

ATHOL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

STEEPLE NEWS

APRIL 2024

Dear Church Family,

In the quiet corners of a cemetery, amidst rows of tombstones, lies a simple yet profound symbol: the dash. It's a small punctuation mark etched between the dates of birth and death, encapsulating the entirety of one's existence. While seemingly insignificant, the dash represents the essence of a person's life, holding within it their dreams, aspirations, joys, and struggles.

The dash is a poignant reminder of the brevity of life and the importance of living fully in the present moment. Too often, we become consumed by the past or preoccupied with the future, forgetting to embrace the beauty and opportunities that surround us here and now. The dash serves as a call to mindfulness, urging us to cherish each day as a precious gift and to make the most of the time we have been given.

Living in the dash means embracing life with purpose and passion, pursuing our dreams, nurturing relationships, and making a positive impact on the world around us. It's about finding meaning and fulfillment in everyday moments and leaving behind a legacy that extends far beyond our physical existence.

But what does it mean to live beyond the dash? It's about more than just the accumulation of wealth or material possessions. True legacy is found in the imprint we leave on the hearts and minds of others, in the values we embody and the lives we touch. It's about sharing our wisdom, kindness, and compassion with those around us, and inspiring future generations to carry forward our legacy of love and generosity.

Another powerful way to extend our legacy is through financial planning, ensuring that our resources are used to support causes that are dear to our hearts. For many, the church holds a special place of significance—a sanctuary of faith, community, and spiritual nourishment. By leaving a financial legacy to support the church, we can help ensure its continued vitality and impact for generations to come.

During the month of April, we will be offering “Planned Giving” Moments during worship and one coffee hour talk with Bill Kessler. These are all meant to aid you in planning for your own financial future, as well as offering you tips for how to leave a little something to the church so that you can live beyond the dash in every way!

In the end, the dash is a celebration of our humanity—a testament to the richness and diversity of human experience. It reminds us that life is not measured by the years we live, but by the love we give, the connections we forge, and the impact we leave behind. So let us embrace the dash with open hearts and open minds, and strive to live each day with purpose, passion, and gratitude. Let us leave behind a legacy that reflects the very essence of who we are—a legacy of love, kindness, and generosity that will endure long after we are gone.

Journeying together in faith,

Rev. Candi Ashenden

It's that time again. Join us on Sunday, April 7th after worship for some delicious pie. There is always something for everyone. What kind of pie do you like? Fruit? Cream? Something different? A bargain at \$2.00 per slice.

If you are a baker and would like to donate a pie or two, please contact Susan O'Connor.



Dear Church Family,

The Whole Earth is Pregnant!

Doesn't spring just ooze with new life? If winter is the "pregnant pause", then spring is when we all anticipate little green shoots popping up everywhere, and hearing songbirds beginning their seasonal chorus. And yet, just as with childbirth, new growth is ushered in through discomfort. A newborn's cries as they are thrust into this big ol' world are gusty and full of anger and surprise at being forced to leave that warm cocoon of a womb. New life brings with it change, and change can feel like things are a little out of control and perhaps beyond our ability to contain things neatly.

I wonder from time-to-time if ACC is experiencing a re-birth of its own, as it must in order to survive and thrive in each new era. After all, ten years ago no one would have imagined Zoom book groups and Bible studies. No one could have envisioned the doors being closed for well over a year due to a global pandemic, or that the patterns of church attendance would have been permanently disrupted with many actually really valuing attending church solely online on Sunday morning. But then again, 40 years ago many congregations could have never imagined having a female pastor! And that seems to have worked out pretty well for us :-)

Being flexible and open to change means life is being allowed to spring anew! In fact, I would go so far as to say that when we are overly resistant to change, then we are being resistant to the dynamic and wonderful world that God created that would always call upon us to adapt and explore. That doesn't mean that we ought to jump on every new bandwagon that comes around, as prudence is also a sign of wisdom. But prayerful consideration and openness go a long way toward letting God speak into our lives and discerning if we are being called by the Spirit to do a "new thing". ACC excels at this, and our individual members do as well!

