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"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3</p>			1 Happy Birthday Luahn	2
3 Worship 10:30am	4	5	6 Happy Birthday Lisa T.	7	8	9
10 PALM SUNDAY Worship 10:30am	11	12 Remembering Anna Marie Townsend on her birthday	13	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY	15 GOOD FRIDAY Happy Birthday Bunny D.	16 Happy Birthday Betsey C.
17 EASTER SUNDAY Worship 10:30am	18 PATRIOT'S DAY HOLIDAY	19	20 Happy Birthday Adam G.	21	22	23
24 Worship 10:30am	25	26	27	28 Remembering Dr. Mark Purinton on his birthday	29	30 Happy Birthday Jasmine S.

Flowers for Worship.**April – CHOIR MEMBERS
(includes Palm Sunday & Easter)**

May: Anita

June: Barb S.

Food Pantry Collections**April - Pasta & Sauce**

May: Canned Fruits & Vegetables

June: Jelly/Jam & Condiments

Worship offered in the church building and via Zoom online

Worship is offered in the church building on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as well as being broadcast on Zoom. The mask mandate for the Town of Buckland has been lifted; therefore, it is now up to each of you to make our own decision about whether or not to continue wearing a mask. It is important that we respect everyone's choice in this matter, while continuing to strive to keep everyone safe. The Worship and Spiritual Life Committee and the Finance, Invested Funds and Properties Committee will continue to insure all state and local guidelines are followed. If you have questions about attending in-person worship, call Worship & Spiritual Life Committee chairperson Anita at 413-625-6481 or Properties Committee chairperson Ken W. 508-529-3973 for more details. Your feedback is welcome! You can email us at info@marylyonchurch.org

Coffee Hour

The Worship and Spiritual Life Committee has decided that it is time to begin having Coffee Hour once again downstairs following the Worship Service beginning on Sunday, March 27th. Anyone who feels comfortable joining in for a time of fellowship and light refreshments is welcome.

Flowers for April and Easter

Members of our wonderful MLC Choir will insure there are flowers to decorate our sanctuary throughout the month of April. We would love to have your plants and flowers to decorate the church for Easter Sunday, April 17th. You will have to take responsibility for purchasing your own plants and getting them to the church yourself on Saturday, April 16th between 12 - 2 so they can be arranged in the sanctuary. Please be sure your plant(s) are labeled with your name so you can easily identify and collect them after the worship service on Sunday. If your plant is in honor or memory of a loved one whose name you'd like included in the Easter Sunday Worship Bulletin, please be sure to contact Anita Upright with the details no later than Thursday, April 14th. Call her at 413-625-6481 or email her at CandAupright@hotmail.com.

Spring Cleaning in Time for Easter

A group will gather at the church Friday, April 8th, at 9:30 a.m. for a cleaning-fest to get the church spruced up. Volunteers can just show up if you would like to join in.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday 4/10 – 10:30 a.m. – Both in person and via Zoom
Worship Service with Palms and Special Music

Maundy Thursday 4/14 – 7:00 p.m. – Both in person and via Zoom

Evening Service in the Sanctuary

Scripture Readings and Music

Message from the Pastor

Observance of The Last Supper

Extinguishing of Candles

Easter Sunday 4/17 - 10:30 a.m. – Both in person and via Zoom

Worship Service with Special Music

Lilies and Plants in Memory of Loved Ones

Flowering of the Cross

Food Pantry Pickup days: Tues. 4/12 and 4/26 from 3 pm to 5 pm

at Ashfield Congregational Church on Rt. 116 in Ashfield. If you want to donate food, bring to our church or call 413-625-0020 and arrange either a pick up at your home or meet time at the Ashfield church. Should you wish to send a financial donation directly, mail to: Hilltown Churches Food Pantry, c/o First Congregational Church, Main Street, Rt. 116, P.O. Box 161 Ashfield, MA. 01330 OR send to our church attn Missions, put Food Pantry on the memo line.

Monday Nighters

Monday Nighters have some of their great creations such as potholders, jar openers and balsam bags can be found at the Atherton Farm Stand, Rt.112, Buckland just down the road from the church. The Monday Nighters are rounding the bend on completing this year's quilt. Raffle tickets will be available soon. Also, we do have a baby quilt completed if anyone would like to purchase it for a special someone, contact Luahn, 413-634-5451.

