As I write this in March, I see April as a time of pulling much together of our interim-time process that will brings us into a new place. The Transition Team will have finished their work with me and have sent the new, completed Church Profile, Position Advertisement, and Prospectus to the Maine Conference United Church of Christ.

I appreciate the diligence and caring of this group who have pulled together and named well the many gifts and strengths of this congregation, as well as, the uncertain places and desires for the Settled Pastor’s gifts and strengths. I appreciate this group for their way of working and navigating the difficult places in their work on this forty+ page profile document. Three of them will be on the newly named and commissioned Search Committee, providing continuity and grounding in the work already accomplished.

On April 12th the Search Committee will meet with Rev. Darren Morgan, Associate Conference Minister, who will outline the Search Committee’s process and work. Following that there will be some work together on communal discernment. Then it will be time with clergy profiles. Things are falling into place for a timely selection and call of a Settled Pastor.

This church faces some conversations and decisions in the next few weeks. May we continue to work together in a way that is safe for all voices and shares well what is needed to move forward into a promising future, keeping close to the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit. May we live out our faith together in worship, mission and fellowship renewed ever in the unity of being God’s loved and gathered people.

In the Peace Christ gives,

\[Linda\]
Would you like to meet with Rev. Linda? Linda will be in the office when she doesn’t have appointments or meetings. In general, Linda is in town Tuesday through Thursday and Sunday. Please feel free to contact her at 356-7573 or by email at Linda@FarmingtonUCC.org

**Transition Team**
- Rina Bardo
- Jen & Gabe Civielo
- Karyl Condit
- Shelley Griffith
- Roy Scribner
- Mary Sinclair
- Donna Wheeler

**Search Committee**
- Jen Civielo
- Ed David
- Amanda Hilton
- Marilyn Hylan
- Sherry Jenckes
- Wendy Oakley
- Jane Parker
- Roy Scribner
- Mary Sinclair
- Stan Wheeler

**Executive Council**
- **Interim Minister:** Rev. Linda Hatch
- **Moderator:** Chris Magri
- **Treasurer:** Amanda Adams
- **Clerk:** Shannon Munro
- **Financial Secretary & Fundraising:** Brenda Scribner
- **Director of Children and Youth Ministries:** Jodie Gunther
- **Chair, Christian Ed:** Arin Hilton
- **Chair, Diaconate:** Shelley Griffith
- **Chair, Financial Trustees:** Marilyn Hylan
- **Chair, Outreach, Justice & Witness:** Randy Oakley
- **Chair, Property Trustees:** Barb Fortier
- **Member at Large:** Robin Beck
- **Member at Large:** Wendy Huish

The deadline for submissions for the May Telstar is April 10. Please submit all articles to the church office (Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org) no later than this deadline. Thank you.
It's March 25 as I sit down to compose this article, just a few hours after we held a well-attended meeting to discuss the proposal to rent the Holman Mission House to Farmington's homeless shelter. Did everyone agree on the issue? Well, of course not: this is Old South, unanimity isn't part of our theology. We might get everyone to vote to accept a large financial gift; we might get everyone to vote against replacing the choir with an ocarina ensemble; but for anything more complicated we tend to be, um, diverse.

Yet I never fail to be impressed by how constructively we handle uncertainty and disagreement, and this meeting was just the latest example of that. Some of us felt free to offer enthusiasm for perceived opportunities, others felt free to express their concerns over perceived risks, and no one was made to feel that their views on the proposal were foolish or unwelcome. "Yes, now!" and "No, wait!" peacefully coexisted, for we all kept in mind that we're all beloved children of God who care deeply about the congregation's future.

I say the "latest" example because earlier this week I sat with the rest of our Executive Council while the Transition Team presented the church profile to us. This profile – think of it as a job ad on steroids – tells potential settled pastors who we are and who we hope to become, and along the way it relates two stories from our recent past: the process by which we became an open and affirming church; and the process of reaching a decision on HMH in 2016. What really strikes me about these stories is how we went about it: we tackled extremely difficult issues, facing great internal tensions at the outset, and yet we managed to keep love at the forefront.

