

# *Hope Anchor* *for March 2024*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9AM | TRADITIONAL SERVICE

10AM | SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH GROUP

11PM | CONTEMPORARY SERVICE



HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**211 Elton Adelpia Road**  
**Freehold NJ 07728**



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Christ**

***Growing in Faith, Love and Service***



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[www.hopefreehold.org](https://www.hopefreehold.org)

### ***Council meeting February 21, 2024 7pm***

Those present were as follows Michelle, Debbie, Matt M, Pastor Ed, Bill, Dave, Sarah, Sue, Pat, Brian, Steve. Judy was present to give her report.

**Devotions:** Dave shared minutes encouraging us to be patient and follow God's will in our lives. We shouldn't hurry or worry, because God will point us in His direction.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Council meeting minutes of January 17th, 2024 (previously distributed).

Bill makes a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Debbie second. Motion carried.

**Hope Christian School Report:** Judy Canfield brought her February newsletter to share with the council.

Tentative BBQ Date: May 22

New website is up and running!

VBS August 12-16, back to the morning 9-12

Registration is in full swing, most spots are filled up already.

Summer Camp info should be going out next week

Judy will be shopping around for a few quotes to redo/update the bathrooms, hopefully during the summer.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mike Della Rosa submitted his report via email.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Kropa shared his reports from January and February.

Pastor is recommending (with agreement from Karla) that we pause our Generosity campaign until September, since Josh was scheduled to be a key member of that process.

*Pastor makes a motion to pause the Generosity campaign until September. Debbie second, motion carried.*

**Old Business: Status / Updates (if available):**

Generis initiative update: included in Pastor's report

Architectural design / update: A finance team has been meeting, working through different scenarios (# of classrooms, bathrooms, etc.). They will be meeting again to fine tune the numbers, hopefully providing an update for the March meeting. Bill will be updating the architects, to ask what is available in the budget the finance team works out.

**New Business:**

36th Synod Assembly will take place in person on May 11, 2024, at Grounds for Sculpture, 80 Sculptors Way, Hamilton Township, NJ 08619.

Administrator's title and salary consideration request- Cheryl has requested an increase in her annual salary, citing increased workload and responsibilities she has taken on.

We are in the process of reworking the job title, and description to better reflect all of the work that Cheryl has taken on. She has been acting as much more than an administrator, and we would like to reflect that. The council is in support of the request.

When the title and the description are ready, we will call a vote together.

**Adjournment at 8:51**



**All 2023 Giving Statements were mailed Friday, January 26. Let me know if you didn't receive one or if you see a**

**correction that needs to be made!**



***2024 offering envelopes are available!!  
Please dispose of your old 2023 envelopes  
(unless we already spoke!!) and use your  
NEW ones starting January 1, 2024***



*Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm*

Wednesday, February 21

Zoom

Wednesday, February 28

Zoom

Wednesday, March 6

Zoom

**Friday, March 15 6-730pm**

**IN PERSON @ church**



**Sunday, March 17 at the 11am service**

***Age is 8-9 years old/3<sup>rd</sup> grade for  
Communion***

***THIS SUNDAY!!***

HOPE HANGOUTS

# ESSENTIAL OIL MAKE AND TAKE

Join us in the kitchen to learn  
about essential oils and make  
some useful products for yourself  
and your home.

**Sunday, March 3  
10am in the kitchen**

\*Email Jess (jessicaacker@gmail.com) with questions  
or to register.  
\*Limited to 10

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We need 8 youth/adults to help run a station  
at our annual Easter Egg Hunt on 3/30 at 1pm

- Crafts
- Cookie Decorating
- Snacks
- Egg Hunt

Please consider helping out so we don't  
have to cancel our Easter Egg Hunt!

