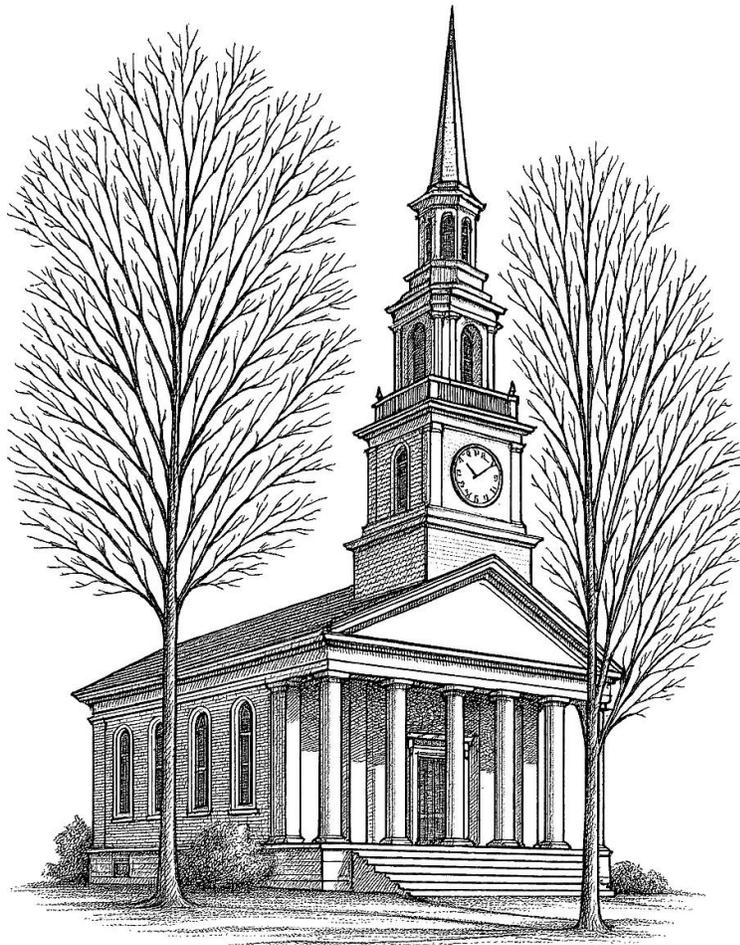


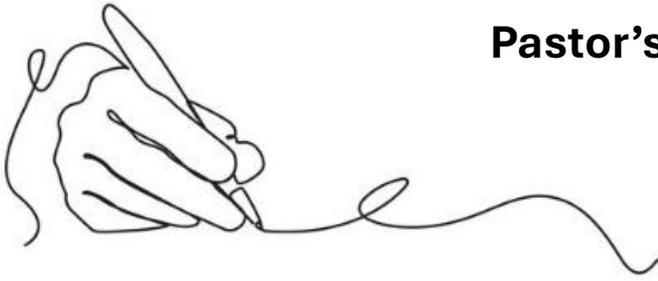
The Steeple

March 2026



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Pastor's Message



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the resurrection of the newsletter! I have heard many members say that they want a way to know what is happening at church and want a way to connect with each other. I look forward to having a way to share with you all things that don't fit into a flyer and really aren't an announcement in worship. So, Carole and I, in the office, decided to see if a newsletter works for us as a faith community at this time.

We hope to publish a newsletter four times this year. There will be opportunities for ministries and committees to share what they are doing. We will have a listing of upcoming events and a monthly calendar. We want this to be our newsletter where we can share news of our ministry for our community and our world. I also hope that we can share birthdays in the newsletter so that we can celebrate each and every person in our congregation.

I would like to share with you all my Facebook policy. I have a personal FB account. You are cordially invited to friend me. I will accept friend requests from members and friends of this church.

Please remember that this is my personal account. I have no control over what my friends may post, and you will be subjected to what I post. My usual content consists of commenting on the weather, cheering on my sports teams, sharing family information and celebrating being Italian, anything related to Mount Holyoke College, and anything related to ballroom dancing, including pictures and videos of my dancing.

I hope this is a new beginning for an old friend, The Steeple. I invite you to share something. I invite you to let me know what you think of this. I invite you to update your contact information so that we have your correct address. Also, please let us know if you prefer to receive this newsletter in paper form or an electronic form.

