

# The Beacon

Sunday Worship: 10:25 am and 6:30 pm

March, 2010

## I Don't Need Another Thing On the Schedule!

Maybe you've said or thought this as you've read or heard about Bible Study groups in this church (or others). Our EGCC Bible Study groups are not full of experts on the Bible (many had never read any of the Bible before becoming part of one of our groups!). Our groups do not learn the "right answers" or the "one right interpretation" of the Bible -- we learn the stories, we talk about meanings, and we listen for the ways God is speaking to us here and now through these stories (and through one another in the group). And our groups are not about creating an image of a busy church with lots of activities on the schedule -- these groups are communities within the community of people growing, sharing, loving, and sometimes even eating together. Come and see!

## NEW BOOK BEGINS THIS MONTH: EXODUS

Some of us saw the films *The Ten Commandments* or *The Prince of Egypt*. Some of us learned stories in Sunday School about slavery in Egypt, crossing the Red Sea, manna in the wilderness and more. These stories of Exodus were central to Hebrew people and the faith community in which Jesus was raised. What did they mean to the Israelites? What did they mean for Jesus and the earliest followers? What do they reveal about how God wants to move us from bondage to freedom today? Come and join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in March as we begin a study of this second book of the Bible. We meet in the Buttaro Room. This group also meets at 5:30 PM the first Wednesday of the month to share a meal together. Please see Pastor Michael Bush if you have questions.

Join us for The Lenten Series  
See Page 6

Special Workshop for Girls  
See Page 7

## Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday  
March 28  
10:25 AM  
& 6:30 PM



Maundy Thursday  
Communion  
April 1, 7:30 PM



Good Friday  
Service  
April 2  
Noon

Come and join us as we gather to meditate on the meaning of the cross and how God transforms even death.



April 4, 6:30 AM  
Meet in the East Parking lot for our outdoor worship. Pancake breakfast follows.



A celebration with Joyful Worship  
April 4, 10:25 AM

Sunday Night Alive  
6:30 pm

## The Lenten CrossWalk: Why Did Jesus Die?

I was having lunch with someone, and he said, “When I was in college, I was told that Jesus died for my sins. I was told that if I believed this, then I would be saved. I decided to believe. I was told that because of that decision I was assured a place in heaven.” I was quiet as I listened to this familiar formulaic Christianity. And then he frowned and asked, “So, what am I supposed to do until then?” I was confused, “Until when?” He replied, “Until I’m dead and get to go to heaven?”

That is one of the problems with the formulas and pat answers offered by many Christians about faith, sin, and salvation -- many Christians work hard to get people to have the right beliefs, but after these people agree to these beliefs, then what? They often then go on living the same lives and the same ways that they always lived. This is not at all what Jesus had in mind.

When people talk about why Jesus died, they will often say he did so “for our sins,” (mostly based on words from Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:3). Jesus did not himself use the language that he would “die for our sins,” but he did say that he would give his life as a “ransom” for many (Mark 10:45). But what does that mean? Is it a kind of “magic” formula -- Jesus died and so therefore I am automatically set free? This explanation does not hold water, as there are plenty of us - self-identified Christians and non-Christians - living in bondage to sin (separation from God, from each other, and the truth of who we are in God) two thousand years after the death of Jesus.

When we read the gospel accounts of the arrest, trial, and death of Jesus, we see that Jesus died *because* of our sin. When we live in separation from God we often act out of fear, and choose ways of living and doing that are about control, self-serving comfort, and self-protection. Jesus, the embodiment of God’s love, threatened these ways of sin/separation. Some people therefore chose to get rid of Jesus rather than to be free of their fear that flowed from the sin/separation. If the people had trusted God, lived at one with God, then they would not have killed Jesus. Jesus died because of our sin.

Jesus was not a helpless victim, however. He died willingly. He could have escaped, could have raised up an army, or could have gone another way. He even asks God if there might be another option for him (“please take this cup from me”) as he prays in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before he was crucified. But God calls Jesus to trust God even with death, and therefore to reveal God’s love and life that is greater than death. Jesus did not respond to our murderous sin by fighting or fleeing. He responded by trusting in and obeying God. Three days later he was risen. In this, Jesus revealed that when we surrender to God, death does not win and separation does not triumph.

This is good news for us, because we can live into this truth right now, today. The power of God that overcomes sin, separation, and death is offered to us and works in us as we follow Jesus – as we choose to be disciples. As we walk in his way, we die to the life of separation. As we choose to trust and obey God in each day, then we are filled with God’s Spirit and raised into new life. As we daily follow Jesus, we live into the truth that we are “ransomed” from separation and death, and saved for healing, help, hope, joy, and peace that passes understanding.

As we move into this final part of Lent and into Easter, choose each day to walk with Jesus. Choose to turn from the ways that would seek to put out God’s light, that would crucify God’s love. Choose to walk in the way of Jesus that receives God’s light, that embodies God’s love, and that brings new life to us and into the world.

Come and see.  
Love in Jesus,  
Pastor Michael

**Current Opportunities to Grow in Faith**

**Sunday Nights**

**One Day At A Time study - Sundays 7:20-8:20 PM in the Buttaro Room - 2/21 - 5/9.**

**Lenten Series - See page 6.**

**Weekday and Weeknight Groups**

**Women's Bible Study - "Living A Life of Balance" - Tuesdays 12:35 PM-1:35 PM, Thru March. 30 (1<sup>st</sup> Tues. to include lunch)** We constantly hear from the experts about balanced lifestyles - that we need proper rest, nutrition, and exercise. It's true enough that we need such things to maintain physical and mental health, but we also need spiritual balance. How do we manage all of that and the challenges of daily life? Only God can guide us toward the balance we desperately desire. It starts with our hearts and this study will help us get there. Pastor Sara will facilitate this *Women of Faith* series and all that is needed is a Bible and an open heart.

**Early In The Morning Prayer - Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 AM in the Sanctuary** - In the Scriptures we read that Jesus spent time with God "early in the morning." In that spirit, come join a group for a time of mid-week prayer in the sanctuary.

**Matthew Group on Wednesdays 9:15-10:15 AM in Buttaro Room (Childcare Available!)**

"Do Unto Others" "Blessed are the poor" "Seek ye first" "Wise men from the east saw a star" Have you heard any of these before? These are all quotes from the story of Jesus told in the Gospel of Matthew, the subject of our exploration on Wednesday mornings. If you have been looking to grow in connection with God and with others in your faith community, this is a great opportunity. We meet 9:15-10:15 AM, and childcare is available. If you have any questions, please speak with Michael Bush who facilitates this group.

**NEW - Exodus Group on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM - See description on page 1.**

**Galatians Bible Study on Thursdays 10:45-11:45 AM**- What were the joys and challenges of following Jesus for the earliest communities of disciples? How are those like our own joys and challenges? We invite all those who are able to join us on Thursday mornings as we begin a study of two of the New Testament letters that will help us in our own faith journeys. We begin with Paul's letter to the church at Galatia, and will later look at the letter written by James. If you have questions please speak with Michael Bush.

**Yoga, Meditation & Prayer on Thursdays 7:00-8:30 PM** - A time of movement, meditation and prayer in the CEC, led by Martha Parrish Bush. These yoga sessions focus on the spiritual and are intended for all physical ability levels. While we work with various yoga postures and breath, we practice inviting the spirit to move in and through us. We end our time together with meditation and prayer choosing to listen attentively to what God might want to say to us. This time is quiet, gentle, and honoring of God and all who come to seek God in this way and place. If you're curious, just come and see! Or ask Martha or Sally Mullen for more information.

**NEW ON SUNDAY NIGHTS  
IN APRIL**

**"Enough: Discovering Joy  
Through Simplicity and Generosity."**

Sundays - April 11 - May 16 7:20pm to 8:20pm this six week book study is an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom on practices that lead to Contentment, overcoming fear, and realizing joy. Our discussion may help you change your relationship to money for the better. Sign up by April 1<sup>st</sup> for ordering books in hallway near office. Facilitated by Pastor Sara.

