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**MARCH 2018  
EVENTS  
CALENDAR**

*“Remember that you are dust, and into dust you shall return.”*

**Communion  
Sunday**

Sunday, March 4

**Soli Deo Gloria  
Three’s A Crowd  
Concert, 3 PM**

Sunday, March 11

**LOOKING  
AHEAD to  
HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday**

Sunday, March 25

**Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, March 29

**Good Friday**

Friday, March 30

**Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 1

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

-Lam 3:22-23

**ANNOUNCING  
HAM it UP 2018  
Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
Cinco de Mayo**

**Luck of the Irish**  
**May your troubles be less and your blessings be more. And nothing but happiness come through your door.”**  
- Old Irish saying



**Something for Everyone, Sundays March 4-11-18-25**

Since I am so late in getting this edition to you, I missed the first two Sundays of the month! Communion Sunday was held on March 4, with great participation by our youth and teens. On March 11, our guest preacher was Holly Brauner, whose remarks centered on Psalm 27, the Triumphant Song of Confidence of David. At 3 PM that day, a delightful concert was held in the sanctuary.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>, Post Service Workshop, Graying Green,  
A lunch (to be provided) and conversation on Climate Change**

Each of us is on a climate journey, and we feel better when we know where we are and what our next step is. Drawing on insights from psychology, human-centered design and climate communication strategies, this interactive workshop developed by Dr. Mick Smyer will help you move from anxiety to action to habit on climate issues. You’ll leave with a clear next step for your own action plan and a clear understanding of what will motivate you to succeed. A healthy planet is your legacy: Pass it on.

**March 25<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday  
SOUP luncheon, and conversation with Pastor Ian about his sabbatical**

**HOLY WEEK, additional details**

Maundy Thursday will start with a 6 PM dinner prepared by Dario Puerto and Richard Buchanan, followed by the 7 PM service.

Good Friday will feature music by David Cabral, Ashley Offret, and Beverly Soll.

Easter Sunday will begin with a Sunrise Service on the terrace at 6:15 AM, followed by breakfast. The Festival Service will begin at 10 AM.



**City Reach happened, and was amazing!**

Thanks to all who donated clothing for the City Reach activity that we participated in on March 9/10. With all that was contributed by us, and from the 7 other churches, we were able to provide many items to the 200 guests who attended the Saturday morning open house. Please ask the teens (Nick, Kenny, Lauren, and Kiki) about their experience!

**NSCAP seeks volunteers for a Saturday Workshop on 4/7**

On Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, the North Shore Community Action Programs, Inc. (NSCAP) is hosting a free Citizenship workshop, and they are seeking volunteers for the Saturday workshop that runs from 9 AM to 3 PM. The workshop will guide immigrants on the North in taking the first steps towards U.S. citizenship. The location is 105 Congress Street in Salem. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jackie Yandell at 978-531-0767 X 122, or by email at [jyandell@nscap.org](mailto: jyandell@nscap.org).

We really snuck in a concert in the midst of the March nor'easters, on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Those who attended Three's A Crowd enjoyed a lively and fun concert featuring our own Patty Clarke, Andrew and Beverly Soll, and the entertaining Brittany Betts as the narrator.



**Soli Deo Gloria 2018**

Cantemus Chamber Chorus will be returning to First Church on May 6<sup>th</sup> for a concert entitled Time and Tides. Inspired by the North Shore's wild and beautiful coastline, Cantemus presents a concert of folk songs, shanties, and spirituals. Start time is 4 PM on 5/6/18.

**THANKS – Winter Walk & City Reach**

We have had a busy winter of activity with our teens! On Superbowl Sunday, we held a lunch & fundraiser for the Winter Walk. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1700 for Boston Healthcare for the Homeless. The walk on Feb. 11th was rainy, but a very powerful experience for five teens and five adults.

At the time I wrote this, we were getting ready for another experience through Common Cathedral, which is called City Reach. Several teens and chaperones spent Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> in Boston, learning about chronic homelessness from those who have experienced it. See photo at left.

**Many thanks to everyone for the donations.**

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