

# ***Faith Matters***

The Roxbury Congregational Church  
*A Congregation in the United Church of Christ*

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## ***Pastoral Reflections***

The Reverend David F. Peters, Minister

Isaiah 40:10 *“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*



While we may know intellectually that God is with us always, I suspect that some of you feel alone. In an increasingly interconnected world, it may seem paradoxical to discuss loneliness as an epidemic. However, behind the facade of social media connections and digital interactions lies a profound sense of isolation that is affecting individuals across all age groups and communities. As a minister who witnesses the struggles faced by our congregation members every day, I feel compelled to shed light on this silent crisis that is plaguing our society.

Loneliness can be defined as a subjective feeling of being alone or lacking meaningful connections with others. It is not limited to physical solitude but encompasses emotional disconnection as well. Recent studies have shown that chronic loneliness can have severe consequences on mental health, leading to increased rates of depression, anxiety disorders, substance abuse, and even suicidal thoughts.

The impact of loneliness extends far beyond individual well-being; it affects families, communities, and society at large. When individuals feel disconnected from others around them, they are less likely to engage in community activities or seek support when needed. This lack of social interaction hampers the development of strong bonds within neighborhoods and weakens the fabric that holds us together.

One might wonder how such an epidemic has taken hold in a world where we are constantly connected through technology. While social media platforms provide avenues for communication and virtual connection with others, they often fail to fulfill our innate need for genuine human interaction. Likes and comments cannot replace face-to-face conversations or the warmth felt from physical presence.

As a church community committed to fostering love and compassion among its members, we must take action against this growing crisis:

1. **Raise Awareness:** It is essential for us all to recognize that loneliness exists within our own circles - among friends, family members or even fellow churchgoers. By acknowledging its presence, we can begin to address it with empathy and understanding.

2. **Create Safe Spaces:** Our church should strive to be a sanctuary where individuals feel welcomed, accepted, and valued. By fostering an environment of inclusivity and support, we can provide solace for those who are struggling with loneliness.
3. **Encourage Connection:** We must actively promote opportunities for meaningful connections within our congregation through small groups, social events, and volunteer activities. By facilitating interactions that go beyond superficial conversations, we can build relationships based on trust and mutual support.
4. **Reach Out:** Let us not forget the power of reaching out to those who may be experiencing loneliness in our community - the elderly living alone or individuals going through difficult times. A simple act of kindness or a heartfelt conversation can make a world of difference in someone's life.
5. **Collaborate with Community Organizations:** Partnering with local organizations that focus on mental health or combating loneliness can amplify our efforts and extend our reach beyond the walls of our church building.
6. **Educate on Mental Health:** It is crucial to educate ourselves about mental health issues associated with loneliness so that we can recognize the signs in others and offer appropriate support when needed.
7. **Embrace Technology Mindfully:** While technology has its limitations when it comes to combating loneliness, it also offers opportunities for connection if used mindfully. We should encourage responsible use of digital platforms while emphasizing the importance of face-to-face interactions as well.

In conclusion, let us remember that no one should suffer silently from the epidemic of loneliness when there is so much love within our hearts and community waiting to be shared. As members of this church family united by faith and compassion, let us extend a helping hand to those who are feeling isolated or disconnected from others around them. Let take seriously and practically that “we are a community, seeking to share God’s love.”

Together, we have the power to combat this epidemic by fostering genuine connections built on empathy, understanding, and love - one person at a time. Let us be the change that our world desperately needs.

If you or someone you know is struggling with loneliness or mental health issues, please reach out to the helpline 211 / 988 (suicide help line) or seek professional help. Remember, you are not alone.

