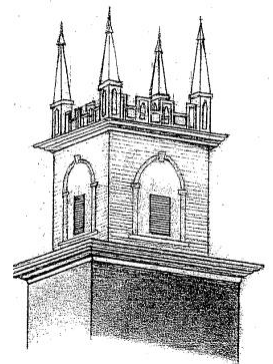


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### Message from the Pastor

Before looking ahead into May, we need to acknowledge significant church happenings during the month of April.

On Saturday, April 1, with many friends and family in attendance, we committed the ashes of Rebecca Davenport to the earth at her family plot in Evergreen Cemetery. A reception, catered by the Wheel Inn in Benson, followed in the Fellowship Hall.

We observed an evening Communion Service on Maundy Thursday. Our “Way of the Cross” service on Good Friday featured images created by the late Chittenden artist Richard Clark, who also painted “The Last Supper” that hangs over the piano in the Fellowship Hall.

We experienced an Easter Sunday that felt like Easter with bright sunshine and a full church.

One of the most enjoyable functions of my life as a pastor, among others, is to welcome a child through baptism into our family of Christ. On April 15, Luke Michael Winslow, son of James and Laura Winslow of Sanford, Maine, was baptized. Grandparents Mark and Andrea Winslow were married in our church, had the four children, Jim, Michael, John, and Charlotte [all my former students] baptized here, and ensured that they attended Sunday School here. We share their joy in the baptism here of their first grandchild.



*Laura, Jim, and Luke Winslow, with Pastor Dwyer.*

We held a Memorial Service on April 26 for Patricia Anne (Holden) Begnoche. The extended Holden family has a long association with our church. Patricia and her sister Carol formally joined the church as young adults in 1956. Our condolences to her siblings, including Clarence Holden, her nieces and nephews.

As this newsletter goes “to press,” I ask your prayers for the family of Jessica (Duguay) Norton, 37, who passed away on April 23. She, along with her brothers Todd and Tim were my students at Otter Valley. Her family and friends will gather in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 29.

At this time, next month, we’ll have a recap of our Annual Meeting and our “maple” dinner.

Now, looking forward. My theme is “Making the Most of Sunday,” which to me has always been the first day of the week. We are not all on the same page, literally. After a few date conflicts in my head, I have figured it out:



At top, my UCC church calendar, of course, starts on a Sunday. My personal date book starts on a Monday. A couple of times, I have been off by a day because depending on where I looked, it is a different day of the week! To solve this problem, I just record things twice. [Some of you might say, just use your phone. I would rather use paper].

With strong numbers already present on Sunday, it seems wise to take advantage of the opportunity to hold some regularly scheduled meetings on Sunday after service. Beginning in May, this is what it will look like: Second Sunday of the month: Sunday School at 9:30; Bible Study after service. With a regular cycle for Bible Study, I can prepare and send out information ahead of time.

Third Sunday of the month: Trustees meet after church.

Fourth Sunday of the month; Council meets after church. Changing Council from a weeknight meeting to Sunday gives the opportunity for more members of the congregation to hear what is going on firsthand.

With shared blessings,

Michael F. Dwyer, Pastor

# Happy Birthday

# Happy Anniversary

05/13 Connor Reynolds  
05/14 Kathy Parker  
05/22 Diane Dressler  
05/23 Pierce McLaughlin  
05/26 Sarah Wilson  
05/29 Wayne Winston

05/13 Allen & Bobbie Mills  
05/21 Tim & Michelle Kingston  
05/23 Wayne & Susan Winston



## Town Wide Yard Sale

The church will once again be participating in the Pittsford Town Wide Yard Sales on Saturday, June 17th. More information to follow.

# Important Dates

Jim Browne's Memorial Service – Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm  
Sunday School – May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am (downstairs)  
Mother's Day – Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Trustees Meeting – Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> after worship (downstairs)  
Church Council Meeting – Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> after worship (downstairs)  
Potluck Celebration for Eloise Giddings – Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at noon

