

circa 1915 Postcard




CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH BUCKLAND, MASS.

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Don't forget to change your clocks to Daylight Savings time on Saturday night March 13th. **"Spring forward..."**

Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter that begins the Holy Week. It is the day that we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as Savior and King. As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of people shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
					Happy Birthday Paul S.	Happy Birthday Judy W.
Worship 10:30 am Communion Sunday have bread & drink available with you in church or at home	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Happy Birthday Sarah F-S.	Happy Birthday Marge S.		 Change clocks ahead 1 hour
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 10:30 am	Happy Birthday Cyndie S.		St. Patrick's Day 			Spring begins 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Worship 10:30 am Happy Birthday Matt V.	Happy Birthday Jill J.		Happy Birthday Don W.			
28	29	30	31	"Palm Sunday's thought; Life is full of ups and downs. Glorify God during the ups and fully trust in Him during the downs." - Anonymous		
Worship 10:30 am Palm Sunday 						

Worship offered in the church building and via Zoom online

Since August 2020, worship has been offered in the church on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as well as being broadcast on Zoom.

We are following all state and local guidelines which dictate the number of people allowed, social distancing, cleaning requirements, etc.

If you have questions about attending in-person worship, please email us at info@marylyonchurch.org or call Worship & Spiritual Life Committee member Anita at 413-625-6481 for more info.

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Zoom & Technology Equipment Purchases

Your technology committee is grateful to all donations for making our Comcast Wifi and other technology possible. During this pandemic and into the future it will keep us connected to our friends and members who live near and far. Recent purchases were made that include a laptop computer for the church which we hope will provide consistent settings week to week and for the future. A new camera, better suited to the visuals across the room, was also acquired. For those of you in the church building, **thank you** for allowing the distraction of additional microphones and wires. ALL feedback on how this is going is appreciated and sought! Your Technology Committee is Carl, Annie, Judy and Tina. Reach us by calling any of us directly, leaving a message on church phone or by email:

info@marylyonchurch.org

Volunteers Wanted for In Church Computer

We are looking for additional volunteers to facilitate the Zoom Service in church Sunday mornings. We'd love to have at least three or four individuals who could share this responsibility. Instructions and training will be provided. If you are able to help out, please contact Annie Stephany or Judy Willis.

Flowers for Worship

March Anita U.

(March was originally Tina but Anita offered and Tina is grateful!)

April (Easter flowers) Vi S.

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Thank You for Your Continued Support

Offerings and weekly donations payable to the Mary Lyon Church can be sent to our church collector, Vi S. whose address is in our directory or mail to the church to Vi's attention at Mary Lyon Church, P.O. Box 87, Buckland, MA 01338. This money goes to church expenses like utilities, insurance, salaries, etc. You can also specify you would like all or part to go to the Missions of the church.

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NO BAKE BAKE SALE

It's not too late to send in your annual donations to our church wide, month of February, "No Bake Bake Sale" fundraiser. We've been doing this for the last few years as a general fundraiser. (thanks for the idea Cyndie!) If you went to a church bake sale, what would you spend on sweet, delicious goodies? If you were to bake for the sale, what would you spend on ingredients? Send whatever \$ you feel called to send, to the church with "No Bake Bake Sale" on the memo line of your check.

Thank You!

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Food Pantry Collections

Mar: Cereal – especially hot choices like Oat Meal, Cream of Wheat, etc.)

April: Pasta & Sauce

May: Canned fruits & veggies

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Food Pantry Pickup days:

Tues. 3/9 & 3/23 from 3 pm to 6 pm at Ashfield Congo Church on Rt. 116 in Ashfield.

If you want to donate food, call 413-625-0020 and arrange either a pick up at your home or meet time at the church in Ashfield.

Should you wish to send a financial donation directly, mail to: Hilltown Churches Food Pantry, c/o First Congregational Church, Main St. Rt. 116 P.O. Box 161 Ashfield, Ma. 01330 OR send to our church attn Missions, put Food Pantry on the memo line.

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Monday Nighters

The Monday Nighter's are on a break. Activities will resume in the near future. *Can't wait to hear about their next quilt project!*

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Still Collecting Pennies

Even though we're not out shopping much these days and getting change back from our purchases, the stained-glass window capital campaign continues to collect pennies. So please save those pennies (and maybe other change too) so that when we're all back together, we can count those coins and put them toward our campaign. Thanks to everyone!



Church Directory Update

It has been nearly two years since our last church directory update. The directory is printed out and distributed to members and friends upon request – it is NOT published electronically on the internet; our list is NOT shared with any other organizations.

The Church Directory includes our church members' and friends' addresses, phone, and email contact info as well as a monthly birthday list (no year). This is a handy tool to stay connected to one another, especially during the pandemic. Please check in with Jill at 413-625-8109 or email info@marylyonchurch and we will make sure Jill gets your info. Please take a moment to insure we have your information accurately. We all really want to stay in touch and how we can reach you is important to us!