**RESURRECTION: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN?**

Following our Easter celebration of The Resurrection (Sunday April 4), we will begin a Sunday evening series looking at resurrection - - what were pictures of "afterlife" in the time of Jesus? What were expectations around resurrection at that time? What did the resurrection of Jesus mean for his followers? What does resurrection mean for us today? We will be using a resource by Dr. N. Timothy Wright for this series. This group will meet four consecutive Sunday evenings April 25-May 16, 7:20 PM in the Buttaro Room. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Michael

**"Woman of God"**

New Group Forming!!!! Come join this 10-week study in April Tuesdays 12:30-1:30pm, April 13-June 15<sup>th</sup>  
"These sessions will use both Old & New Testament passages to show us how to develop the traits of a godly woman: how to be strong, trustworthy, wise, resourceful, forgiving, beautiful, content, confident--and how to claim God's grace for our living." Pastor Sara to Facilitate.

**The Visitation Team**

The February meeting for our team of nine is **Thursday March 18** from 6-7pm in the Buttaro Room. We will continue visiting this month as our ministry to the church. If you cannot attend please communicate with Pastor Sara via e-mail or by phone in the first two weeks of the month.

**Ladies Breakfast  
Begins April 3**

Starting on the first Saturday of April and continuing the first Saturday of each month through the spring Becky Brown is planning a Ladies Breakfast in her home. It is open to anyone, those who are new in our church and some who have been coming for long time. (I can accommodate between 10 to 12 easily). It will be a fellowship time for each one of us. Please call Becky if you would like to come to breakfast. We'll try it this time to get started and change it as we go along to make it right for those who want to attend.

We will meet on April 3, 2010 at 8:45 AM, have breakfast at 9 AM and be off to other obligations of the day by 10:45 AM.

It is a nice way to start the day and I welcome you to come. Maybe you could invite someone you know who is new to our church that you think would like to come and you can come together. Call me at 860-653-1292 so that I can plan for food and chairs!

**Come and Receive Prayer**

On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday) there will be a small prayer team available after worship for anyone who is desiring to be prayed for/with - whether the challenge is physical, emotional, spiritual - we welcome all who are open to receive. Also, if you would like to be part of one of these small teams who pray for others on these Communion Sundays, please talk with Jeanne Daggett.

**How can I become part of this faith community?**

If this is your question, come join us for an Inquirer's session on Sunday, March 14, following the morning worship service. We will talk about this faith community, and what it means to be a "member" of the church. We will welcome new members on Sunday, March 28 during our morning worship service. If you intend to join us, please call the church office 15 860-653-2987 or email

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### News and Notes from Pastor Sara

Dear Friends and Members,

Greetings to each of you during this time of Lent. Somehow it is comforting to me that our spiritual seasons coincide with the rhythms of the natural world around us. What I mean by this is that God created the beauty of the earth and our faith story can help us reflect and be informed by all that is around us.

There is the silence of March with the excitement of April being birthed just around the corner. Each of those things speak to me of the quietness of prayer that Jesus taught his disciples and the celebration of God's plan coming to fruition in the risen Christ. Yet as a church we need to remember that the gifts of all of this will remain a mystery to those new in the faith if we don't keep teaching and reaching farther and deeper with the Christian story. I suspect all of us may be at different points in our faith journey. But that's why it's great that we have each other to ask questions, to share doubts, and to seek answers regarding God, Jesus, or believing in general.

I would offer up this Lent to not underestimate what a gift you may be giving someone else when you are willing to share your ways of seeking God, or searching for who Jesus is for you, or simply saying aloud, 'this is confusing to me'. I say this because just as the disciples over 2000 years ago grappled with following Jesus all the more is it a gift and privilege for us to help one another to follow Him today. Jesus was always willing to teach when someone asked him a question. We can think of Lent as an intentional way each year for us to keep asking questions and to share the most life-transforming message ever. May each of you be blessed with a question this month that helps you grow closer to God for the rest of your life!

