

THE B E A C O N



EAST GRANBY
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:25am
Tuesday: Book Study, Buttaro Room, 10:30am - 12:00am
Wednesday Morning Prayer: 6:30am
Thursday: Bible Study, Buttaro Room, 10:45am-12:00am
Friday Evening, - March 16th, 7:00pm, BR
Sunday: Book Study, Buttaro Room, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

MARCH 2018

GODLY PLAY ROOM

After the Godly Play Room dedication, many were impressed with the new program, and have asked how they can help. You can help, during Lent, by purchasing a Godly Play set or accessory in honor, celebration or memory of a loved one. The wooden play-sets are a lasting, tribute to those you care about and will enrich the lives children, for years to come. Choose from the list we have posted in the lobby, or in the bulletin this Sunday, and drop it with a check made out to EGCC, in Sarah's box in the office. Please write Godly Play set in the memo.



Fun with the children in the Godly Play Room.



Peter Goff with Children



Worship & Caring will be selling Easter flowers after worship in Fellowship Hall, on March 4th, 11th, and 18th. The cost will be \$10 each. A mix of lilies, tulips, and hyacinths will be ordered to beautify our sanctuary. If you would like to order your Easter flowers, you can go to this link: <https://www.egchurch.org/easter-flowers> or fill out the form in this Beacon. March 18th is the last day they can be ordered.

You can pick up your plant after worship on Easter Sunday, April 1st, and take it home, or give it to someone special.

Thank you,
Sandy Houghton



Our Lenten season is now in full swing, with opportunities to participate in creative ways in worship on Sunday mornings, and a compelling Book Study on Sunday evenings!

Our theme this season is “Roll Down, Justice,” and we have been exploring the intersection of our Baptismal vows, with God’s call, through the prophet Amos, to “let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream”.

You may not quite recall, but way back in history, Lent was the season of preparation for all candidates for baptism, and for those who wished to become a part of the Christian faith. And you may not recall that the second vow you probably made at your baptism, or Confirmation, or when you re-affirmed your faith when you moved to a new church, was a vow to “renounce the powers of evil (in all its forms), and to accept the freedom of new life in Christ”.

We have been thinking about the injustices (forms of evil) in our world that break our hearts, as they surely break God’s heart. And as we move through March, we’ll be opening ourselves to the transformation that new life in Christ offers us, when we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection on Easter morning, and every day. We’re on the lookout for ways we can enact our faith in meaningful ways that build up God’s people, and bring justice, peace and hope to our world.

I encourage everyone to be with us in worship during the remaining Sundays in Lent, and to rejoice with us in worship at our Sunrise service and 10:25 service on Easter morning! We’ll enjoy breakfast between the worship services, and we’ll create our flowered cross anew, for the church lawn!

Our Sunday evening Book Group is reading and discussing “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness,” by Michelle Alexander, and it’s not too late for you to join us! We meet in the Buttaro Room from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. No experience necessary! We’re a lively and welcoming bunch!

I’m delighted that our Tuesday Book Group, which meets from 10:30 – 12:00 in the Buttaro Room, is now completely led by members of our congregation!! They have been reading “A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23,” by Philip Keller, and when they wrap up their discussion in the next few weeks, they’re looking forward to reading “The Book of Joy,” written by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity, and everyone is welcome to join the group! You can attend for just one book, or continue with the group, for as long as you like. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet to reserve a book, later in March!

On Friday, March 16th a new group will be forming, to meet once a month on Friday evenings to read and discuss books of interest to the group. This group will also be led by members of our church family, and is open to everyone. Bring a friend, if you like, and get in on the first conversation, where they’ll be getting to know one another, and choosing the first couple of books they’ll be reading.

