

THE SPIRE

May 2025

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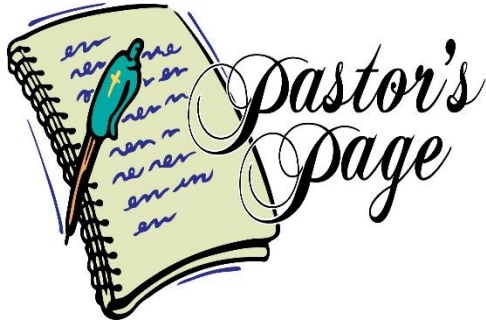
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An Open and Affirming Congregation

Worship God, Serve our neighbors, Share God's love.



Dear Beloved,

We have just concluded a moving and meaningful Holy Week. Now we move into the joyous and reflective season of Eastertide.

Throughout this season, we encounter profound accounts that remind us of Christ's love, grace, and the hope of the resurrection. From Jesus appearing to the disciples, to his conversation with "Doubting Thomas", to the miraculous encounter on the road to Emmaus, each story reveals a glimpse of the resurrected Christ active in this world.

Eastertide also draws us to the powerful accounts in the early church, as told in the Acts of the Apostles. We are reminded of Peter's faithful courage as he resurrects Tabitha (also called Dorcas) from death, and Lydia of Thyatira's pivotal role in the growth of the church as a faithful and hospitable business woman. These moments in scripture highlight that

the work of the resurrection continues to unfold through the faith and actions of Christ's followers.

This sacred season concludes with the commemoration of the Ascension of Christ. The Ascension invites us to contemplate the theological significance of Jesus being lifted into heaven, signifying the completion of his earthly ministry.

As we reflect and rejoice in this liturgical season, I also encourage you to engage in the wonderful opportunities for fellowship and community we have planned in May.

Mark your calendars for these exciting events:

Community Dinner & Movie Night—
May 10th at 6pm

Trivia Night—May 16th at 6:30pm

You'll find even more events and details in this issue of The Spire, so be sure to take a look and join us as we continue to grow in faith and connection. May we be inspired and renewed by the hope found in the resurrection as we move forward together in our walk with Christ.

With Easter joy,

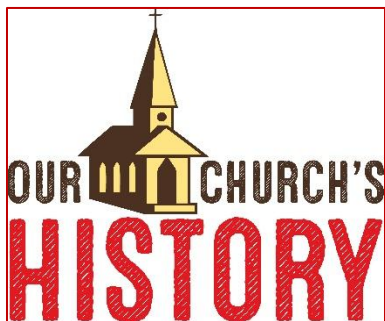
Rev. James Admans



Thanks to all of you who helped set up the potluck supper/Maundy Thursday service, and to all who read that night. Thank you to those who read on Good Friday and those who cooked and set up the Easter Breakfast. Thank you for donating Lilies and Tulips to glorify the Sanctuary so we could shout “Alleluia” on Easter Morning, and thank you to Rev. James, for the sermons that are worth listening to.

This summer, there will be several Sundays when Rev. James will not be here. If you would like to do the “sermons” one of these days please contact any of the Deacons. We would love to hear from you!

Artie, Katie, Keith and Kathy



Having just experienced this year’s Holy Week, it is interesting to look back on an extraordinary event that took place on Good Friday 1967—an

Ecumenical Service involving all three Millis churches and even the participation of the local synagogue.

The evening began at 7pm at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church with a Litany and Hymns; service conducted by the Reverend Crawford Coombs Jr. At the conclusion of the service, the clergy, choirs and congregation processed to St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church. It was estimated by local news media that there were approximately eight hundred people at these services and all venues were standing room only.

At the St. Thomas service, Father Gerald Hickey presented “The Way of the Cross.” Following his presentation, it was on to the Church of Christ, Congregational for the conclusion of this special Good Friday observance. As the first wave of the congregation reached the Church of Christ, people were still leaving the St. Thomas Church. The service began at 8:30 with prayers offered by the Rev. William Fleming and was followed by the Cantata “Christ Crucified” presented by the church choirs.

Child care was provided by volunteers from the Jewish community including Mrs. Bernard Lewis, Mrs. Edward Winiker, Mrs. Either Symons and Mrs. Michael Mushnick.

Shortly after this event, a luncheon was held to explore further ecumenical activities. In the years that

followed, other ecumenical events took place, most recently the Good Friday service held with the Episcopal Church in the early 2000's.

Led by our Rev. Fleming, the Sixties and early Seventies were a time of Ecumenical fervor. In a time of increased secularization of society, it would be wonderful to revisit the ecumenical spirit of these times.

