

# The Carillon

STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

January 2016

## *The People of God at Worship: January*

- ♦ JAN 3: THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS — HOLY COMMUNION  
Pastor Matt preaching: “Behold!”  
*Scripture: Micah 5:2-5<sub>a</sub> & John 1:1-18*
- ♦ JAN 10: BAPTISM OF OUR LORD: THE 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Pastor Matt preaching: “Hearing Voices”  
*Scripture: Psalm 29 & Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*
- ♦ JAN 17: THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Pastor Matt preaching: “It’s Not a Competition”  
*Scripture: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:1-11*
- ♦ JAN 24: THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Pastor Nancy preaching: “This is My Body”  
*Scripture: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:12-31<sub>a</sub>*
- ♦ JAN 31: THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Pastor Matt preaching: “Love is...”  
*Scripture: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13:1-13*

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## WOMEN ON THE WAY JANUARY 26, 2016 AT 5:30

What are you doing here? That is the question that will start off 2016. Why does church matter? Please come for good food, good fellowship, and great intellectual stimulation. Italian food, scripture from James, holy communion, and a thought-provoking and deeper understanding of yourself and others. Please contact Pastor Nancy or Dianne Sprague with questions.



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# Annual UCC UConn

Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

Watch for more details about menu, tickets  
and dining times in weekly emails & bulletins.

# Valentine's Dinner

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## HAVE A MINUTE?

### *Thoughts from Pastor Matt...*

Welcome to the new year, friends! I am looking forward to this year of 2016, where I believe we are poised for great things together as a congregation. Yes, we will need to be figuring out how we make things happen under our new system of ministry leadership, but as we do that, how might we in this new year also renew our focus beyond ourselves and our organization. Such a refocusing includes paying renewed attention to the ministries of faith formation and spiritual nurture (including worship) that God uniquely calls and equips us for as church—the things that make us *church* rather than just another social service agency or cultural institution. But such a refocusing also includes renewed attention specifically beyond our walls, in and to the community and the world.

For much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, most mainline Protestant congregations' concept of "outreach" centered on *benevolences*—financial contributions to local community agencies and ministries, as well as support of national and global ministry through denominational structures—and the occasional *charitable service* opportunity—serving at the soup kitchen or participating with a church-sponsored Habitat for Humanity project. Benevolences and charitable service opportunities are good things. But are they all we are called to as church? In fact, are they even the most important things we are called to as church?

In a recent article for a series about charitable giving on the faith-and-spirituality website *Patheos.com*, Perkins School of Theology professor Joerg Rieger invites us to shift our thinking from *charity* to *advocacy* and *deep solidarity*:

While charitable giving is widely appreciated, it is neither the only nor the most faithful response to the problems of the world. To put it bluntly: *Jesus preached good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed rather than charity* (Matthew 11:5; Luke 4:18). What is good news to the poor? Is it that they can expect to be the recipients of handouts and donations? Or is it that they will no longer be poor?

To be sure, **charity** is one place where we can start addressing the problems of the world. Charitable giving and charitable acts can provide helpful services that relieve suffering to some degree and sometimes even save lives. Giving to the poor is also one part of Jesus' message (Matthew 6:1-4). Charitable giving, however, rarely addresses the causes that keep people in poverty and subjugation.

Charity is most powerful when it does not remain a one-way street. When the eyes of those who engage in charity are opened to

the causes of the problems they are trying to address, we move one step closer to good news to the poor. That this step is a move in the right direction is evidenced by pushback. As Dom Hélder Câmara, a former Brazilian bishop, once put it: "When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why they are poor, they call me a communist."

Charity that is tied to a deeper understanding of the problems of the world often leads to **advocacy**, which means speaking out against the injustices at the root of our problems. Such advocacy is solidly grounded in many religious traditions and it might constitute a more faithful approach. The prophets of the Hebrew Bible speak out against injustice, challenging those who "trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain" (Amos 5:11). Mary, the mother of Jesus, speaks of God's advocacy when she proclaims that the God who lifts up the lowly pushes the powerful from their thrones and fills the hungry with good things while sending the rich away empty (Luke 1:52-53).

Dealing with the problems in this way brings us one step closer to bringing good news to the poor, although there are also some limits to advocacy. Advocates sometimes overestimate their own power, acting as if they could solve the problems alone.

Jesus preaches and embodies good news to the poor by engaging in what I have been calling "**deep solidarity**" ... The message of Amos and Mary can also be interpreted in this way. Deep solidarity includes both charity and advocacy, but it reaches further. This is perhaps the most faithful response yet.