Grace and Peace, *David*

**St. Patrick's  
Corned Beef and Cabbage  
Take-out Dinner  
Sat, March 16, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**



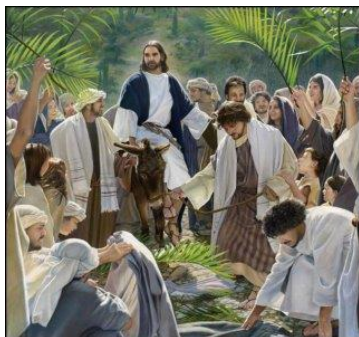
Drive-Thru Take-Out only  
Packaged to Go

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Soda Bread,  
Shamrock Coolies  
\$20 per person meal

Reserve and Purchase Ahead (Preferred) at  
<https://roxburychurch.square.site>

Proceeds support the outreach ministries of the Church. If you would like to help out as a runner or server, please speak directly with Chris or Jeanne Steers 860-354-7484

# Holy Week and Easter at Roxbury Church



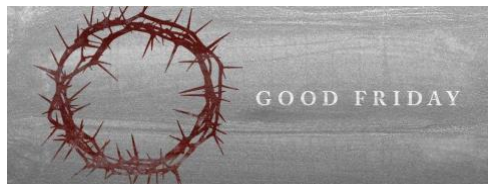
Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024  
10:30 a.m.



Maundy Thursday – March 28, 2024

Pot Luck Supper & Tenebrae Service  
6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Service of Holy Communion

Every “family” is asked to bring a dish to share.  
Readers are needed  
please contact Rev. Peters



**Good Friday – March 29, 2024**

Meetinghouse Open All Day  
Resources Available for Reflection and Prayer



Easter Day – March 31, 2024

6:30 am Sunrise Service on Good Hill

Easter Breakfast follows in Fellowship Hall  
Host(s) needed...

10:30 am Easter Celebration  
In-person and virtual

**Lent...** is 40 days of contemplation and spiritual renewal (the Sundays are not counted as they are considered "little Easters" and you are released from fasting and giving up on Sundays!)



# Mission Matters

*extending your reach to help others*

One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Sunday, March 10 and this year's theme is:

## Share The Light

You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world.

*Matthew 5:14-15*



“This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine... Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine...”

If Jesus had a playlist of music, surely this familiar hymn would be among the Top Five.

Jesus teaches that faith calls for action. Sharing our light, as the diverse and colorful expression of God’s love here on earth, leads to making blankets, staffing food pantries, cooking meals, building houses and schools, signing petitions for worthy causes, and protesting injustices. A simple song with a simple message – our light is on a light stand, for all to see – shine and share. On any given day, light is shining because we are there through our gifts to OGHS. Your contributions make a difference. Your dollars count. Give generously. **Share the light.**

There will be specially marked envelopes in the

bulletin on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Your checks can be made out to RCC with OGHS in the memo. You can also mail checks to the church or give easily and safely at our online giving website: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z252/home>

Daily Bread Food Pantry in Danbury – monthly distribution of non-perishables.

Food pantry donations continue to be needed as the number of clients is huge. You are encouraged as you do your shopping to fill an extra bag with nonperishable food items for daily bread. This Danbury pantry serves many working-poor and the homeless. Your donations can be placed either in the basket in fellowship hall near the opportunity table or in the coat closet. This is one way to share God’s love with the world. The food pantry receives a lot of canned goods. What they really need is non-perishable items such as feminine hygiene products, tooth paste/brushes, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, etc. A complete list can be found on the Opportunity Table. Please take one with you when you shop.

Your donations are very much appreciated.

There are a few church members who work at the food pantry on donation days; Tuesdays from 11:30 - 1:30 and Wednesdays from 2:00 - 4:00. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Karen Pricken at [kchristine24@gmail.com](mailto:kchristine24@gmail.com) to sign up. She will let you know what slots are available.

If you have questions, call Sue Stauffacher at 860-354-1274 before 7:30 p.m.

## SERRV Shop

Looking to buy a unique gift and help others at the same time? Try SERRV! Our shop is open each Sunday after worship in Fellowship Hall with affordable jewelry, handicrafts, candles, tea, soup mixes, and so on. Questions? Speak with Susan Zappulla-Peters. 355-8830.

*Supporting Third World Artisans*



## ***New Member Orientation And Welcoming***

Been Attending Church for Some Time and  
Not an official Member of the Congregation?

Some ask why I need to do that. Well, simply put, it is more than the ability to be a part of the decision-making of the church. Membership is an act of covenant, a commitment with those who attend church with you that you are a part of this church. Membership says you are committed to being about what is best for this faith community.

