

APRIL 2016 Outlook

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OUTLOOK DEADLINE ~ We welcome contributions to our monthly newsletter and invite you to share information, or even something more creative! The **MAY 2016 Outlook** will be published at the end of May. All submissions, special announcements, articles or events **provided on, or before, the DEADLINE of Wednesday, APRIL 13** will be included.

Please remember our homebound in your prayers or with

a note: Barbara Bailey, Hazel Berger, Dolores Colaiacomo, Elsie Rapposch, John Ray, Katie Schneider, Mitch Wein and Nellie Wirth.

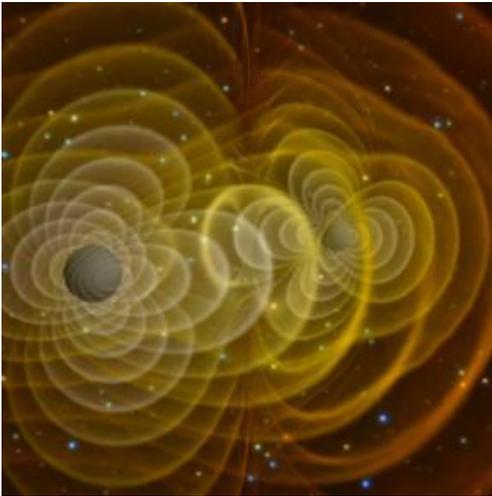


Pastoral Care

PASTORAL CARE If you, or someone you know, is hospitalized, please call the church office (203-374-8822) to let us know. Hospitals **do not** notify us when a parishioner is hospitalized.

PASTOR TODD’S OFFICE HOURS: Thursdays from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm or by appointment.

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Todd is on vacation April 10-16. Joanne is on vacation April 4-12.



Researchers used the Columbia supercomputer at the NASA Ames Research Center to create a three-dimensional simulation of merging black holes. Public domain image by Henze, NASA.

BEYOND THE HEAVENS ~ March 02, 2016

The scientifically minded and the scientifically challenged both paused last month to contemplate the far reaches of the cosmos. Scientists at the Advanced Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory reported that they had detected gravitational waves emanating from the collision of two black holes—places of such heavy gravity that even light cannot escape. These waves, generated a billion light-years away, had the effect of altering, if infinitesimally, earth’s space-time continuum. The discovery was the result of a century of collaborative research that began with

Albert Einstein and, in recent years, drew on \$0.5 billion in U.S. government funding.

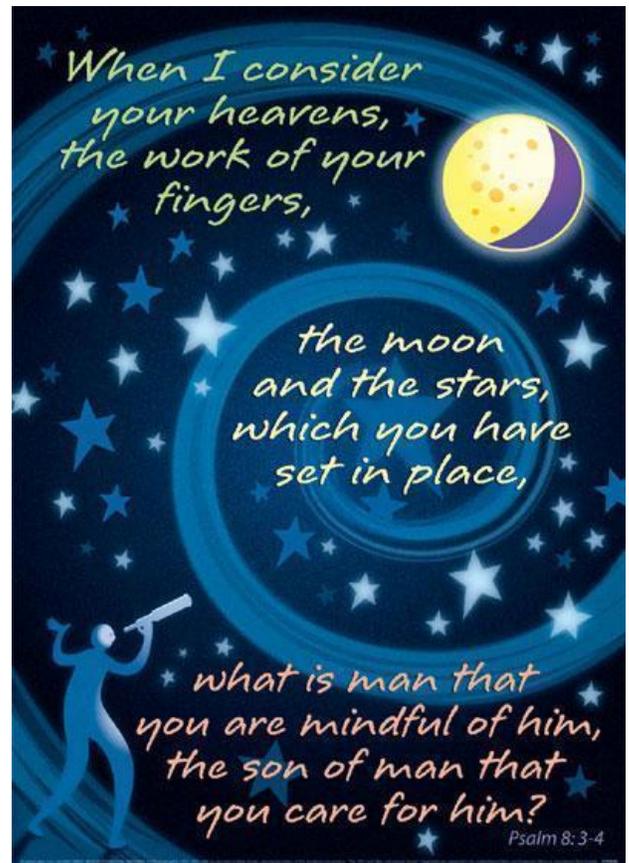
Almost as staggering as thinking about a gravitational event in an unimaginably distant part of the cosmos is the scientific capacity to postulate its existence and verify its occurrence. Observatories 1,900 miles apart in Louisiana and Washington were able to record the different arrival times of the gravitational waves and thereby locate their source.

