



# ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

**8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Worship In-Person (HC)  
**10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Worship In-Person & Livestream (Church)  
Zoom Coffee Hour follows [HERE](#)

## PARISH OFFICE

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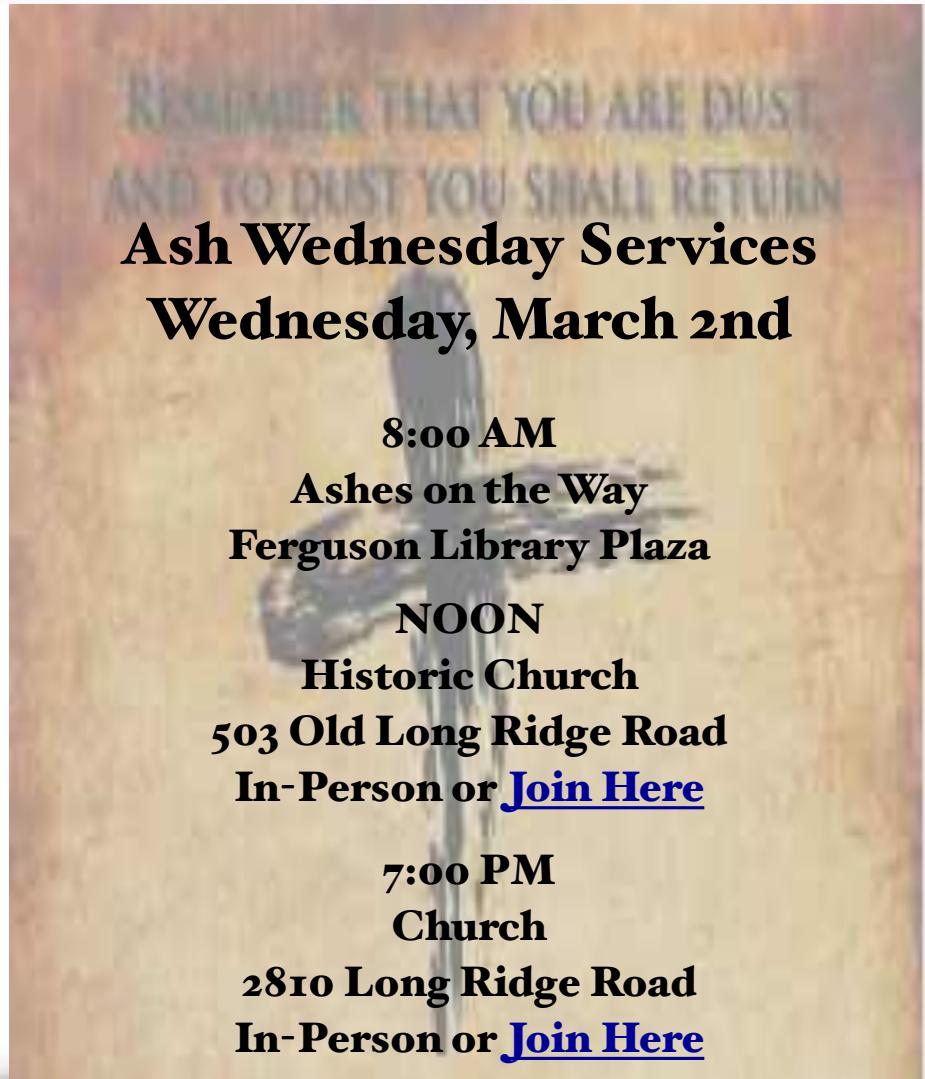
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**Ash Wednesday Services**  
**Wednesday, March 2nd**

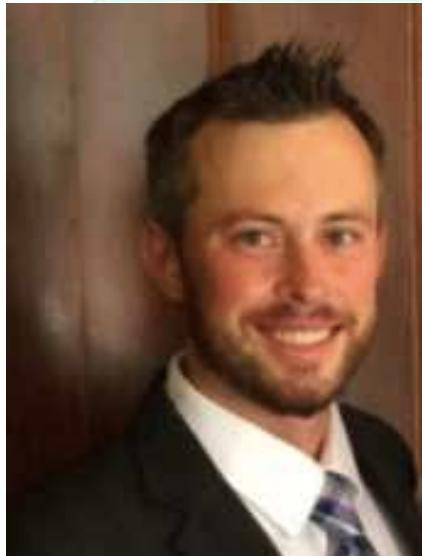
**8:00 AM**  
**Ashes on the Way**  
**Ferguson Library Plaza**

**NOON**  
**Historic Church**  
**503 Old Long Ridge Road**  
**In-Person or [Join Here](#)**

**7:00 PM**  
**Church**  
**2810 Long Ridge Road**  
**In-Person or [Join Here](#)**

The Noon and 7 PM services will be in-person and include imposition of ashes and Eucharist. We will also have an online option for these two services.

