and the greater congregation of the church.

The SPPRC meets on the fourth Monday of each month to review and discuss all areas of the church, continually keeping foremost the church's mission in Jesus Christ. We also discuss any successes or concerns that may have been brought forward by anyone in the church.

Committee members are persons nominated and voted on at our annual Church Conference, with each serving for 3 years. We are obligated to meet prayerfully and in confidentiality.

If you have a thought or suggestion for addressing a need in the church or community, or a concern about any area of the church and its functioning, please feel free to contact any SPPRC member. Most members of the committee are in Church on Sundays, and can also be available at other times.

The members of the SPPRC for 2012 are:

- Jim Cann
- Norma Bourne
- Roy Brill
- Deanna Christiansen
- Jennifer Mayotte
- Claude Saddler
- Dan Saucier
- Cynthia Sparks, Chair
- Donna Walter
- Henry Wolforth
- Dennis Schafer, Lay Leader liaison

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*From day one I have felt your love and support and that makes it hard to leave, but the United Methodist appointment system is the best there is. The Bishop and District Superintendents, each year prayerfully consider the needs of each and every local church as described by the Staff Parish Relations Committee. As churches become open, again they prayerfully match the needs and mission of the local church and matches that with the best pastor that can meet the needs and mission of that church. I am excited about your new pastor, although that person has not been chosen yet. You can count on the fact that it will be the best person for this congregation. Man or woman, young or old, of color or white, God will work mighty things through that person.*

*Please keep Barbara and I in your prayers as we prepare to leave. I will keep you in mine, and we will all pray for that new pastor, God knows who it is, that will come up beside you to share God's love with you and with the community.*

*I especially pray for those newer members who may not have gone through a time like this in a church. Please stay with the congregation, draw closer to God, and know that it will be OK. You are strong in your faith in Jesus Christ, it could be that the best is yet to come!*

In Christ,  
Rev. Jim Cann

**Looking for a fun family night? Look no further than First UMC! Saturday, March 10**, the Family Life Committee will be hosting a "Dinner and a Movie". Starting at 5:30pm, we will meet for a Potluck meal together, then we will have the New Veggie Tales movie "Robin Good and His not so merry-men" for the kids and "Courageous" for teens and adults. Due to this event and vacation week, there will not be a Couples meeting for the month of March, so please come and join us for this church-family fun!

*"Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may **learn** your commandments" Psalm 119:73*

## First UMC Rochester's Christian Education Update

### Feed Your Mind

Welcome to our first edition of what we hope will be an easier way to see all of the activities and opportunities to educate all of God's children—regardless of age! Each month we look to inform you of our Sunday School Rotation program, adult studies, youth group activities and all things related to Christian Education. We appreciate your feedback on this format and on our current programs. Email me at: [gvthnx@gmail.com](mailto:gvthnx@gmail.com).

### CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Wow, how the time flies! I cannot believe I am already writing to you for the month of March!! We had a great time celebrating Scout Sunday in February with our troops based here at our church. I hope everyone will take an opportunity to get involved in one of the Lenten studies/services taking place over the next several weeks. If you are unable to get to a study, then check out our great resources in the Media Center. We have 5 Youth that have begun their confirmation class—looking to be confirmed in June. This is an exciting time for these young disciples as they learn about the history and culture of the Methodist Church. The Christian Education Committee would also like to thank those who have come forward to serve and help in the nursery; it is great to have that need in the church! If you know someone looking to find a church—please invite them to check out our wonderful youth programs and adult study groups here at First UMC.

In Christ,  
Daniel A. Saucier [dasaucier@gmail.com](mailto:dasaucier@gmail.com)

\*During 10am services, nursery care is available for babies and toddlers. See our Nursery Coordinator Joette Mackenzie if your child needs care or you would like to volunteer!



In April, watch for our new *"Teacher Feature"*, as we introduce you to some of our Sunday School Volunteers!



Check out our website at [www.firstumcrochester.org](http://www.firstumcrochester.org). The website is updated weekly with the info given. Peruse our site and if there are any errors, suggestions or info missing let the church office know.



**March Sunday School Theme:**

*Mary of Bethany Anoints Jesus!*

**Memory Verse:** “Mary of Bethany recognized that Jesus is the Messiah and responded to his love by anointing Jesus with oil. We know that Jesus is the messiah, and we can also show him our love by our actions”! (JOHN12:1-8)

March Teaching Schedule:

**Stu Simon- GAMES- Classroom #3**

Mar 11 Grades 1 & 2  
 Mar 18 Grades 3 & 4  
 Mar 25 Grades 5 & 6

**Donna Brill- ART- Classroom # 6**

Mar 11 Grades 3 & 4  
 Mar 18 Grades 5 & 6  
 Mar 25 Grades 1 & 2

**Linda Smith- SCIENCE-Classroom # 5**

Mar 11 Grades 5 & 6  
 Mar 18 Grades 1 & 2  
 Mar 25 Grades 3 & 4

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade “The Upper Room”**

March 11 Michelle Pyrich  
 March 18 Kristen Sturtavent  
 March 25 Kelly Hearn

\*SENIOR HIGH will study “Final Words from the Cross”