Einstein remarked that “the most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible.” The universe discloses itself by way of physical theorems and mathematical formulas. In some fashion, the universe wishes to be known; it allows a creature that is part of that very universe to learn some of its language.

Should half a billion dollars be spent on pure research of little apparent practical value? One response to that reasonable query is that pure research tends to lead eventually to practical benefits. Another is that compared to the \$600 billion spent yearly on the U.S. defense budget, half a billion dollars spent looking for clues to the structure of the cosmos is a deeply humane endeavor.

In Psalm 8, the first of the psalms celebrating creation, the writer begins by praising God, whose fingers made the moon and stars and whose glory is even “above the heavens.” Immediately after celebrating the magnificence of the cosmos, the writer goes on to marvel at the place humans have in creation. Humans are tiny compared to the cosmos, but our capacity to make sense of the cosmos is also marvelous, a source of our peculiar dignity. “You have made them a little lower than God.” And with that position comes the responsibility of stewardship—and praise.

Theologically, the primary marvel of the universe is not how the world is but that it is. Nevertheless, to explore how the world is—in the patient, rigorous, and collaborative way that physicists and astronomers work—is a way of celebrating it. In their own way, research scientists are affirming the ancient words: “O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”



CHURCH UPDATES

MEET OUR NEW CHRISTIAN ED CO-ORDINATOR

Lorie Hansen Boveroux, her husband Benjamin and their four children have resided in Trumbull for eight years. Lorie is the former Director of Christian Formation for St. Paul's Church, Fairfield and taught in the public schools in New York. Lorie holds a BFA from the School of Visual Arts and a MS in Architecture and Urban Planning from Pratt Institute. She holds Permanent Certification in Visual and graphic communication in the State of New York. She has received training in Godly Play and believes in teaching directly to children's specific learning styles.

Lorie volunteers her time in the childrens' schools, serves as community service coordinator for Cub Scout Pack 167, Is an alternate to the Trumbull Zoning Board of Appeals and is a Vestry Member and Chair of Christian Formation at St. Paul's Church in Fairfield, where her family attends church. She also attends Haverhill Congregational Church in Haverhill NH in the summer with her family. All four of her children are active in church ministry, from choir, to acolytes, to youth group and youth leadership. Her eldest child, Elisabeth (17) will be pursuing her call to ministry in college.



DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP ~ Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 pm at Unity Hill UCC



DINNER SHOW FUNDRAISER FOR HAITI MISSION TRIP

Saturday, April 2 from 5:30-8:00pm

\$15 a ticket, \$35 family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children), \$6 a ticket for 12 & under, includes dinner, soft drinks, entertainment & one raffle door prize ticket.

Mark this date on your calendar so you don't miss an evening with Jack Lynn! His "Dino" style and sound will take you back to the "Swingin' Rat Pack Years" of the late 40's, 50's and 60's, as he sings all the great tunes made famous by Dean Martin. The event will include dinner and raffle prizes.

CELEBRATION CORNER! CONGRATULATIONS! To Frank Heffelfinger for achieving 50 years of membership in the Masonic Order. Frank was recently honored at Washington Lodge in Monroe with presentation of his 50-year pin.