Peace Always,  
Pastor Sara

### Sabbatical and Search Process

*At the Council Meeting in February, the Council discussed the potential impact of the upcoming Sabbatical on the search process. To clarify process and expectations, the Council affirmed the statement below and shares it with the congregation so that you will be aware of the plans of the Search Team, Council, and Senior Pastor.*

We recognize that our Senior Pastor, The Reverend Michael T. Bush, will be away May 24, 2010 through September 7, 2010 for Sabbatical time, and that this impacts our current search process for three part-time staff positions.

We recognize that we and the Search Team expect the Senior Pastor to participate in Search Team interviews with the top 2-3 candidates for each position, have his own individual conversations with those top candidates, and discuss these candidates with the Search Team for final discernment.

We recognize that any newly hired/called staff members would need at least several weeks with the Senior Pastor for proper orientation prior to his Sabbatical leave.

We also recognize that our current transitional staff would need to be able to make plans to continue (or not) serving the East Granby Congregational Church (EGCC) during this Sabbatical time.

Considering all of this, the Church Council of EGCC affirms with thanksgiving the plan of the Search Team to set a goal of hiring/calling staff for the three positions to begin serving EGCC by May 1, 2010. If it is not possible to meet this goal for all three positions, the Church Council affirms the plan to suspend the final phases of the search process for any open positions, including interviews with the top 2-3 candidates for each position and decision-making regarding new hires/calls, from May 1, 2010 through September 8, 2010. The Search Team, if necessary, could continue to collect resumes, make inquiries after candidates, and conduct initial exploratory interviews during this May 1, 2010-September 8, 2010 time-frame. If positions are still open as of May 1, 2010, the search process involving the participation of the Senior Pastor (as named above) for the open positions would not resume until after September 8, 2010.

*Unanimously approved February 22, 2010 by the Church Council.*

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### 2010 Lenten Series

#### "Healing In Our Lives - Yours, Mine and Others" by Gayle Wilcox

The theme for our 2010 Lenten Series is healing - of ourselves, of others, of community. As a church family we have been experiencing the power of healing prayers in our lives and the lives of those we love and in the lives of some we don't even know. In addition to our Healing Services following Sunday morning worship, our January retreat was focused on healing both as it relates to the individual and to the community. In that spirit we come to this Lenten Series with a renewed vigor to learn and share the joys and miracles that healing brings. As we move through this time preceding Easter, a time that "our role model", Jesus, spent in prayer, meditation and temptation, let us be reminded that this is not only His CrossWalk...this is OUR CrossWalk. How can we be more like Jesus?

Lent is a time that we often think about giving something up. Let's consider giving up some of the things that get in the way of our relationships with God! BUT, let's also consider taking on the healing power that comes to us when we are in relationship with God. In that spirit, you are invited to visit the Communion Table of the church - any day, any time - perhaps before worship, perhaps after worship, perhaps before a meeting, throughout the period of Lent, until Easter morning.. There will be a basket, pens and paper beneath the Communion Table. What needs healing in your life? What relationship? What situation? How would God use you as a healer? At any time during Lent, please feel free to write down a situation, a person, a family, a community...anything that needs healing - yours, someone else's or God's. Place the paper in the basket that already contains "prayers for healing" from our January retreat. As a church family we will offer these thoughts and prayers for God's grace and guidance as we continue our CrossWalk striving to be the people that He intends us to be.

#### **Following is Our 2010 Lenten Series calendar of events for the upcoming weeks:**

**Sunday, February 28:** 5:30 PM to 7:10 PM - *Coming Together as One*. We will gather for a potluck supper in Fellowship Hall. Supper will be followed by Sunday Night Alive worship in the CEC. Come and break bread together!

