



# THE BEACON

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Deadline for the May BEACON is Friday, April 18. Send entries to [beacon@fccucc.org](mailto:beacon@fccucc.org)

## LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP



### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*For those who live without sufficient food, water, shelter, or safety; for veterans and those in active service; for peace and peacemakers; for areas in strife around the world.*

*Prayers for Heather Allen;*

*Prayers for Debbie Conlon;*

*Prayers for Jim Ekedahl;*

*Prayers for Karen Ellis;*

*Prayers for Peter Moore;*

*Prayers for Donna Morong;*

*Prayers for Mary Parr;*

*Prayers for Cindy & David  
McLaughlin;*

*Prayers for Bob & Mary  
Suessmann;*

*Prayers for the family of  
Elizabeth Crane;*

*Prayers for the family of  
Justin LaBerge*

### April 1

6:00 a.m.  
9:00 & 11:00

### Easter Sunday

Sunrise Service at Fort Williams  
Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir and Children's Church. Cindy Maddox will give the message. Fellowship time follows.

### April 8

8:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.

### Second Sunday of Easter

Chapel Worship  
Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir and Sunday School. Garvey MacLean will give the message. Fellowship time follows.

### April 15

8:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.

### Third Sunday of Easter—CCM Sunday

Chapel Worship  
Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir  
Cindy Maddox will give the message.  
Fellowship time follows.

### April 22

8:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Chapel Worship  
Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir and Sunday School. Cindy Maddox will give the message. Fellowship time follows.

### April 29

8:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.

### Fifth Sunday of Easter—Confirmation Sunday

Chapel Worship  
Sanctuary Worship with Meetinghouse Choir and Sunday School for young children. The confirmands will give the message. Fellowship time follows.

## MISSION GLOBE, ALTAR FLOWERS & STEEPLE REMEMBRANCES

### STEEPLE DEDICATIONS:

Please call the church office for reservations.

**To remember or celebrate loved ones with flowers on the altar or light the Mission Globe**, please contact Dana Wiggins at [danawig@gmail.com](mailto:danawig@gmail.com).



### RUMMAGE SALE

The spring Rummage Sale will be held on **April 21, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.** You can drop off your items in Guptill Hall **after April 2**. A sign will be posted that designates where to leave

the items. If you have questions, call *Prudy Wiggins* at 799.5705.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES ACTIVITIES

**Thursday, April 12-** Meet at the Egg and I for breakfast at 9:00.

**Thursday, April 19**—Please join us for a **SAM meeting** at **1:00 p.m.** to plan future activities.

**Wednesday, April 25**—We will leave for a **tour of the Kotschmar Organ** at the Merrill Auditorium.

**Thursday, April 26**—Please join us for a **birthday party** to honor our friends who are 90 years and older at a party at noon in the Wright Pavilion. We would love to have “younger” people there to celebrate with us all. We also need volunteers to help with the party, mainly serving the food. R.S.V.P. by April 20 to the church office.

**Thursday, May 17**—Please join us for a **SAM meeting** at **1:00 p.m.** to plan future activities.

**SAM** also has a monthly newsletter that highlights our activities for those over 55 years old. If you would like to be on our mailing list, just call the office (799.3361).

## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

We hope you have thought about & perhaps practiced some of the suggestions printed on the Lenten Plastic Challenge sheet that was available last month. Because plastics are so pervasive in our lives, limiting their use can be very difficult. To that end, we have put together a list of places, things etc. that might help lessen our dependence. This list is a work in progress so if you have found a source for environmentally friendly products, please let us know & we will update the list.



Realistically, we know that plastic will always be with us. In celebration of Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, The Social Witness Ministries Group is hoping you will join us on April 21<sup>st</sup>, to help South Portland Land Trust clean up the city's trails and parks, picking up not only plastic but other trash that ends up in our waters. The Clean-Up goes from 8:30AM to noon. Site assignments, gloves, and two types of bags (one for recyclables the other for garbage), will be available at Mill Creek Park.

Members of Social Witness Ministries will be available at Coffee Hour on April 8th and 15th with a sign-up sheet for the Land Trust cleanup and carpool. There will also be lists of local Earth Day and Beyond activities, as well as our list of Plastic Alternatives. Hope to see you there!



### WOMEN'S CELEBRATION

Thirty-six years ago a group of UCC women from New England wanted to have a gathering with opportunities for spirituality, education and comradery. One thousand women met for Celebration I in Portland. Since then there has been a Celebration every four years either in Portland or Burlington, Vermont, and **April 6-8** will be **Celebration X**. The number of attendees is down to approximately 600, but it has been a rewarding experience for most. Please join us for this gathering at the

Holiday Inn by the Bay and register. Scholarships are available. Find a sitter for your kids so you can attend this event. If you'd like to be involved in helping contact Kathy Sahrbeck at 799-3361 #112 or [outreach@fccucc.org](mailto:outreach@fccucc.org).

