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PASTORS CORNER

Friends,

This Lent, I invite you to bring your questions and uncertainties with you to the land of the seeking—a place where your worry and wonder can dwell. Our Lenten theme “seeking: honest questions for deeper faith” is based on the lectionary texts which offer us stories of Jesus encountering people who are seeking. Whether it is Nicodemus coming to Jesus under the veil of night, the Samaritan woman at the well, or the blind man whom Jesus heals, each person is seeking something–a new beginning, a life transformed, a deeper faith. And so we enter into this season with curiosity, compassion and courage to ask the questions that press upon our minds and hearts, and explore new wisdom unearthed by our persistence.

I wonder what you are seeking this Lenten season? Is it clarity, connection, justice, balance, your calling, something sacred? I hope that you can be honest and vulnerable in your questioning, your doubts, your fears, your confusion, and your discoveries. It is only through this process that I believe we can each nurture a more authentic and rooted faith. I hope this Lenten journey will support you in living a seeking faith; a faith that is ever-growing, adaptive, resilient and filled with joy.

Here are our Lenten offerings this year:

Lenten Devotional Booklet (Lobby) These weekly readings from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday offer commentary, poetry, visual art, hymns, and reflection prompts. I encourage you to walk through these weekly readings at your own pace throughout the season, or join in a zoom Lenten Study I am leading on Wednesdays at noon. Please contact Karen in the office for the zoom link.

Daily Devotional Cards (Lobby) Daily devotional cards are designed to expand and deepen your spiritual walk through Lent. Each card has a daily question and a prayer. You might place the stack of cards by your bed or on your desk to read first thing in the morning or right before you sleep at night. Perhaps use the cards as prompts to journal and reflect. Day by day, may these prayers remind you that, as you seek God, God is always seeking you.

Finger Labyrinth (Prayer station across from my office) These paper finger labyrinths and accompanying prayers can be put in your pocket, left in your car or on the kitchen table–any place you need a moment to center yourself and reflect on the journey of seeking. May you find the way to your own soul as you trace this ancient spiritual practice.

Spotify playlist (Email and Facebook) A curated compilation of music to accompany you through the season of Lent and beyond. Many of the song lyrics focus on the process of seeking, listening, trusting and praise.

Music Video (Email and Facebook) “In the land of the seeking” music video by Spencer LaJoye with a variety of visual art pieces created for this season of seeking. Selected lyrics are placed on the walls of the stairwell on your way to the sanctuary–use this space for contemplation as you climb toward the “land of the seeking.”

> Spencer LaJoye says the following about the inspiration for the piece: *"I became kind of enamored with the idea of a magical place called 'The Land of the Seeking,' which you can only get to via the shadow of your doubts, the moment a candle burns out, the point where you're so lost you just keep going instead of turning around, etc. The idea that there's an entire welcoming 'land' for us when we feel place-less and questioning and confused…that was appealing to me. I'm also so inspired by Nicodemus coming to Jesus under the cover of night. Like the 'scary' thing (nighttime, darkness, unknown) is actually a comfort for a questioning person. And the idea of there being an abundance of grace beyond the bottom of the well…that was also inspiring to me."*

So many rich offerings for your spiritual edification this Lent. Please take advantage of all the pathways into the Land of the Seeking. Whether it is art, music, study, prayer, journaling, discussion, contemplation, or worship, "there is no wrong way to the land of the seeking."

Blessings to overflow,

Rev. Sandra

Council Corner

Greetings to you all! Each month we are planning to give you a brief update of the Council activities. At our February meeting we kicked off our new council by welcoming a couple of new faces to Council. We are excited to have Joe Doering join Council as our Vice Moderator, and we also welcomed Marge Korhonen as the chairperson of the Spiritual Formation Ministry.

Speaking of Spiritual Formation Ministry, as we continue to see the number of youth participating in Church School, their biggest need is to fill the opening for a part time Christian Education Coordinator. This position is approximately 10 hours per week and their key areas of focus are planning and implementing an annual church school program for our youth in an effort to bring the presence of God to our youth through fun, learning, building relationships and growing in faith. If you are aware of someone that might be interested in applying, please have them submit their resume to the church office, office@egchurch.necoxmail.com.

As some of you may remember, at our Annual Meeting, it was suggested that we begin discussion and explore what it would mean for our church to be considered an Open and Affirming church. Worship and Caring brought forth the topic that the Council begin the process of exploring what an Open and Affirming designation for EGCC involves. A motion was made to approve a team to explore Open and Affirming designation. The Motion was approved unanimously.