Our
Deepest
Condolences



It is with sadness that we announce the death of Erika Caroline (Volkman) Aanensen on March 1 at age 98. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her children, Roseann and Norman, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter. Erika had been a life-long member of Unity Hill. Mrs. Aanensen was born in Germany to the late Karl and Marie Volkman. She was a retired food supervisor for Bridgeport Hospital and Park City Hospital for almost 25 years and a lifetime member of the Germania Schwaben Club. Her family and friends brought her joy. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Survivors include three children Linda Shlonsky, Roseann Giordanella and Norman Aanensen, 20 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband Einar Aanensen; two daughters Sonja Pazinak and Diana Boulton; and her sister Martha Crumb. Memorial contributions may be made for the wishes of the family through the funeral director. To leave an online condolence please visit www.mullinsfh.com.





Our sincere condolences to Paula Mulroney's family and friends. Paula passed away on March 6, 2016 from Alzheimer's disease after a short stay in Hospice. Paula was a member of Unity Hill UCC, but had moved to Jupiter, FL a few years ago. Paula was born March 7, 1941 and worked in Bridgeport for 30 years as an Administrator at Southern Connecticut Dialysis and Nephrology Associates. She leaves behind her son Dan, daughter Tracy, brother John Mulroney, nephew Patrick Mulroney and wife

Danielle along with a niece and nephew, great-grandnieces and many cousins. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Paula's name to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407. To express condolences and/or make donations:

Visit PalmBeachPost.com/obituaries See more at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/palmbeachpost/obituary.aspx?n=paula-j-mulroney&pid=178036426#sthash.F2fC090N.dpuf>



Our deepest sympathy goes to the family and friends of Raymond J. DeNomme who passed away on March 17 at age 85. Ray was the beloved husband of Ruth Zak DeNomme. They were members of Park Street Congregational and Unity Hill UCC. He was born in Bridgeport on May 15, 1930, son of the late George Arcade and Anna Thibault DeNomme, and was a Trumbull resident for the past 55 years. He attended both the University of Connecticut and the University of Bridgeport. Ray was employed thirty-five years by United Technologies Corporation, first with Sikorsky Aircraft and then with Norden Systems, and was a member of the Norden's Retirees Club. He was an avid New York Yankee and UConn Women's Basketball fan. Raymond

was a weather buff who also enjoyed doing puzzles, Sudoku and trips with his family to Long Beach Island. He was a loving husband and wonderful father and took great pride in his children and grandchildren. Survivors in addition to his beloved wife include his devoted children Laura Abriola and husband Darryl of Orange, Richard DeNomme and wife Holly of Milford, William DeNomme and wife Jill of Trumbull, Lisa Fazzino and husband Paul of Shelton, and David DeNomme and wife Dana of Trumbull and eleven cherished grandchildren. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Heart Association , 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492 or American Lung Association , 45 Ash Street, East Hartford, CT 06108. To send online condolences please visit www.redgatehennessy.com - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ctpost/obituary.aspx?n=raymond-denomme&pid=178100165&fhid=6214#sthash.K4zCX7G2.dpuf>

MUSIC MINISTRY ~ By: Carole Fanslow, Minister of Music

News of our choirs ... the handbells have returned – bright and shiny and all repaired. They were played on Easter Sunday. Also, many thanks to the members of our Senior Choir for their great job on Easter. We are still looking for additional voices and ringers for both choirs.

GEORGE'S HILL



George's Hill will be on Thursday, April 14 from 11:30am - 1:00 pm

A social engagement group for persons with memory problems or early dementia and their caregivers, where they can meet with other people with similar problems, for lunch and a fun program. To register, please call the church office at 203-374-8822 or sign up on our web site.

Our motto is: **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**

CHURCH COUNCIL ~ By: Moderator, Lucille Baver

Church Council Meeting will be on **Monday, April 11** at 7:00 pm.

Committee Reports to Council are due in church office by **Friday, April 1.**

DIACONATE ~ By: Louise Evans, Chair

The next meeting for the Diaconate Committee is Tuesday, April 5th at 1:30 p.m.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE ~ By: Sharon Brezina, Chair

Welcome SPRING!!! Finally!

We had a beautiful Easter service – the pinwheels looked great spinning in the wind ... so colorful. Thanks to all who purchased them. It added a nice touch to the day.