So take a look around you...where is something new wanting to spring forth in your own life? What would happen if, instead of resisting, you simply gave in, fear and all, and said, "OK God, let's give birth to something together!"

In Light and Love,

Warmly,
Rev. Cindy



March 24 – Palm Sunday
March 28 – Maundy Thursday Service
7 pm Fellowship Hall
March 30 – Pancake Breakfast – 7-10 am
March 31 – Easter Sunrise Service
6:15 am – Red Apple Farm
March 31 – Easter Service



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT- April 2024

Attendance: Average attendance for 2-11 through 3/10/24 was 9.6 Sunday School, 2 Youth Group and 6 Adults. We had 1 nursery staff one week and no nursery children during this time frame. Ten families (18 children) have registered for Church School and Nursery.

Y-Arms Club: Our participation has been discontinued by the YMCA.

Last week of class: March 17th.

Off-Season Adult Craft Volunteers Needed:

An adult craft leader (or myself) will be recruited for non-holiday Sundays until October due to historically decreased attendance after Easter. We will start upstairs like Summer and come down after the Children's Message for a group activity until the end of Church service. A newsletter was given out or mailed to families with a reminder not to drop off children downstairs without an adult present.

Dates to be filled: 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29 and 10/6.

Holiday weekends will have no craft leader: May 26th, July 7th, September 1st and October 13th.
Sunday School/Youth Group kickoff October 20th.

Caprice will be away the following Sundays: June 16th, July 21st and August 25th

Sunday School Pizza & Movie Event: Event was held on Sunday 2/25 after worship. Lunch was served in the Craft Room and the movie (Elemental) was shown in the Gathering Room. Fifteen children participated.

Vacation Bible School:

The theme is Keepers of the Kingdom (Armor of God). Curriculum is being reworked to fit our time frame and groups. Crafts are being prepped. The materials were donated by Heritage Bible Church in Princeton. Large decorations are being stored in the computer room. Information will be handed out during the Church Fair in June at the Children's Craft table.

Tentative dates: August 5-9th, pending approval at CE meeting.

ANNUAL LOVE A CHILD CHRISTIAN ED FUNDRAISER: \$2,316.04. Thank you to everyone who donated. We are blessed with the support of this Church to continue to offer traditional Church School.

**For any questions or concerns, please contact Caprice Bachelder at
508-331-7791 or nikalv02@yahoo.com**



COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP TEAM SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

April 7	Jan Noyes, Cindy Jack & Pamela Deane
April 14	Melinda Jack, Vera Breault & Rebecca King
April 21	Ruth Quinlan, Jen Rieth & Sherrill Modzeleski
April 28	Jan Doody, Joyce Phinney & Bonnie Hodgdon

At this time most Sundays have people assigned to them, however we are currently looking for volunteers to help on the third Sunday of each month.

If you are interested in helping with the coffee hour snacks on the third Sunday of each month and/or overseeing the program, please contact Cindy Jack at 508-517-2851 or speak with her after worship on Sunday

Mission Outreach

Community Meal – Oh yes, our delicious meals are served on the first Friday of each month. Whether you enjoy a delicious meal at no cost, or you like Lisa’s special “first Friday delights” or the fellowship of others in Fellowship Hall with real chinaware and entertainment, all are great reasons to reserve a meal at ACC! This month we are having homemade mac & cheese, pork chop, peas and a dessert of course. Reserve your meals by calling Susan at 978-249-7921 by April 3. The sponsor this month is Hunts Farm, in honor of all our Dairy Farmers!

Town-Wide Events

April 20 - Green Clean Athol - We hope your family, your neighborhood or a team of friends can join in to pick up trash after the winter on Saturday, April 20. Registration, maps, and bags will be available at the Lord Pond Plaza (near the Senior center from 9 -12). Join in this Earth Day Event to make a difference!