Rev. Peters and the Board of Deacons invite you to consider sharing your faith story.

Christian tradition has long included the sharing of faith stories. People in the early church shared their personal stories of God's presence in their lives as a way of explaining their faith to newcomers. Pilgrims along the journey have always shared stories with one another about their experiences. We are our stories. We cannot fully know one another without sharing. The psalms represent someone's testimony at the time of writing. The entire New Testament is the individual writer's testimony of their experience of Jesus Christ and the transformative power of God.

"Testimony reminds us of where we have been, helps us see where we are, and directs us toward unanticipated paths." (*Christianity For the Rest of Us*, Diana Butler Bass, p.139)

### Guidelines for Sharing:

We ask that it be a personal testimony about your faith has shaped you and how it guides your life. We want it to be a way for people to get to know you a little better.

3-5 minutes in length

Delivered as part of worship

We put time aside during worship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month for sharing Faith Stories.

If you are willing, please speak with Rev. Peters.

The Deacons have set the following Dates;  
**New Member Orientation** - Sunday, March 10  
- after refreshments in the Library  
**New Member Liturgy** during worship  
on Sunday, March 17

If you are interested in becoming a member, please speak with David Peters.

We celebrate membership during a worship service with a special liturgy.  
Not sure? let's talk.

## ***Mindfulness Meditation Group***

*Feeling Stressed? Feeling Overwhelmed?*

You are invited to be a part of the Mindfulness Meditation Group which meets Saturday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in person. Open to any in the community, regardless of any religious affiliation.



The Link to join is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/762243509?pwd=SkFGTXIPSm5HZ1pMZnRMQ3NyZ2NrQT09>

Contact Charlie Stauffacher for information at 860-354-1274.

## Steeple Lighting

The Steeple can be lit in loving memory or someone or in celebration for a month. We ask for a donation of \$25 to the Memorial Fund. Contact Rev. Peters to make arrangements.



The upcoming Steeple lighting schedule:

- March 2024: Carol Goodwin  
in memory of Andersen & Goodwin loved ones
- April 2024: Barbara and Norman Cover  
In memory of Ken Cover and Dan Went
- May 2024: Patty Metzging  
In memory of her mother, June
- June 2024: Paul & Patty Metzging  
In memory of his parents, William and Ada
- July 2024: \_\_\_\_\_
- August 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

## Thank You!

To everyone who attended our Annual Meeting on February 11 in person and online. We heard the reports of the officers and committees including the budget for this year. We recognized outgoing officers and members of boards and committees who've served so conscientiously and whose terms expired.

We expressed appreciation to those being elected for a new term as well as those concluding terms of service including Brian Neff (Moderator) Charlie Meade, Vice Moderator (now Moderator) Jan Steers (Deacon) Dale Pinchbeck and Chris Steers (Trustees) Joan Temple (Mission) Charlie Stauffacher (Fellowship) Jerry Smith, Pat Farley, Jan Steers (Pastoral Relations)

Thank you all! We count on volunteers to help ensure that the Church is vital and vibrant!

## March Birthdays

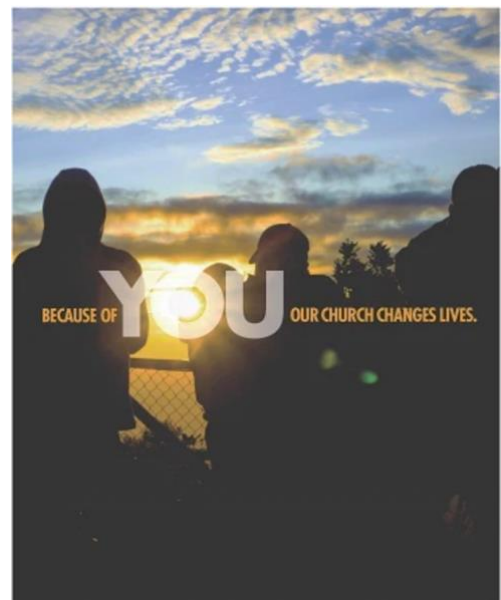
- 2 Beverly Wolmer
- 5 Bob Montesi
- 6 Pat Lowe
- 8 Nancy Glover
- 8 Kirby Peters
- 10 Joan Temple
- 10 Judy Larson
- 10 Jan Steers
- 12 Seth Temple
- 16 Sandi Larson
- 17 Nancy Callahan *in memorial*
- 23 Danielle Fredericks
- 25 Brooke Fredericks
- 31 Nan Rossiter

## Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2024 are available. If you would like envelopes, please speak with Luanne in the Church Office.