B&G also wants to thank Louise Evans and Marie Seavey for the daffodils in the planters at the entrance They were a beautiful touch of spring on a beautiful day. Thank you.

Spring cleanup will be happening in May – please reserve time to help out in this once the information is posted:

What: Church-wide Spring Cleaning

When: TBD in May

Time: TBD – Pizza will be served

Who: Anyone who wants to help out the Building & Grounds crew get the church building sparkling. Feel free to bring your kids! The older kids can help us out and we'll have child care for the younger set.

FAQ:

Q: What kind of cleaning are we talking about?

A: All the cleaning that the Building & Grounds crew can't do weekly – washing the windows inside and out, steam cleaning the auditorium chairs, organizing kitchen and closets, taking any marks we can get off of walls and floors, and anything else that needs a good cleaning.

Q: What do I need to bring?

A: Just yourself – wearing comfortable clothes you're not afraid to get dirty. If you can help us out by bringing some cleaning supplies (list will be posted), it will make the day go faster.

Q: How is this going to work?

A: You'll show up and the Building & Grounds crew will help direct you to what areas need work. If there's a particular job you really like (or dislike), there will be plenty of flexibility/choice.

So as you see there is a lot to do. Please consider joining us!!

B&G has quite a few binders in stock – if you need them for any purpose please contact Sharon and we can get them to you.

The outdoor locks are in the process of being changed allowing one key to open all doors outside. This has always been a concern for B&G and has now been resolved. Keys will be handed out on a needed basis by Sharon. Please contact her with any questions.

We are still working on the bathroom quotes with some contractors, setting up the handicapped entrance and working on all the items listed for repair or replacement by the Fire Marshall via his inspection last week.

Hope everyone begins to enjoy the warm weather soon. Happy Spring!!

"Somebody has well said that there are only two kinds of people in the world - there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

Sharon and Trevor



MISSIONS COMMITTEE ~ By: Brenda Finizio, Chair

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) We sent a check for \$706 this month from "One Great Hour of Sharing" collections. One of the organizations that "One Great Hour of Sharing" supports DSPR (Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees) in Beirut Lebanon, an organization that helps keep families, who have been forced out of Palestine, safe.

Next OCWM collection is in June for "**Strengthen the Church.**" This special mission offering supports youth ministries, developing their spiritual gifts and leadership skills for the church of the future. Funds also support full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

Haiti Mission Trip The planning for the Haiti trip and fundraisers to support the expense continue to go well, thanks to the congregation. We have 11 committed volunteers and possibly one or two more joining us this summer. On our trip, we plan to work on rebuilding and restoring the Church of the Apostles and helping to expand the Cornerstone School. We are still focusing on finishing the floor in the sanctuary, painting, providing electrical work, as well as replacing the failed water pump for distribution of water in the building. We also want to visit a hospital, spend time with the students, and provide much needed supplies.

Thanks for all the support from Unity Hill Members and Missions Committee Members. Your generous gifts and time are appreciated.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

FELLOWSHIP OF UNITY HILL ~ By: Dot Pickens, President 2015

- ~ Sunday, April 3 We'll have a meeting of Fellowship of Unity Hill following church service. Anyone is welcome to come and see what the Fellowship does throughout the year.
 - ~ Wednesday, April 27 – Golden Hill Community Suppers Program. We will start cooking at 2:00 pm and serve at 5:00 pm. Help is always needed and appreciated. Please contact Carole Fanslow or Dot Pickens if you can help.
 - ~ Many thanks to those that volunteered at Golden Hill Community Suppers on Wednesday, February 24, where we served 7 trays to 90 first-timers plus seconds served of our famous pasta. Volunteers were Renate Krakovich, Wally & Ed Yeager, Marsha Piper, Louise Evans, Marie Seavey and Carole and Allen Fanslow, and again, it was pouring! 2 trays were also served at our Hunger Awareness Luncheon on Sunday, March 6.
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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP ~ By: Carole Fanslow, President