Deep solidarity is not a matter of the privileged trying to help the underprivileged and to solve their problems; rather, it is a matter of understanding that nothing will change unless we are addressing the problems of the world together. And deep solidarity is the recognition that we might be in the same boat.

Mary provides a first example. She understands that she is one of the lowly and she sides with them. Jesus, likewise, never renounces his lowly beginnings as a construction worker born in a barn. His ministry takes place in solidarity with the people. Amos, too, is not afraid to side with those who are getting a raw deal in his time.

Perhaps the most telling embodiment of deep solidarity is Moses. Raised as an Egyptian prince, Moses wakes up when he sees Hebrew slaves being abused by their taskmasters. Later, when he hears God's voice from the burning bush, Moses accepts the charge to join the solidarity movement of God and slaves, working for liberation (Exodus 3:1-12). As a result, good news is brought to the poor.

Where does that leave those of us who engage in charitable giving and advocacy? Deep solidarity puts us in a mutual relationship with those we intend to support, helping us realize how much we share in common. In the current economic climate, even the middle class is waking up to the fact that the problems of the world are no longer passing us by as our children, our parents, and our communities are taking hits, as are more and more of us.

The ever-growing need for charity should make us aware the extent of the problem and that there is no easy fix. In Dallas, Texas, 38 percent of all children now live below the poverty line. And even college graduates find it more difficult than ever to find and keep a job and pay off their burdening debt. As we begin to address these problems together, our differences do not fade away but can be put to use productively.

Those who are experiencing the problems of our time in the most severe ways — like the mass of children in poverty and their families — can help us see what is really going on. Their perspective can serve as a lens that helps us see how our stories are connected: low-wage work depresses all wages; fear of deportation creates easy opportunities for worker rights violations that creep into all job sectors, to name just a few examples. Those of us who still enjoy some limited privileges can now begin putting them to use for the community rather than for our own personal benefit.

In case you wonder, the 1 percent are not excluded from all of this but are invited to take the side of those who are struggling. If our Abrahamic religious traditions are right, God does so as well.<sup>1</sup>

Where are we, the people of Storrs Congregational Church UCC being called into *deep solidarity* in our world and in our ministry in it? Is it with the #blacklivesmatter movement? Is it with refugees from Syria and other places? Is it with our Muslim sisters and brothers facing increasing Islamophobia? Is it with segments of our university student community whose journeys get lost or limited in the broader culture and systems of college life? Is it...? And how might we continue to journey into greater advocacy as part of our witness together, and deeper solidarity as part of our life and mission together?

Yours in the journey,  
—Matt

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<sup>1</sup> Joerg Rieger, "From Charity to Advocacy and Deep Solidarity", *Patheos.com*, 9 December 2015, <http://www.patheos.com/Topics/Charitable-Giving/From-Charity-to-Advocacy-and-Deep-Solidarity-Joerg-Rieger-12-09-2015>



### “Seeds of Hope”

Number 13 in a series sponsored by the Green Team

written by Don Hoyle

Accomplishments of the Paris Climate Summit



Under U.N. sponsorship 195 nations of the world came together in Paris in December to set a goal to save our common home, Planet Earth. By using the word “should” rather than the word “shall” in setting a five-year periodic time schedule of accountability, a goal of a worldwide temperature rise of no more than 2 degrees Celsius by the year 2050 was agreed to. The island nations, many of which would find themselves underwater with an increase of 2 degrees Celsius were able to get the goal that the nations “should” work toward only a 1.5 degrees temperature rise. China, who originally had a self-imposed goal of reaching peak carbon emission by the year 2030, accepted the five-year accountability check.

The self-imposed goals of each nation add up to between 3.5 and 3.7 degree Celsius rise by the year 2050. This could be reduced to 2 degrees Celsius because of the five-year accountability check with the hope that new innovative technology will enable the temperature rise to slow down. We are now on a path that can at least limit the adaptability that will have to be made to live within the changes that will take place for at least 50 years because of the amount of pollution already in our atmosphere.

At the invitation of our State Department, Interfaith Power and Light, of which our church is a member, carried a pledge to the climate summit which had been signed by over 4,000 faith communities who have set a goal to cut their greenhouse emission by 50% by 2050. I am disappointed that Storrs Congregational Church was not included on that list, but we can continue to do our part even without a pledge. A good start was the decision to financially support the insulation of our Meeting House.

