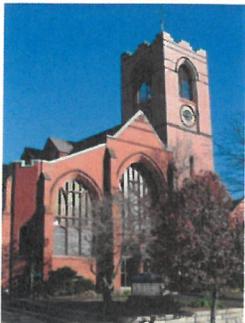


THE VOICE of *Second Church*

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COFFEE HOUSE & OPEN MIC, SATURDAY 4/11 AT 6 PM
THE CHOSEN DISCUSSION GROUP EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 PM
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THE VOICE

We warmly welcome everyone to celebrate God’s love by joining in dynamic worship, creating genuine community, and serving all with justice and respect.

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

April 2026

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From the Pastor’s Desk:

During Lent, the time leading up to Easter, it is appropriate to think of the apostles and what their journey to the cross must have been like. They were raised Jewish and lived in a community that shared the same values. The apostles had different jobs and family situations. They worked, played, worshiped, and lived a pretty normal life. They were going through life and things were going to be the way they were and there was no real reason to believe that the game would change. But it did.

They had heard all their lives about a Messiah that could come. Their parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents told them stories about what it might be like some day when the Messiah comes and is the redemption of Israel. But that would happen someday—certainly, not THIS day. Everyone talked about it like it was going to happen in some distant future time. But then it happened, in their time.

Life changed. Walking with the Messiah was a game changer. The rug was pulled out from under their feet. They lost their balance. Jesus picked them up-repeatedly. Life would never be the same. And it was okay. They were raised Jewish, and they still were Jewish. Jesus didn’t change that—but they had to learn how to be Jewish in a new way, a Christian way. Though they weren’t called Christians at the time- they were serving in a ministry with Christ.

Before the crucifixion and after the resurrection seemed like two different eras. Perhaps the era we are living in now will usher in a new era. Maybe we will be able to take the lessons we are learning now and will be able to hold on to them for future times.

Time will tell. The disciples were scared. They betrayed Jesus. They denied their association with Jesus. They often missed the point of his healings and teachings. They were quick to turn on one another and had a hard time with humility. But then the cross happened. And then the resurrection happened. And that band of misfit disciples became the apostles. They found a strength that was deep within them to overcome all of their short-comings and the seed of faith planted years before grew into a mighty forest that touched the heavens.

We have the seeds of faith planted deep within us. May these days increase our faith, and may we continue to serve our family, friends and neighbors. May God give us the wisdom needed and comfort in the knowledge that out of chaos always comes order.

The Church and our church will always be stronger on the other side of the cross. May we walk together to the cross—and beyond. Have a most blessed Easter.

In Christian Love,

Rev. Will

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

We will be having our annual Easter Sunrise Service at the Newell Shelter at Capron Park on April 5. The service will begin at 6 am. Our very own, Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh, will be the guest preacher (and he assures us that he will not be preaching the same sermon at the 6 and 10 am services).

SECOND FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OPEN MIC AND COFFEEHOUSES

Each month we host two coffeehouses. The Second Saturday Open Mic is well established and has a pretty good following, however, the Second Friday Open Mic for young adults is stalled out at 5 young performers (we have only hosted it for 3 months, so I am hopeful that it will pick up).

We could use your help...

Sign up sheets are posted in the Fellowship Hall. The Friday Open Mic could use chaperones and hosts (four people: 2 to put out beverages and snacks and 2 to simply watch)

We need people to provide snacks and beverages for the events.

We need people to take posters and put them in places where young people might see them.

We need people to talk to their friends, neighbors, family, and anyone who works in a school or music program.

It would be lovely to have different folks helping out each month so that no one HAS to do it EVERY month.

Friday, April 10, 6-8 YOUNG ADULTS This Open Mic is open to young adult performers, ages 12 and up. Anyone is welcome to attend. It would be fantastic to see members of our church supporting our young people. It takes a lot of courage to get up in front of people and perform.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARKETING

Try this little experiment:

For 3 days in a row, go on to your social media accounts and look up the church and/or Everything Attleboro 2. This is where our church typically posts events. You will have to type it in—it will take 5 seconds. Do this each day for three days in a row. The algorithm of the social media outlet will think that this is a favorite site of yours and will adjust so that you see more content from that source. If you are not doing this, then it is likely that you will not see things. We want you to see everything we post!

The other thing we are asking all members: if you are on social media- please like, share and/or comment on our posts. The more of these “hits” we get—the more popular we become in the algorithm. That means that our reach is larger and the net is cast farther and wider.

The church is doing so much right now that is positive and affirming. We want everyone in the community to know that we are active and the spirit is alive.

Like! Share! Comment!



