

## **E-News for the Week of Sunday, April 3**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Bread for the World Sunday

Contemporary Worship

### **Readings**

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 150

Revelations 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

### **Worship Participants**

**Celebrant:** Rev. Nancy Wright

**Altar Guild:** Johanna White

**Communion Assistant:** Johanna White

**Lector:** Beth Dreibelbis

**Liturgical Assistant:** Kathe Bruno

**Greeters:** Beth and Doug Dreibelbis

**Ushers:** Bonnie and Paul Lombardi, Jim Wilhite

**Coffee Hour:**

**Nursery:** Kelli Magnier

### **Upcoming Week**

#### **Wednesday, 3/30**

4:30-5:30 p.m. Tai Chi (Rental)

6:15 p.m. Contemporary

#### **Friday, 4/1**

Meals on Wheels

#### **Sunday, 4/3**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:30 a.m. Education Committee Meeting

#### **Tuesday, 4/5**

6:00 p.m. Property

#### **Wednesday, 4/6**

6:15 p.m. Choir

7:15 p.m. Bells

Click [HERE](#) for a long-range calendar.

### **Upcoming Birthdays**

3/30 Andrew Hampson

3/31 Noah Dreibelbis

4/3 Mark Schroeter

4/5 Joyce Gallimore

4/6 Jo Oppenlander

### **Pastor's Message**

Always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; ...Do not quench the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

In these words, Paul gives steady encouragement to Christians to be people of praise. And, I am full of praise for you after Holy Week. So many contributed to the varied services, musical offerings, Easter breakfast, and Easter Egg hunt, all too numerous to mention. Thank you! He is risen!

I trust that the hope of Easter stays in your hearts. Faith is trust in God's promises, which include God's loving, incarnational presence in this world, and the Spirit calling us to be people of justice and peace. Let us do good to one another, rejoice, pray without ceasing, and give thanks!

Blessings, Pr. Nancy

### Sunday School News

Full updates for Sunday School are available on our website now!

**Children:** <http://alcvt.org/education/children.html>

**Adults:** <http://alcvt.org/education/adults.html>

### HARK! IMPORTANT UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Women's Retreat 2016

Yippee!! The Women's Retreat is on! **April 28-May 1**. Checks should be made to Blue Gentian Lodge. The cost is \$165, and was due on Sunday, March 27, so if you've signed up and have not paid yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please tell Bonnie if you have a specific roommate in mind. Books for retreat will be handed out on Sunday, April 3.

Questions? Ask Bonnie @ [bonnielomb@gmail.com](mailto:bonnielomb@gmail.com).

#### Church Service Childcare

The Educational Ministry Committee is going to provide childcare during the regular worship time beginning Sunday, April 3rd. We need help from the congregation to fill this important need. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex now! We are looking for 2 adults to cover each Sunday service. This is a great chance to sign up with a friend and spend some time together while providing childcare so that parents and care givers can have a more focused worship experience.

#### Quilter's Group

All are welcome to join with the quilters at Ascension in the assembling of mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts are tied rather than quilted hence no sewing skills are required. The process is simple and moves along quickly when many hands are involved. The group meets the first and third Thursday of the month 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Next meeting is **Thursday, April 7!**

#### Spring Ring

Come see the Bells of Ascension perform at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Vermont Spring Ring, *Marble Valley Rings*, at West Rutland School, West Rutland, VT on **Saturday, April 23, 2016!**

More than 200 individual handbell ringers, representing 24 choirs or ensembles, will gather for a day of educational classes related to ringing and rehearsals under the direction of Michael Joh, from Philadelphia, PA. He will transform these individuals and groups into one massed choir, and the day culminate in a free concert at 4:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

#### Name Tags

Dear Parishioners. Newcomers to Ascension would like us to wear our name tags. Please find them in the library, or ask the office to make you a new one.

### **Coffee Hour**

The 2016 coffee hour list has been posted. Please sign up!

### **Additional News and Opportunities**

#### **Burlington Choral Society Concert**

The Burlington Choral Society's concert is "Hidden Haydn," on **Saturday, April 23, 2016, at 7:30 pm** in Elley-Long Music Center, Colchester. (Pr. Nancy sings in BCS.) A beautiful concert it will be. \$25 Gen. Admission; \$20 Students and Seniors. Go to [flyntix.org](http://flyntix.org) or [www.bcsvermont.org](http://www.bcsvermont.org).

#### **Benefit Silent Auction**

Silent Auction benefiting Vermont Interfaith Action, Joint Urban Ministry Project (JUMP), and other social justice ministries. **April 29, 2016** at St. Paul's Cathedral, 2 Cherry St, Burlington.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the bidding begins (including light refreshments)! Bidding ends at 7:30 p.m. and the entertainment begins (including delicious desserts)!

Tickets are \$15 at St. Paul's online: [stpaulscathedralvt.org](http://stpaulscathedralvt.org) (through 4/26), \$20 at the door. Students 12-18 years old are \$2. Children under 12 are free! The first 50 ticket-buyers will be automatically entered into a special prize drawing!

Winners take home your treasures that evening. Come, bring friends, and have fun... all while helping our neighbors!

#### **COTS Walk**

Ascension men: Consider the COTS Walk on Sunday, May 1. Many Ascension women will be traveling back from the Women's Retreat on May 1 and won't be able to participate. The walk is a great way to contribute to a critical community service, to get some exercise, and to have fun at the same time...kids can participate, too! Visit [www.cotsonline.org](http://www.cotsonline.org) for information. The walk begins at 2 pm with registration starting at 1 pm.

#### **Northern Bronze Concert Series**

The Northern Bronze Handbell Ensemble (directed by our own Jeri Bergdahl) presents Ringin' In the Rain An' Wadin' in the Water Concert Series: Music filled with water themes!

**7:00 p.m., Friday, May 13** at Waterbury Congregational UCC, Waterbury, VT

**7:00 p.m., Saturday, May 14** at South Hero Congregational Church, So. Hero, VT

**3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 15** at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, Hinesburg, VT

**7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 17** at Trinity Episcopal Church, Shelburne, VT

Visit [www.northernbronze.org](http://www.northernbronze.org) for more information!

#### **Battery Recycling**

There have been a few newspaper articles recently announcing a new recycling program for batteries. Until now the advice has been to put alkaline batteries in the trash. Starting January 1, 2016, you can now give your single-use, alkaline batteries new life by recycling them through Call2Recycle at convenient locations across Vermont. For more information, click

here: <http://www.call2recycle.org/vermont/>