

THE SPIRE

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Dear Edwards Church Community,

Be bold
like the
Magi.

Do not
tarry,
settling

into
your comfort,
but rather

set out
keeping
the star

in your
vision.

It will lead
you
to the place
you are

most
in need of
the place

where
God is.
And if

an angel
warns you
in a dream

not to
return
by the old

way,
please
listen.

I am so grateful for Lent coming later this year, after starting in mid-February last year. It makes the season of Epiphany longer, and we all need more Epiphany!

Astronomical spring, which begins when the earth has travelled far enough around the sun, begins March 21. That may still be a few weeks off, but we can already anticipate its arrival. Snow may fall, but it will melt faster. Climatological spring, which relates to changes in weather, begins earlier on March 1. Since we do not enter Lent until Ash Wednesday on March 3, the beginning of Lent will not be overcast by the cold, grey indifference of February.

The season of preparing for Easter can be demanding on its own, even without dreary weather. The season of preparing for resurrection already asks us to let go of some things, especially those things that stand between us and a closer walk with God, a fuller realization of the resurrection life lived by an Easter people. But really getting ready for Easter requires spending time admitting – to ourselves and God – everything that pulls us aside from making that closer walk, that fuller realization our focus.

The liturgical season of Epiphany now drawing to a close is itself a Christmas present that the liturgical year gives us to ponder between the birth of Jesus and our 40 days with him in the wilderness. Epiphany is the season for noticing the ways God is revealed, takes form, and shows God's self to us – particularly in and through Jesus, but also through prophets, scripture, nature and even angels.

The poem in the box to the left, "Song on the Feast of Epiphany" by Christine Rodgers, was written for the opening of the season of Epiphany but is just as fitting for its ending and our approach to Lent. Please read it now.

Too often we resort to going back to the familiar to avoid the risk of the unfamiliar, when setting off into the unknown is just what we need to find that place in our lives where God is waiting to be found. But it requires hearing the voice of an angel or Jesus, who so often greet us with "Do not be afraid," and then share something they know will scare us! It requires being willing to give up whatever – our skepticism, our fear of not being "in control," our refusal to acknowledge that we were never really in control – whatever keeps you from that closer walk and that fuller realization of Easter in the here and now.

That closer walk, that fuller realization is our inheritance as Easter people. Won't you claim it with me?

Yours for the journey,

Michael

From the Minister of Faith Formation

Dear Beloved of God,

My heart is overwhelmed by your comforting words, prayers, cards, painted rocks by members of the church school, and other expressions of sympathy on the passing of my mother, Rita Himmelman. A little bit about her: my mother was unequivocally devoted to her family, to those serving in our military and to our veterans; her favorite holiday was Christmas; she *loved* to decorate every nook and cranny of our house for *every* holiday; she was an avid Red Sox and Patriot fan and she loved her soap operas. She was strong willed, determined, compassionate, and outlived a heart valve replacement two years beyond the projected time of 15 years. The last several decades of her life were riddled with health issues and the chronic pain associated with them. On February 11th, she agreed to allow Hospice to enter and her palliative care began the next day. The days between the 11th and the 15th when she passed were sacred and bittersweet as family members gathered, dispersed, and re-gathered continuously. I am deeply grateful for the time afforded me to be present during the final stages of her earthly existence. On March 17th she would have turned 88; her spirit will indeed live on...pain free and whole...my faith assures me of that.

About Lent 2019

Tim Johnson, one of the contributors to the church school curriculum that we use (Seasons of the Spirit) and a retired pastor with the United Church of Christ writes:

“Lent is a season of unfolding honesty and truth-telling about our lives and the world. It begins with Ash Wednesday and the humble recognition that we are all human beings with finite lives. This is a leveling confession because no one is exempt from the dust from which we are formed or the ashes to which we return. We are all equal in those ashes, from those with the greatest wealth and power to those who have little or nothing at all. There is no hierarchy of value or importance in Ash Wednesday or the journey of Lent that follows. In boldly acknowledging our humanity while embracing God’s love as our destiny, we become immune to the virus of fear on which systems of domination continue to depend in order to maintain power and control.

