# The Seekonk Congregational Church United Church Of Christ

The Caller

Gathered 1885





Ash Wednesday
LENT BEGAN with Ash Wednesday on February 17th

"Create in me a Clean Heart, O God"

#### **SCC-UCC ONLINE AUCTION!**

FEBRUARY 20 (8:00 AM) - MARCH 14 (8:00 PM)

Item pick-up March 20 (or by arrangement!)

Check us out at

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WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

#### CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

Curbside pick will be SATURDAY, MARCH 13th

Menu will be in church emails, church facebook and church website on March 1<sup>st</sup>

#### FROM THE SENIOR MINISTER ~~

As this CALLER is primarily our Lenten information and what's happening in February and March... I celebrate all that continues to make our faith community alive and connected in so many extraordinary ways!

Again I thank the team creating our virtual worship each week on Wednesdays... it is an adventure in hours of creative planning and implementation for Sunday online! And I thank all who venture into the sanctuary on Sundays safely to be part of the 'live' worship. Indeed! God is with us!

Our Church School is virtual and fantastic!! Our Confirmation Class is active and amazing!!

Boards and Committees and Council carry on...Sharing groups are learning... the suppers are going forth and the auction...the list is endless...however ~~

These 40 days of LENT - from Ash Wednesday to Easter (not counting the Sundays) are DAYS for us to discover more deeply who we are as God's people ---

Please share with me what you are reading or watching online or on TV or experiencing that is challenging you to be a more faithful in following this Jesus... this One who calls us to take up the cross... live the Light of Love...and follow. I would love to hear from you!!

Blessings! Peace! Strength! Love! Joy



#### **CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE**

#### **FEBRUARY**

Wed. Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>... 6:30-7:30 **Zoom Mentor Chat** Sat. Feb 6<sup>th</sup> ... 10-11 AM **MAKE superbowl** 

**GRINDERS**/ BRING FOOD ITEM from list! In-person in church hall, bring CoVid form (mentors welcome to join)

Sun. Feb 7<sup>th</sup>... 10AM -12 PM **SELL GRINDERS**. in-person at church (mentors welcome)

Sun Feb 7<sup>th</sup>... 5:30-6:45 **Zoom Confirmation Class** Sun Feb 14<sup>th</sup>... **NO CLASS** 

Tues Feb 16<sup>th</sup>... 7-8PM (Optional) 2Xcommunity hours)

Fat Tues Zoom Church Party

Wed Feb 17<sup>th</sup>... 6:30 - 7:30PM

**ASH Wednesday Zoom Mentor Chat** 

Sun Feb 21<sup>st</sup>... 5:30-6:45 **Confirmation Class** 

Sun Feb 28<sup>th</sup>... **NO CLASS** 

#### MARCH

Wed Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>... 6:30-7:30 **Zoom Mentor Chat** Sat March 6<sup>th</sup>... **In-person event** in church hall,

bring CoVid form

Sun March 7<sup>th...</sup> 5:30-6:45 **Zoom Confirmation Class** Sun Mar 14<sup>th</sup>... **NO CLASS** Wed Mar 17<sup>th</sup>... 6:30 - 7:30PM

**St Patrick's Day Zoom Mentor Chat (wear green!)** 

Sat Mar 20<sup>th</sup>... 10ÅM -12PM Zoom

Special Confirmation Class Sun Mar 21<sup>st</sup>... 5:30-6:45 **Confirmation Class** Sun Mar 28<sup>th</sup>... **NO CLASS WORSHIP** –

PALM SUNDAY virtual worship

#### **APRIL**

Thurs April 1<sup>st</sup>...6:30-7:30

Maundy Thursday Zoom Mentor Chat

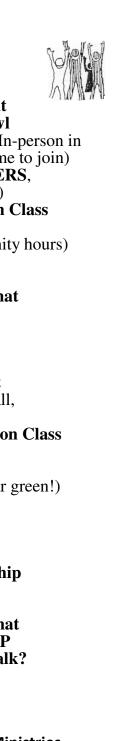
Fri Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>... **Good Friday virtual WORSHIP** Sat Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>... (10AM-NOONISH?) **Hunger walk?** 

**In-person event** at church, CoVid form

Apr 4<sup>th</sup>... EASTER

Kristin Putnev.

**Director of Faith Formation, Youth & Family Ministries** 



#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>... **The Lord's Praver** 10:30 AM Interactive zoom church school

14<sup>th</sup>... **Jesus Calms the Storm** Kristin's video church school lesson on FB & YouTube

21<sup>st</sup>... **Mary & Martha** 10:30 AM Interactive zoom church school

28<sup>th</sup>... **Zacchaeus** Kristin's video church school lesson on FB & YouTube

Kristin Putney, Director of Faith Formation, Youth & Family Ministries

#### Lent started on February 17<sup>th</sup> ~ ASH WEDNESDAY

#### THANK YOU

...to our Confirmands and Mentors who were able to help The confirmation class met several times in Oct & Nov and raked leaves on the church property that filled 100 bags! Thank you to theses confirmands and mentors! Aubrey McVay, Cody Hunter-Serio, Lukas Sobczak, Adison Sobczak (7th grader), Carter D'Agenais, Marcel Gendreau, Travis Turner, Karen Lawrence, Ashley Silveira, Nick Farrell, Mark Johnson (mentor), Dave Supinkski (mentor), Kristin Putney (leader)

Thank you to all who joined in the fun on our first "Fat Tuesday- Mardi Gras Zoom Party" on Feb 16! It was well attended by adults and children of all ages, over 40 faces! We wore fun hats, colorful beads and fancy masks! (The church school children even decorated their own masks from the mask kits in their new faith packets distributed) Thank you to our awesome M.C., Tony DeJesus, who shared lots of fun facts about Mardi Gras and to our fabulous entertainers: Bobby Putney- juggled softballs, basketballs and eggs! James Schuller & Cody Hunter Serio - our young comedians, told lots of jokes! Jon Keller- got us grooving with 3 Mardi Gras songs on his ukulele! Johnathan Ryder, Mark Schuller, Jovce Almeida - more jokes! Special pet appearances: puppy "Gracie Joy Putney" wearing Mardi Gras beads and Lizard "Blue Ryder" wearing a king's attire! It was a great hour of intergenerational fun that prepared us for the Lenten season.



#### PEOPLE AND PASSAGES

~Our thoughts, condolences and prayers are with all who have lost loved ones~





Set Clocks Ahead – Don't forget Daylight savings time begins March 14<sup>th</sup>, so set your clocks Ahead on Saturday Night March 13<sup>th</sup> so you won't be late for Sunday Worship and Church School.

Thank vou to the Confirmation Class & Mentors who were part of the Homeless Awareness Event last Saturday! It was a great success! We raised over our goal of 1200! We are thankful also for deacons Craig Grant. Ann Varna-Garis and Jim Siegfried who donated their time and food for us. I was impressed that many of you asked your siblings, mentors, relatives and neighbors to donate! If you are still getting donations, you can give them to me or the office.

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
From despair to hope, from fear to trust!
Leads us from hate to love, from war to peace
Let peace fill our hearts,
Let peace fill our world,
Let peace fill our universe.

# \$85 for one month ...call the office if interested please contact the office 508-336-9355. All help is appreciated!

The sale of **Rada Cutlery** is an ongoing **Earnest Workers' Fundraiser**. All proceeds benefit the church. Time to try the Super Spreader or a Vegetable Peeler to make easy work. Call Joyce Greene to request a catalog, see a sample, or place an order.

Let us know of your joys and celebrations so we can include them in our People and Passages each month

#### FROM THE DEACONS



Well, we made it out of the year 2020! It is doubtful that we will ever forget this one! But 2021 will be bringing us plenty of challenges as well, both personally and as a church.

Despite the fact that we have these onerous pandemic restrictions preventing our return to normality, we, as a church, have remained strong throughout these times. This is true not because of dumb luck, but rather, because the Seekonk Congregational Church - United Church of Christ has been blessed with so many incredible people. These people have allowed us to adapt very quickly to the many challenges that confronted us during the reign of the coronavirus.

All of our Boards and most of our Committees are still meeting on a regular basis, but virtually, thanks to this technology called Zoom! This didn't just fall from the sky, we had some tech-savvy members that investigated this, learned how to use it, and then trained the rest of us to be comfortable with it.

Remember the Christmas Bazaar this last year? We went from thinking there was no way it could happen, to looking back on one of the more successful Bazaars ever. This happened because we have incredibly creative people who are committed to keeping our church's finances running smoothly.

And, these people have not stopped there. Most of them are members of our Fundraising Committee (led by Evelyn Watkins), which has a bunch of events coming up. Think Italian Night, Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, Online Auction and more! Want to learn about all of these? Just catch the latest email newsletter from another one of our incredible & creative people...Donna Euell!

And who can utter the term "incredible" without thinking of our Senior Minister, Rev. Joy C. Utter? She is having to work doubly hard to create the virtual service every week, while still doing the in-person service each Sunday. And one thing that most of us do not realize is the fact that, during these very

stressful times, the demand on her counseling time has increased dramatically!

As we talk about services, we also need to acknowledge that our Director of Music, Susan Barrow, must do double duty as well. In addition to playing the music for our virtual services, because she is not able to play in-person events due to a compromising health issuer, she has devised a way to record the hymns so that they can be played back on our sound system on Sundays. Which reminds me, we now have an Assistant Organist, James Siegfried, who makes sure the hymns are played on cue!

When we use the term "creative", the name that comes immediately to mind is our new Director of Faith Formation, Kristin Putney. Upon the retirement of our beloved Associate Minister, Marilyn Ricci, Kristin agreed to take over the responsibility of the Confirmation Program in addition to her former Christian Education duties. She created an online forum for our youth, and if you have seen one of these YouTube videos, you will understand the term "creative"! If you have not seen one, well, what are you waiting for???

We thank our Deacons for the efforts to reach out to as many members as possible. However, if any of you have needs of any sort, or know of someone else that does, please let your Deacon know, or let Maria know and we will try to help you.

In the lead paragraph, we promised that we will have plenty of challenges in 2021. One of those has already been that of trying to figure out how to navigate the Covid-19 vaccination process. First of all, DO make sure you get vaccinated, not only for you, but for the rest of us as well to beat this virus. Second, be patient, but also be aware of any changes in the schedules in your state so that you can sign up as soon as possible!

Submitted By: Dave Graham - Deacon Emeritus

**DEACONS**: Evelyn Watkins & Craig Grant (Co-Senior Deacons)

Pat Martin Jim Siegfried Dawn Houle Russ Noble Ruth Graham Tony DeJesus Betty Graham Brian Burns Ann Varna-Garis

David Supinski

Donna Euell (ad hoc)

**The Deacon's Fund** goes to help those in our faith community in need of emergency help or those who have special needs! For those who give via paper envelopes, the envelopes are GREEN and in the offering envelope box for the first Sunday of each month. OR if you give on-line, go to <a href="https://www.scc-ucc.com">www.scc-ucc.com</a> and click on the online giving button at the top right hand corner and fill out the online giving form.

We thank all who give faithfully and encourage others to consider a small gift for this fund each month.

Sometimes the pastor is the LAST to know if you are sick, injured, or hurting in any way ~ please remember to call Rev. Joy if you would like to be in her personal prayers or be remembered in the prayers of our faith community. There is great strength in knowing that you are not alone or that others are keeping you in their prayers!

#### DO YOU OR A LOVED ONE SEEK PRAYERS?

If you or a loved one wants to be included on the Prayer Circle list, it can be confidential and private (placed on the list with an \*\* sign), or it can be listed so Prayer Circle folks will feel comfortable asking you about your concern. Please be specific when you make your prayer request.

Call Rev. Joy or Maria in the office to be placed on the list and again to have the name removed.

## **Blood Drive**

Saturday February 27th from 10 AM to 2 PM in the Hall.

### DEDICATING OUR CHURCH GARDENS IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

One of the things many of us have been doing during this unusual time since March is to work outside in our yards and beautiful gardens. And we have wonderful volunteers who help maintain our Church gardens and grounds - we thank you all VERY much! The Deacons have also been working on a project to help work on our Church gardens and to dedicate some of our Seekonk Church Gardens to loved family members and friends.

Garden in front of the Church - with Larry Hindle and Russ Noble's help we have replanted the Garden in front of the Church. New shrubs, perennials and daffodil/tulip bulbs have been planted and are being watered to be ready to bloom next spring.

We also have several Church members who maintain gardens around our property in memory of family members.