The SNEUCC describes the spirit of Opening and Affirming (often abbreviated as ONA) as more than affirming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions. The meaning of an ONA declaration should be the commitment to affirm every person because they are children of God - those of any age, ability, race, culture and ethnicity, family configuration, health status, immigration status, whether with children or not, as well as any other description that might separate us. A true welcome respects and honors every person, their story, their gifts and their needs. A welcome to some but not others is no real welcome.

I encourage you to take some time to review a couple of resources that will explain ONA and prayerfully consider the process. Your thoughts and feedback are always welcome.

https://www.sneucc.org/ona
https://openandaffirming.org/ona/how/guide/

We are currently forming a team to explore the topic. We would love to have a team of at least 6 church members. If you are interested in learning more and understanding what it will mean for our church to identify as ONA, please let me or Thelma Wilmot know that you are interested in serving on the team. We would like to have names submitted no later than March 12.

I am so excited to see all the blessings happening in our church. Next month I will report on the great work that was done by those that attended the discussion on our church vision and mission. As we continue to blossom where seeds are planted during this Lenten season and we find the right-sized focus for our church, I am very encouraged and in awe of where we are growing as a congregation. Continued blessings to you all.

Adah Dionne, EGCC Moderator

ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRY

During Lent Continue Gratitude…It Works!

We Need You!!!!

During Lent many of us contemplate what we can give up, change or add to our lives to follow God's plan for our lives and to further His kingdom here on earth.

Are you serving on a Ministry Team? Perhaps this is something you can add, not only for Lent, but for the year to come. Where is God directing me? What is the best way that I can share my gifts of time, talent and treasure in 2023? We have many opportunities to serve.

You are a unique and essential part of the East Granby Congregational Church family. We need You! In the upcoming year, our church family can pull together as one, closer than ever, as we follow God's direction. We are ONE in the Spirit.

News from Worship & Caring Ministry
March 2023

Join us for worship at 10:00 am.

March 5: Communion
After the service: information session for prospective new members
March 12: Worship with Pastor Pam Vollinger
Daylight Saving Time Begins on March 12
Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour or you will be late.
March 19: Café Church in Fellowship Hall
March 26: Worship with new member service

Becoming a member of EGCC
If you have been worshipping with us and have questions about how EGCC works, where you would "fit in" and what membership means you are invited to an information session on Sunday, March 5th. If you then choose to join, we will welcome new members during our March 26th service.
Please speak to Rev. Sandra or Thelma Wilmot if you have questions.

Café Church Topic: *Church: An Imperfect Family*, video narration by Bruce Reyes Chow.
Our nontraditional worship time using the *animate: Faith* curriculum by Spark House. We view the video then break into small group discussion time led by 4 facilitators. Goal: a chance to talk with no "right answers" and no judgement, participate at your comfort level, including just listening! And a chance to fellowship informally before and after.

Daily Devotional Cards for Lent: a set of daily questions and a prayer using our 2023 theme: *Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith.* The packets are in a basket on the small table in the east entrance. Contact the church office if you need more packets.

NAME TAGS: we are using these to help learn names as we see new faces each week. You can get a "peel & stick" tag from the greeter at the East entrance or as you enter the Sanctuary.

Morning Announcements: We would like to remind everyone that announcements during our services and events must pertain to church programs only. While we appreciate the many worthy causes and events happening in our wider community, we kindly ask that non-church related announcements be shared through other channels outside of our church gatherings. This policy is in place to ensure that our time together is focused on our shared mission and purpose as a church community. By keeping our announcements relevant to EGCC church programs and events, we can better support one another and deepen our connections with each other and with God.

If you have any concern or question whether a proposed announcement is suitable, please bring it to Rev. Sandra before the service. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Let us continue to work together to build a strong and vibrant church community.

With blessings to all,
EGCC Church Council

What does the phrase Open and Affirming represent?

At the EGCC Annual Meeting a member asked that we explore the question of becoming an Open and Affirming church. Stating that EGCC is welcoming to all does not convey the message that we are truly open to all without judgement. This is important for people looking for a church home and, also, for prospective employees. It is an important topic for EGCC to study and discern what action to take. This process involves programs, discussions, readings, learning as a group and as individuals. It takes MANY months. Ultimately a congregational vote is required before the EGCC mission statement includes the words that we are Open and Affirming.

The church council has decided to begin this process. We are forming a team to gather information. Currently Kate Boyer, Wayne Korhonen and Gayle Wilcox have expressed interest. If you would like to help with the planning, please contact Thelma Wilmot, or Rev. Sandra.

