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Eastertide

Dear Falmouth UCC,

Easter is the miracle towards which we turn our lives, the anchor that holds us, the rock to which we cling. Easter is not just a day, it is a 50 day season of learning and becoming. It begins on Resurrection Sunday and lasts until the Holy Spirit arrives on Pentecost.

This year we will lean into Holy Week and Eastertide with a multitude of worship services, community events, and an Eastertide small group offered after worship. Read on, join in, sign up and come learn what it means to live the Easter miracle.

Eastertide Schedule 2023

April 2: 10 AM Palm Sunday Worship

Intergenerational and high energy with Communion

April 6: 5:30 Maundy Thursday

Intimate and candle lit service in the round

April 9: Easter Worship

6 AM Service at Portland Yacht Club with Foreside UCC, Rev. Geoff Parker Presiding
10 AM Festive worship with full choir, processional, and guest musicians

April 16: 10 AM Worship with Maine UCC Conference Minister

Conference Minister The Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola, Ph.D. will preach & preside

April 23: Worship & Small Group

10 AM Worship | 11:15 Eastertide Small Group focusing on grace & agency

April 30: Worship with Baptisms & Small Group

10 AM Worship with baptisms | 11:15 Small Group focusing on interdependence



May 21: New Members Sunday
(info group after church May 7th)

May 28: Pentecost, outdoor
worship with bonfire





Eastertide Small Group: When It Was Still Yet Dark

How do we live the Easter miracle in a still imperfect world? Come and think in community about how to live with hope, and how hope is different than optimism. Being an Easter people takes thought, practice and tools. We will be guided by the reflections of the writer, theologian, and cancer survivor Kate Bowler. Sessions will run after church and end at noon. Full schedule above.

Spring Cleanup Saturday, April 22 9AM

Please bring rakes and leaf blowers. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Donations of mulch would be greatly appreciated.



The Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola was called as our Conference Minister on August 6, 2022 and began her ministry on October 26. She comes to us via Penn Central, where she served as Associate Conference Minister, and from Vermont and Massachusetts where she served as a local church pastor.

Marisa holds Bachelor and Master's degrees in Piano Performance and Music History from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Kentucky, and a Master of Divinity from Boston University School of Theology.

Marisa is thrilled to partner with clergy and lay folk in our conference, as we discern as faith partners, the vision and mission of our ministry into the 21st century. She brings a wealth of experience and love for the United Church of Christ. She and her spouse Carol live in Augusta. They have two grown children, Kristyn and Kathryn.

**April 16: Guest
Preacher
Rev. Dr. Marisa
Laviola, Ph.D.
Conference
Minister**



MINISTRY OF *Music*



Whether we have 6 singers or 21 singers in choir, we have a great time. Why? We love to sing, we love the Lord, we love each other. Wow! You can't beat that.

If this is your first time hearing of it, we do offer a very short-term commitment called "Pop-up Choir," when you can come to one Wednesday rehearsal and sing for the following Sunday morning worship service. Never an audition required; just let us know you are coming. This has been such a blessing for all of us.

After Easter, the congregation will be singing a beautiful new Benediction Song, the chorus of "Praise the Name of the Lord Our God." You will hear the entire song sung by the Easter Choir on Easter:

*I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Savior on that cursed tree.*

*His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone.*

*Then on the third at break of day, the Son of Heaven rose again.
Oh trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King.*

*He shall return in robes of white, the blazing Son shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face.*

*O PRAISE THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD
O PRAISE HIS NAME FOREVER MORE
FOR ENDLESS DAYS WE WILL SING YOUR PRAISE
Oh LORD, Oh LORD OUR GOD
Oh LORD, Oh LORD OUR GOD.*

Christ is risen indeed!

~ Jan Stover, Minister of Music



MINISTRY OF

*Community Life***Visitation Ministry Meeting**

You are cordially invited to a time of fellowship and discussion about the ministry of visitation.

Whether you are a seasoned spiritual caregiver or are simply interested in learning more about visiting church members, you are welcome.

