

**First Congregational Church  
of Fall River**

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## Let Sleeping Dogs Lie

One afternoon, I was in the backyard hanging the laundry when an old, tired looking dog wandered into the yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home. But when I walked into the house, he followed me, sauntered down the hall and fell asleep in a corner. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out. The next day he was back. He resumed his position in the hallway and slept an hour.

This continued for several weeks. Curious, I pinned a note to his collar. "Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day he arrived with a different note pinned to his collar. "He lives in a home with ten children—he's trying to catch up on his sleep."

Susan F. Roman



**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR



**Easter Egg Hunt**

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

First Congregational Church 2018 Annual

**Easter Egg Hunt**

in the church Sanctuary immediately following the service!







# The Creative Arts Network

(CAN -- it used to be AHA)



The choir is hard at work on the music for Holy Week and Easter.

Also we are having trumpet soloists on both Palm Sunday and Easter. On Palm Sunday we will be joined by Robbie LePage, the lead trumpeter in the Fall River Symphony, and on Easter will be have Cassandra Tompkins, who played with us last Easter and also at the Christmas eve service.

In Fall River has applied to be part of a statewide Arts-Week celebration in the beginning of May. It is supposed to be a more interactive approach to getting people to come to arts events, instead of just sitting in a seat and watching. What I have offered to have our church do to take part in this is to have a Maypole Dance out on the lawn (weather permitting), on **Friday May 4th at 6**, with my early music ensemble playing 17th century English Country Dances. I have done Maypole dances before, in Newport when I worked at the Unitarian church there and in Taunton when I worked at Union Congregational. For this I have to build a Maypole -- this is not in

my usual skill set as a church musician. If anybody could offer to help me I would appreciate it. And do please all plan to come and dance; it's not really pagan, it's celebrating the coming of spring and God's glorious work in nature.



After the Maypole Dance on May 4th in the evening we will have two other performances. My friend

*Joyce Jacobsen*, who is music director Calvary Pentecostal church in Freetown and sang solos at the last couple of Children's Christmas services, is bringing her students to



at *Poetry*

do a program called '*For Love and honor*' at 7, including group songs, solos, piano solos, poetry readings, ukulele, and some ballroom dance, 'trying to find some sunshine in these troubled times', she tells me. At 8 there will be a classical program, with *Andrew Safioleas* on violin, *Dan Moniz* on clarinet and me on piano.



Directions: Using the clues and the word bank, place all words correctly in Cross word puzzle.

### Across:

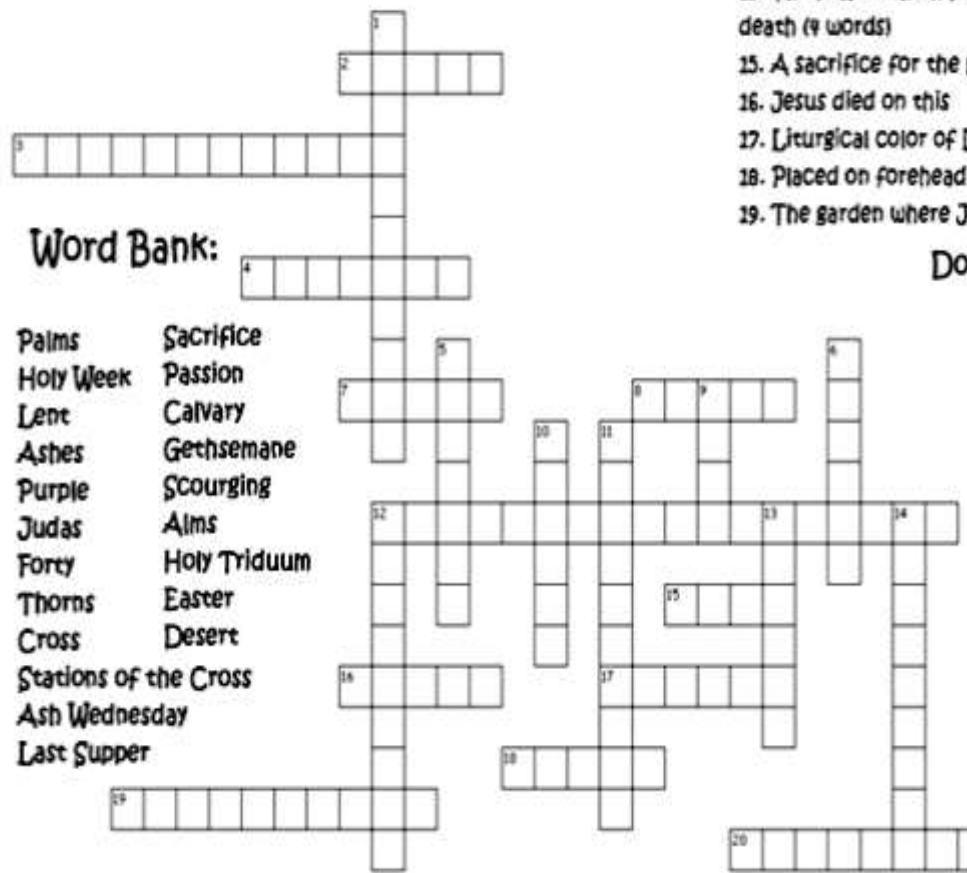
2. Number of days in lent
3. The day lent begins (2 words)
4. A word that means the suffering and death of Jesus
7. Disciple who betrayed Jesus
8. Branches waved at Jesus upon his arrival to Jerusalem
12. The prayer which follows Jesus on the way to his death (4 words)
15. A sacrifice for the poor
16. Jesus died on this
17. Liturgical color of Lenten Season
18. Placed on forehead on first day of Lent
19. The garden where Jesus prayed before he died

