

**Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.**  
~The Breastplate of Saint Patrick



**CORNERSTONE**  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

March 19, 2023


Mark 7:24-30  
“Escape From Our Boxes”

By: Pastor Ron Sylvester

	Adults	High School, Middle School, & Elementary	Nursery Ages 0-5
10am	Church Starts		
20 min	Worship in Song		Nursery Available (downstairs)
25 min	Teaching / Preaching		
40 min	Small Groups		
Location	Group 1, 2, 3 and Zoom (upstairs)	High School, Middle School & Elementary School (downstairs)	
5 min	Return to Sanctuary (nursery return to parents in the sanctuary)		

Join our Zoom Small Group at 10:50  
**Meeting ID: 856 3379 6885**  
**Passcode: Welcome**

**Scripture Readers:**  
 3/19 Kristy Provinzano  
 3/26 TBD  
 4/2 Diana Walker-Moyer  
 4/9 TBD



**Assistive Learning System Available upon request**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the main point of this passage?
2. Explain the exchange between Jesus and the woman.
3. How does "normal life" limit our perspective and opportunity to accept and serve those different from ourselves?
4. Earlier Jesus chided the disciples for their "little" faith. Here Jesus commends this woman for her "great" faith (Matt.15:28). How can/do "new" people teach us at Cornerstone something we need to learn about our present limits?
5. What does this teach us about reaching and serving those beyond our church (outreach and missions)?

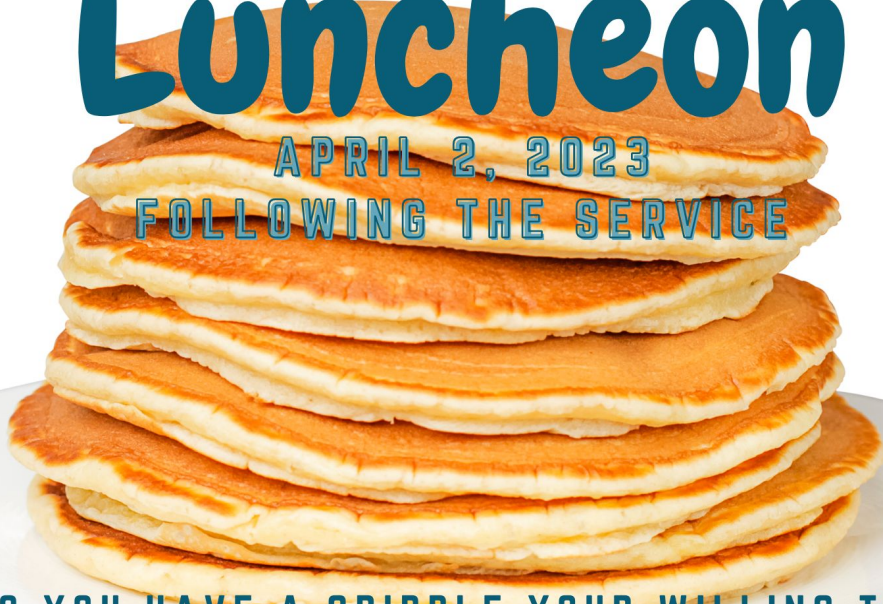
	Nursery and Toddler Room	Nursery and Toddler Room	Elementary	Middle and High
3/19	Jean Donaldson	Aida DiBisceglie	Next Gen Sunday - All together Small Group Mackenna, Monique, and Bari	
3/26	Bari Pender	Alex DiBisceglie	Ann Ralls	Alex DiBisceglie, Jean Donaldson, Youth With Adults
4/2	Keri Bradshaw	Mackenna Platteel	Next Gen Sunday - All together Small Group - Easter Party Mackenna, Jean, and Keri	
4/9	Easter Sunday - No Small Group			



# Pancake Luncheon

APRIL 2, 2023

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE



DO YOU HAVE A GRIDDLE YOUR WILLING TO LOAN OUT? ... SEE DEACON

## SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING RESULTS:

Unanimous vote for Mark Pender, returning Elder

### OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Ron: Tues 10am-3pm , Wed 3-7pm

Mackenna (Youth): Thurs 4:30-6:30pm

Keri (Office Admin): Tues 10-1, Wed 1-4, Fri 10-1

\*\*Hours are always subject to change

## Our Week, 3/19-3/26/23

### Sunday

10:00 Worship

10:20 Sermon

10:55 Small Groups

11:25 Sermon Recap

### Monday

Women's Ministry (3/20) 7:30 pm

All women are invited!