Later in March, a genealogy group will begin meeting in the church, and if you’ve ever been interested in learning about your family’s history, this will be the group for you!! We’ll be learning to research, using different tools, like ancestry.com, sharing tips and tricks, telling interesting stories we’ve learned about our relatives, and talking about DNA results, and how you can learn more about your family. Keep an eye out for announcements in the weekly bulletins! And if you haven’t yet filled out our quick 5-question survey, go now to www.surveymonkey.com/r/3L3QQXK and let us know when you’re most available to participate!

This Beacon Newsletter is full of opportunities for you to be involved, and share in community here at EGCC! There are lots of wonderful things happening, from pot lucks, to retreats, to mission and service in our community! So be thinking about who you’d like to invite to join you, and plan to be with us as we celebrate the beginning of Spring!

With love and joy!

Denise

Pastor Denise



Thank you for your gifts in the Communion Sunday Offering Envelopes in Worship!!

Did you know that your special gifts in the Communion Sunday envelopes are used to provide much needed assistance to our church members, and friends in the community?

Through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, your gifts have recently provided co-pays for Dr's appointments, lab tests, and diagnostic tests, rental assistance, home heating oil, and help with an electric bill. Often, we provide assistance for car repairs, diapers, gas cards, and other important needs that offer a hand up to people when they need to know someone cares.

Here is a card we received in February, from someone we provided assistance to in December and January:

"Your kindness made a difference, and your thoughtfulness touched my heart. Thank you. To Pastor Denise and the East Granby Congregational Church, Thank You so much for all your support these last few months. I don't know where I'd be without it! Gratefully yours,"

Please know that your gifts to this special offering each month make life better for others, and provide tangible signs of God's presence and love, when life is difficult. In 2017, your gifts provided a total of \$4,272 in assistance (approx. \$356.00 each month!), through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please continue to give generously each month, so that when our church family and neighbors find themselves in need, we can be a blessing!



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11th!

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night, March 10th!
We want you to be on time for worship, Sunday morning!



Holy Week Schedule! Mark your calendars!

Palm Sunday, March 25th 10:25 AM Worship: "The Day Is Coming: We Are One"
11:45 AM Potluck Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt

Maundy Thursday, March 29th 7:30 PM service: "Traveling Companions:
Journey to the Water," with Tenebrae

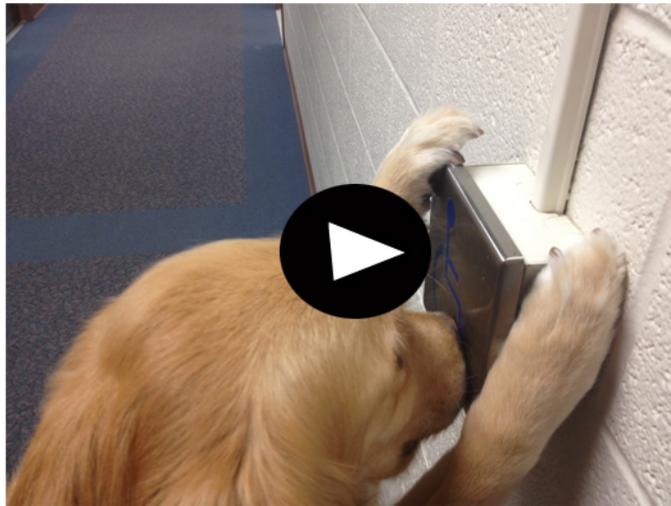
Easter, April 1st 6:15 AM: Sunrise service
Breakfast between services
10:25 worship in the sanctuary



ECAD (Educated Canines Assisting with Disabilities) will be with us on Sunday March 11th. Come meet the Director, Dale Picard, and hear a veteran's story of how his ECAD dog has changed his life.

ECAD's mission of providing highly skilled Service Dogs to increase mobility and independence for people living with disabilities, manifests itself in a variety of programs and services. Each one is designed to meet the needs of a specific population: Veterans, at-risk youth, persons living with disabilities or in stressful circumstances, and children, as young as two, with Autism. Visit www.ecad1.org to learn more.

PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VOUMmWXQ0B0>



LOOK! A WAY TO OPEN OUR DOORS TO THE COMMUNITY!

Vacation Bible School has been an annual event involving children from East Granby Congregational Church, as well as the Granby and East Granby Communities.

Children learn about Jesus through fun, age-appropriate activities. Life lessons help every child learn how to be a good person, and a friend to others. It is perfect for younger children to get a feel for camp, without having to go away overnight. Kids meet new friends who share their beliefs. You don't have to be a church member to attend VBS. Children range from preschoolers on up through elementary school ages.

Volunteers are always welcome, even up to the day VBS begins. You can help with snacks, crafts, childcare at the church, registration, setting up, breaking down, storytelling, coordinating other volunteers, and more. If you prefer a hands-off approach, you can always donate household items, such as used toilet paper rolls or Popsicle sticks, for some of their crafts or decorations. Call Sarah at 860-653-2987, or e-mail sgelyt@necoxmail.com to find out what their needs are, so you can help with VBS.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
VIBE & CHILL
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GODLY PLAYROOM



During Lent, the Godly Play Room will be focusing on the Faces of Easter. The Faces of Easter represent the life of Jesus, from birth to the cross. The children will be asked each week to bring to the circle, pieces from the other stories around the room, and explain how they are connected to each Face of Jesus. The first picture the children see, will be of Mary and Joseph holding an infant. The Story Teller will say, "When the baby looked up into the face of the Mother Mary, he already saw the cross". When he looked into to the face of the Father, Joseph, the cross was there, too. What pieces from other stories would you bring to the circle?



Help Spiritual Formation make the egg hunt fun for our little ones, on Palm Sunday! We need bags of individually wrapped candy that will fit in small plastic eggs. Please drop off donations in the church office by March 18th. No chocolate please!

All VIBE, CHILL, AND CONFIRMATION CLASS YOUTH, Your help is needed at the Palm Sunday Egg Hunt and Pot Luck. Please see Sarah or Kate Boyer to sign up to help!

VIBE, CHILL, AND CONFIRMATION CLASS YOUTH – Please sign up to participate in the Maundy Thursday or Easter Sunrise Service! Please see Sarah or Pastor Denise.

CHILL

March 4th Help host Coffee Hour! Arrive by 9:45 and bring a goodie from home!

March 13th at 6:30 PM. Come find hidden treasures that lead to Easter (hint: It will be egg-cellent). There will of course, be snacks and games... Bring a friend.

YES/VIBE

March 4th 6:30-8:30 P.M. at South Congregational Church-Communication: Some things are really hard to talk about, but important! Come to a discussion led by guest speaker, Elliot Altomare

March 11th 6:30-8:30 P.M. . at EGCC -Did You Know?: Racial Justice Training led by Issac Monts.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH & EASTER EGG HUNT! MARCH 25TH following Worship Service

The Spiritual Development Ministry would like to invite everyone to a Pot Luck, Palm Sunday Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt following Worship. The Ministry will provide sandwiches and drinks. We are asking everyone else to bring a side dish or dessert.

The egg hunt will be for children in the 5th grade and younger. God will decide whether the Easter Egg Hunt will be inside or out. BYOB (Bring your own Basket!)

A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board outside the church office, or sign up on-line at egchurch.org!

Please come to this exciting event to help us celebrate the beginning of Holy Week!

For any questions call Kate Boyer. 860-413-9119





This year Easter is on April 1st - no joke! A ham dinner is a family tradition in many homes. As in past years, the Mission and Outreach Ministry is working with the Food Pantry, to provide a special Easter meal for the 40+ families served by the Pantry.

We rely on the generosity of the members of our church to provide the hams. We ask you to open your hearts to help feed those who are less fortunate. Typically, a 3 lb. ham is enough for a family, or a large ham steak for a single person.

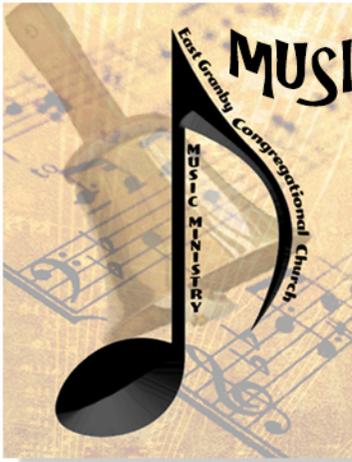
Starting in mid-March there will be a sheet on the refrigerator in the church kitchen where you can sign up. Be on the lookout for sales in the local grocery stores. "Buy 1 Get 1 Free" means you can double your donation at no additional charge.

Rather than purchasing hams, if you would prefer to donate money, that is also an option. Monetary donations can be given to any Mission and Outreach Ministry member (Judy Goff, Becky Rafferty, Nancy Boardman, Kathy Mock, Liz Pantano, Wendy Bowers) and we will make the purchase for you.

The hams will be distributed during Food Pantry hours on the Wednesday and Friday before Easter so please leave your hams in the church refrigerator by Monday, March 26th.

Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry.
Mission and Outreach Ministry





MUSIC CORNER

The Bell Choir had a very active last month. On February 3rd and 4th EGCC Ringers Nancy Boardman, Betsy Mack, Kathy Mock, Nancy Moody, Judy Saxton, and myself attended the Handbells of America Area 1 Winter Workshop in Amherst. Everyone had a great experience at the workshop, improving our skills and networking with other New England Ringers.

On February 18th the Bell Choir performed a very special piece which we have been working on for months: "His Eye is on the Sparrow", which was arranged by John Atteberry and featured Jim Crane on the flute. The Bell Choir played this in honor and in memory of Evelyn Sharp, who sang the hymn for numerous special services at EGCC in the past.

The EGCC Ringers will not have much of a rest in March. On March 8th Handbell Clinician Sue Chamberlain is coming to meet and work with the EGCC Ringers. She will lead a workshop focusing on handbell technique. On March 24th the group will once again participate in the Connecticut Spring Ring. This is an annual day long festival that includes massed rehearsals with the many Connecticut bell choirs that attend, workshops for improving our art, and a final concert at the end of the day. For anyone interested in attending this concert, it will be held on March 24th at 3:00pm, at Region #17 Middle School in Killingworth.

The Vocal Choir was thrilled to welcome Dave Houghton to the bass section in February. We were also happy to welcome back bass singer Barry True on February 25th, as he and his wife Sharon visited from their new home in Florida.

For Lent, Pastor Denise has chosen to promote a theme of justice and peace in Sunday services. The Vocal Choir has been working on numerous songs that will enhance this mission, including Mark Hayes arrangement of "We are Called," Irving Berlin's "Give Me Your Tired," and Mark Miller's "I Choose Love." The Choir is performing music over the next month in a wide range of genres, including Medieval-era polyphonic music, traditional Classical-style songs, arrangements of contemporary hymns, and even some gospel-style inspired music.

The Children's Choir will be singing in the Palm Sunday Service along with members of the Vocal Choir and Adult Choir. The children have also begun learning to use and play music on children's handbells. I hope to have them perform in a service sometime in the late spring.

As always, my sincerest thanks goes out to all the EGCC musicians and members of the church for having me as part of your community. I am truly grateful.

Blessings,

Bridget



Special Thanks to All of the People who contributed to Ryan Trombly's Eagle Scout Project!!



The following people made monetary contributions to fund the painting of the Round Room in our Christian Education Center:

John & Becky Rafferty	Art & Lynn Barstow
Ruth Akerlind	Keith & Diane Forney
Carl & Stephanie Pitney	Fran & Sybil Pokorny
Bill & Barbara Skinner	Lee Burrus
Dave & Caroline Hayden	Kathy & Dale Mock
Betsy Mack & Lew Noble	Grace Ann Kingsbury
Dick & Jeanne Daggett	Dave & Linda Harrold
Lois Buttaro	Gene & Thelma Wilmot
Angela Cecchini	Frank & Sandy Houghton
Bill & Jill McGarry	Carol Schwartz
Bill & Wendy Bower	Dave & Christina Houghton
Sandy & Nancy Boardman	Chuck Hoadley
Pam & Lennie Turner	Fran & Sybil Pokorny
Brad & Linda Wolfe	Judy Saxton
Lee and Ewa Brody and family	Chip & Jan Mclsaac
Gayle Wilcox	Anonymous

The following people volunteered their time and talents, and/or provided needed supplies, lunches and snacks:

Sandy Boardman	Chuck Hoadley
Chip Mclsaac	Jeanne Daggett
Pam Turner	Joe Rapuano
Christine Trombly	Sean Trombly
Gary Trombly Jr.	Gary Trombly Sr.
Chris Fortier	Devin Stout
Denise Terry	Geoffrey Durante
Scout McDougall	Nathaniel Swanson
Jim Stout	Sybil and Fran Pokorny
Bill Pokorny	Pete Goff
Gayle Wilcox	Ruth Akerlind
Bremer Rental	Home Depot
Beman True Value Hardware	Newgate Builders, Inc.



FINANCE CORNER

FINANCE MINISTRY March 2018

Matthew 6:19-21(Jesus says) "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

?? Do we place such a high value on what money can provide for our security, happiness, and guarantee for the future, that we desire money/material things more than we desire God's righteousness and His kingdom on earth as in heaven?? Our decision is whether to submit to God's rule; Repent (turn around), have Jesus's own words imprinted on our hearts, and in our decisions/actions, regarding finances for HIS PURPOSES. Please prayerfully consider your number ONE charity to be Jesus and his church this year.

January report:

Jan 2018 income-\$15,727	Jan 2018 expenses-\$38,618
Jan 2017 income-\$33,165	Jan 2017 expenses-\$34,370

Depending upon how many days/weeks in a specific month we need a minimum \$19,500 to pay salaries and approximately \$16,000 to cover building expenses alone each month. Total \$35,500. These figures do not include any program costs.

I was unable to find the word commitment or pledge in my bible subject index however I did find promise. 2 Cor 1:20 (God is faithful, not 'yes' and 'no'.) "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ."

A pledge unit (a person, couple, family) is a monetary commitment to our church for the year, something we can count on because the pledge is usually a fulfilled promise. Other givers are UNpledged but frequent givers for which we are truly grateful.

Actual : Number of 2017 pledge units 56	\$214,041 to operating budget, plus \$23,782 to Missions, plus \$30,473 unpledged income, plus \$64,038 other income.
Actual: Number of 2018 pledge units 58	\$192,400 plus to operating budget, plus \$21,378 to Missions, plus \$36,000 anticipated unpledged income, plus \$45,832 anticipated other income.

Please submit your pledge cards for 2018, if you have not already done so. And pray for the spiritual growth and generosity of our fellow followers in Christ.

P.S. Total Operations Expenses
Actual: 2017 \$337,241 Proposed: 2018 \$346,263





ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

It's that time of year again to start your Spring cleaning and donate your items to the EGCC Rummage Sale. The official date for this year's sale is Saturday, April 7, from 9am until 2pm. Set-up will be Friday, April 6, beginning around 10am until the job completed. The more hands we have on deck, the quicker we will be finished.

There will be a sign-up sheet outside the Church Office for helpers for both days. Donations can be dropped off in the room next to the CEC kitchen no sooner than after church on Sunday, April 1. We are accepting items in good or better condition, but no computers, TVs, clothes, or large furniture please. The leftovers will be donated to St. Mary's Church in Simsbury for Granny's Attic. The EGCC Nursery School may also have its Pancake Breakfast that day, and that information will be provided by them.

EAST GRANBY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL

We would like to invite you to our 5th ANNUAL EGCCNS PANCAKE BREAKFAST Fundraiser.

This year it will be in conjunction with the CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE!
Get a great start to your day and join us for HOT off the griddle pancakes (plain or blueberry)
Gluten free available by request,

100% maple syrup, sausage,
juice, coffee or tea



When: SATURDAY APRIL 7TH

From: 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Where: EGCC FELLOWSHIP HALL

Suggested Donation: \$8.00 Adults \$5.00 Children under 10 Under 2 free
Take out orders available

Thanks for all you support of our Nursery School!
For any questions, please contact Debbie Paskiewicz at 860-214-7986.



Harnessing the Power of Unity
to Elevate our Communities



RAFFLE CHANCES:

7 for \$20 or 20 for \$40 – plus a 50/50 raffle for \$5/ticket
(cash, check, or credit card that night)

All proceeds support sending youth to this summer's camp.

Energize! 2018 ~ Annual Fundraising Benefit & Raffle

Save the date!

Saturday, May 5, 2018

6:00-9:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Seminary, Bloomfield, CT

\$40 per person or \$75 per couple

(purchase before April 15 to be automatically entered into a drawing for a special thank you gift)

Join us for an evening of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, drinks, entertainment, and great company.

Tickets can be purchased on-line at bit.ly/HUHEnergize2018

Special Thanks To Our Kind Sponsors!

You are invited to a UCC-Cluster Lent Retreat

(members and friends of the UCC churches of Granby, East Granby and East Hartland)

Walking the Way Embodying the Fruits of the Spirit



Friday, March 23, 2018
6 – 9 pm

First Congregational Church
219 North Granby Road
Granby, CT



Join friends for a simple meal of soup, salad, and bread (BYO bowl)
and a variety of revitalizing and relaxing activities!

Through restorative yoga
(suitable for all ages and abilities),
an indoor labyrinth,
drumming, and various rituals,
we will experience what it means to embody

peace
forgiveness
compassion
healing
prayer
love
joy

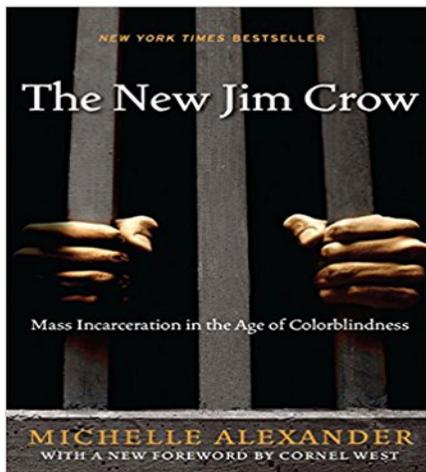
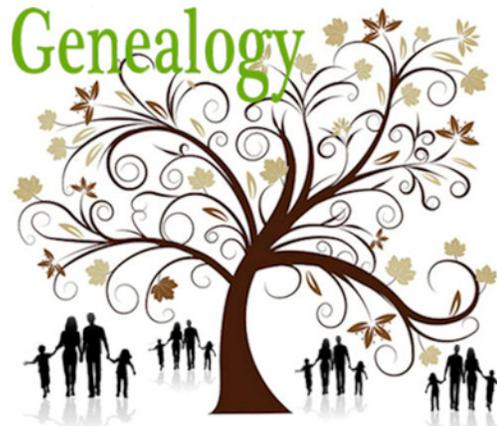
How could anyone ever tell you
you were less than whole?

It is God who made you, who created your inmost being,
stitching you together in love, in your mother's womb!

Please RSVP by Monday, March 19
On the EGCC sign-up sheet outside the Office
or by calling
Granby First Church office (860) 653-4537
This event is sponsored by the churches,
and there is no fee to participate

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY??
JOIN A NEW GROUP THAT'S STARTING UP AT CHURCH IN MARCH!

We'll be meeting once a month to learn about genealogy, to help you research your family using ancestry.com and other resources, to share interesting stories about our families, and to have fun together! Please complete our quick, 5-question survey on-line <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3L3QQXK> to let us know best days/times when you would be available to attend!



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There are a few openings left. It's not too late to join us! Please call Pastor Denise if you are interested in joining us.

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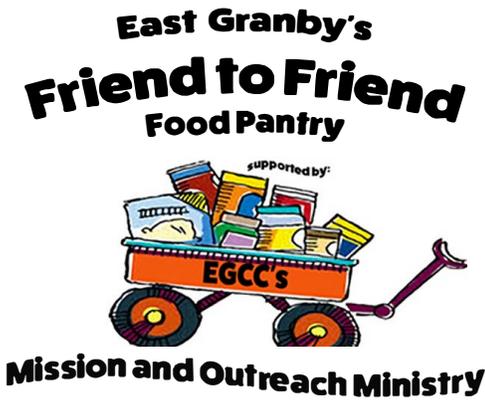
Please fill out the form below to purchase the Easter Flowers

Reminder: March 18th is the last day they can be ordered.

Name _____
No. of Easter plants _____ at \$10 each
Amount of check or cash paid _____



Please place your order and payment in the labeled envelope in the W&C mailbox in the church office.



In March The Food Pantry is looking for donation of cereal
Thank you all for your help in February. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Judy Goff, Mission and Outreach Ministry.

Friend to Friend is looking for volunteers to help work in the East Granby Thrift Store. Proceeds from the Thrift Store go to help support the Food Pantry. The store is open Tuesday's 10am-2pm, Thursday's 2pm-6pm and Saturday's 10am-2pm

Please contact Sandy Landolina, 860-392-8362, if you are interested in more information about volunteering for a shift.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who sent me a card, made a meal, or brought over flowers during my recuperation from back surgery. I was so surprised that I got so many cards from my church family, but that is what our church is all about, isn't it! Support and love given in a caring, compassionate, encouraging, uplifting way. - Judy Goff

Thank you all for allowing me to be the Vice Moderator for the last 2 years. It has been my pleasure, and a blessing, to be part of helping and guiding the direction of our church now, and in the future. Thank you also for the very generous gift at the Annual Meeting, I'm looking forward to using the Theater Works tickets & going out to dinner. It has been a joy working with all of you, and I'm so glad to be part of our church family. Thank you again, and peace to all, - Adah Dionne

A huge thank you to our church family for all the cards, phone calls, flowers and kind words. Losing a family member is never easy. Your presence in our family's hard times made all the difference. From the bottom of our hearts - Thank You. Lee Brody and family



Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them but you know they are always there.



***REMEMBER TO
"SPRING" YOUR
CLOCKS AHEAD
SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH
TO BE "ON TIME" FOR
WORSHIP SERVICE!***

MARCH 2018

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All Ministry meetings convene each month.
 If you would like to schedule meetings, events
 or make any changes to the church calendars,
 please call the church office or leave a note on
 the desk in the church office.

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COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

Please Sign up on the
 bulletin board in the lobby
 to offer to grace the
 Communion Table with
 flowers.



It is always so special to see the beauty the Lord has
 created for us to share.

HOSTING COFFEE HOUR



MARCH MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



The Worship and Caring Ministry is in the
 process of forming lead usher teams.

The March Worship Team will be the
 March Leads that will be forming their team of
 Ushers, Greeters and Call to Worship Lay Leaders.

AUDIO TECH CREW FEBRUARY

3- 4 Lew Noble
 3-11 Lew Noble
 3-18 Tom Horner
 3-25 Tom Horner



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MARCH 2018

Newsletter of the
East Granby Congregational Church

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

East Granby Congregational Church U.C.C.,
is called to receive the abundant Life and Love of God,
to love the LORD our God with all of our heart, mind,
soul, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

With the power of the Holy Spirit, we will do this by:

- * Seeking first the Kingdom of God
- * Following Jesus Christ, and being formed as disciples
- * Serving our neighbors, and equipping one another for ministry.



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