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That's the year that the Congregational Churches and the Evangelical and Reform Churches joined to form the United Church of Christ. From this rich history we have the distinction of many "firsts" that reflect our faith and God's radical welcome to all people and God's passion for justice and peace.

- *1730's: Great Awakening preacher Jonathan Edwards proclaims that the church should recover the "passion of a transforming faith that changes the course of our lives."*
- *1773:The First Act of Civil Disobedience: Five thousand angry colonists gather in the Old South Meeting House to protest the unjust tax on tea. The event is better known as the Boston Tea Party.*
- *1773: A member of the Old South Church, Phillis Wheatley becomes the first published African American author.*
- *1777: The British occupy Philadelphia (seat of the rebellious Continental Congress) and plan to melt down the Liberty Bell. But the Bell has disappeared. It is safely stored under the floor boards of the Zion Reformed Church in Allentown.*

Stay tuned for more "firsts" from the bodies that

Lenten Greetings,

As the days grow longer and Spring promises to bloom in the days to come, the Lenten shadows lengthen as we are invited to a deeper discernment of the path of faith.

My own understanding of the death of Jesus has changed through the years. For a long time I parroted the language of my upraising, which could be summed up, "turn so you don't burn". My little congregational church in Ct was far more conservative than many of its sister churches and I struggled with what it all meant.

I still do, but not for the same reasons.

So, I look forward to joining the Pre and Post Easter Jesus conversation that begins this Sunday and continues for several weeks.

If YOU have questions about who Jesus was and is, be a part of it by contacting Jean Miller at 294-1478.

We will be reading the book Jesus by Marcus Borg.

See you there, Pastor Pat

Our love and sympathy go out to the family of Elma Christopher
We will celebrate her life with a service of remembrance on
March 17, 2010
1:00