We have returned to in-person worship at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Sundays. We also provide a livestream option at the 10:00 AM service. You can access it here: <https://events.locallive.tv/worship/stfrancisstamford>



## GUEST PREACHER

**DYLAN MELLO**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16**

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut employs four Region Missionaries to support the work of parishes and encourage collaboration. Dylan Mello is in charge of the Northwest and Southwest portion of Connecticut. He will preach at St. Francis on Sunday, January 16, and briefly discuss the work of region missionaries. Dylan comes from a sports medicine background, working previously as an athletic trainer at the University of Connecticut and EO Smith High School in Storrs, CT. He is

originally from Massachusetts and has lived in several places on the East Coast prior to coming to Connecticut. His hobbies include traveling and exploring new areas as a local. Dylan is married and has two young daughters.

## **THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING DINNER AT PACIFIC HOUSE**

A group of parishioners prepared and served a meal at Stamford's Pacific House men's shelter on February 8. This ministry is part of the calendar of events that the Outreach Committee organizes each year. Thanks to all who assisted with this dinner and stay tuned for additional opportunities to help.



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# Lent



## SUNDAYS IN LENT

### WALTER BRUEGEMANN

Walter Brueggemann is one of the most respected Old Testament scholars of our day. We invite you to view his presentations on the following topics before each Sunday. We will discuss his insights each Sunday.

**Sunday, March 6**

Relational God

**CLICK HERE**

**Sunday, March 27**

Law that Listens

**CLICK HERE**

**Sunday, March 13**

Restorative Grace

**CLICK HERE**

**Sunday, April 3**

Being Prophetic

**CLICK HERE**

**Sunday, March 20**

Justice from Below

**CLICK HERE**



**Midweek Lenten Services  
with St. Francis and St. John's Lutheran  
*Metanoia:*  
*What are You Turning Toward?  
What are You Turning From?***

**Wednesdays in Lent at St. John's Lutheran Church**  
**6:15 PM Soup and Bread**  
**7:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer Service**

Wednesday March 9

Wednesday, March 16

Wednesday, March 23

Wednesday, March 30

Wednesday, April 6



# Midnight Run

## **Midnight Run** **Saturday, March 26**

7:00 PM—Gather at St. John's Lutheran (884 Newfield Ave.) to put the “Run” together.

9:00 PM—Those making the “Run” into New York City leave  
We will collect the following items starting on Sunday, February 27. Please  
leave donations in the entryway of the Church

### **Items for all Groups to Collect:**

Clean/New tee shirts	New Underwear	New Socks
Shirts	Jackets	Hats
Gloves	Pants	Sweaters
Sweatshirt	Blankets	Shoes

### **Hygiene Items:**

Toothbrush	Small tube toothpaste	Razors
Shampoo*	Mouthwash*	Soap*
Hand lotion*	Deodorant*	Shaving Cream*

\*Travel size



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## HOLY WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS

Enter into the mystery of God's grace



Services will be held in-person and via Livestream for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day. The Labyrinth Meditation and the Easter Vigil will be in-person only services

Click Here for  
Maundy Thursday

Click Here for  
Good Friday

Click Here for  
Easter Sunday

### LABYRINTH MEDITATION

Wednesday, April 13 @ 7:00 PM  
St. Francis Episcopal Church



### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 15 @ 7:00 PM  
St. Francis Episcopal Church



### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 14 @ 7:00 PM  
St. John's Lutheran Church



