

First Congregational Church  
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Deadline for April newsletter  
is March 21st. The BEACON is  
distributed by email or first  
class mail. It can also be  
downloaded from the church  
website. Copies are available at  
the back of the sanctuary.

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# The Beacon

First Congregational Church of Millbury, United Church of Christ

Our Mission: To welcome and inspire ALL through faith, love,  
and fellowship according to Christ's example.

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Dear Friends,

As we journey through the season of Lent, the shadow of the cross falls upon our path. Our hymns, scriptures, and prayers invite us to reflect on the great sacrifice Jesus made by giving his life on the cross, so that we might know the depth of God's love for us. Some people give things up for Lent, like cookies or candy, to bring to mind all that Jesus gave up. I offer these words for your Lenten reflection:

I asked God to take away my pride.

God said, "No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give up."

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, "No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it is not granted, it is earned."

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, "No. I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you."

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, "No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me."

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, "No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful."

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, "No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things."

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as he loves me.

God said, "Ahhh...finally you have the idea."

Claudia Minden Weisz

Yours in Christ,  
*Pastor Elva*



## Outdoor Service for Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7:30 PM

All are invited to an outdoor service for Maundy Thursday. In words of scripture and prayer, and with music, we will reflect on of Jesus' passion and God's word of hope. This will be a simpler version of our traditional service of Tenebrae.



- 10th Mary Mousseau
- 12th Carolyn Ball-Hanson
- 14th Warren Hanson
- 15th Duane Fortin
- 19th Karen Assad
- 19th Bobby Beauregard
- 24th Susan Banach

**SNOW CANCELLATION**

**From Pastor Elva**

If a Sunday worship service has to be cancelled because of inclement weather, notice will be put on the answering machine message you hear when you call the church.

Cancellation notice will be posted on WCVB TV Channel 5.



**Remember our shut-ins with a note or a card.....**

**Mr. Jay Stockwell**  
110 Hartness Road  
Sutton, MA 01590

**Chris Rudge**  
8 Carlstrom Lane  
Millbury, Ma 01527

**Bill Crandell**  
Care One at Millbury  
312 Millbury Ave  
Millbury, Ma 01527

**Kathleen (Chase) Rozenas**  
102 Hayden Pond Road  
Dudley, MA 01571

**Beverly Stockwell**  
8 Colonial Drive Apt C  
Millbury, MA 01527



**Prayers & Concerns**

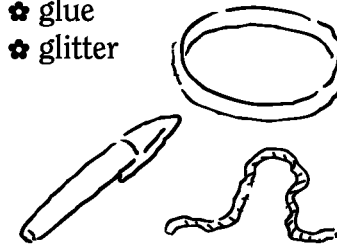
- † Our Community
- † Our Country
- † Our World
- † All Military Men and Women
- † All First Responders
- † Our Church and our Ministry in Millbury and beyond
- † Ron Stead's sister in law Kathie Stead
- † Roberta, Sue Witter's sister in law.
- † Sue and Bill Witter and family on the death of their daughter Heidi's mother in law, Roberta Nicholson, on January 26th.
- † All who are suffering from COVID 19 and their families
- † Health care workers and essential workers, providing care and support for those with COVID 19.
- † Christine Hamer's brother Bill, in a long term care facility in Pennsylvania
- † Kay Lachance, receiving care at Notre Dame Health Care, Worcester
- † Roland Lachance, receiving care at Westborough Health Care, Westborough



**Make a "Son" Catcher**

*You will need:*

- ✿ round, clear plastic, food container lid
- ✿ hole punch
- ✿ yarn
- ✿ permanent markers in a variety of colors
- ✿ glue
- ✿ glitter



*How to make it:*

- ✿ Using the markers and glitter, decorate the lid with the name of Jesus and some bright colors and shapes.
- ✿ Punch a hole in the top.
- ✿ Put a piece of yarn through the hole and tie it to make a hanger.
- ✿ Hang in a window to catch the sun.



**One of a Kind**

The scrambled words and phrases below are all found in the Bible. They all have something in common. Find what that is. First, unscramble the words. Next, transfer the circled letters in order to the lines at the bottom of the page.

- 1) eiVn \_ \_ \_ \_
- 2) iilY fo teh elaVly
- 3) abLm fo dGo \_ \_ \_ \_
- 4) estMar \_ \_ \_ \_
- 5) eJuss \_ \_ \_ \_
- 6) okRc \_ \_ \_ \_
- 7) rdBea fo eiLf \_ \_ \_ \_
- 8) higLt fo hte dorWI
- 9) voaSir \_ \_ \_ \_
- 10) doLr \_ \_ \_ \_
- 11) ishCrt \_ \_ \_ \_
- 12) ehSprhed \_ \_ \_ \_
- 13) Teh doWr \_ \_ \_ \_
- 14) rncPie fo cePae

What do all these words have in common?

" \_ \_ \_ \_ , \_ \_ \_ \_ ."

Answers: Vine; Lily of the Valley; Lamb of God; Master; Jesus; Rocky Bread of Life; Light of the World; Savior; Lord; Christ; Shepherd; The Word; Prince of Peace; Names of Gods Son.

**Lenten Study Group Meets Mondays from 6:00 - 7:00 on Zoom**

Lent is an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross, and what his self-sacrificing love means for our lives and for the world. This group will meet on Zoom, Mondays from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. If you'd like to participate, but are not familiar with Zoom, we can help you! For tech help and other further information, please contact Pastor Elva at 413-579-2873, or [Pastor.Millbury1stchurch@gmail.com](mailto:Pastor.Millbury1stchurch@gmail.com).

**"Do not have your concert first, and then tune your instrument afterwards. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him."**

**— James Hudson Taylor**

**• Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you can only spend it once.**

**—Miquel De Cervantes**  
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