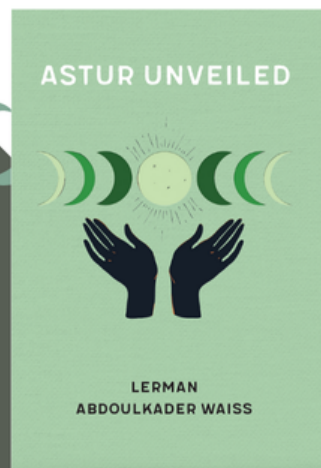
Thursday, April 13, 2023
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM



Women's Spiritual Book Group



**LERMAN
ABDOULKADER
WAISS**



Astur Unveiled, a product of The Telling Room, is the March book for the Women's Spiritual Book Group (WSBG). Author Lerman Abdoukader Waiss tells the story of Astur, an immigrant from Djibouti to New York City, as she adjusts to a new culture and discovers the implications of her commitment to her Muslim faith and identity. This is the first novel by Ms. Waiss, who participated in programs at The Telling Room, a Portland resource that provides teaching and mentorship for aspiring young authors ages 6 to 18. The Telling Room staff are so excited that our book group is reading one of its works that they invited WSBG members to the online book launch to meet this author.

We meet monthly in the Grant Room and virtually by Zoom. All are welcome to join this lively and engaging group where new faces are always encouraged. Contact Cathy Bowden for more details and/or to join the email list where upcoming meeting details and Zoom links are shared.

MINISTRY OF
missions



Why did the man get fired from the pasta factory?



Why did the pasta call up his friend?

HE MADE A FUSILLI MISTAKES

HE WAS FEELING CANNELONI.

Many many thanks to all who have donated soup and cereal over the past few months. We don't know who you are and therefore can't thank you personally, but please know that many families have already appreciated your help!

PASTA than a speeding bullet, our church will be collecting different kinds of pasta during the months of March, April, May, and June. The pastabilities are endless!

If you would like, please put boxes of pasta into the collection bin in Fellowship Hall, and the pasta will be given to very grateful Food Pantry families. Our congregation is pasta-tively amazing, so let's try it!



The Falmouth Food Pantry continues to do an entirely doorstep delivery distribution system. Volunteers still deliver boxes of non-perishable food, fresh vegetables, eggs, and meat to families who need food assistance. If you have questions or know someone with an urgent need, please call Nancy Lightbody at 776-0081. Thank you for your continuing support!



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

If you or someone you know has a financial need in a difficult time, please contact the church office. There is limited funding in this account for just such a purpose.

Love the Loaves?

Church volunteers continue to bake loaves of bread once a month to serve at Communion and also as a thank-you to everyone who donates to current 5-for-5 UCC missions. Occasionally some of the bread may go to church members who aren't able to make it to the Church service.



Even if you have no baking experience, please consider donating three hours of your time on Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 10 AM -1 PM, when we look forward to a parent-child Easter-themed baking effort for Kids' Church! Please get in touch with Alyce Graves.

MINISTRY OF *missions*



SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM-SEEKING, UNHOUSED FAMILIES

Ministry of Missions and our church continue to help and support asylum-seeking, unhoused families in the Greater Portland area.

State Street Church UCC is currently providing overnight shelter for 3 families, with a total of 12 individuals. While their meals are provided by the Chestnut Street Family Center Shelter, they now have a warm and welcoming place to stay overnight, thanks to many Falmouth Congregational Church volunteers who stepped up to provide a welcome hand during the first week, including spending the night. This overnight shelter space will be available through the end of April. There will be more opportunities for our church to help. Stay tuned.

Family Promise is now providing shelter at Woodford's Congregational Church as a static shelter for 36 individuals, including 24 children. The families have easy access to the buses, the kids are getting to school, and they have a kitchen on most days to cook food for their families. Family Promise has added staff to provide support including the overnight shifts. You'll soon see opportunities for our church to help one or two days a month starting in April for the 5:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. shift. That is where they are asking churches to support. Expect this situation to change as well. The space is only temporary, and Family Promise has made significant strides to acquire a house that could temporarily house families. Stay tuned.

Maine Needs: Cleaning Kits

The following items may be purchased separately, or you can create a complete kit by putting all the items into a cleaning bucket (a meaningful and easy project to do with children). These may be put into the Mission bin in Fellowship Hall or the Maine Needs bin by the office door.

- All-Purpose Spray
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Dish Soap
- Sponges
- Trash Bag



Underwear for the Homeless

The Preble Street Resource Center has the greatest need for underwear at this time.

The following are the sizes and styles most requested.

WOMEN - Traditional styles in cotton, sizes medium to extra large

MEN - Boxer style, sizes medium to extra large

Donations may be placed in the bin located under the Missions Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall.



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Registration

EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday, April 8th

11am - 1pm (Rain or Shine)



~Free Outdoor Event~
Bring Your Own Basket
Enjoy Entertainment,
Concessions, Bunnies
and more!

ALL ARE WELCOME

267 FALMOUTH ROAD

PLEASE REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE:

WWW.FALMOUTHCONGREGATIONALCHURCH.ORG

Dear Falmouth Congregational Church UCC,

Happy April! I am happy to share that we are making some great headway on our upcoming basement renovations for the Kids' Church classrooms. We have selected and begun working with architect Josef Chalot on our plans to install bathrooms and an ADA-compliant ramp. We have also installed a pass-through door between our main classroom and the art room, which has brightened up both spaces. In addition to looking great, it will also allow us to use both spaces more fully while still abiding by Safe Church policies. Thank you to our excellent Building Renovations committee for their work on this project!

We also hosted two intergenerational events for Kids' Church families, a Family Art Project led by Pastor Amelia and a Family Easter Card-making session partnered with the Ministry of Community Life. Families socialized and worked together to paint rocks that will decorate our garden. Look for them underneath the tree by the bench!

Coming up, we have our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Taking place on Saturday, April 8 from 11 AM-1 PM, this event is not to be missed. There will be four age-designated hunt times throughout the morning, live entertainment, concessions for sale, and plenty of activities to keep folks of all ages entertained. The hunt times are as follows:



- 11:30 Ages 2 and Under
- 12:00 Ages 5-8
- 12:30 Ages 3-4
- 12:45 Ages 9-12

Our Easter Sunday service will be at 10 AM on Sunday April 9, during which children will stay in worship with their families. Kids' Church will resume the following week.

Warmly,
 Hannah Daly
 Director of Youth and Family Ministries

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family news

- Norm O'Brien who is at Falmouth by the Sea for pneumonia. His wife, Bee, is also there- send them both cards to: 191 Foreside Road, Room 103A, Falmouth, ME 04105.
- Janice Beinema who has returned to Gorham House and is in the care of hospice. 50 New Portland Road, #109, Gorham, ME 04038
- Joseph Klenk as he recovers from pneumonia and Sarah, Paul and the Davis family as they care for him.
- Jim Scherer as he recovers from spinal surgery. 77 Babbidge Road Falmouth, ME 04105
- Nancy Althaus as she recovers from heart ablation surgery. 10 Quaker Lane Portland, ME 04103
- Marillee Beinema as she determines the right treatment for pain. Encouragement: 48 Harvard Common Portland, ME 04103
- Nichole, Nicholas and soon-to-be big brother Everett, who are expecting a new baby in the next weeks.
- Joan Kaijala's dad (Theo and Kai's grandfather) Wesley, as he continues to recover from a health event.
- Sally Emery who is cared for in her home. Sally loves getting cards and displays them in her room. Please give her joy by sending a card to:P.O. Box 102, Gray, ME 04039.

We Lift in Prayer...



- Nancy Althaus' 20 year old nephew, Josh, who continues to struggle through myocarditis and pericarditis. Josh needs prayers for his health and his ability to keep up with his classes. Please also keep his mother, family and fiancé in prayer.
- Kathy Whitmore as she prepares to move to another home after her partner, John Main, went into his eternal rest in December. Cards to: 102 Wythburn Rd., South Portland, ME 04106-5321.
- Katie Howison's mom, Kathlene Morton, as she fights cancer. She appreciates cards and prayers: 1824 Mountainside Drive, North Augusta, SC 29841
- Alan Mathieu's brother who is struggling with a serious illness.
- Continued prayers for Kathleen Towns' brother, Mark.
- Randy Boardway's father, Paul, who is fighting liver cancer.
- Ginny Hamilton who continues to enjoy hearing from you where she lives at her nursing home. Cards to 300 Spring Street, Room King 4A, Springbrook Center, Westbrook, ME 04092.
- Michael Johnson, Sr., Michael's Dad and Grace and Mickey's grandpa, who is battling cancer.

