Birthdays & Anniversaries for the month.

Birthdays	Anniversaries
March 1 Jackson Bryant	March 10 Connie & Colleen Yanuszewski
March 1 Louisa Bryant	
March 2 Deb Kumpf	
March 5 Peter Gifford	
March 10 Darlene Atwood	
March 13 Bert Hansen	
March 15 Rich Kumpf	
March 15 Tracy Ripkey	
March 31 Paula Kuehn	

Please fill out a visitors card. Then just drop it into the collection plate.

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Joisse Rumary - **Administrative Assistant**
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The Community Church of Sandwich, New Hampshire

MARCH 15, 2026 SUNDAY 10:00AM
4th Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry of Christian Greeting

*Introit: *"His Name Is Wonderful"* *(Sing through twice)* UMH #174

*Call to Worship *(Based on Psalm 23)*
L: The journey of faith still takes us to still waters AND through the valley of the shadow of death.
P: We gather to worship you, O God, our Shepherd, who guides us on the journey.
L: The journey of faith points us toward green pastures and restoration even in the presence of enemies.
P: We gather to be formed by faith so that our lives reflect that you, O God are our Shepherd.
L: The journey of faith calls us to not be afraid.
P: We gather to be empowered by the Spirit to live our faith, comforted by knowing we are never alone.
L: Come, let us worship God who provides, inspires, and empowers us on this journey of faith.
ALL: Come, let us worship God, who is so faithful!
*Opening Hymn of Praise: *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* UMH #140

Opening Prayer: (Based on the Prayer of St. Francis)*
God, our Shepherd, make us instruments of your peace:
where there is discord, let us sow love; where there is injury, help us forgive;
where there is doubt, may seeds of faith in the unseen and unknown be planted;
where there is despair, may there always be a glimmer of hope;
where there is darkness, may we shine our light within;
where there is sadness, may an inner joy also reside waiting to be awakened.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
that we may not so much seek to be understood as to try to understand,
that we may not so much seek to be loved as to give of our love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying to self that we are born to new life.
Make us instruments of your peace we pray. Amen.

Offering
Choral Anthem: "Dona Nobis Pacem" WA Mozart, arr. Liebergen
*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH #95
*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Message: The Lord is Our Shepherd…

Kids' Church This week led by Lisa and Steve Girard

Song of Preparation: *"O Christ, the Healer"* UMH #265

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Old Testament Reading: Psalter Reading UMH #137
Psalm 23

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41 Page #932

Message: Spiritual Blindness

Response to the Word: Special Music *"Still Waters"* by Laurren Crawford

*Closing Song: *"O God of Every Nation"* UMH 435

*Closing Blessing: May the blessing of God's mercy go before you, behind you, and all around you as we continue our faith journey, reflecting the love of God wherever we go. Amen.

Postlude

Please stand if you are able as indicated by an *.

ASSISTING IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Deb Hoffman - **Pastor**
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Tony Gasbarro - **Liturgist**
Jackie Berry & Louisa Bryant - **Ushers**
Darlene Atwood & Dotty Burrows - **Fellowship**
Samantha Tuttle & Mary Hillsgrove - **Altar Guild**

Lent: Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent …a journey of prayer, reflection, fasting and giving.

Kids Church: Now offered each Sunday after the children's message.
Thank you to the New Christian Ed Team!! Chair: Louisa Bryant Darlene Atwood, Kathryn Birch, Dotty Burrows, Tony Gasbarro, Lisa Girard, Jennifer Rowan, and in summer months, Lucy Glenday.

Faith Based Hour: Began on 3/11. We have 3 more sessions on 3/18, 3/25 and 4/1 from 2:30 - 3:30 PM. Our topic will be Prayer! For ages 5 - 12 parents are welcome to attend.

Bible Study: We meet on Zoom Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. We are using the Upper Room Devotional for our study. Please let Pastor Deb know if you're interested so you get the Zoom link.

Book Group: We are reading The Lincoln Moon by Michael Price Nelson.
We will be discussing this book on Tuesday, March 17th at 10:30 AM, downstairs of the Baptist Meetinghouse, bringing our lunch to share a meal together.

Deacons Meeting: Tuesday, March 17th at 6:30 PM on Zoom.

Isaiah Café 61: The next luncheon will be served on Thursday, March 19th. The team consists of team leader, Jackie Berry along with Jennifer Rowan, Colleen and Connie Yanuszewski and Louisa Bryant. If you're interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve, please contact pastor deb.

Palm Sunday: March 29th.

Prayer Shawl: Thursday, April 2nd at 12:30 PM at Jackie Berry's home. If you are interested in this ministry, please call 603-279-0450 for more information and for directions.

Good Friday Service: April 3rd at 6 PM beginning with a simple meal of soup and bread and sharing in communion downstairs of the MMH and ending with a time of remembrance upstairs in the sanctuary.

Directory Addition: Please add LaRina Rogers and her daughter Coraline to your copy of the directory. 11 Old Woods Road Tuftonboro, NH 03816 603-941-8118, larinarogers@gmail.com

Liturgist, Usher and Fellowship Schedule

	Liturgist	Ushers	Fellowship
March 22	Tom Larson	Colleen & Connie Yanuszewski	Karen Wright
March 29	Susan Price	Tom Larson	