### EASTER VIGIL

Saturday, April 16 @ 8:00 PM  
St. Francis Episcopal Church

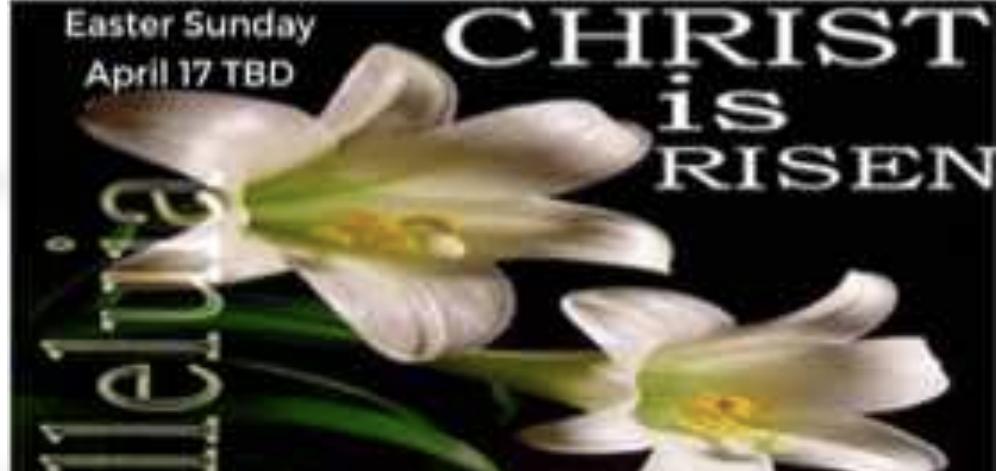


The Easter Vigil is one of the more evocative services of the Church year. We begin in darkness and move into light. The stories of Creation, Exodus, Dry Bones, and Salvation are followed by Baptismal remembrance and the first Easter Proclamation and Eucharist.

Join us!

Easter Sunday  
April 17 TBD

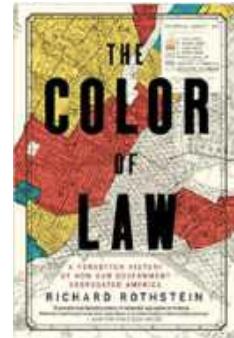
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is  
RISEN



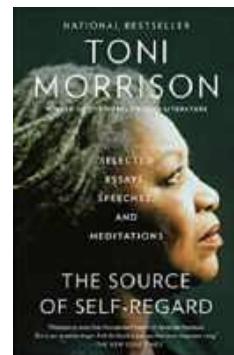


## Book Club for 2021 - 2022

**May 1**  
*The Color of  
Law*



**June 5**  
*Source of Self-  
Regard*



**Sunday, May 15,**

**@ 4:00 PM**  
*Broadway Fab Five*

Sarah Bleasdale, Christina DeMaio,  
Richard Weidlich  
Charles Widmer, and Kenneth  
Gartman on piano

**BROADWAY  
REVISITED**



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## WEEKLY OFFERINGS . . .



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**TUESDAYS @ 5:00 PM**

[Join Here](#)



### EVENING PRAYER TUESDAYS @ 6:00 PM

[Join Here](#)



### MORNING PRAYER THURSDAYS @ 10:00 AM

[Join Here](#)



### ONLINE SING-A-LONG FRIDAYS @ 11:00 AM

[Join Here](#)

# Adult Forum

**ADULT FORUM ON THE  
1ST & 3RD TUESDAYS OF  
EACH MONTH**

**7:00 - 8:00 PM**

We continue to partner with St. John's Lutheran in providing educational opportunities for both churches.

[Join the conversation here.](#)

**Tuesday, February 15**

Book Discussion

*Think Again* -Adam Grant

**Tuesday, March 1**

*Lenten Presentation*

**Tuesday, March 15**

Jewish Perspectives on Passover

**Tuesday, April 5**

Ecology and Faith

**Tuesday, April 19**

Sabbath and Sabbatical

**Tuesday, May 3**

Book Discussion

*The Color of Law*—Richard Rothstein



**SNEAK PEEK  
LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY  
MONDAYS  
AT  
7:00 PM**

Join with members from St. John's Lutheran as we review and discuss the upcoming texts for Sunday. Every Monday at 7:00 PM we meet via Zoom to discuss the upcoming Sunday's readings. This is a great way to enrich your experience of the Bible and Sunday worship.

