



**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC**  
200 Main Street, P.O. Box 1300 - Wellfleet, MA 02667-1300  
Worship Services – Sundays at 8:30a.m. and 10:00a.m.

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Two of the biggest celebrations of the Christian year are Christmas and Easter. Some pastors even use the term “C+E” to refer to members of the community we only see on those two days. The world around us obliges: with Christmas decorations creeping onto store shelves during the waning days of Summer, and Easter candy seamlessly replacing the hearts and roses of Valentine's Day.

Despite the push of commerce to move on to the next big thing, within the church both Christmas and Easter are each defined with a period of preparation (Advent and Lent, respectively), but also with a period of acknowledgment and reflection, following. Christmas gives way to the season of Epiphany, and Easter continues through the season of Eastertide, which culminates in Pentecost: the “birthday” of Christ’s church.

During the 50 days leading up to Pentecost (which literally means “50th day”) our scripture lessons follow the disciples as they make sense of a world made new by the miracle of Easter. They meet the risen Christ, they learn, they preach, they teach; they feed the hungry and their community grows. They begin to understand themselves as the ones that Jesus has entrusted with carrying on the proclamation of God’s Good News.

May we here at First Congregational use this Eastertide season in a similar way: may we take this time to discern where God is calling us, what we are being asked to do, and begin, and share. Christians are people of the Resurrection: our lives are defined by our faith that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God. Eastertide is our time to reflect on the ways that magnificent promise is asking us to live in new ways, to try new things. Summer will soon be upon us, then Autumn, then Winter again. May we pause, now, to appreciate this season in its time: may we listen for the voice of God, still speaking.

~Pastor Jon

# *First Congregational Church of Wellfleet*

We invite you to attend one of  
our Holy Week services

**Palm Sunday**  
March 24 - 10 am

**Maundy Thursday**  
March 28 - 5pm Dinner, 6pm Service

**Good Friday**  
March 29 - noon

**Easter Sunday**  
March 31  
6am Sunrise at Newcomb's Hollow  
10 am Worship Service

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Please join us for our free  
*Community Lunch*

Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> - Noon to 1:00pm  
(or until soup runs out)



Soup, bread, salad and dessert

Everyone is welcome!

(Lunches will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, October-May)

**Last luncheon will be May 6<sup>th</sup>**

## From the Moderator

Pete Cook

You might have noticed an increasing number and variety of public announcements and advertisements about church events – cards, brochures, online posts, and even radio spots on WOMR. These come about thanks to the work of the new Communications Committee which has been formed under the Missions & Outreach Board to increase effective church messaging. The group engages the Wellfleet Cultural District managers, the Chamber of Commerce, local media outlets, and others to improve the public’s knowledge of our church and its work in the community. Pastor Jon, Todd Barry, Peter Swanson, Jen Hill, Louise Kemprecos, and Pete Cook currently spearhead this work seeking to improve public outreach by enhancing the value and consistency of the church’s messaging to the public – and of course they welcome ideas from the rest of the congregation!

*We express our deepest sympathy to Gary Cooper  
on the death of his father, William H. Cooper.*

*Cards of expression may be sent to  
Gary Cooper, P.O. Box 886, North Truro, MA 02652*

*We express our deepest sympathy to  
Nancy & George Vitek on the death of his brother, Fred Vitek  
Cards of expression may be sent to  
George & Nancy Vitek, 15 Sea Pine Road, Wellfleet, MA 02667*

*“In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not  
alone. Thanks be to God!”*

## PRAYER LIST

Please contact the church office to add a name or update this list.

“If one member suffers, all suffer together...If one member is honored, all rejoice together.”(1 Cor. 12:26) May the presence of Jesus Christ be with those on our PRAYER LIST and with those who care for them. Pray for:

*Gary Cooper  
Barbara Knapp  
Jere Milliken  
David Powers  
Carol Spencer  
Jack Troxel*

*John Garran  
Rosalind Magill  
Weston Moss  
Miranda Regan  
Scott Sverid  
Dennis Ubriaco*

*Ann Kelley  
Christy Milliken  
Gina O’Connor  
Todd Roy  
Tammi Townsend*

And for those who are chronically ill and confined to their homes, nursing homes and hospitals. **Please notify the Pastor or the church office when family or friends are hospitalized.**

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## APRIL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

4/02 Dan Wexman  
4/7 Isabel Souza  
4/18 Karen Blewitt  
4/21 Jane Corbin  
4/22 Pearl Johnson & Susan Eenigenburg



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## Garden Developments 2024

As we watch Springtime shoots pop through the soil, we can look forward to new beginnings and another chance to shape the outdoor look of our Church. No matter how carefully you plan, you never know how that look will change. Perhaps this will be the year that inspires new volunteers to harness that change in ways yet to be imagined.

Some of the Garden Volunteers are no longer able to keep the Church Garden flourishing – available time, energy, and physical ability are in short supply as many of us move into our 80's. We have done our best, and now look forward to welcoming fresh ideas and new commitments from the younger members of our Church family.

I will be forced to step away from both my leadership and maintenance roles. Old injuries have been aggravated by the necessities of landscape work at the Church, and it's time for me to rest and hope that Physical Therapy will restore at least some of my capabilities.

