

Religion

Messiah Lutheran Church Announces Worship Schedule for Holy Days

AMHERST – Messiah Lutheran Church on Route 101 in Amherst (adjacent to the Amherst Garden Center) invites everyone to help us remember the teachings and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, to explore the significance of his death on a cross, and to celebrate the mystery of that which can never be fully understood—Jesus’ resurrection.

Whether you call Jesus the “Son of God,” or simply believe that through the life of Jesus, something was working to make the world a better place, you are invited to participate in the timeless rituals of what is known as “holy” week. Rituals that reveal Jesus to be the vessel of a gracious love poured out for us,

and the agent of change who transforms us with a vision of unity and peace.

The Palm Sunday (9:30 am, April 13th) gathering features both the joy of Jesus’ popularity, and the implications of that fame—told by a group reading of the story of his final days.

Holy Thursday (7 pm, April 17th) is a remembrance of Jesus’ main messages – to love one another and abide in him through the ritual of eating bread and drinking wine.

Good Friday (7 pm, April 18th) tells the story of Jesus’ death on the cross, and seeks to show how that makes a difference in our lives today.

The Easter Vigil (7 pm, April 19th) represents the time between Jesus’ death and the resurrection. We say “I saw my life flash before me,” in a crisis. The vigil gives us a flashback of the history of the universe, which culminates in the rebirth of creation effected by God.

Easter (9:30 am, April 20th) at Messiah includes the ringing of bells, shouts of hallelujah, singing loudly, and affirming what we can never prove and don’t try to—the Resurrection.

Messiah is welcoming of all people, and is accessible to those with special needs. Call 763-2011, email messiahnh@comcast.net, or visit www.messiahnh.org.

History of Christianity: Film Discussion Series at the Congregational Church of Amherst

AMHERST – Do you know how the first Christian communities lived? How did Christianity move from being the faith of a persecuted minority to the official religion of the Roman Empire? When and why was the first Bible put together? How did the Pope become the leader of the early church? Did you know that Irish monks played a key role in preserving written scripture?

These and many more questions are answered by the gripping A&E

documentary “Christianity: The First Two Thousand Years.” The film will take participants back in space and time through filmed scenes of historical sites, and rich, beautiful images of contemporary works of art. Commentary offered by renowned scholars will shed light on key developments, and crossroads of Christian history. A discussion will follow each of the four segments, which will be presented on four Tuesday evenings, February

through May. The parts are independent from each other, so it is not necessary to have seen the previous ones. The public is invited to attend.

Subsequent sessions: April 29th and May 20th. This program is hosted by the CCA Adult Education Committee at the Congregational Church of Amherst. For more information or to sign up, please contact Carolin Sanchez: c.n.sanchez@comcast.net.

Etz Hayim Synagogue to Host Passover Seder

DERRY – Etz Hayim Synagogue of Derry will host a Second Night Passover Seder for the community on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:00 PM. Rabbi Bryna Milkow will lead the seder with participation of those attending. The menu will include a choice of roast chicken or vegetarian eggplant entrée, or chicken

nuggets for children, with potato or farfel kugel, carrot tzimmes, chicken soup and matzo balls, gefilte fish and horseradish, haroset, and dessert. The cost is \$30.00 for adult Etz Hayim members, \$36.00 for non-members, and \$15.00 children 12 or younger (chicken nuggets). To reserve, call 432-004 or email of-

fice@etzhayim.org. The synagogue must receive a check in payment by noon on April 10. Etz Hayim invites everyone to visit and experience our warm welcome. Etz Hayim Synagogue is located at 1 ½ Hood Road in Derry. For more information, see www.etzhayim.org or call 432-0004.

New Hampshire Chamber Choir Performs

AMHERST – On Friday, April 18, at 7:00 pm the New Hampshire Chamber Choir will present a program of music appropriate for Good Friday. Under the direction of John Leslie, the choir will perform in the sanctuary of St. Luke’s Church of Amherst, at 10 Limbo Lane.

The program will feature Stabat Mater by Giovanni Pergolesi. Pergolesi was a brilliant Italian composer who, although he lived only until the age of 26, has had a last-

ing influence on music history. The work was written to be performed on Good Friday and is a meditation on the suffering of Mary during the crucifixion. Soloists are Amy Knight and Betsy Feiker, both of Jaffrey. Chamber orchestra members include violinists Mary Quigley and Kathy Andrie, and continuo organist, John Leslie.

The New Hampshire Chamber Choir was formed in 2009 by several church musicians and others

who wanted to provide a setting for singers and instrumentalists to learn, perform, and enjoy the smaller liturgical and chamber works of Johann Sebastian Bach and other Baroque composers. The choir is now in its fifth season and welcomes new members. Concerts are free and open to the public.