PLEASE RECYCLE ALL ENVELOPES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS.

The numbers on the envelopes are used to credit your pledge with weekly contributions. When old envelopes are used and someone else is currently assigned that number, the wrong account will be credited.



## **Long River Concert Series in the Meetinghouse**

Sunday, March 17, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.



The Church is once again hosting concerts from the Long River Concert series. The first concert will be on March 17th at 3 pm and will be performed by co-artistic directors Alissa Leiser on piano and Elizabeth Chang on violin, as well as Nardo Poy on viola and Alberto Parrini on cello.

Tickets are \$30 and available online at <https://www.longriverconcerts.org/concerts>  
The second concert in the Meetinghouse will be on May 5th at 3:00 p.m.

### **Blood Donors Needed**

*Friday, March 15, 2024*

We need donors! Blood donations have been slowly dwindling in recent years and we need to reverse the trend. Roxbury drives used to collect 75 or more pints per drive and now we're down to 40-50.



If you are 17 years or older and weigh 110 pounds or more, please consider giving blood. One pint can save up to three lives and there is no substitute.

In order to get a better turnout for both towns, we are coordinating our blood drives with Washington.

The next drive is:  
Friday, March 15, 1-6 p.m. here at Roxbury Congregational Church.

Please mark your calendar now, and call or go online to make an appointment. The number of staff and supplies depends upon the number of appointments. Although walk-ins are welcome, we

want to have the resources to get everyone in and out as quickly as possible.

To donate blood, please make an appointment at <880-GIVE-LIFE> or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). We need YOU.

If you would be willing to help out at the drive or have any questions, please call Brooke Wheeler at 860-354-4821.

### **Green Congregation Challenge Earth Day April 22**

Earth Day is officially April 22. Roxbury will celebrate it on Sat., April 20 with our annual town-wide road cleanup. Too early to start thinking about it you say? Not really, if you think of every day as Earth Day and pick up the trash that you see on our roads.

Sue Stauffacher

### **Roxbury Senior Resources Guide**

The Roxbury Senior Resources Guide was created in 2023 by the Roxbury Council on Aging. It is an alphabetical listing of resources that you may need to help you with an aging parent, child, sibling, etc., whether they live in Roxbury or not. It has topics such as Advocacy, Elder Care, Home Care, Health Services, Hospice, Retirement Communities, Medicare, Medical/Age Related Illnesses, Transportation, Veteran Services, and more. Under each topic heading are listings and phone numbers related to that topic.

Copies of this helpful resource guide are at various locations around Roxbury, including Roxbury Congregational Church. They are located near the Opportunity table in Fellowship Hall. You don't have to be a senior to take one as you never know when you might need information that is in this guide. If you have questions, just ask Sue Stauffacher.



## Summer Conferences - 2024

Registrations are now open!

### At Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center

223 Low Road, Sharon, CT 860-364-5526

Conferences fill *fast!* - So plan now or you may not be able to attend when or what you desire!

Learn more about summer camp at Silver Lake, view the 2024 summer brochure, and look through the upcoming sessions at <https://www.silverlakeect.org/summercamp>

The Summer Conferences feature week-long sessions for those entering grades 4-12 in the fall. Also, there are Family Camps- half-week sessions!

Silver Lake provides life-changing experiences of God's love in creation!

Speak with Rev. David with any questions as well to apply for a grant from the Church to go towards the cost of a session at Silver Lake!

The Camp is American Camping Association certified.

Silver Lake is a camp and retreat center of our Southern New England Conference, UCC Each year it hosts and sponsors Summer Camp sessions, Local Church retreats, family retreats, and family day outings "in God's backyard!"

