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◆ FROM THE PASTOR

Trying to think about something familiar in a fresh way can be a challenge. When I face such a challenge, I often turn to authors who have been traveling companions for me.

This year as I've tried to think about Holy Week and Easter in a new way, I returned to a PBS interview with the author Frederick Buechner from several years ago.

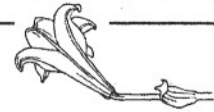
When asked about the somber tone of Holy Week services, which focus on Jesus' suffering, Buechner said that suffering is something to which everyone can relate:

"Which of us has not suffered, one way or another? I mean, we've all had our crucifixions, where God seems to be absent and light seems to disappear and the world is dark and terrifying.

"We've all known our dark times. We've all felt abandoned by God or felt there was no such thing as God to abandon us, just the emptiness, the craziness of the world."

And yet, according to Buechner, the story doesn't end with Jesus' suffering or death:

"The best has come out of it, which is this nourishing current of



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Palm Sunday, April 17

9:30 a.m. Worship Service:
Hoping in the Twilight

Maundy Thursday, April 21

6:45 p.m. Soup Supper
7:30 p.m. Communion &
Tenebrae Service:
The Cloth of Jesus

Good Friday, April 22

Noon Ecumenical Service
at CBC
7:00 p.m. Worship Service:
*And There Was
Darkness*

Easter Sunday, April 24

5:45 a.m. Sunrise Service
at Beavertail
6:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration:
*The Possibility of
Resurrection*
10:30 a.m. Easter Reception

hope and new life that still flows in spite of everything. . . .

"Darkness symbolizes that out of which faith can arise, that which faith must somehow confront. The great opponents, if you want, of darkness and light are brought together within a space of less than a week—the

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► **PASTOR** *cont.*

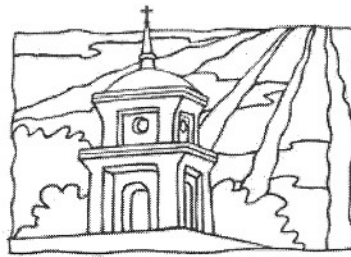
darkness of the crucifixion and the blaze of the resurrection, whatever that was. Out of this comes this triumphant hope.”

Buechner said he believes deeply in the resurrection and its continuing power—even though he can’t explain exactly what happened that Easter morning:

“What really matters is not so much what happened there. It’s what happens now. What happens in your life and my life. Is God making [Godself] known in some powerful and saving way among people, even, who don’t give a hoot about God? Is this still a reality which is part of the madness and self-destructiveness and darkness of the world? That’s what really matters.”

This year as we approach and then enter Holy Week and Easter, I hope we’ll be able to focus on what really happens *now*—to reflect on how God can become known to us in powerful and saving ways.

Kathryn



At the congregational business meeting on Sunday, March 6, the Trustees were granted authorization to conduct a capital campaign generating funds up to \$100,000 to complete the following projects in the listed order:

Step 1: Roof replacement on the original church building and replacement of three exterior doors to address water, ice and cold air infiltration into the building. Estimated cost \$35,000.

Step 2: Pay down 50% of the church building mortgage to increase the affordability of the annual budget. Estimated cost \$30,000.

Step 3: Remove plastic covering on stain glass windows, apply storm windows for insulation and to improve the appearance of the stain glass

windows from the exterior of the building. Also, repair walkway and handicap access on the east side of the building to improve safety and accessibility. Estimated cost: \$5,000.

Step 4: Pay down the balance of the church building mortgage, eliminating this cost from the annual budget and eliminating approximately \$40,000 interest cost over the life of the loan. Estimated cost \$30,000.

Everyone will soon receive a letter with a donation/pledge card to indicate a donation in the current year and a pledged donation for 2012 and 2013. The Trustees respectfully request your considered gift as we work together to strengthen our church’s structural and financial foundation.

STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATION

April 3 - May 22

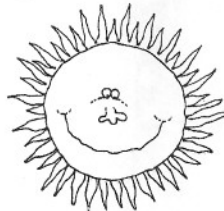
Kick-Off Celebration Sunday, April 2

10:30 -11:00 a.m.

(following worship service)



Save the date!



Saturday, June 25
JUNE FESTIVAL



*Within Our
Church Family*



Congratulations to Morna and Bill Bucklin on the March 7 birth of their new granddaughter, Caitlyn Morgan Gross Bucklin, born to parents Cathy and Glenn Bucklin.

☞ *Courier* material is due Sunday, April 17.

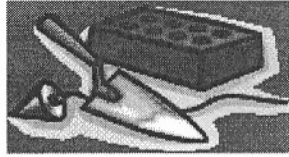
► **UPCOMING SUNDAY FORUMS**

March 20

Dara Chadwick, author of *You'd Be So Pretty If . . . : Teaching Our Daughters to Love Their Bodies—Even When We Don't Love Our Own*, will discuss the body image legacy between mother and daughter and how mothers can set a positive example for their daughters and sons.

April 3

Ronald Ratcliff, a professor at the Naval War College, will discuss his experiences during a recent two-month assignment in the Helmand Province. He served as special



**BUILDING ON OUR FOUNDATION
2011-2012 Stewardship Campaign**

	<i>Pledges Received</i>	<i>Dollars Pledged</i>
2011-2012 Goals	70	\$110,000
2011-2012 To Date	61	\$91,288
2010-2011 Totals	64	\$89,538
2009-2010 Totals	70	\$95,585

There is still time to make a pledge or to increase your pledge. Please see Deb or Pat Hentschell after worship or call them at 792-0166 instead of contacting Tanya at the church office (as stated in the latest Stewardship Campaign e-mail/letter).

advisor to the regional commander in southwestern Afghanistan and helped develop a regional anti-corruption strategy for Helmand and Nimroz provinces.

April 17

Leah Schroder Fox, director of

public programs at the Currier Museum of Art in Manchester, N.H., will discuss her work at the museum, including the work that is involved in putting together an exhibit.



EASTER FLOWERS

Name(s) _____ Telephone _____

To order Easter flowers for the sanctuary, please complete this form and place it, along with payment, in the box in the parlor or mail both to the church office at P.O. Box 295, Jamestown, RI 02835-0295. The deadline for orders is April 10.

Tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths are \$10.50 each. Easter lilies are \$12. Stargazer lilies are \$15. The flowers will be provided by The Secret Garden.

Given by _____

Choose one:



In memory of _____

or

In honor of _____

Flower choice:	Quantity
Tulip	_____
Hyacinth	_____
Daffodil	_____
Easter lily	_____
Stargazer lily	_____

Please make checks payable to CBC. Total amount attached: _____

Bling into Spring Jewelry Sale

Sunday, March 27 1:00-4:00 p.m.

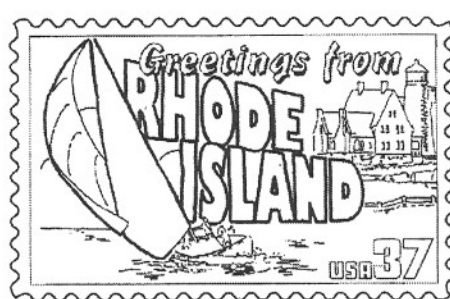
Shop from a wide range of costume jewelry—including necklaces, bracelets, rings, pendants, and clip-on earrings.

Browse pins and brooches made in Thailand.

Enjoy refreshments, door prizes, and free gift wrapping.

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Summer Mission Project

This summer, instead of traveling to another state or country, CBC will sponsor a mission project in Jamestown. If you are interested in helping our Congregational Outreach Committee and Board of Deacons plan this project, please contact Michelle Gibbs at 423-1742 or michelle_gibbs@juno.com.

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