**EMAIL JESS**

JessicaAcker@gmail.com



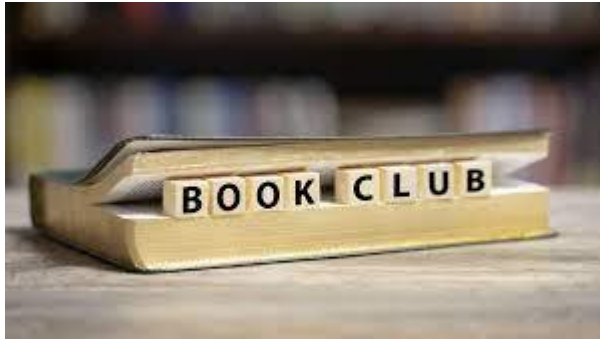


***Palm - Sunday, March 24(9am & 11am)***  
***Maundy - Thursday, March 28 (7pm)***  
***Good - Friday, March 29 (7pm)***  
***Easter - Sunday, March 31 (9am & 11am)***

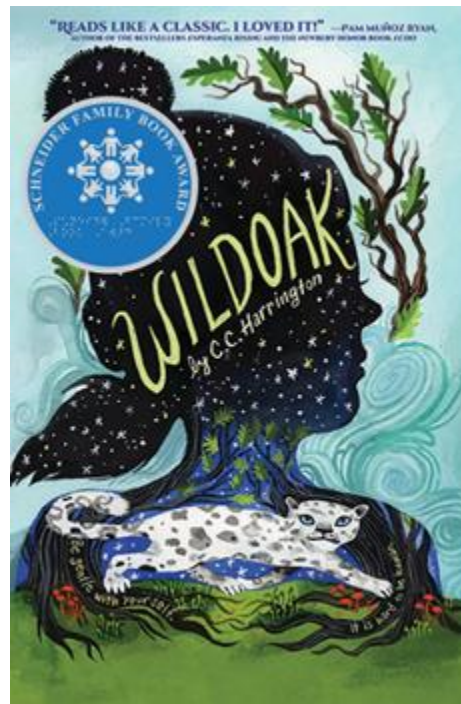


**Saturday, March 30 @ 1pm on the**  
**Playground!!**

**[Hope Lutheran Church \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)**



Our Next meeting  
will be:  
**Sunday, March 17**  
*between the services*  
in the *Kitchen* and we  
will be discussing....



We joined the 21<sup>st</sup> century and went online  
with our book club if anyone is curious to  
keep up with what is going on and join us  
sometime!!

[About Our Club \(bookclubs.com\)](http://bookclubs.com)





**11am on Sunday, March 17**

We have 5 Sunday School students that will be taking their FIRST communion! Join us to celebrate and congratulate them!!

*In  
Loving  
Memory  
of*

Wayne Freudenberger  
will be providing beautiful altar flowers in  
honor of the 1 year anniversary of ***Evie  
Freudenberger's*** passing... Sunday March 17



**Easter Flowers will be placed on our Chancel area for Easter Worship Services. If you would like to order one or more, please complete this form and return it to the church**

**office by  
MARCH 27**

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ Flower(s) at **\$7.00** each.

**In honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**SELECT YOUR FLOWER PREFERENCE**

**Daffodil(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tulip(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hyacinth(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print names clearly so they can be translated properly. Order and payment may be placed on the desk in the office. More forms are located on the Welcome Table.*

**Please make checks payable to Hope Lutheran Church**

**Take your plant with you after whichever service  
you attend!**



*The Women of Hope will meet at 9:30 on March 2<sup>nd</sup> in the church kitchen.* We will have an inspiring little devotion about God's plan for our lives, sample tasty snacks, and discuss our plans for 2024. All the women of the congregation are invited to join us wacky, wonderful women working for God! Please come for fun and fellowship --- the more, the merrier!

For more information about Hope Lutheran's Women of Hope group, please call 732-513-8804 or email [madamepeters@gmail.com](mailto:madamepeters@gmail.com)



**Gathering of Men**  
**Next meeting is Saturday,**  
**March 9, 2024 at 9am**

**\*\*UPDATED\*\* HOPE CONGREGATION'S**  
**CONTINUING GENEROSITY**  
**SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE:**

In summary the following are the countless ways the Hope Congregation continues to contribute toward God's message about helping others to thrive and grow due to your generous generosity. All our Ministries continue to be a source of pride and are recognized throughout our local communities and our giving provides global support for those suffering and in need.

