



Greensboro Gleanings

April 2018

From the pastor's desk ...

Dear Friends!

Mark 16:3 asks the question "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" This is an important question on that first Easter morning. The women are going to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus. Obviously, they have to have access to the body if they are going to anoint it. Maybe, when the anointing committee met hurriedly and briefly the night before, this matter of moving the stone was discussed. We don't know that because Mark's account of that first Easter morning is tight and concise, not flooded with details.

From the limited dialogue in Mark 16:1-8, the question appears to be asked for the first time while the women make their way to the tomb. Their inability to answer the question does not turn them around and send them back home. They may have been hoping to run into other mourners at the tomb that morning. Surely, there will be someone there to help with the stone. Otherwise, their trip is in vain. They keep walking. They keep walking toward that obstacle that stands between them and Easter, Between them and resurrection, between them and hope. They keep walking. When they look up, the barrier between them and hope is already rolled away. The obstacle between them and resurrection has been moved. The Barricade between them and Easter has been breached.

The persistence of these women teaches us something crucial about resurrection on the first Easter morning and about many of the experiences of resurrection hope since that morning. Walking toward the very obstacle that would keep them from seeing Jesus is what put them in position to witness the empty tomb, resurrection, and Easter. They could not move that stone. It made little sense for them to go without someone else to help them. They went anyway. Easter happened.

Easter has happened again at Greensboro United Church of Christ. The day itself was a wonderful day. Gathering to worship with such committed and thoughtful followers of Jesus was exhilarating. I wish you all could have been here. For me, the best thing about Easter and everyday at GUCC is knowing that whatever obstacle we face, we face it with the hope born on that first Easter.

Joy and peace

Ed

GUCC MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to love as Jesus loved, caring for others and joyfully serving God, our community, and the world.

THANK YOU



*April
Ushers and Greeters*

- Apr. 1 — Shelly Jungwirth &
John Howard
- Apr. 8 — Beth Le Cours &
Cathy Pollard
- Apr. 15 — Andy Dales &
Ken Johnston
- Apr. 22 — Lucy Keefe &
Judy Waible
- Apr. 29 — Clive Gray &
Nancy Hill



*April
Coffee Hour Hosts*

- Apr. 1 — Victoria Von Hessert
- Apr. 8 — Eleanor Guare
- Apr. 15 — Judy Dales
- Apr. 22 — Lucy Keefe
- Apr. 29 — Alden & Patty Launer

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April 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Sundays 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship Service	2 Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00am Growing Stronger Fellowship Hall	3 12pm Global Campus 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall	4 4:30pm Pleasants Fund Library	5 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall	6	7
8 Rev. Judy Waible Preaching	9	10 12pm Global Campus 4:00pm Pilates Deacons-Lib.	11	12 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall	13	14
15 Rev. Sunday-Winters returns 5:00pm Forum on School Safety Fellowship Hall	16	17 12pm Global Campus 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall	18	19 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall	20	21
22	23	24 12pm Global Campus 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall	25 6:30pm Church Board Library	26 4:00pm Pilates Fellowship Hall	27 Vermont Conference, Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee	28 Vermont Conference, Lake Morey Resort, Fairlee
29	30					

MISSION MOMENT

As we move into a new season there are families and communities in need. Church World Service counts on volunteers to assemble and send kits to help meet this need. They are currently rebuilding their stock of kits to respond to disasters at home and abroad during 2018. There are three types of kits that are needed. Please consider donating items for one or more kits.

Hygiene Kits make the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. Each kit includes: One hand towel @ 16" x 28", one washcloth, one wide-tooth comb, one nail clipper, one bar of soap (bath size in wrapper), one toothbrush (in original packaging), and six standard size Band-Aids.

School Kits are distributed to children in impoverished communities and refugee camps and provide basic tools for learning. Each kit includes: One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip), three 70-count spiral notebooks, one 30-centimeter ruler (12"), one hand held pencil sharpener, one large eraser, six new pencils with erasers, and one box of 24 crayons.

Emergency cleanup buckets help people after a flood, tornado, or other disaster. Each kit includes: One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid, four scouring pads, seven sponges, including one large, one scrub brush, eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes), one 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent, one 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap, one 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles), one package of 48-50 clothespins, clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft., five dust masks, two pairs heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (latex-free, non-surgical), one pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather, 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton, one 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent.