Bradshaw home, 25 Mill Rd., Littleton

### Wednesday

Search Committee (3/22) 7:15 pm

### Thursday

Youth Group (3/23) 6:30-8pm

Middle and High School

### Friday

Prayer Meeting on zoom (3/24) 7pm

Meeting ID: 811 2362 6357

Passcode: prayer

\*\*next Elder Meeting 3/28

## Thank you for giving to Cornerstone

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1. Online giving via Tithe.ly
2. Mail a check
3. Bill pay
4. Drop your offering in the box at the entrance to the sanctuary



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**MARCH 26TH**

**YOUTH**

# **PAINT & PIZZA**



12:00-3:00 - AT BOUCHER'S HOUSE

# **YOUTH GROUP**

**THURSDAYS 6:30-8**

MIDDLE & HIGH  
SCHOOL

# **EASTER EGG HUNT**



3/19 - Collect eggs to fill from bin in foyer

3/26 - Filled eggs are due

April 2nd - Egg Hunt!  
(at Cornerstone after lunch)



**Who: Middle and High Schoolers**

**When: Friday April 14th, 7- 8pm**

**Where: Kimball Farm, Westford**

# **ICE CREAM HANG OUT!**





## St. Patrick By Chuck Colson

Patrick was born in Roman Britain to a middle-class family in about 390 A.D. When Patrick was a teenager, marauding Irish raiders attacked his home. Patrick was captured, taken to Ireland, and sold to an Irish king, who put him to work as a shepherd.

Patrick had been raised in a Christian home, but he didn't really believe in God. But now—hungry, lonely, frightened, and bitterly cold—Patrick began seeking out a relationship with his heavenly Father. As he wrote in his Confessions, "I would pray constantly during the daylight hours" and "the love of God ... surrounded me more and more."

Six years after his capture, God spoke to Patrick in a dream, saying, "Your hungers are rewarded. You are going home. Look—your ship is ready."

What a startling command! If he obeyed, Patrick would become a fugitive slave, constantly in danger of capture and punishment. But he did obey—and God protected him. The young slave walked nearly 200 miles to the Irish coast. There he boarded a waiting ship and traveled back to Britain and his family.

But, as you might expect, Patrick was a different person now, and the restless young man could not settle back into his old life. Eventually, Patrick recognized that God was calling him to enter a monastery. In time, he was ordained as a priest, then as a bishop. Finally—30 years after God had led Patrick away from Ireland—He called him back to the Emerald Isle as a missionary.

The Irish of the 5th century were a pagan, violent, and barbaric people. Human sacrifice was commonplace. Patrick understood the danger and wrote, "I am ready to be murdered, betrayed, enslaved—whatever may come my way." "Through Patrick, God converted thousands. Thomas Cahill writes, "Only this former slave had the right instincts to impart to the Irish a New Story, one that made sense of all their old stories and brought them a peace they had never known before." Because of Patrick, a warrior people "lay down the swords of battle, flung away the knives of sacrifice, and cast away the chains of slavery."

As it is with many Christian holidays, St. Patrick's Day has lost much of its original meaning. Instead of settling for parades, cardboard leprechauns, and "the wearing of the green," we ought to recover our Christian heritage, celebrate the great evangelist, and teach our kids about this Christian hero.

## Women's Ministry

*Mondays 7:30  
at the Bradshaw's*

### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing...



*IF Breakout Sessions  
ALL Women are welcome*



An Evening with  
*Ellen*

by  
design  
ministr

### + ONE LEADERSHIP:

*Leading Better Together*

**Saturday, April 22, 2023 | 6:30PM**

Immanuel Church, 301 Boston Road, Chelmsford, MA

## BE WELL AT CORNERSTONE

The COVID-19 pandemic and concurrent season of respiratory illnesses including influenza as well as common colds present a challenge to protecting the health of ourselves and those around us. While we are certainly motivated to protect ourselves from illness, we also have a moral obligation to the wellbeing of our neighbors. The Deacons ask all members and attenders to please do a quick self-assessment before joining others for worship or other activities. If you feel unwell or have any symptoms of respiratory illness or have reason to believe that you are at risk for being contagious due to a recent exposure to illness, we ask that you stay home, take care of yourself, and join others virtually whenever possible. When attending church functions we recommend that folks wear a face covering. We will be continuing to monitor disease incidence in our community and among our members and attenders and will make other recommendations appropriately.

~The Deacons

## Elder Meeting Minutes

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## Prayer Group

**Every Friday Night at 7:00 on Zoom**

**Meeting Code: 811 2362 6357**

**Password: Prayer**

**“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

**How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”**

**Romans 10:13-15**

# Pray with us - Pastoral Search Committee

Please seek God and ask Him to continue to bless the Pastoral Search Committee as we seek His will and that He would give us wisdom, patience and commitment to the process. Please pray for each member of the team this week.



## **GOT QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE?**



**FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO US AT**

***PASTORALSEARCH.CORNERSTONE@GMAIL.COM***

Wondering what happens at the Pastoral Search Committee Meetings? You can check out the meeting notes to see!



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