Following our fellowship hour on January 17, the leaders of the Climate Change Forum, held in October and November, will be present to lead a wrap-up discussion period in room 201. You are all invited to attend as we look at the steps the church and individuals can take to help reach the goal of cutting green-house gas emissions. The topic will be “Where We Go From Here.” We will have handouts on suggested changes each family can make for \$25 or less as well as bigger changes.

## Heard it at Council December 2015

December Council meeting involved preparation for the Annual Budget meeting on December 6. We were relieved to learn that the 2016 budget required no further cuts, although no additional monies were added back where cut in the previous year. Council endorsed the 2016 budget proposal with gratitude to the Finance Board.

Pastor Matt provided updates on the Lead Ministry Coordinator job descriptions and possible fulfillment of the roles for 2016. The appointments will be ready for approval at the January meeting.

The Leadership Discernment Committee is actively meeting and working on a slate for the 2016 governing board.

Submitted by: Suzanne Hathaway, Council Chair

### ***Call to a Congregational Meeting***

*Pursuant to Article XI, Section 1, of the bylaws of our congregation...*

The Members of the Storrs Congregational Church are called to the **Annual Business Meeting** of the congregation, to be held **January 31, 2016**, in the Parish House Auditorium immediately following the 10:00 am Sunday morning worship service. The business of said meeting shall be to receive yearly reports, fill elective offices, transact business, and discuss plans for the ensuing year. The presence and participation of *all* members is requested; a minimum of forty members is required to transact business.

*Please note that again this year, we will be opening our Annual Business Meeting with a **fellowship potluck luncheon**. The 2015 Annual Report, which includes the full agenda for the Annual Business Meeting, will be available no later than Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.*

## Women's Fellowship News

Many thanks to ALL who helped in so many ways to make our Christmas Bazaar a time of fun and fellowship shared with our greater community as well as a successful FUNDRAISER with income at time of this Carillon publishing date reaching over \$4000 and with some outstanding expenses. A full accounting will be published in the Women's Fellowship Annual Report and integrated into the SCC Annual Report.

### Important Dates:

- December 31, 2015 - Treasurer will prepare the 2015 book for informal Audit with Pat Mochel appointed as informal auditor.
- January 15, 2016 - Newly elected 2016 officers go into office
- January 21, 2016 NEXT WF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING!
- Thursday, January 21, 2016 2:30 to 4:30 PM in RM 201 the Executive Board will meet to:
  - Finalize a projected budget for the 2016 year
  - Receive the status report from the WF Financial Transition Workgroup as we start the 2016 year recording, budgeting and reporting our funds as a separate fund account in the SCC financial software based on a decision at the November 15 Annual Meeting of the Fellowship.
  - Verify ALL Board members for the 2016 year and welcome newly appointed Assistant to the Treasurer Susan Schur, and Treasurer for a 1 year term: Carol Jordan as well as re-elected President, Pam Roberts, and Secretary, Dianne Sprague. Jane Joesten and Juanita Hall continue as Program Committee Co-Chairs. We continue to recruit a Vice President.
  - Confirm whether or not a May Plant, Bake and Tag Sale Fundraiser will occur.
  - Report Progress on a scheduled March 10 program and luncheon planned.

The WF Executive Board functions as the governing body for the Women's Fellowship, which currently is open to ALL women of the church and community. Board meetings are open to all interested individuals and we welcome participation by those with interest in planning and implementing the service, worship, and educational components of our mission.

Questions or comments related to Women's Fellowship should go to Pam Roberts, President, 860 428-2406, drpampt@gmail.com or drpamptSCC@charter.net.

## Christian Education News

Here's what's going on for children, youth and adults in January:

### Children

Sunday School is starting its fourth unit of the year this month. The first unit focused on stewardship; the second, on prayer; and the third on Advent and Christmas.

In this unit, we'll look at the upcoming civic holidays—MLK Day, President's Day and Valentine's Day (God's love ☺)—through the lens of faith and justice.

Children will explore topics that include "God's Vision of Shalom," "God and Love," "Love and Neighbor," and "The Courage to Do the Right Thing."

We have a great team of rotating volunteers to guide the children in their learning: Lisa Gregus, Susan Irvine, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Jamie Lang-Rodean, Bob Malecki, and Cheryl Mitchell.

### Youth

**Save the Date:** On January 18, SPF and JPF members and friends are invited to join Pastor Nancy for a trip to the Faith Congregational Church in Hartford to participate in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day worship service.