**Pre-school in Classroom # 2**

Mar 4 Scott & Jen Mayotte  
 Mar 11 (TBD)  
 Mar 18 Marion Veno  
 Mar 25 Kaitlyn Lindsay

Happy New Year. Yes, I know it is March, but this is my first article for the Newsletter as your new Chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Committee. John Wilderman wanted to step aside as Chairman to pursue additional education. We all should thank John for his dedication as Chair of the Committee.

My name is Carl Mallaber. You might remember what I look like if you saw me in church with my wife Elaine. Were the ones that usually wear the same sweaters. Sort of a tradition based on our past ventures. Anyway, we have been involved with many churches during our life time and usually volunteer with different committees. With our last church, I served as Chairman of their Stewardship and Finance Committee as well as serving on other committees. We have always been Methodists, but our last church was a “United” church blending both the Methodists and Presbyterian churches after the Methodists church burned beyond repair.

When I was asked to become the next Chair, I was apprehensive at first, because in other churches, I served on the committees first. I certainly prayed about it and decided that if I could help make a difference and contribute, then ok.

There are a number of financial reports for me to get use to and decipher with this church having a financial secretary and a separate treasurer but rest assured that this church is in good financial standing. Our financial secretary’s report stated that at the end of the year 2011, that all bills have been paid, the conference apportionments were paid in full and 95% of the budgeted amount had been reached. The treasurer’s report was all in order with \$15,176.45 in the checkbook at the end of 2011.

The talent dollar program is progressing very well, but our committee wants to make it clear, that the members using the talent money is not connected with their pledge money. The money used and received is outside anyone’s pledge amount.

Also note that the fuel assistance envelopes are being used by some. Please help if you can, even though we have not had a lot of snow this winter, it still has been cold.

My wife and I really enjoy being members of this friendly church and I am very happy to be serving as your Chair.

Yours in Christ,  
 Carl Mallaber



## From the Mailbox:

To My Church Family,

I want to thank you all for the cards, phone calls, visits and well wishes while I have been recovering from my surgery. It really means a lot to be a part of such a caring "family". Love, Sue Nolan

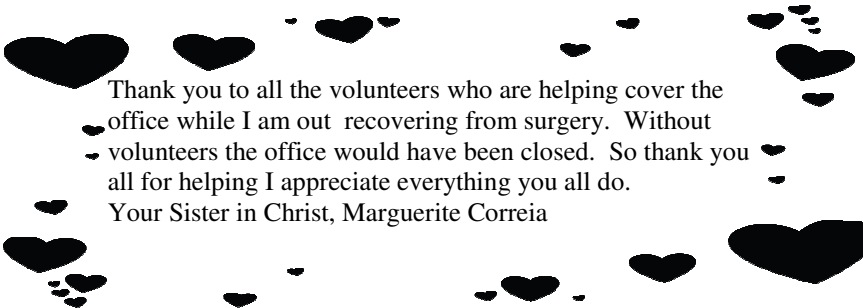
A postcard from Florida: To all of our friends at church, All is well in the south. Weather is beautiful, however, I miss all of you. We'll see you early April. We continue to keep all of you in our Prayers. Vern & Jeanne French



Thank you for the thoughtful cards sent to me since the loss of my dear sister. Whenever welcoming anyone new to our church, I like to say "Love lives here" and indeed it does. It 's an amazing church. In Christ's Love, Sylvia Dowst



Valentine's Day Card: You all are Like Family to me! My Love to you all. Hugs & Kisses and lots of good wishes! Happy Valentine's Day! God Bless you all. Love Alison



Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping cover the office while I am out recovering from surgery. Without volunteers the office would have been closed. So thank you all for helping I appreciate everything you all do. Your Sister in Christ, Marguerite Correia



If you have a Service member on Active Duty and you would like Sip and Share to send them cards, please give us their address.