For upcoming concert and membership information, please call Jill Slocum at 673-2275.

Mont Vernon

Planning for Spring Gala at the Library Underway

The Friends of the Library are gearing up for their main fundraiser of the year. During his year’s Spring Gala on Saturday, May 17, they will hold their annual sales of books, plants, and “junque jewels” at the library from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Books – donations may be dropped off beginning April 8.

Donated books may be dropped off at the library beginning April 8. Please do not leave books on the porch when the library is not open as rain can damage donations. (NOTE: library hours: Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wed. noon to 8 p.m.; Fri. 2-6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. -1 p.m. The library is closed on Sunday and Monday.) Please NO textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias, or computer books that are more than three years old. Hardcover and paperback fiction, nonfiction, history, autobiography, biography, self-help, cookbooks, travel, coffee table books, and children’s books are all welcome.

Most book prices will be: \$2 for hardcover, \$1 for paperback, and \$.25 for children’s books.

Volunteers will be needed to help on Friday and Saturday. There will be a sign up sheet at the library beginning April 8, if you would be willing to help for an hour or two:

Tasks:

Friday, May 16, 5 p.m. - moving books from an off site location in town to the library.

Saturday, May 17, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. - help with set up, sales, and after sale cleanup that will include boxing up left over books. (Note: sales begin at 9 a.m.)


The coordinator is Friends’ President, Bruce Schmidt. Plants – plants may be dropped off beginning April 26.

Welcome to new co-chair, Kathie Fitzgerald who has already started planning with returning coordinator, Dorothy Ledner.

Do you have plants that could be divided and donated to the sale? Last year, plants that were popular included: lily of the valley, bleeding heart, lupine, peony, hosta, lungwort, forget-me-knot, lady’s mantle, woodland poppy, violets (Labrador preferred), lamium (pink or purple preferred), hens and chicks, French lilac, Brunnera, and old fashioned bridal wreath. While it appears Mont Vernon gardens have more than enough day lilies, iris, and pachysandra, IF there are requests, donations will be looked for. Small shrubs are welcome. Rhubarb and herbs in pretty containers attract buyers. Please NO house plants – they don’t sell. Do you have a request for a certain plant or plants? Please add it to the list posted in the library foyer and every effort will be made to find those on the list.

When digging in your garden, please remember it is a good idea to pot plants at least 10 days before the sale so they look their best on sale day. They need to have labels with name of plant, height, color of bloom and when it blooms, and if it likes shade, part shade, or sun. This information helps buyers decide what works best for their gardens. (Do you need a pot or two? Pots will be available behind the library by the end of April.)

Interested in Dorothy Ledner’s heirloom tomatoes? She is expecting to have red and pink brandywine available this year. She is also planning to have a selection of annuals, perennials, and herbs grown from seed for sale. Dorothy’s tomatoes and plants from seed will be pre-sold. If interested contact her at 672-0570.



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Church Services

First Baptist Church of Amherst

25 1/2 Middle Street
Pastor: Mike Sacco
Church Office: 673-4063
Website: www.amherstfirstbaptist.com

First Baptist Church of Amherst, hosts their annual Easter Celebration April 18th and 20th.

Good Friday Service on Friday, April 18th at 7:00 pm.

Easter Sunday Breakfast Sunday, April 20th at 9am followed by the Easter Service at 10am.

All are welcome to join in the celebration of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ

Congregational Church of Amherst UCC

11 Church Street
Senior Pastor Richard Leavitt
Associate Pastor Maureen Prescott
Church office: 673-3231
Web site: www.ccamherst.org

We are an Open and Affirming congregation.

Join us for Sunday Worship at 10am at the church in Amherst Village. Children 2 years through seventh grade attend church school following the Children’s Time in the service. Nursery care is provided. The church is handicapped accessible via the driveway entrance. All are cordially invited for fellowship in the Community Room immediately following the service.

Christ’s Church of Amherst

58 Merrimack Road
Amherst
673-8292
www.ccnh.org
Pastor Darin Shaw

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. with Nursery Care up to age 3 years and Children’s program 3 years to grade 5.