### Down:

1. The final three days of lent (2 words)
5. The hill where Jesus died
6. Where Jesus spent 40 days in prayer
9. The 40 day season before Easter
10. A crown made with these was placed on Jesus' head
11. Jesus gave us the Eucharist at this event (2 words)
12. Word that means Jesus was whipped
13. Lent ends with this great celebration
14. An act that shows how much we love God by putting others before ourselves.

### Word Bank:

- |                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Palms                 | Sacrifice    |
| Holy Week             | Passion      |
| Lent                  | Calvary      |
| Ashes                 | Gethsemane   |
| Purple                | Scourging    |
| Judas                 | Alms         |
| Forty                 | Holy Triduum |
| Thorns                | Easter       |
| Cross                 | Desert       |
| Stations of the Cross |              |
| Ash Wednesday         |              |
| Last Supper           |              |





## FCC LUNCH BUNCH

**What??**  
**Lunch Bunch - Let's reconnect over lunch  
for conversation and coloring**

**Where??**  
**Souter Library**

**When??**  
**March 12, 2018- 1:00 PM**

**What to Bring??**  
**Your lunch & Inter-Artist**



When: March 18, 2018  
We will leave right after  
Annual Meeting and Lunch  
Join us to learn and have  
fun @ the Museum!!!  
Please call or text  
Bonnie Braga  
508 667 5093 to RSVP

Invites you  
To:



## APRIL'S IS Pet Supplies Drive

To benefit

**Faxon's Animal Rescue League**

**Please bring your donations to church by**

**April 22<sup>th</sup>**

The list will be published soon stay tuned.

**On April 28th we will visit the animals and bring our**

**supplies @ 3:00 PM**

**All are welcome to join us!!!!**



First Congregational Church of  
Fall River  
**FREE YOGA CLASSES!!!**

When: Every Tuesday  
Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Where: 282 Rock Street, Fall River MA  
(Please use Cherry St. door to access the building)  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (13YRS & UP)  
ALL LEVELS WELCOME!!!  
PLEASE BRING YOUR MAT AND WATER



Have you ordered  
your brick to help  
complete our  
Memorial  
Walkway in the  
James Ward  
Memorial Garden?

Order forms are available in the  
Narthex or by calling/emailing Ivette  
in the church office at (508) 672-5862  
or [fccfallriver@gmail.com](mailto:fccfallriver@gmail.com)



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[fccfallriver@gmail.com](mailto:fccfallriver@gmail.com) to register.

