

West Parish of Barnstable  
**The Rooster Crows** Newsletter



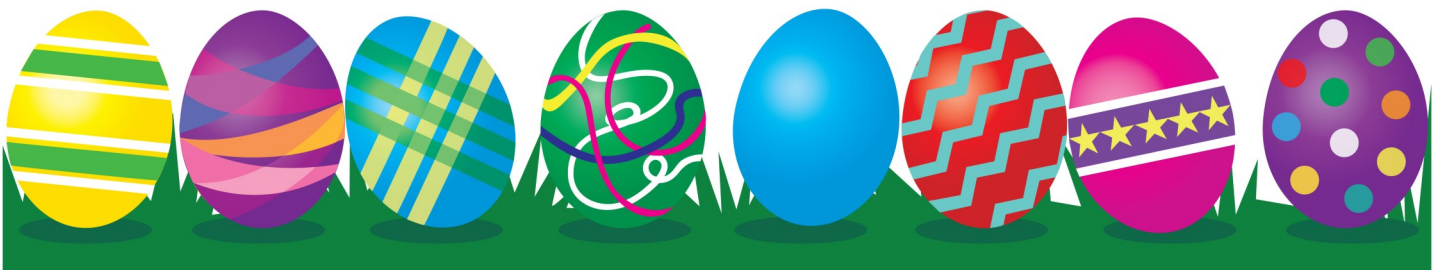
## *Worship at West Parish*

### **Saturdays at 4:30 pm**

- April 5 "Now What?" Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
- April 12 Palm and Passion Service
- April 19 No Saturday church. Come join us on Easter Sunday.
- April 26 Guest preacher Rev. Carl Heick

### **Sundays at 10:00 am**

- April 6 "One for the Gardeners" Reed's last Sunday before his leave.
- April 13 Palm and Passion Sunday, worship led by Associate Pastor Christie Burns
- April 20 7:30 Easter in the Garden Chapel  
10:00 Easter in the 1717 Meetinghouse followed by an Easter Egg Hunt!
- April 27 Guest Preacher Rev. Andrew C. Barr  
Scam Workshop at Coffee Hour



## PASTOR REED'S LEAVE PLANS

I will be off on short-term medical leave beginning Monday, April 7, returning after Memorial Day, May 27. In the interim, Associate Pastor Christie Burns will be taking over my duties, with ample support from the Board of Deacons and the congregation at large. You will be in good hands! I will be up in Boston Monday through Friday each week for radiation treatments at Dana Farber. I thank you all for the best wishes, cards, shared success stories, and above all, prayers! They mean the world to me. God bless you all!

In Christ's love, Pastor Reed Baer

## GET TO KNOW WEST PARISH SESSION

APRIL 6

### NEW MEMBERS JOINING EASTER

All those interested in possibly becoming members of West Parish are invited to join with Pastors Reed and Christie and a few church members for an orientation session on **Sunday, April 6**, in the Guild Room, **11:30-12:30**.

It will be a chance for your questions about West Parish to be answered, to learn a bit about what we believe, how we "be the church" together, and how we engage in ministry together. We will be *receiving new members on Easter, April 20*, in worship, and this will be an opportunity to learn more about what is involved.

## ON-LINE SCAM WORKSHOP APRIL 27 AT COFFEE HOUR

No, this is not a "How-To" workshop. **Detective Christopher Botsford**, Barnstable Police Department, Investigative Services Division and church member, will come to coffee hour to give a brief talk about how to detect and avoid on-line scams. Scammers have already victimized church members, and you need to know how to protect yourself and your loved ones.

## NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST April 10, 8:00

### Jack's Out Back

Contact the office or Bob Wyman to let us know if you can join us.

## REMEMBER WHEN...



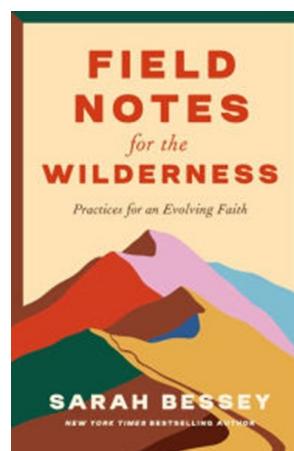
Easter Sunday meant dressing really fancy for church?

We are inviting everyone to get their Easter bonnets, with all the frills upon it, out of the closet and gussied up. Then after the service and before the egg hunt, we will take a stroll around the circle to admire everyone's chapeaux.

## WOMEN IN THE SPIRIT

Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm at 8 Earl Road



A night of reflection on the Lenten journey at the pastor's home. Pastor Christie will lead a discussion on ideas from Sarah Bessey's book *Field Notes for the Wilderness*.

Desserts and cheese board and hot and cold beverages provided. Please join us!

Questions: contact Pastor Christie at [associatepastor@westparish.org](mailto:associatepastor@westparish.org).

## ROOSTER CROWS CREATIVE CRAFTING CORNER

*It's April and things are popping up all over!*



The daffodils and tulips are finally popping up...The green grass is popping up through the ground...and the Rooster Crows crafters are ready to pop up from our winter hiatus.

Will you pop up with us? Beginning this month, we will offer a series of Pop-Up workshops to begin our crafting season. Each session will focus on one project or a single aspect of a larger project. There is no set schedule – we will announce each session the Sunday before during worship along with a sample of the project we will be working on. The day of the week and time (morning or afternoon) will vary. We will also consider an evening option if anyone is interested.

Have any cute craft ideas popped up on your Pinterest or Instagram feeds that might be good for the fair? We'd love to see them! Share them with us at [RCF.Creatives@gmail.com](mailto:RCF.Creatives@gmail.com).



## EASTER OFFERING



The Easter offering envelope included in the Rooster Crows and in the bulletin on Easter Sunday offers each of us the opportunity to add an extra gift, over and above our pledges and regular giving, to keep the ministries of West Parish alive and vital!

We have this extra opportunity three times per year – Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Your contribution this Easter will help us continue our virtual services, our in-person worship, and outreach programs.

Bob Stolte, Financial Secretary

## Happy Birthday

our West Parish members and friends

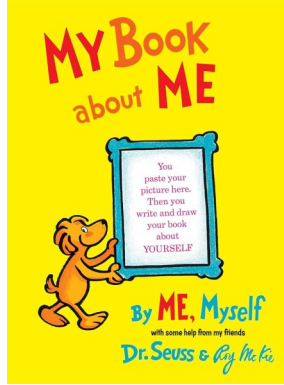
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- 2 Lynn Parker
- 3 Allison McNaughton
- 5 Sandie Siedsma
- 10 Donna Murphy
- 10 Layla Vickers
- 11 Betsy Smith
- 11 Brendan Lee
- 11 Rosalie Jones
- 12 LeRoy Malouf
- 12 Don Martin
- 12 Deb Lee
- 13 Beth Bowman
- 16 Robin Fryer
- 17 Jane Ketchen
- 21 Lindsay Smith
- 21 Greg Ketchen
- 21 Sophie Murphy
- 24 Jane Hayward
- 24 Gail Fioretti
- 25 Linda Dalrymple
- 27 Leona Christine Estey
- 28 Leah Grohe-Rogers
- 28 John Taber
- 30 Jane Smith

*If you'd like to have your name included, please contact the office with your information.*



## MARCH MADNESS at the FAMILY SCHOOL

We started March with Read Across America and had guest readers in the classrooms for the first week of the month with a special visit from local author Jessica Bourkas who read from her new book “Whatever is Lovely”.



Pastor Christie shared a book from her childhood, “My Book About Me” a Dr. Seuss book that the reader can write in (gasp!). Copies were given to the Pre-K classes, so the students could write in their own book.



In our continuing program students interacting with seniors, Miss Chrissy coordinated a group from Harbor Point in Centerville to come and make St. Patrick’s Day themed crafts. The surprise... Miss Chrissy’s grandmother came along!



Our St. Patrick's Day extravaganza began the week before the 17th with sensory bins and leprechaun traps. On March 17th we graphed lucky charms, created rainbow shamrocks, and started a quirky tradition of planting peas on St. Paddy's Day, rain and all!



We also planted potatoes and chives. The students were able to taste the chives; some liked them, others not so much. Miss Alycia has gotten compost buckets for the classrooms to hold their food scraps. The students then empty them in the new compost tumbler under the church office window in the playground. Soon we will have some lovely compost to enrich the garden beds.

There are also plans for rain gutter strawberry plantings. Keep an eye out for all the green!

## YOUR OUTREACH, WHO YOU SUPPORT

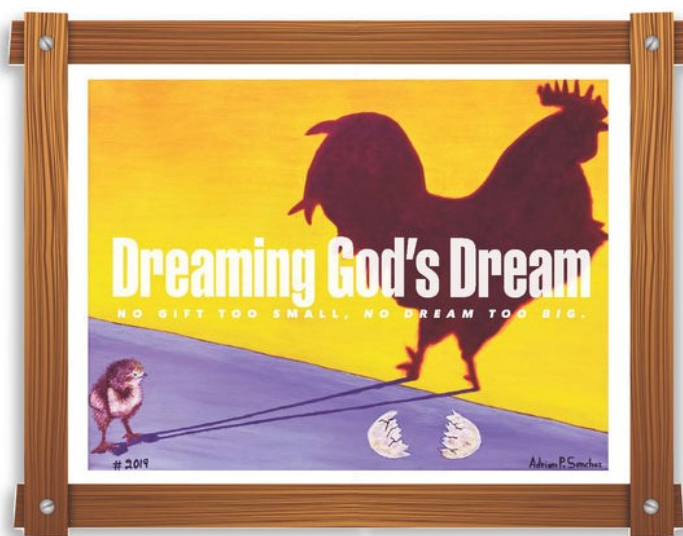
Thanks to your giving, we support many organizations locally, nationally, and globally, who do good – Jesus tells us to love our neighbor, and this is just one way you do that!



