



**The Covenant of Our
Congregation
Adopted in 1962**

We do hereby set forth the principles of the Christian faith as commonly held among us, believing that no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

It shall be our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life, and comfort to those in life's later years; and to labor together for the betterment of humankind.

Our fellowship shall not be dependent upon identity of theological opinion, or of outward circumstance, or of denominational concern, but shall grow from a common loyalty to Jesus, a common commitment to serve the world we touch, and a common purpose to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Our ideal is a church of the open mind, the warm heart, the hopeful spirit, and the social vision which ever seeks to express, in all walks of life, the mind of Jesus.

April 20, 2014

*First Reformed Church
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Welcome to First Reformed Church

We are a welcoming and affirming congregation and absolutely everyone is invited to our worship, activities, and service.

If you are a first time visitor we hope you feel at home here. Please fill out a little white pew card and place it in the offering plate and join us after the service for coffee and refreshments. Stop by a welcome table at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Non Emergency Number

Schenectady Police: 518-382-5200

Parking

You may park in **any** of the lots around the church or the Stockade Inn on Sunday mornings.

Need Help?

Large print bulletins and audio receivers are available to assist you. Please ask an usher. Special bulletins for children are also available. Restrooms are located out the front right doorway of the sanctuary.

Elders in Worship

Past and current leaders we call 'Elders' walk in together at the beginning of worship and sit in the front pew. This is to identify them as servants of the mission of the church and make it easy to see who you might talk to about the life of our congregation.

Joining the Congregation

To become a member of the congregation, there is a one-time orientation, a meeting with the governing board, and a reception in worship. If you are interested in the next orientation please fill out a white pew card.

Communion

Our congregation celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month. All followers of Christ are invited to share this meal.

Hearing Assistance

We have hearing reinforcement units that will make it easier to hear. Ask an usher.

Child Care on Sunday

Childcare for babies through age four is available from 10am and noon in Kinderwyk, which is located in the building near the church office entry.

Church School

All children in grades K-8 are welcome to join in our Church School activities by leaving immediately after the Children's Message. Parents can pick up their children at 11:15am on the 2nd floor at the top of the stairs.

Church School on Communion Sundays

On Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month) youth in grades 3-8 remain in the service to participate in Communion while those in grades K-2 are welcome to go upstairs after the Children's Message for music and crafts.

Children's Worship Bulletins

Special bulletins for children, ages 3-6 and 7-12 are available each Sunday. If the ushers are not handing them out, just ask for one.

After Worship

Typically after worship, people stop for a chat and a cookie in downstairs Friendship Hall before going to a learning opportunity that lasts until noon. Visitors are welcome to join in.

Service Online

A recording of each of our worship services is at 1stReformed.com one or two days following the service.

Lost and Found

We have a lost and found basket in the Narthex (at the front entrance of the church). If you have lost/misplaced an item at church, please check this basket.

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2014

*The congregation may stand.

PRELUDE Naphtali Rothrock
Prelude in G Major J.S. Bach
Toccata in D Minor (Dorian) J.S. Bach
Hyfrydol Ralph Vaughan Williams

10:00 a.m.

GREETING Daniel Carlson
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ORIENTATION

CALL TO WORSHIP Bill Levering

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #123
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*PRAYER (*unison*)

**God of new life, we thank you for the hope
you have given us through Jesus Christ.
Help us to celebrate your Easter triumph
with all of our life. Amen.**

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

Mark Shepperd

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!
Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia!
Christ is risen from the dead!

Gratefully our hearts adore him,
As his light once more appears;
Bowing down in joy before him,
Rising up from grief and tears.

Death and hell before him bending,
See him rise, the victor now,
Angels on his steps attending,
Glory round the wounded bow.

John S. B. Monsell

FIRST LESSON Stacey Midge
Guide us, O Lord, by your Word and Holy
Spirit. **Amen.** *Colossians 3:1-4 (pg 201)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

K-8 are invited to participate in an Easter
Egg Hunt.