- ~ The Executive Board meeting is on Thursday, April 7 at 12:00 pm.
- ~ Thursday, April 21 at 12:00 pm our luncheon meeting program to feature "The Benefits of Tea" with Betty Johnson of Bigelow Tea. Devotions by Marie Seavey; Hospitality by Marie Seavey and Dorothy Vars. All women and men are cordially invited to attend this informational program. Cost is \$7 or bring your favorite covered dish to share.
- ~ Plans are being finalized for the fundraiser on Thursday, May 19 at 1:00 pm featuring a Festival of Tables along with entertainment by the Festive Ringers Handbell Choir – all for only \$5.00. We will gratefully take donations of finger sandwiches or desserts. Bring a friend, relative, neighbor with you!
- ~ **Save the dates!**
 - * Tuesday, May 17 for our annual luncheon out, place to be announced;
 - * Program planning for 2016-2017 will be at 10:00 am on Tuesday, May 17. We always welcome suggestions for future programs for the Women's Fellowship.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND HAPPENINGS

WORSHIP SERVICE AT MIDDLEBROOK FARMS

Thursday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. led by Deacons Carole Fanslow and Waltraud Yeager.

GOLDEN HILL COMMUNITY SUPPERS PROGRAM

Our next turn at Golden Hill Community Suppers Program is on Wednesday, April 27 – Cook at 2:00 pm; Serve at 5:00 pm at Golden Hill United Methodist Church, Bridgeport. Help is always appreciated.

TRUMBULL INTERFAITH COUNCIL

The **MONTHLY MEETING** will be on Wednesday, April 6 at Christ Episcopal Church, 5170 Madison Avenue, Trumbull.

42nd ANNUAL C.R.O.P. HUNGER WALK

The 42nd annual **CROP Kick-off Rally** will be on Sunday, April 10 at Unity Hill United Church of Christ beginning at 2:00 pm. Come and hear all about Church World Service. The CROP Hunger Walk is on Sunday, May 22 beginning at 1:00 pm at Seaside Park, Bridgeport. Marsha Piper and Dot Pickens are our recruiters for walkers and supporters.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF GREATER BRIDGEPORT

ANNUAL MEETING on Thursday, May 12 at Trumbull Congregational Church – more details to follow.

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE UCC

ANNUAL MEETING on June 10 and 11 to be held at University of Hartford.

FAIRFIELD EAST ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING on Wednesday, May 25 beginning at 6:00 pm at Newtown Congregational Church.

CONNECTICUT WOMEN OF THE UCC

88TH ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING on Saturday, April 23 – 8:30 – 3:00 at First Congregational Church, 111 Church Drive, Cheshire. “Women Empowering Women” is the theme. Cost is \$20. We will carpool. For further information, please see Carole Fanslow.

HEALTH REMINDERS: Preventing Eye Injuries ~ From: Louise Evans, RN

Protecting your eyes from injury is one of the most basic things you can do to keep your vision healthy throughout your life. You may be somewhat aware of the possible risks of eye injuries, but are you taking the easiest step of all to prevent 90 percent of those injuries: wearing the proper protective eyewear? If you are not taking this step, you are not alone. According to a national survey by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, only 35 percent of respondents said they always wear protective eyewear when performing home repairs or maintenance; even fewer do so while playing sports. If you have suffered an eye injury, have an ophthalmologist or other medical doctor examine the eye as soon as possible, even if the injury seems minor.

Eye Injury Facts and Myths:

- Men are more likely to sustain an eye injury than women.
- Most people believe that eye injuries are most common on the job — especially in the course of work at factories and construction sites. But, in fact, nearly half (44.7 percent) of all eye injuries occurred in the home, as reported during the fifth-annual Eye Injury Snapshot (conducted by the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Society of Ocular Trauma).

- More than 40 percent of eye injuries reported in the Eye Injury Snapshot were caused by projects and activities such as home repairs, yard work, cleaning and cooking. More than a third (34.2 percent) of injuries in the home occurred in areas such as the kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, living or family room.
- More than 40 percent of eye injuries every year are related to sports or recreational activities.
- Eyes can be damaged by sun exposure, not just chemicals, dust or objects. Wear sunglasses.
- Among all eye injuries reported in the Eye Injury Snapshot, more than 78 percent of people were not wearing eyewear at the time of injury. Of those reported to be wearing eyewear of some sort at the time of injury (including glasses or contact lenses), only 5.3 percent were wearing safety or sports glasses. For more information, you can go to: <http://www.aao.org/eye-health/diseases/preventing-injuries>

EASTER FLOWERS 2016

GIVEN BY

Mary Acri
 Lucille A. Baver
 Patty Bowman
 Marian Conklin
 Robert and Janice Coulson
 Ruth DeNomme

Arline Dzialo
 Louise Evans
 Carole and Allen Fanslow

Diane, Cindy and Shari
 Henderson & Ilse Plitt

Diane Henderson
 Walter and Rita Hurzeler
 Ann Myrece and Bill James
 Sherri Miller and Family
 Sandra Osten
 Marsha Piper
 Rev. Harold C. Smith
 Janet and Bob Tanner
 David, Radhi, Curran & Rowan Vars
 Mom and Dad Vars, Judith & Joy
 Rose Vars
 Kathy Yalof and Family

GIVEN BY

Walter and Rita Hurzeler

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

My Father, Tom Acri
 Florence Nelson
 Barry Bowman & Lynn Gardner
 My Son, John Upton
 Frank & Alice Coulson; Anthony & Josephine Merly
 Husband Raymond DeNomme; Parents Frances &
 Joseph Zak
 Eleanor Sitlinger & Florence Nelson
 My Husband, Charles and My Son, Gregory
 Our Parents, Charlotte & Frank Foehrenbach; Elsie &
 Allen Fanslow; Our Special Friend, Margaret L.
 Dahlgren
 Edward Barber; Richard Barber; Ellwood Plitt

Ruth Schuler
 Our Parents; John Scholl; Madeline H.
 Walter & Mary Schwartz
 Roger Vars
 Frederick Osten
 George & Josephine Moors
 Hedwig A. & Harold E. Smith; Loved Ones
 Son, Ted Tanner; Parents, Helen & Frank Demovick
 Roger Vars
 Janice Vars
 My Husband, Roger Vars
 Roger Vars



APRIL 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9am Assemble CROP packets	2 5:30pm Dinner Show for Haiti Mission Trip Fundraiser
3	4	5 1:30pm Diaconate Meeting	6 7:00pm Divorce Support Group 7:30pm TIC Meeting at Christ Episcopal	7 12pm Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting 3-9pm PCCT	8 8am-12pm PCCT	9 1-4pm Overeaters' Anonymous Meeting
10 2-5pm CROP Hunger Walk Kick-off Rally	11 7:00pm Church Council Meeting	12	13 DEADLINE FOR MAY OUTLOOK 11:30-2:30 Kennedy Center	14 11:30-1:00 George's Hill 3-9pm PCCT	15 8am-12pm PCCT	16 6pm Spring Fling - CCGB
17	18	19 7-8:30pm Overeaters' Anonymous Intergroup Meeting	20	21 12pm Women's Fellowship Luncheon 3-9pm PCCT	22 8am-12pm PCCT	23
24 12pm Unity in Loss Group	25	26	27 Golden Hill Community Suppers 2pm Cook 5pm Serve	28 3-9pm PCCT	29 8am-12pm PCCT	30



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN APRIL!			
1 Shoran Piper Baez	9 Betty Heffelfinger	14 David Gaetano	25 Pedro Castro
1 Janet King	10 Bob Beaudry	16 Jeremy Cole, Jr.	25 Sharitza Castro
7 Nick Rondon	13 Ronnie Schneider	20 Bob Santos	29 Emma Spencer
8 Christina Finizio	14 Darryl Gaetano	21 William Hayward	30 Calap Brown

***“No matter who you are
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