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[www.fccfallriver.org](http://www.fccfallriver.org) \ **What's Happening**



*Easter is fast approaching... and it is time to place your order for Living Memorials and Memorial Flowers. If you are interested in establishing or contributing to and already established Living Memorial, please fill out the corresponding form and return with payment enclosed, to Church Office by mail to:*  
21 June Street, Fall River MA 02720  
*or you can also leave it in the collection plate on Service.*  
**DEADLINE - for Living Memorials and Easter Memorial Flowers is Sunday, March 18, 2018!!!**

**Living Memorial - Information Form**

From: \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this an existing or new memorial?  Existing  New

Dollar Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anyone in particular you would like me to send an acknowledgement to? \_\_\_\_\_



When:  
**Sunday March 18, 2018**  
 Where:  
**Fellowship Hall**  
 Time:  
**11:15 AM**



This has been a very worthwhile endeavor that our church has embraced  
**HOWEVER**  
 We need volunteers to help with the preparation as well as serving.

## SOUP KITCHEN

The meals are planned by Larry LoVerde and Denise Ward. They do all the shopping and guide us in the preparation.

Committed dates:  
 Mar 6th, 2018 April 3rd, 2018  
 May 1st, 2018

Mark your calendars to be at our church by 2:30 PM



## Order Form

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

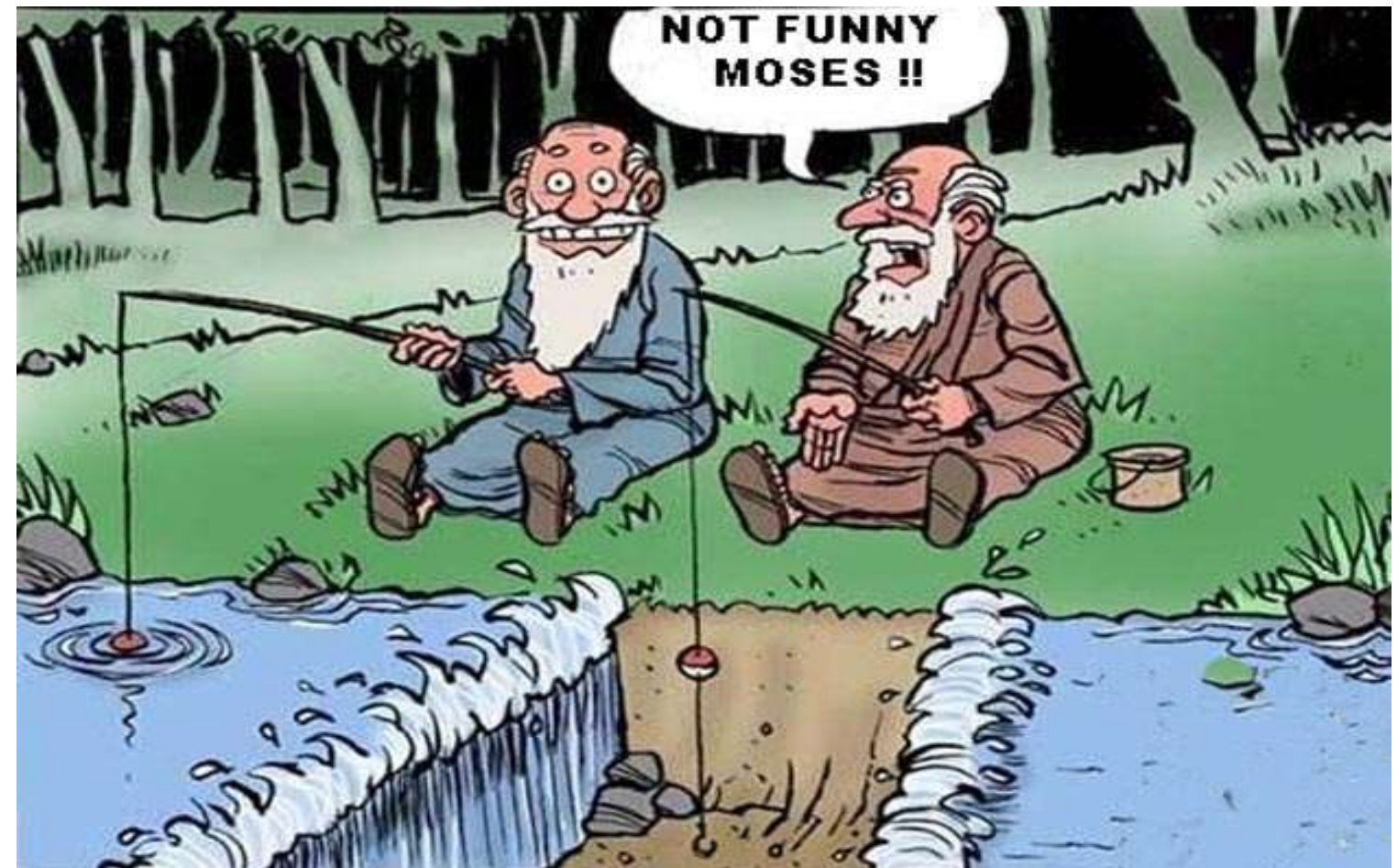
From: \_\_\_\_\_

Select the flowers desired:  Daffodils  Hyacinths  
 Single Lily  Tulips

Cost Per Flower is \$12.00

Do you plan to take your plant following the April 1st Service?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Place your order form in the collection plate or mail to the church office  
 (21 June Street, Fall River, MA 02720)  
 before Sunday, March 18, 2018.





FIRST  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH

# March 2018



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <b>Worship Service</b> <b>@10:00 AM</b>  <b>Search Committee</b> <b>@11:15 AM</b>	5	6 <b>-Soup Kitchen</b> <b>@2:30 PM</b>  <b>-Yoga Class @</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	7	8	9	10
11 <b>Worship Service</b> <b>@10:00 AM</b> <b>Search Committee</b> <b>@11:15 AM</b>	12 <b>Lunch Bunch</b> <b>@1:00 PM</b>	13	14 <b>Church Council</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>@7:00 PM</b>	15	16	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b>