SECOND LESSON *John 20:1-18 (pg 114)*

SERMON *Easter Church, Easter People*
Bill Levering

*HYMN *Thine Is The Glory* #122

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Christ is Alive!*
Richard Wayne Dirksen

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,

but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

Brian Wren

*DOXOLOGY #592
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be
thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* #104
*Anyone wishing to sing the Halleluiah
Chorus should come forward during this
hymn.*

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Hallelujah Chorus*
G.F. Handel

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing
Sicilian Mariners

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Prayers of the People

Requests for prayer may be noted on a pew card
and placed in the offering plate. We pray
regularly for those who are ill, those who serve
their country, those who hunger, and those who
are our enemies. As part of our prayers this
morning, we remember with thanksgiving
members of FRC & UPC who entered eternal
rest in previous years about this time:

*Lewis Carosella, Reynold Downing, Charlotte
Hubbard, Kathryn Pontius, Margaret Powers,
Marcia Todd*

If you are aware of a departed member, whose
name has not been noted near the anniversary of
their death, please speak with one of our
ministers or contact the church office.

Celebratory or Memorial Flowers

A flower calendar is posted on the right side of
the Poling House entrance to the sanctuary
wherein you can choose a date for donating
chancel flowers to remember a loved one or to
honor a special event. Please inform the office of
your wishes. The cost of the flowers is \$30 for
the two bouquets. You may send your check
payable to Chancel Guild, c/o Marlene
Risseeuw, 2140 Niskayuna Dr., Niskayuna, NY
12309.

Post Service Refreshments

Today everyone is invited to have refreshments
downstairs in Friendship Hall right after
worship. We are always looking for volunteers
to bring in food. It can be cookies, cheese and
crackers, fruit, or anything you want. Food
should be brought to Assembly Hall around
9:30am. There is a sign-up sheet in Assembly
Hall or fill out a white pew card and
place it in the offering plate. If you have any
questions, please contact the church office. **We
are in need of 3 volunteers for April 27.**

Music Note:

We are grateful for today's instrumentalists: Dave Hosley, Robert Hosley, trumpets; Jon Kusche and William Hoeprich, trombones; Andrew Janack, timpani.

Easter Flowers Delivery

Many volunteers are needed today to deliver Easter flowers to those recently bereaved and home-bound church members. The flowers and an addressed card for each recipient will be available for pick up after the service. We are grateful to all those participating in this ministry and extending a lovely symbol of God's great faithfulness!

New Member Class

Interested in a closer relationship with this congregation? Dr. Levering will be leading membership orientation meetings that include a tour of the church and a chat about who we are. It lasts 90 minutes and is held at 3pm on the first Sundays of May and June and October through February.

Easter Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing

Most mainline denominational churches take an offering for basic human needs; both the Presbyterians and the Reformed Church take this offering, occasionally at different times of the year. Both denominations use the money in similar ways to end poverty and help with disasters. This year, our Easter Offering will be the One Great Hour of Sharing and the Presbyterian Church will be administering the gift this year. It goes every year to three efforts: disaster assistance, hunger relief and the self-development of people. These three programs are well administered by our Presbyterian brothers and sisters. Both the RCA and the PCUSA offerings for disaster relief and hunger are usually managed by groups on the ground that are trusted partners in the area of need, so these offerings often end up going to exactly the same places. It is comforting to know that when there is a disaster in some foreign land, we are cooperating as Christians to bring relief in the

most efficient way possible. We hope that this year you will be extra generous in your Easter Offering to the One Great Hour of Sharing as a help to human need and as a witness to our cooperation around the world and in our own community.

New Writers Group

A Flash Fiction critique group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Walton Conference Room. Flash Fiction is a COMPLETE story, fiction or nonfiction, written in 1,000 words or less. For more info and signups, contact James Gonda at jamesgonda63@yahoo.com or the church office.

Faith Bookshop

The Bookshop is closed today. Happy Easter everyone!

Forum

After worship most Sundays at 11:15am in Poling Chapel, suggestions for programs are welcome from any committee or member; simply contact Joe Doolittle 384-1700, Peggy King 370-1885, or Amy Brule 785-8201.

Today: Easter Reception, Friendship Hall
April 27: Early Finding & Implementation Strategies on the Community Health Survey. David Pratt, MD, Commissioner, Schenectady County Department of Public Health, Consultant to Ellis Medicine.

May 4 : Modeling the Gospel through Fowler Camp & Retreat Center; Rev. Kent Busman, Director.

Jazz Vespers Every Sunday ~ 5pm

Today: Peg Delaney, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums; Jim Corigliano, sax
April 27: Scott Bassinson, piano; Bill Delaney, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums; Alex Slomka, trombone

May 4: Nat Phipps, piano; Pete Toigo, bass; Tom D'Andrea, drums

Junior & Senior High Youth Groups

ALL youth in grades 6-12 will meet from 5-7pm on Sunday nights unless otherwise noted, all will meet for dinner, fellowship, service, and learning activities.