Lent gives us a lens for finding truth in the headlines and our daily lives. It draws us into a narrative of God’s people living with and resisting exploitive systems of domination; that narrative illuminates the times in which we live. The journey of Lent begins by engaging us with the theological and interpretive questions: Which God of scripture will we follow? Will we journey within a religious tradition that sees God as part and parcel of a domination system or will we journey within a religious tradition that embraces a liberating God of creation, known in and through relationship?

Blessings as we journey into and through Lent,
Deb

Book Discussion: *White Fragility: Why It Is So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*

by Robin Diangelo will be held on Tuesday evenings March 12 & 26 from 7-8:30 in the Heritage Room and on Thursday afternoons March 14 & 28 from noon – 1:30 in the Edwards Room. The author has been a consultant and trainer on issues of racial and social justice for more than twenty years and formerly served as a tenured professor of multicultural education at Westfield State University. Please let Deb Moore know if you would like to join the discussion.

Edwards Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation:

*We embrace Christ’s command to love God with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves. Therefore, we welcome **everyone** regardless of ethnic background, economic circumstance, sexual orientation, family configuration, or difference in ability.*

All who seek the love of Christ are welcome to Edwards Church and to share fully in its life and ministry. In response to the Spirit of Christ in our midst, we glorify God and rejoice in the inherent worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a child of God.

YOUTH GROUP

Edwards Church Youth Group's ministry is open to those in Grades 6 -12.

We generally meet on the second and fourth Sunday of the month from 11:30-1:00, with a few exceptions. Youth are always welcome to bring a friend!



Summer Camps

It is not too early to start thinking about Summer Camps, we all know how fast our calendars fill up. The UCC offers many faith and fun based camping experiences. To view the camps in New England go to www.uccnecamps.org. There will also be postings on the Faith Formation bulletin board.



Here's what is coming up:

March 10 ~ 11:30 – 1:00
Meeting in the Heritage Room

March 24 ~ 11:30 – 1:00
Delivering gifts to Rebekah's Closet

All are invited to ... a Baby Shower March 17 & 24

Members of the Youth Group invite all members and friends to a Baby Shower for Rebekah's Closet – a ministry of the United Church of Christ in Holyoke. Rebekah's Closet (which is housed in UCC Holyoke) is open Thursdays from 10 – 2 where those who have been approved by a social service agency are able to receive items once a month. Suggested items for the shower are: clothing (preemie through size 6X; baby lotion & shampoo, diaper cream, bottles formula, crib sheets, receiving blankets, board books and books for early readers (1st & 2nd grade). Items can be place around the communion table on both March 17 & 24. Members of the youth group and interested adults will pack up the shower presents after worship on the 24th and deliver them to Rebekah's Closet.

Church School

During the month of March as we enter the Season of Lent, the following are the scriptures and themes that members of the church school and their teachers will be exploring:

March 3 ~ Communion Sunday ~ Intergenerational Worship
March 10 ~ Deuteronomy 26:1-11 ~ A Place of Justice and Grace
March 17 ~ Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 ~ Journey Toward Trust
March 24 ~ Isaiah 55:1-9 ~ Fed by the Glory
March 31 ~ Joshua 5:9-12 ~ A Traitor for Grace

Many thanks to the following who accompanied our children and youth along their faith journey during the month of February:

*Jim Stokes-Buckles, Melissa Mattison, Darleen Buttrick, Carolyn Dion,
Kristen Deschene and Michelle Prindle.*

*Gratitude as well to those who nurtured the youngest among us in the Nursery:
Kelly St. Martin, Sandra Rossi, and Jack Mattison-Gulotta.*



Holyoke Civic Symphony Concert March 10

The Holyoke Civic Symphony, conducted by David Kidwell, will present the third concert of its 2018-2019 season on Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 pm at Holyoke Community College. The concert is free, but donations are appreciated.

Pianist Andrew D'Antonio will be the soloist for Franz Liszt's *Totentanz*, a set of variations on the "Dies Irae" chant from the Catholic requiem mass. And the orchestra will perform Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 in E minor.

