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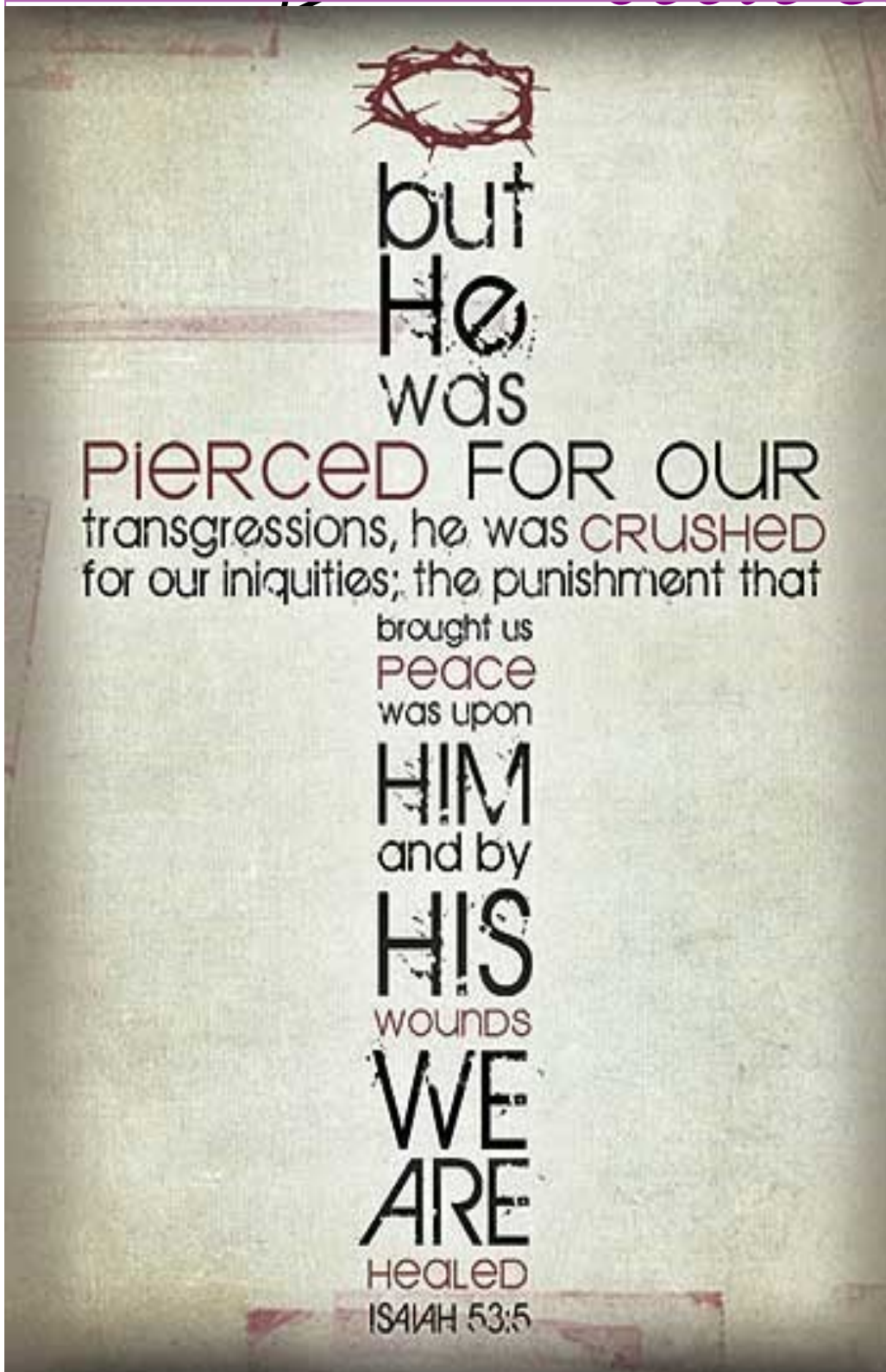
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**Special points of interest:**

- Articles for the ALIVE! Are due in no later than the 23rd of the month.
- 4 Cents a Meal Collection April 23rd
- Pie Pick Up April 8th
- Easter Season schedule of events
- Adult Craft Day April 22nd
- Plant Orders DUE APRIL 2nd!!
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# Scriptures

## Monthly Scripture Readings

The Scripture readings you will hear in April will come from the following readings:

April 2nd	Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
April 9th	PALM SUNDAY Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66
April 16th	EASTER SUNDAY Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114:1-8 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49
April 23rd	Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16:1-11 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
April 30th	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

## PIE PICK UP

You remembered the hard part, ordering those delicious pies, now don't forget to pick them up. Pick Up date is Saturday, April 8th from 11:30 am—noon in the chapel. Your bellies will thank you!