**Sunday, March 7:** 7:30 to 8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall - *Healing of an Island*, Sears Island is a small neighborhood surrounded by Indian Lake of Worcester, MA. This island community long had a reputation as a place of drugs and violence, but in the past year or so it's been seeing a remarkable transformation. Please join us to hear about the new beginnings on Sears Island brought about by the Good News of Jesus Christ. Presented by Ben Daggett and his friends, Lee and Teresa D'Amato who will have some amazing stories to share. Light refreshments will be served.

**Sunday, March 14:** 7:30 to 8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall - *Healing through Music* We will be blessed by some musical selections, share some stories of how music has healed us and sing some Lenten and Easter music together. You need not be a vocalist to join in the fun! Come and listen and experience the joy of music. Light refreshments will be served.

**Sunday, March 21:** 7:30 to 8:30 PM in Fellowship Hall - *Healing Stories, Thoughts and Action* We will share some stories of healing together and explore ways that we can be healers and we can be healed. We will end our time together with Communion. In the breaking of the bread there is healing power...

**Come and experience the joy and power of healing...why not make these times shared together part of your CrossWalk this Lenten Season??**

SAVE THE DATE  
MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> 2010

See Me Beautiful 

But God told Samuel, "Looks aren't everything. Don't be impressed with his looks and stature. ... God judges persons differently than humans do. Men and women look at the face; God looks into the heart."  
1 Samuel 16:7(The Message)

Join us on March 6<sup>th</sup> for a fun, spiritually-based, interactive workshop for girls ages 10-13 and their adult mentors (mothers, relatives, friends, etc.).

This workshop will explore the different ways that girls receive messages about themselves and how those messages are interpreted. It is designed to engage girls in a healthy dialogue about these interpretations and how they can impact self-esteem.

For more information or to register, please feel free to contact the workshop facilitator:

Kelly Hasenbalg  
860-796-1977  
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Search Status

Director of Discipleship

Pastor for Caring

Youth Ministry Coordinator

Job Description Posted ✓  
*Completed*

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Receiving Resumes ✓  
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Final Candidates

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Meet the Members

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Your Search Team: Karen Rhodes:Chair, Judy Goff, Gayle Wilcox, Ward Mathis,  
Kathy Mock, John Rafferty

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### IHS CALENDAR Spring 2010 "You/I/We can make a difference!"

Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30 - 7:10 PM All Church Potluck followed by Sunday Night Alive Worship - No regular meeting.

Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> - Ivoryton Retreat - Please  
...Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> refer to the separate email for details/forms/to bring list.

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 7:15 - 9:00 PM meeting in the I.H.S. Room

Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> -Heads Up! Hartford Youth  
Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> Mentors Training at EGCC - 2 PM Sat afternoon until 10 AM Sun morning. ALL prior HUH teens are welcome!

Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 7:15 - 9:00 PM meeting in the I.H.S. Room - we will attend the Lenten Series Healing Service.

Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> No meeting

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Overnite 12 noon on Sat until  
Sunday April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter morning - 30 Hour  
**Famine** (begins at 11:45 PM on Friday). We will prepare Easter breakfast for EGCC. Happy Easter!

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**HUH Super Youth Group Meeting** at EGCC.

Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> No meeting

Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - **Emmaus Weekend** - no regular meeting - **Earth Day**  
...Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> on Sat, 4-24 for those not attending Emmaus???

#### Future Dates to remember:

Emmaus Reunions are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month are from 2 - 4:30 PM at Trinity Episcopal in Tariffville

### Missions and Outreach News

#### Encouragement Cards

One way we all can encourage and pray for one another is to write a note to let others know that we hold them in our hearts and prayers. The Mission and Outreach Ministry is planning to provide an opportunity after Sunday morning worship services, during fellowship time, for anyone who would like to write a note on these postcard-sized cards. The cards will then be mailed to the person whose name you provide.

The card can contain a scripture passage, or your prayer, or just your immediate loving thoughts. While these cards can be very helpful to those who are ill or going through difficult times, they can also be encouragement to someone whose music or call to worship or other gift you appreciate.

