



Crossways

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Wednesday in Easter Week

Dear Friends in Christ,

The gardens in the neighborhood do not seem to know that “April showers bring May flowers” as the crocuses have already been and gone while the daffodils are starting to be in full flower and it’s not even April yet. While I have read the forecast that it will be cooler at the beginning of April, it still is the earliest spring I can remember in Up-in state New York. So it is really tempting to rush the season and start planting in the garden.



Likewise our culture seems to think that Easter is over. (There is leftover Easter candy on sale everywhere!) But Easter is not over. First, Easter, the Feast of Our Lord’s Resurrection is an octave—a full week plus one. Hence, this is Wednesday in Easter Week. Second, the season of Easter lasts for fifty (50) days! In other words, all of April 2016 plus more than half of May 2016 is Easter. The season of Easter lasts until Pentecost on May 24th! Moreover, at each weekend Eucharist we commemorate Christ’s resurrection. Easter is not over.

How do we live into Easter? Sometimes people decide to use the fifty days of Easter to deepen their faith by:

- Special devotions (ex. Coming to a weekday Eucharist or reading the Daily Office readings, etc.);
- Trying a new spiritual practice (ex. Lectio Divina—meets at St. Paul’s twice a month, see Sue Mahon for more information—meditation, or a retreat); or
- Trying out a new ministry (ex. Altar Guild, choir, helping with Church School, CHOW Pantry or Soup & Sandwiches Saturdays).

One can also live into Easter daily by remembering what we proclaim in various forms at each Eucharist, “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.”¹ Or as the Very Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent has said, “Everything will be OK in the end, if it’s not OK, it’s not the end.”

Faithfully,

¹ *Book of Common Prayer, 1979 Rite 2, Prayer A, page 363*



BOY SCOUT TROOP 110 PASTA DINNER

On Saturday April 9th from 5:00 pm to 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 110 will be holding a Pasta Dinner at All Saints' Great Hall. After 5:00pm service, please plan to go to the Great Hall and enjoy a great Pasta Dinner. The cost is \$8.00 for Adults, Children from 4 to 12 are \$4.00 and under 4 years old are free.

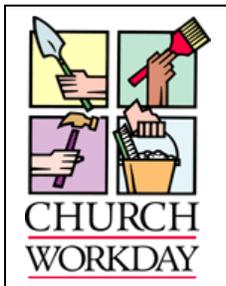


VESTRY MEETING FOR APRIL IS APRIL 13TH 6:30PM



LIFE GOES ON MEETING ON APRIL 27TH

Life Goes On will meet April 27th at the Red Oak Diner on Front St. at 12:15 pm. If you are planning to attend, please phone Arlene Foley at 797-2111 to aid in planning the group's reservation



The Property Committee wants to take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped with work at the church on **March 19th**. We will have to schedule another work session in the near future to clean windows and clean up outside.

– *Property Committee*



THANK YOU ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

The co-chairs of the Altar Guild wish to give a BIG THANK YOU to all altar guild members for their help preparing the altar for Palm Sunday and Easter. The church would not look as good if it weren't for your support.

Co-Chair – Patti Donnelly/Judy Horton



BOOK CLUB TO MEET APRIL 27th AT 5:30 PM READING A NEW BOOK YET TO BE ANNOUNCED!

Having watched the movie version of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, on Wednesday of Easter week, the Book Club returns to its "regular" day—4th Wednesday of the week, April 27th at 5:30 p.m.—and to reading a book! Problem is that since this is being written before the March meeting, the title of the book is yet to be named.

One of the possibilities is Anne Tyler's new novel, *A Spool of Thread*. It has been nominated for the Mann Booker Award.

Here's the publisher's blurb:

"It was a beautiful, breezy, yellow-and-green afternoon. . ." This is how Abby Whitshank always begins the story of how she fell in love with Red that day in July 1959. The Whitshanks are one of those families that radiate togetherness: an indefinable, enviable kind of specialness. But they are also like all families, in that the stories they tell themselves reveal only part of the picture. Abby and Red and their four grown children have accumulated not only tender moments, laughter, and celebrations, but also jealousies, disappointments, and carefully guarded secrets. From Red's father and mother, newly arrived in Baltimore in the 1920s, to Abby and Red's grandchildren carrying the family legacy boisterously into the twenty-first century, here are four generations of Whitshanks, their lives unfolding in and around the sprawling, lovingly worn Baltimore house that has always been their anchor.

