

**WE'RE
GLAD
you're
here!**

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to join us. We pray that, in our time together, you might experience the never-failing love of God found in Jesus Christ and that you might be inspired to share that love with others.

Have questions?

Ask anything! Ask the person next to you, ask an usher, or call/email Pastor Jacob Juncker at 860-887-5886 or jacob@leememorialumc.org.

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**FEBRUARY 11, 2018
TRANSFIGURATION
SUNDAY**



Listen to Jesus, God's beloved Son.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	The transfiguration of Jesus
Monday	2 Kings 2:1-12	Elijah is taken into heaven
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Proclaiming Jesus as Lord
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-21	The practice of faith
Thursday	Proverbs 8:32-35	Listen to God
Friday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Return to the Lord your God
Saturday	Psalms 50:1-6	God shines brightly
Sunday	Mark 1:9-15	Temptation of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" **Mark 9:7 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, Son of God, open our ears and our hearts so that we listen to you. Amen. (Mark 9:7)

Mealtime Prayer:

For every cup and every plateful, to you, O God, we are grateful. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord who makes light shine out of darkness, shine in your hearts. (2 Corinthians 4:6)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*We Are Marching
in the Light of God*



CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- What is the tallest hill or mountain you have climbed? What did you see from the top?
- In Mark 9 Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a mountain where they witnessed Jesus' clothes becoming dazzling white and saw him speaking with Elijah and Moses. Why do you think Jesus wanted them to experience that?
- Where and when have you or someone you know had a special experience of God's presence? How has that helped you or them listen to and follow God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Mark 9:2-9.

The season of Epiphany ends with the moment of glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. Peter, James, and John see Jesus in shining splendor alongside Moses (the Law) and Elijah (the Prophets), reflecting the faith of the Old Testament. The disciples will descend the mountain and make their journey to Jerusalem and the cross of Christ. Reflect on how seeing Jesus in glory and listening to him is a vision that will encourage us as we journey to the cross this Lent. (Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14). Finish this sentence: "I listen to Jesus by . . ." Close by praying the following:

Pray: **Dear God, we thank you for giving us a glimpse of heavenly glory as we continue our journey of faith on earth. Guide us into Lent and on to Easter as we listen to you and learn of the work of Christ that brings salvation to all that you have created. Amen.**

SERVICE

Lent focuses on the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as discussed in Matthew 6:1-21. Make this week "Secret Service Week" in your home or with friends. Put your names in a bowl and have each person draw out someone else's name. During the week, perform a secret act of service for that person. Share your ideas about secret acts of service that could be carried out for one another.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The church season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. There are 40 days in the season of Lent, a time to refocus our lives on God. One important spiritual practice that Christians emphasize during Lent is prayer. Make this Lent a time of prayer for others. Use separate pieces of paper, and on each one write the name of a person you can pray for during Lent. Place these papers into a prayer box. Each day in Lent, pull out a slip of paper from the prayer box and ask God to care for and bless the person named. Throughout the season of Lent, feel free to add other names and place them on slips of paper in the prayer box.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