Blessings,

Rev. Marie

Looking Ahead

March 15: Confirmation Sunday

March 22: New Member Class

March 29: Palm Sunday

April 2: Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm in the sanctuary

April 5: Easter Sunday, Sunrise Service 6am on the church steps
Easter Service 10am in the sanctuary

May 7-9: Airing of the Quilts in the sanctuary

May 9: Craft Fair, in the Parish House



Exciting things are happening in our two children's choirs. The Joyful Noise Choir has enthusiastic 3 and 4 year olds, who are learning many of the well known Sunday School songs. Some of their favorites include "This Little Light of Mine" and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands". Many of our Cherub Choir singers attend the Joyful Noise rehearsals to give them a little support as they learn about their singing voices.

The Cherub Choir is growing larger by the week. We now have 8 singers ranging in age from 4 1/2 to 8. They enjoy singing a variety of songs; anthems to share in church services, songs and rounds that introduce them to simple part singing, songs that involve movement. In addition, rehearsals feature games and activities that teach them music elements such as solfege and counting rhythms.



The CE Committee is looking forward to a joyful and activity-filled season!

Join us on Palm Sunday for our Waffle Bar and Easter Egg Hunt in the Sanctuary. During the Good Friday Walk, families are invited to enjoy crafts, Easter egg dyeing, snacks, and a showing of Hop in Fellowship Hall. We are also excited about the upcoming Spring Craft Fair, which is shaping up to be a wonderful success.

We hope you'll join us for these special events as we celebrate together this season!



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March

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11am Confirmation Class 11am Merchandise Store Opens | 2 Woman of the Bible Study Group 1 pm | 3 Children Choir 4:30 pm Bell Choir 7 pm | 4 Lunch & Learn 12:30 pm Lenten Study 7 pm | 5 Choir 7:30 pm | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11 am Chapel Stitchers 11:30 am | 9 Woman of the Bible Study Group 1 pm | 10 Children Choir 4:30 Bell Choir 7 pm | 11 Lenten Study 7 pm | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Confirmation Sunday Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11 am Bible Study Class 11 am | 16 Woman of the Bible Study Group 1 pm Church Council 6:30 pm | 17 Children Choir 4:30 Bell Choir 7 pm | 18 Ash Wednesday Lenten Study 7 pm | 19 | 20 | 21 Men's Breakfast 7am Women's Fellowship Craft 4 pm |
| 22 Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11 am New Member class | 23 Woman of the Bible Study Group 1 pm | 24 Children Choir 4:30 Bell Choir 7 pm | 25 Lenten Study 7 pm | 26 Choir 7:30 pm | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Palm Sunday Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 11 am Waffle Bar & Egg Hunt after Worship | 30 Woman of the Bible Study Group 1 pm | 31 Children Choir 4:30 Bell Choir 7 pm | | | | |

April

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| | | | 1 Lunch & Learn 12:30 pm | 2 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm | 3 Good Friday Walk 12pm Kids Craft 12-2pm | 4 |
| 5 Easter Easter Sunrise Service 6am Worship 10am Coffee Hour 11am | 6 Woman of the Bible Study Group 1 pm | 7 Children Choir 4:30 pm Bell Choir 7 pm | 8 | 9 Choir 7:30pm | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Worship 10am Coffee Hour 11am Chapel Stitches 11:30 am | 13 Woman of the Bible Study Group 1 pm | 14 Children Choir 4:30 pm Bell Choir 7 pm | 15 | 16 Choir 7:30pm | 17 | 18 Men's Breakfast 7am |
| 19 Worship 10am Coffee Hour 11am Bible Study 11am | 20 Woman of the Bible Study Group 1 pm Church Council 6:30pm | 21 Children Choir 4:30 pm Bell Choir 7 pm | 22 | 23 Choir 7:30pm | 24 Russell Ayre Scholarship Application Deadline | 25 Progressive Dinner 6 pm |
| 26 Worship 10am Coffee Hour 11am | 27 Woman of the Bible Study Group 1 pm | 28 Children Choir 4:30 pm Bell Choir 7 pm | 29 | 30 Choir 7:30pm | | |

May

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| 3 Worship 10am Coffee Hour 11am Annual Spring Meeting | 4 Woman of the Bible Study Group 1 pm | 5 Children Choir 4:30 pm Bell Choir 7 pm | 6 Lunch & Learn 12:30 | 7 Airing of the Quilts | 8 Airing of the Quilts | 9 Airing of the Quilts Craft Fair 9am—5pm |
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