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April 2018 Spiritual Life Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 11:00 - Easter Worship Service, Chapel  11:20 - Catholic Communion, North Community Room | 2 9:00 - Managers Meeting 2:15 - Gardens Circle of Faith | 3 9:00 - Managers Meeting 11:30 - Seeking the Spirit, Activities Room North | 4 9:00 - Managers Meeting 11:00 - Newbury Court Chorus Rehearsal, Chapel 3:30 - Rivercrest Holy Communion | 5 9:00 - Managers Meeting 10:00 - Meditation, Chapel 10:30 - Rivercrest Circle of Faith 2:15 - Gardens Sing-a-long | 6 9:00 - Managers Meeting | 7 |
| 8 11:00 - Ecumenical Worship Service, Chapel 11:20 - Catholic Communion, North Community Room | 9 9:00 - Managers Meeting 2:15 - Gardens Circle of Faith | 10 9:00 - Managers Meeting 11:30 - Seeking the Spirit, Activities Room North | 11 9:00 - Managers Meeting 11:00 - Newbury Court Chorus Rehearsal, Chapel 3:30 - Rivercrest Holy Communion | 12 9:00 - Managers Meeting 10:00 - Meditation, Chapel 10:30 - Rivercrest Circle of Faith 2:15 - Gardens Sing-a-long | 13 9:00 - Managers Meeting | 14 |
| 15 11:00 - Ecumenical Worship Service, Chapel 11:20 - Catholic Communion, North Community Room | 16 9:00 - Managers Meeting 2:15 - Gardens Circle of Faith | 17 9:00 - Managers Meeting 11:30 - Seeking the Spirit, Activities Room North 2:30 - 5:00 - DALC Board Meeting, Chapel | 18 9:00 - Managers Meeting 11:00 - Newbury Court Chorus Rehearsal, Chapel 11:30 - Memory Caregivers Support Group, North Dining Room 2:00 - Newbury Court Chorus Sing-a-long, Rivercrest 3:30 - Rivercrest Holy Communion | 19 9:00 - Managers Meeting 10:00 - Meditation, Chapel 2:15 - Gardens Sing-a-long | 20 9:00 - Managers Meeting | 21 |
| 22 11:00 - Ecumenical Worship Service, Chapel 11:20 - Catholic Communion, North Community Room | 23 9:00 - Managers Meeting 2:15 - Gardens Circle of Faith | 24 All Day - Managers Meeting, Chapel 11:30 - Seeking the Spirit, Activities Room North 1:30 - Catholic Mass, North Community Room  | 25 9:00 - Managers Meeting 11:00 - Newbury Court Chorus Rehearsal, Chapel 3:30 - Rivercrest Holy Communion | 26 Chaplains off campus at a local conference—Sarah Hathaway on-call for any urgent needs | 27 9:00 - Managers Meeting | 28 |
| 29 11:00 - Ecumenical Worship Service, Chapel 11:20 - Catholic Communion, North Community Room | 30 9:00 - Managers Meeting 2:15 - Gardens Circle of Faith | Important Days in April April 7: The last night of Passover  April 12: Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day  April 22: Earth Day  | | Spiritual Life Department Staff Rev. Sarah Hathaway, Chaplain & Director 978-402-8240 (office) 978-394-3774 (cell) Rev. Kristin Rinehimer, Chaplain 978-402-8238 (office) 978-844-3149 (cell) | | |

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Spiritual Life



Seeking the Spirit: Feed Your Spirit

Tuesdays, 11:30am-12:30pm, Activities Room North

The “Seeking the Spirit” spirituality group continues in April with a new series—“Feed Your Spirit.”

Each of us have practices or activities that feed our spirit and help us feel whole. Some people garden or enjoy time in nature, others journal, create art, or cook delicious meals.

This class is an opportunity to share with one another the practices that feel most important to our emotional and spiritual health.

Each week, a different community member will share a bit about their own practice with some time for group members to either participate in the practice or ask questions.