We'll gather at SCC at 2 p.m. for the trip and have dinner together after the service.

*For more details or to express your interest, please contact Pastor Nancy.*

### Adults

#### **Pilgrim Prep Adult Formation: Just Eating? Practicing our Faith at the Table**

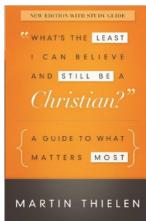


**7 Sundays,  
January 24 -  
March 6 @  
11:30 am  
(following  
worship)**

What is the relationship between our Christian heritage and our food? Drawing on Jesus' story and the rituals of the Christian faith, we will examine together different aspects of our lives with food. We will seek to apply our Christian faith in holistic and healthy ways, even preparing food, and reflecting together on values of justice that shape our every day habits. Join us for seven weeks of learning and growing together in faith, around the table together, exploring the health of our bodies, the access others have to food, the health of the earth, and the ways we use food to extend hospitality.

*For more info, contact Pastor Nancy (nancy@storrscongchurch.org & 860-429-9382 x11) or Dianne Sprague (dispraguew@gmail.com & 401-447-4421)*

### Pilgrim Prep Adult Formation: *Faith 101 – What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?*



**6 Wednesdays @ 6:30 – 8:00 pm:**  
**Jan 27, Feb 3, Feb 17,**  
**Feb 24, Mar 2, Mar 9,**  
**Mar 23**

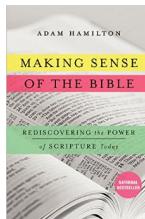
Christians don't need to believe that sinners will be "left behind" to burn in hell or that it's heresy to believe in evolution. And while we must always take the Bible seriously, we don't always have to take it literally.

At the same time, Christians *do* need to believe in Jesus—his life, his teachings, his death and resurrection, and his vision for the world. A great benefit of those beliefs is that they provide promising answers to life's most profound questions, including: Where is God? What matters most? What brings fulfillment? What about suffering? Is there hope?

In this seven-session series, participants will explore together with Pastor Matt some of the core centers of our faith around which we gather as Christians. Making use of the book *What's the Least I can Believe and Still Be a Christian: A Guide to What Matters Most* by Martin Thielen, we'll seek grounding in the key touch points of Christian theology and belief as a strengthener for our own faith and a foundation for further explorations.

*For more info, contact Pastor Matt:*  
*matt@storrscongchurch.org or 860-*  
*429-9382 x12*

### Pilgrim Prep Adult Formation: *Bible 101 - Making Sense of the Bible*



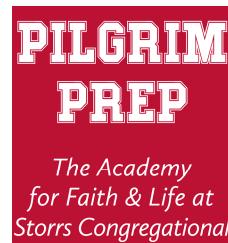
**6 Sundays, January 24 – February 28 @ 9:00 am**

How and when was the Bible written? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why?

How literally should we read it? Is the Bible ever wrong?

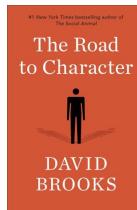
Offered this term as our 9:00 am Adult Sunday School class, this six-session series will invite you into an honest conversation about questions like these and more. Making use of the book *Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* by Adam Hamilton, we'll seek to explore and unpack our questions about the Bible and what it is... but more importantly, we'll hopefully seek after a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving.

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*429-9382 x12*



## SCC Book Discussion Group

**The Road to Character** by David Brooks  
— Next gathering is January 17th, from 7-8 pm (Library).



David Brooks became interested in the subject of character and along the way discovered that he lived in the world as the "Big Me". As he learned more about

character he decided that he was born a self-centered, success driven person, and as he dove further into the idea of character, he decided to "...become a better person..." by learning about humility and thinking about others.

This is a good book to start out the new year because it gives food for thought as we enter 2016. Agree or disagree, or if you are somewhere in the middle, come and join us for what I think will be a lively discussion.

Contact: Eileen Griffin 860-429-0480

## Library News...

A New Year to Move Forward in the Library

Once again at this time of year we tend to reflect on what's been and what is to be. It is no different for the people who service your library. We know from what you tell us and from what new people to the church say and, also, visitors to our buildings that we have a treasury of books for everyone's enjoyment in your library. We continue to do data entry of the books and look forward to having it all done - sometime. Many thanks to Sally Doyen and Marietta Johnson for all their time and talent in working on this project. We

know you will find book selection so much easier with keyword search possibilities. It will also be easier for us to produce resource aids for many of the groups that work within the church and most especially, the Pilgrim Prep classes.