So, back to the homeless shelter proposal. After worship on April 8 we'll be discussing it again and then voting on it. You'll probably be reading this before then, so I'm going to resist the temptation to tell you what I think of the proposal. It's quite a temptation, simply because my wisdom is so persuasive and, indeed, inspirational that it seems a shame to deprive you of it. But alas, it's more important that I avoid putting my thumb on the scale by pushing for one outcome over another. Our congregation has plenty of collective wisdom anyway, and I'm confident that together we'll discern God's will for Old South.

Chris Magri
Here we are about 9 days away from the first day of spring and preparing for another snow storm. At least we had a slight reprieve since the last 20 inches or snow (give or take a flake). Alas, I believe you are out there somewhere, Spring, and will grace us soon enough.

Aside from that, we are moving forward with gathering information for renting the Holman Mission House to Western Maine Homeless shelter. We have a vote scheduled for March 25th and by the time you read this, we will have the outcome. No matter what that may be, I hope that we remain focused together on our greater missions – being God’s hands and feet in the world around us.

We have received a few more pledges since our Financial Meeting and we are at roughly $119,000 in pledges - only $1,000 less than 2017.

Our capital campaign is still moving forward. If you would like to donate to the capital campaign, please see either myself, Chris Magri, or Marilyn Hyland.

As of the printing of the Telstar, the income to date is $61,445.51 and expenses are $58,871.75.

Amanda Adams
Treasurer

*If you missed the Financial Annual Meeting and would like a copy of the Annual Meeting Report, please contact Phyllis in the church office ([Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org](mailto:Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org)) or Amanda Adams.*
The Financial Trustees’ report this month is focused on two important financial issues. We are just shy of our stewardship goal for 2018. To date we have pledges in the amount of $118,984. Our goal was $120,000. If you have not submitted your pledge for this year, we will be very happy to receive it as soon as possible. Pledge cards can be found on a table in the Narthex. Please help yourself and thank you.

Our second financial issue is the capital campaign. We are now in the second year of the campaign and will be working on our next project which is the brickwork on the north face of the church. This work cannot be done until we have the funds to proceed. The Property Trustees are in the process of finalizing the cost for this project. Currently, $128,100 has been pledged and $72,750 given. The handicap access project cost to date is $52,783.05. We currently have $43,245.09 in the capital campaign account. Please submit your second-year campaign pledge amount as soon as possible so that we are able to begin this second project. Thank you for helping in this endeavor to “Uplift Faith and Preserve the Future”.

We thank the Debbie Davis Robinson and the Fundraising Committee for their tireless work on scheduling the concert series. The money raised from the concert series has all be dedicated to the Handicap Accessibility Project and the Capital Campaign. Their work has offset the expenses to date for making the church handicap accessible.

Respectively submitted,

WE ARE THE CHURCH!

One theme that ran through the interim conversations last spring and fall was a concern about the high expectations we place on our pastors. One person said, "We need to find ways to prevent pastoral burnout. The pastor can't be everything to everybody." Another person commented, "It's important for us to realize that the pastor alone is not the church. We need to build a center within ourselves."

One small way to lighten the load for our current and future pastors came to the deacons recently. At the time of this writing, Easter was approaching and Pastor Linda presented the invitation for Old South to participate in the annual sunrise service to the Diaconate. She encouraged us to take it on ourselves. In past years the pastor has held this responsibility and, as we thought about it, we began to see this as a chance for us, as lay people, to become more involved in representing Old South in the community. After all, the pastor is not Old South's sole ambassador; that outward reaching belongs equally to all of us.

So, in the future, Old South's deacons will choose a part of the sunrise service that we wish to present and will make an effort to become involved with the ecumenical process of planning that service. We welcome you to join us up on the hill as we celebrate the rising of the sun (whether we can see it or not!) and the miracle of Jesus' resurrection!

We also invite you to begin to think of ways, small or large, that we at Old South can continue to live into the understanding that "WE are the church!"

Blessings to all!