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please get the information for any and all of the exciting activities that will occur the month of May to Holly Keys ([holly.keys@aol.com](mailto:holly.keys@aol.com) or call 854-3975 before 8 pm or drop something in her box in the business office at the church (just let her know its there)) by Sunday, April 23rd. Thank you!!!

## Mission Team

Your Mission Team continues to carry out the Mission of the church, both local and national. At the present time we have just completed raising funds for the Salem/Shushan Fuel Fund by hosting an Irish Dinner on St. Patrick's Day. With the additional help from the congregation, we raised \$955. for this important community fund.

We are also trying to help Alberta obtain a reliable automobile and some monetary donations have already been received. She looks forward to being able to purchase a better car in the near future, and we plan to help her reach her goal. Any additional help will be appreciated.

During April we will be collecting items for "Operation Adopt A Soldier", an organization, with headquarters in Saratoga, that sends care packages to our soldiers in foreign lands. We have participated in this for the last few years, and last Fall items were collected in a "sort of" scavenger hunt. This was so successful that we are trying the same system this year. It also alerted community residents who had not known about the project, to become familiar and participate. Several who had not received a bag on their door knob, called to see if they could participate and how to do it. Charlie took a pick-up truck load of items to Saratoga. We plan to distribute the bags the weekend of April 23 and collect them the next week - April 30th. The Shushan Grange is joining us in this project, except they are just putting collection boxes in the Shushan churches and Yushak's Store. Girl Scout Troop #3061 will help us by putting some of the bags out. Almost any non-perishable items that will fit into a box, a little larger than a shoe-box are acceptable. **Please unopened items only and leave items in original containers.** Some suggestions include:

Personal Care Items	Letters and Drawings from Children		
Soaps/ Shampoo, Deodorant	Snacks	Paper, Cards, Envelopes,	Magazines
Sunscreen, Chapstick	Nuts	Pens/ Pencils	Decks of Cards
Toothbrushes / Toothpaste	Candy	Crossword Puzzles	Small Games
Combs, Hand Lotion	Dried Fruit	Comic Books	Wipes
Feminine Hygiene Products	Beef Jerky	Paperback Books	Socks
Handmade Cards/Drawings/Letters of encouragement			

For more information on any of our projects or suggestions for future projects; contact a member of the Mission Team: Neal Rea, Marilyn Hanby, Rev. Dr. David Simmons, Helen Simmons, Charlie Perry, Amy Thetford, Steve Burgess or Dolores Phaneuf.

Submitted by Dolores Phaneuf - Secretary/Treasurer

## God Moments

As I shopped for food at BJ's a couple of weeks ago, my shopping cart drew some attention. It had 64 pounds of corned beef in it. Comments from other shoppers sounded like—You must have a big family—OR--When will dinner be ready. My response to each comment was that our church was hosting an Irish dinner to raise funds to help people in our community with their fuel bills.

Again, a week later, my cart had 30 pounds of carrots. Another shopper asked if I had horses. I again responded with the fund raising answer. The response from the shopper was to say what a wonderful thing that was to do. Then, much to my surprise, she reached into her wallet and gave me a \$10 bill, saying, it's not much but a little help. I was surprised and grateful for her gift.

When my cart was filled with cabbages at Hannaford I had a similar experience with comments, and was again able to explain what our congregation was doing.

People were all appreciative of what we were doing in our church, for members of our community. We served our community of people in need, and we are able to share our faith through our actions, to strangers we met.

I realized that wherever we are, whatever we do, we have an opportunity to witness to our faith.

