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## Forest Street *Footprints*

**MARCH 2010**



### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In my sermon on February 21<sup>st</sup>, I stated that *"To be a person is to have a story to tell."* In my prayer following the sermon, I asked for the ability to see the new stories God wanted to have unfolding in our lives during Lent.

Coincidentally that week Sue Walko shared with me something written by a woman named Mary Southard. I want to share it with all of you...

How do we come to the new stories.....which are longing to be told in our lives? How can we enter our lives anew during this holy time of Lent, shedding old labels and discomforts which keep us in prison? How can we touch that sacred place with us, so full of love and possibility? How can we become more attentive to God, in whom we love and move and have being? No matter what practices we choose for our Lenten journey, allow them to bring freshness to our days and our thinking?

- Fast from technology one day each week and experience a liberation.
- Listen to the earth awakening and participate in Spring's great promise.
- Listen reflectively to our written scriptures and their promise of life.
- Practice a fast or thank offering that brings us in line with the hungers of the world.
- Practice happiness, the joy of remembering how deeply we are loved.

Scott

## **Council Meeting**

**March 8, 2010**

**7:15 PM**

**We are looking forward to seeing someone from every committee at the meeting.**

**Nancy Pollock, Moderator**

**978-681-8976 or [nancyandjim95@comcast.net](mailto:nancyandjim95@comcast.net)**

### **Liturgists**

Needed to read at Sunday service.  
Please sign up  
on the sheet on the board  
in the vestry.



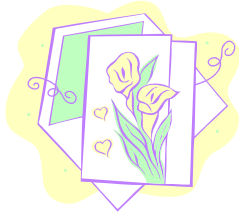
**We need your voice!**

The logo for WeightWatchers, featuring a stylized 'W' with a green and blue gradient, followed by the text 'WeightWatchers' in a blue sans-serif font.

**Meeting Thursday 6:00PM - Weigh in starts at 5:30 PM**

**Meeting Friday 9:30AM - Weigh in starts at 9:00 AM**





## LENTEN STUDY GROUP

You are invited on the Sundays of Lent (began February 21<sup>st</sup>) to join in a study of The Book of Jonah. The discussion will start at 11:30 AM and end at 12:15 PM.

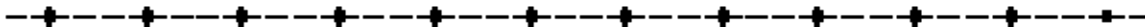
Themes will include:

- God is calling –Jonah 1:1-3 (completed)
- Saved in the storm – Jonah 1:14-16 (completed)
- Our Providing God –Jonah 1:17
- Praying in the belly of a great big fish – Jonah 2:1-10
- God of second chances –Jonah 3:1-4 About face – Jonah 3:5-10

**Note:** Please let Scott know if you are interested in participating.

### Friendship Circle

March 18, 2010  
Meet at church at 2:00 PM  
You are invited!



## A LOVE LETTER

**Dear Friend:**

**How are you? I just had to send a note to tell you  
How much I love you and care about you.**

**I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your  
friends. I waited all day, hoping you would want to  
talk with Me also. As evening drew near, I gave you  
a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest  
you – and I waited. You never came. Oh, yes, it  
hurts Me – but I still love you because I am your Friend.**

**I saw you fall asleep last night and longed to touch your  
brow, so I spilled moonlight upon your pillow and face.  
Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk.  
I have so many gifts for you! You awakened late and  
rushed off to your day. My tears were in the rain.**

**Today you looked so sad – so all alone. It makes my  
heart ache because I understand. My friends let Me  
down and hurt Me many times, too, but I love you.**

**Oh, if you would only listen to Me. I love you!  
I try to tell you in the blue sky and in the quiet green grass.  
I whisper it in the leaves on the trees and breathe it in  
the colors of flowers. I shout it to you in mountain  
streams and give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe  
you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature  
scents. My love for you is deeper than the ocean and  
bigger than the biggest want or need in your head. Oh,  
if you only knew how much I want to walk and talk with  
you. We could spend an eternity together in heaven.**

**I know how hard it is on this earth; I reall know!  
And I want to help you. I want you to meet My father.  
He wants to help you, too. My Father is that way, you know.**

**Just call Me – ask Me – talk with Me! Oh, please  
don't forget Me. I have so much to share with you!**

**All right, I won't bother you any further. You are free to  
choose Me. It's your decision. I have chosen you,  
and because of this I will wait – because I love you!**

**Your Friend, Jesus Christ**

## WORSHIP WATCH



- March 7, 2010      Third Sunday in Lent  
Communion  
Food Cart, Best Wishes  
Scripture for the Day: I Corinthians 10:1-13  
Sermon: "To Be Human Is..."  
Liturgist:
- March 14, 2010      Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Scripture for the Day:  
Sermon: " " Mary-Ann Thibeault-Vandette is Preaching  
Liturgist
- March 21, 2010      Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Scripture for the Day: Philippians 3:8-14  
Sermon: "You'll Have To Shoot Me! "  
Liturgist:
- March 28, 2010      Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday  
Scripture for the Day: Luke 19:28-40  
Sermon: " "  
Liturgist:

**Deacons of the Month: Bill MacKenzie & Sean Davis**

## FUNDRAISING

Another **Band Night** will be held on **April 10<sup>th</sup>**.

We have set a date of **May 1<sup>st</sup>** for the **Ham and Bean supper**. We will need lots of help as usual so look for sign up sheets in the vestry.

The **Penny Social** will be held on **Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>**. It's never too late to start looking for items to donate.

Thanks,

Deb



### Forest Street Fellowship (a.k.a. Youth Group) News

Forest Street Fellowship has some exciting things planned.

**March 7:** We are going to be having our very own Nancy Barton come to talk about how to ask God for Help. We are looking forward to all that Nancy has to offer.

**March 14:** We will be discussing Missions and hopefully making baked goods for Bread and Roses.

**March 21:** We plan on having some fun playing laser tag. ALL ages are invited!!!

**March 28:** We will prepare for Good Friday service.

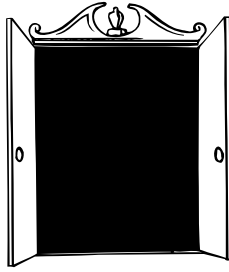
**April 2:** We will attend Good Friday Service

No Youth Group on Easter.

The month of April will be dedicated to The Chronicles of Narnia and Prince Caspian. We will watch both movies and discuss them. All are welcome. Younger children will need parental guidance and may not be able to sit through the discussions. We will split into groups according to age and interest if necessary.

Also for guaranteed fun and fellowship, we are planning a trip to see New England Revolution Soccer on **May 15** at 6 PM. We are going to reserve 20 tickets and it will be first come first serve. Tickets will be \$20 and it is open to all ages. Please see Susan or Zack if you are interested.

Zack Zuill and Susan Walko



## FROM THE DEACON'S CLOSET

Elected at the February 8<sup>th</sup> Deacons meeting was Jim Elliot as scribe and Trudi Driscoll as Chair of the Deaconate who will be serving with Sean Davis, Ruth Hattori, Jim Elliott, Barbara Lewis, Bill MacKenzie and David Vose. There are still vacancies on the deaconate. If anyone is interested please let any deacon know, as the council can appoint individuals, in accordance with the by-laws, to fill the remaining vacancies.

### Deacons serving in the Sanctuary

March: Bill MacKenzie and Sean Davis

April 4: Easter Sunday – Bill MacKenzie, Sean Davis, Jim Hathaway and David Vose

April 11, 18, & 25: David Vose and Jim Hathaway

May: Ruth Hattori and Bill MacKenzie

During lent, following the coffee hour from 11:20 – 12:15 PM, there will be a study of the Book of Jonah held in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a timely discussion of Jonah's biblical faith vs. our daily tests of faith.

Memorial flowers have been given by Charlotte Eichner in memory of her husband Raymond. The artificial white, dew drop, roses will be placed on the altar each Sunday in Lent (and Advent). Charlotte has provided both the current red roses and the new white arrangements so that we may have flowers every Sunday that we do not have fresh floral pieces to beautify the sanctuary. Thank you, Charlotte. If anyone wishes to place fresh flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion please contact Trudi for details and to schedule a Sunday.

Next Deacon's meeting SUNDAY – APR 12, 2010 11:30AM following the church service and coffee hour.

Deacons will continue our nursing home visitations – currently visiting members of our congregation who are residing at Sutton Hill, No Andover, Ma – Blaire House Tewksbury, Ma – Salem Haven Rehabilitation Center, Salem NH

Bell ringers are needed for 'call to worship' on Sunday Mornings at 10:45-10:50 AM. Please see the Deacon(s) on duty for the month and let them know that you wish to 'ring our bell'. Young and not so young are invited – age has no bounds all new attendees are encouraged to participate.