Brimming with all the insight, humor, and generosity of spirit that are the hallmarks of

Anne Tyler's work, *A Spool of Blue Thread* tells a poignant yet unsentimental story in praise of family in all its emotional complexity. It is a novel to cherish."

Or we might read Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale*, a #1 *NY Times* bestseller and was named a "Top Five Book of the Year" by Amazon.

Here's the publisher's blurb:

"In love we find out who we want to be.

In war we find out who we are.

FRANCE, 1939

In the quiet village of Carriveau, Vianne Mauriac says goodbye to her husband, Antoine, as he heads for the Front. She doesn't believe that the Nazis will invade France...but invade they do, in droves of marching soldiers, in caravans of trucks and tanks, in planes that fill the skies and drop bombs upon the innocent. When a German captain requisitions Vianne's home, she and her daughter must live with the enemy or lose everything.

Without food or money or hope, as danger escalates all around them, she is forced to make one impossible choice after another to keep her family alive.

Vianne's sister, Isabelle, is a rebellious eighteen-year-old girl, searching for purpose with all the reckless passion of youth. While thousands of Parisians march into the unknown terrors of war, she meets G etan, a partisan who believes the French can fight the Nazis from within France, and she falls in love as only the young can...completely. But when he betrays her, Isabelle joins the Resistance and never looks back, risking her life time and again to save others.

With courage, grace and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. *The Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France--a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime."

Sound interesting? Then pick up a copy of the book(s), come on Wednesday, April 27th at 5:30 p.m. at the Rectory and let's talk!



Gance's Fish Fry

Our fish-fry fundraiser was a success. We were able to meet the minimum requirement of 50 pre-sale tickets and actually exceeded it by 15 for a total of 65. We had a good turnout from the general public and we were once again able to make a little over \$200.00.

I would like everyone to know that Gance's policy is that if you have a ticket for a fundraiser and you can't make it at that specific event they will honor it at another fundraiser.

I would like to thank everyone who sold the tickets and who promoted this event. I hope you enjoyed it.
-- Joy Kasmarcik



April is our College Love Box Collection time!

Lonna Pierce, our chair for this program, asks that you bring your **donations by May 1st** for our students away at university facing finals. Please bring in highlighters, snacks, candy, microwave popcorn, cocoa packets, small toys and stationery items. The final collection of baked goods [the students' favorite surprise] will be Sunday, April 26th. You will find a basket to collect your gifts on the bench in the front coat room. Donations of money to help with postage are also greatly appreciated.

Saturday, May 7th

Serving 11 AM until sold out



Full Dinner: \$8.00 (This may change)

[1/2 chicken, baked beans, cold slaw and roll]

Half Chicken: \$5.00 (This may change)

Spring is coming and so are All Saints' Chicken BBQs...

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helps, year after year, on these important fund raisers. The vestry has scheduled our 2 Chicken Barbecues for May 7th and June 18th. Please reserve these dates, we need your support to make these BBQs successful. When you are out shopping please pick up charcoal to help reduce the cost of the BBQ.

If you can't work as many hours on the BBQ as you would like, this year there is another way you can help make this fund raiser more successful. The cost of the chicken and other food for the 2 BBQs is about \$2,500, If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost and increase our profit, please make your check out to All Saints' and put Chicken BBQ in the memo line.

Watch for the signup sheets, they will be posted soon. The BBQs are always a good time for fellowship and the more help we have the easier it is for everyone.

If anyone has any questions, contact the chairperson of the BBQ: Linda Barkman or Barbara Freed for May BBQ and Matt Labosky for June BBQ.

Volunteer to help and sell tickets to your friends and neighbors!

All I ever wanted to know about how to help at a chicken barbeque.

Have you ever thought to yourself I would like to help but I really don't know what I can do? Well, here you go, a list of the many different tasks that it takes to make a barbecue happen. If you think you could.....