Looking Ahead !

Remembering Veterans- During May we will be encouraging community-wide donations to remember our Veterans and their families. Volunteers will be needed to help with the display on the common and names of Veterans that will be honored during the Memorial Day Service.

All funds collected will be used for the free November Breakfast in honor of Veterans and their families.

North Quabbin Food-a-thon May 21 will be the Annual Event to support the Food Pantries in Athol, Orange, and Wendell. There will be 12 hours of coverage on AOTV channel 13 ,WVAO radio 105.9 fm and live on aotv13.org Tune in when you can – you will recognize some hosts from our Church family! ACC is proud to support these pantries and help those in need of food support year around!

Country Fair – 2024! June 1, 9-2. Yes, the Cake Walk will return!! We will need cakes!!



Bruce Banks, Kathy Bennett (Cheryl L'Ecuyer's sister-in-law), Rita Bombard, Charles Brown, Roger Carter, Florence Copeland, Susan Gatautis, the family of Duncan Gordon, Greyson Johnson, Diane Myntti, Ann Phinney, Don Risatti, Sheila St. Laurent, Alice Woessner, Donald Ziminski and our sister church in Vichuquen. We also pray for Joe Badgley, Sean Spaulding, and others in the Armed Forces and in harm's way.

Remember our homebound friends with a card, and especially your prayers . .

Fran Britt - Baldwinville Nursing Home



2	Emilee Fletcher	10	Susan Roach	21	Rachel Behrens
3	Amanda Badgley	11	Amber Young-Bent	21	William LeBlanc
3	Taylor Badgley	12	Elizabeth Currie	22	James Hunt
4	Harper Johnson	12	Allison Osborne	22	Jonathan Rivera
4	Judith Rathburn	14	Barbara Stone	23	Kasey Torchia
5	Jessie Binkauski	15	Joyce Phinney	23	Julie Young
5	Stephanie Buck	15	Chevonne Stockwood	24	Adam Bergeron
6	Karen Truehard	16	Gerald Arsenault	24	Brian Dickhaut
7	Suzanne Gaynor	16	Peter Currie	25	Christine Bingham
7	Jonathan Webb	16	Kevin Heath	25	Scott Hicks
8	Joseph Badgley	18	Noah L'Ecuyer	26	Kay Magrone
8	Donald Ziminski	19	Benjamin Bates	27	Bruce Hill
9	Everett Rieth	19	Sabrina LeClaire-Babits	29	Leonard Foster
10	Nancy Litchfield	19	Scott May	29	Jen Harrington
10	Janice Noyes	19	Melanie Thibeault	29	John Richardson
				30	Marilyn McIntosh



8	Cynthia & Raymond Jack	52 years
15	Cheryl & Peter L'Ecuyer	51 years
25	Susan & William Batchelor	28 years
28	Rachel & Phillip Behrens	34 years



CHURCH INFORMATION:

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Church Telephone: 978-249-6202

Church E-mail address: accuccoffice@gmail.com

Rev. Dr. Candi Ashenden: revcandi@gmail.com

Rev. Candi’s schedule: Tuesday and Wednesday in the office

Website: www.atholcongregationalucc.org

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES under Sermons on the website or

Find us on Facebook (Athol Congregational Videos)

for 10:00 am live streamed worship

& www.youtube.com (Athol Congregational Church for services)

Also, on Sunday mornings on AOTV channel 1301 at 10:00 AM (one week delay)

*Don't forget - Newsletter Deadline is the **15th** of the month.*

Articles submitted after the deadline may not be included.

Deacons are: Doc Arsenault, Vicki Baker, Chuck Berube, Susan Bowdrige, Vera Breault, Jan Doody, Tom Doody, Bonnie Hodgdon, Marjorie Holmes, Christine Phelps.