For more information, including directions, program notes, and Maestro Kidwell's podcast about the concert, please visit the orchestra's website at www.holyokecivicsymphony.org



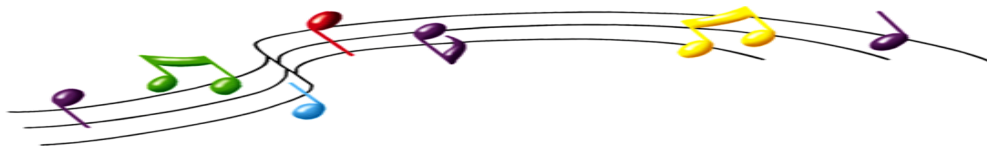
Be a Part of a Music Team

As the catchy song from *The LEGO Movie* goes, "Everything is awesome. Everything is cool when you're part of a team." The music committee would like to form some teams to work on various aspects of the music ministry at Edwards Church.

For 2019, Edwards Church has suspended the bylaws related to committee structure. The hope is that we will create a number of short-term, task-specific teams. The music committee is thinking about two possible teams:

- **Music Series Team**, focusing on the planning, development, and execution of the *Music at the Crossroads* concert series
- **Concert Proctor Team**, providing building support and security for the many non-church musical groups which perform at Edwards Church

If you are interested in being a part of either of these teams, or if you have an idea for a different musical team, please contact Nancy Flickinger or David Kidwell.



USHERS



Head Usher

Beginning in 2018, we put together a team of five to handle the weekly duties of head usher. Once a quarter, we schedule out for the ushers for the next 90 days. We are looking to add to our team. Please see any head usher for details.

Bob, Jon, Larry, Marc, and Ron

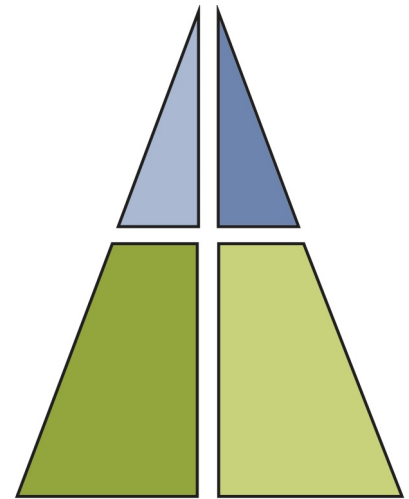
Update on The New Way Fund

Those of us who have participated in establishing a process for funding new in-reach and outreach projects and opportunities via the New Way Fund were humbled and grateful for the congregational vote of approval at the Annual Meeting on January 27. ***Thank you!***

We are also thrilled that just under 50 members and friends of Edwards Church shared their opinions, priorities and great ideas through the New Way Survey that was distributed last month. We are analyzing and summarizing the results and will share this with the full congregation. We will also use the results to help shape the priorities for allocating New Way Funds to Outreach opportunities, as well as the to-be-formed in-reach group.

We have a rich palette of thoughts and ideas to work with as expressed through the survey. IF YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED in the in-reach group, please let Leon Drzewianowski, Moderator, Michael McSherry, or Ruth Griggs know.

Thank you again for your care, your ideas and your participation!



Fellowship Time is Busy!

Hello Edwards Church! Here's another friendly reminder about the after-church fellowship hour, which has been well-attended this spring. Everything is there: Good company, a watchful deacon, hot coffee and tea, and – well, usually tasty snacks. But not always. Once in a while we have a pretty lean Sunday, hence this appeal. Please, when you get that gentle reminder that your alphabet group comes up, consider bringing a little something. Lots of littles add up to a generous and welcoming table.

