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## President's Letter:

He is Risen!

This is the most joyous time of the year as Christians; we are saved because he lives! I don't know about you but my favorite part of the Lenten season is actually Maundy Thursday (Last Communion/Jesus in the Garden). I love this holiday probably for the same reason I love biographies, I find it comforting that the people I look up to have struggles too; we share the human experience.

Jesus wept with such deep heartache in the garden even when he knew why he needed to die; he was scared and distraught, pleading with God though he already knew the will of God.

"He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. "Abba, Father," he cried out, "everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." Mark 14:35-36

Ever since I read how Jesus prayed in the garden, it got me thinking about how I pray. Do I ask for God's will to be done even if it's not what I want? I've learned that just because I want something, it doesn't mean it's the best thing for me. If I WANT candy, it still doesn't make all that sugar good for me.

This month I hope that you ask for God's Will to be done. His plans for your life will always be better than any life we could plan for ourselves. Remember, you can pray "Your will be done" in three different ways. You can say it in resentment: "Your will be done, but I don't like it." You can say it in resignation: "Your will be done, because I can't help it." Or you can say it in anticipation: "Your will be done, because I know it is the best, and that's what I want for my life."

God Bless,

*Emily Lamy*

## Reunion Report:

Thanks to Kayla Blais for the talk she gave at the last reunion, relating how learning that she was pre-type 2 diabetic was teaching her to turn to God more as she learned how to live a new lifestyle. We also enjoyed some good fellowship and yummy goodies. Hope you can make it to the April Reunion this weekend. Amanda J.

### Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:

#### April Reunion:

Saturday, April 2, 7:00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church of Torrington  
835 Riverside Ave, Torrington CT

#### August Tag Sale/Picnic

Saturday, August 20 8:30 – 3:30  
1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church of Torrington  
835 Riverside Ave, Torrington CT

#### June Reunion:

Saturday, June 4, 7:00 pm  
Covenant Church of Thomaston  
64 Grove Street, Thomaston

## **Prayer Requests:**

Pray for Kayla as she is living with Pre-Type 2 diabetes.

Pray for Martin LeMasurier, that his arm will heal fully and he will have all use of it back.

Pray for **Apr 01-04, 2016 Young Men's Vida Nueva from the GA mountains.**

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our '**prayistas**':

Barb Clavette ( JEClavette@snet.netor 482-0172)

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They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

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