Shopping lists for each type of kit and a box for donations are available in Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to have all materials purchased and dropped off by the end of April. We will be delivering the completed kits at the beginning of May. Thank you for supporting this project.

Cathy Pollard
Chair

MILESTONES

Happy APRIL Birthday to: Tracy Collier, Patti Foster, Abigail Foster, Rosita Hall Durbin, Jeff Durbin, Stuart Hill, Gina Jenkins, Tom Anastasio, Ernest Lapierre, Ainsley Launer, Jan Travers, Jason Larrabee, Alyssa Wheeler, Richard Lovett, Jackie Lovett, Bill Alley, John Weaver, Marianne Weaver, Jeanette Ruffle, Rev. Rona Kinsley, and Patti Sunday-Winters. **AND**, A Happy Anniversary to Joel and Sara Behrsing!

Is your birthday listed this month when it shouldn't be? Have we missed you in our celebrations? Contact the church office and let us know if your birthday is listed incorrectly or has been missed.



THE MUSIC CORNER

A big thank you to Cara Hill for her solo of the *Holy City* at our Easter Service. It was a joyful opening and was in the spirit of our mission to *Serve God Through Music*. We continue our musical offerings for the month of April:

Apr. 8th — One of my sacred music professors while I was at Westminster Choir College was Erik Routley, who inspired many beginning composers. One of those composers was Gordon Young (1919-1998) who wrote today's anthem *My Master from a Garden Rose*. Mr. Young was originally from Kansas with over 800 organ and choral works to his name. This piece is in the madrigal style with text describing how Jesus was laid in the tomb with tender hands, and perfumed with rare spices to rest amid the roses.

Apr. 15th — *God so Loved the World* is a sacred piece written in the "block" style (think hymn-like) based on the text John 3:16-17. John Stainer (1840-1901) was a prolific and popular composer during Victorian England and wrote books about harmony. It is the harmony in this anthem that makes this work so unique and beautiful. The text in this anthem reminds us "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who -so believeth, should not perish."

Apr. 22nd — A quiet, personal choral approach with heartfelt text and a memorable melody, *Just One God* begins with the solo: "No other god guides destiny, no other god can set you free, no other god, there's only one." The choir then responds with musical layers that convey a lush, contemporary sound that includes lovely piano arpeggios and suspensions. Living composer Herb Frombach lives in Pennsylvania and is now retired from a career that included teaching High School music and was a Minister of Music at a local church. Be sure to listen for the "back and forth" of the choral parts.

Apr. 29th — With text from John, *I am the Vine* is the musical partner to Ed's sermon on this Sunday. This anthem by Canadian composer Clifford McCormick, is part of his collection of 17 pieces included in *Anthems from Scripture*. The imagery in this music helps the listener experience the deep connection between text and music, and reminds us that "For without Me, you can do nothing."

Hal Parker
Music Director

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Upcoming Lectionary Readings

Apr. 1 ~Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9 ~ Psalm 118:1-2,
14-24 ~1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43 ~John
20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Apr. 8 ~Acts 4:32-35 ~Psalm 133 ~ 1 John 1:1-2:212 ~John
20:19-31

Apr. 15 ~Acts 3:12-19 ~Psalm 4 ~ 1 John 3:1-7 ~ Luke
24:36b-48

Apr. 22 ~ Acts 4:5-12 ~ Psalm 23 ~ 1 John 3:16-24 John
10:11-18

Apr. 29 ~ Acts 8:26-40 ~ Psalm 22:25-31 ~1 John 4:7-21
~ John 15:1-8

March For Our Lives Rally

On Saturday, March 22, a group of church and community members traveled to Montpelier to participate in the **March For Our Lives** rally organized by Vermont young people to promote school safety and sensible gun regulation. The rally was well attended by people of all ages, but the speeches were all given by young people. Even though we had difficulty hearing due to a faulty sound system, we felt it was important to support these enthusiastic young people in their effort to stop to gun violence.



The Greensboro
Contingent

Some of the
Young People

STILLSPEAKING DAILY DEVOTIONAL

is a feature of the UCC which you may be interested in checking out. A link to the Daily Devotional is:

http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional_sign_up

OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!!!!

We have a new Facebook page. You can find it here: [facebook.com/GUCCVT/](https://www.facebook.com/GUCCVT/) . Please go there now and like our page. Then, share it with your friends and invite them all to like it. This is an easy way to support the life and ministry of our church.

Pastor Ed

***SAVE THE DATES
MAY 5 AND 6 —
CLEAN UP WEEKEND***