Please collect Can Tabs for the Shriner's Hospitals in Springfield and Boston. Can tabs can be found on fruit cans, soups, V-8, and soda cans. Removing the can tab from soda cans does not affect the return price. Please drop them off at the Church Office during office hours or bring them to Church and place them in a large glass container on the table outside the sanctuary. The Shriners collect these and melt them down to get money to serve children who need their services free of charge to the family. We can do our small part in helping this mission.



Many thanks.

Pat Darby

Financial Summary for February 2024:

<u>Month of February</u>		<u>Year to Date</u>
Revenue/Income:	\$10,570.02	\$21,032.44
Expenditures:	<u>18,278.74</u>	<u>35,584.79</u>
Gain/Loss: Loss	(\$7,708.72)	(\$14,552.35)

Leadership felt it would be helpful going forward for the congregation to have a monthly update on the church’s income and expenses. These figures do not include money we need to take from the endowment each year, they simply show what our shortfall would be if we did not have an endowment to fall back on and they highlight what would be required for us to fully sustain ourselves without relying on our endowment.

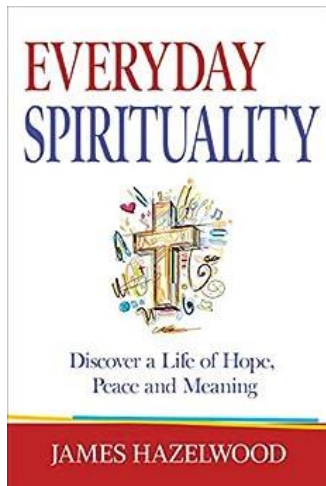
2023-2024 ACC Book Discussions



Join Rev. Cindy and Rev. Candi on Zoom for lively and interesting conversations as we reflect on and discuss three faith-oriented books this year! This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to get to know others in our congregation on a deeper level as we build our “faith muscle” and gain insights from terrific authors! If you haven’t had time to read our selection don’t let that stop you! Our discussions are oriented

so that anyone can hop on and share their thoughts about the topics the books bring to the forefront.

Books can be borrowed from the library or purchased used or new on Amazon. Individuals are responsible for obtaining their own copy, but if you need assistance, please let Rev. Cindy know and she will happily help.



April 14 & 21, 2024, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Everyday Spirituality, James Hazelwood

- Are you longing for a spiritual connection, but too busy?
- Do you seek more peace in your life?
- Is God important to you, but this fragmented world is distracting you?

In this conversational, thoughtful and at times humorous book, James Hazelwood helps you discover that much of your everyday, so-called ordinary life, is actually quite spiritual. You'll finish this book with a whole new perspective on life, and a lot less guilt about what you should be doing.

In this book, you'll discover:

- Life is full of sacred moments, and they are found in daily life, not in monasteries or with gurus.
- A way to be a graceful person in a hectic life.
- Humorous stories of everyday people just like you discovering a meaning-filled life.
- A glimpse of an open accepting and broadly inclusive expression of the Christian faith, one that embraces other religions, philosophers, literature, and psychology.

Everyday Spirituality presents 27 easy to read short chapters making it the kind of book you can digest in short reading sessions. Keep it in your car when you've got five minutes waiting to pick up the kids at school, or during a lunch break at work. Then talk about it with your friends over pizza.

Everyday Spirituality is for people who have left the church, never went, or are still hanging on. What they all have in common is, the old way just isn't working. Not because it's wasn't of value, instead because, well, life got crazy, work took over, and who has time to sit and pray and read a devotional every day for an hour?

Instead, what if your life was the prayer. Your walk in the mall, your dinner with friends, your questions, your travels, even your time at the gym...what if you saw all that as a connection to that which is timeless, eternal and holy. Would your life be different, better, filled with hope? You bet it would.



Our church has a special ministry called Helping Hands. We have several people who are willing to cook and deliver meals to people in our church family who are in need for a short time, usually two weeks. Right now we need more cooks to help out. If you are interested in learning how this works or signing up, please contact Vicki Baker at 978-852-0442 or ybaker1018@yahoo.com.

