

April Link

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord” John 20: 18

When we hear the words of Easter, the words uttered by Mary to the disciples, hope and faith, once more burns in our hearts. He is Risen. Jesus tells us, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.”

This is the truth of what we proclaim as disciples of Christ, as members of His church. Those are the words of comfort we need the most. But, how do we prove this to be true?

Well, ultimately the resurrection is to be experienced not proven. Easter is to be experienced. The most convincing evidence of the Resurrection of Christ is the transformation of the people who know Jesus and believe in Him 2000 years ago.

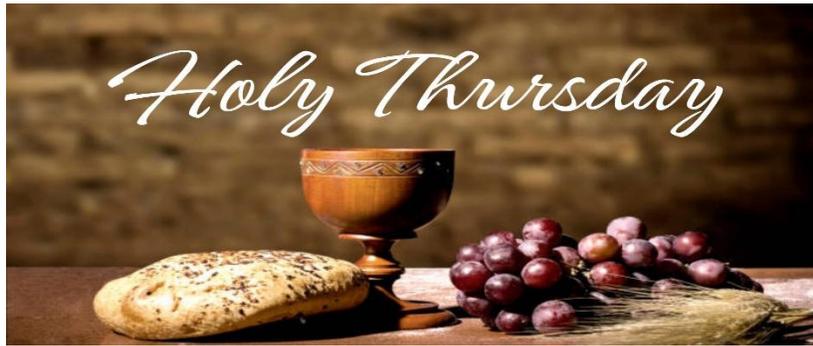
And, I believe, the proof is in the transformation of those who follow and believe in him today. How has your life, your understanding of the world around you, your outlook, and your actions changed since you have known the Risen Lord?

The only proof of Easter I will ever need is memory. I remember what my life was like before I met the living Christ and I know what my life is now, as I share it with Him. The risen Jesus Christ has made all the difference.

Knowing Christ is about our relationship with Him, our love for Him and the love we receive from Him. It's not enough to study the story of Jesus as we study the life of any other great historical figure. It may be that we begin that way, but we must end by meeting him. Jesus is not a memory; he is a presence.

And Easter is not a mere remembrance but a living action today. Today he comes out of the grave to be alive and with us here. We can take him by the hand and he'll go home with us. And when we grieve and when we celebrate and rejoice, he is with us. He comes today, and everyday into our hearts to share with us the joy, the encouragement and the forgiveness and transformation of Easter.

In the Love of the Risen Christ,
Pastor Barbara



April 2nd is Holy Thursday.
Holy Thursday Service is at 7:00 PM



April 3rd is Good Friday.
Good Friday Service is at 7:00 PM



Easter is Sunday, April 5th.
Easter Service is 10:00 AM



**First United Methodist Church
21 Fern Drive, Torrington**

Mother's Day Brunch

May 10th, 2026

8am - 12 noon

Scramble eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon,
Home fries, Coffee, Orange juice & Toast

New- Blueberry Pancakes, Fruit Salad

\$15.00 p/p -ALL YOU CAN EAT

Sunday, April 12 starting at 4 pm

4:15-5:15: Variety of music including original songs performed by Lara Danila.

5:30 - 6:30: Buffet supper of meatballs; sausage, peppers and onions; greens and beans; mixed vegetables; pasta; rice with beans; and a selection of “heavenly desserts”.

FUND RAISER FOR SALLI HARKNESS

During one of the recent storms, a large pine tree fell on Salli’s house making it uninhabitable. We are helping to raise money to help with the cost of moving, replacing some of the damaged furniture and other necessary expenses.

\$20 donation

(100% given directly to Salli)



North Canton Community
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

3 Case Street, North Canton, CT

Special Offerings

We collected a total of \$190 on UMCOR Sunday to help support the administrative costs of The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Our next special offering will be collected on Native American Sunday in April.