#### **NEXT STEPS:** Our next steps are to:

- 1, Provide plaques for the Church families who already maintain a Church garden in the name of their loved one(s)...
- 2. Offer the opportunity for Church family and friends who wish to have the name of their loved one(s) added to plagues for the Garden in front of the Church to let us know.
- 3. Offer the opportunity to adopt a section of our Church gardens to maintain and provide a plaque for each new gardener/family.

#### WHO TO CONTACT?

If you wish to have the name of a loved one added to a plaque and/or if you wish to choose a garden section to help maintain, please call Evelyn Watkins at 401-680-2490 or our Church Office at 508-336-9355

Thank you all very much,

Your Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC Deacons

# COMING SOON: SCC-UCC ONLINE AUCTION!



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Item pick-up March 20 (or by arrangement!)

Check us out at

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- To bid on items, click on [Register] in the upper right corner and fill out the form and return to the auction.
- To view items, click on [View Items] and select "All Items"
- **Pro Tip**: from the items page, go to the bottom and select the maximum items per page so you don't miss a thing!
- Optionally, you can unleash your inner nerd by setting up bidding limits and notifications and/or downloading the Bidding Owl App

#### **Sample Items:**

Beautiful wooden Adirondack Loveseat, Instant Pot, Puzzles, Persian Rug, Cuisinart Bread maker, blender, Ice Tea Maker, Charcuterie Platter, Art, Collectibles (LPs, Action figures, etc.), clothing, décor, furniture and more!

#### **Gift Cards:**

BJ's, Seven Stars, Lowes, Stop-N-Shop, Shaws, Fellini's, Penzeys, Edgewood Cheese Shop, Whole Foods, Wal-Mart, Sandy Lane Meat Market, Quality Fruitland

#### **Goodie bags:**

Dave's, Starbucks, Trader Joe's

#### WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!



# UPCOMING ON-LINE AUCTION

Our On-line Auction will begin on Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup> and end on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>, we currently have 48 items. Pick Up will be Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>

Please contact Nancy Reiter

(phone: 314-520-3055 /

Email: NR5068@gmail.com)

if you have a last minute item to donate.

#### FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees continue to meet via Zoom, with each month's agenda full of everyday issues with the grounds, buildings, and finances.

We are very grateful that our members continue to send in their pledges. Combined with the forgivable Paycheck Protection Program funding from the government which we received last April, we have been able to keep up with all our standard expenses. We have also applied for and received the second round of PPP funds. While this money covers our budgeted expenses and helps unwind the deficit of the past few years, it is time for us to shift our attention to the budget for the coming year, which begins on July 1st.

Two years ago, we agreed to put \$25,000 in the budget to cover major upgrades and repairs. We were unable to include the additional \$25,000 last year due to COVID. Unfortunately, it looks as though we may not be able to do it again this year. However, the list of repairs and upgrades continues to grow. The latest renovations made to the church were 20 years ago, and much of our campus and facilities are far older than that.

We have a laundry list of items, ranging from a broken HVAC system in the Memorial Room to persistent flooding of the Gardiner Building, all of which need improvement, repair, or replacement. Of particular concern are structural issues with both buildings: the sanctuary roof urgently needs replacement, exterior wood rot needs to be abated in a number of places, and both main buildings need to be painted. Three years ago we received quotes on several of these items and we have already begun pursuing updated quotes. Based on the extent of the work to be done, we estimate that the total amount needed for repairs is at least \$50,000. We remain vigilant about spending wisely, but our deferred structural maintenance cannot continue. We have reached the point that we will cause more damage to the buildings if these repairs are not addressed this year.

In light of the cost, the Trustees are exploring as many avenues for funding as possible. (Donations are always welcome!) Regardless, we want you to be aware of our future needs and funding issues. If any of you know of contractors that could give us quotes, please contact the Trustees Co-Chairs: Craig Mace (macc28@comcast.net) or Jon Gherardini (jsgher@gmail.com). With your help, we are confident that we will emerge from 2021 with facilities that are ready for the next 20 years.

Yours in faith and service, Board of Trustees

#### **SNOW SHOVELING**

The trustees would like to remind anyone, to shovel walks when we have snow storms...

JUST COME!! We have shovels or bring your own.

Many thanks to all who have come and shoveled during this winter. As always, if you have any concerns please see any member of the Trustees.

### Thanks to all who contribute to the Mortgage Debt Reduction!

The Blue envelopes in your box help us meet the monthly expenses.