Rev. Will's office hours:

Tuesday: 8- 9:30 at the church, 9:30 to 11 at the Burgundian

Wednesday: 8 – 11 am, at the church

Thursday: 8-11 am, at the church

He is available most times. If you would like a visit please contact Rev. Will or the Office and an appointment can be arranged. Thank you.

SERVICE NOTES

The Deacon of the month is Karen Slawson assisted by Deb Hawes.

April 2nd Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 PM

April 5th

*Easter Sunday/Communion**

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Sermon: "Get Back to the Garden"

April 19th

Third Sunday of Easter – Earth Day Sunday

Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Sermon: "Climate Change and a Changing Church"

April 12th

Second Sunday of Easter – Holy Humor Sunday

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Sermon: "Live, Laugh, Love"

April 26th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 23

Sermon: "A Field of Dreams"

**Easter Sunday Notes*

- *Sunrise Service: Newell Shelter at Capron Park, 6 am*
- *Regular Worship Celebration in our sanctuary at 10 am*
- *Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh will be offering a message at both services. While they share the same sermon title and scripture reading—they will be two different sermons.*



Spring has finally arrived, bringing new growth, outdoor adventures, and warmer days for us to enjoy together!

This season truly brings our curriculum to life. In the coming weeks, we will explore butterfly habitats, wiggly worms, and the life cycles of plants and frogs. Spring is such an exciting time in preschool! After months of building routines and practicing self-help skills, the children are more curious and confident than ever. It's wonderful to watch their excitement for learning grow, this is truly the season when preschoolers bloom.

Thank you to the families and community members who attended and helped with our Spaghetti Supper in March. It was a wonderful evening and a great example of the strong community that makes Jack and Jill so special.

Enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year is going strong! Classes are filling quickly, and our Pre-K program already has a waitlist. We continue to receive new inquiries each week, and I always enjoy connecting with new families and sharing all the special things about Jack and Jill. If you know someone who may be looking for a preschool, please feel

free to send them our way. We are also looking forward to another six weeks of summer preschool!

Mark your calendars! The Early Childhood Community of Attleboro will be hosting a Family Fun Fair on Saturday, April 11th from 9:30–11:30 AM at Attleboro High School. Jack and Jill will have a table there, and we would love to see our families stop by. This free event is open to families throughout the Attleboro community.

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful preschool community!

Katrina Lay
Executive Director

Women's Fellowship

MAY BREAKFAST (May 2, 2026)

and PREP - Sandy Saunders, Organizer
During the month of April, sign-up sheets will be available during Coffee Hour. Any volunteers will be greatly appreciated.

YARD SALE (May 30, 2026)

and PREP - Maria Smith, Organizer
We will also be seeking volunteers to work at the Yard Sale and for donations. Samples of items which we seek include: dishes, glassware, pots, pans, books, puzzles, toys, grandpa garage items, small tools, jewelry, Christmas items, and small furniture. We will not accept any electronic equipment. For pick-ups, call Sandy Saunders at 508-699-2738.

COFFEE HOUR sign-ups

- Sandy Saunders, Organizer

Please see the sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall to serve coffee, bring snacks for the Sharing Table, or clean up at the end.

Second Church activities are supported by our volunteers. Give it a try, develop new friendships by working on a joint project. We are Women's Fellowship in name only; men, women and young adults are all welcome to have successful events. It takes a VILLAGE!

Sandy Saunders
Treasurer

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

PSM will meet on Monday, March 16th, at 2:00 in the Parlor. Shawls are a tremendous comfort to individuals experiencing a loss or other traumatic event in their lives. New members are always welcome. Contact me if you have questions.

Roberta Ferguson

COMMUNION VISITATION TEAM

The Communion Visitation Team continues to visit folks who are unable to attend services. We're happy to visit your home for fellowship, regardless of whether you choose to take communion. We will certainly wear masks and observe all precautions necessary. You may communicate with Michele in the

church office or Cathy Giannetti, Ralph Giannetti, Karen Slawson, Marcia Weidner and Roberta Zarrella, who are part of the team.

Music Notes

CHOIR SCHEDULES

Maundy Thursday (April 2) – The service begins at 6 pm. The Adult Choir is singing and will gather at 5:30 to warm up. Rehearsals for Easter will take place following the service. The Bell Choir will practice first, beginning around 7 pm. The Adult Choir's rehearsal will begin around 7:30 pm.

Easter Sunday (April 5) – The Bell Choir will play and the Adult Choir will sing on Easter Sunday. Warm-ups will be at 8:45 and 9:15 a.m., respectively.

Both groups will rehearse on all the remaining Thursdays in April (9, 16, 23, 30). Bell Choir will choose another Sunday performance date at one of those rehearsals.