- Place or hang a flyer! i.e. – at club, place of employment another place you volunteer.
- If you can distribute a flyer, see Linda Barkman or Barbara Freed
- Stack cinder blocks
- Bring buckets up from the kitchen
- Spray buckets out with the garden hose
- Carry buckets back to the kitchen
- Wash chickens in water
- Scoop coleslaw and baked beans and put them into a Styrofoam container
- Stuff buns into sandwich bags
- Add buns and plastic silverware to the Styrofoam containers
- Carry containers to pit crew
- Sit in a chair and sell tickets
- Collect the money for the tickets
- Sell baked goods
- Collect the money for the baked goods
- Set up portable shelters
- Take down portable shelters
- Open up fold up chairs
- Close fold up chairs
- Help pull fold up chairs from the garage
- Help put the fold up chairs back (usually both are done by loading onto a pickup truck)

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.well then come and join us and help make our May 9, 2015 barbecue a success. Many hands make it light work. It doesn't need to be an all day commitment. If you can give an hour so someone else can have a half shift that helps. It really does. Thank you for your help in advance.

May BBQ co-chairs: Linda Barkman and Barb Freed

JUMPSTART CNY APRIL 23RD

Ready to "[Jump Start](#)" your church's ministry through creative use of your buildings?

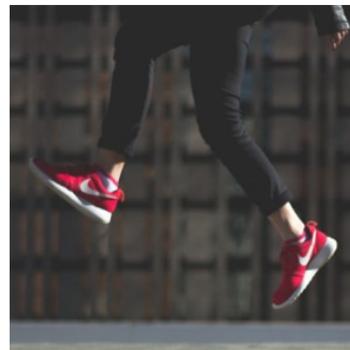
Clergy, wardens, parish administrators and all members of vestries and building committees are invited to learn how your church can be:

- Thriving, not just surviving
- Relevant to your neighborhood
- Building ecumenical partnerships
- Generating income for ministry

When: Saturday, April 23, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Where: [DoubleTree Hotel](#), [6301 NY-298 East Syracuse](#)

Registration: \$25 per person covers refreshments and materials. Registration is now open [on the diocesan website](#).



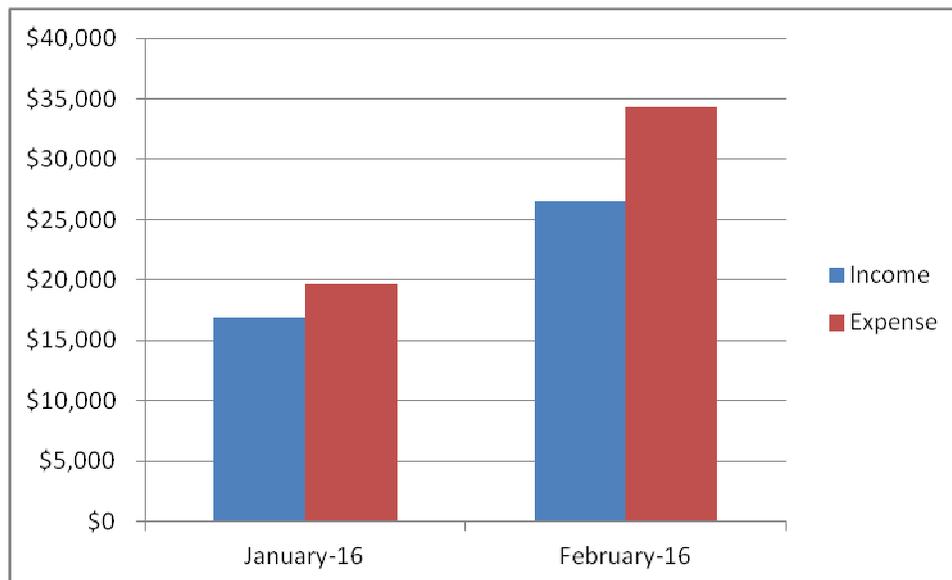
DOLLARS & CENTS FEBRUARY 2016

All Saints' 2016 budget—it is not a balanced budget. It is once again a “faith-based” budget. In other words, it will require faith to create \$14,524 more income for 2016 for operating expenses than budgeted. The need for \$ 14,524 in “Faith Income” for 2016 is primarily due to pledge income remaining flat and expenses which have increased about 6%. (Compare 2016 with 59 pledges for a total of \$129,454 to 2015 with 56 pledges for a total of \$126,226). In 2016 a monthly income of \$15,506 will be needed to balance the expenses.