- **End of year donation (2023) from the remaining Social Ministry budget (Community Projects budget) to the Advocacy Program (\$3,000).** These funds will go directly to client needs coordinated by Erika Wood. These needs include utility bills, bus tickets and housing needs.
- **Crop Walk** As we have for many decades Hope again fielded a "walking Team" and contributed financially to this ongoing effort to curb hunger and reduce food insecurities in our local communities.
- **Hope Christian School.** After the creation of Hope Lutheran Church, our next longest ministry is our Hope Christian School that has served generations of youngsters since Hope was founded in 1967. The school and the teaching staff, with the established curriculum, prepare our youngsters to migrate directly into a learning environment along with having a spiritual starting point in a Christian life.
- **Community Projects** included donations to the following start-up Congregations:
  - Christus Evangelical Lutheran Church in Camden NJ and
  - Santa Isabel Lutheran Church in Elizabeth NJ.
- **Community Projects** included donations to the "180 Turning Live Around" organization of Monmouth County to overcome domestic violence and sexual assault.
- **Undesignated Benevolence (for emergency situations).** This year included donations to the following emergency situations:
  - Lutheran World Relief to support Ukrainian relief.
  - Lutheran World Relief providing direct support to earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey.
  - Lutheran Disaster Response for flooding and fire situations.

- Lutheran Disaster Response for the devastating fires in Maui Hawaii.
- **Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program (EHAP)**. This is another long-running ministry at Hope that provides support to those most in need in our community. For close to 20 years **Emergency Housing** has been supported by seven houses of worship that are part of the Freehold Clergy Association. Each night during the period from November to the end of March each house of worship transports those men who are homeless and supplied with transportation to and from Freehold Borough; meals are provided and sleeping arrangements are made within each of the houses of worship. **The Advocacy Program** includes many areas of support to those most in need, including securing transitional and permanent housing along with assisting in securing employment and government benefits. They also coordinate with medical and mental health agencies for counseling, medication management, detox and substance abuse treatment and medical care.
- *This program has moved from a “housing” program toward a “meal” program providing additional weekday meals to the community. The housing program for the 2023-24 winter season was suspended because of having no funds made available to support the program along with a lack of volunteers in some houses of worship.*
- **Education** that includes Vacation Bible School (VBS) that started in 1967 with sixty-seven students! We also conduct Sunday School each week.
- **Open Door** This is another long-term ministry that supports those who have food needs in our community. Food stuffs are provided with no questions asked a few times a week.
- **St Peters Outreach Meals** Each of the churches that are part of the Freehold Clergy Association take turns during the year to prepare and serve meals at St Peters in Freehold Borough. This has become an incredibly significant community project and again supplies those in need that suffer from food shortages.
- **Facilities Usage**. Almost every night our facility is used as a meeting place for those in need. Whether 12 Step or other similar needs there is always a meeting place. And of course, let us not forget Tuesday night Yoga!

***Bill Unger, for the Congregation Council***





# HOPE HANGOUTS

**All are welcome for fun and fellowship at our monthly events between services! Parents, join us while your kids are in Sunday School.**

February 4- Valentine Wreath Making

March 3- Essential Oil Make and Take

April 14-Mindfulness Workshop

May 5-Summer Craft Workshop

E-mail Jess with questions or to register.

JessicaAcker@gmail.com

\*Limited to 10 registrants per event.\*

All events are FREE, but feel free to bring a snack to share.



*February's Giving (final!)*

*Online - \$ 1724.15*

*Worship - \$ 11724*

***TOTAL MONTHLY OFFERING = \$ 13,448.15***

**Amount needed each month to reach budget =**  
**\$15,000**

***Amount short for the month = \$1,551.85***

A promotional graphic for Hope Lutheran Church. It features a large, stylized anchor in the background, set against a dark, cloudy sky. In the foreground, there is a QR code with a small anchor icon in the center. To the left of the QR code, the text "SUPPORT HOPE'S MINISTRIES" is written in bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below the QR code, the text "DONATE ONLINE" and "PAYPAL" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the graphic, the text "Anchored in Christ. Growing in Love, Faith, and Service." is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below this text is a small anchor icon followed by the text "HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH" in a white, sans-serif font.

**SUPPORT HOPE'S  
MINISTRIES**

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PAYPAL

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HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH



# Freehold Area OPEN DOOR

## Most Needed List

### Featured Items of the Month

Granola Bars, Juice Boxes, Sugar

Ketchup  
Mustard  
Mayo  
BBQ Sauce  
Canned Mushrooms  
Canned Beets  
Olives  
Pork & Beans  
Sauerkraut  
Spam  
Canned Tuna  
Canned Chicken  
Paper Towels  
Tissues  
Wipes  
Granola Bars  
Cookies

Black Beans  
Salt & Pepper  
Jello/Pudding  
Cake Mix  
Cake Frosting  
Brownie Mix  
Pancake Mix  
Grits  
Salad Dressing - Ranch & Italian  
Sugar (up to 5 lbs)  
Bread Crumbs  
Ensure, Boost, Glucerna  
Cooking Oil - No jumbo sizes please  
Vinegar - No jumbo sizes please  
Juice Boxes/Pouches  
64 oz Juice Bottles

**\*\*All above items are greatly needed\*\***

**Nonperishable Donations** Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at our back door in the Broad Street parking lot entrance behind our building at 39 Throckmorton St.