Bill MacPherson
Director of Music

Intergenerational Sacred Dance

Sacred Dance practices will be held on April 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th and all are welcome to join! We gather at 9am on Saturdays for about 45 minutes of stretching, learning new dances for worship, and a little bit of just “fun dance”. If you or your child is interested in joining or has any questions, please let me know at (508) 409-7919. Hope to see you then!

Diane Osborne

OUTREACH & MISSIONS

Are you ready for a challenge? Earth Day is April 22, 2026, and on April 19 the Outreach and Missions team will be in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. We challenge you to:

- **Challenge our Outreach & Missions team:** can we take the lead in improving our stewardship of the earth? Should we?
- **Challenge yourself:** what is your greatest fear about climate change, and how does it get in the way of your best intentions?
- **Challenge our church:** Can we unite as a community in a goal to care for all of creation?

While we may already be addressing environmental problems as individuals, there are problems that require bigger actions than any of us can manage by ourselves. We are stronger together--let's use this Earth Day to make the most of that strength to become better caretakers of this planet. It's about time.

Paula Foresman

Christian Education

Greetings and blessings for a springtime filled with new growth and new experiences!

Throughout Lent with the younger class we wondered about *Last Things* with help from the Growing in God's Love curriculum and will now begin exploring the *Suprises* curriculum which begins with what the followers of Jesus found on Easter morning.

Christian Education Committee: Our meeting this month will be on April 12th. If anyone who is interested in joining our committee, offering their time as a classroom volunteer, or would like to help with Family Fellowship events please contact me anytime or join us for a future meeting.

Palm Sunday Processional: Many thanks to all who shared their joyous Hosannas in our annual all ages sacred dance in worship for Palm Sunday!

Attleboro Spring Fling: We will be participating in the citywide Spring Fling at the Balfour Riverwalk on Saturday April 18th. We will be offering a free spring craft activity and I would like to invite you all to volunteer for a timeslot at the event. It is a wonderful opportunity to share with the community what makes Second Church so special.

Save the Date for Children's Sunday – June 14th! More details to come in the May and June VOICE as our Sunday School children and youth will begin planning for this special day next month.

If you know of a new family that would like to build community, explore faith, and seek compassionate justice, please feel free to invite them to join us anytime throughout the year. If you didn't get a chance to register for Sunday School,

you can at any time of the year by requesting a form from a teacher or member of the CE Committee.

If you have any questions, ideas, or would like to volunteer please feel to reach out to me.

Diane Osborne

Chair of Christian Education

Volunteer Opportunity

Horton Center UCC Camp

For the last two summers I have had the absolute joy of serving as a volunteer summer camp counselor for Horton Center, a UCC camp and retreat center in the White Mountains which is part of the NH UCC Conference. At the camp we shared amazing experiences with campers exploring the outdoors and our faith in a truly inspiring setting with the most amazing staff.

I had such a wonderful experience that this summer I am going to serve as a Dean for a week, which is the lead volunteer for an age unit. Part of my role as Dean is to recruit counselors for my session – Middlers on the Mountain which will be held the last week of June and I am currently looking for at least three more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for Middlers or are available other times this summer please ask me any questions you have about how to get involved.

Preview of what else you can find on the Horton Center website: Counselors are crucial members of the team that makes each Camper feel welcome, safe, and free to explore new things! Counselors are led by volunteer Deans, and supported by Horton Center's Summer Staff. Counselors lead activities, co-lead Faith Discovery Groups, sleep in cabins with Campers and other Counselors, and connect with amazing Campers who look up to them.

Also, if you'd like to get in on the fun of attending camp or a retreat (they are options for all ages and abilities) – Lyra, Enoch, and I are also happy to answer questions about being a camper or retreat attendee as well!

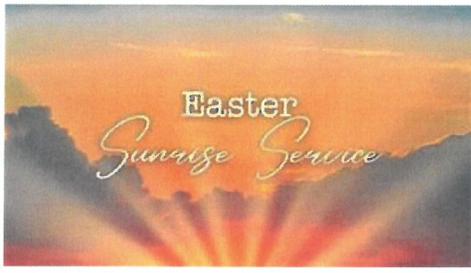
Much appreciation for your consideration to this calling,