As *Crossways* goes to press before the most recent monthly bank statements and parish financial statements are prepared, “Dollars & Cents” provides information for the previous month: in this case February 2016. Please try to keep up your pledges. It really helps All Saints’ cash flow. Better yet, make a gift to “faith income!” Truly, with “God all things are possible” (Mt. 19:26)

	Actual as of February 28, 2016	Annual Budget 2016
Offering & Pledges	\$21,005	\$143,504
Fundraising ✕	\$923	\$18,450
Other Income	\$4,552	\$9,590
Faith Income	\$0	\$14,524
Total Income	\$26,480	\$186,068
Total Expenses	\$34,367	\$186,068
Profit (Loss)	(\$7,887)	\$0

✕Most of the income from Gances’ Fundraiser will be in the March financial statements.



	As of February 28, 2016	Total February 2016
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Petty Cash	\$400	
<u>All Saints' Checking</u>	<u>\$4,219</u>	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$4,619	
 Savings Accounts		
Soup & Sandwiches Savings	\$2,849	
Designated Funds	\$9,953	
<u>Rebuilding All Saints'*</u>	<u>\$43</u>	
Total Savings	\$12,845	
Total Cash & Savings		\$17,464
 UIF Investment Funds*	 \$26,374	
 Total Cash, Savings, Investments		 \$43,838

Questions? Please talk with Treasurer Barb Freed or a Vestry Member!



EASTER BRUNCH AT THE RECTORY
SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD
AFTER 10 AM SERVICE

In a blatant attempt to raise attendance on a “low Sunday,” and spread out Easter joy and chocolate throughout the Easter season, all are invited to an Easter Brunch at the rectory following the 10 AM service on Sunday, April 3rd. A spring feast of “mock soufflé,” asparagus, salad, fruit, breads and dessert will be offered. Come for food, fellowship and fun! Come play with young Thomas, on his best behavior, as the older and wiser Alphege figures out how to get more treats than Thomas. Come! All are welcome! Sign-up in the narthex before April 1st or RSVP to allsaintsjcny@aol.com.



SEARCH FOR THE ELEVENTH BISHOP OF CENTRAL NEW YORK UPDATE...

Please save the date for our Bishop Search candidate "walkabouts"!

The Bishop Search Committee is currently reviewing and vetting candidates who have been nominated to the position of Eleventh Bishop of Central New York. A slate of nominees will be released in early May.

Candidates will engage in a series of meet-and-greet sessions, called "walkabouts," at four locations in the Diocese. Walkabouts allow members of the Diocese to learn more about the candidates.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend at least one walkabout:

Wednesday, July 20, 5:00-10:00 p.m., at Trinity Church in Watertown

Thursday, July 21, 5:00-10:00 p.m., at Saints Peter & John Church in Auburn

Friday, July 22, 5:00-10:00 p.m., at St. John's Church in Oneida

Saturday, July 23 at St. Paul's Church in Owego (note: time for this meeting will be announced at a later date. Tentative time is 5:00-10:00 p.m.)

Thank you for your continued prayers for the nominees, the Search & Transition Committee, and all members of our Diocese as we pray and discern.

For more information about the Search for the Eleventh Bishop of Central New York, please visit the [Bishop Search and Transition website](#).

HOUSE OF BISHOPS ISSUES "A WORD TO THE CHURCH" ON VIOLENCE IN POLITICAL RHETORIC

"We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others."

[Via the Public Affairs Office of The Episcopal Church:](#)

At the spring House of Bishops retreat this week, the bishops of The Episcopal Church unanimously approved the following "Word To The Church" for Holy Week:



On Good Friday the ruling political forces of the day tortured and executed an innocent man. They sacrificed the weak and the blameless to protect their own status and power. On the third day Jesus was raised from the dead, revealing not only their injustice but also unmasking the lie that might makes right.

