



FROM THE PASTOR



Easter Meditation

A boy was turning the pages in a book that featured religious artwork. When he came to a picture of the crucifixion, he looked at it for a long time, and there came a sad look on his face. Then he said, "If God had been there, he wouldn't have let them do it."

The amazing thing that we read in the Bible is that God was there! He was there at the manger; he was there in the upper room; he was there at the cross of Calvary. "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself." (2 Corinthians 5:19). Because of His great love, He did this for you and me. As the hymn writer proclaimed, "Amazing love, how can it be that Thou my God would die for me."

As Isaiah prophesied 600 years before:

He was pierced through for my transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought our well-being was upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray...but the Lord has caused the sins of us all to fall on Him." (Isaiah 53: 5-6)

When we think about Christ's death, our hearts are filled with overwhelming awe and gratitude. And as we reflect on His resurrection, our hearts are filled with joy and celebration. Easter morning! Resurrection! Empty tomb! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

"Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15: 54-55, 57)

May this Easter season be a time of spiritual renewal for you and your family.

With Love In Christ,

Pastor Del



Tea Party



Ladies!

You are cordially invited to an **afternoon tea party** sponsored by the Circle One Women's Group held at the Willington Federated Church on the Hill (route 320 & 74) on **April 2, 2011 from 2-4 p.m.**



During the tea, we welcome your ideas about the future of the Circle One group. See you then!

Questions? Please contact Donna Hardie at 860-684-4808 or Claudia D'Agata at 860-429-4082

2nd Services Auction

Friday, May 6 6:30-9pm at the Willington Public Library

Some GREAT items have been collected for this year's Goods and Services Auction. You won't want to miss this fun evening! Tickets are \$5 with food and entertainment also being provided.

If you have something you would like to donate, please sign up on the sheet located in the Fellowship area of the Hall Memorial Church. If easier, call the church office and leave a message of your donated item. Please be sure to leave an estimated value. We will need to know all items by April 24, in order to have the auction booklets available the week before the auction.

A list of auction items can also be found on the Church's website at www.fedchurchwillington.org beginning April 1 and will be updated weekly.

Don't miss out! Seating is limited to 75, so ticket pre-purchase or reservations are strongly suggested. For more information or to order tickets, please call the church at (860)429-9911 or Alice Cassells (860)429-9394. All proceeds benefit the community wide programs of the Federated Church of Willington.



A Note from the Prudential Board:

Due to weather conditions, the winter Church attendance has been down, thus affecting the weekly offerings and our ability to pay our church expenses. The Prudential Board sincerely asks our members and friends to review their pledges, and if necessary, making an additional contribution to catch up. Thank you

A Note of Thanks

Thank you everyone for your cards, letters, prayers and gifts while I was hospitalized. The support of the church has great meaning and, I am sure, influences the outcome of the healing process. I am very thankful to Christ and the Holy Spirit for the guidance provided to my health care team and for guiding the surgeon's hands as he performed flawlessly. Thanks to all and God Bless You.

Love in Christ,
Ron Kauffman

Resurrection Eggs: Teaching Kids the True Meaning of Easter

I found these instructions on www.teachkidsthebible.com for making your own Resurrection Eggs. You need 12 plastic eggs, numbered 1-12 with marker or stickers/labels. Fill the eggs with the recommended items. Open them one at a time with your child(ren) and read the corresponding passages for each egg. This will show them the Resurrection story in a tangible way. <http://timesandseasons.org> has explanations suitable for a 4-year-old.

Egg Number 1

Message: Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. The people waved palm branches.

Passage: *Matthew 21:1-11.*

Item: A small leaf (real or plastic) or a piece of a palm branch or a blade of grass.

Egg Number 2

Message: Mary poured expensive perfume on Jesus' feet.

Passage: *John 12:2-8.*

Item: Cotton ball with perfume on it.

Egg Number 3

Message: Jesus ate the Last Supper with His disciples.

Passage: *Matthew 26:17-19.*

Item: A small piece of cracker to represent the passover bread.

Egg Number 4

Message: Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

Passage: *Matthew 27:3.*

Item: Three dimes

Egg Number 5

Message: Jesus carried His cross.

Passage: *John 19:17.*

Item: A toothpick that is cut and glued in the form of a cross (can also use sticks).

Egg Number 6

Message: Soldiers placed a crown of thorns on Jesus' head.