#### Is your Pledge up-to-date?

Have You Remembered Your Church In Your Will?? The Generations To Come Will Be Exceedingly Grateful!

Dear Kristin Putney,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am writing to express great thanks for the help you and the Confirmation Class of 2020-2021 provided in cleaning up leaves on our church grounds. As you and the confirmands probably realized, the trees on our property created a lot of fallen leaves.

In years past, the cleanup process took many days and was done by a few members of our church. You and the Confirmands have proven that many hands make light work. You all exemplify commitment to our faith community.

Thank you for your extraordinary work!

Sincerely yours,

Craig Mace, Trustees Co-Chairperson

# FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Stewardship Campaign 2021/22 -

Our Seekonk Congregational Church, UCC Stewardship theme this year is: 'TOGETHER' - in Loving and Serving

Romans 12: Together: We who are many are one body in Christ and individually we are members of one another together...

Sharing virtual worship, virtual Church School and Confirmation Classes for our children and youth and keeping in touch with one another with phone calls and prayers during this unusual time are all ways we can be TOGETHER. We also eagerly look forward to the time we will all be able to safely regather together in person.

Stewardship - What does it mean to us this year?

We are all members and friends of this active church community and we can all continue to support the many programs and activities by sharing our time, talent and treasure and by pledging whatever we are able to support our Church. Our Stewardship Goal is the same this year as it was last year.

This year our Stewardship Campaign will begin on Sunday, February 28th and our Dedication Sunday will be on Sunday, April 11, 2021 ...the Sunday after Easter.

You will receive a letter from our Stewardship Committee with a pledge card you can mail back to the Church Office. You can also pledge by logging into the website to donate online or you can call Maria Tavares, our Church Administrator, at the Church office and she can help you.

The Stewardship Committee is also ready to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

Thank you all VERY much! Tony DeJesus, Donna Dunn, Hazel Greene, Larry Hindle, Lisa Majewski. Lori Ferreira (co-chair) and Evelyn Watkins (co-chair)

#### Stewardship, what does it mean to you?

You are a member of an active, vibrant church community, but it doesn't happen without your care. How can you help your church thrive and grow? Time, talent and treasure are the gifts you bring. Pledge whatever you are able in support of pastoral care, Christian education, building maintenance, and utilities. You can make a difference, if you pledge.

The Stewardship Committee is ready to help you with any questions or concerns.

#### STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE FORMS Electronic Giving ~ Traditional: Church Envelope

For more information regarding Electronic Giving (forms) and Pledge Cards for those who have not yet pledged please call Maria in the office 508-336-9355. Forms and online giving are also available on our web site: www.scc-ucc.com

\*\*Also~**Give Plus Mobile app** is now is another option available to give. Download the app. Find your church. Give! *Your Stewardship Committee* 

#### ~ OUR OFFERINGS ~ DIFFERENT WAYS OF GIVING

Have you ever noticed that some people don't put anything in the offering plate during worship!!?? Not that its anyone's business...but some folks would like it known that they give with a check each month or every two months while still others give electronically and have it taken out of their checking and sent to the church directly...and of course there are those who give faithfully into that plate every week! So...there are different ways of giving and we give thanks for the variety.

MAY GOD'S SPIRIT EMPOWER US WITH

~ THE JOY OF GIVING

~THE STRENGTH OF SERVING AND ~THE COMMITMENT
OF LOVING IN THE WAY OF JESUS CHRIST...



#### MISSION AND SOCIAL ACTION

FOOD FOR ANYONE YOU KNOW WHO HAVE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES: Please call the office for an appointment.

NON PERISHABLE FOOD NEEDED for our food Pantry ... cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, canned meats, Chef Boyardee, canned fruit etc... and microwave foods. . If ANYONE YOU KNOW is in need...please take them some food. Gift certificates are always welcome.

**CANS & BOTTLES MA Deposit Only:** Care for the earth and save the environment!! Bring donations to the green bins - lift lid - drop in clean bottles and cans. Money goes for hunger/shelter/mission concerns

**FOOD CERTIFICATES NEEDED...**Gift certificates in any amounts from area stores to ease the way for many families. Please give to Rev. Joy or leave in office any time.