Thank you, from the Deacons,

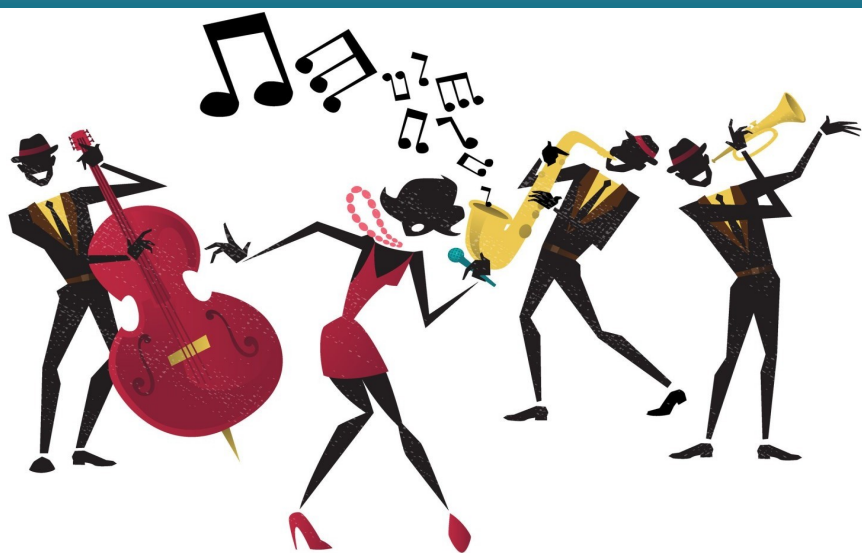
Tom Derr



March 3 - Last names with A-D
March 10 - Last names with E-K
March 17 - Last names with L-P
March 24 - Last names with R-Z
March 31 - Deacons

Celebrating our Diversity
Affirming our Unity

A Gospel/Jazz Festival



Featuring:

UMASS Gospel Choir
Amherst Area Gospel Choir
Amherst College Gospel Choir
UMASS Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Amherst R. H. S. Jazz
Ensemble UMASS Jazz
Combo
Annie Patterson and Mary
Witt, Jazz Soloists

Friday March 1, 2019 at 7pm

at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Amherst

Suggested Donation: \$10

**a fundraiser for the
Pioneer Valley Interfaith Refugee Action Group – PVIRAG**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
867 N. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA 01002
413-549-0322**

<http://immanuel-amherst.org/>

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Bankman
 Matthew Buckley Wells
 Michele Carroll
 Elizabeth Henneman
 Alfred Griggs
 Ruth Griggs
 Gwenn Swift
 Courtney Aquadro
 Martha McCullagh



Taylor Cook
 Paula Mattison
 Ken Longstreeth
 Eugene Sielski
 Rev. Michael McSherry
 Lynda Erickson
 Ronald Korza
 James Stokes-Buckles

Note: In an effort to protect the digital identities of our community members, we will no longer publish dates of birth in the newsletter. Please contact the church office directly if you would like to obtain this information.

Is your birthday missing? We'd like to include everyone, so please call the church office and let us know your birthday!

SNOW/INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



When storms of any kind occur it can raise the question whether we will be having our customary Sunday service or other events at that church. In the absence of a cancellation announcement, one should assume that the service or other event is being held. Cancellation announcements would typically include listing the cancellation with local news outlets (e.g., ABC 40 / FOX 6 or WWLP), and posting to the church web site and Facebook page. When in doubt, try calling the church to ask. Concern for personal safety should always come first, so even if there is no cancellation announcement, please stay home if you have any doubt.

Communion Table Flowers

The gift of flowers for the communion table in our sanctuary is a wonderful way to express your love for the church and for each other. You may select from the following Sunday dates in March: March 24 or 31, or April 7, 14, or 28. Please call or email Janet Hemminger at (413) 584-1635 or chuck.hemminger@gmail.com to select a date.



Many thanks,
 Janet Hemminger

ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTION ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

To follow through on the resolution passed at Annual Meeting regarding the boards and committees of the church, on February 13 a group of four people (Leon Drzewianowski, Moderator, Debbie Davis, Janet Tucker, and Rev. Michael McSherry) brought a written proposal to the church council regarding the formation of a team to review the current structure and processes of lay leadership and recommend changes. That proposal, with a few changes, was approved by the council, which delegated to the same individuals the task of forming the team. We hope to announce the team members soon. Perhaps they can finalize the name of their team, which for the time being is “[Structure] Team.”

The written proposal, as amended to date, is below. We anticipate that the team will finalize its own name.

DRAFT of 2-21-19

Statement of Purpose, Desired Attributes of Team Members and Preliminary Process Notes for the Edwards Church of Northampton Lay Leadership [Structure] Team

- Purpose:** The Lay Leadership [Structure] Team will review the current structure and processes of the lay leadership of Edwards Church in order to recommend changes intended to:
1. Reduce the number of individual volunteers required to complete the staffing of “permanent” or ongoing boards, committees or other groups of lay leaders required by the church bylaws;
 2. Promote the effectiveness of the processes, working habits, and routines of any boards, committees, or other groups of lay leaders, whether required by the bylaws or created for a short-term purpose;
 3. Create a culture of invitation, engagement and support whenever we recruit, equip, and entrust any work of the church to an individual or group;
 4. Create a culture of mutual accountability to a shared mission, vision, and set of values; and
 5. Make the cultivation of interpersonal connection and deepening of our spiritual lives part of the fabric of all we do as members of this beloved community.
 6. Do all this before the next annual meeting in January 2020, including (we hope) specific recommendations for initial testing of changes in the fall of 2019.

