



First Baptist
Church of
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Baptist By-Line

APRIL 2019

Message shared by Pastor Carl Heick

Dear Friends

In the interests of full disclosure let it be known that I have played the Easter Bunny. One Sunday morning back in the 1980s I donned a pair of rabbit ears and chomped on a carrot while being interviewed in church as the most famous of hares. I also remember a worship service in the 1990s when one of our members walked out of worship and returned ten minutes later and yelled out, "I just returned from seeing the Easter Bunny!" "What's up Doc" indeed. The fuzzy one has never achieved the status of Santa, just as Easter has never become as significant a cultural holiday as Christmas. That's just fine with me.

While the fact that we happen to reside in the Northern Hemisphere means that Easter always coincides with the coming of spring, from our Christian perspective Easter is truly the day for all seasons. When we praise Jesus and pray to Jesus we affirm that Jesus is alive and kicking. When we say "Dear Jesus help me!" and "Please Jesus show me how I can help them" we appeal to a living reality not a distant memory. The resurrection of Jesus is truly the central event of all human history. Personal encounter with the risen Christ is the ongoing relationship which changes the course of our lives. God is not a remote divinity hiding behind a cloud. God, in Jesus, is nearer to us than we ever dreamed.

Every Easter morning since I have been a pastor I have chosen to begin worship with the hymn, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" While far from a fully mature Christian, I have met Him, trust Him and experience surprising reaffirmations of His presence each day. How will others encounter this greatest expression of love? In part, through us. We live in a time when many hold the church at arms length if not in contempt because of the hypocrisy and unkindness of Christians, clergy and laity alike. Let us be different. May others truly see Jesus in us and know that He is risen indeed.

I look forward to seeing you for communion worship at 7 PM on Holy Thursday April 18 and Easter morning April 21. No rabbits are expected.

In Christ

Carl



Ladies, if you want to spend a morning having a good time and joyful fellowship, then join us each **Tuesday at 10AM (Year-round)!**

March 2019

The calendars says it is Spring. Crocuses are out and I saw daffodils at the post office. But it is still chilly! Our first meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. Our next meeting was dinner at Isaacs restaurant in Plymouth for their Diamond Jim Brady special. Three entrees to choose from, salad and cheesecake for dessert. Our business meeting and birthday lunch was next with a special spring bag hostess gift for everyone. We are visiting Wingate next month to do a craft with the residents who are able. We got things ready for that day. We are having them put flowers in a mug so got the green foam cut and the flowers ready. Upcoming events are lunch at the Brass Lantern at SS VoTech. That is the cafe where students learn about the food serving industry. Also going to breakfast at Sunnyside one day. And a tea party where hats and gloves are required. Tea cups and little sandwiches and desserts Lenten services are still ongoing. Next is at our church. Expect a big crowd! Easter is soon, need to get a new outfit! A tisket a tasket, a green and yellow basket filled with Easter treats and eggs. Enjoy with family and friends!

Our functions and purposes are service and outreach, self-development (sharing & learning) and fellowship (overcoming aloneness). We invite all ladies of the church and their friends to join us anytime.

April Planned Activities:

- April 2nd - Lunch at South Shore Votech - 10AM carpool.
- April 9th - 10AM - Sherriff Department talk.
- April 16th - Business mtg. Tea Party bring teacup and wear "hat & gloves".
- April 23rd - Visit to Wingate.
- April 30th - 8:30AM - Carpool to Breakfast.



April's service project is: Wingate.

Financial Secretary Report

2/28/2019



Mortgage

Annual Budget	\$	40,612.00
Received to date (8 months)	\$	29,151.00
Needed (8 months)	\$	36,752.00
Shortfall	\$	- 7,601.00

General Fund / Current

Annual Budget	\$	60,972.00
Received to date (8 months)	\$	46,629.00
Needed (8 months)	\$	67,160.00
Overage	\$	5,991.00

Missions

Annual Budget	\$	9,708.00
Received to date (8 months)	\$	6,062.00
Needed (8 months)	\$	6,472.00
Shortfall	\$	- 410.00

Expense Report on Greeter's Table.

TREASURER'S REPORT

2/28/2019

Receipts To Date:

General Fund (Pledges):	\$	46,629.25
Misc. (Fund Raisers, etc.)	\$	11,766.00
Rent:	\$	13,600.00
<u>Loose</u> :	\$	<u>1,179.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$	73,174.25

Checkbook Balance:	\$	20,340.55
On Hold (Roof):	\$	3,684.75
Available Funds:	\$	16,655.80

Mortgage Fund: \$ 13,151.90

Memorial : \$ 4,960.03



FREE Concert



Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 6PM - 9PM

First Congregational Church in Hanson

639 High St., Hanson, Massachusetts 02341

A tremendous combination of young Christian Musicians. Collington from Providence RI. Between Forever from Western Mass., Randi Black from Bristol, CT & Living Word Worship from Brockton. No charge - Free Will Offering. Refreshments available.

An intimate rock/alternative concert! With this much entertainment, fun and fellowship...it's not just a concert...it's a party!!

Sponsored by the combined youth ministry at the First Congregational and the First Baptist Churches of Hanson.

MISSION MATTERS

By Wanda MacCurtain

"You Are The SALT Of The Earth." Matthew 5:13

The Mission and Evangelism thanks all of you for your faithful commitment. Your generosity is bringing hope and the love of Jesus locally, regionally and internationally.

PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP - July 14-22, 2019 (tentative)

We are excited to be able to run a mission trip to Puerto Rico this year. We **MUST** have a minimum of 15 participants. Age Group: 12& up. Cost: \$1,500.00 (approximately); If you are interested, please contact Nayda Aguila, Director of Missions at Naguila@tabcom.org

GROTONWOOD is a Christian Camp and Conference Center located in beautiful Groton Massachusetts. Christ-Centered-Lives Transformed-Hearts Renewed- ministering to Youth, Families, Adults with Special Needs and Communities for over 60 years.(a not for profit organization.); It is not to early to start planning for **SUMMER CAMP**. Grotonwood offers Summer Camps, Adults with disabilities Camps, Retreats, Conferences, Weddings, Overnight Camps, Day Camps, Military Kids Camp (Project New Hope), And Cultivate. Here is a list of activities: Archery, Boating, Crafts, Challenge Courses, Mountain Biking, Swimming, Rock Climbing and much more. For more info Grotonwood.org or call (978) 448-5763 located at (The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts) **TABCOM**, 167 Prescott Street-Groton Massachusetts 01450.

HOSPICE of the South Shore - Urgent Call for Help!! If you are interested in becoming a **VOLUNTEER** call 508-291-0049. Volunteer **TRAINING** offered. Contact 781-624-7255

Thank You Notes!

* **NEW HOPE CORRECTIONAL MINISTRY** appreciates our prayers and support. God Bless and Thank You! This Faith-Funded Ministry is Changing Lives form the Inside Out. (address: P.O Box 1694 Plymouth, Massachusetts 02362) Note: This is a Mission Budget item total giving \$100.00

* On behalf of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) **THANK YOU** for Your devoted financial support for the **AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING (AFC)**. In our churches and communities across the United States and Puerto Rico people long for hope and healing. (hurricanes, floods fires, struggling churches and children living in poverty.); **YOUR America for Christ Offering** provides help, hope, comfort and healing to those in need. The Theme for 2019 "Healing Communities". See Galatians 6:9-10. Note: This is a Mission Budget Item and our Church gives a total of \$400.00.



Helping Hands and friends out celebrating "Diamond Jim Brady Night" at Isaacs in Plymouth. Lots of good food and fun with great company!



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HANSON: DINNER & A MOVIE: Located at 639 High St., Hanson, Massachusetts 02341; April 13th at 5pm. Cost: \$5 and a can good donation to the Hanson Food Pantry. Menu: Salad, Roasted Chicken, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Bread & Butter, and Strawberry Shortcake.; Movie: "The Way Home" An inspirational true story about how a rural community rallied around a distraught family to search for their missing two year-old boy and through doing so changed the lives of many of those involved.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jimmy Trumbull - 5, Jon Dickerson - 8, Ray Dalton - 24,
Hazel Mitchell - 25, Rev. Bill Smith - 25, Paul Ponte - 30

If you aren't listed let the office know your Birthday!



April Birthdays for our International Missionaries

Please remember them in your prayers as they spread God's message around the world.

Becky Stanton(Liberia)-6, Sue Hegarty(Costa Rica)-8, Matt Mann(Development Workers)-9, Steve James(Haiti)-11,
Chuck Fox(Thailand)-15, Corenne Smith(Brazil)-24, Laura Parajon(Nicaragua)-27, Thelma Nambu(Philippines)-28,
Joyce Reed(Mexico)-29, Dan Chetti(Lebanon)-29

Contact For More Information:

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Hospitality: Karen Hansen - 781-294-0358; **Missions & Evangelism:** Wanda MacCurtain - 781-293-3502



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Helping Hands</i> 10AM	3	4	5	6 10AM Band FBCH Thrift Store 10AM - 2PM
Boards & Committees Meet this Week						
7* 9:00 Band Rehearsal, 10:00 AM Worship Service / Sunday School / Child Care ***	8	9 <i>Helping Hands</i> 10AM 6:30PM NetWork Workshop	10	11 6PM Executive Council Meets	12	13 *** 9 AM Combined Communion FCCH 10AM Band; FBCH Thrift Store - 10AM - 2PM
14 ** 9:00 AM Band, 10:00 AM Worship Service / Sunday School / Child Care	15	16 <i>Helping Hands</i> 10AM	17	18 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	19 Good Friday	20 10AM Band FBCH Thrift Store 10AM - 2PM
21 6AM-Sunrise Svc at Monposett Gazebo. 9:15 Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 AM Worship Service / Child Care : Easter Sunday	22	23 <i>Helping Hands</i> 10AM;	24 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study	25	26	27 10AM Band FBCH Thrift Store 10AM - 2PM
28 9:15 AM Choir, 10:00 AM Worship Service / Sunday School / Child Care	29	30	*Communion Sunday; **Coffee Fellowship with light snacks after the Worship Service. ***ABWM of MA Spring Mtg.			

HANSON FOOD PANTRY

Hours :

Tuesday 10AM - 12PM

6PM - 8PM

228 High Street, Hanson!

Phone: 781-293-1400

Did you know that the Hanson Pantry now provides food to Pembroke residents? As with Hanson clients, they just need to provide proof of residency.

For donations, First Baptist Church is being asked for the following food items: coffee and brown rice, as well as the following personal care items: toilet paper, shampoo, and dish detergent, deodorant and toothpaste. The Dollar Tree is a great place to find these items at a reasonable price.

Paper and plastic bags are always needed. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated. Starting in 2015 Please leave donations at either entrance of our church in the provided receptacles.

Like them on Facebook! Log into Facebook and Search for: **Hanson Food Pantry 2015** or copy this in the address line of your browser.

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KID ZONE!

Youth Group

Our youth has joined forces with the Hanson Congregational kids for activities and events.

Contact Kathy Fuller
(781-293-7997)
to get involved!

Concert



Collington w/Special Guests Between Forever

[First Congregational Church in Hanson](#)

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FBCH Sunday School

We are looking for additional teachers. Please speak to Tangra if you are willing to help out.



The Fun Side of Church

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS A GROWING CHURCH THAT SEEKS TO BRING THE LOVE, CARE, AND EXCITEMENT OF CHRIST TO PERSONS OF EVERY AGE AND SITUATION. *WELCOME!*

JOIN US AS WE ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself' "

~ Mark 12: 30-31



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Reaching Out With Joy"