Worship and Caring ongoing requests….

- Volunteers for Sunday worship: Greeter, Usher, Lay Leader
- Donate flowers for the altar on Sunday.
- Be a meal ambassador to deliver a preprepared meal.
- Help “de-clutter” the church building.
- Be part of Coffee Hour set up/cleanup.
- Facilitate a small group for Café Church.

Human Resources & Physical Resources will host Coffee Hour for March

Easter Flowers

Please sign up to purchase flowers to grace our altar this Easter. After Easter you may take the flowers home or maybe give them to someone special. Worship and Caring will have sign-up sheets available during coffee hour after church or call the office.

Spiritual Formation Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE:

The Bulletin Board between the church and the CE Center is being updated periodically by the Sunday School children. Please take a look when you are here.

Shepherds:

Thank you to the following volunteers who were shepherds and/or teachers in February: Judy Goff, Bill Hoerle, Kate and Mike Boyer, Becca Dean, Christina Houghton, Tara Brinkerhof, and all 3 members of the Spiritual Formation Ministry (apologies to anyone we missed!)

For new parents and children in Sunday School, this would be a good opportunity to see how our Sunday School operates and no skills are necessary; a shepherd merely assists in the classroom. If we cannot get enough volunteers, we may need to curtail some aspects of our Sunday school activities. The service recording will be on the church website if you would like to hear the sermon that you missed.

Shepherds are urgently needed for March: Please sign up on the list on the entryway bulletin board or use the following link to sign up or call Pat Lang

https://ww.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ca8ab2aa1ffc61-egcc

All teachers & shepherds are required to be Safe Church certified. This is done through a short on-line course. Let any SFM volunteer know if you need the link to obtain this course.

The document to register your children for Sunday school must be done annually to update emergency contact information. Please register your children for Sunday school if you have not already done so this year, using the following link or let our teacher Erin know:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3vA2glupN72A8ZEY1aud-APEYoARis698AeK_GK-Tbl8G0A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Sunday School Family Lunch, March 12th after church:

Sunday school families are invited to a pizza and salad lunch after church on March 12th. Following coffee time in Fellowship Hall, the children and their families will gather for lunch in the Christian Education Center, CEC. We will start with pizza, salad, and dessert followed by a short film for the children while adults enjoy coffee/tea and social time together. At this time, we can also discuss how a Sunday school morning runs, what the children are learning, suggestions for summer and school-year programming, and how people can help. Your input and suggestions would be most welcome. Please sign up via signup genius below, on the poster in the CEC, or by speaking to Pat, Debbie, or Marge.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BACAD29A0F4C07-egcc

Parents, please continue to look for the EGCC **Sunday School Newsletter** every week.

News about former Director of Christian Education Andrew Wicks which he said we could share with EGCC.

“Dear Friends,
I want to invite you to share in my Ordination Service at First Church, Glastonbury on March 12 at 2 pm.
It was 20 years ago this summer that I first went to summer camp at Silver Lake. Over the years I have gotten to know and work with many of you in this awesome ministry, with many treasured memories made along the way.
Like more than a few others, my time at Silver Lake set me on a pathway to a life and career in ministry. I'm excited to have recently been authorized for ordination and called to serve in Glastonbury. As folks have scattered to the 4 winds over the years, it's hard to reach all of you, but please feel free to share this invitation and please know that I have deeply appreciated the way in which all of you have helped shape this journey for me.
With Gratitude, Andrew”

News from Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center in Sharon, CT

An outdoor ministry of SNEUCC

--The director and staff at Silver Lake have completed the planning for camp experiences this summer, and their website offers a general outline of how the summer sessions will run:

“We are planning to have five (5) 1-week sessions (Sunday-Saturday) this summer, running from July 2 through August 5.

Each grade (entering 4-12th) will have at least one program available during each week, some weeks may have more than one program for some grades to choose from. Plus, there will be half-week family camp programs for all ages and one week of day camp for campers entering grades 1-3.”

--Early bird registration has begun. Please see the East Granby Congregational Church Facebook page for the registration link or go to www.silverlakect.org/summercamp. If you are new to the Silver Lake Camp experience and would like to know a little more, please reach out to Rev. Sandra.

