

WEEK OF MARCH 15 2026



From Woody: I came across a news story in the Union Leader yesterday that reminded me that a great Nashua tradition is still going. It was about the Wild Irish Breakfast where local and state political folks gather to tell jokes and raise money for charity. I used to cover those breakfasts when I was working in radio. It was always fun and it didn't matter what political party the participants were in, they had fun together. The picture in the paper showed our Congresswoman, Maggie Goodlander, sharing a table with Governor Kelly Ayotte. They obviously were having a good time. We need more of this. It reminded me of the time Barbi and I had Sunday brunch with George McGovern and William F, Buckley Jr. They had become friends when George was frequently the liberal on Buckley's THE FIRING LINE. George had bought an Inn near the seacoast and one Sunday a month would host a free event for the town with a person from the political world. I had heard that Mr. Buckley was coming and asked George if he could arrange for me to interview him for NASHUA MAGAZINE. He said he would do that and he gave us a room and our meals at no charge. We had brunch with the two men and then joined George giving Bill a tour of the Inn. They were obviously great friends and very funny together. You couldn't find two prominent political figures further apart but they obviously liked and respected each other. We need more of that today.

We need events like the Wild Irish Breakfast to foster friendships across the political lines. If we can't be at peace with our fellow Americans how can we work for peace in our world. We can and should disagree but we need to do it with respect and friendship

Our Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29:

Worship at 10:00 am

Remembrance Service for Gail Cousins at 1:00 pm

Our time of reflection with Dawn Sweet at 3:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Communion at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday:

Sunrise Service 7:00 am at 266 Saunders Hill Rd.

Easter Breakfast 8:00-9:30 am in the Dignard Room

Easter Worship 10:00 am

There will be a sign-up sheet at Church if you would like to be a reader at the Maundy Thursday service.



Lenten Garden: Lent is a special time of reflection and prayer, in preparation for the events of Holy Week. This year we are honoring this time with a “Lenten garden” in the front of the sanctuary. It is looking great and is growing! Thank you to those who have contributed their plants. We will gladly accept more contributions, if you would like to add to the garden. Any

questions? Ask Ellen Anderson or Janet White. andersel@njms.rutgers.edu, cell 973-747-2321



**ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING**

What I learned about One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)—Ellen Anderson

As I perused the internet one afternoon looking for something (I can't remember what), I decided to look up information on the OGHS. The Presbyterian Church has a large website about this program. What intrigued me the most was the history behind this ecumenical fundraiser:

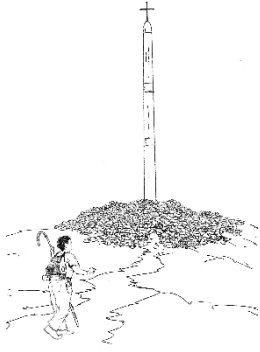
“Immediately following World War II, U.S. Protestant churches made appeals for relief and reconstruction in areas devastated by the war, primarily Europe and Asia. In 1949, the leaders of several denominations formed a committee to organize an appeal for support of the separate campaigns of their churches. A program called One Great Hour was broadcast on the evening of Saturday, March 26, 1949, over major networks and many independent stations. The script was written under the direction of playwright Robert Sherwood. The cast included some of the foremost dramatic and musical talents of the time, such as Gregory Peck and Ida Lupino; President Harry Truman brought greetings. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend their local church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. No exact measure of receipts was possible, but it was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated. The next year, the offering was repeated, using the name “One Great Hour of Sharing” for the first time. From the beginning, this has been an ecumenical effort. While each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries of disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development aid. Today, projects supported by One Great Hour of Sharing are under way in more than one hundred countries, including the United States and Canada.”

So the history goes way back. But unfortunately OGHS is no less needed today than in 1949. If you go to the Presbyterian church's website for OGHS you can find out details about the current projects.

For disaster relief, for instance, the national church works through local churches to support:

- Ukrainian refugees in Moldova
- Refugees from the flooding in Ghana
- Solar panels in Puerto Rico to help energy needs during emergencies
- Victims of the fires in southern California

I support this historic offering - that helps those in need today. I hope you will too. We will be taking our OGHS on Palm Sunday.



Lenten Pilgrimage: Dawn Sweet will be back to take the “pilgrim travelers” to the Iron Cross through organ music, on Palm Sunday, March 29, 3:00 pm. All are invited, even if you didn’t come when we started the “figurative journey”.



Gail Cousins: The Celebration of Gail Cousins' life will be Sunday, March 29 at 1 pm



or Judy.

Sewing class: Interested in learning basic sewing skills? Then please join Kristi Citak and Judy Hull on Saturday, March 28, from 10am-12:00pm in the Dignard room. We would love to hear what you want to learn as well. Some of you may learn how to make dresses for our Dress air dress making. HOW exciting would that be. I will have a sign up in the hallway. See Kristi



Peace Quote: Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me....*Jill Jackson Miller and Sy Miller/*



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