Finance, Invested Funds and Properties Committee
NEXT MEETING Sunday, March 27th in person
at church after church service

If folks have any questions or concerns related to the church budget/expenses, don't hesitate to contact the Finance Committee. Please let chairperson Ken Wood know by calling him at 508-529-3973, or be in touch with any member of the committee: Ken Wood, Janet Gerry, Luahn Page, Paul Willis or Doug Mollison.

Church Cleaning STILL Needed: Our church cleaner completed her last month with us in September 2021. Volunteers have cleaned the church since then. It takes 1 to 2 hours per week and the rate of pay is \$14.25 per hour. If you or someone you know might be interested in the job or volunteering to clean the church, **even for one week, there is a calendar in the kitchen to sign up. Feel free to contact Judy Willis 413-625-2649 or Luahn Page 413-634-5451 for more information.**

Church Keys: If you have a key or keys to the church that you are no longer using, please return them to someone on the Building & Finance Committee – **THANK YOU!**

Thank You for Your Continued Support

Offerings and weekly donations payable to the Mary Lyon Church can be sent to the church: Mary Lyon Church, P.O. Box 87, Buckland, MA 01338. This money goes to church expenses like utilities, insurance, pastor salary, etc.

August Calendar Fundraiser

We realize August seems far away, but Sue and Cyndie are already working on the August Calendar fundraiser. Now is a good time for all of us to see if we can obtain a gift certificate or item for each day during the month of August to be raffled for a lucky winner. If you are able to help with this fundraiser, please visit your favorite restaurant or store and request an item or gift certificate to give to either Sue or Cyndie. It is wonderful advertising for the business as well as being very helpful to our church. Homemade items are wonderful as well. Thanks everyone for helping.

Book Nook

From Jody S., a book Pastor Rich had mentioned in a sermon:

Edgar Cayce's Past Lives of Jesus: An Amazing Story by Glen Sanderfur

Formerly titled Lives of the Master, this book is a bold look at how the Bible, the Edgar Cayce readings, the ancient Gnostic, and the Eastern and Egyptian tests reveal a consistent and intriguing pattern of reincarnation by the master soul.

From Annie's "Uncle Ted," the Rev. Edwin Anderson. Uncle Ted joins us each Sunday via Zoom from Canada:

Dark Valley Joy: No matter the challenge, find Joy in your life! by Mary Lynne Potma-Cameron, M.Div.

Overwhelmed by challenges, or maybe bad habits? This guide will help you work towards a less-stressed life. Optional faith exercises have been included and while they come from the Bible, they can be followed by any type of faith including none at all. Mary Lynne Potma-Cameron - terminally ill, but still full of joy. Either insane or has some biblical wisdom. Her seminary professors (from her M.Div. at TyndaleSeminary in Toronto) loved her, even years later. Her husband, kids and dog loved her, too! Having been a missionary in Japan before over-qualified staff at a church has given her unexpected wisdom. Read and see how what she has learned can help you dig out of darkness and find joy.

A friend of Uncle Ted's, the author passed away peacefully at The Carpenter Hospice in Burlington Ontario on July 16, 2018 at the age of 48 after an almost 7-year courageous battle with cancer. She finished this book in her last year. She hoped that it would change the perspective of many who read it. The family has made copies available to Uncle Ted to share at no cost, he'll be sending Tina several copies to be made available to our church community upon request. She'll let us know when they arrive. This work is also available on Amazon.

Pastor Rich, Luahn, and Tina recently attended an all-day virtual conference offered by the United Church of Christ conference. There were five workshops intended to awaken our church's ability to engage with our local community and with each other. Here are three great books that were recommended:

Part-Time is Plenty by G. Jeffrey MacDonald

Journalist and part-time pastor Jeffrey MacDonald says churches can grow more vibrant than ever, tapping into latent energy and undiscovered gifts, revitalizing worship, and engaging in more effective ministry with the community. Readers get a much-needed playbook for helping congregations to thrive with a part-time ministry model.

Journey Inward Journey Outward by Elizabeth O'Connor

The author tells the story of the Church of the Saviour in Washington, D.C. and its innovative ministries. She writes of the church's vital balance of engagement with self, God, and others ("journey inward"), and of how it proceeds from this solid base of involvement with the needs of the greater community ("the journey outward").

Born of Water, Born of Spirit by Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook & Fredrica Harris Thompsett – The authors explore the variety of ways people in small congregations, many with no more than fifty members, are living out their baptism and the impact their actions are having on their congregations, judicatories, and communities, and the institutions that educate clergy.