### NEW FAIR TRADE ORDERING PROCEDURE

Hello, loyal fair trade customers! We want to remind you that we will no longer be taking orders personally in church on Sunday mornings but will continue to support fair trade and equal exchange by sending in group orders four times a year. .



I will continue to take your orders via email [judyk53@me.com](mailto:judyk53@me.com) if you need something. I also have a list of what your usual order is so let me know if you need that. The big change is that we now keep a PERMANENT FOLDER at the church right outside the associate minister's office (where Rev. Morse has been) in a holder on the wall. It has the inventory/ordering list and blank order forms for you to fill out at ANY time of the year. Just put your order form and a check in the envelope (provided) and either give that to Nancy in the business office or slip it into the Fair Trade mail slot in the church office. The mail slot is on the very bottom row so you may need to move some things out of the way.

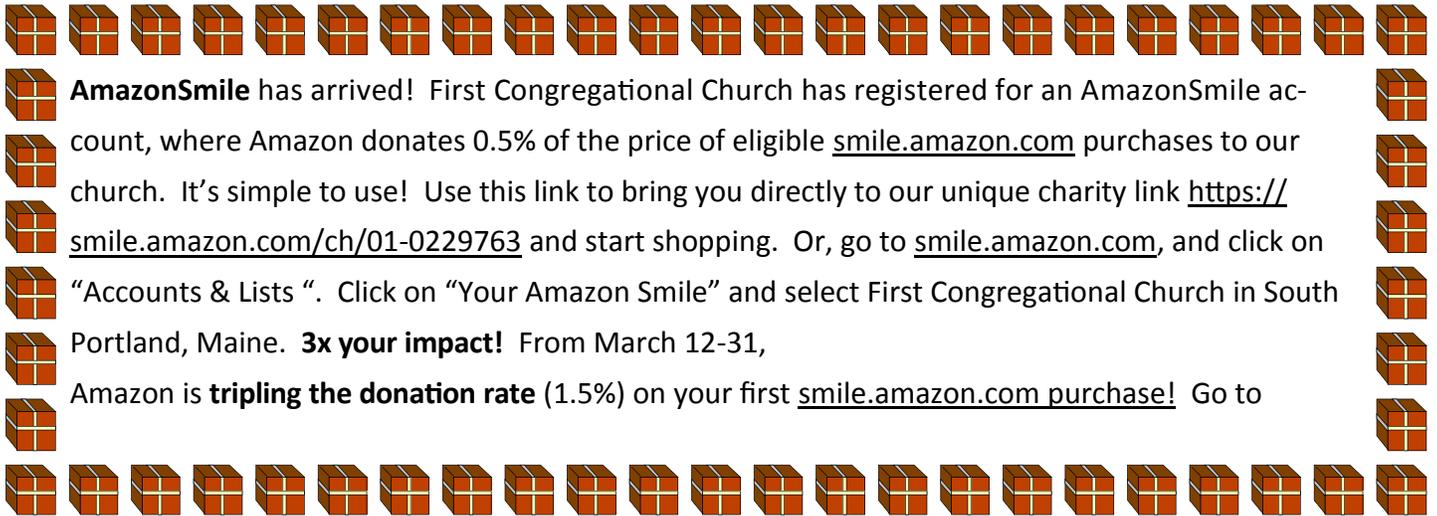
We hope that this will work smoothly. Please come to any of us with questions or concerns, and THANK YOU so much for your support of fair trade!

Your Fair Trade Committee: Judy Kimball, Lynne Lanctot, Kathy Cotter, Carol Scheffler



### PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS

Have you made your 2018 donation towards your Per Capita dues? This is the \$15.00 annual fee that the church pays on your behalf to the Cumberland Association and the Maine Conference.



**AmazonSmile** has arrived! First Congregational Church has registered for an AmazonSmile account, where Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) purchases to our church. It's simple to use! Use this link to bring you directly to our unique charity link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/01-0229763> and start shopping. Or, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), and click on "Accounts & Lists". Click on "Your Amazon Smile" and select First Congregational Church in South Portland, Maine. **3x your impact!** From March 12-31, Amazon is **tripling the donation rate** (1.5%) on your first [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) purchase! Go to

**GOT CANS?**

We do! Already over 804 cans have been recycled using our new Clynk Account and we have saved the emissions equivalent of driving a car 224 miles. Thank you! What is Clynk? CLYNK is a simple, fun and powerful way to boost fundraising. The Hannaford Community Cash program, powered by CLYNK, is a fundraising tool for booster groups, charities, civic organizations and school groups. The program allows fundraisers to run a bottle drive, virtually year-round, without much effort. So, grab a bag, fill it up, drop it off and tag it at Hannaford today! Monies collected benefit the Mission Outreach team. Bags are located in the office. If you have any questions, please contact Jess at [207.671.1366](tel:207.671.1366) or [jessdeeproctor@gmail.com](mailto:jessdeeproctor@gmail.com).