Greetings!

Our church is entering a period where we will be making decisions. Many of these decisions will have significant impact on the future of our church. That's not a new thing for us. We've made lots of major decisions in the past few years. What's different now is that there's no big issue defining what we need to work on. Think about the past few years.

- Last year, we focused on financial problems. Working together, making tough decisions, working hard and then lots of generosity brought us to the place where we now have a good degree of financial stability.
- The pandemic dominated our planning and decisions for a couple of years before that. So many meetings and discussion about what to do, how to do it, and when. We got through this time without the kind of unpleasantness that disrupted many churches, and emerged from it as a strong, united church family.
- Just before the pandemic we were deciding on whom to call as our new pastor. We had a unanimous vote in our sanctuary where we decided to call Rev. Candi just before we closed the church for the pandemic.

Think, too, about the impact of all of the decisions we've made over the past several years.

This year there's no demanding issue (that I know of) dictating what we will be making decisions about and where we will be focusing our efforts. There's no driving issue dictating what we will discuss, decide about, plan for, and act on. Possibilities are percolating like the Villages Project, and bingo as a significant fund-raiser. There's major interest in the women's retreat. Decisions will be made about these, and other things, in the months ahead.

Whatever decisions we do make, whatever we set our hearts, minds, and hands to will have impact for many years to come. May the Lord guide our decision making and actions as our church moves onto new paths.

Blessed 2024,
Tom Doody, Moderator



72nd Annual Country Fair

Saturday, June 1

9 am – 2 pm

Donations for the Emporium/Tag sale will be open on **Monday, April 1**. Please bring your items to the back hallway. **Please** no electronics, no clothing and no shoes. All your other valuable cast-offs are more than welcome! If you have furniture to donate and need help, please call Kevin Heath at 978-249-6991.

We are also looking for donations of books, CDs, DVDs, jewelry and plants. Dave Bremner will be accepting book donations in April. Lisa Pollock will take jewelry donations at any time and Debbie Phelps will accept plants beginning in May. Please consider making a donation for the Gift Card table. Any denomination to any local business would be helpful. Please see Christine Phelps for details. Theme baskets are always a big hit. Please speak to Dave Harris or Sue Bowdridge if you have an idea for a theme basket. The week before the fair we are hoping you will set aside time to bake and make candy for the Baked Goodies table. Always a popular booth!

All donations are greatly appreciated!

And let's not forget the gift of time!! It takes all of us working together to put on a successful fair. Thanks to everybody who is chairing a booth and to everyone who is volunteering to help. If you have not yet been asked, please step up and volunteer! Speak to Jan Doody or Jerry Noyes for suggestions on how to help. As always, we will need many hands to set the fair up on Friday afternoon, and Saturday morning and to dismantle everything on Saturday afternoon. Whew! So much work! But all in the name of fellowship and community.

Our next fair meeting is on **Monday, April 15 at 5:00 PM** in the parlor. All are welcome! See you at the fair!!!

Yours in Christ – Jan Doody



It is amazing what can be done when the People of God set their minds to a task and seek God's blessing. Financially we have turned the corner and are headed toward sustainability. Thank you for your generosity! We are grateful to have so many "angels" in our midst. Now it's time to continue in our Mission and set a course of action.

We will always be a Church that spends more than is pledged and collected. This is neither bad nor wrong. This is not unusual for a UCC church. We must keep a steady flow into our foundation, our endowment that is supporting our ability to continually move forward and fulfill God's Will.

Earlier, we had begun a campaign of the "10% Challenge," which we put on hold to focus on the \$50,000 Match Challenge. Several have already responded by updating their wills, trusts and life insurance policies. Others have pledged 10% of their assets to our church before their Estate is settled. I did it. It was easy! If we all do this, the flow to our foundation will have a great base.

Another way to increase the flow to our foundation is to redirect funds coming out of retirement programs and IRA's that have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD). By age 73, federal regulations require we start taking money out of our Traditional IRA's and retirement programs. For some this is not an income source that they need and it can present an income tax issue. With little effort those distributions can be directed to our church to help reduce their income taxes. This could become another steady flow to keep our base strong.

Finally, some of us have stocks or other assets we have held for a long time. If we cash them in there can be tax burdens. If those same assets are transferred to the church the tax burden can be reduced.

These are concepts, not a detailed explanation of what to do. As time and opportunity allows, we will seek ways to provide more detail and perhaps even support. Like the Blues Brothers said, "We are on a mission from God." Working together we can be more of what our Creator asks of us. What an amazing blessing that is!

Your Stewardship Committee





"Disney for the Young and Young at Heart"

April 21

If you would like to sing a Disney song, please contact Pat Darby at patdarby6@yahoo.com. Information needed is the name of the song, and the accompaniment you will use – on tape or live and the name of your accompanist. You are welcome to sing several songs. Also looking for someone to put a picture on the screen about the song.

Reminisce Orchestra

May 19

A dance band with all of your favorites from the Swing Era. This will get your toes to tapping!!!

Ethan Bremner and a Soprano

June 23

Hear the stories of the famous Operas and catchy familiar melodies.

All concerts begin at 4 pm followed by dinner.

Adults: \$10 for Concert
\$12 for Dinner
\$20 for Concert and Dinner

Special price for children at the Disney Concert

Ages 5-11: \$5 for Concert
\$5 for Dinner

These Concerts are fundraisers for the Athol Congregational Church so please write down these dates and plan to join us for enjoyable times.

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4:00 pm - Stewardship	2	3 11am – 12 pm Donuts with the Duo Bell 5:30 Choir 6:30	4 6:30-8:00 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall 4:00 pm Teach Us - Gathering Room	5 Community Meal – 5:30 in house and 4:00-4:30 takeout/ delivery Call to reserve by Wednesday 978-249-7921	6
7 9-12 am – Pie Sunday 10 am – Worship 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Rob Bell on Zoom	8 6:30 – Mom’s Group 6:30 – Women’s Fellowship in Parlor	9 4:45 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Deacons on Zoom 6:30 pm Missions	10 Bell 5:30 Choir 6:30	11 6:30-8:00 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall 4:00 pm Teach Us - Gathering Room	12	13
14 10 am – Worship 11 am – Healing Service 6:30-8 pm Book Group “Everyday Spirituality” on Zoom	15 5:00 pm – Fair Meeting - Parlor 5:30 pm – PPRC 6:30 – Women’s Fellowship - Parlor	16 6:00 pm - Leadership	17 11 am – 12 pm Donuts with the Duo Bell 5:30 Choir 6:30	18 6:30-8:00 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall 4:00 pm Teach Us - Gathering Room	19	20
21 10 am – Worship 11 am – Christian Ed 4 pm – Disney for the Young and Young at Heart – Dinner to follow 6:30 – 8 pm Book Group	22 6:30 – Women’s Fellowship in Parlor	23	24 Bell 5:30 Choir 6:30	25 6:30 – 8:00 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall 4:00 pm Teach Us - Gathering Room 7:00 pm – Building & Personnel	26	27 7-10 am Breakfast
28 10 am – Worship	29 6:30 – Women’s Fellowship in Parlor	30				

The church will be having lilies in the church on Easter Sunday. If you would like to place an order for lilies please fill out the form below. (Deadline to order is March 25, 2024)

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Name _____

I would like to order _____ Lilies at \$13.50 each. My Check is enclosed.