# Happy Birthday

Birthdays for the month of March

- |                      |                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Mary Melendez      | 17 Julie Blanchette          |
| 1 Joy Gambardella    | 17 Evelyn Crawford           |
| 2 Sharon Roberts     | 17 Shirley Owen              |
| 2 Kate McManus       | 18 Sandy Suydam              |
| 3 Thomas Sturtevant  | 18 Joel Miltner              |
| 3 Patricia Dotson    | 18 Joshua Miltner            |
| 4 Hadgu Rufael       | 19 Jacklyn Theriault         |
| 4 Kyle Burrell       | 19 Gwendolyn Hoermann        |
| 5 George Jenness     | 20 Gloria Stiles             |
| 5 Jean Teeter        | 20 Gib Hearn                 |
| 5 Jo Ellen Meehan    | 20 Jennifer Saucier          |
| 5 Margaret Combs     | 20 Chris Foss                |
| 6 Donna Hughes       | 20 Michael Roy               |
| 6 Todd Hearn         | 21 Barbara Winkley           |
| 7 Katherin Meehan    | 21 Kevin Lindsay             |
| 7 Cindy Parrish      | 21 Peter Miltner             |
| 7 John Sheehan       | 22 Samuel Fortier            |
| 8 Jon Pyrich         | 22 Molly Erickson            |
| 8 Kathryn Hughes     | 22 Helen Amazeen will be 92! |
| 9 Cory Walker        | 23 Hillary Mayotte           |
| 9 Jeff Hardy         | 23 Callie Pomeroy            |
| 9 Katherine Campbell | 24 Sandy Skammels            |
| 9 Maxine Parmer      | 24 Mary Fortier              |
| 9 Daniel Livernois   | 25 Ronald Therrien           |
| 9 Lori Scott         | 28 Michael Burney            |
| 11 Chandler Peterson | 29 Kent Marzoli              |
| 13 Amanda Allen      | 29 Gary Leughmyer            |
| 13 Sandy Fernald     | 29 Darryl Genkinger          |
| 14 Ethan Mott        | 30 Sally Riley               |
| 14 Christine Allen   | 30 Edna Carr                 |
| 15 Emily Brownell    | 30 Jessa Schaaff             |
| 15 Megan Charles     | 30 Phyllis Amero             |
| 15 Mark Morrow       | 30 Adam Behr                 |
| 15 Dan Youch         | 30 Margareta Hogne           |
| 16 Scott Mayotte     | 31 Holly Letourneau          |



There is more to quilting than might be obvious to a passerby. Several steps offer life lessons. The Project Linus Team will be sharing these with you from time to time. It takes a variety of fabrics and shapes to make a quilt interesting. Isn't this also true in life? Wouldn't life be dull if people were all the same? God has given us variety in all of creation.

Let's celebrate that just as we celebrate colors and shapes in our quilts. Some things need occasional assistance from others – Some fabrics have obvious right and wrong sides while others are not an easy choice. Some look right in one light but dubious in a different setting. Ever had this dilemma in life choosing right from wrong? Sometimes it seems like a good idea at the time.... Thank God for forgiveness and grace (and stitch rippers when quilting).  
Come and share fellowship with an opportunity to comfort children in crisis by creating "Blankets". Project Linus Team gets together Monday evenings at 6 PM and Wednesday morning at 9AM. We cut, iron, hand or machine stitch, tie knots, crochet, knit, visit and laugh. Everyone can choose what they would like to do or do it all. Blankets can be worked on in the group or at home. Help is always available. All materials are provided or can be brought. You will be blessed as you share your gifts or learn a new skill while giving a blessing to children.



SPAGHETTI Dinner to Benefit St. Charles Children's Home sponsored by Greater Rochester Interfaith Council. At St. Mary Church 71 Lowell Street Rochester, NH. Tickets are \$7 per person children under 5 are free. Two seatings are available one at 5:15 pm the second at 6 pm. Takeout is also available. St. Charles Children's home is located here in Rochester and supports children from families in crisis. To find out

more about this ministry go online to :[www.stcharleshome.org](http://www.stcharleshome.org)



Don't Forget to set your clocks ahead on Sunday March 11, 2012 for Daylight savings also called "Summer time"



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers And Condolences:

Family of Ryan Collins, Family of George Tsakiris, Family of Dr. Tu, Family of Norman Patch, Family of Earl Packard, Family of Richard Bond, Family of Hillary St. Pierre, Family of John Breen

Prayers and Concerns:

Rob Francis & family, Murray Nickerson, Andrea Evans, Jade Paige, Lynn Renard, Nick Mott, Lois Hofemann, Roland Hofemann, Don Bessey, Diane McManus and family, Ted Blackey, Ruth Young, Louise Langlois, Marian Veno, Dottie Longo, Vickie Grant, Skip Smith, Sue Endres, John Wallace, Sophia DeVito, Ralph Potter, Emily Brownell, Dennis Esposito, Nick Gnazzo, Maxine Brownell, Barbara Schubert, Kathy Crystal, John Crystal, Charlotte DeVito, Pat & Paul Elkins, Rich & Marilyn Henderson, Judy Savigano, Mary O'Malley, Joe & Nate & Jonah Routhier, Sandi Skammels, Fred Burrill, Rebecca Bourne, Diane & Kate McManus, Jeanne & Vern French, Millie Servetas, Niadmi Crystal, Betty DeVito, Pat Pynn, Dan & Paul Cole, Tom Lunn, Ernestine Cann, Steve Mitchell, Tim Hill, Stacie McCoy, Elsie Elwood, Daniel McCarthy, Jennifer Covell, Holly Bennett, Pastor Jim Cann, Med Tibbetts, Morgan Allen, Teresa Stewart, Skye Ward