Thank you to all of our supporters for the opportunity to enhance the look of our Church. There is still funding available for continuation of our mission. I will be happy to share all the information the Garden Team has accumulated over the years with our new leadership. Remember: This is the beginning of a new chapter. The narrative will continue as long as our Church stands. I will leave you with one of my favorite quotations from Audrey Hepburn: "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

With thanks and best regards,  
Dan Wexman  
(by default) Garden Team Leader

**Calendar Supper Fundraiser**  
**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**First Congregational Church**

**Doors open at 5:30 • Supper begins at 6:00**

**Please join us as we bring back this treasured event from our past, first presented by the "Ladies Aid" group, then by the "Needlecraft Club" and lastly by "The Other People". It's a colorful occasion with tables festively decorated to celebrate each of the 12 calendar months.**

**Homemade Lasagna**  
**Meat • Vegetarian • Vegan (GF)**  
**Salad, Bread, Dessert**

**B.Y.O.B. • Soft Drinks & Seltzers for purchase**

**Tickets are \$25.00 and must be purchased in advance.**

**To purchase tickets, call or stop by the Church office  
Monday thru Friday, 9-12, 508-349-6877.**

**Sponsored by the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.**



## **Barnstable Association Annual Meeting-**

The churches of the Barnstable Association will meet for their Annual Meeting and Spring Fellowship on Sunday April 14th, at the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Harwichport. All members and friends of Barnstable Association churches are invited to attend. There will be a time of worship, led by Rev. Nancy McHugh of the Dennis Union Church and Rev. Jonathan Elsensohn of the First Congregational Church of Wellfleet. The main presentation will be led by members of the CT Center for Nonviolence, focused on the peacemaking tradition established by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A time of refreshment and fellowship will follow.



### **Nauset Neighbors Volunteer Opportunity**

Want to make a difference in a neighbor's life? Join us at Nauset Neighbors, an all-volunteer non-profit organization, that helps senior stay in their homes and active in their communities. You can help by providing friendly visits, rides to appointments, tech assistance and simple handyman tasks. Volunteering is easy and flexible. Sign up online to help when it fits your schedule.

The members we help live in your communities of Brewster, Chatham, Eastham, Harwich, Orleans, and Wellfleet. We have a waiting list of seniors who need a hand. You can shorten their wait by volunteering with Nauset Neighbors.

Contact us at: [nausetneighbors.org](http://nausetneighbors.org) or call at 508-514-7067



### **TELL A FRIEND ABOUT THE FOOD PANTRY!**

**Open Monday, 3-6; Wednesday 4-6, and Thursday 10-12**

Last year the Wellfleet Food Pantry provided food to 185 Wellfleet families, but we know there are more families who could use a little help. Would you help us by telling your friends who live in Wellfleet about the Food Pantry and invite them to come?

The Wellfleet COA delivers food boxes from the pantry twice per month to seniors who no longer drive, please call the COA at 508-349-0313 to sign up or get more information.

***Our volunteers thank you for your help.***

**WELLFLEET FOOD PANTRY - Food for Neighbors**

25 Lieutenant Island Road

South Wellfleet, MA 02663

508-349-3036 - Visit our website: [www.wellfleetfoodpantry.org](http://www.wellfleetfoodpantry.org)

# First Congregational Church of Wellfleet – April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AA= Alcoholics Anonymous FMC = Financial Management Comm. MS=Mustard Seed WHS=Wellfleet Historical Society	<b>1</b> 8-10am - MS  12:00-1:00pm – Community Luncheon 4:30pm - Mission & Outreach	<b>2</b> 8-11am – MS 11-2:30pm – Truro Comm. Kitchen 3-5:30pm – Acupuncture Clinic	<b>3</b> 9am-2pm - MS	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Custodian cleans in morning 4:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm AA
<b>7</b> 8:30am Early Svc. 9:00am Choir 10:00am Worship/Communion 11:30-12pm – Bible Conversations	<b>8</b> 8-10am - MS	<b>9</b> 8-11 MS  6:30pm – Listening Session	<b>10</b> 9am-2pm – MS  1pm - FMC	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Custodian cleans in morning 4:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm AA
<b>14</b> 8:30am Early Svc. 9:00am Choir 10:00am Worship 11:30-12pm – Bible Conversations 3pm – Barnstable Assoc. Ann. Mtg.	<b>15</b> 8-10am – MS  4:30pm – Listening Session	<b>16</b> 8-11 – MS	<b>17</b> 9am-2pm – MS  7:00pm – Trustees	<b>18</b> 4:30pm – Listening Session	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Custodian cleans in morning 4:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm AA
<b>21</b> 8:30am Early Svc. 9:00am Choir 10:00am Worship 11:30-12pm – Bible Conversations 11:30am – Listening Session	<b>22</b> 8-10am – MS	<b>23</b> 8-11am – MS	<b>24</b> 9am-2pm – MS	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Custodian cleans in morning 4:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm AA
<b>28</b> 8:30am Early Svc. 9:00am Choir 10:00am Worship 11:00am Council 11:30-12pm – Bible Conversations	<b>29</b> 8-10am – MS  4:30pm – Listening Session	<b>30</b> 8:00-11am – MS 10:30am – Care Team 3-5:30pm – Acupuncture Clinic				