Today: Easter – NO MEETING

April 27: Regular Meeting

May 4: CROP Walk! NO MEETING

Horizons Bible Study

The Horizons Bible Study Group meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the Poling Conference room. We are now doing a 6 week Lenten study: *Gospel Lives: Encounters with Jesus*. All are welcome to attend.

Midweek Vegetarian Dinner

Beginning April 23 at 6pm our delicious and nutritious plant-based dinners on Wednesdays will resume in Assembly Hall. All are welcome; a sign-up sheet for future meals will be available at the first feast. The worship which follows is optional but often the destination of diners. Questions regarding the dinner or worship may be directed to Daniel Carlson.

Midweek Evening Worship

Our contemplative service returns to its usual time (7pm) and location (Poling Chapel) beginning Wednesday, April 23. Everyone is welcome to this briefer, quieter, and more reflective gathering at the close of the day in the middle of each week - especially those who long to have their awareness of God's loving presence within them and all creation rekindled. Come share in the mystery and joy of Easter via guitar accompanied songs, guided meditation on scripture, Holy Communion, shared prayers, and God's peace!

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

We will be meeting on April 24 at 9:30am at the home of Ronnie Bartholic. For questions, contact Ronnie Bartholic 399-7679.

Interfaith Dialog April 25

This year for our interfaith dialog, Congregation Gates of Heaven has invited us to their normal services on Friday, April 25 at 7pm. After the service, Rabbi Cutler and Dr. Levering will have a likely exchange of ideas.

Earth Sunday Frolic Along the Mohawk

Plan on joining our Creation Care Commission (CCC) April 27 for an environmental outing! We'll be picking up trash on the bike-hike trail starting behind Schenectady County Community College (SCCC) as part of the "Canal Clean Sweep" initiative. A nutritious lunch of soup and bread will be shared following worship; we'll leave the church at 11:45 to meet with others at the SCCC trail head at noon. Participants wanting an event tee shirt should sign up on the CCC bulletin board in Assembly Hall. Work gloves required. Together we'll make a difference in our care for creation!

Justice Action Council

April 27, 12:15pm-2pm: *The Health Care Movie and Lasagna for Lunch*

Join the Justice Action Council for the movie and discussion of health care reform. The Healthcare Movie is a serious but entertaining 35 minute film comparing the developments of American and Canadian healthcare. Narrated by Kiefer Sutherland, the documentary explores the health care systems in Canada and the U.S. and considers how the two systems ended up in such different places. In Canada, healthcare is regarded as a human right, treated as a responsibility of the government to be provided to every citizen. In America health care is a profit-making commodity. Discussion will follow led by Richard Propp, MD, Retired Hematologist and Medical Director of the NYS Patient Safety Center, Chair, Capital District Alliance for Universal Healthcare, Inc. Lunch: Lasagna, Salad, Drinks and dessert. For this, a donation of \$5-\$7 per person is suggested. For reservations please call Joe Doolittle 384-1700.

Union College Empty Bowls

Sunday, April 27 Fundraising Dinner - Empty Bowls is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. Potters, artists, educators, children, and people in the community work together to create handcrafted bowls. Everyone then gathers to join in the humble sharing of a meal of soup and bread. At the end of the evening, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a keepsake and reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. Last year, Union students raised over \$3,000, of which 100% was donated to the Concern for the Hungry, Bethesda House, and the City Mission. Join them this year to make this event another successful effort, help our community in need! We will meet at Proctors GE Theater at 5pm. Students are \$15; others \$20.

Fellowship Luncheon

Our next luncheon will be on Friday, May 2 at 12 noon in Assembly Hall. Our hostesses will be Ellie Brudos, Ann Hammett, and Connie Young. Speaking will be Jim Salengo. Jim is Executive Director of Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation and will be talking about the continuing improvements that are happening in Schenectady. Our luncheon series has been quite successful, with interesting programs, wonderful fellowship, and great food being our winning combination. You can bring a dish to share or just sit back and enjoy; all are welcome, men and women. You may sign up in Assembly Hall or call 346-0304. So please come and join us, this will be our last luncheon until September, so don't miss out!

Octavo Singers May Concert

Octavo Singers will be performing our spring concert on Saturday, May 3 at 7:30pm at First Reformed Church of Schenectady in the Schenectady Stockade. This wonderful concert will be celebrating the traditional month of May. Tickets are available by phone at 253-7088, on the web at www.octavosingers.com and at the door. We hope to see you there.