**February 14**

[Luke 6:27-38](#)

**February 21**

[Luke 9:28-36, \(37-43\)](#)

**February 28**

[Luke 4:1-13](#)

**March 7**

[Luke 13:31-35](#)

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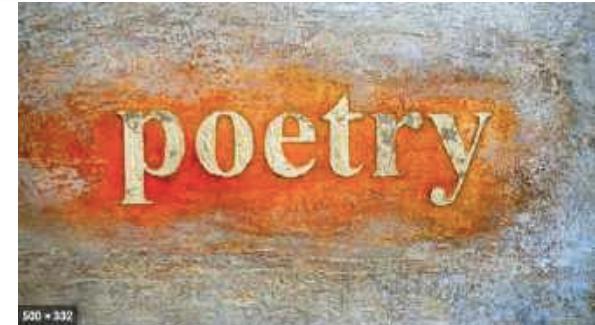


**MONTHLY  
SERVICES  
FOR PETS  
AND  
THEIR PEOPLE  
AT  
4:00 PM**

**February 20**

**March 20**

**April 17**



**POETRY EVENING  
MONDAY, APRIL 4, AT  
6:00 PM**

Join us every other month for a Monday evening Poetry Reading. Our resident poets, Ralph Nazareth and Ed Happ, lead our sharing.

[Join Here](#)



**Prayer  
Shawl  
ministry**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

**Tuesdays at 5:00 PM**

The group has been meeting weekly throughout the pandemic. It is a great way to catch up with others, knit prayer shawls or caps for various causes, and enjoy the company of others.

[Join Here](#)



## **Building Bridges Summit: 10 Experts on Unique Ways to Build Unity**

**February 10-19  
7am PST / 10am EST / 3pm GMT**



[Register](#)

To forge peace we must build bridges. Bridges symbolize communication and union between two realms. And they must be constructed with intention to last! Join us for this 10-day series to gain insights & tools for building openness, compassion, and collaboration even in polarized contexts.

### **10 Experts**

Featuring entrepreneurs, CEOs, academics, nonprofit leaders, activists, innovators, scholars, philanthropists, and more who each help us to build bridges of connection and community and overcome our differences and divides.

### **10 Days**

Starting on February 10 at 10 AM ET, Sharing Sacred Spaces will feature one expert each day for daily doses of a full summit on building unity. The event is part of the 2022 United Nations' Interfaith Harmony Week.

### **10 Stories**

Vanessa J. Avery, Ph.D., executive director of Sharing Sacred Spaces, will interview one of the special guests for 30 minutes on each day of the 10-day Building Bridges Summit followed by a 10-minute debrief and dialogue. Calls are by Zoom. Participants will be able to interact after the interview.

*I would be delighted to have you join us for the Building Bridges Summit series! Nothing is more important today than learning how to overcome our differences and the derision and divisiveness they can lead to without intentional action.*



Vanessa

[Learn More](#)



# You Are NOT Alone

*A mental health workshop for everyone*

**February 16, 2022 7:00-8:15 PM est via Zoom**

Join our community as we take a meaningful look at mental health. Dive deeply into the subjects of mental health, acquire the tools to comfort those who are struggling, and learn how we can help ourselves. This workshop is developed and presented by Leigh Ioffe, a certified suicide prevention educator and mental health advocate.

**REGISTER:**

[www.jfsgreenwich.org/you-are-not-alone/](http://www.jfsgreenwich.org/you-are-not-alone/)



## INTERFAITH COLLABORATIVE SUPPORTS SIRS AND AFGHAN REFUGEE SETTLEMENT

Stamford Interfaith Refugee Settlement (SIRS) is working with Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) to co-sponsor 2 families under the Afghan Placement and Assistance Program (APA). The urgent need is for a 2-3 BR apartment. SIRS is also collecting furniture and funds to help the families. SIRS can be contacted through their website [sirsct.org/contact](http://sirsct.org/contact) Financial donations can be made via check or Venmo. To donate by check: Make check out to: First Congregational Church of Stamford. Note “SIRS” in the check’s memo section. Mail check to: FCC of Stamford, P.O. Box 949, Stamford, CT 06904. To donate using Venmo: “Venmo” your payment @fccstamford. Note “SIRS” on the transaction.

### Stamford Interfaith Refugee Settlement (SIRS)

Making a difference in the refugee crisis – one life, one family at a time.

#### Our mission:

To welcome and resettle a refugee family, providing advocacy and support in Stamford as they work toward self-sufficiency to become productive members of our community.