**Kindly do not leave anything outside when we are not here.**

You may also drop off non-perishable items at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine 61 Georgia Road, Freehold Daily 7am to 7pm. Look for the designated area inside the main gathering area.

Please call us at 732-780-1089 or email us at [info@FAOpenDoor.org](mailto:info@FAOpenDoor.org) to schedule any perishable donations.

Updated  
1/08/24



**Rainbows is an international non-profit organization fostering emotional healing for children in grades K-8 (ages 5-14) children who are grieving from a life altering crisis, due to death of a loved one, divorce, separation, illness, incarceration, deployment, or other painful family transitions.**

Rainbows trained facilitators use age-appropriate curriculum for children support groups which have helped over 3 million of our youth over the past 32 years. Children are provided with a safe environment to express their feelings and realize they are not alone. The program helps children develop problem solving and appropriate behavior management skills.

*Rainbows is non-denominational and completely free of charge. It is open to all families in Monmouth County from all economic, racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, and from two-parent, single-parent, or foster-parent families.*

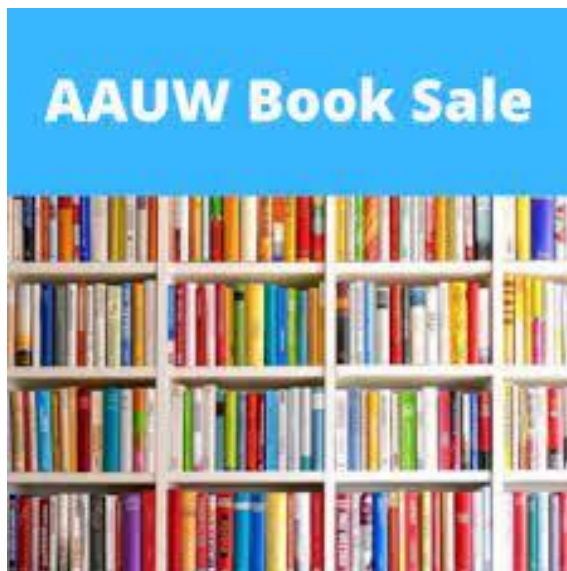
Meetings are held on Wednesdays at St. Robert's Parish Hall in Freehold.

**For more information please contact:**

**Sue Della Rosa**

**[Sdell425@optonline.net](mailto:Sdell425@optonline.net)**

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**We are ready to accept donations for the Local AAUW book sale!**

**Drop off any new, or used books you'd like to donate to the cause, we take care of the rest!!**



**We take bike donations here at Hope, and John Drager so graciously will pick up any donations to get them to Asbury Park so they can be put to good use!!**





We take lots of pictures at our events and post them on our website and social medias to show our community how we help others and what we offer as a Church Family. If you do NOT want your picture taken and posted please let Josh know by sending an email requesting not to have any of your pics posted to [hopelutheranmusic@gmail.com](mailto:hopelutheranmusic@gmail.com)



We are looking to bring back Fellowship Hour!!! That's that time between the services that runs from 10am – 1050am. The ladies of the Altar Guilde make the coffee and tea that Hope provides but we could use some refreshements (***NO NUTS please!***) to compliment the beverages!! Please let us know if you are interested in signing up to help! A Sign up Sheet will be out in the Narthex – Please join us for some fellowship!!

# **COMMUNICATING & COMMUNICATIONS**

From time to time there is feedback received that leads us to believe there may be better opportunities / facilities to communicate with the Congregation. This was also raised at the recent June Congregation meeting where a few members mentioned we could communicate better.

**Currently** we use email programs and send the Weekly Update, the monthly Anchor and during the month several other email communications. These email addresses are received from you as we update the Hope directory yearly. We also have our website, Facebook, and Instagram messaging. Several members choose to receive their communications via USPS, if that is your preference, please let Cheryl know!! While attending services there are also other printed communications made available in the Narthex that provide valuable information and programs at Hope.