Submitted by—Marie Bell

## 2017 EASTER SEASON

### ◆Lenten Lunches

4/06 @ *Shushan Presbyterian*, Jeff Peck speaking

### ◆Lenten studies and worship

*St. Paul's* - Fridays, 7:00 evensong service and bookstudy, "Living the Quaker Way  
(no supper)

*West Hebron UP* - Lectio Divina, Mondays 6 to 7:30 PM (soup and bread),  
Wed 11:00 - 12:00 (no food)

*Holy Cross* - Tuesdays @ 6:00, Lenten Evening Prayer

## Ecumenical Passion Service @ St Pauls Sunday April 4, 4:00 pm

## HOLY WEEK (4/10-4/15)

### ◆Monday-Friday

*West Hebron Presbyterian* sanctuary open 6:00 am - 9:00 pm for reflection and  
prayer (printed daily devotion provided)

Mon thru Thurs - *Breakfast @ Salem Methodist*, 7:00 am,.

Worship leaders: Monday - Herb Arnold, Tuesday - Jeff Peck,

Wednesday Laura Mitchell, Thursday - Debbie Earthrowl

### ◆Maundy Thursday 4/13

*West Hebron UP* - 6:00 dinner, 7:00 Tenebrae Communion service  
(Salem & Shushan UP & Salem Community Fellowship invited)

*Salem Methodist* - 6:00 PM , Last remembrance supper (covered dish) -  
worship during and after

### ◆Good Friday 4/14

Noon services at *West Hebron Methodist, Holy Cross, St, Paul's*

7:00 PM service at *Salem Community Fellowship*

### ◆Holy Saturday 4/15

Easter Vigil, 6:00 pm to midnight, *West Hebron Presbyterian*, self led stations

Easter Egg Hunt, *West Hebron Presbyterian*, 2:00 pm

### Easter Sunday 4/16

*Salem Presbyterian* Sunrise service @ Bischoff's

*West Hebron Presbyterian* sunrise service at Napiwocki's, 6:30 am

*Salem Methodist* sunrise service, 6:30 am, Evergreen Cemetery

First United Presbyterian Brunch@ McKenzie Chapel, 8:00am

First United Service w/communion, 10 am

## Easter PaInt Sale

We will again be ordering flowers from **Laura's Garden** (854-3833). Submit your order to Jane Keys or Holly Keys as soon as possible, but **NOT LATER THAN APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Orders will not be accepted after this date. If you order through the church and include payment, the florist delivers them. Make checks payable to the church. Write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. If you buy a plant elsewhere and deliver it yourself, fill in the bottom portion of this form for the bulletin listing.

TO ORDER THROUGH THE CHURCH:

Easter Lily

6" 1ppp (5-6 bud) \$ 9.25 \_\_\_\_\_

6" 1ppp (7-8 bud) \$11.75 \_\_\_\_\_

8" 2ppp (10-12 bud) \$22.75 \_\_\_\_\_

10" 3ppp (15-18 bud) \$32.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Tulips

6" \$ 8.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Daffodil

6" \$ 8.50 \_\_\_\_\_

Hyacinth

6" \$ 8.50 \_\_\_\_\_

8" \$18.25 \_\_\_\_\_

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10" \$23.95 \_\_\_\_\_

10" \$23.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Cyclamen 6" \$14.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Martha Washington Geranium 6" \$16.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Hydrangea

6" \$25.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Azalea

6" \$19.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Mum 6" \$10.95 \_\_\_\_\_

8" \$35.95 \_\_\_\_\_

8" \$29.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Kalanchoe 6" \$14.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Reiger Begonia 6" \$14.95 \_\_\_\_\_

Mixed Garden (tulip, hyacinth, daff)

6" \$14.95 \_\_\_\_\_

8" \$19.95 \_\_\_\_\_

10" \$29.95 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will purchase my plant elsewhere and my bulletin information is listed below.

(PLEASE SPECIFY) "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of":

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Given By:

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## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### April Birthday's

1st Robin Hanks  
7th Pat Briglin  
16th Scott Thetford  
25th Zoe Cary Boucher

### April Anniversaries

23rd Todd & Laurel Keys

If you would like a birthday or anniversary published in the Alive!, Please contact the church office at 854-9471 or holly.keys@aol.com.

## Prayer Requests

If you need a prayer or wish to place someone on the prayer list, please complete this form, or one found in the Narthex, and give it to an usher or deacon.