Passage: *John 19:2.*

Item: A small thorny branch or a single large thorn (a toothpick would work too)

Egg Number 7

Message: Soldiers parted Jesus' garments and cast lots for His coat.

Passage: *John 19:23.*

Item: Miniature dice [alternatively, you can use a piece of purple cloth].

Egg Number 8

Message: Jesus was nailed to a cross and pierced in His side.

Passage: *John 19:18,37 and John 20:25-29.*

Item: A nail or push pin

Egg Number 9

Message: They gave Jesus vinegar mixed with gall on a sponge to drink.

Passage: *Matthew 27:34.*

Item: A q-tip or small piece of sponge

Egg Number 10

Message: Spices to prepare Jesus for burial.

Passage: *John 19:40.*

Item: a few whole cloves or other whole spices. [Alternatively, you can put some spices into a Ziploc baggie]

Egg Number 11

Message: The stone covering Jesus' tomb was rolled away.

Passage: *John 20:1.*

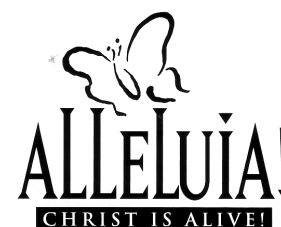
Item: A small rock.

Egg Number 12

Message: The tomb is empty. He has risen!

Passage: *Luke 24:6.*

Item: Nothing



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

August 1-5

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner again! This year's program is SonSurf Beach Bash, a week of fun and adventure with a rainforest theme! The Bible theme will be **John 14:6 (NIV): "I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me".**

As they participate in fun-filled activities, children will learn the five daily truths: they will discover:

Day 1 - Who is Jesus?

Day 2 - Why can I trust Jesus?

Day 3 - Why do I need Jesus?

Day 4 - How can Jesus help me when I mess up?

Day 5 - What does Jesus want me to do?



We will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks – all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun for children and for the adults who help out.

If you are interested in teaching or helping in any way, please contact the church office at 860-429-9911, or via email, info@FedChurchWillington.org.

Teachers are needed to attend a training session in May to prepare lessons and crafts, and to offer any suggestions for recreation, the mission project, music and for the refreshment coordinators. More information on this to follow.

For a preview and to start listening to the songs for this year, please visit the Church website www.fedchurchwillington.org and click on the link for VBS 2011. We welcome newcomers!

Christian Education Report

Easter Sunday: On April 24, Easter Sunday, there will be no Sunday School classes. We will have crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt in its place.

Move to the Hill Church will be on May 1, at which time it the Sunday School children would make gifts for their moms. On May 8, students will prepare for their Children's Day presentations.

Children's Day is May 16.

The Federated Church of Willington

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The Rev. Del Hickson, Pastor

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Palm Sunday Service

Sunday, April 17 - 10:00 AM

(Distribution of Palm Fronds)

Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service -

Thursday, April 21 - 7:30 PM

(Remembrance of the Last Supper/Events of the Holy Week)

Easter Morning Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 24 - 6:00 AM

Willington Town Green

(Hill Church if inclement weather)

Easter Morning Worship Service

Sunday, April 24 - 10:00 AM

Followed by a short Easter Egg Hunt for the younger children.

*Renew Your Faith This Easter
Join Us For These Special Services*

Memorial Day Weekend Coffee Break

The State of Connecticut has approved the dates of May 26 - 30 for the Memorial Day Coffee Break held on the I-84 Rest stops on Westbound side only. **Please note WESTBOUND ONLY!!!! Another group has gotten the Eastbound side.**

A sign-up calendar will be posted on the bulletin board in the Hall Memorial Church in mid-April. Can you sign up for a 2 or 3-hour block of time to either serve coffee or cook hot dogs? If you have never helped out at the Coffee Break before, never fear - we will be glad to help orientate you to the tasks required!

Are you going to be away for the Memorial Day Weekend and can't help out??? We use a LOT of baked goods. Baked items (cookies, muffins, breads,

cakes, etc) can be baked ahead of time and frozen. Feel free to leave them in the freezer in the Memorial Church marked "Coffee Break"

Of the monies that are collected at the Coffee Break, ½ is given to the Outreach Board for the Local Causes and Beyond Fund and the other ½ is put into the Church budget.