### Donations requested for SIRS refugee families

Stamford Interfaith Refugee Settlement, [sirsct.org](http://sirsct.org)

Have any of these to donate? Contact us online: [sirsct.org/contact](http://sirsct.org/contact)

#### New items for 2 families:

- Mattresses & box springs
  - Double bed (mattress & box spring)
  - Bunkbeds (mattresses)

Pillows

Car seats

#### Gift cards for goods for 2 families:

- Target
- CVS
- Bed, Bath & Beyond
- Mattress firm
- Groceries (Shop Rite, Grade A, Stop 'N Shop)

#### Used items for 3<sup>rd</sup> family:

- Laptop or small computers
- Small kitchen/breakfast table

#### Used items for 4<sup>th</sup> family:

- Laptop or small computers
- Vacuum
- Couch & loveseat or 2 chairs
- End tables
- Small kitchen/breakfast table
- Hall runners
- Kitchen canisters, glasses, mixing bowls, pots, pans, skillet
- Microwave oven
- Linens for twin beds (ex: blankets)

# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:00PM</b> Evening Prayer <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Forum	<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist <b>7:00 PM</b> Midwinter Theological Program	<b>4</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Zoom Sing-a-long	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>8 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10 AM</b> Worship (Church) <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour <b>11:00 AM</b> Book Club: <i>Think Again</i>	<b>7</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Zoom Poetry <b>7:00 PM</b> Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	<b>8</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> The Villa Eucharist <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:00PM</b> Evening Prayer	<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist <b>7:00 PM</b> Midwinter Theological Program	<b>11</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Zoom Sing-a-long	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Reimagining Church Meeting
<b>13</b> <b>8 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10 AM</b> Worship (Church) <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour	<b>14</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b> <b>1:30 PM</b> Interfaith Social Ministry Collaborative <b>7:00 PM</b> Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	<b>15</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:00PM</b> Evening Prayer <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Forum	<b>16</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting <b>Noon</b> Stamford Clergy Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Vestry	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>18</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Zoom Sing-a-long	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>8 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10 AM</b> Worship (Church) <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour <b>4:00 PM</b> Service for Pets and Their People	<b>21</b> <b>Presidents' Day</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	<b>22</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:00PM</b> Evening Prayer	<b>23</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting	<b>24</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>25</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Zoom Sing-a-long	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>8 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10AM</b> Worship (Church) <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Sneak Peek Lectionary Study					

# MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1 5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:00PM</b> Evening Prayer <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Forum	<b>2 8:00 AM</b> Ashes on the Way <b>8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting <b>Noon</b> Ash Wednesday Service (HC) <b>7:00 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Service (Church)	<b>3 10:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>4 11:00 AM</b> Zoom Sing-a-long	<b>5</b>
<b>6 Lent 1C-8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour <b>11:00 AM</b> Lenten Discussion	<b>7 10:00 AM</b> Hymn Selection Group <b>7:00 PM</b> Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	<b>8 11:00 AM</b> The Villa Eucharist <b>5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:00PM</b> Evening Prayer	<b>9 8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting <b>6:15 PM</b> Soup and Bread @ St. John's <b>7:00 PM</b> Midweek Lenten Service	<b>10 10:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>11 11:00 AM</b> Zoom Sing-a-long	<b>12</b>
<b>13 Lent 2C-8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour <b>11:00 AM</b> Lenten Discussion	<b>14 1:30 PM</b> Interfaith Social Ministry Collaborative <b>7:00 PM</b> Sneak Peek Lectionary Study <b>Pastor Mark on Vacation</b>	<b>15 5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:00PM</b> Evening Prayer <b>7:00 PM</b> Adult Forum	<b>16 8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting <b>6:15 PM</b> Soup and Bread @ St. John's <b>7:00 PM</b> Midweek Lenten Service	<b>17 10:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>18 11:00 AM</b> Zoom Sing-a-long	<b>19</b>
<b>20 Lent 3C-8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour <b>11:00 AM</b> Lenten Discussion <b>4:00 PM</b> Service for Pets & Their People	<b>21 7:00 PM</b> Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	<b>22 5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:00PM</b> Evening Prayer	<b>23 8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting <b>6:15 PM</b> Soup and Bread @ St. John's <b>7:00 PM</b> Midweek Lenten Service	<b>24 10:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer <b>11:00 AM</b> Edgehill Eucharist	<b>25 11:00 AM</b> Zoom Sing-a-long	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Midnight Run
<b>27 Lent 4C-8:00 AM</b> Worship (HC) <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>10:45 AM</b> Zoom Coffee Hour <b>11:00 AM</b> Lenten Discussion	<b>28 7:00 PM</b> Sneak Peek Lectionary Study	<b>29 5:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Ministry <b>6:00PM</b> Evening Prayer	<b>30 8:30 AM</b> ECCT Meeting <b>6:15 PM</b> Soup and Bread @ St. John's <b>7:00 PM</b> Midweek Lenten Service	<b>31</b>		