#### SNEC UCC

#### Haiti Task Force is now Haiti Partnership Egg-a-Day childhood Nutrition Program

The program is funded by donations from churches and individuals throughout our conference. They rely solely on the donations from individuals and churches.

Go to SNEC UCC. Click on the green rectangle on the right that savs Covenant Partnerships. That will bring vou to the Haiti Partnership listing. You can see the write up on the nutrition program on the SNEC UCC website.

Super Saturday - March 13 & 20, 2021 Registration for Super Saturday is now open and the deadline is March 4. Super Saturday is a two day virtual workshop and networking event for lay and clergy, sponsored by the Southern New England Conference. Participants can choose from over 50 workshops covering a variety of topics related to church life, drop-in networking sessions, register for one-on-one professional coaching sessions, browse the virtual marketplace, and celebrate in worship. The Keynote Speaker is Rabbi Elan Babchuck, the founding Director of GLEAN Network, an incubator and network for faith leaders who seek to reimagine the role of religion in an ever-changing world yearning for meaning, belonging, and justice. For more information and registration information, please contact the Conference office at (508) 875-5233.

#### THANK YOU ~~THANK YOU ~~THANK YOU

Dear Congregation,

Now that I am half way through cleaning out my office here at the church while trying to find places at home to put all of those things that were so necessary for my work here, perhaps I am a little overwhelmed. The nice part about cleaning my office is the wonderful memories that it conjures up. Pictures of places that I almost forgot I've visited with our young people. Overly "animated" teens who I sometimes thought we were driving home a football team! Our teenagers, who entrusted their concerns about the world they were trying to navigate. And my joy of being a very small part of their lives as I watched them move into the responsibilities of adulthood!

As I am still trying to get used to re "tire" ment, I appreciate the GREAT retirement party I did have. Thank you for the kind words spoken that day by Rev. Joy and all the committees who shared gifts with me. I know that a lot of work goes into these events...And of course having to work around covid 19 must have made it an extra challenge.

Also, from the bottom of my heart thank you for all of your cards, gifts and your generous financial gift. It is like sending me off into the world as if I am wrapped in love, with the acknowledgement of my worth, feeling treasured and cherished.

I am blessed with many wonderful memories, Rev. Marilyn





### MAKE YOUR SUNDAYS MEANINGFUL WITH 4 HOURS OF WORSHIP in Community and Service

(One hour each week to worship God... ... one hundred sixty seven hours to play, work, serve, etc.)

Some Facts About Rent

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday. That day is so named because in the early church ashes were sprinkled on the heads of penitent Christians.

This custom remains today and is becoming more wide spread in the Protestant Churches. The sign of the cross on forehead or in the palm of the hand symbolizes our being open to God and offering ourselves with clean hearts before our God.

The color for Lent is purple, reminding us of Lent's penitential mood.

Lent lasts forty days, until Easter. but if you count the days from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday, you get 46. That's because Sundays are excluded from the count (and from Lent). They are designed as "feast days," commemorating the <u>resurrection</u>.

The origin of the word LENT is the Anglo-Saxon word, LENCTEN, meaning "spring", the time when the days lengthen.

In some families there is the tradition of "giving up" something for Lent. That evolved from the idea that Lent was a period of fasting in preparation for baptism which was observed on Easter Eve.

Thankfully, most of us have progressed from the idea of "giving up" (Self denial) to the idea of "taking on" for the good of others.

There are many ways Christians benefit from Lent today. The season encourages us to set aside time for quiet contemplation...to read, meditate, and pray; to reflect on the direction of our own personal lives and on the meaning of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

It reminds us that we are a part of a community of faith that makes a profound difference in our lives and in the way we reach out to those near at hand as well as those on the other side of the world.

In short, Lent is a time to reflect on the relationship between our lives and our faith, between Jesus' journey and our own.



## EASTER FLOWERS

I	[ wish	to	have	an	Easter	plant	placed	in	the	sanct	tuary	during	the
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Easter plant(s) at a cost of \$10.00

It would be appreciated if payment is made with your order. Checks should be made payable to Seekonk Congregational Church and marked "Easter Plant".

All plants in memory or in honor of a loved one will be planted in the gardens.

#### **DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Please give the following information.						
Name(s) of Donor(s)						
In Honor of						
In Memory of						

Please return this form with payment to the Church Office. Thank you.

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TO BELIEVE IS TO CARE-----

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2021

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