If you have any questions, speak to any member of the Coffee Break Committee:
Hope & Wayne Fritz (when they return in May - 860-429-5573)
Nancy Goodell (860-429-2421)
Nancy Humphrey (860-429-1051)
Tish Ignatowicz (860-429-1862)
Julia Cartabiano (860-487-9954)

**Our Next Men's Breakfast
Saturday, April 2nd 9 am
at the Track Nine Diner
12 Tolland Turnpike (Rte 74) in Willington**

Join us for Men's Food & Fellowship!



For more information, please speak with Pastor Del or Tom Smith.

Month of April – 2011

Worship Leaders, Communion Server, Greeters, Ushers, & Altar Flowers

SUNDAY 3	SUNDAY 10	SUNDAY 17 Palm Sunday	SUNDAY 24 Easter Sunday
<p>Worship Leader David Black</p> <p>Greeter Shirley Ogozalek</p> <p>Ushers Edward D'Agata Thomas Kelly</p> <p>Communion David Ignatowicz Ernest Morris</p> <p>Altar Flowers Shirley Ogozalek</p>	<p>Worship Leader Barbara Smith</p> <p>Greeter Elizabeth Robertson</p> <p>Ushers Wilbur Gangaway Alice Gangaway</p> <p>Altar Flowers Alice & Wilbur Gangaway- <i>In memory of their daughter Renee</i></p>	<p>Worship Leader Linda Knight</p> <p>Greeter Mi Cha Sarachek</p> <p>Ushers Chris Jensen Larry Palmer</p> <p>Altar Flowers Ernest & Betsy Gunn - <i>In Memory of their parents</i> Palm Fronds - Rosanne Parizek</p>	<p>Worship Leader David Ignatowicz</p> <p>Greeter Nancy Goodell</p> <p>Ushers Thomas Kelly Richard Sarachek Edward D'Agata Ernest Morris</p> <p>Altar Flowers Easter Lilies</p>

Note: If you are not able to fulfill your duties on the Sunday you are assigned, please change with someone listed for that particular duty and notify the Church Office (860-429-9911) of the change prior to Tuesday. Thank you.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Month of April

5 Lee (Kauffman) Tyson	12 Katie Gaspar
8 Ron Kauffman	9 Ryan Linares
Bud Weisner	28 Elizabeth Ennis

Happy Birthday!

If you would like to see your Birthday or Anniversary listed, please contact Stephanie Dakin in the church office. Office phone is 860-429-9911 and email is info@fedchurchwillington.org.

April 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Mens' Breakfast 9 AM - Track 9 Diner
3 <i>Communion Sunday</i>	4	5	6 Choir Rehearsal - 7 PM, Hall Memorial Church	7	8	9
10	11	12 Prudential Board 7 PM - Hill Church	13	14 Choir Rehearsal 7PM - Hall Memorial Church	15	16
17	18 Church Council Meeting, 7PM, Hall Memorial Church	19 Deacons 7 PM - Hill Church	20 Choir Rehearsal 7PM - Hall Memorial Church	21 Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM - Hall Memorial Church	22 Good Friday	23
24 <i>Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6AM Easter Service 10AM</i>	25	26	27 Choir Rehearsal 7PM - Hall Memorial Church	28	29	30

April Newsletter Deadline: Please turn in all articles/announcements to the church office by Monday April 18th.
Thank you.

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH

OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS reach out to our Brothers and Sisters who have various needs and struggles: *Tanner Webb* and his family (mentioned by Tom & Eileen Smith); *Ron Kauffman*; for *Christine* and her husband *Bryan* (daughter and son-in-law of Betsy & Ernest Gunn); *Joshua & Cassidy Dakin*; *Lee Goodell*; *Dick Giannini*; *Fred Goetz*; *Dave Cushman*; Caithlin Palmer's sister, *Shana*; for *Earl Eldredge & family* as they continue to deal with the loss of Gail; for *Shannon*; the *People of Japan*, the *People* affected by the Earthquake in New Zealand, for the *People* of Libya; that the *turmoil in the Middle East* be resolved.



May God's healing touch also be with the many others not mentioned who have hurts and struggles.

CONDOLENCES: To *Jeanette Hawthorne & family* upon the loss of her husband, *Jon Hawthorne*, Wednesday (03/09) (friends of Holly Gaspar); for *Steve and Karen Jedrzejewski & family* on the loss of Steve's Mother, *Patricia Jedrzejewski Young* (03/24) (friends of Richard & Mi Cha Sarachek).