Shelley

(Your Deacons: Rina Bardo, Roger Condit, Linda Fournier, Shelley Griffith (chair), Grace McIntosh (Jr Deacon), Wendy Oakley, Michelle Scribner, Mary Sinclair, Fred O. Smith, Carole Trickett, Ryan Westbrook-Vigue)

P.S. Because April 1st is Easter Sunday, this year we will have our Service of Holy Communion on the second Sunday of the month which is April 8th.
Happy Easter! I pray everyone’s Lenten Journey has been a beautiful time of reflection. Each of us approach Lent differently and our Lenten Journeys are not the same. The beauty of Lent is that though everyone may take a different Lenten Journey we all end up at the resurrection! Which brings new life. My prayer is that you feel the fruits of your reflection during Lent, and as you celebrated Easter, you were able to feel the re-birth inside you and that your Soul feels replenished. I would like to share an Easter poem I came across as I was creating my personal Lenten study. I believe even though it is an Easter poem it can be used all year long.

**Love Overcame by Julie Palmer**

Love overcame  
Emerging from a cold tomb  
All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God  
Transforming a broken heart  
Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden  
The grave stone rolled away, to release redemptive love  
Jesus resurrected and restored  
Comforts a weeping woman  
Speaks with travellers on a journey  
Meets with his faithful friends  
And they bow down before Christ alive  
And acknowledged that the savior has arrived  
That the word of God has come alive  
And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth  
Is complete

Wishing each of you the deepest peace,  
Ryan Westbrook-Vigue
News and Upcoming Events

Easter Lily Celebration and Memorials

*Given in celebration of Carolyn Parr by Joyce Jordan*

*Given in loving memory of Mitch Boulette and Barbara & Lyle Gordon by Jill Boulette*

*Given in loving memory of Emma R. David by Ed David*

*Given in loving memory of Richard & Barbara Morton and Lloyd Morton by Marilyn Hylan*

*Given in loving memory of our parents and sister by Susan Randow & John McKim*

*Given in loving memory of Gwil & Pat Roberts and Pauline Hebert by Megan Roberts*

*Given in loving memory of Dolores & Wilmer Robinson and Gayle T. Davis by Debbie & Rich Robinson*

*Given in loving memory of Claire Sundeen by Stan & Donna Wheeler*

*Given in loving memory of Clarence and Rose Pederson by Bob & Phyllis Pederson*

April Committee and Group Meetings

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Phyllis will be away from the church office April 3-10. The church office will be open Monday, April 2, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, and Wednesday through Friday, April 11-13.
Retirees Lunch
Mark your calendars and join us for lunch on April 2 for the next Retirees Lunch. Bring a dish to share if you would like and join us. For more information, contact Dick Giard at 897-6228.

Moving On Lunch Group
The Moving On luncheon for those among of us who have lost our partners in life will meet at noon on April 10 in the Matthew Room. Please join us for a time of fellowship. Your hosts Rina Bardo and Karyl Condit will provide main dishes. Potluck additions are welcome if you’d like to bring something. Please call Rina 778-9978 or Karyl 778-3722 if you have any questions.

2018 Offering of Letters: For Such a Time as This
Every day, millions of people in the United States and around the world feed and support their families in part because of lifesaving programs funded by our government. We are making progress toward the end of hunger, but we live in challenging times. Our gains are increasingly vulnerable due to the actions and inactions of governing officials.

In 2018, funding for vital domestic and international anti-hunger and anti-poverty programs is again at risk of deep cuts. Through hand-written letters, we will urge Congress to invest and protect key programs that help improve the lives of men, women, and children facing hunger and poverty in the United States and around the world. PLEASE JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP IN THE VESTRY – SUNDAYS, APRIL 8 and APRIL 15.

Letter-writing supplies, as well as form letters, will be provided by Outreach, Justice and Witness

Fair Trade Coffee Order
Old South members and friends may join the group ordering of fair-trade certified, wholesale coffee, tea, chocolate and food items from Equal Exchange. The next order deadline is by 6:00 pm Sunday, April 15. Contact the coordinator, Myrna Vallette, at 778-4387 or by email at myrna.vallette@gmail.com, to order or to get more information.
Annual Earth Day Every Day!  e-Waste Disposal  
Saturday, April 21, Parking lot in front of Olympia Sports  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Old South First Congregation has partnered with EPA approved “e-Waste Solutions of Maine”, located in of Auburn to provide an opportunity for responsible recycling of TVs, computers, scanners, photocopiers, monitors, printers, microwaves, DVD and VCR players, stereos, phones, gaming and other electronic devices. For a list of other electronics that will be accepted go to [www.ewastemaine.com](http://www.ewastemaine.com).