Diane Osborne

April Birthdays



Maundy Thursday Service 6pm



**Sunday April 5th at 6 am
Newell Shelter Capron Park**



**Easter Service
Sunday April 5th at 10 am**

- 1 Connie Eckart
Jamie Reiley
- 3 Ken Hill
Steve Smith
Linda Wiswall
- 4 Leslie Baptist
Thomas Smith
George Spatcher, Jr.
- 8 Vicki Buttrick
- 9 Rick Bassler, IV
- 12 Julie O'Connor
- 13 John Nuovo
- 14 Debra Hazen
- 18 Lynn Candelet
- 19 Bill Armstrong, Jr.
- 20 Emma Goulding
- 22 Bob Frye, Jr.
- 25 Aksel Stuen
- 28 Joe Ordog
- 30 Julie Cusack



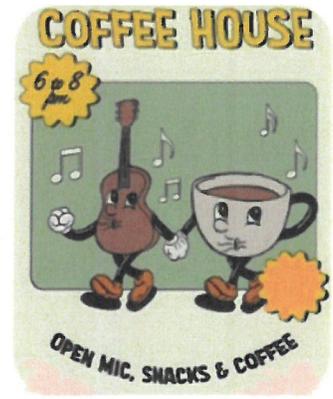
42nd Annual May Breakfast
Saturday May 2nd
8am
Reservations Recommended
508-222-4677



The Chosen Discussion Group
Meets Weekly on
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



Friday April 10th at 2:30pm



Youth (13-22yr)
Friday April 10th

All Ages
Saturday April 11th





April 2026

Second Congregational Church Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 PM The Chosen Discussion Group	2 5:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	3	4 9:00 AM Sacred Dance Practice
5 6:00 AM SUNRISE SERVICE 8:45 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:15 AM Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM Easter Worship/Communion	6 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack	7 5:00 PM Rock Voices Rehearsal 6:00 PM Book Study - Climate Church, Climate World 7:00 PM OP Practice	8 10:00 AM Communion Visitation Meeting 6:30 PM The Chosen Discussion Group 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting	9 5:00 PM Rock Voices Rehearsal 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	10 2:30 PM Crafternoon 2:30 PM Color Our World 6:00 PM Young Adult Open Mic	11 9:00 AM Sacred Dance Practice 6:00 PM Coffee House & Open Mic
12 10:00 AM Worship Sunday School 11:15 AM CE Committee Meeting 11:15 AM Uke Group	13 5:00 PM Rock Voices Rehearsal	14 6:00 PM Book Study - Climate Church, Climate World 7:00 PM OP Practice	15 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 PM The Chosen Discussion Group	16 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Committee Meeting Zoom 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	17	18 8:30 AM Outreach & Missions Committee Meeting 9:00 AM Sacred Dance Practice 10:00 AM OP Practice 11:00 AM Attleboro Spring Fling
19 10:00 AM Worship Sunday School 11:00 AM O&M Earth Day Presentation 6:00 PM Confirmation Class	20 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 PM Roundabout Rehearsal 6:30 PM J&J Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM Facilities Committee Meeting	21 7:00 PM OP Practice 7:00 PM Administration Committee Zoom Meeting	22 Next Month's Voice Deadline 5:00 PM Board of Deacons Meeting 6:30 PM The Chosen Discussion Group 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting 7:00 PM PFLAG MEETING	23 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Roundabout Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal	24	25 9:00 AM Sacred Dance Practice
26 10:00 AM Worship Sunday School 11:15 AM Church Council Meeting	27 3:00 PM Food Pantry Distribution	28 7:00 PM OP Practice	29 6:30 PM Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 PM The Chosen Discussion Group	30 6:00 PM Troop 34 Meeting 6:30 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal		

Family Fun Fair

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH 9:30-11:30 AM

**1 Blue Pride Way, Attleboro AHS Cafeteria
(enter through the back of school)**

This fair is a FREE event and will have plenty of FREE fun activities for the kiddos. Face painting, balloon animals, storywalk, FREE used books for all ages, FREE eye screenings, and activities at each agency tables.

Giveaways!

Every family will receive a ticket to enter in our prize drawings, including our Grand Prizes: an Outdoor Playhouse! and an Attleboro Family Summer Pool Pass, graciously donated by:



Agencies in attendance:

Project Connect, Greater Attleboro Taunton Healthy Families, S.A. Village Lions, WIC, APS Welcome Center, Self Help Head Start, Casimir Public Health Empowerment, Capron Park Zoo, The Literacy Center, Children's Advocacy Center, Thompson Realty, ABACUS, Attleboro Arts Museum, Commonwealth Mobile Oral Health Service, YMCA, Kennedy Donovan Center, Attleboro Public Library, Early Head Start, WJC INTERFACE, Jack and Jill Preschool, Taylor Tots Family Preschool, Robbins Children's Programs, Family Resource Center, The Children's Advocacy Center, Greater Attleboro Area Council for Children and Food n' Friends