Desirable Skills or Aptitudes in Team Members:

- A. Desire to serve and benefit the mission and vision of the church as a whole
- B. Belief in this project, its timeliness and potential
- C. Good sense of systems/structure/processes, i.e., a systemic thinker
- D. Willing to develop forms of accountability, tracking outcomes, in a manner appropriate and useful in church
- E. Balance perspectives of long-term members and “new-comer” or outsider/fresh perspective
- F. Creative, “outside the box” thinker
- G. Good communicator and collaborator.
- H. Attached to (or understands the need to honor) traditions & open to the Spirit

Process Notes:

Getting Started: At a minimum, to inform its work the team should obtain from each existing board or committee required by the bylaws, and from other groups engaged in a

ministry of the church (e.g., Cathedral in the Night, Choir, Circle of Care, Cot Shelter, Prayer Shawl, Quilters), the following descriptions:

1. What the group considers its current assignment or mandated activity (if any). This mostly applies to boards and committees required by the bylaws;
2. What the group actually does; and
3. What you wish (see the need for) you or someone else could do that is not being done.

Communication:

We expect this team to have regular communication with council and the congregation, including:

- report to and meet with council at least once per quarter, with the first meeting no later than May.
- informal communication to clarify anything that comes up is encouraged.
- frequent "reporting out" to the congregation through articles in the Spire
- sharing the status of their work with interested constituencies from time to time, both to test their thinking and keep others connected to the process and prepared for any changes the team may suggest, as that becomes necessary.

Rev. McSherry: Planning for My Sabbatical

This year I am scheduled for a 3-month sabbatical. Sabbatical is not vacation. Although partly for R&R, it is also intended to provide a refreshed perspective and an opportunity to engage in reading or research relevant to one's ministry.

I plan to use most of the three months during the 10 weeks from June 10 through August 16. This creates the least interference with recurring church programs. I will also use two weeks from May 6-17. On May 13-17 I hope to attend the Festival of Homiletics in Minneapolis, which is a week of lectures about worship and preaching, plus twice daily worship and sermons from well-known preachers. Check out <https://www.festivalofhomiletics.com/schedule.aspx>

The study and reflection parts of my sabbatical are likely to involve (i) readings in Celtic spirituality and other theological topics, (ii) possible long hikes in Ireland and Scotland, if I can shake the money loose from savings, (iii) a silent retreat of up to a week in a location yet to be determined, and (iv) initial research into a socially beneficial venture I have in "pipe dream" stage, related to the wave of Baby Boomers heading for retirement who have not been able to accumulate enough savings for it.

I also intend to use all four weeks of my regular vacation. Frances and I are expecting our first grandchild in late February. Our tentative plan is to travel to our daughter's home in Oakland, CA March 1-8, which assumes an "on time" birth, with a due date of 2-25. Tom Derr is scheduled to preach March 3.

During my sabbatical, Deb Moore will be here, and we have many other fine preachers and worship leaders available "in house" and beyond. Pastoral care coverage will be arranged on those rare times when both of us are away.

Finally, Frances' and my younger daughter Mollie is getting married on October 12 in Chicago, where she and her fiancée live. I will use a week of vacation surrounding that date.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve God and this community, and for the time I will use this year to step away to gain new knowledge and renewed perspective.

Blessings,
Michael

This page and the next, edited by Rev. Carol Smith, Huntington, is offered to encourage our Sabbath.

Sabbath: שַׁבָּת

(to repose, to desist from exertion;

leave, put away, celebrate, to fail, suffer to be lacking, leave, rest, rid, still, take away.)¹

One Sabbath day as Jesus was walking through some grainfields, his disciples began breaking off heads of grain to eat. But the Pharisees said to Jesus, “Look, why are they breaking the law by harvesting grain on the Sabbath?”

Jesus said to them, “Haven’t you ever read in the Scriptures what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He went into the house of God (during the days when Abiathar was high priest) and broke the law by eating the sacred loaves of bread that only the priests are allowed to eat. He also gave some to his companions.”

Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!”