If you would like to volunteer to help, the signup sheet is available at the Fundraising Table on Sunday mornings or you may leave a message with Phyllis through the Church office. Duties will include removing electronics from vehicles (some heavy lifting required), directing traffic, and collecting donations. There are two volunteer shifts available.

*Please note, there is no early drop off of items.*

**FUNDRAISING EVENTS SAVE THE DATE:**

E*Waste Recycling Event, Saturday, April 21  
Plant Sale Holman House Lawn, June 1 and 2  
Summer Yard Sale, June 1 and 2  
Strawberry Shortcake Pierce House Lawn, July 4  
Pie On the Porch Farmington Mid-Summer Fest, Saturday, July 28

If you are interested in helping organize any of the Fundraising Committee events, please contact Brenda Scribner.
Registration for Pilgrim Lodge is now open. Camps are not just for youth! Check out “Vintage Ventures” for campers age 55 and older; “Women at the Well” for ladies; and “Family Get Away Weekend” for all ages. Information about the different programs may be found at: [http://www.pilgrimlodge.org/camps/](http://www.pilgrimlodge.org/camps/) and registration is online at: [http://www.pilgrimlodge.org/register-for-camp/](http://www.pilgrimlodge.org/register-for-camp/) Scholarship is available through the Maine Conference. Please contact Phyllis in the church office if you need additional information.

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**News & Upcoming Events**

**Outreach, Justice, and Witness Movie Night**

Please join us on Tuesday, April 24, at 6:30 pm in the Newman Wing Chapel for a screening of a short documentary film, “Heroin(e),” which is about the Opioid additional problem in the U.S. followed by a discussion. Farmington Police Chief Jack Peck will be on hand to tell us about the issues of this problem locally. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Randy Oakley. You may also learn more about the movie at: [http://heroinethefilm.com](http://heroinethefilm.com)
Concert Series Upcoming Events
Benefiting Old South Capital Campaign

On **Thursday, April 12, at 7:00 pm**
Seattle-based group, The Gothard Sisters, come to the stage at Old South. Over ten years of playing together has brought sisters, Greta, Willow and Solana, international recognition providing high energy musical entertainment steeped in Celtic roots, featuring classical violin chops, and champion Irish step-dancing. Tickets are $15 adults, students $10/$5. More information about The Gothard Sisters can be found at Gothardsisters.com.

On **Thursday, May 1, at 7:00 pm** childhood friends, Jennifer Austin, Kristan Harvey, Jeana Leslie and Catriona Price, known as “Fara” will be creating a fiery sound steeped in the music of Orkney with three fiddles and piano. These four musicians have taken their place at the forefront of today’s Scottish folk scene. Fara has performed across the UK and Europe. The ladies of Fara incorporate a mix of original compositions and traditional Orkney tunes creating a diverse, but individual sound. Tickets will be $15 adults, students $10/$5. For more information go to Faramusic.co.uk.

If you are interested in hosting a band for one-night contact Debbie Davis-Robinson or Halcyon Yorks for details. Additional program sponsors ($150) will be solicited to provide a housing stipend for traveling artists when private home housing is not available and for fair wages for professional sound and lights rental/operations.

Additional volunteer opportunities are available. These include volunteers for each concert to help with poster distribution; to help setup/prepare/serve and clean up for a meal before the concert; to set up and manage intermission refreshments; for donations of food and
beverages to sell during intermission; vestry and kitchen clean up after intermission; replace furniture moved prior to performance. If you can help with volunteering or program sponsoring, contact Debbie Davis-Robinson 207-491-5919, Halcyon Yorks 207-779-0111, or Brenda Scribner 207-299-3686.

Except for the December benefit concert for EcuHeat, OSC proceeds will benefit Capital Campaign projects.

**Scheduled Concerts**
The Gothard Sisters, Thursday, April 12
Farro Concert, Tuesday, May 1
Tannahil Weavers 50th Anniversary Concert, Thursday, June 7
Outside Track, Thursday, September 6
Imar, Tuesday, September 25
Bob Debarras, Thursday, November 1
EcuHeat Benefit with Coig, Tuesday, December 4

**Old South Women’s Retreat 2018**
We have reserved the Marie Joseph Spiritual Retreat Center in Biddeford Pool for the 2018 Women’s Retreat Saturday, August 25 – Monday, August 27 (Saturday afternoon through Monday mid-day). The retreaters in 2017 loved this beautiful, seaside facility, and we look forward to being there again. You can check it out at www.mariejosephspiritual.org. The cost for the retreat is $240. Reserve your space today with a deposit of $35.

Confidential scholarship assistance and payment plans are available now through the church office. Payments may be made on a weekly, biweekly, or monthly basis in varying amounts. Please contact Phyllis (Phyllis@FarmingtonUCC.org or 778-0424) as soon as possible to make arrangements.

If you are interested in working on the retreat committee, please let Rev. Linda Hatch know.
Outreach, Justice and Witness is sponsoring or helping with several events this month including the Bread for the World letter writing event on April 8 and April 15 in the Vestry after the service (on April 8, the table will be open following the Special Business Meeting), the screening of Heroin(e) about the Opioid addition problem in the United States, and the E-Waste Recycling Event on Saturday, April 21.

You may find information about these events in the News & Events section of this issue of Telstar or contact Randy Oakley at roakley@roadrunner.com. Our next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 15, at 6:30 pm in the Matthew Room.

Care and Share Food Closet Item of the Month
Pasta and pasta sauce

You may drop all donations off at the church in the bin just outside the Sanctuary doors and your donations will be delivered to the food closet. Thank you for your ongoing support of this ministry.
Coat Closet Donations

Packing away your winter coats will be a reality soon! If you are planning on purchasing new ski pants for your growing children or you are getting a new coat or jacket for next year, please consider donating your gently used items to the Coat Closet. We are accepting donations of coats, snow pants, ski jackets and blankets. Please do not drop off shoes or other clothing items. We are not accepting t-shirts, pants, socks, shirts, etc. When you drop these things off at the church or HMH, we have to pack them up and take them to other donation sites. Please help us by donating only the requested items – no t-shirts or other clothing items. Thank you for your help and for your ongoing support.

Community Lunch

Our March Community Luncheon was another successful venture. We served approximately 150 meals of baked ham, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, and biscuits. As usual, we served cakes provided by God’s Kitchen Crew for dessert. They are always a favorite with our guests.

The April Community Luncheon will feature roast pork loin, rice pilaf, green beans, and biscuits, and cake for dessert. When I mentioned this menu to our guests, they all responded enthusiastically. This seems to be one of the favorite menus that we serve.

Stan Wheeler,
Rocell Marcellino, Co-chairs
Thank you for your generous support of the One Great Hour Special Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God’s message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. We received this offering at Old South on March 11 and received $579.14.
Donations are now being accepted for the church yard sale through May 27. Items may be dropped off at the Holman Mission House during office hours or you may contact Brenda Scribner 299-3686 (please leave a message). We cannot accept broken items, clothing, stuffed animals, pillows, bedding, mattresses, or electronics.

The yard sale and plant sale are scheduled for June 1-2. If you would like to help with one of this event, please contact Brenda at 299-3686 or tatabug47@hotmail.com

Thank you to all who are using our Hannaford cards and Scrip cards and shopping through Amazon Smile. Every bit helps Old South both with the regular budget items and the Capital Campaign.

For those of you who have been asking and may not have heard the news, credit cards are now accepted at the Fundraising Table.

Thank you,
Brenda Scribner
Sunday School
We start off the month celebrating Easter Sunday (April 1st) in the sanctuary with our families. We'll have Kid Bulletins available that day---with that cranky old sheep making wry comments in the margins. Then, we return to our spring lessons of miracles---learning more about Jesus as he feeds thousands and takes a stroll over a raging sea. Special note: We WILL have Sunday School lessons on spring break weekends (April 15 and 22).

BBC (grades 7 and older)
We have several special events this month---including a morning with Dr. Karol Maybury, who will share a powerful TED talk about regret (April 8) and a final field trip to a Pentecostal church in Augusta (April 29). No BBC classes over Spring Break (April 15 and 22).

Confirmation Discussion Group
This month, we look ahead to the church of tomorrow. How is the church changing? What new models of church --and theology, rituals, music, and service-- are emerging? What would YOU like to see in the church of tomorrow? We'll take a video tour of a church that meets under a highway overpass, peek inside Nadia Boltz Weber's “House for All Sinners and Saints,” and hear a bit o’ wisdom from some others, too!
The Pancakery
We’re nearing the “final stretch” of our mission project---the Pancakery will be open just three more dates this spring---April 8 and 22, and May 13. (We will host the Pancakery on the final weekend of spring break, just fyi.) As always, kids in grades 5 - 9 are warmly encouraged to join us as we don some kitchen aprons, set the tables, and flip those pancakes. We get to work at 10:30 am, and are ready to start dishing up our first meals before 11:30 am.

God’s Kitchen Crew
Let’s get ready for spring break with a Hawaiian-inspired afternoon! Tropical fruit, beach-worthy games, and a palm tree or two will transform the Vestry into an island paradise (well, maybe that’s a bit of an exaggeration....!) Join us for silly fun and some delicious cake-baking work!

For children in grades 2 – 5

Wednesday, April 11, 3:00 - 4:45 pm
How Do I Find Out More?
Don’t miss a single youth activity! Sign up for our email newsletter, “Old South Kids This Week,” to receive updates, news, photos, and more. Just send a note to Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org.

Old South Youth Programs: April 2018
April 1: Easter Sunday! Children and teens will remain in the sanctuary this day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus; “Kid Bulletins” will be available.
April 8: Sunday School; BBC (TED talk with Dr. Karol Maybury); Pancakery at 10:30
Wednesday, April 11: God’s Kitchen Crew 3:00 pm
April 15: Sunday School lessons (but no BBC)
April 22: Sunday School lessons (but no BBC); Pancakery at 10:30
April 29: Sunday School; BBC field trip; Confirmation Discussion Group 5:30 pm
**Revised Common Lectionary**
The Revised Common Lectionary is a list of Bible passages followed by the majority of mainline Christian churches, including the United Church of Christ. Pastor Linda will be following the Revised Common Lectionary each week. You will find the lectionary readings below for April.

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| Resurrection of the Lord  
April 1, 2018  
Easter Day | *Acts 10:34-43  
or  
or  
or  
Mark 16:1-8 |
| Easter Evening  
| Second Sunday of Easter  
| Annunciation of the Lord  
April 9, 2018 | *Isaiah 7:10-14 | Psalm 45  
or  
Psalm 40:5-10 | Hebrews 10:4-10 | Luke 1:26-38 |
| Third Sunday of Easter  
| Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 22, 2018 | *Acts 4:5-12 | Psalm 23 | 1 John 3:16-24 | John 10:11-18 |
| Fifth Sunday of Easter  

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FAEM Easter Sunrise Service
The Farmington Area Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service will be at approximately 6:22 am on April 1 on Voter Hill (a little more than a mile up the hill; meet at the intersection – a short way after you pass farm buildings on the right). All are welcome at attend the half hour service (rain, shine, or snow!). Coffee will be offered following the service at the home of Fred and Denise Brittain (home of the site). For more information, please contact: Lisa Ellrich (578-8901) or Irene Berry (778-3621).

Easter at Old South Church
Please join us at the First Congregational Church of Farmington for Easter worship on Sunday, April 1, at 9:30 am.

Communion Sunday
April 8

Please note, Communion will not be served on Easter Sunday, April 1. Communion will be served on April 8.
Old South Church
First Congregational Church of Farmington
235 MAIN ST. (Church) ~ 227 MAIN ST. (Office)
FARMINGTON, ME 04938
TEL: (207) 778-0424

WORSHIP: 9:30 AM SUNDAYS
OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Tuesday through Thursday

http://www.farmingtonucc.org/

www.facebook.com/OldSouthFarmington
Twitter.com/farmingtonucc
Instagram.com/oldsouthlove
Pinterest.com/OldSouthChurch

Old South Statement of Identity
“In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one…” (Galatians 3:28)

Walking toward God, we, the members of (Old South) First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Farmington, Maine, seek through God’s Grace to be a congregation that includes all persons who desire to live God’s Love, as shown to us through the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. We respect and embrace differences of gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic background. We welcome all to share fully in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation. We are an open and affirming church: open to all, and affirming of all God’s beloved children. No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.
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