

Mutual Ministry at the First Church in Jaffrey

Central to our congregational vision of faith and spirit is the idea that God is most richly reflected in the fullness of community. This means specifically that the ministry of the First Church in Jaffrey is a shared effort – everyone has a part to play whether you are a long-time member or a new friend. Our mutual ministry consists not only of the tasks we share, but in the spirit of love and care we bring to every moment of our time together.

Be Involved at First Church

Calendar this week:

Monday, February 2, 6:30 pm – Jaffrey Scout Troop 33

Tuesday, February 3, 4:00 pm – Worship Circle

Wednesday, February 4, 9:30 am – PRC on zoom

Wednesday, February 28, 8:00 pm – AA Meeting

Dates to Remember:

February 8 – Dr. Rosalie Sainsbury

February 15 – Rev. Cathy George

February 18 – Ash Wednesday at United Church

February 25 – Rev. Cathy George

Ash Wednesday leads us into the holy season of Lent, preparing us for the somber events of Good Friday and the joy of Easter. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 18th, and as has been our tradition, we will join with United Church of Jaffrey at their church for our shared Ash Wednesday service, at 5:30. We will be joined as well by the combined UCC churches of Rindge and Ashburnham.

PASTORAL CARE

During this time of transition, pastoral care will be provided on a rotating basis by Rev. Ilona Kwiecien, Rev. Bob Kyte, and Rev. Nancy Elder-Wilfrid. In case of pastoral concern or emergency, please contact our moderator, Sam Greene (603-533-5152) and he will reach out to the person covering at that time.

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, TO STRIVE FOR INNER PEACE SO THAT WE CAN BRING OUR LIGHT TO THE WORLD AND BE BLESSINGS FOR THOSE WHO ARE TOUCHED BY OUR LIVES. AT THE LAST SUPPER JESUS GAVE HIS DISCIPLES A BLESSING WHICH MYSTERIOUSLY, WONDROUSLY, CARRIES INTO OUR LIVES TODAY. WE ARE ALL INVITED TO SHARE AND AS WE DO SO, MAY WE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE, THAT ALL IS CONNECTED, THAT EVERY PERSON AND ALL OF CREATION MATTERS. LET US JOIN OUR VOICES NOW IN BLESSING THIS BREAD:

ALL: UNITE US, LOVING GOD, AS WE BLESS THIS BREAD AND SHARE IT WITH EACH OTHER. MAKE US ONE IN CHRIST JESUS WHO TOUCHES OUR BROKENNES WITH HIS LIFE AND MAKES US WHOLE. IGNITE OUR HEARTS TO FOLLOW HIS MESSAGE OF LOVE AND PEACE, MERCY, HUMILITY, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS. GRANT US THE COMFORTING PRESENCE OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT SO THAT HAND IN HAND WE MAY HEAL OUR BROKEN PLACES AND BE BLESSINGS TO ALL.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND BLESSING ONE ANOTHER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray together:

GOD OF ALL LONGING AND PROMISE, THANK YOU FOR THE TEACHINGS OF YOUR SON, JESUS, AND FOR YOUR PRESENCE IN THIS PLACE AND IN THE VERY AIR WE BREATHE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACIOUS INCLUSIVENESS. YOU HAVE BEEN WITH OUR ANCESTORS AND ARE WITH US NOW. MAY OUR HEARTS BE FREE TO FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN