

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER DETAILED SCHEDULE – 2021

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### 3-5 pm, March 27 -- “Palm Frond Saturday”: A Multi-Church Day of Preparation for Palm Sunday

Join new and tried-and-true friends from Woodfords, Williston-Immanuel, and State Street churches in preparing for Palm Sunday 2021.

Between **3 and 5pm on Saturday, March 27**, drop by Woodfords Congregational Church (202 Woodford Street) for a time of hospitality and sociability sponsored by State Street Church, Williston-Immanuel United Church, and Woodfords.

Together, we will prepare for Palm Sunday, which takes place the next day, on March 28. Palm Sunday is the final Sunday before Easter, and Christians around the world will mark the start of Holy Week by celebrating Jesus’ final, triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

At Saturday’s open house, you will be able to pick up palms to use during the Palm Sunday worship service, grab a snack (homemade cookies and beverages), and learn how to make a palm cross.

At 4pm, join in a palm parade. Bring a “Hosanna” sign or banner and a percussion instrument or noisemaker – for example, a drum, triangle, marimbas, ratchet, wooden block, spoons, or some other noisemaker that does not involve breath – and come prepared to make some noise!

Please bring your own lawn chair if you would like to sit out on the lawn and observe the festivities. COVID-19 protocols – including masks and appropriate physical distancing – will be observed.

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### Alternative Times to Pick up Palms

If you can not make it on March 28 to pick up your palms, Teri or Louise will be available at the following times for you to pick them up at the church. Please email either [tcoviello@woodfordschurch.org](mailto:tcoviello@woodfordschurch.org) or [lshaw@woodfordschurch.org](mailto:lshaw@woodfordschurch.org) to let them know when you plan to stop by. *Please note the door will be locked so you need to make sure to let staff know ahead of time what day and time you will be by.*

Monday, March 22, 9 am – 12 pm    Tues, March 23, 9 am – 12 pm    Thursday, March 25, 9 am – 12 pm

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### 10 am, March 28 – Palm Sunday Zoom Worship Service

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday before Easter. Together with Christians around the world, we will mark the start of Holy Week by celebrating Jesus’ final, triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We invite you to have on hand the palm frond you picked up at the “Palm Frond Saturday” event or earlier in the week.

**Join via computer:**

- <https://zoom.us/j/98278197278?pwd=QzRsRjhhkVXpoYW1HSmFmZmpRWXFlZz09>
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## April 1 – Maundy Thursday

10 am – 2 pm: Hosted Sanctuary Hours

Woodfords' sanctuary/nave will be open for silent prayer and meditation between the hours of 10am and 2pm. We invite you to stop by and spend some time in the sacred space you love so much. Hosts will be on hand to ensure everyone's comfort. We are observing COVID-19 safety protocols for indoor gatherings, so please wear a mask and abide by physical distancing guidelines.

7 pm: Maundy Thursday Zoom Service

**Join Zoom Meeting**

- <https://zoom.us/j/98942197562?pwd=Y0dnaEVtSDJMeUg5by9taitDYIZsUT09>
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## April 2 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Sanctuary Open 11 am-1 pm and 5-7 pm --- Seeking Your Contributions

This Holy Week, we invite you to participate in a tradition that dates back to the 1500s. The Stations of the Cross is an ancient meditative pilgrimage that invites the spiritually hungry to walk the “Way of Sorrows” with Jesus to his death on Calvary hill. Traditionally depicted in fourteen visuals, the Stations highlight pivotal moments in Jesus’ final hours.

On Good Friday, Woodfords’ sanctuary will be open from **11 am until 1 pm** and then again from **5 to 7 pm**. In this sacred space, you will encounter 9 meditation stations marking crucial moments in Jesus’ last week of life. (See below.) Stations will include scripture readings, poetry, questions for meditation, and pieces of graphic art by the creative team at [Sanctified Art](#).

We invite you to read the scripture passages that will be featured in the Stations of the Cross – see below – and contribute your own additions to the meditation stations. **Does a particular scripture passage remind you of a piece of art, a current event, a poem, a prayer, a sculpture, a book, a song, etc. that you would like to share with other members of the community?** If so, you are most welcome to bring the item – or something that represents it – to Woodfords and add it to the appropriate station of the cross. *If your item is extremely valuable, please share a picture of it. While we will have hosts in the sanctuary during the Stations of the Cross, we would hate to have anything happen to people’s valuable possessions.*

We will set up the Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary between **3 and 5pm on Thursday, April 1**. If you would like to add something to one of the stations, you may stop by during those hours to drop it off. You may also contribute your item on Good Friday itself, during one of the open sanctuary periods.

Hosts will be on hand during both open sanctuary times on Good Friday to ensure everyone’s comfort. We are observing COVID-19 safety protocols for indoor gatherings, so please wear a mask and abide by physical distancing guidelines.

Station Number	Pivotal Moment	Scripture Passages
1	Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane	<a href="#">Matthew 26:36-41</a>
2	Jesus is Betrayed by Judas and Arrested	<a href="#">Mark 14:43-46</a>
3	Jesus is Denied by Peter	<a href="#">Matthew 26: 69-75</a>
4	Jesus is Judged by Pontius Pilate and Crowned with Thorns	<a href="#">Mark 15:1-5, 15</a> <a href="#">John 19:2-3</a>
5	Jesus Bears the Cross and Meets the Women of Jerusalem	<a href="#">John 19: 6; 15-17</a> <a href="#">Luke 23:27-31</a>
6	Jesus is Crucified and Makes a Promise	<a href="#">Luke 23:32-43</a>
7	Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Beloved Disciple	<a href="#">John 19:25-27</a>
8	Jesus Dies on the Cross	<a href="#">Luke 23: 44-46</a>
9	Jesus is Placed in the Tomb	<a href="#">Matthew 27:57-60</a>

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## April 4: Easter Sunday

6 am: In-Person Sunrise Service

*Bunker at Southern Maine Community College*

Dress warmly and gather at the bunker at SMCC at 6 am for an intimate celebration of new life and the Resurrection. We will celebrate Communion together, using prepackaged, individual servings of the Communion elements. We're observing COVID-19 safety precautions, so please remember your masks and don't forget to observe physical distancing guidelines.

9 am: Zoom Worship

Gather online at 9am to commemorate the holiest day in the Christian calendar and celebrate the powerful story of Jesus' overcoming death. Invite friends, family members, and anyone else who might be in need of some hope and uplift.

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10 am – 12 pm: Easter Open House

*Woodfords Church (Cloister)*

Swing by the church between 10 am and noon for some Easter fellowship, sponsored by the Creating Community team. In the Cloister, you'll be able to light a prayer candle and pick up the Easter flowers you may have ordered. Visit the Sanctuary for some Easter reflection. Take the kiddos out into Memorial Garden to find a few hidden Easter eggs. After being away from the building for so long, it will be wonderful to experience Woodfords coming back to life!

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