

**CHRONICLE PLUS**

Community Church of Durham, UCC  
 Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
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**TODAY AT COMMUNITY CHURCH**

9:00 am	Bible Study	Parlor
10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	ECHO Open	Lower Level
11:30 am	Greeter Meeting	Parlor
1:00 pm	Culture Keepers	Library
4:00 pm	<i>Ta-Nehisi Coates Lecture at West Point</i>	Chapel

**Announcements:** To include an announcement in the weekly Chronicle Plus or E-News, please email your announcement to the church office by noon on Wednesdays of the week the announcement is to appear.

**One Great Hour of Sharing:** This special offering of the United Church of Christ will happen during worship **today**. Donations go to national and international disaster preparedness and response; health, education, and agricultural initiatives; and refugee and immigration support. Thank you for your generous giving!

**Echo** will be open **today** after church for your shopping pleasure. All sweaters are 50% off and all green items are 50% off. Come on down and have a look around.

**OR Community Read Film: TODAY, 4pm.** *Ta-Nehisi Coates Lecture at West Point* in the Chapel. Facilitated conversation to follow. According to the West Point Parent Review, "the Department of English and Philosophy hosted the second annual Zengerle Lecture in the Arts and Humanities, with speaker/author Ta-Nehisi Coates who addressed an audience of over 800 USMA cadets, staff and faculty members. 'I had to come here because I can't think of a more important place to be for the things that I discuss, the things I've spent basically since my childhood perusing,' Coates recalled when he was accepting his invitation to speak at West Point. 'It was my feeling that those who are charged with defending the country have to know the country.'" Ta-Nehisi Coates writes and speaks about cultural, social, and political issues, particularly regarding African Americans.

**Immigration 101: Today, 3:30-5:30pm,** First Parish Church 218 Central Ave., Dover. Immigration 101 is a training on the roots of migration, the way people migrate and the US response to immigration. There will be information on who we allow to become citizens and how long it takes to go through the process. Immigration enforcement, detention and cost will also be addressed. Led by Eva Castillo, Executive Director of NH Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees, Rev. Sandra Pontoh, Director of NH Indonesian Community Support, and Sarah Jane Knoy, Executive Director of Granite State Organizing Project. Co-sponsored by the Dover Area Religious Leaders Association (DARLA) and the American Friends Service Committee. All are welcome.

**Bible Study with Pastor Jill:** Learn more about this second book of the Bible: Exodus. Study its context, language, history, and style. Two study options (drop-ins welcome): first & third Thursdays, 5:30-6:45pm; first & third Sundays, 11:45-1:00pm. Church library. All welcome!

**Children's Choirs:** Thursday afternoons in the Chapel. **Rejoice Choir:** Children from age 3-grade 2 are welcome to join. We meet in the Chapel from 4:45-5:15. **Alleluia Choir:** Children in grades 3-8 are welcome. Rehearsals are in the Chapel from 4:15-4:45. For info/sign up, please contact Kristin Forselius: [KristinF@CCDurham.org](mailto:KristinF@CCDurham.org) & Lorna Ellis: [Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net](mailto:Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net).

**Easter Flowers:** If you wish to order an Easter lily or a pot of tulips for Easter Sunday worship, please complete the form available outside the church office or in the March Chronicle, enclose your check payable to Community Church of Durham, and return it to the Church Office by **March 21<sup>st</sup>**.

**Women's Bible Study:** 10am in the Parlor on **Wed., March 14**. We continue our study of Hebrews and will discuss Chapter 6: *In Community with the Reality of the Present*. There will be a brown bag lunch afterwards on the mezzanine. Coffee, tea and dessert are provided; please plan to stay for this informal hour of interaction. All are welcome!

**Men's Fellowship Group:** The group meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 8am in the church library. All men of the community are welcome to come and discuss spiritual and other topics of interest. The next meeting is **Thurs., March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

**La La Land: Thurs, March 15**, 9:30am, Fellowship Hall. (Postponed from March 11.) All Welcome!

**Spring Equinox Silent Mini-Retreat and Vegetarian Potluck: Tues., March 20**, 6-8:30pm, Parlor. A seasonal mini-retreat of silent sitting, walking, and eating meditation. Welcome Spring! BYO dishes, eating utensils, and a vegetarian food to share. Suggested donation \$10. All welcome!

**Dover Friendly Kitchen: Thurs., March 29**, 4:30-6:30pm. Join Church members and friends as we prepare a meal for our friends in Dover at the Dover Friendly Kitchen held in St. Thomas Episcopal Church Hall. This evening is open to all. Children are welcome to help us serve! The meal and volunteer sign up will be in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Please see Bryn Burns or Beth Cilley. If you are providing part of the meal, but not volunteering, please drop food off in the church kitchen by 3pm on March 29th.

**Families First: Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** is our next opportunity to provide a meal for Family Fun Night at Families First in Portsmouth. The menu: Shepherd's Pie (your recipe or the one attached to the sign-up board), rolls, garden salad, milk, fruit and cookies or bars for dessert. Contributions to serve ten in all categories are needed. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please drop off food in the Fellowship Hall kitchen by 3pm on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**"Grief, Healing, and Resilience: A Spiritual-based Program of Study and Support:"** A program of four meetings, 6:30-8pm on Tuesdays 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/5 in the church Chapel. This program is NOT clinical therapy, but it is designed to offer information and tools for engaging grief and healing. While spiritual in orientation, the program is non-sectarian and non-denominational. Facilitator: Steve Hardy, graduate-level Grief Support Specialist Certificate from the University of Wisconsin in 2017. He has personal experience in grieving through the loss of two sons. Enrollment is limited to grieving adults who have lost children or spouses/partners. BYO writing material— tablet (paper or digital), pencil, pen. There is no cost. For information or registration please contact Steve Hardy at: [stephen.hardy@unh.edu](mailto:stephen.hardy@unh.edu) or 868-5509.

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### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday, March 25:** Pancake Breakfast, 8am; Worship, 10am

**Maundy Thursday, March 29:** Seder Remembrance

6:00pm Gather in Fellowship Hall and review Passover's history and traditions

6:30pm Serve dinner

7:00pm Service of Holy Communion

**Easter Celebration, April 1:** Easter Morning Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am with a time for refreshments and conversation at 9:30am. ***(You are invited to share a favorite baked good – please drop off items Sat. afternoon, March 31 or Easter by 9am. Items may be left in kitchen. Thank you!)***

All are welcome! Please invite your friends and neighbors!