THANKSGIVINGS: *Dave Frasier* is thankful to everyone for the cards and condolences upon the loss of his sister, *Lydia*. *Gigi Booth* mentioned that it is good to see *Larry Palmer & Cathy Palmer* back at worship; *Fred Goetz* is thankful that there was good attendance at the *March Men's Breakfast* held at Track Nine, breaking a previous record. *Rhonda (Kauffman) Tryon* is thankful for the prayers for her dad, *Ron*, and that his recovery is going well. Wilbur Gangaway praises God for Ron Kauffman's quick recovery following his surgery, and that he is back at home.

Holly Ladd is thankful to everyone for their cards and support upon the loss of her mom, Gail. Sunday, March 20, Gail would have celebrated a birthday and 41st wedding anniversary.

CELEBRATIONS: Birthday's mentioned in worship: *Tish Ignatowicz* (03/03); *Mi Cha Sarachek* (03/14); *Shana* (Cathy Palmer's neice) (03/19); & *Linda Knight* (03/27).

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS to Sarah & Jacob Mayberry for the birth of their son, Royce (02/28). The proud Grandparents are Pat & David Dobbyn.

THE WOODEN CROSS is now on display as of Sunday, February 21, first Sunday of Lent. As we journey through the 40 week- days and six Sundays of Lent, take time before or after worship to pound a nail into the Cross representing sins or burdens. On Easter Sunday, the nails will be replaced with real flowers as a symbol of new life given through faith in Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior!

"Hang It On The Cross"

If you have a secret sorrow, a burden or a loss, An aching need for healing.. Hang It On The Cross. If worry steals your sleep and makes you turn and toss, if your heart is feeling heavy...Hang It On The Cross. Every obstacle to faith or doubt you come across, Every prayer unanswered...Hang It On The Cross. For Christ has borne our brokenness and dearly paid the cost to turn our trials to triumph...Hanging On The Cross

— Lisa O. Engelhardt

"Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the Cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24

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IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH, continued

SILK FLOWERS NEEDED: As part of the Easter Sunrise Service, we will again decorate the large Wooden Cross, "Resurrection Cross," with silk flowers. If you have silk flowers you could donate, please bring them to church and place them in the marked container in the Fellowship Room on or by April 10. Thank you. The Board of Deacons.

EASTER LILIES: The congregation is being given an opportunity to share Easter Lilies in memory or honor of Loved Ones for our Easter Worship Service. Forms are included in this Hill 'n' Dale if you wish to participate. Following the service, you may take the Lilies for your Easter celebration or share with someone you know.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: At the Clara Hall Elliott Memorial Church, Route 32, South Willington -

PALM SUNDAY - April, 17 10:00 AM - *With distribution of Palm Fronds*

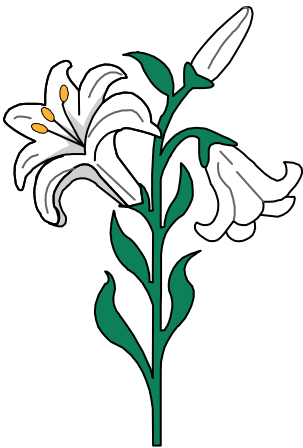
MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE - April 21, 7:30 PM - *With remembrance of the Last Supper & Events of Holy Week*

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE - April 24, 6:00 AM - *At the Town Green (If inclement weather, the Hill Church)*

EASTER CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP - April 24, 10:00 AM - *Alleluia!*

NOTICE: MOVE TO THE HILL CHURCH: Beginning Sunday, May 1, Worship & Sunday School will be held at the Hill Church at 10:00 AM, moving back to the Clara Hall Elliott Memorial Church in mid-September 2011.

EASTER LILIES



An opportunity for you to share Lilies at our Worship Service and then take for your Easter celebration or share with loved ones. The Lilies are multiple blooms and \$10.75 each.

Please fill out the form below and leave it with Richard Sarachek or Stephanie Dakin at the church. (or put them in the Deacon's mailbox in the Fellowship Hall)

I wish to purchase # _____ Lily (ies) to share at our Easter Worship Service. Make check payable to The Federated Church of Willington (\$10.75 each). If memorials or dedications, please indicate for whom:

In Memory/Honor of:

_____ (please circle one)

_____ (Please print name)

Given By:

Deadline to order –Sunday, April 10, 2011