Crafts for 2021 Bazaar

Many folks in our church family continue to utilize their creativity by making crafts for the 2021 Silver Bell Bazaar. We have some wonderful items already and look forward to our best ever bazaar after a hiatus of last year. If you have items or ideas, let Cyndie know as she is already getting a jump start on pricing and making signs. If you have any questions or have a craft for this year's Silver Bell Bazaar, contact Cyndie at 339-4231 and let her know what your expertise has been.

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Window Capital Campaign

We are still trying to meet our goal to cover the cost of our stained-glass window restoration. Send to the church with "windows" on the memo line. We are almost there!

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An Irish Blessing

*Always remember to forget
The troubles that
passed away.
But never forget
to remember
The blessings that come
each day...*

AUGUST CALENDAR

RAFFLE

Sue Annear and Cyndie Stetson are putting together a Calendar Fundraiser for the month of August 2021. We skipped last year due to the COVID19 pandemic but have received so many contributions to the raffle already, we decided to go ahead with it for 2021. We still need to fill a few days, so if you would like to donate a gift item or gift certificate, please let either Sue or Cyndie know. **There are 31 chances to win!**



This year, to purchase the calendar to win a daily prize, the charge is only \$5. It's been a tough year, so they wanted to keep the cost of the calendar affordable for everyone. If you should win one day, your name will be eligible to win again. Sue and Cyndie hope to have the entire calendar filled by the end of April so folks can purchase them by May with their \$5 contribution. Also, if you would please sell lots of the calendars to your friends and family, let Sue or Cyndie know how many you would like and they will get them to you. Additional information will be forthcoming letting you know some of the fabulous prizes you will be able to win and when calendars will be available. Call Sue at 413-768-2592. Call Cyndie at 413-339-4231.

**Conversations
on Racism
Lenten Series**

**March 11th and
March 25th all from
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm via
special Zoom link on line**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83241399041?pwd=eWFqYmNkL1dhSFYobGgzQ2Z1VktjUT09>

An online opportunity to talk about love for all our neighbors...

The first event will be a panel of people of color who live in Franklin County, talking about their experiences living in our towns. The second is a panel of people in inter-racial relationships or families. The third will be a panel of people in our county doing anti-racism work.

Each panel will be about 4 people with time for questions. This is an opportunity to have a spiritual conversation about race and diversity.

Offered by The Franklin County Interfaith Council which seeks to promote understanding, support, and collaboration among different religions and traditions throughout Franklin County on both the individual and community level.

For more info, visit their facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/allarewelcomeatthistable/>

*"May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand."*

**The Buckland Union
Cemetery Association
Spring Meeting**

Sat. 3/20 at 10 am

BUCA owns and cares for the hallowed grounds of Center Cemetery, Trow Cemetery, Taylor Cemetery, and Upper City Cemetery in Buckland, Mass. The Association's semi-annual meetings are open to all individuals who own lots or have loved ones buried in these grounds. Support and input regarding management of the cemeteries is greatly appreciated. Join this meeting by computer:

meet.google.com/pad-jdrn-odj
or Dial In: 515-497-4146:

PIN: 563 971 234#

for more info visit their facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/bucklandunioncemeteryassociation/>

or call BUCA President and church member Laurie B. at 413-658-5419

**March 13 & 20
Super Saturday
Deadline to register is
Thursday March 4th**

<https://sneucc-reg.brtaapp.com/SSMar2021>

This online event features workshops, networking opportunities and worship. Sponsored by the Southern New England Conference of the UCC, Super Saturday is a two-day leadership development event for lay leaders and clergy. Participants can choose from over 50 workshops (cost is \$10 per workshop). The keynote speaker is Rabbi Elan Babchuck, the Founding Director of GLEAN Network.

**Even The Cherry
Blossom Falls
24th Annual Lenten
Discussion Series**

**7 pm Wed. 3/3, 10, 17, 24
Via Special Zoom Link**

Each session begins at 7 pm., all sessions are on consecutive Wednesday evenings and all will be offered through a Zoom link you need to request:

Email Rev. Randy Calvo for the weekly link at randyc1897@gmail.com

March 3rd offered by Rev. Sherril Willis Member of the Sunderland Congregational Church, UCC Session Title: Thank God, the Blossoms Fall!

March 10th offered by Rev. Randy Calvo Pastor of the Hatfield Congregational Church, UCC Session Title: Be brave Pandora and open the jar again.

March 17th offered by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Crosson-Hartington Pastor of the Whately Congregational Church, UCC Session Title: Beauty in the Broken Place.

March 24th offered by Rev. Dr. Robert Gormbley Interim Pastor of the Shelburne Congregational Church, UCC Session Title: Failure Isn't Fatal

*"May Saint Patrick guard you wherever you go, and guide you in whatever you do, and may his loving protection be a blessing to you always."
"May joy and peace surround you, contentment latch your door, and happiness be with you now and bless you evermore!"*

On February 4th a long parade of cars left the church parking lot at 1:00pm. Led by Larry L., "over the river (mountain really) and through the woods" to Barbara's house they went... It was a very special surprise Birthday Drive-By Parade...



Barb wants everyone to know how special the day was. She enjoyed all the greetings and birthday wishes that came in the mail and drove by the house! She sends out a very heartfelt "Thank You to All!"