Annual CROP Walk

On Sunday, May 4, the annual Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) walk will take place at 12:30pm, beginning at Emmanuel Friedens Church and winding 5k through Schenectady. The proceeds support hunger-fighting efforts around the world, with 25% going to local food pantries, Community Crisis Network, and Senior Meals. Want to walk? Get a donation form from the Church Office. Non-walkers can simply drop off their donations at the church office. Checks should be made out to "CWS/CROP." Checks eligible for GE Matching should be made out to SICM. Any questions contact Cathy Lewis.

Vale Cemetery Tour

Join us Sunday, May 4 at 2pm for a tour and lecture of Vale Cemetery/Park led by Laura Linder, Archivist/Registered Historian. We will meet, rain or shine, at the Caretakers House, 907 State St., Schenectady. There is a \$7 donation and children are free. For more information, call 346-0423 or vale@valecemetery.org.

Group V

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 5 at 11:30 am at 1229 Viewmont Drive, Niskayuna. We will be having a Salad Luncheon Picnic. Bring a salad to share. This will be the last meeting of the year, so come and join us. Contact Maria G. Todd to sign up if you are not a member of Group V. All church women are welcome.

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Wycliffe Bible translators are hosting a banquet celebrating their work around the world. If you are interested in attending on May 5 at 7pm, please contact Vernetta Thuener at 355-2543.

Art Celebration

Visit Friendship Hall to see an array of some of the art work... This is an exhibition of some of the art work belonging to our two congregations. Using a variety of media and techniques it is a visual expression of celebration and worship

made meaningful by many different artists over the years. So much of this art work has a story to tell as depicted in the subject of that particular piece. Then there are others that have stories of their own to tell – Where did it come from? Why is it here? How can we make the best use of it today? All are part of the story of so many lives of the people of our congregations. It is part of our heritage and reminds us of who we are and why we are a church.

Loyalty and Loss May 9

Meet, Listen, and talk with Lynn Japinga, Professor at Hope College and author of “Loyalty and Loss: The Reformed Church in America, 1945-1994,” a fascinating book about the post WWII history of the RCA. Want to learn more about our small but diverse denomination? Come hear Lynn speak at the Niskayuna Reformed Church on May 9 at 5pm. RSVP to the Regional Synod of Albany by calling Trudi Thun at 374-4573 or email thun.trudi@gmail.com

Men’s Breakfast

May 10; 8am – Presentation by Gene Rowland with a photographic record of his recent trip to Amelia Island FL for the 19th Annual *Concours d’Elegance* (Collector Car Show.) Please sign up in Assembly Hall.

Capital Community Voices Spring Concert

Capital Community Voices, directed by Julie Panke, will present “Frontier Fantasies” on Saturday, May 10 at 7:30pm at Genet Elementary School, Rt 4, East Greenbush, NY. Folk and popular songs exploring the frontiers of the American West, space, the sea, and love and romance will highlight the program. Selections will include “Buffalo Gals,” “Fly Me to the Moon,” “Under the Sea,” “Lover Come Back to Me,” and “The Shadow of Your Smile.” The chorus will be accompanied by pianist John Norton, bassist Tony Riccobono, and percussionist Leonard Tobler. A reception will follow the concert. Ticket prices are \$10 general admission and \$8 for seniors and students.

Group VII

We will meet Friday, May 16 for “A Surprise Trip.” Join us at 10:30am at Scotia Reformed Church for a tour, after we will meet for lunch at Scotia Diner. Contact Ronnie Bartholic with any questions.

Tuesday Ladies

Meetings are every third Tuesday of the month in the home of Connie Young. We will meet May 20 at 7pm. Hope to see you then.

Central College Choir

The Central College A Cappella Choir from Pella, Iowa will present a concert on Friday, May 23 at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary. The choir is an auditioned 60-voice ensemble in its 82nd year. Their eclectic repertoire ranges from Renaissance to Modern 21st Century music and there will be two selections presented jointly by the choir and area RCA church choir members. The concert is free but donations will be accepted. Please join us for a festive and spirit-filled evening of choral music.

We are in great need of families or individuals that can host two or more choir members overnight on Friday evening the 23 and for breakfast on Saturday morning. If you are able to be a host please contact Julie Panke, Director of Music at kirkechor@earthlink.net or 370-5434. A sign-up sheet will also be available in Assembly Hall.