In memory of _____

I will pick up my Easter lily after worship.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**PLAIN AND BLUEBERRY PANCAKES,
FRENCH TOAST, SAUSAGE,
FRUIT, JUICE, COFFEE**



7:00 to 10:00 am

Adults \$8.00

Children under 12 \$3.00



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – April 2024 (Year B)

Mon., Apr. 1

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Genesis 1:1-19
1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Tues., Apr. 2

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Genesis 1:20–2:4a
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Wed., Apr. 3

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Song of Solomon 3:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

Thurs., Apr. 4

Psalm 133
Daniel 1:1-21
Acts 2:42-47

Fri., Apr. 5

Psalm 133
Daniel 2:1-23
Acts 4:23-31

Sat., Apr. 6

Psalm 133
Daniel 2:24-49
John 12:44-50

Sun., Apr. 7

Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1–2:2
John 20:19-31

Mon., Apr. 8

Psalm 135
Daniel 3:1-30
1 John 2:3-11

Tues., Apr. 9

Psalm 135
Daniel 6:1-28
1 John 2:12-17

Wed., Apr. 10

Psalm 135
Isaiah 26:1-15
Mark 12:18-27

Thurs., Apr. 11

Psalm 4
Daniel 9:1-19
1 John 2:18-25

Fri., Apr. 12

Psalm 4
Daniel 10:2-19
1 John 2:26-28

Sat., Apr. 13

Psalm 4
Acts 3:1-10
Luke 22:24-30

Sun., Apr. 14

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

Mon., Apr. 15

Psalm 150
Jeremiah 30:1-11a
1 John 3:10-16

Tues., Apr. 16

Psalm 150
Hosea 5:15–6:6
2 John 1-6

Wed., Apr. 17

Psalm 150
Proverbs 9:1-6
Mark 16:9-18

Thurs., Apr. 18

Psalm 23
Genesis 30:25-43
Acts 3:17-26

Fri., Apr. 19

Psalm 23
Genesis 46:28–47:6
Acts 4:1-4

Sat., Apr. 20

Psalm 23
Genesis 48:8-19
Mark 6:30-34

Sun., Apr. 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Mon., Apr. 22

Psalm 95
1 Samuel 16:1-13
1 Peter 5:1-5

Tues., Apr. 23

Psalm 95
1 Chronicles 11:1-9
Revelation 7:13-17

Wed., Apr. 24

Psalm 95
Micah 7:8-20
Mark 14:26-31

Thurs., Apr. 25

Psalm 22:25-31
Amos 8:1-7
Acts 8:1b-8

Fri., Apr. 26

Psalm 22:25-31
Amos 8:11-13
Acts 8:9-25

Sat., Apr. 27

Psalm 22:25-31
Amos 9:7-15
Mark 4:30-32

Sun., Apr. 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

Mon., Apr. 29

Psalm 80
Isaiah 5:1-7
Galatians 5:16-26

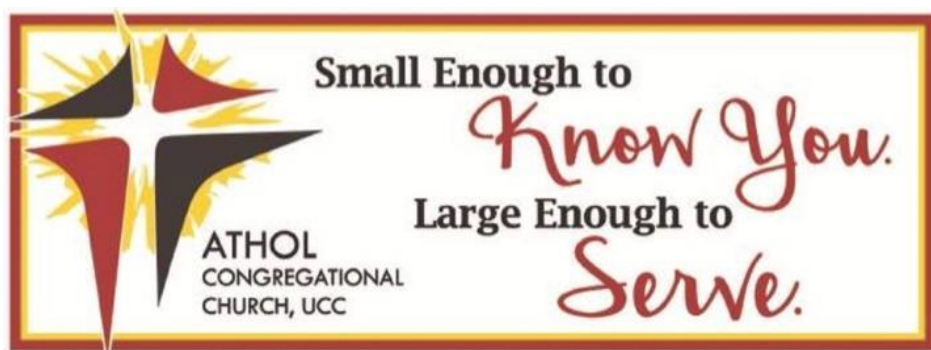
Tues., Apr. 30

Psalm 80
Isaiah 32:9-20
James 3:17-18

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We are a community of faith, gathered by God's grace, following and modeling the way of Christ, as we celebrate, serve, worship and grow.