**PILGRIM LODGE AND STAR ISLAND CAMBERSHIPS**

Summer is almost here and Camperships are now available for Pilgrim Lodge and Star Island. Brochures are upstairs by Game room or online at [www.pilgrimlodge.org](http://www.pilgrimlodge.org) or [www.stargathering.org](http://www.stargathering.org) Please contact Anne at [abf@fccucc.org](mailto:abf@fccucc.org) if you are interested in a campership.



**LOST AND FOUND**

Did you leave something at worship or an event at church? If so we have many unclaimed items for you to check. All unclaimed items will be given to our Rummage Sale in April.

Church Calendar

Apr 2018 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Easter Vigil @ 8am - Sunrise 9am - Easter Service 11am - Easter</p>	<p>2 10am - Prayer Shawl 7pm - Choir</p>	<p>3 9am - Children's 6:30pm - Children's 6:30pm - Eskimos @</p>	<p>4 6:30pm - Care &amp; 6:30pm - S. L. &amp; W @ 7pm - EFG @ 7pm - Mission</p>	<p>5 9am - Children's 5:30pm - Soup</p>	<p>6 9am - Seniors 12pm - Staff 6:30pm - Administrator 7pm - Pastor Parish</p>	<p>7 9am - Children's 5:30pm - Soup</p>
<p>8 8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary 8pm - Confirmation</p>	<p>9 1pm - Prayer Shawl 7pm - Choir</p>	<p>10 2pm - CCM Review 6:30pm - Children's</p>	<p>11 9am - Seniors 12pm - Staff 6:30pm - Administrator 7pm - Pastor Parish</p>	<p>12 9am - Seniors 12pm - Staff 6:30pm - Administrator 7pm - Pastor Parish</p>	<p>13 9am - Seniors 12pm - Staff 6:30pm - Administrator 7pm - Pastor Parish</p>	<p>14 9am - Seniors 12pm - Staff 6:30pm - Administrator 7pm - Pastor Parish</p>
<p>15 Set up for Rummage Sale @ Guptill Hall 8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary</p>	<p>16 Set up for Rummage Sale @ Guptill Hall 7pm - Choir</p>	<p>17 Beacon Deadline 6:30pm - Children's</p>	<p>18 Set up for Rummage Sale @ Guptill Hall &amp; 1pm - SAM @ Z13 1pm - SAMS @ 2nd 7pm - Council</p>	<p>19 Set up for Rummage Sale @ Guptill Hall &amp; 1pm - SAM @ Z13 1pm - SAMS @ 2nd 7pm - Council</p>	<p>20 Set up for Rummage Sale @ Guptill Hall &amp; 1pm - SAM @ Z13 1pm - SAMS @ 2nd 7pm - Council</p>	<p>21 Set up for Rummage Sale @ Guptill Hall &amp; 1pm - SAM @ Z13 1pm - SAMS @ 2nd 7pm - Council</p>
<p>22 8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary</p>	<p>23 7pm - Investment</p>	<p>24 6:30pm - Prayer 7pm - Choir</p>	<p>25 12:15pm - Keteachm 6:30pm - Children's</p>	<p>26 9am - Set up for 12pm - Booth</p>	<p>27 9am - Set up for 12pm - Booth</p>	<p>28 9am - Set up for 12pm - Booth</p>
<p>29 8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary</p>	<p>30 8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary</p>	<p>31 8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary</p>	<p>1 8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary</p>	<p>2 8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary</p>	<p>3 8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary</p>	<p>4 8:30am - Chapel 10am - Sanctuary</p>

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***Palm/Passion Sunday, 3/25, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.*** – Worship will begin with praise and the parade of palms. During the sermon we will be inspired by mystic Julian of Norwich as we turn our attention to the difficult events in the week to come.

***Maundy Thursday, 3/29, 7:30 p.m.*** – Our message will be inspired by St. John of the Cross, and since our theme for Lent has been vision, we also will consider some artists' visions of the events of Holy Week. Child-care will be provided.

***Good Friday, 3/30, 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.*** – Our annual Soup Supper hosted by the Spiritual Life and Worship Team will take place in Guptill Hall at 6pm. At 7:30 the sanctuary choir will offer a Good Friday musical called *Were You There?* Childcare will be provided.

***Good Friday to Easter morning*** – Starting when the Good Friday Service ends, and continuing until Easter Sunday morning, two people will be sitting vigil in our chapel at all times. You may sign up to participate on the board outside Wright Pavilion.