Star Island is this wonderful place 10 miles out in the ocean from Portsmouth, NH in the Isles of Shoals. It is a conference center owned by the Star Island Corporation comprised of the United Church of Christ and the Unitarian Universalist Church. It is all-inclusive and there are programs for all ages.

It is a place where you can get away from the chaos on the mainland and "just be". There are all sorts of conferences from May - September. The UCC has 2 week-long conferences: July 28 - August 4 and August 4 - August 11. Charlie and I always go to the July 28 - August 4 one, Star Gathering 1. You can do daily chapel, daily program, many activities during the day OR you can just sit in a rocking chair on the porch with a book and look out at the beautiful harbor all day.

It is a wonderful rustic place where you can find peace. I have been going there for 38 straight years! AND, I polar bear swim in the cold ocean at 7:00 a.m. every day.



For pricing go to <https://starisland.org/program/sg1/>. For financial aid information, please email [SG1registrar@stargathering.org](mailto:SG1registrar@stargathering.org). The financial aid deadline is April 15. Our church offers financial aid, as does the conference you go to and the Star Island Corporation.

Brochures are on the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall.

Sue Stauffacher



## ***New Books in the Church Library March 2024***

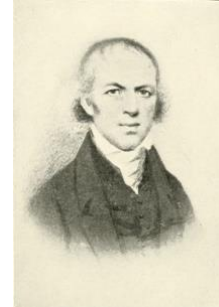
New books are being added to the church library every month. Check them out! If you need help finding what you're looking for, speak with Joan Temple, Librarian, after church or by emailing her at nonietemple@gmail.com

Here are some new selections:

- ***How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*** by David Brooks  
This book, generously donated by Pat Fraley, is a practical guide to mastering the art of truly knowing another person in order to deepen connections throughout our lives. Pat highly recommends it!
- ***The Grace in Aging: Awaken as You Grow Older*** by Kathleen Dowling Singh  
Encouraging, inspiring, and practical, this book explores causes and conditions that we can create in our lives to transform the predictable sufferings of aging into profound opportunities for growth in clarity, love, compassion, and peace.
- ***When Kids Ask Hard Questions: Faith-filled Responses for Tough Topics***  
Edited by Bromleigh McClendghan  
Learn to craft faithful conversations and be better prepared to talk about the tough stuff with your kids.

## ***The Thomas Canfield Society***

Minister of the Roxbury Congregational Church  
from 1743-1795



Be Counted among the individuals who left or will leave a legacy to the Roxbury Congregational Church through their Invested Funds.

### **Your gift can create a lasting legacy**

For over 200 years people like you have been making bequests and life income gifts that have helped generations of church people. Just like you, shared God's love to the Roxbury community and the wider world. Perhaps this congregation has made a difference in your life, provided important support and comfort to a neighbor or friend, or inspiration that led you to change your life.

Now you can honor that gift with one of your own. By your charitable financial plans including the church, you can make a difference in the future of the church. With that planned gift, you can become a member of the Thomas Canfield Society.

#### Types of Planned Gifts

Gifts through your will  
Appreciated Stock  
Charitable Remainder Trust  
Gifts of Life Insurance.

For more information, please contact the Office.

## **2024 Special Events Calendar**

as of 3/1/2024

March 10	Daylight Savings Time begins. One Great Hour of Sharing offering received	
March 15	Blood Drive 12-6	Brooke Wheeler
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef takeout dinner 5:00 p.m.	Chris & Jeanne Steers
March 17	Long River Concert – 3:00 p.m.	Meetinghouse
March 24	Palm Sunday	
March 28	Maundy Thursday Pot Luck Dinner and Tenebrae 6:30 p.m.	Fellowship
March 31	Easter Sunday	
	Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. (6:24 a.m. sunrise)	
	Breakfast	Fellowship
	10:30 Worship	
April 20	Earth Day – Community Cleanup	
April 23	CWS Mother's Day card sales begin	Mission Comm.
April 30	CWS Mother's Day cards on sale	Mission Comm.
May 5	CWS Mother's Day card sale	Mission
	Ladies Luncheon?	Fellowship
	Long River Concert – 3:00 p.m.	
May 10	Blood Drive 12-6	Brooke Wheeler
May 11	Spring Church Work Day 9-12	Trustees
May 12	Mother's Day	
May 19	Pentecost – wear Red	
	Strengthen the Church offering received	
June 2	Father's Day Card sale	Mission Comm
June 8	Art Show Drop off	Art Show
June 9	Father's Day Card sale	Mission
June 14, 15 & 16	Art at the Meetinghouse Fellowship Hall	Charlie Meade & Committee
June 16	Father's Day - Choir and Music Appreciation Day	Sandy & David
June 29	Rummage & Bake Sale 9-2	Sue Stauffacher