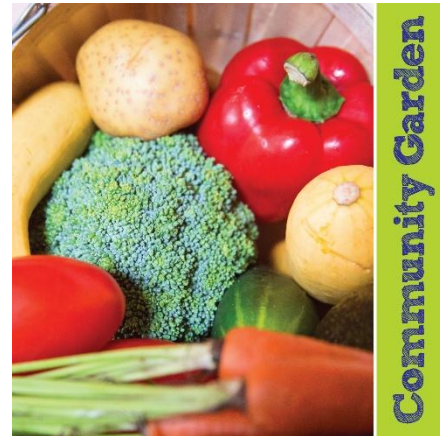
Art Payne



Thanks to Nancy Auger for the Easter egg display tree at the side entrance. What a cheerful idea!

Thanks to Sue Conte for cleaning up the flower beds all year long—we are grateful for your devotion!

Thanks to Laura, our Administrative Assistant, for the lovely Spires and bulletins all year.



The Millis Community Garden is opening up for the season! If you are interested in gardening in one of the beds for free, please contact Lauren Briggs.

The Garden is currently planning community events throughout 2025, and we are looking for event leaders to help make them happen! If you or someone you know would be interested in hosting an event in the Garden, such as a presentation or an activity for children, please contact Lauren Briggs. This could be a great opportunity for a small business owner or organization leader to gain exposure for their business or organization. Additionally, if you are doing some spring cleaning and have gardening materials, seeds, outdoor furniture, or outdoor planters that you are no longer using and want to donate to the Garden, please contact Lauren Briggs.



Our next Sunday School will be held on June 1st. Keep an eye out for future Sunday School plans for the fall.



If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, or if you or someone you know wants to receive prayers for a specific situation, please Contact Mary Jensen.



It's that time of the year again! Spring Cleaning usually means we find all kinds of stuff that we are ready to part with. Small electronics items: Computer towers, Scanners, VCR, Printers, Copiers, DVD, Stereo Equipment, Lighting, Vacuum,

Answering Machine, Fax, Speakers, Compact disc., Circuit Boards, Radios, Record Players, Modems, Word Processor, Fans, Video Equipment, Game Console, Xbox etc., Tape Players, typewriters (anything with a plug and more)....\$5each

Appliances: Dishwasher, Dryer, Stove \$25, Microwave, \$15 small, \$20 large. Lawn Mowers \$25, Snow Blowers \$40 TVs and Monitors/Flat panel monitors 18"-26" \$25 each, 27"-35" \$30. Over 35" Projection TV \$45.

AC \$25, Dehumidifier \$20, Refrigerators \$20 (dorm) \$40-\$50 large. Grill \$25, Empty Propane tank \$15, Exercise equipment \$20-\$40, weight sets \$10.

No charge for the following items: keyboards, wire, cell phones, car and boat batteries.

Please NO paint or chemicals, lightbulbs, household batteries or smoke detectors

We will also take bicycles at no charge. For additional questions please contact Dennis Wood 508-277-7513

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**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

In order to put out a timely newsletter, we need submissions no later than the 20th of each month.

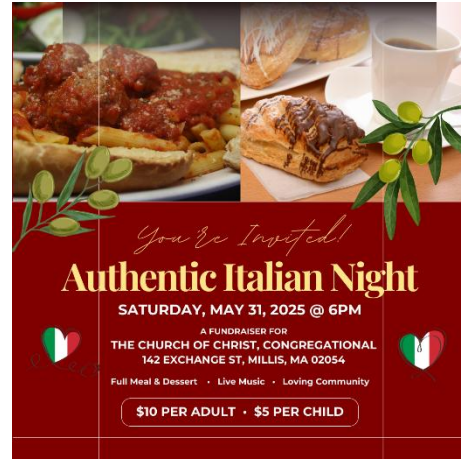
Thanks!



Join us for our next Community Dinner and Movie Night! This one is Road Trip themed. We will open our build-your-own sandwich bar at 6pm and start the movie around 6:30pm. Feel free to arrive at anytime! Don't like what we are serving, or have dietary restrictions? Don't let that keep you away. You are welcome to bring you own meal and join us for family friendly fun. This is a non-religious event that is FREE and open to all, because community and connection are what matters most!



Back again! Trivia Night returns on May 16th at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. This is a FREE event open to all. Donations welcome.



No Passport required! Join us for our Authentic Italian Night fundraiser. Enjoy live music, dinner and dessert and feel as if you've been transported to Italy without have to pack a thing. See our website for tickets.



Get read for a fun-filled afternoon of food trucks, vendors, and celebration of our vibrant community! We are still accepting vendors for this event. For more information, please visit our website or contact Becki.

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