Confirmation

Confirmation is the process by which youth in grades 8 and above learn more about the church and their own faith and decide to commit to being adult members of the church. Bill Levering and Stacey Midge lead the confirmation process, which is a combination of challenges and meetings at noon after the Sunday Forum. You can also see what it's all about online on the church website under Activities >Confirmation. Please let Bill or Stacey know if you intend to participate in this year's Confirmation class.

Church Library

Do you believe in second chances and possibilities? Read Molly Peacock's "Paper Garden," the story of a woman who began her life as an artist at age 72. The library has a selection of new books for spring. Stop in if you can. Many thanks to all the wonderful people who have offered their time on Sunday mornings. There is a new sign-up sheet on the library desk through June 1. Please always put a phone number where you can be reached on the sign-up sheet or whenever you borrow a book.

College Scholarships

Applications for the Rev. Al Smith Education Scholarship are available through the Church Office. Please submit your completed application to the Church Office by Wednesday, May 15. Questions can be directed to Sara Erickson at 374-4161 or ericksonhs@aol.com

SICM Book Collection

Wanted: Books for kids 18 and under. Please donate age-appropriate fiction and non-fiction books to enhance SICM's Summer Lunch Program 2014. In addition to feeding thousands of hungry children, the 9-week program provides recreational and educational activities at parks throughout Schenectady. Books can be placed in the bin in the Narthex and will be collected until the program begins. Any questions, you can call Karen at 607-725-4521.

Extending Thanks

Jayne McCann would like to thank all those who have sent loving thoughts and prayers after the loss of her son.

	This Sunday	Next Sunday
Counting Deacons	Leah Kidwell-Fernandes, Tom Burgoyne	Fred Daniels, Douglas Todd
Faith Bookshop	Closed	Linda Witkowski
Flower Delivery	Easter Sunday, Many Members!	Ann & Emile Walraven, Peggy King
Greeters	Ron & Jean Lindsay	Ray & Joyce Beland
Kinderwyck	Sarah Bachorik	Barbara Walton
Liturgists	Daniel Carlson	Stacey Midge
Preacher	Bill Levering	Daniel Carlson
Processing Elders	Gene Zeltmann, Barbara Walton, Art Casey, Tom Lindsay, Joe Lovell, Linda Witkowski	Rob Dickson, Joyce Griggs, Bob Beadle, Gay Doolittle, Jerry Griggs, Maria Todd
Reader	Stacey Midge	Chris Fernandes
Refreshments	Easter Reception	Please Sign Up
Ushers	Bill Clock (head usher), Cathy Allen, Robert Allen, Joe Gallagher, Maurice Robbins	Del Pierce (head usher), Karen Dickson, Rob Dickson, Michael Horan, Victoria McGowan-Horan, Doug Todd, Carol Troost

The sanctuary and the chapels are adorned to the glory of God and in loving memory or in honor of:

- Margaret Shultes from her family*
- Our parents, Richard and Ruth Arthur, and P.J. and Edith Brownell by Dick and Judy Arthur*
- Remembering Loved ones by Audrey Bain*
- Bill Dotter by his wife Elsie and children*
- Warren D. and Ethel F. Barrett by their children and grandchildren*
- Carlton W. Dyer by his wife, Janice B. Dyer*
- Sylvia R. Ebeling by Dolph Ebeling*
- Lorraine Ebeling by Scott Ebeling*
- Rudolph and Therese Mahlberg by the Erickson family*
- William and Louise Stange by Marlene Risseuw and the Erickson's*
- Loved ones by Cynthia Hamilton*
- LeRoy Jewett by his family*
- Husband and Dad, Harold W. Lapham*
- Parents, Frances and Ralph Schilling and Emma and Harold G. Lapham*
- Don Middleton and Steve Middleton by Anne Middleton*
- Dorothy and Edmund Sanderson by Neil and Sandy Moynihan*
- Our children, Laurel Davis Jeffers and Michael J. Ontkush by Diane and Peter Ontkush*
- Heather Davis Moore by Diane and Peter Ontkush*
- Loved ones by Anne Peterson*
- Kathleen Phillips and Prof. E. Dwight Phaup*
- Robert J. Brown and John Sands by Susan Plant and Jean Brown*
- Our Parents by Ellie and Gene Rowland*
- Carmel Fay Quinn from the Schadler Family*
- Eldon Springsted by his wife, Elaine*
- My husband, James R. Stevenson by Ernestine*
- Mr. and Mrs. Francis R. Swann, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Niles, Florence B. Niles, and Donald T. Armington by Dale and Nancy Ellen Swann*
- My Grandpa Al Holland and my Uncles Allen and Joe Attanasio*
- Loved ones by Mr. and Mrs. James Tillma*
- Charles Greskovich from your Earth family, Maria, Chad, and Ann*
- Melissa Lynne from Maria, Chad, and Ann*
- Anne Shepherd Wemple, Robert V. Shepherd and Susan Shepherd by the Welch family*
- Palmer V. Welch, Marian A. Welch, and Mary C. Welch by the Welch family*
- Loved ones by Glenn and Martha Winchester*