When the cards are available, we will make an announcement and be present at a table during fellowship time. If there is interest in expanding availability of the cards, we may provide them in other locations.

If there are any questions, please talk to Kristen Hardendorf.

Kristen Hardendorf  
Mission and Outreach Ministry

### Save the Date! CROP WALK, May 16, 2010

The 2010 CROP Walk to benefit Church World Service and the East Granby Food Bank will be held on Sunday, May 16. Watch for more information and be sure to mark your calendar. If you are interested in helping to organize the event, contact Adah Dionne, 860-653-6689. This event is sponsored by the EGCC Missions ministry team.

Church Family Notes

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for the beautiful Communion Table flowers, your prayers, cards and phone calls after my recent surgery. I am truly blessed having you all as my church family and friends. God Bless you!

Love, Bea Estby

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Dear Faith Family,

There is not a thank-you big enough for everything this Church Family has done for me and my family.

Thank you for all the prayers, beautiful flowers, cards, smiles, food, hugs and well wishes.

I also want to thank all the loving people that have been laying hands on me in prayer every week since last May. There is no doubt this is the reason I am doing so well. God is good always.

Love and Abundant Blessings,  
Angela Cecchini

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TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

AMERICAS MAGNIFICENT NATIONAL PARKS

We are on the move again and would love to have you join us. NO PASSPORT REQUIRED! We are staying in the USA. Our 16 day trip begins on September 3rd at Yellowstone National Park and continues south to Salt Lake City, 6 more parks and ends in Las Vegas. Check out the details at vantagetravel.com.

If you have any questions see Lois Buttaro or Pat Lang.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 3 Bob Paskiewicz, David Chambers
5 Gary Brallier
7 Jennifer Christie
8 Lauri Smith-Corliss
10 Kevin Bach, Lynn Healy
11 Sean Healy
12 Margaret House
13 Donna Blair, Linda Colbeck
14 Noah Leadbeater
15 Janice Gibson, Jason Marin, Stacy Chambers
16 Phyllis Drysdale, Susan Nero Samantha Daleb, Sean Pitney
18 Ann Holliday, Connor Raymes
22 Phil Johnson
23 Morgan Clarke
24 Connor Smith, Matt Howard, Lee Burrus, Helena Brody
26 Samantha Hasenbalg, Cameron Raymes, James DeVack
29 Gayl Christie, Gary Jubrey Mary Comstock
30 Carolyn House
31 Orlando Martinez
Happy Anniversary to:
8 Keith and Diane Forney
31 Pam and Lennie Turner

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, please call Sharon @ 653-4966.

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**March, 2010**

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## Serving EGCC

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Bulletin Information is due by Wednesday.

All Beacon articles are due on the 18th of each month.

All articles are subject to editing.

If you would like to schedule meetings, events or make any changes to the church calendars, please call Sharon, or leave a note on the desk in the church office.

### Communion Table Flowers

Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby to offer to grace the Communion Table with flowers.

March 7	Bea Estby
March 14	The Gibson Family
March 21	Available
March 28	Available

### March Greeters

Greeters are needed. Sign up on bulletin board in lobby



March 7	Confirmation Class
March 14	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
March 21	Art & Lynn Barstow
March 28	The Hasenbalg Family

### Fellowship / Coffee Hour



March 7	Nora & Kevin McCloskey
March 14	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
March 21	Available
March 28	Available

Audio Tech crew for worship services in the month of March is as follows:

March 7	Daniel McIsaac
March 14	Lew Noble
March 21	Tom Horner
March 28	Shelby Demke

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**PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

East Granby Congregational Church, U.C.C.,  
is called to receive the abundant Life and Love of God,  
to love the LORD our God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength,  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

With the power of the Holy Spirit, we will do this by:

- Seeking first the Kingdom of God
- Following Jesus Christ and being formed as disciples
- Serving our neighbors and equipping one another for ministry.