**So, the question I am asking** is what other methods, styles or vehicles of communication are you looking for?

**This will become even more important** as we look to developing focus groups to assist the Congregation when we have data received from the engineering firm on exactly what facility changes are being considered. Your voice and interactions will be critical to our continued success.

PLEASE IF YOU HAVE IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS ON COMMUNICATING SHARE THAT WITH CHERYL, JOSH, PASTOR, OR A MEMBER OF YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL.

Thanks,

Bill for the Congregation Council

## **HOPE FAMILY PRAYER LIST**

**The Kropa Family**, navigating **Kaitlin's** Leukemia diagnosis; **Somodi Family Friend's** father, **Harold Henry**, unfortunately has passed on to Life Eternal, prayers to the **Costantino Family** during their time of grief; **The Becker Family**, grieving their loss of **Laura**; Our friends at the **Mary Jane Enrichment Center** who lost their building in a fire, but thankfully NO injuries;

**Janice** and **Bill Seifert**; **Josh Staudinger**; **Gerry Bergh**; **Bill and Janice's** daughter, **Lynne Palumbo**; **Dan Denef** is home but still in need of many prayers; **Mark Bondo's** friend, **Billy Tripp**; **Steve Corn** and **David Kropa**, keep those prayers going for health and healing; **Wayne Kless's** sister, **Jacqueline White**; **Justine Brozyna**, friend of the **Corn Family**; **Kuehn Family Friend**, **Deena Harmon**; **Deloris Laub**; **Laura Becker**; **Bonnie Palamara**; **Pastor's** former parishioner, **Eric Westberg**; **Dolores O'Brien**; **Bob Zarilli**, family friend of **John** and **Debbie Bonanno**; **Pat Fensham's** brother in law, **Patrick DePiano**; **Gary Rosenberg**; **Valrie McGinn**; **Willy** and **Marilyn Wolter**, **Cindy Lynch's** mother and father; **Diane Kless's** brother in law; **Margaret Holen**; **Erin Bereheiko**; **Jim Mulligan** ; **Dani Hulsart** family friend of the **Donmoyer Family** ; **Pam Renouff**;

**Those serving as first responders and in the armed services.**

# **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

<b>President</b>	Bill Unger
<b>Vice President</b>	Sarah Kozak
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mike Della Rosa
<b>Secretary</b>	Michelle Miele
<b>Education</b>	Jessica Somodi
<b>Worship</b>	Debbie Crawford
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Sue Hu
<b>Open Door/ Alternate</b>	Rebekah Heilman/Pat Fensham
	Matthew Sprunger
<b>Architecture Team</b>	Brian McMillin
	Matthew Malanuk
<b>Maintenance Team</b>	Steve Weiss
<b>Maintenance Team</b>	David Peters

	<i>Assisting</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Altar</i>	<i>Counting</i>
<b><i>Jan 7</i></b>	Sue H		Debbie U	<b><i>Fenshams</i></b>
<b><i>Jan 14</i></b>	John D	Ryan	Rachel R	<b><i>Weiss/Tyrrell</i></b>
<b><i>Jan 21</i></b>	Tom T		Pat F	<b><i>Ungers</i></b>
<b><i>Jan 28</i></b>	Rita C	Ryan	Barbara T	<b><i>Della Rosas</i></b>
<b><i>Feb 4</i></b>	Rebekah H	Harper or Riley	Christine H	<b><i>Crawford/Bondo</i></b>
<b><i>Feb 11</i></b>	Bill U	Joey or Adrianna	Rebekah H	<b><i>Weiss/Tyrrell</i></b>
<b><i>Feb 18</i></b>	Debbie U	Ryan	Diane K	<b><i>Ungers</i></b>
<b><i>Feb 25</i></b>	Sue H		Debbie U	<b><i>Fenshams</i></b>
<b><i>March 3</i></b>	John D	Ryan	Barbara T	<b><i>Della Rosas</i></b>
<b><i>March 10</i></b>	Rita C		Pat F	<b><i>Crawford/Bondo</i></b>
<b><i>March 17</i></b>	Steve W		Rachel R	<b><i>Weiss/Tyrrell</i></b>
<b><i>March 24</i></b>	Tom T		Diane K	<b><i>Ungers</i></b>
<b><i>March 31</i></b>	Bill U			<b><i>Fenshams</i></b>
<b><i>April 7</i></b>	Rebekah H			<b><i>Crawford/Bondo</i></b>
<b><i>April 14</i></b>	Sue H			<b><i>Della Rosas</i></b>
<b><i>April 21</i></b>	Debbie U			<b><i>Weiss/Tyrrell</i></b>
<b><i>April 28</i></b>	John D			<b><i>Ungers</i></b>
<b><i>May 5</i></b>	Rita C			<b><i>Fenshams</i></b>
<b><i>May 12</i></b>	Steve W			<b><i>Della Rosas</i></b>
<b><i>May 19</i></b>	Tom T			<b><i>Crawford/Bondo</i></b>
<b><i>May 26- <u>930</u></i></b>	Bill U			<b><i>Weiss/Tyrrell</i></b>