Liturgists

- 2 - Kids' Church Member
- 9 - Marilee Beinema
- 16 - Nancy Lightbody
- 23 - Lydia Hill
- 30 - Kim Hendry

Ushers

- 2 - Julia & Jim Poppell
- Jennifer Major
- 9 - Kim Mason, Lydia Hill & Karin Kurry
- 16 - Jo & Joe Blinick
- 23 - Larry & Sue Perry
- 30 - Kim & Steve Hendry

April Birthdays*

- David Althaus
 - Randy Boardway
 - Lynne Downing
 - Mike Guippone
 - Joey Han
 - David Horne
 - Eva Howison
 - Jeff Howland
 - Alan Mathieu
 - Liz Murray
 - Scott Osborn
 - Kristen Tripp
 - Adaline Ziobro
- *We want you to be able to wish happy birthday to your friends and keep everyone safe from online scammers- listing only names & months does both!

Easter Flower Order Form
Easter Sunday, April 9



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Easter is a special time when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Spring bulb flowers are a symbol of rebirth. If you would like to order flowers for the Easter Services, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate with your payment. **Please make checks payable to: Falmouth Congregational Church and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo section.**

*** The deadline for flower orders and inclusion in the bulletin listing is Sunday, April 2nd.**

Please call the church office, 781-3413, if you have any questions. Thank you.

Please indicate the type and number of plants on the order form below.

PRICING: Lilies are \$11, Tulips are \$10, miniature Daffodils are \$6.

I would like to purchase a plant (or plants) for the Easter Service:

Lilies (\$11) _____ Tulips (\$10) _____ Daffodils (\$6) _____ Total due
\$ _____

In Loving **Memory** of: _____

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In Loving **Memory** of: _____

In **Honor** of: _____

In **Honor** of: _____

After the service: I will pick up my plant(s): _____

OR Please deliver to a shut-in: _____

Given by: _____

Phone: _____

April 2023 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT 10 AM Worship In-person or Online 11 AM Easter Card Writing 11:15 AM AED Training 2:30 Christina Morrill Piano Rehearsal 26	12 PM Bible Study (Zoom) 6 PM Fiddle-icious Com. Mtg. 7 PM Fiddle-icious Rehearsal 27	11 AM Staff Mtg. 6 PM Family Restored 28	6:30 PM Bell Choir 6:45 PM Private Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 29	7 PM Troop 93 Clothes Drive 7 PM Troop 93 30	10 AM Loaves of Love Bread Baking 1	
Palm Sunday 10 AM Intergenerational Worship w/Communion 11 AM Men's Group 5:30 PM Christina Morrill Recital 7 PM Troop 93 2	12 PM Bible Study 7 PM Worship & Covenant 7 PM Cub Scouts 3	11 AM Staff Mtg. 6 PM The Family Restored 4	12 PM Women's Spiritual Book Club 6:30 PM Bell Choir 6:45 PM Private Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 5	Maundy Thursday 8:30 AM Ecumenical Clergy Meet 5:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM Troop 93 6	Good Friday 7	Holy Saturday 11 AM Easter Egg Hunt!  8
 Easter 6 AM Sunrise Service at Portland Yacht Club 10 AM Worship In-person or online 9	12 PM Bible Study 7 PM Fiddle-icious Rehearsal 10	10 AM Bible Study @ Oceanview 11 AM Staff Mtg. 6 PM The Family Restored. 11	12 PM Retired Clergy Luncheon 6:30 PM Bell Choir 6:45 PM Private Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 12	10 AM Lay Ministry Gathering 7 PM Finance Com. 7 PM Troop 93 Clothes Drive 7 PM Troop 93 13	14	15
10 AM Worship In-person or online with Guest Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola 11 AM Council of Ministries 16	OFFICE CLOSED Congregator Deadline 12 PM Bible Study 17	11 AM Staff Mtg. 6 PM The Family Restored 18	6:45 PM Private Group 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 19	6:30 PM Writer's Group 7 PM Troop 93 20	21	9 AM Spring Cleanup 22
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