TEEN & TWEENS:

Heads Up Hartford Camp News: Save the dates for our 2023 summer camp! Although summer is a few months away, we're excited to share our 2023 summer camp dates. **This year's dates are June 18-24, 2023**. Detail and registration can be found on

https://headsuphartford.org/camp-info-%26-registration#aee1861e-9373-4299-8103-cce7189d3cf8

EGCC youth participate in the Granby Congregational Church (South and North Campuses) COMBINED youth group. 6th-12th graders are welcome on the 3rd Sunday of the month for fellowship from 6:30-8:00 pm and at each community service group opportunity. Friends are always welcome too!

Next Month:

Palm Sunday Egg Hunt (April 2) and Potluck Brunch: The Easter Bunny will be paying a visit during this event and friends are welcome!

Help is needed for all aspects of this annual event. We need people on the day of the event to help in the kitchen with set-up and clean-up for brunch. We also need people the preceding week to help fill eggs after church. Any non-chocolate, non-nut wrapped candy donations would be appreciated. Please have them in by March 26.

Spiritual Formation Ministry: Marge Korhonen (Chair), Deb Paskewicz, Pat Lang

Missions and Outreach

Hello from the Missions and Outreach Ministry! 2023 donations will be distributed primarily using focused giving. Each month will concentrate on a specific area to offer aid. Along with focused giving, funds are set aside for local community support and urgent one-time assistance opportunities.

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Volunteer Opportunity!

EGCC will be sponsoring a water table again this year at the **East Granby Women's Club 14th Annual 5K Ridge Run on April 29th, 2023.** There is a sign-up sheet on the Mission's Board across from the kitchen if you are available to help us support the runners and offer hydration. Last year they loved having the children there for moral support! You can also sign up on-line to be a participant in the actual event. See any Missions and Outreach member if you have questions.

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Focused Giving

This month EGCC donated to organizations that assist children and families.

- ***Hartford Habitat for Humanity*** is committed to providing affordable housing to families in local counties. In 2023-2024 they aim to serve 50 families with their housing initiatives including new construction, rehabs, repairs, and financial literacy training.

- ***United Nations World Food Program*** delivers over 4 million tons of food to over 100 million people each year in 120 countries. They focus on families in crisis, women and children, and farmers.

- ***Village for Families and Children*** provide a full range of behavioral health, early childhood and youth development, substance use treatment and support services for children, adults, and families in the Greater Hartford area.

Local Support

- ***Project Graduation*** is an event held after East Granby High School graduation to provide an overnight, substance free/safe graduation party for the graduating seniors. This tradition is going strong in East Granby, and we are proud to support it every year.

Urgent One Time Assistance

Both organizations outlined below are working diligently to assistance Turkey and Syria as they continue to struggle during the aftermath of a 7.8 magnitude earthquake.

- ***UNICEF*** is assisting by deploying mobile health and nutrition teams, identifying children who have become separated from their families and taking care them, and providing safe water, warm clothing, hygiene kits and other lifesaving supplies.

- ***Save the Children*** is providing child-focused psychosocial support and life saving assistance to children and families impacted by the earthquake.

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Don't forget, EGCC hosts a **Red Cross Blood Drive** once a month! You can schedule an appointment by phone (1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or on line https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time. No walk-ins allowed.

Blood Drives in 2023: Mar 7, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 11 and Aug 22.

friend to friend
Food Pantry & Thrift Shop

The Food Pantry is looking for Canned Fruit, Cereal, Coffee, Spaghetti Sauce (In jar), Jelly, Peanut Butter, & Laundry Detergent.

Thank you for all your help!
If you have any questions please feel free to contact Linda Wolfe our Friend to Friend liaison.
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Our Prayer Cross

Come and participate! East Granby Congregational Church invites the community to offer a prayer at the Lenten cross displayed at 9 Rainbow Rd., East Granby, CT. Members, passersby, and friends – everyone of any age is welcome to visit the cross, say a prayer and then leave a ribbon tied to the structure as a visual representation of the sacred Lenten journey. Bring your own (climate friendly) ribbon to be tied to the cross or use ribbon that has been donated. All are welcome to participate in this transformational activity of prayer, renewal, fellowship and hope. The cross will be in place from Sunday, March 5, through Easter Sunday, April 9.

The above article will appear on Face Book and in Let's Talk Turkey. This is an exciting new mission that our church has adopted. What is this all about? The South Congregational Church in East Hartford has had a Prayer Cross for the past two years and is delighted that we chose to do the same. It is a very visible way for us to reach out to our entire community as well as travelers on Rt. 20.