	<i>Ushers 9am</i>	<i>Ushers 11am</i>
<i>January 7</i>	Ken B	Mark B
<i>January 14</i>	Rebekah H	Matt S
<i>January 21</i>	Bill U	Chuck M
<i>January 28</i>	Matt M	Deb C
<i>February 4</i>	Mark A	Mark B
<i>February 11</i>	Ken B	Matt S
<i>February 18</i>	Rebekah H	Chuck M
<i>February 25</i>	Bill U	Deb C
<i>March 3</i>	Matt M	Mark B
<i>March 10</i>	Mark A	Matt S
<i>March 17</i>	Ken B	Chuck M
<i>March 24</i>	Rebekah H	Deb C
<i>March 31</i>	Matt M	Deb C
<i>April 7</i>	Bill U	Mark B
<i>April 14</i>	Matt M	Matt S
<i>April 21</i>	Mark A	Chuck M
<i>April 28</i>	Ken B	Deb C
<i>May 5</i>	Rebekah H	Mark B
<i>May 12</i>	Bill U	Matt S
<i>May 19</i>	Matt M	Chuck M

**ONE SERVICE 930am starting Memorial Day -**

USHERS continued....

<i>May 26</i>	Deb C/Mark A
<i>June 2</i>	Mark B/Ken B
<i>June 9</i>	Matt S/Rebekah H
<i>June 16</i>	Bill U
<i>June 23</i>	Matt M
<i>June 30</i>	Mark A

# March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 730pm – 12 Step	<b>2</b> <b>930am – WOH</b> 12pm - Counseling
<b>3</b> 9am – Traditional 10am- SS & Youth <b>Oil Make &amp; Take</b> 11am - Contemp	<b>4</b> 730pm – Choir	<b>5</b> 7pm – Yoga	<b>6</b> <b>7pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Comm</b> 7pm – 12 Step	<b>7</b> 5pm – Counseling 7pm – 12 Step	<b>8</b> 730pm – 12 Step	<b>9</b> <b>9am - GOM</b>
<b>10</b> 9am – Traditional 10am- SS & Youth 11am – Contemp 630pm - Confirm	<b>11</b> 730pm – Choir	<b>12</b> 7pm – Yoga	<b>13</b> 7pm – 12 Step	<b>14</b> 5pm – Counseling 7pm – 12 Step	<b>15</b> <b>6pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Comm</b> 730pm – 12 Step	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9am – Traditional 10am- SS & Youth <b>Book Club Meets</b> 11am – Contemp <b>First Holy Comm.</b> 630pm - Confirm	<b>18</b> <b>7pm – Council</b> 730pm – Choir	<b>19</b> 7pm – Yoga	<b>20</b> 7pm – 12 Step	<b>21</b> 5pm – Counseling 7pm – 12 Step	<b>22</b> 730pm – 12 Step	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9am – Traditional 10am- SS & Youth 11am – Contemp	<b>25</b> 730pm – Choir	<b>26</b> 7pm – Yoga	<b>27</b> 7pm – 12 Step	<b>28</b> 5pm – Counseling 7pm – 12 Step <b>7pm – Maundy</b>	<b>29</b> <b>7pm – Good Friday</b> 730pm – 12 Step	<b>30</b> <b>1pm – EGG HUNT!!</b>
<b>31</b> <b>Easter Sunday!</b> 9am – Traditional 11am – Contemp						

