

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, March 23, 6:30 pm – Jaffrey Scout Troop 33
Wednesday, March 25, 4:00 pm – Worship Circle
Wednesday, March 25, 8:00 pm – AA meeting
Thursday, March 26, 4:00 pm – Exec Circle
Saturday, March 28, 9:30 am – Care & Prayer Meditation

Dates to Remember:

March 29, Palm Sunday, Bob Kyte
April 2, Maundy Thursday with United Church of Jaffrey
April 3, Good Friday
April 5, Easter Sunday, Nancy Elder-Wilfrid

Bach's Birthday

Today we celebrate J.S.Bach's birthday, March 21, 1785, by playing and singing his music.

As Cantor in Leipzig he composed more than 200 cantatas, passions, and motets to be used as part of church services.

Members of Viva Bach, Debbie Kaiser and Lawrence Graves, will be joining our vocal quartet to sing 3 chorales from Bach's St. John Passion:

“O Große Lieb”

O, wondrous love, love all love excelling, that has brought you along this road to martyrdom.
I live with the world in pleasure and delight, and you must suffer.

“Christus, der uns selig macht”

Christ, who makes us blessed and has done no wrong,
Was seized in the night for us like a thief, led before godless people,
Derided, mocked, and spat upon, as the scripture says.

“Ach Herr, laß dein lieb Engelein”

Ah, Lord, let your dear angels
At my final hour carry my soul to Abraham's bosom,
While my body rests in its narrow chamber,
Gently without pain or torment until the last day.
Wake me from death, so that my eyes may see you
In all joy, o son of God, my savior and throne of mercy!
Lord Jesus Christ, hear me, I shall praise you eternally!