Mark 2.23-38 New Living Translation

“Sabbath is that uncluttered time and space
in which we can distance ourselves from our own activities
enough to see what God is doing.”

~Eugene Peterson

In his book *The Sabbath*, Abraham Joshua Heschel talks of Sabbath as a “palace in time,” “a way of being within and above the world.” “Time” he says, “is the presence of God in the world of space . . . It is the dimension of time wherein man meets God.”



“We meet dozens of people, have so many conversations. We do not feel how much energy we spend on each activity, because we imagine we will always have more energy at our disposal. This one little conversation. This one little extra phone call, this one quick meeting, what can it cost?....But it does cost....it drains yet another drop of our life. Then, at the end of days, weeks, months, years, we collapse, we burn out, and cannot see where it happened. It happened in a thousand unconscious events, tasks and responsibilities that seemed easy and harmless on the surface, but that each one after the other used a small portion of our precious life. And so, we are given a commandment, which is actually a gift: ‘Remember the Sabbath.’”
~Wayne Muller²

When we recharge the batteries in our cell phones, we don’t set them aside to rest and simply hope that the battery will refresh. We plug them in. We connect them to the source of available power wherever we happen to be: at home, at work, in the car. We allow them the time they need to become fully charged before we return to relying on them. If we continue to use them while they are charging and renewing their energy, the process takes longer, the recharging goes slower.

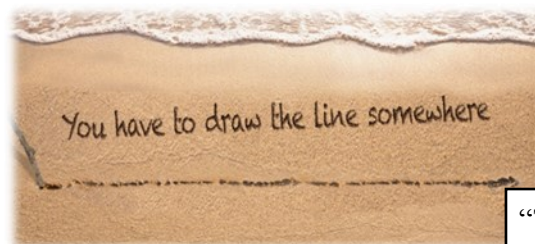
I have heard it said that Sabbath may be like a movable line in the sand.⁴ So, I imagine that I may pick up a stick and draw that line at any time, wherever I may be, whenever I need a recharge from my Power Source. I imagine that line may one time be so close to my toes that I may stumble over the parted sand and from my knees have to redraw that line just so that I can stand and imagine drawing that line again. I also imagine a time that the line may be so far from where I stand that I will stretch and play and sing my way to it . . . and perhaps it will take me all day to get there.

*"... I think it is good to have a Sabbath vision,
even if it seems impossible to you right now.
Here is mine, which you are free to borrow while you are envisioning your own.*

*At least one day in every seven, pull off the road and park the car in the garage. Close the door to the toolshed and turn off the computer. Stay home, not because you are sick but because you are well. Talk someone you love into being well with you. Take a nap, a walk, and hour for lunch. Test the premise that you are worth more than you can produce – that even if you spent one whole day of being good for nothing you would still be precious in God's sight. And when you get anxious because you are convinced that this is not so – remember that your own conviction is not required. This is a commandment. Your worth has already been established, even when you are not working. The purpose of the commandment is to woo you to the same truth."*³

A Prayer to Welcome the Sabbath

Our noisy day has now descended with the sun beyond our sight.
In the silence of our praying place we close the door upon the hectic joys and fears,
the accomplishments and anguish of the week we left behind.
What was but moments ago the substance of our life has become memory;
what we did must now be woven into what we are.
On this day we shall not do, but be.
We are to walk the path of our humanity,
no longer ride unseeing through a world we do not touch and only vaguely sense.
No longer can we tear the world apart to make our fire.
On this day heat and warmth and light must come from deep within us.⁵



"There may be a believer who regards one day as more sacred than any other, while another views every day as sacred as the next. *In these matters*, all must reach their own conclusions *and satisfy their own minds*. If someone observes a day as *holy*, he observes it in honor of the Lord."

Romans 14.5-6a *The Voice*

Brown-Driver-Briggs (Old Testament Hebrew-English Lexicon)

² Wayne Muller, *Sabbath: Restoring the Sacred Rhythm of Rest*. Bantam

³ Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*. (Chapter on Sabbath, "The Practice of Saying No").

⁴ Heard at an Ecclesiastical Council, Hampden Association.

⁵ Barbara Brown Taylor quotes from this prayer in *An Altar in the World*. It is from *Gates of Prayer: The New Union Prayer Book* (Weekends, Sabbaths, and Festivals), ed. Chaim Stern, p. 245

MARCH 2019

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