announcements

Sunday February 11 10am Worship (Sanctuary) 1pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)	Monday February 12 9am Therapeutic Yoga (Sanctuary) 7:30pm Gamblers Anon (Multi-purpose Room)	Tuesday February 13 10am Praise & Prayer (Sanctuary) 10:30am-12pm Common Café (Sanctuary) 2:30-4:30pm AAA Driving School (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Essential Yoga (Sanctuary) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Multi-purpose Room)	Wednesday February 14 5:30pm Essential Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 2:30-4:30pm AAA Driving School (Fellowship Hall) 7pm Ash Wednesday (1st Congregational Church) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Multi-purpose Room) OFFICE CLOSED	Thursday February 15 10:30am-12pm Common Café (Sanctuary) 10:30am-11:15am Toons & Tots Class (Sanctuary) 2:30-4:30pm AAA Driving School (Fellowship Hall) 7pm Bell Practice (Sanctuary)	Friday February 16 9am Therapeutic Yoga (Sanctuary) 3-5:30pm Music Lessons (Sanctuary) 2pm Food Friday (Sprague Community Center) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Fellowship Hall)	Saturday February 17 12pm AI-Anon (Multi-purpose Room) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Multi-purpose Room) OFFICE CLOSED
February 18 10am Worship (Sanctuary) 1pm Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)	February 19 9am Therapeutic Yoga (Sanctuary) 7:30pm Gamblers Anon (Multi-purpose Room)	February 20 10am Praise & Prayer (Sanctuary) 10:30am-12pm Common Café (Sanctuary) 2:30-4:30pm AAA Driving School (Fellowship Hall) 5:30pm Essential Yoga (Sanctuary) 7pm Operating Committee Meeting (Library) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Multi-purpose Room)	February 21 5:30pm Essential Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 2:30-4:30pm AAA Driving School (Fellowship Hall) 7pm Lent Ecumenical Service (1st Baptist Church) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Multi-purpose Room) OFFICE CLOSED	February 22 10:30am-12pm Common Café (Sanctuary) 2:30-4:30pm AAA Driving School (Fellowship Hall) 7pm Bell Practice (Sanctuary)	February 23 9am Therapeutic Yoga (Sanctuary) 3-5:30pm Music Lessons (Sanctuary) 2pm Food Friday (Sprague Community Center) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Fellowship Hall)	February 24 12pm AI-Anon (Multi-purpose Room) 7:30pm Alcoholics Anon (Multi-purpose Room) OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday(s): Ecumenical Services

Ash Wednesday, February 14 @ 7pm

First Congregational Church,
81 E. Town Street, Norwich

We have joined five other churches in Ecumenical Lenten Services for our spiritual journey during this Lenten Season. This year, the theme is to encourage one another with brothers and sisters in faith from around Norwich on **Wednesdays, February 14—March 21 at 7pm!** So consider joining others and experience the different worship styles, music, sermon and of course refreshments!

Membership

Would you like to become a member? If you are considering becoming a member of our Methodist Church or want more information on becoming a member please contact Pastor Jacob (860-861-3141) or jacob@leememorialumc.org. **Membership Class will be on Monday evenings at 7pm starting February 26.** We are also going to have membership vow renewal on **Sunday, March 25 for all members.**

Annual Ski Trip

Youth Group plans on going to Mt Wachusett, MA for their annual ski trip on **Sunday, February 25.** We carpool, meet at church in the morning (7am) and usually get home around 6pm. If you have never skied or snowboarded before, they do give lessons. Don't ski that's ok, some of us stay in the lodge. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come along, just let Janet Roche know your interested (860-373-8015), we usually get a group rate (as long as we have enough people skiing/snowboarding).

Community Meal Host

Would you like to Volunteer to be a Host for the community meal? The Host responsibilities is to be able to answer questions the group providing the meal has. If they don't know where something is or how to use the (New) dishwasher or the coffeemaker, the host will be knowledgeable. We have an informational pamphlet (check off list) for all volunteers. For more information contact Pastor Jacob (860-860-861-3141).

FOOD FRIDAYS

2-3PM FOOD DISTRIBUTION
Sprague Community Center (SCC)

22 W. Main Street, Baltic

All are welcome to receive and/or help distribute food at the SCC. Contact Brenda Keefe, Director of SCC, (spraguecommunitycenter@gmail.com) for details. Volunteers are requested to be at SCC at 12:30 pm.



let us know...

Please drop this card in the offering plate

i'm here

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: ____/____/____

Others came with me! (name/birthday)

contact me

- I'd like a phone call.
- I'd like a visit.
- I'd like to know more about the church and get involved.
- I'd like to be baptized.
- I'd like to become a member.

pray with me

Is this request confidential? YES NO

Please pray for: _____

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