



CAMPTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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PASTORS' CORNER

Dear friends,

We hope that your Winter is going well. Several of our Church Family have struggled with ongoing coughs and colds, and have been in our prayers in Sunday Worship as well as the ongoing prayers of several "Prayer Warriors" day after day. We hope YOU are feeling better, and that you who have been well will stay that way!!

The calendar brings us to Lent, and this Newsletter has information on our plans for this year's celebration. There are Christians and even Churches that have no place in their thinking for Lent. How sad that these people do not make use of Lent as our forefathers in Christianity many centuries ago intended. The feeling back then was that Easter itself needed to be more than just a "special" Sunday on our calendar and in our Church life. The season of Lent was to be observed as "preparation" for Easter itself. It isn't a guarantee that you'll get more out of Easter itself, but it certainly can help!

This Newsletter includes plans for our community Lenten services, with the hope of the planners that you will participate for these weeks from now until Easter. Our Sunday Worship will be augmented by Wednesday night gatherings, with others from local churches and the community in general. We hope that YOU will take part as regularly as you are able, not just for the "numbers" in attendance, but for the value and prayer that we all may find Easter a highlight on our faith journey over the years.

In a very real sense, Easter itself is the Birth of the Church, as the Resurrection of Christ the Saviour brought New Life to all who would believe in Him as Saviour and follow Him as Lord. Our New England forefathers had it right when they called the Church building the Meeting House. The Church, of course, is not the building, but the People who gather in faith and fellowship. The Church is the Fellowship of Believers; all those who believe what happened that Easter morning, when the Risen Christ came back to his People, later called Christians.

May God bless you in these days of Lent and Easter, and open your mind and heart to the Christ who returned to his People that day. We hope we'll see you often through this Lenten Season, and may God bless you now, and through Easter, and day by day beyond that!

With our Love and Prayers, Pastor Russ and Pastor Cindy

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who made our Christmas season heartwarming and wonderful. Your prayers, your gifts, your cards, your notes, and most importantly your love have blessed us continually.

There will be a Thank You Tea held for you on Tuesday, February 20th. The Pastors will be serving at 1:00 p.m. Why not plan to be with us? Simply sign-up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or call and let us know you will join us, this will ensure that we have a place set for you at the table.

In Christian Love, Pastors Cindy and Russ