In a country still living under the shadow of the lynching tree, we are troubled by the violent forces being released by this season's political rhetoric. Americans are turning against their neighbors, particularly those on the margins of society. They seek to secure their own safety and security at the expense of others. There is legitimate reason to fear where this rhetoric and the actions arising from it might take us.

In this moment, we resemble God's children wandering in the wilderness. We, like they, are struggling to find our way. They turned from following God and worshiped a golden calf constructed from their own wealth. The current rhetoric is leading us to construct a modern false idol out of power and privilege. We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others. No matter where we fall on the political spectrum, we must respect the dignity of every human being and we must seek the common good above all else.

TRANSFORMING LEADERSHIP FOR SMALL CONGREGATIONS

The North Country District of the Diocese invites you to explore "the hidden value of the small congregation" with experienced church leader and author [Kay Collier McLaughlin](#). This day is intended for clergy, vestry members, and all church leaders who want to not only sustain but revitalize the small church community. "It is not just a numbers game; it is about growing souls!"

This event takes place two weeks prior to the [diocesan JumpStart! event](#) and will complement that event's focus on transforming ministry through creative use of church buildings.

When: Saturday, April 9, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Where: Trinity Church, 227 Sherman Street, Watertown.

Registration: A fee of \$20 covers the cost of luncheon and materials. To register, please return the [registration form](#) by Monday, April 4.





WANTED ALTAR FLOWERS!

Each weekend when one walks into All Saints' there are beautiful flowers at the altar for our worship liturgies. After giving their beauty to our worship at All Saints', altar flowers are given to the donor, those in the hospital or our shut-ins. So you can see the gift of altar flowers keeps on giving! Moreover, those being commemorated or remembered are also included in the Prayers of the People that weekend.

In the past year All Saints' has lost to the Church Triumphant a number of faithful members who regularly gave altar flowers in memory of family members or in thanksgiving for the birthday and anniversaries of those dear to them. Please consider following these faithful All Sainters by making gifts for altar flowers and/or sanctuary candles.

Altar flowers in thanksgiving are a perfect way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or the birth or adoption of a new child. They are a perfect gift for "those who have everything." Altar Flowers, given in memory, are a wonderful way to remember one's parents, spouse, siblings and friends. If you'd like to make a gift for either Altar Flowers or the Sanctuary Candle, it's simple to do. Complete a "Flower" or "Candle" form (found in the rack by the pew in the Narthex or on our website under "Quick Links") giving the date you wish, and who you wish to honor in thanksgiving or in memory.

Altar flowers are \$10 and the Sanctuary candle is \$6 for each person commemorated. You can use the same form for a number of commemorations and for Christmas and Easter flowers as well. Then take the form and your check (memo line Altar Flowers) and place in the mailbox on the office door or send to the office.

PRAYER LIST BEGINNING APRIL



Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector.

Short Term: Ben Reynolds and the Kress and Stoeckel families, Jeff Dunham, Tom Tinder, Jim Isaminger, Lucy Grabowski, Chieyann Grabowski, Nan Grabowski, Lee Grabowski, Elizabeth Holt, Gloria, Denny & Jason Diaferio, Mary Kille, Marilyn Doersam, Ryan Lane, Missy Avery, Margaret, Christopher, Anna Lake, and Oliver, Larry Kasmarcik, John Mando, Bob McCurry, Larry Kiley, Larry Taft, Donald Nauerz, Guy Billings, Sandra Perry, Phillip Kasmarcik, Laura Harmon, Ceil Cwikla, Nancy Miller, Roberta Szwalla, The Rev. Joell Szachara, Elaine Cwikla, Joy Kasmarcik, Alicia LaMaine, Jaden Kasmarcik, Bella LaMaine, Joseph Dotolo, Louise Rogers, and Sarah Harrison-Pautard,

Long Term: LaVonne Zdimal; Sam McMullen, Eli Pierce; Dreux Cook, Jessica Mc Bride, Lorie Szwalla, Ardis Rogers, David Pierce, Luther Chergosky, Jane Chomyszak, Joe Finta, Tony Szwalla; Dick Kimble; Kayleigh Mahon; Ralph Holloway; Connie Whalen; Bob Gillmer, Clark Byarley, Nanette McIntosh; Ken Barkman; Megan Gillmer