Calendar for the Week of April 20, 2014

Easter Sunday	10:00 am..... Worship
April 20	10:15 am..... Easter Egg Hunt
	11:15 am..... Easter Reception
	4:00 pm..... Youth Orchestra
	5:00 pm..... Jazz Vespers
Monday	9:00 am..... Mens News Group
April 21	10:00 am..... What's Your Story?
	7:00 pm..... Klokken Ringers
Tuesday	10:00 am..... Morning Prayer
April 22	10:00 am..... Horizons Bible Study
	6:00 pm..... CRTC
Wednesday	9:30 am..... Kerygma Conversations
April 23	6:00 pm..... Midweek Vegetarian Dinner
	7:00 pm..... Midweek Evening Worship
Thursday	7:30 am..... Breakfast Bible Bunch
April 24	10:00 am..... Stitch Group
	6:45 pm..... Yoga
	7:30 pm..... Chancel Choir
Sunday	9:00 am..... Choir Rehearsal
April 27	9:15 am..... High School Choir
	10:00 am..... Worship
	10:15 am..... Church School for K-8
	11:15 am..... Forum
	11:15 am..... Pre-Frolic Lunch
	11:20 am..... Kirk Ringers
	12:00 pm..... Membership Committee
	4:00 pm..... Youth Orchestra
	5:00 pm..... Jazz Vespers
	5:00 pm..... JH & HS Youth Group

“Jesus’s resurrection is the beginning of God’s new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord’s Prayer is about.” – N.T. Wright, *Surprise by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*

“Easter is very important to me, it’s a second chance.” – Reba McEntire

“The gifts of the Master are these: freedom, life, hope, new direction, transformation, and intimacy with God. If the cross was the end of the story, we would have no hope. But the cross isn’t the end. Jesus didn’t escape from death; he conquered it and opened the way to heaven for all who will dare to believe. The truth of this moment, if we let it sweep over us, is stunning. It means Jesus really is who he claimed to be, we are really as lost as he said we are, and he really is the only way for us to intimately and spiritually connect with God again.” – Steven James, *Story*

“Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present.” – N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church*

“He takes us out of time and makes us feel eternity. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

“For I remember it is Easter morn, and life and love and peace are all new born.” – Alice Freeman Palmer

“If anyone or anything tries to curse or kill the Goodness at the Center of all things, it will just keep coming back to life. Forever Easter.” – David Housholder, *The Blackberry Bush*

“There is a fragrance in the air, a certain passage of a song, an old photograph falling out from the pages of a book, the sound of somebody’s voice in the hall that makes your heart leap and fills your eyes with tears. Who can say when or how it will be that something easters up out of the dimness to remind us of a time before we were born and after we will die?” – Frederick Buechner, *Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale*

“The story of Easter is the story of God’s wonderful window of divine surprise.” – Carl Knudsen

“The organist was almost at the end of the anthem’s long introduction, and as the crescendo increases the cathedral began to glitter before my eyes until I felt as if every stone in the building was vibrating in anticipation of the sweeping sword of sound from the Choir. The note exploded in our midst, and at that moment I knew our creator had touched not only me but all of us, just as Harriet had touched that sculpture with a loving hand long ago, and in that touch I sensed the indescribable devotion and the inexhaustible energy of the creator as he shaped his creation, bringing life out of dead matter, wresting form continually from chaos. Nothing was ever lost, Harriet had said, and nothing was ever wasted because always, when the work was finally completed, every article of the created process, seen or unseen, kept or discarded, broken or mended – EVERYTHING was justified, glorified and redeemed.” – Susan Howatch

“Easter is the demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless. – Charles M. Crowe