This month we highlight **DART (Disaster Animal Response Team)**. Their vision is shared by Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planners to provide an organized response to animals during disasters. To that extent, they are constantly training and working to coordinate resources both locally (town) and countywide. CCDART is comprised solely of volunteers.

### 2025-2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN TEASER

You fund our church and its ministries through your faithful and generous giving, and it is that time of the year when we set the budget for the coming fiscal year (which starts July 1) and ask you to make a pledge of financial commitment to support our work. This year's theme is ***Dreaming God's Dream***, and in the coming weeks Stewardship Chair Bruce Benwood and his team will be telling you about how we here do just that, and how your giving makes those dreams a reality. So stay tuned!



## Easter Flowers

Interested in sponsoring a plant or two?

Please fill out the form below and drop it off or mail it to the church office  
with \$12 per plant by April 14, 2025.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

(please circle one) in memory / honor / celebration of:

\_\_\_\_\_

The plants will be available to take after the 10 a.m. worship service.

Find hope now  
**FOR SUCH A  
TIME AS THIS**

Saturday | April 12, 2025

Cotuit Federated Church

40 School St | Cotuit, MA 02635



Renewal and Revival with  
Rev. Darrell Goodwin 1-5pm

Join other UCC churches in conversation with the Rev. Darrell Goodwin, Executive Conference Minister of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. Featuring:

- Events are free and open to UCC Clergy and Members
- Small Group Conversations
- Worship
- A Message of Hope
- Prayer



An optional dinner will be served at 5:30pm.  
A suggested donation of \$15 if you are staying for dinner.

End the evening with a night of movement and dancing led by First Gentleman of the SNEUCC, Kentavis Brice-Goodwin.

Movement For Such A Time As This  
with Kentavis Goodwin-Brice 6:30-7:30pm



<p><b>6</b> 10 am Worship 11:30 am Get to Know West Parish (G) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10:30 am FS Classes (J) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>13</b> 10 am Worship 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:30 am Early Worship In the Garden Chapel 10 am Worship 11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>27</b> 10 am Worship 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>1</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 11 am Choir Rehearsal (M) 4:30 pm Bell Choir (M) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 11 am Choir Rehearsal (M) 4:30 pm Bell Choir (M) 5 pm AA (J) 7 pm WITS at Pastor Christie's 7 pm West Barnstable Festival Comm. (G)</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 11 am Choir Rehearsal (M) 4:30 pm Bell Choir (M) 4:30 pm Finance (G) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>22</b> 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 11 am Choir Rehearsal (M) 4:30 pm Bell Choir (M) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>29</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 11 am Choir Rehearsal (M) 4:30 pm Bell Choir (M) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 12 pm Bible Study (G &amp; Z) 4 pm FS Faculty (G) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 12 pm Bible Study (G &amp; Z) 4 pm FS Faculty (G) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 4 pm FS Board (G &amp; Z) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>23</b> 12 pm Bible Study (G &amp; Z) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 12 pm Bible Study (G &amp; Z) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>3</b> 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>10</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out back 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>Rooster Crows Articles Due</b> 5 pm AA (M)</p>	<p><b>24</b> 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9:15 am FS Science (J) 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 11 am Choir Rehearsal (M) 4:30 pm Bell Choir (M) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10 am Knitting (G) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10 am Knitting (G) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>Good Friday Office Closed</b> 5 pm AA (M)</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10 am Knitting (G) 5 pm AA (M)</p>	<p><b>1</b> 10 am FS Science (J) 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 11 am Choir Rehearsal (M) 4:30 pm Bell Choir (M) 5 pm AA (J)</p>	<p><b>5</b> 4:30 pm Worship</p>	<p><b>12</b> 4:30 pm Worship</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> 4:30 pm Worship</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10 am FS Science (J) 10 am Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana 11 am Choir Rehearsal (M) 4:30 pm Bell Choir (M) 5 pm AA (J)</p>
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For the most up to date calendar go to <https://westparish.org/calendar-2/>

Key: G = Guild Room; J = Jenkins Hall;  
M = Meetinghouse; FS = Family School; Z = Zoom

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**West Parish celebrated St. Patrick’s Day**  
with a corned beef and cabbage meal  
that was enjoyed by all after worship.



***Rooster Crows Newsletter Deadline***  
The deadline for submissions for the May 2025 newsletter is Thursday, April 17.  
Submissions can be made by mail, email, calling, or coming into the office.  
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