18 <b>Worship Service</b> <b>@10:00 AM</b> <b>-Annual Meeting</b> <b>@11:15 AM</b> <b>Last day to order</b> <b>Easter Flowers</b>	19	20 <b>-Staff Meeting</b> <b>@10:30 AM</b>  <b>-Yoga Class @</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	21	22	23	24
25 <b>Worship Service</b> <b>@10:00 AM</b>  	26	27 <b>-Yoga Class @</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	28	29 	30 <b>Good Friday</b> 	31 



# Congratulations and Best Wishes

We know these lists may be incomplete, so we ask that anyone whose name is not included be sure to call the Church Office with the necessary information.



Rachel & Ulysses Sallum  
March 03<sup>rd</sup>

Jackie & John Donovan  
March 07<sup>th</sup>

Tammy and Christopher Couture  
March 28<sup>th</sup>



# Love



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21 June Street  
Fall River, MA 02720

*Prepared especially for ...*



*Moving???* Please don't forget to notify  
the church office...

If you no longer wish to receive the **Parish Guide**, please let the Church Office, know by calling (508) 672-5862 or email at [fccfallriver@gmail.com](mailto:fccfallriver@gmail.com)



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Ryan Caron	March 2
Meaghan Correia	March 2
Nicole Couture	March 8
Jesse Kubic	March 8
Adam Bettencourt	March 9
Jeffery Smith	March 10
Christopher Costa	March 12
Linda Cunha	March 12
Erin Foley	March 13



Jeffrey Ward	March 15
Seamus Foley	March 16
Eric Wanke	March 17
Gail Wilkinson	March 17
Josephine Lavoie	March 23
Robin Pavao	March 27
William Kearney	March 30

## First Congregational Church

Sunday Worship  
and  
Church School  
10:00 a.m.

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 Fax: (508) 672 2341  
 Email Address: [fccfallriver@gmail.com](mailto:fccfallriver@gmail.com)  
 Website Address: [www.fccfallriver.org](http://www.fccfallriver.org)  
 Facebook: [www.fccfallriver.com/fccfallriver](http://www.fccfallriver.com/fccfallriver)  
 Twitter, Instagram, [fccfallriver](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)  
 and YouTube  
 Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
 9:00AM - 2:30 PM

### The Staff Pastor-OPEN

Denise Ward-*Moderator*  
 Bonnie Braga-*Church School Superintendent*  
 Judith Conrad-*Music Minister*  
 Cheryl Foley-*Bookkeeper*  
 Ivette Alarcon-*Church Secretary*  
 Henry Parker-*Sexton*  
 Doris Thornton-*Health Minister*