Name of Prayer recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Cause for joy or concern: \_\_\_\_\_

You name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

## *Christian Nurture*

I am boldly announcing that Faith Filled Fridays ACTUALLY MET in the month of March!!! Can I get an AMEN?! Whew! We had a wonderful, albeit short, lesson on the Beatitudes. I had come across a wonderful craft involving St. Patrick's Day gold coins that had a Beatitude on each one. So we went through each one and proceeded to make centerpiece mats for the Irish Dinner with these paper coins glued on to them. We had some Irish Blessings printed out which we glued on as well. We also took the vast amount of extra blessings cards and added stickers to them, laminated them and attached ribbons. The following Monday I took our package of Irish Blessings down to the Cambridge Guest Home, where they were well received. I got a wonderful tour of the home. The residents and staff alike were so gracious and genuinely enjoyed our thoughtfulness. We will be meeting again the first Friday of April where I am planning some special Easter fun!

Submitted by — Amy Thetford

## *Words of Thanks*

Helen had been ill but in November, December and January, we definitely, both had moments when we lost sight of hope. It is hard to find words today which touch the thoughts and emotions. Today, Helen is well into the predicted 6 months long and difficult recovery. The house is a mess but no where as messy as in January and I am mostly rested up from the exhaustion that seemed to have become the “new normal.” And I am reminded of some really important lessons—family, neighbors and friends are God’s way of bringing daily help when we think we won’t make another day. Its already the end of March and I have already taken too long to stop and express words of thanks for Helen and myself to you—for your prayers, for many cards of encouragement, for phone calls and questions, What can I do to help you? And, for food, lots of food, that came in containers, bags, hot dishes and frozen ones... lots of nourishment and... kindness. Helen and I are praying that our heavenly Father will bless each of you, as you have blessed us. Every effort, every gentle look or word made a difference. Thank you. I will never forget. I thank our heavenly Father for you and for all you give... not only to us but to anyone who is in need. Thank you. With much affection, David and Helen Simmons

# April 2017

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Roger Ellis Worship 10am Plant Orders Due	4 Choir 10 am	5 Bible Study 8:30 am	6 Line Dancing 9:30am	7 FFF 2:30 pm	8 Pie Pick Up 11:30 am
3 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	4 Choir 10 am	5 Bible Study 8:30 am	6 Line Dancing 9:30am	7 FFF 2:30 pm	8 Pie Pick Up 11:30 am
9 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Lois Wolfe Worship w/ communion 10am	11 Choir 10 am	12 Session 7pm	13 Line Dancing 9:30am	14 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	15
16 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Michael Barron Sunrise Service @ Bischoff's Brunch @ Chapel 8am Worship w/ communion 10 am	18	19 Bible Study 8:30 am	20 Line Dancing 9:30am	21	22 Adult Craft Day 10am
17 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	18 Choir 10 am	19 Bible Study 8:30 am	20 Line Dancing 9:30am	21	22 Adult Craft Day 10am
23 Char Killam Worship 10am ALIVE Deadline 4 Cents a Meal Collection =====	25	26 Bible Study 8:30 am	27 Line Dancing 9:30am	28	29
24 Cub Scouts 6pm Boy Scouts 7pm	25	26 Bible Study 8:30 am	27 Line Dancing 9:30am	28	29
30 Fifth Sunday Celebration					



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**At First United Presbyterian Church:**

We believe that God calls everyone to serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ!

Join us on Sunday's for worship, music, and fellowship!  
Service begins at 10 AM

We're on the Web!  
[www.salemnyfirstupchurch.com](http://www.salemnyfirstupchurch.com)

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**Service Schedule for  
April 2017**

**Elder of the Month: Marie Bell**

Sunday, April 2nd

Reader: Diane Jilek

Coffee Time: Mary VanDeWater  
Amy Thetford

Sunday, April 16th

Reader: Ruth Ihne

Coffee Time: Nancy Bardwell  
Neal Rae

Sunday, April 9th

Reader: Marie Bell

Coffee Time: Marilyn Hanby  
Donna Holmes

Sunday, April 23rd

Reader: Nancy Rountree

Coffee Time: Diane Jilek  
Nancy Rountree

Sunday, April 30th

Reader: Jean Skellie

FIFTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION