



Epistle

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Last week the North Adams Regional Hospital closed its doors sending shock waves through our county. The loss of such a major employer as well as the loss of vital health care services makes us painfully aware of declining resources in our larger community. We live in a society fixated on scarcity—there's never enough time, money, energy, talent, etc.—and this fuels both the greed of the rich and the desperation of the poor. The closing of NARH reminds us of this narrative and the grief it brings. What if, as followers of Jesus, we are called to live into a different narrative? In John 9 Jesus and a blind man meet. The blind man embodies the scarcity of that time—all that is lacking. In response to this pain, Jesus spits on the ground, makes mud, smears it on the man's eyes, tells him to go wash in the Temple, and the man returns with sight restored. In a broken, blind world, Jesus takes dirt—as God did in Genesis 1—and re-forms one human into wholeness and life. As the story in John 9 proceeds it's clear the formerly blind man is being called to go forth as a disciple and help the world to heal and recover from its blindness--its scarcity.

Within each of us there resides an endless depth of love—that's what it means to be created in God's image. In our broken world we forget--lose sight--of this immense giftedness. The journey of faith is a process of remembering who we really are and living into our fullness in Christ. Out of the resources of our hearts and lives we, too, can make holy mud and help restore vision to our world. Is this really true? All you have to do is read this Epistle, taking note of the energetic, resourceful activity represented, to have a sense that something holy is at work. And then remember that just a few months ago we weren't at all sure we could meet our basic capital fund drive goal--let alone surpass our stretch goal! Scarcity does not define who we are as South Church. In this community of faith we tap into resources that are deep and rich. From Sunday morning worship, to House Church, to spiritual support groups, to St. Joe's Kitchen, to the Men's Forum, to the Food Pantry, to individual visits, and to so much more, I see my primary pastoral task as that of helping us see more truly and deeply in each encounter with God, others, and self. And there are so many who share this task here at South! I don't know how this process of ever-deepening vision can directly help those affected by the closing of NARH. But I do know that when we begin to see beyond the myth of scarcity into the endless depths of our own hearts—where God dwells--doors open, surprises happen, and justice flows down like rivers of living water. How are you being called to see and respond on this spiritual journey of ever-deepening faith?

After Easter I will be away for three weeks as I step aside from my pastoral duties and make use of some unused sabbatical time. I will be exploring for myself the question above as well as spending some time in Maine, getting outdoors, and doing some creative writing. Rev. Carolyn Peck will be our guest preacher for those three weeks and will be in the office for two mornings a week. As one of our former Peirson interns it is a joy that she can be among us once again helping us make holy mud together as we respond to the tender, creative, voice of God calling us to participate in making whole this blind world.

As this new month begins and we draw close to Holy Week and Easter may our eyes be opened to the new life of God's transforming love that is streaming into this world. May that vision guide our steps day by day.

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*It's That Time of Year Again
One Great Hour of Sharing*

Dear Friends,

Perhaps Jesus knew that one of our greatest challenges as human beings would be to understand our oneness and that is why one of his very last acts was to pray for unity (John 17:20-23). It reminds us that we are so intimately connected to Jesus, and thus to God, that we could never be apart. Nothing, absolutely nothing, can ever separate us from God. We are of God. When we understand that we are of God, created by none other than the Creator of all creation, and that we are thus beloved, we reconnect to ourselves, to one another, and to our Divine Parent.

We can help the world to reconnect, too. By the grace of God and the model of Jesus our Christ, we can, as the Church, build bridges - instead of borders, become conduits - out of conflict, create spaces, where people can love and connect, where we remember whose we are and that we are truly already one in Christ.

For almost seven decades, One Great Hour of Sharing has made a difference in the lives of people and communities around the world by pooling resources, leveraging funds and serving through partnerships.

What will your offering do:

Your gift will employ people in poverty to learn a trade, raise their own food, and grow in faith. It will help to provide access to healthy food, good education, excellent health care, and shelter after devastating storms. Each time a gift is given a connection is made that builds a bridge or tears down walls. Each resource shared answers God's call to love our neighbor, because in Christ Jesus, we are one family.

Kerry Sullivan
For the Mission Board

Children will not remember you
for the material things you provided,
but for the feeling that you cherished them.

Richard Evans



The next *Epistle* deadline is April 27th at 11 a.m.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

During this Lenten Season lessons have focused on "Letting Go" and having ("Trust") faith that God is with us. On Sunday, March 16th, during the worship service, the children re-enacted the story of Abraham and Sarah who took a huge leap of faith, and chose to trust God's call. Everyone had a wonderful time choosing only a few possessions to take with them in their baskets and dressing up in ancient costumes!

The Youth, Joel and I attended the 250th Anniversary Celebration at First Church on March 16th. It was a festive celebration with lots of music and a focus on Congregational Church history in Pittsfield. The Youth were enlightened to many facts about our South Church roots!



On Easter Sunday, April 20th, the Christian Education program will be hosting our Annual South Church Easter Egg Hunt. All children are invited to join in the fun taking place immediately after the church service!

Happy 9th Birthday to Donovan DuBois.

Ann Roche, Youth/ Children Director

MISSION UPDATE

The Language Project – Carol Kresge

We are overjoyed to report that the March 16th offering to the Carol Kresge Language Project totaled \$250!! Our next opportunity to bless these good works that Carol and this project embraces, will be Sunday, April 20th, Easter Sunday. This first offering will go out immediately with the rest to follow quarterly. Thank you all for your gifts that enable the Language Project in Laos to change the world, one person and one book at a time!!

March Mission Moment

The Giving Garden

The Giving Garden, directed by Russell Moody, is requesting help with their 1.77 acres ready to be planted. In 2011 members of the Church of Christ had a vision to help others by planting a garden and putting fresh produce in the hands of those in need. One hundred percent of that which is grown is given away to others. In 2012, 3,000 pounds of produce was distributed throughout the county, and in 2013, 8,000 pounds of produce was placed on tables to provide those in need an opportunity to eat more healthfully. Now, in 2014, the garden has tripled in size. As you may or may not remember, we helped them purchase a tractor in 2011. They now have a tractor, a rotor tiller, a cultivator, and a seed planter. They will be planting some 150 tomato plants, cabbage, carrots, beets, turnips, parsnips, yellow squash, zucchini, peppers, eggplant, and romaine lettuce. The romaine lettuce is distributed to the many institutions that prepare nightly meals for those in need. Along with all of this will be a plot for butternut and acorn squash to extend their giving season. In addition, edible pumpkins will be planted and given to the children in Pittsfield's Head Start Program, and Redfield House, a program of Berkshire Children and Families. A garden of sunflowers will also be grown and donated to Hospice Care of the Berkshires to brighten the days of both hospice care workers and their patients.

With all of this good work going on, the Giving Garden has grown beyond their capacity to fully fund this effort. They are looking for individuals,



local businesses, and corporations to partner with them. This can happen in a couple of ways. They are offering fifty individual plots to people in the community to grow their own vegetables for their families. These plots will

measure 15'x20'. They will test, turn, adjust the soil and provide the water. Planting, weeding, and watering is the responsibility of the plot owner. The other way to help is to sponsor a row, a garden patch, or an entire garden plot. The amount of sponsorship is the following:

- \$100 will sponsor a row or 303 pounds of fresh produce
- \$300 will sponsor 3 rows or 757 pounds of fresh produce
- \$500 will sponsor a patch or 1514 pounds of fresh produce
- \$1500 will sponsor an entire plot or 4542 pounds of fresh produce

On behalf of South Church, the Mission Board has voted to sponsor a patch and will be sending a donation of \$500 to the Giving Garden. Anyone who is interested in helping with planting or harvesting, or anything in between, contact Russell Moody, Minister of Church of Christ, and Director of the Giving Garden.

April Mission Moment

April is Child Abuse Awareness month so we are working with Kids' Place this month. Our coffee house concert will take place to highlight Kids' Place on April 25th at 7 pm with Linda Worster and David Grover in Barrett Hall. The money collected will help to purchase a teddy bear that will be given to a child who has been through a traumatizing experience. Along with our concert, Kids' Place is in need of healthy snack items such as juice boxes, goldfish, pretzels, cheese crackers, and teddy grahams for the kids to have before their therapy sessions. We will set up a box in the parlor for any donations for the month of April. Thanking God, who works through you, for your compassion, energy, thoughtfulness, and caring hearts for all that you do for others!

Jean Robertson, for the Mission Board

EASTER FLOWERS



Remember to order your Easter Flowers by April 13th. The price is \$15.00 for a lily or tulip plant. Please call Mary Wheat- 442-3706.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thank you for donations of kitchen dishes, pans, towels, etc. for our guests at the pantry. Any blankets would also be much appreciated as some of the shelters close soon for the season and people have to move outdoors. Thank you also for the baby gifts for Amanda. She is doing very well now.

On Wednesday mornings in April at 9:30 a.m., the United Way is funding a story/music time for children who come to the pantry with their parents. This is to help children enjoy books and their stories in a fun way, and also to give them the opportunity to bring a book home for continued enjoyment. If this program is successful, it will continue through the summer.

The following is a note received from a guest at the pantry.

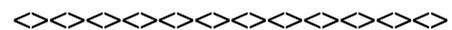
"I really want to thank your church very much. During this time of year and when bills are higher, it really helps people out. Thank you so much for giving to people in need, at whatever time it is needed. God bless you and your mission to help others. Thank you so much and for helping others in my family and the community. Your kindness doesn't go unnoticed.

God Bless Always"

The success of the pantry is due to each and every one of you helping in so many ways!

April is toilet paper month.

Many thanks,
Mary Wheat



On Easter Day the veil between time and eternity turns to gossamer.

LECTIONARY FOR APRIL

Sunday, April 6 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Sunday, April 13 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Psalm 118
Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Matthew 27:11-54

Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Exodus 12:1-4
Psalm 116
First Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Jeremiah 31:1-6
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

Sunday, April 27 – Second Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher, Rev. Carolyn Peck

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY

The next Habitat for Humanity work day is Saturday, April 5, 8 am - 2 pm.

We now alternate workdays with First Church - this time they are providing the lunch and snack. According to Dick Noble of First Church, "The house on Goodman Lane is all framed in, but cold. We will be building interior walls, finish ceiling Sheetrock, exterior siding, cleaning up basement."

Join in the fun! Contact Will Garrison at Garrisonfamily77@gmail.com or 443-0164.

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE

Sunday March 16th, we gathered for Celebration Sunday at South Church to mark the culmination of our "Stretching for God's Future" Capital Fund pledge drive. It was a joyous occasion. Not only had we gone over our \$200,000 goal, we topped our stretch goal of \$225,000 with a pledge total of \$232,071. The stretching continues with a new total of \$234,496 as of March 30th. This outpouring of faith and commitment for South Church's future is truly inspiring as well as humbling.

On Celebration Sunday, we used for the first time our new sound system in the sanctuary. This upgrade was one of our goals and to have it completed for our celebration was special. With a three-year giving period for pledges, the Trustees will be prioritizing and completing capital projects as the money becomes available. We hope to have work on the steeple started in June. Money for this project is already allocated and a contractor secured.

Thanks to all who participated with time, talent and or treasure in "Stretching for God's Future." This was a whole church fundraising and faith raising experience. South Church has much to be proud of.

Co-Chairs, Mary Rentz and John Robertson

MISSION BOARD PRESENTS

Coffee House Concert

David Grover and Linda Worster

Please come to our second Coffee House Concert on Friday, April 25 at 7:00 pm in Barrett Hall. The first was quite successful and all those that attended gave it rave reviews!!!!



The concert will benefit The Kids' Place, an organization that works with children subjected to violence as victims or as witnesses and to their non-offending family members. The center provides a safe, caring, home-like atmosphere that coordinates the combined knowledge of law enforcement, social service, medical, prosecutorial, and mental health agencies to ensure an effective response to childhood trauma.

Save the Date and plan to come to hear great music, taste our yummy Coffee House refreshments and do all this while helping a child! We hope to see you there!!!!

Kerry Sullian

A concert flyer, crafted by Pat Politis is on page 9-Ed.

AND AWAY WE GO--AGAIN!!

On March 4, The Men's Forum started its 23rd year of weekly brown bag luncheon meetings. Originally formed in 1992, we have grown from a small group of retired South Church men to an active roster of 29 with 16 of our regular attendees non-church members. We meet year around, now with an open agenda during the summer months. Over the many years we have touched on a very wide range of meaningful subjects and on occasion spend an extended period looking deeply into material that requires serious study.

We recently spent a month on an interview Albert Speer, the Nazi closest to Hitler, gave on his book *Inside the Third Reich*. This was a sobering reminder of how evil can—and did—grow and dominate a supposedly civilized society. Two weeks later we were hilariously regaled by a Bill Cosby tape recalling the joys of family life. As a group we pre-plan our programs and willing members take turns presenting the material. We're living in troublous times and the Forum goal is to discuss the most important issues.

One of our original objectives in 1992 was to find ways to redevelop the sense of fellowship and comradeship most boys feel in their youth, but often lose as they enter their more competitive adult years. It took a while for most of us to put aside our old persona, but today we are meeting as retirees each with his own ideas and willing to share our thoughts, be they liberal, conservative, or neutral, with enthusiasm and without competition. Maybe that's the reason the Forum continues to grow each year.

John Anthony

LORD AND TAYLOR

Spring is finally coming, and we are gradually changing seasons also in the shop. We have more and more spring clothes coming. and many lovely Easter items. Winter clothes are still on sale.

Our biggest joy this month is the great turnout for the tag sale. We are pleased to report that we made \$1267.33, between the shop and the tag sale. Thanks so much to all the volunteers who helped with setting up and pricing and being at the sale. It was truly a team effort, as so much of South's activities are!

Nancy deForest and Audra Kinner



C'MON SPRING

MAY MATTOON

On Tuesday, March 4, we had a good turnout with twenty members present. A delicious cake made by Pat Hill and Arlene Emerson topped off our sandwiches.

During the business meeting we voted to purchase two Easter lilies in memory of honorary members and past members. Ruth Austin visited with Vivien Elmslie at her winter home, Devonshire Estates, and found her in good health. Ruth Campbell expressed a wish for prayers for the Petrocelli family (friends of Ruth) whose home on Elm Street was badly damaged twice in a matter of days. The second time the car landed inside the house causing much trauma for the family. It is a sad occurrence when the safety of your home is invaded.



Our program speaker for this meeting was Karen Vogel from United Way who spoke about literacy. This was a very enlightening program. She told how important it is to start to educate children from cradle toward the choice of a career, and the importance of parents' involvement in their schooling. United Way helps families be involved with their children's reading, writing and arithmetic from pre-school to third grade, particularly. The program provides a good start that works for children throughout their schooling and beyond. Karen said that 44% were unable to read beyond third grade level. United Way is working with parents to help achieve a better education.

"Up to third grade, children learn to read. After third grade, children read to learn." Literature she distributed stated, "*Pittsfield Promise* has adopted an aggressive goal to increase third grade reading proficiency from the 2012 rate of 51% to 90% by 2020 by focusing on the critical period from birth to age 8 years." The pamphlet is titled *Pittsfield Promise* with the subtitle *The Promising Story of Pittsfield, Massachusetts: Moving from Mobilization to Action*. United Way is a hard-working organization in the field of education and is hard at it to accomplish the mentioned goals. This was an excellent and informative presentation.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 1st, (Don't get fooled)! Program speaker is Ed Forfa, who will speak about the new Berkshire Place presently rising on South Street. Hostesses are Mary Wheat, Janet Rusk, and Alice Gallup. Don't forget your sandwich for lunch and toilet articles for the Food Pantry.

See you there. *Happy spring!*

Alice Gallup



WOMEN'S HEALTH

- * How do we maintain it?
- * Are you aware of the diseases women are most likely to get?
- * Are you confused by different health screening recommendations?
- * Are you aware of the importance of proper diet, weight and exercise in preventing cancer and heart disease?

Learn the importance of good preventive care.

Please join our local experts for an educational presentation that will answer your questions about women's health.

Presenters: **Herbert Kantor M.D.**
Claudia Colombari D.C.

When: **Wednesday, April 30, 2014**
at 6:30 p.m.

Where: **St. Agnes Parish Hall,**
30 Carson Ave. Dalton

Free and open to everyone teens and seniors alike. Light refreshments provided

Sponsored by the Berkshire County Parish Nurses

Susan Kaufman
Parish Nurse

MODERATOR'S MUSINGS

The past few weeks at South Church have been deeply moving to me. The buoyant spirit of our church was lifted up in prayer and song and fellowship, as connections with our members were strengthened and campaign project goals were met and topped. The stretching reached outward as well, as we heard from longtime friends and members of the greater community. What a rich community of faith and service we have encountered. Thank you for allowing John and me to help lead this remarkable experience.

The "stretching for God's future" may be the theme that will carry us into new experiences in the coming weeks and months.

I think of the Mission Board's initiative - a musical "coffee house" - an old idea clothed in new garments. A Friday night out in an informal setting will benefit a local welfare organization and local musicians. The free will offering is split between the organization of the month and the musicians. What a simple, effective, and creative way to make our "mission dollars" go much farther, while supporting local artists and bringing in new people. Linda Worster played to a full house in the parlor for the Elizabeth Freeman Center last month. In April, David Grover will join Linda in Barrett Hall for the benefit of the Kid's Place.

I think also of the Parents Night Out sponsored by our Children and Youth Ministry - an evening of play and crafts for the kids and valuable free-time for parents.

As I contemplate my April service as "fifth Wednesday cook" for St. Joe's Kitchen at South Church, I am excited about the changes that will be made to our kitchen over the next three years. In the near term, the Mission Board and St. Joe's Kitchen / Pantry Committee will be engaged in some creative re-imagining on how South manages these programs. Along with children's books, are there other opportunities for offering more than just food?

May we continue "stretching for God's future" in the coming months.



"STRETCHING FOR GOD'S FUTURE" THANKS FOR HELPING US STRETCH!

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Church Video

Mary Rentz
Moderator

“A BRIEF HISTORY OF “ST. JOSEPH’S KITCHEN AT SOUTH CHURCH”

By John Moore

This mission goes back to 1990, when Sister Kathryn Flanagan spoke at a Thanksgiving Eve service at Sacred Heart Church. She said that the Wednesday weekly meal was not served at St. Joseph’s High School cafeteria during summer or Christmas vacations. The Board of Missions at South Church responded with approval for South Church members to prepare and serve the meal during these vacation times. This was done for five years with great relief when each period was over. Funding was accomplished by donations to “the can” during the Sunday coffee hour. It was obvious that the aging members could not support a quality meal by themselves.

In 1995, the Diocese of Springfield evicted the Wednesday meal from St. Joseph’s High School Cafeteria. The Board of Missions voted with “a leap of faith” to move the operation to the kitchen at South Church. An intense effort was started to enlist the existing volunteers working the meal at the school and establish an ecumenical mission. The new operation was named “ **St. Joseph’s Kitchen at South Church**” and has remained to this day.

All the equipment, including a dishwasher still in use, owned by the operation was moved and became property of South Church. Using the new name publicly, a relations effort with charitable organizations began to upgrade the equipment in the kitchen. The first new equipment installed was the exhaust hood over the stove, followed by a larger refrigerator, six burner gas stove, convection oven, new tables and chairs (twice), freezer, hot water heater, and two additional sinks. All of this equipment was donated by the Rotary Club of Pittsfield, the Taconic Foundation, and interested individuals. South Church has not spent a cent on kitchen equipment in 20 years.

The Kitchen is not a South Church organization but is operated as a DBA or “doing business as” and is managed by a committee with financial transactions through the Church Treasurer as mission outreach. Most of the volunteers who work at the meal come from the Roman Catholic Churches, a remnant of the cafeteria group. About 15 South Church members work regularly at the meal - a rather small percentage of the church membership. All others come from the community.

The financial support for **St. Joseph’s Kitchen at South Church** comes from the community and much of this is due to the name recognition of a true ecumenical operation over a long period of time.

Note: In recent years, the Food Pantry, which began as food bags for Wednesday evening patrons, has grown to serve 400 families weekly. The pantry is also managed by the St. Joe's Committee. Both programs have grown and matured under the extraordinary and relentless volunteer leadership of South Church members, John Moore and Mary Wheat. With the installation of the walk-in cooler / freezer and planned upgrades of the kitchen, South Church is investing significant resources to continue this important ecumenical ministry for Pittsfield.

COFFEE HOUSE CONCERT

WHEN

April 25, 2014
7 pm

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South Congregational Church
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Linda Worster • David Grover •

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The Kids Place



EASTER FLOWERS

Dear Friend,

Easter is coming and it is time to think about Easter memorials. The flowers will be in church on Sunday, April 20th. If you are interested in a lily or tulip at \$15.00 a plant, or a cash gift, please indicate below and mail to:

Mary Wheat
23 Ivy Lane
Pittsfield, MA 01201

_____ I wish to order and take my lily with me after service on Easter, April 20th.

_____ I wish to order and take my tulip with me after service on Easter, April 20th.

(If you sign up to take your lily/tulip with you after service, please remember to do so, as we had many left last year.)

_____ I wish to order a lily for a shut-in.

_____ I wish to order a tulip for a shut-in.

_____ I wish to give a cash gift.

The memorial will read as follows: _____

Given by: _____

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST PRIOR TO SUNDAY, APRIL 13th.



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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 Spiritual Support Group 10 am Men's Forum 12 noon May Mattoon 12 noon	2 Food Pantry 8 – 11 am UCC Clergy 12 noon St. Joe's Dinner 5 pm Qi Gong 5:30	3 Food Pantry 8-11 am Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am Spiritual Support Group 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm	4 Lord & Tailor 10 am-4 pm AA 6:15 pm	5 Habitat Work Day AA 10:15 am Lord & Tailor 12-4 pm Al-Anon 7:30
6 5th Sunday in Lent Worship 10 am with Communion "One Great Hour of Sharing" Offering Women's Book Club 11:30	7 Yarn Spinners 7 pm	8 Spiritual Support Group 10 am Men's Forum Noon Diaconate 7 pm	9 Food Pantry 8 – 11 am St. Joe's Dinner 5 pm Trustees 6 pm Qi Gong 5:30	10 Food Pantry 8-11 am Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am Spiritual Support Group 6:30 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm	11 Lord & Tailor 10 am-4 pm AA 6:15 pm	12 AA 10:15 am Lord & Tailor 2-4 pm Al-Anon 7:30
13 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY Worship 10 am Distribution of Palm Fronds May Mattoon Bake Sale	14 Yarn Spinners 7 pm	15 Spiritual Support Group 10 am Men's Forum Noon Called To Care 2 pm Mission Board 7 pm	16 Food Pantry 8 – 11 am Berkshire Place Worship 10:45 am St. Joe's Dinner 5 pm Qi Gong 5:30	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY Food Pantry 8-11 am Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm	18 GOOD FRIDAY Lord & Tailor 10 am-4pm Ecumenical Downtown Walk of the Cross 12 noon AA 6:15 pm	19 HOLY SATURDAY AA 10:15 am Lord & Tailor 12-4 pm Pittsfield Squares 7pm Al-Anon 7:30
20 EASTER SUNDAY Worship 10 am Easter Egg Hunt 11 am	21 PATRIOTS' DAY Yarn Spinners 7 pm	22 EARTH DAY Spiritual Support Group 10 am Men's Forum Noon Church Council 7 pm	23 Food Pantry 8-11 am UCC Berkshires Church & Ministry 4 pm St. Joe's Dinner 5 pm Qi Gong 5:30	24 Food Pantry 8-11 am Ladies Benevolent 9:30 am Spiritual Support Group 6:30 pm Choir 7pm	25 Lord & Tailor 10 am-4pm 7 pm Mission Board Coffee House Concert 7 p.m. AA 6:15 pm	26 AA 10:15 am Lord & Tailor 12-4 pm Al-Anon 7:30
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