Messiah Lutheran Church

Rev. Tom Teichmann, Pastor
303 Route 101
PO Box 488
Amherst,
673-2011 (office)
673-7707 (meeting and fax)
messiahnh@comcast.net

St Luke Anglican Church

St. Lukes Anglican Church
3 Limbo Lane, Amherst
Rev. Dr. Alexander H. Webb
Church office: 672-6054
Website: www.st-luke.amherst.nh.us

St. Luke’s Traditional Church offers Good Friday, April 18th, services with a 12 noon Liturgy ; at 3:00 pm, Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at St. Patrick’s Church of Milford; and at 7 pm, a grand concert by The New Hampshire Chamber Choir presenting Pergolesi’s “Stabat Mater.” All are welcome to the services and the concert.

All welcome and invited to attend

Sunday Worship and Celebration of Holy Eucharist using the Traditional 1928 Book of Common Prayer weekly at 8:30 and 10:00 AM
Church School at 10:00 AM

Refreshment & fellowship following the service.

Weekly Bible Studies:
Tuesday Evening Soup & Study, 5:45~7:00PM

Saturday Morning 11:00 AM ~ Noon.

Amherst Christian Church

Corner of Patricia at 134 Hollis Rd. Amherst
Phone: 672-1541
Sunday Discipleship classes 9-10
Children’s class (Grades 1-6) 10-10:30

Worship Service 10:30
Children’s church for pre-schoolers during service
Childcare provided for infants

St Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

Craftsman Lane, Amherst
Pastor Peter Korthals
821-9891
pastor@stpaul-amherst.org

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church welcomes you to join us each Sunday for our worship service. Our Sunday Service begins at 9:30 a.m. with our Sunday School at 10:55 and adult Bible study at 11:00. Nursery service is available. Please be our guest as we celebrate the Lord and all he has done for us. Pastor Peter Korthals 821-9891 pastor@stpaul-amherst.org

Church of Our Saviour, Episcopal

10 Amherst Street
Milford
Phone: 673-3309
E-mail: office@coosmilford.org
Website: www.coosmilford.org
Interim Rector: Rev. Hays Junkin

Sundays – 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist - 10 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Wednesdays – 11:30 a.m. Lecternary and Lunch

Eucharist followed by bring-your-own-lunch (coffee provided) and a discussion of the week’s lessons.

We strive to live the message of Christ, in which all are welcome.

Mont Vernon Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
4 South Main Street
Mont Vernon
Church Office: 673-3500 (open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Web site: www.montvernonchurch.org
E-mail: montvernonchurch@montvernonchurch.org

Pastor: Rev. Judie Bryant – office hours Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., or at other times by appointment.

Join us for Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School is available for children aged 6 and old. Child Care provided for children under 6. All are invited to coffee hour in the Round Room following worship.

House of Prayer every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7 p.m. – everyone is welcome.

ReNew is our midweek service of prayer, scripture, peace filled silence, candles, and Holy Communion offered each Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM.

Make a place in your week to renew your spirit and be with God.

Holy Week Services:

April 17: Maundy Thursday service at 7 PM

April 20: Sunrise Easter Service at 5:45 AM on Grand Hill followed by a pancake breakfast for the community at church; Traditional Easter service at 10:30.

Saint Patrick Catholic Community of Milford

Website: www.ccnh.org
Phone: 673-1311
Website: saintpatrickmilfordnh.org

First Church Of Christ, Scientist

103 South St., Milford
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting: 8 p.m.- Child care available.

Christian Science Reading Room
87 Union Square, Milford
Mon. through Fri. 11a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Wed. 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.
First Sun. of the Month 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Telephone – 673-5274
Email – readingroom@csmilford-nh.org
Website – www.csmilfordnh.org

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

20 Elm St.
Milford
Rev. Barbara McKusick Liscord, minister.
Johanna Seale, Director of Lifespan Religious Education
www.uucm.org or call 673-1870.

UUCM is a liberal religious community and a voice for social justice drawn from diverse traditions. Sunday services begin at 10:30 AM. Childcare (infant to two years) and Children’s programming is available. Fellowship hour follows each service at 11:45 AM.

The community dinner every 3rd Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm is free and open to everyone.

We are located at 20 Elm St. just past the oval. For more information, visit www.uucm.org or call 673-1870.

Office Hours
Tues 10:30-5, Wed & Thu 1-5 and Fri 9-1

Please call ahead to ensure availability. Building is secured; ring bell for entry.

We are located at 20 Elm St. just past the oval. For more information, visit www.uucm.org or call 673-1870.

St. John Neumann Catholic Church

708 Milford Road - Rt 101A
Merrimack
880-4689
www.sjnnh.org
Fr. Chris M. Martel

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am
6:00pm Labor Day through Memorial Day
Weekday Mass: 12:15pm
Holy Days: 5:30pm vigil, 12:15pm and 7:00pm

Household of Faith

30 Merrimack Rd., Amherst
www.hofonline.org