Military: Ben Holbus, Curtis Sholtes, Robert Preston, Joe Gentile, Steven Serbun, Justin Gillmer, Michael Lake



CELEBRATIONS IN APRIL



1 Joyanne Kasmarcik
 Martin Kasmarcik
 3 Linda Barkman
 Don Brewster
 7 Patty Benda
 Jude-Dallas Grabowski
 Arlene Huyck
 11 Megan Labosky
 12 Chieyann Grabowski

19 Andrew Hickey
 Lilian May Jarrett
 22 Sarah Harrison-Pautard
 27 Vincent Finta

Anniversaries



19 Matt & Colleen Labosky
 21 David & Eileen Patch
 23 Herbert & Deborah Lake



Sanctuary Candle

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April 3rd is given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of her husband the Rev. Arthur Doersam

April 10th is given by Colleen Labosky in thanksgiving for Elizabeth Quinn Hawthorne, her godchild

April 17th is given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of her parents, Amelia & John Bennett

April 24th -None



Altar Flowers

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April 3rd are given in thanksgiving of grandchildren Megan & Brian Holloway by Patricia & Ralph Holloway.

April 10th are given by Marilyn Doersam in thanks-giving for the birthday of her great-granddaughter, Madison Wolfinger and are given in thanksgiving for Megan Labosky's birthday by Colleen & Matt

April 17th - None

April 24th are given in thanksgiving of grandson Porter McKeon's birthday by Lonna & Dave Pierce and are given by Paul & Patti Donnelly in thanksgiving for the birthday of son, Steven Pease.

The Deadline for the May issue of *Crossways* is April 20th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 2em; color: purple;">April 2016</h1>					<p>+Indicates that the Rector is at a meeting for all or part of the day</p> <p style="color: blue;">Office Hours are Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm</p> <p>Please phone ahead before coming to the office to make sure someone is there!</p>	
					1 † Office Closed	2 † 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
3 Easter 2 10:00am HE Rite I	4 Office Closed 5:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts	5 † 1:00-2:00pm Tai-Chi - Beginners 5:30 pm PB&B 6:30pm Junior League Board Meeting	6 10:00am HE [Chapel] 10:00am Tai Chi	7 † 1:00-2:00pm Tai-Chi - Beginners 7:00pm Choir	8 Office Closed 10:00am Tai Chi	9 Transforming Leadership Watertown 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
10 Easter 3 + 10:00am HE Rite I Bridgewater 2:30pm 4:30pm Rector/Warden Mtg.	11 Office Closed + 5:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts	12 + 1:00-2:00pm Tai-Chi - Beginners	13 10am HE [Chapel] 10:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Vestry Mtg.	14 + 1:00-2:00pm Tai-Chi - Beginners 7:00pm Choir	15 Office Closed + 10:00am Tai Chi Youth Group over nighter	16 + 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE Youth Group over nighter
17 Easter 4 + 10:00am HE Rite I Youth Group over nighter	18 Office Closed + 5:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts	19 † 1:00-2:00pm Tai-Chi - Beginners	20 + NO 10:00am HE [Chapel] 10:00am Tai Chi 6:00pm Jr. League Gen. Mtg.	21 1:00-2:00pm Tai-Chi - Beginners 7:00pm Choir	22 Office Closed 10:00am Tai Chi	23 † Jump Start Central NY Syracuse 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00pm HE
24 Easter 5 + 10:00am HE Rite I Susquehanna 2:30pm	25 Office Closed 5:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts	26 † 1:00-2:00pm Tai-Chi - Beginners	27 + 10:00am HE 10:00am Tai Chi 12:30 pm Life Goes On 3:00 pm Hill Top HE 5:30pm Book Club	28 1:00-2:00pm Tai-Chi - Beginners 7:00pm Choir	29 Office Closed 10:00am Tai Chi	30 12:00 Noon Soup & Sandwich Lunch (5 th Week team) 5:00pm HE