### **Save the Date: Rummage/ Bake Sale June 29<sup>th</sup>**

Our church Rummage/Bake sale will be held on Saturday, June 29, from 9:00 - 2:00. June is getting closer, so please start putting aside your clean unwanted clothing and household items. We take gently-used clothing, linens, garden items, plants, small furniture, etc. If you are undecided, you may call Sue Stauffacher at 860-354-1274 before 7:00 p.m. to ask.

Clothing donations MUST be either on hangars or folded in boxes. Clothing in garbage bags or plastic grocery bags will NOT be accepted. We will be taking items for the sale beginning Monday, June 24. The earlier in the week, the better for us workers so we don't have a last-minute crunch. The parking lot door will be open all week.

At 1:30, we offer a \$5 bag sale - everything you can fit into a paper grocery bag for \$5.

Many of you just love to bake, so please plan to bake for the sale. Some people come just for our wonderful baked goodies :) We offer free coffee all day. More info to come as May draws closer.

# Word & Sacrament for March 2024

*Deacon of the Month: Mark Wolmer assisted by Pat Fraley*

*Underlined scriptures are for Lay Readers*

## Sunday, March 3

*Third Sunday in Lent*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Psalm 19:

John 2:13-22

Greeters: Joan Temple & Carol Goodwin

Reader: Joan Temple

Zoom Tech: Barbara Cover

Fellowship: Charlie & Sue Stauffacher

## Sunday, March 10

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Cash for Causes Card ordering

/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering received

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

John 3:14-21

Greeters: Pat Fraley & Mark Wolmer

Reader: Jerry Smith

Zoom Tech: Charlie Stauffacher

Fellowship: Charlie Meade

## Sunday, March 17

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Faith Story Sunday

Psalm 51:1-12

John 12:20-33

Greeters: Remy Shaber & \_\_\_\_\_

Reader: Remy Shaber

Zoom Tech: Charlie Stauffacher

Fellowship: Rachel & Harry Gerowe

## Sunday, March 24

*Palm Sunday*

Mission Moment

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29,

John 12:12-16

Greeters: Vail Barrett & Carol Goodwin

Reader: Vail Barrett

Zoom Tech: Barbara Cover

Fellowship: Susan Zappulla-Peters

## Sunday, March 31

*Easter*

Psalm 18:1-2, 14-24.

John 20:1-18

Greeters: Mark & Bev Wolmer

Reader: Mark Wolmer

Zoom Tech: Charlie Stauffacher

Fellowship: Fellowship Committee

*Daylight Saving Time begins  
Sunday, March 10 – 2:00 a.m.  
Set clocks ahead one hour!*

## 2024 Flower Calendar

The 2024 Flower Calendar is posted in Fellowship Hall. If you have a particular date/date on which you would like to place flowers on the altar, please add your name to the calendar or call the church office. Please write clearly and add any memorial or celebratory dedication you wish printed in the bulletin.

### *So Your Minister Can Help / Support*

If you are hospitalized and desire pastoral support, you or your family should notify our minister of the hospitalization as soon as possible, by calling 860-355-1978. If it is a pastoral emergency, please call his cell at 203-770-6721. With the new federal regulations, he is not able to find this information from the hospital.

## **April Faith Matters Deadline: March 21<sup>st</sup> .**

Email submissions to office@ roxburychurch.org

Church Office Hours:

Luanne Awlasewicz

Thursday, Friday

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## Easy Ways You Can Support Roxbury Church



### Cash 4 Causes Card Program

Cash Cards for Stop and Shop, ShopRite, or Big Y!

Susan Zappulla-Peters 860-355 -8830  
Zappulla-peters@mac.com  
spearheads the program.

It is hoped that you would consider getting in the habit, like some, to purchase your cards monthly

We take orders on the second Sunday of each Month. We would like to have a set day so it is easy to remember to order and easy for the processing... Next Date: March 12

The concept is simple.

- You buy the card at the face value (ex. \$100) and we purchase a cash card from the store.
- They charge approx. 5% less and the church keeps the difference.
- You spend the same amount, but by using the card, your Church gets a 5% benefit!!

We work primarily with Stop & Shop, Big Y, and Shop Rite cards. We do have a limited number of Stew Leonards cards.

Speak with Susan on Sundays after worship or reach out to her at home. She will try to have a few cards for the different stores with her.

### LaBonne's Receipts

A continuing thank you to everyone who contributes LaBonne's receipts to the church. This has been an ongoing source of revenue to add to our mission funds. Please save your receipts and place them in the wooden box on the table in Fellowship Hall. Questions to Sue Stauffacher at 860-354-1274.

### Recycling Printer Cartridges

Drop off your used ink and toner cartridges at Church and we recycle them at Staples for store credit. Use the box in Fellowship Hall or the closet across from the Men's bathroom.

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## Your Generosity Supports the Work of the Roxbury Church as We Support Others and Change Lives!!

You can send a check to the Church Office - 24 Church Street, Roxbury CT 06783

or online in one of two ways by pointing your smartphone camera or clicking below:



Preferred  
Electronic Giving  
for Offerings  
or other giving



Venmo

[Open Camera - Scan Code Give Now](#)

You can always send a check to the Church Office or drop one off.

# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 ■ 9:15AM Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30AM Worship In-person & Virtual ■ 11:35AM Refreshments ■ 11:45AM Trustees Meeting	26	27 David Peters' day off ■ 3:30PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	28 ■ 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes Meal	29 ■ 7:00PM Roxbury Housing Trust Directors	1	2 ■ 10:30AM Mindful Meditation
3 Rev. Margret Hofmeister preaching ■ 9:15AM Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30AM Baptism – Thompson/Enos ■ 10:30AM Worship In-person & Virtual ■ 11:35AM Refreshments	4 ■ 3:00PM Roxbury Housing Trust Directors	5 David Peters' day off ■ 1:00PM Choir Rehearsal ■ 3:30PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	6	7 ■ 7:00PM Deacons	8	9 ■ 8:00AM Mens Breakfast ■ 10:30AM Mindful Meditation
10 Daylight Saving Time ■ 9:15AM Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30AM Worship In-person & Virtual ■ 11:35AM Refreshments ■ 11:45AM New Member Class	11 First Night of Ramadan ■ 9:00AM Daily Bread Food Pantry team	12 David Peters' day off ■ 3:30PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	13	14	15 ■ 12:00PM Blood Drive	16 ■ 10:30AM Mindful Meditation ■ 4:30PM St. Pats Drive Up Dinner
17 New members reception St. Patrick's Day ■ 9:15AM Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30AM Worship In-person & Virtual ■ 11:35AM Refreshments ■ 11:45AM Council ■ 3:00PM Long River Cham-	18 Newsletter Deadline	19 Rev. Peters welcoming a meeting David Peters' day off ■ 3:30PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	20	21	22	23 ■ 10:30AM Mindful Meditation
24 Palm Sunday ■ 9:15AM Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30AM Worship In-person & Virtual ■ 11:35AM Refreshments	25 Holi	26 David Peters' day off ■ 3:30PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	27 ■ 3:00PM Loaves & Fishes Meal	28 Maundy Thursday ■ 6:30PM Maundy Thursday Supper/Service	29 Meetinghouse Open for Prayer Good Friday	30 ■ 10:30AM Mindful Meditation
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## leadership listing

(All 860- unless noted)

As of 3/1/2024

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