Prayers For The Ministry We Support:

We Support Dr. Belinda Forbes & Family



# 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HH - Hurd Hall WB - Whitford Bldg C1- Conf. Rm 1 WB C2 - Conf. Rm 2 HH L - Library Ch - Chapel				1 7 am Lenten Service 9-11 am - Mommy & Me 10 am - AA mtg. C2 5 pm Soup Kitchen 6:30 pm Senior Choir	2 7 pm Singles	3 9 am Book Review 10 am - AA Step C2
<b>4</b> <b>Worship Together Sunday</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b> 11 am New Comers Class 9 am Children's Choir 6 pm MYF 5 pm Confirmation Class	<b>5</b> 10:30 am -AA Big Book C2 6pm Skein & Able & Linus 6:30 pm Finance(C1)	<b>6</b> 5 pm Soup Kitchen 7 pm - Scout Meeting 6:30 pm Witherell Bells 7 pm Lenten Bible Study-C1 7:30 pm Circuit Ringers 7:30 pm - AA C2	<b>7</b> 7 am-Mens/Womens Breakfast (Friendly's) 12 pm Soup &Study (C1) 4:15 pm Youth Choir 9 am Skein Able Linus 6 pm Cancer Prayer grp 6 pm Cub Scouts	<b>8</b> 7 am Lenten Service 9-11 am - Mommy & Me 10 am - AA mtg. C2 5 pm Soup Kitchen 6:30 pm Senior Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8-10 Breakfast 9 am - Reunion Grp (C1) 9 am Book Review 10 am - AA Step C2 6 pm Couples Social Network Movie & Dinner Potluck
<b>11</b> Set Clocks Ahead 9 am Children's Choir 11:30 am Christian Ed. (WB) 11:30 am Missions 5 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm MYF	<b>12</b> 10:30 am - AA Big Book C2 6pm Skein & Able & Linus 6:30 pm Worship Comm. (Ch)	<b>13</b> 5 pm Soup Kitchen 7 pm - Scout Meeting 7Lenten Bible Study-C1 7:30 pm -AA C2 6:30 pm Witherell 7:30 pm Circuit Ringers	<b>14</b> 7 am - Mens/Womens Breakfast (Friendly's) 12 pm Soup &Study (C1) 4:15 pm Youth Choir 6 pm Cub Scouts	<b>15 Newsletter Deadline</b> 7 am Lenten Service 9-11 am - Mommy & Me 10 am - AA mtg. C2 5 pm Soup Kitchen 6:30 pm Senior Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9 am Book Review 10 am - AA Step C2
<b>18</b> 9 am Children's Choir 11:30 am Discipleship (Ch) 11:30 am Family Life Mtg 5 pm Confirmation Class 6 pm MYF	<b>19</b> 10:30 am - AA Big Book C2 6pm Skein & Able & Linus .6 pm Lay Leader 7 pm Admin Council	<b>20</b> 5 pm Soup Kitchen 7 pm - Scout Meeting (HH) 7 pm Trustees (WB 2nd fl) 7 pm Lenten Bible Study-C1 7:30 pm -AA C2 6:30 pm Witherell 7:30 pm Circuit Ringers	<b>21</b> 7 am - Mens/Womens Breakfast (Friendly's) 12 pm Soup &Study (HH) 12 pm Rebecca Circle (C1) 4:15 pm Youth Choir 6 pm Cub Scouts	<b>22</b> 7 am Lenten Worship 9-11 am - Mommy & Me 10 am - AA mtg. C2 5 pm Soup Kitchen	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9 am Book Review 10 am - AA Step C2
<b>25</b> 9 am Children's Choir 11:30 am Missions Souped up Sunday 5 pm Confirmation Class 6-8 MYF	<b>26</b> 10:30 am - AA Big Book C2 6pm Skein & Able & Linus 6:30 pm SPPRC	<b>27</b> 7 pm - Scout Meeting (HH) 7 pm Lenten Bible Study-C1 7:30 pm -AA C2 6:30 pm Witherell 7:30 pm Circuit Ringers	<b>28</b> 7 am - Mens/Womens Breakfast (Friendly's) 12 pm Soup &Study (C1) 4:15 pm Youth Choir 6 pm Cub Scouts	<b>29</b> 7 am Lenten Worship 9-11 am - Mommy & Me 10 am - AA mtg. C2 5 pm Soup Kitchen	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9-2 Blood Drive