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**SPRING IS ALWAYS
WELCOME!**



Holy Week Schedule; 2017 Easter Offering to ECCO

Please join us for all of our Holy Week services; you will find the schedule below. In addition, the Missions Ministry has advised that the Easter Offering will be given this year to ECCO, which stands for Essex County Community Organization. According to their website, "ECCO is a diverse network of congregations and organizations across the North Shore, building relationships and power to put human dignity at the center of public life." A missions letter is on the way!

Maundy Thursday

6:15 p.m. Simple Supper by Dario (Clarke Hall)
7 p.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Good Friday

7 p.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

Easter Sunday

6:15 a.m. Sunrise service
10:00 a.m. Worship; followed by Easter Collation

"Alleluia, Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed."

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**APRIL 2017
EVENTS
CALENDAR**

**Communion
Sunday**

Sunday, April 2

**Red Sox Opening
Day at Fenway**

Monday, April 3

HOLY WEEK

*Palm Sunday
Sun. April 9*

*Maundy Thursday
Thurs. April 13*

*Good Friday
Fri. April 14*

*Easter Sunday
Sun. April 16*

Patriots Day
Monday, April 17

**Soli Deo Gloria
Concert, 3 PM**
Sunday, April 23
Patricia Clarke
Brittany Betts
Thomas Palance

AHEAD IN MAY

Ham it Up Talent
Friday, May 5th

*I can do all things through
Christ who strengthens me.
Phillipians 4:13*

Opportunities and Happenings

A great number of interesting activities are coming up in and around us this Spring. I am highlighting a few of them here:

Voices of Hope brunch to benefit Amirah House

Saturday, April 8th, 10 AM to 12 noon at Ipswich Country Club

Amirah currently has one safe home for women over the age of 18 who were sex trafficked. The brunch will feature stories of hope in the deep, lasting work that is being done. Attendees will hear about the work of healing for victims of trauma as well as about the common barriers that each woman faces as she journeys towards liberation.

Tickets are \$50, at www.amirahboston.org

Or to make a general donation, Amirah, Inc. P.O. Box 54, Wenham, MA 01984, Email info@amirahboston.org

Mission Trip Benefit, Tabernacle Church in Salem, our partners in youth ministry, are hosting an event to raise funds for a 2018 trip for adults AND youth. They will be working through Partners in Development, and will be going to either Mississippi or Guatemala. They told us about the event at the last youth retreat, and it sounds like fun. Attendees taste different dishes, and bid on a dinner to be delivered at an agreed upon date, by the cook! The event is on Saturday, April 8th, 6 – 9 PM at Tabernacle.

Soli Deo Gloria Concert on April 23rd at 3 PM, see PAGE THREE!

Featuring Patty Clark, Brittany Betts, and Thomas Palance

Ham it Up All Church Talent Showcase

Friday, May 5, CINCO de MAYO

Early details include.....a festive evening to include an abundance of local talent, Mexican themed dinner (taco and baked potato bar, mock-tails), and dessert, Master of Ceremonies David Silva, lots of laughs and FUN!



Easter Sunrise Service
Always a great way to begin Easter morning. In watching the sun rise, we acknowledge that Jesus Christ has risen as well. The Sunrise Service will be held on the First Church Terrace at 6:15 AM on Easter morning, with breakfast to follow. Bring something to share!

Aging Well

The "Aging Well" book club gathered for its final meeting on March 30th. Over the course of several weeks the group discussed a variety of topics about adult human development including our belief systems, integrity, issues of retirement, importance of "play", dealing with serious illness and death, our health, spirituality, religion, and more. The group plans to continue meeting to review other books, watch relevant movies, or engage in other enriching experiences as we "age well!" If you are interested in learning about future meetings, contact Ms. Elaine Clarke.

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FROM PATTY CLARK, The First Church in Swampscott, Director of Music Ministries

I am very excited to invite you to an upcoming (free) concert that I will be playing in on Sunday, April 23, 3PM, at the First Church in Swampscott. I will be playing organ and piano with Thomas Palance on trumpet and flugelhorn and Brittany Betts on trumpet and voice. It's a CRAZY program – in a wonderful way. We are featuring three contemporary (living) composers – one German and two Americans, as well as a few others.

One of the Americans is local – a Gloucester composer, Robert Bradshaw, who composed a song for voice, piano, and flugelhorn *for this concert!!!* based on text from “The Merchant of Venice” (How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this bank! Here will we sit and let the sounds of music. Creep in our ears....) A world premiere!!!! You see, April 23 is Shakespeare's presumed birthday, so we have a set dedicated to the bard!

Perhaps also in honor of Will, all of the music will be very dramatic (two of the composers are also film composers), and, perhaps unlike anything you've ever heard before. In a surprising, and hopefully, good way!

My fellow performers, Brittany and Thomas, are AMAZING, and we LOVE playing together and we love this music, so there's a real great chemistry that should come through in the music, as well.

Please come – bring your friends – disseminate the poster – it's free! – the more the merrier – let the “sounds of music creep in your ears!”

BEHOLD THE FLUGELHORN...



SOLI DEO GLORIA 2016-2017



*First Church Presents
Soli Deo Gloria Concert Series*

Sweet Harmonies
Thomas Palance, trumpet and flugelhorn,
Brittany Betts, trumpet and voice, and
Patricia Clark, organ and piano.

Sunday, April 23, 3 pm
The First Church in Swampscott, Congregational United Church of Christ
40 Monument Avenue, Swampscott
*The concert is free and open to the public
Child care will be provided.
For more information call 781 792-6081 or visit www.thefirstchurch.org
*This concert is supported by the Kay Jauron Fund and your generous donations.