As for our church family, we hope that you all will take some quiet time at the cross, as individuals and as families. Please invite your friends and neighbors to do the same. If any of you have climate friendly ribbon (no nylon curling ribbon, for example) or material, lengths of about a yard, up to an inch wide, to donate, that would be much appreciated. By March 1st there will be a bin for ribbon in the church lobby for your donations. We will have a weatherproof ribbon container hanging on the cross. The cross is already in place. We will have ribbons available by Sunday, March 5th. Dave Houghton suggested that we surround the base with palms for Palm Sunday! We also hope to bless all the prayer ribbons during Sunday worship on April 23rd.

The Council voted to do this at their February 20th meeting and is in hopes that this becomes a meaningful tradition for our church and community.

The Gatherers

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

To all Collectors: This is to announce that The Gatherers will have its Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 29, from 9am-2pm. Set-up will be Friday, April 28, from noon until whenever, and we will need LOTS of help organizing and marking items. But first we will need lots of stuff to sell. Since just moving, I am hoping I will be able to find something to donate!!! We will accept all items except clothing, large furniture, and electronics such as computers and TVs. Items cannot be left at the church until after April 15. The donated items will go into Room 6 in the CEC Building. If you want to put prices on your donated items, that will make set-up for us a lot easier. I will put up a sign-up sheet on the notice board across from the office for helpers.
Thanks and good sorting. Judy Goff

EGCCNS Preschool

...gentle learning through play

9 Rainbow Road, East Granby, CT 06026 ♥ egccns9@gmail.com ♥ (860 653-3913)

The Preschool Preamble

This month we have been exploring inventors and the things they invent. We have learned about Garrett Morgan, the black man who invented a three-signal traffic light, making roadways significantly safer to the horse-and-carriage, car, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic of his day (and continuing to make our roads safer today!). We have learned about Sarah Goode, the black woman who invented and patented a cabinet bed that folded up, letting inhabitants of the tiny apartments in Chicago have furniture to fit their space. We've also explored inventions of our own, as we turned our sensory table into an Invention Lab, where the kids can take items like empty toilet paper tubes, popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners, star stickers, glue sticks, scissors, and googly eyes, and transform them into amazing inventions!

We will be opening registrations for the 2023-2024 year in March - if you know of anyone looking for a preschool for the fall, please point them in our direction! We are also still seeking Board members to help guide our school. Have you ever considered serving on our Board? We meet monthly via Zoom and have a few fun social and fundraising events during the year - it's a great way to make a difference in the lives of our preschoolers! Please see current Board members Deb Paskiewicz, Becca Dean, or Adah Dionne if you are interested.

Reminder: Save the date! April 29, 2023, is the date set for the church's annual rummage sale, and we will be holding our popular raffle at the same time. If you would like to donate an item, service, or gift card, please drop it off in the church office with a note that it is for the EGCCNS raffle. Thank you so much for your continued support of our school! Have a great month!

– Suzanne and Linda

The EGCCNS Preschool's

8th COFFEE CUP

RAFFLE is coming soon!

We will be having our Annual Raffle in conjunction with the Rummage Sale on

Saturday April 29th

9:00am – 1:30pm

We will be set up in the hall leading to the Rummage Sale☺

Winners will be drawn at 2:00 pm

(You do not need to be present to win! We will call all winners to arrange pick up of items)

We look forward to another year of many exciting items to be raffled off!

We are accepting raffle items and will be visiting community businesses to seek their support through gift cards & donations. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, we would greatly appreciate it! Some suggestions would be toys, games, dolls, puzzles, candles, jewelry, homemade items, household items, artwork, pottery, craft items, & gift cards for goods or services.

All donations can be dropped off in the Church Office,
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm & Sunday mornings
OR at the Nursery/Preschool School - Monday – Friday 8:30 am – noon

please **label any donations: For Coffee Cup Raffle**
OR call the office to make arrangements for a pick-up.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE BROUGHT IN BY APRIL 25th.

MANY THANKS for supporting our preschool and we look forward to seeing you April 29th at the Rummage Sale and Raffle!

Friday Night Book Group

"March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb", and in between there's plenty of time for reading! Seriously, it's a long month. In order to fill up some of that reading time, the Friday Night Book Group is reading a wonderful family saga/historical fiction work by well-known novelist Barbara Kingsolver. The book is titled ***Unsheltered*** and the story follows two families living in the same house at two separate time periods in Vineland, New Jersey. The novel alternates between the 21st- and 19th-century stories, using the last words of one chapter as the title of the next. One family lived in the house in the 1800's and one is there in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. With history as their tantalizing canvas, these characters paint a startlingly relevant portrait of life in precarious times when the foundations of the past have failed to prepare us for the future.

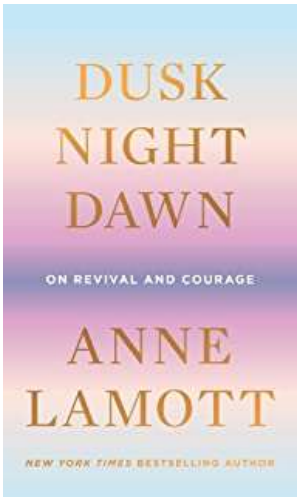
If this description sounds interesting to you, please join us on **Friday March 10th at 7 pm** for an evening of great discussion, conversation, and fellowship. We welcome everyone, whether you've read the book or not! We meet via the Zoom platform, so you don't even need to leave your home in order to participate; just let us know your email address, so we can send you the Zoom invitation. Please direct any questions about the book or the group to the office.

If you can't make our March meeting, but would like to read ahead and join us in April, we will be reading and discussing *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson.

We hope to see you on March 10th! In the meantime, as always, happy reading.

The Bible Book Study Club

The Bible Book Study Club meets on Tuesday at 1:00 P.M. on Zoom. We welcome new members at any time. Please contact the office.



We are started this book in mid-March: **Dusk, Night, Dawn: On Revival and Courage** by Anne Lamott.

In *Dusk, Night, Dawn*, Anne Lamott explores the tough questions that many of us grapple with. How can we recapture the confidence we once had as we stumble through the dark times that seem increasingly bleak? As bad news piles up—from climate crises to daily assaults on civility—how can we cope? "Where," she asks, "do we start to get our world and joy and hope and our faith in life itself back . . . with our sore feet, hearing loss, stiff fingers, poor digestion, stunned minds, broken hearts?"

We begin, Lamott says, by accepting our flaws and embracing our humanity. Drawing from her own experiences, Lamott shows us the intimate and human ways we can adopt to move through life's dark places and toward the light of hope that still burns ahead for all of us.

Full of honesty, humor, and humanity, Lamott explores the thorny issues of life and faith by breaking them down into manageable, human-sized questions for readers to ponder, in the process showing us how we can amplify life's small moments of joy by staying open to love and connection. Lamott notes, "I got Medicare three days before I got hitched, which sounds like something an old person might do, which does not describe adorably ageless me." Marrying for the first time with a grown son and a grandson, Lamott explains that finding happiness with a partner isn't a function of age or beauty but of outlook and perspective. Thoughtful and comic, warm and wise, Lamott truly speaks to the better angels in all of us.

Lectio Divina

Winter has finally come, yet the promise of Easter flowers is just around the corner!
During Lent we meet every Saturday AM via Zoom, and this year will also be incorporating "seeking: honest questions for deeper faith" into our discussions.
God's word speaks to each of us differently and we learn so much from each other. You don't need to commit to every Saturday morning, come only when you are able. **WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!!!!** The first Saturday of each month from 9 to 10:30 AM (and every Saturday during Lent) via Zoom so that those out of state can still attend**.** Topic is the Scripture for the following Sunday worship (that makes it fun to compare the preacher's interpretation of the scripture to ours)

To join, contact the office and we will add you to the Zoom invitation for Sat., Mar 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th, Apr 1st & 8th

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

2 Thessalonians 1:2

EGCC INFORMATION

Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sandra L Fischer
Christian Education Director:	TBD
Sunday School Teacher:	Erin Schultheis
Music Director/Pianist	Juliana Hall
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Expense Recorder:	Dave Harrold

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Human Resources:	Rebecca Dean	Missions & Outreach:	Kathy Mock
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Meeting Information

EGCC Ministry meetings are held as scheduled by the Ministry Chairperson.
EGCC Council meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month. Contact the Council or Ministry Chairperson if you wish to attend.

Beacon Information

The Beacon is published on the 1st of each month by the Church. Beacon Deadline for articles is the 23rd day of the month for the next publication. A Word document is the preferred format for submitted articles and will be subject to editing/formatting. Articles should be sent to Karen at: Office@egchurch.necoxmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday Sanctuary Flowers: To sign up, go to: https://www.egchurch.org/flower-donations OR Contact Karen in the office.

Sunday Worship Teams need Lay Leaders, Ushers, Greeters. To sign up, go to: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4faca628abf49-worship#/ or Contact Linda Harrold

Sunday School Shepherds are needed. To sign up, go to: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ca8ab2aa1ffc61-egcc#/ or call Pat Lang