Our hope is that group members will walk away with a bigger toolbox of meaningful spiritual practices.

So that we know how many people to plan for, please RSVP to Rev. Kristin or Rev. Sarah before April 3 if you plan to attend.

Also, if you’re interested in sharing your spiritual practice, please let us know!

WORSHIP WITH US!


Sundays at 11:00 AM in Duvall Chapel

or

11:20 AM Catholic Communion in Community Room

or

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No More Excuses

Author unknown

The next time you think you have an excuse as to why God cannot use you, consider the following:

Noah was a drunkard. Abraham was too old.
Isaac was a daydreamer, Jacob was a liar.
Leah was ugly. Samson had long hair.
Rahab was a prostitute. Timothy was too young.
David had an illicit affair. Elijah was suicidal.
Isaiah preached naked. Job was bankrupt.
John the Baptist ran around in a loin cloth and ate locusts.
Peter was hot tempered.
John was self-righteous.
The disciples fell asleep without praying.
Martha fretted about everything.
Mary Magdalene was demon possessed.
The boy with the fish and five rolls of bread was too obscure.
The Samaritan woman was divorced more than once.
Zacchaeus was too small.
Paul was too religious.
And Lazarus was dead!

No more excuses!

Submitted by Janet Johnson



Memory Caregivers Support Group

Meets on the **third Wednesday**
of **each month**
from **11:30-12:30**
in the **North Private Dining Room**
(**2nd floor North**)

Lunch is provided.

This group is open to anyone who currently cares or has cared for a loved one with dementia.

We welcome new attendees!

Please contact Sarah Hathaway or Brenda Pelley for more information.

Our next gathering is April 21.

In honor of Earth Day (April 22), here is an excerpt from Beth Bojarski's book To Serve and Guard the Earth, which was used by the Spiritual Life Department for a discussion group last spring.

Although there are no strict accounts recorded of what God's people thought of their environment or its preservation, it is evident that they were in a mutual relationship with it and they did not take it for granted. On the sixth day of creation in Genesis 1, after demonstrating immense creativity and pride through the making of light and dark, earth and sky, seas and dry lands, day and night and creatures to inhabit the seas and the sky, God created living creatures of all kinds to live on the land including humankind. From the Book of Genesis:



"Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it."

Although theologians and religious practitioners over the years have debated about exactly what it means to "have dominion" and to "till and keep" the earth, the call for relationship between humankind and the earth is very clear. While some may contend that "to have dominion" means "to do whatever one wants," few of us today actually believe that it is right to do what we will with the earth—at least in my world of hopeful optimism, that is the sense I get.

It seems to me that at some point, conscience must kick in! One could easily argue that mountain-top coal removal or large-scale pollution are intended maliciously toward the earth, but it is my contention that these are very unfortunate results of a drive toward progress ... that are actually often done out of apathy or extreme lack of forethought rather than intent to harm the earth.

Day in and day out, much of what we do that harms the earth is likely done out of ignorance, apathy and disconnect rather than with malicious intent. The problem with this, though, is that ignorance is in many respects as far from God's command to have dominion and to till and to keep as is deliberate destruction! At least with destruction, there is relationship; ignorance and apathy require little if any relationship at all. The *dominion* of old has become the *stewardship* of today. The challenge of dominion or stewardship is to do so in a responsible way rather than in either a destructive or an apathetic way. As we noted, God's idea of what humanity was to do was expressed in two forms: "to have dominion" and "to till and keep" the garden/earth. In Hebrew, *to till and tend (le-avad u-le-shamar)* can also be translated *to work/serve* and *to keep/guard*. These alternative English translations offer further insight the meaning of God's purpose for the *adam*—humanity.

If instead of tending and tilling, over the years we served and guarded the land, our situation might be quite different! It would serve us well to remember this command and the implications of it as we move about our daily lives in relationship with the natural world around us.

**Sunday morning worship services at the Chapel are ecumenical and open to all.
Also, please feel free to use the chapel for your own quiet time & prayers.**