District Conference

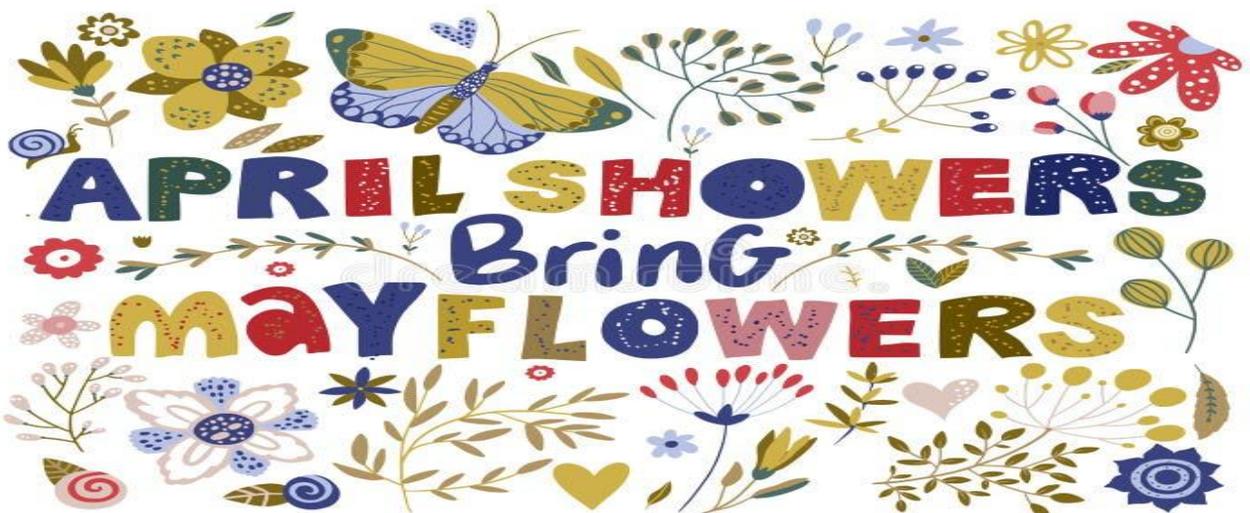
The 2026 CT District Conference will be held on Saturday, April 11 at Cheshire UMC, 205 Academy Road, Cheshire CT. Gathering and refreshment will begin at 9:30am. Worship and Business will start at 10am.

Food Bank Wishlist

Ramen, Cereal, Pancake Syrup and Canned Beets

No time to shop for the food bank?? Donations can be made here:

<https://www.paypal.com/nep/payment/J36KTCUVNFYRY>



Gospels for April

April 5: John 20:1-18
 April 12: John 20:19-31
 April 19: Luke 24:13-35
 April 26: John 10:1-10

April Schedule

	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
April 5 April 12 April 19 April 26	Stephanie Stark Stephanie Stark Sandy Taylor Sandy Taylor	Janet LaGrange Tom Lucas John Lundy Suzanne Gerber	Peg Palmer & Cliff Hoxie Steven Shaw & Judy McKay Steve & Barb Bailey Sandy Slemmer & Janet LaGrange
April 5 April 12 April 19 April 26	<u>Greeters</u> John Lundy & Jay LaGrange John Lundy & Jay LaGrange John Lundy & Jay LaGrange John Lundy & Jay LaGrange		<u>Coffee Hour</u> Pot Luck Janet LaGrange & Darlene Slater Terri & Angela Dan Hurley & Judy McKay
April 5 April 12 April 19 April 26		<u>Counters</u> Steve Bailey & John Lundy John Lundy & Peg Palmer Peg Palmer & Volunteer Barbara Bailey & Volunteer	



Volunteers are needed for the Coffee Hour and Cleaners. The sign up sheets are on the Besse Table in the Narthex.

April

<u>SUN.</u>	<u>MON.</u>	<u>TUES.</u>	<u>WED.</u>	<u>THUS.</u>	<u>FRI.</u>	<u>SAT.</u>
			1 	2  6:45PM AA	3  <i>Good Friday</i>	4
5 10:00AM Worship Service with Holy Communion  <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6 4:00 – 7:00PM Food Bank	7 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	8 7:00PM Admin./Finance Meeting	9 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	10	11
12 10:00AM Worship Service 11:15AM Trustees Meeting	13	14 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	15 9:00AM – Noon Scrapbooking with Carolyn	16 6:45PM AA	17	18
19 10:00AM Worship Service	20 4:00 – 7:00PM Food Bank	21 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	22	23 2:00 – 4:00PM Food Bank 6:45PM AA	24	25
26 10:00AM Worship Service 11:15 AM: Confirmation Glass	27	28 10:00AM Prayer Group 8:00PM AA	29 9:00AM – Noon Scrapbooking with Carolyn	30		

April Announcements

If you know of someone who is not getting the Link but would like to, please contact Re with their information and email address so they can be added to the list. If they don't have access to emails, just give us their mailing address and we will mail it out to them. We will also leave a few copies on the Bessie table.

If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital in need of a visit please call either Pastor Barbara or the Church office to schedule a visit. Because of privacy laws, hospitals can no longer give out this information.

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon. If there is a Monday holiday, office hours for that week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM to Noon.

Pastor Barbara will be in the office Monday and Tuesday from 9:30AM to 1:00PM, or by appointment.

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