So how about making a New Year's resolution that you will borrow at least one book from the library this year - or maybe - just maybe - two, one a month! You won't be disappointed.

Happy New Year from Janet, Sally, Marietta, Sue, Jennie, Joan

## Pick-A-Party Gatherings



**Pick-a-Party**

The SCC Pick-A-Parties are a fun and active way of getting through the frigid New England winter! Check out the parties coming up ~ there is still time to get involved with the fun!

## Parties available in February:

**Beat the Blues Bingo**

Friday, February 5th @ 7:00 pm

**Perfectly Painless Painting Party**

Saturday, February 6th @ 2:00 pm

**Once Upon A Time (Adult Storytelling)**

Friday, February 19th @ 7:00 pm

Descriptions and costs of parties are available in Pick-a-Party booklets in the Parish House Lounge or through the office. Call or visit Deborah in the Church Office and she will help you sign up and accept your payment. While pre-registration is encouraged, walk-ins are welcome! Feel free to invite your friends. Thank you for your support!

**Party on SCC!**

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## News of Our Parish Family

### Anniversary Celebrations

"A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person." *Mignon McLaughlin*

*Holly & Junius Hunter.....January 4  
Nancy & Chauncy Rucker.....January 27*

### Birthday Celebrations

<i>Daniel Weed .....</i>	<i>01/01</i>
<i>Jason Gould .....</i>	<i>01/02</i>
<i>Carly Smith.....</i>	<i>01/04</i>
<i>Keith Johnson.....</i>	<i>01/05</i>
<i>Josh Miller.....</i>	<i>01/08</i>
<i>Barbara Larson.....</i>	<i>01/12</i>
<i>David Stone .....</i>	<i>01/12</i>
<i>Joan Webster .....</i>	<i>01/13</i>
<i>Jane Paine .....</i>	<i>01/14</i>
<i>John Blomstrann.....</i>	<i>01/14</i>
<i>Tom Morrison.....</i>	<i>01/15</i>
<i>Meagan Smith.....</i>	<i>01/15</i>
<i>Tom Weston.....</i>	<i>01/15</i>
<i>Charlie Demurjian.....</i>	<i>01/16</i>
<i>Jeanne Johnson.....</i>	<i>01/17</i>
<i>James Bobbitt .....</i>	<i>01/18</i>
<i>Alicia Kapinos .....</i>	<i>01/18</i>
<i>Maxim Soroka .....</i>	<i>01/18</i>
<i>Lisa Gregus .....</i>	<i>01/19</i>
<i>Liliana Villar .....</i>	<i>01/19</i>
<i>Lauren Ash-Morgan.....</i>	<i>01/20</i>
<i>Madeline Malloy.....</i>	<i>01/21</i>
<i>Mark Brand .....</i>	<i>01/22</i>
<i>Brittany Forand.....</i>	<i>01/22</i>
<i>Mark Roy .....</i>	<i>01/22</i>
<i>Carol (Reichel) Toomey .....</i>	<i>01/22</i>
<i>Kimberley Bourne-Vanneck .....</i>	<i>01/23</i>
<i>Mark Basile.....</i>	<i>01/24</i>
<i>Jenna Mitchell.....</i>	<i>01/24</i>
<i>Joanne Myer .....</i>	<i>01/24</i>
<i>Meagan Stone .....</i>	<i>01/24</i>
<i>Cheryl Mitchell.....</i>	<i>01/27</i>
<i>William Aho .....</i>	<i>01/29</i>
<i>Sylvia Aho .....</i>	<i>01/30</i>

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### Sunday Morning Servers

The signup sheet for February thru Easter has been posted in the Parish

House on the Fellowship bulletin board. Please sign up for the roles and dates that are the best suited for your schedule. Dates and roles not filled in will be randomly assigned to available Sunday Morning Servers.

#### **Week 1 – January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Liturgist: Cheryl Roy

Greeter: Eileen Griffin

Ushers: Jamie Lang-Rodean, Donna

Latincsics, Jane & Ray Joesten

Fellowship: Kathy LaJolie

Welcome Table Host: Patty Tanaka

#### **Week 2 – January 10<sup>th</sup>**

Liturgist: Ken Doeg

Greeter: Lindsay, Emily & Susan Irvine

Ushers: Paul Schur, Dana Gregus,

Sondra Morrison, Zoe Strickler

Fellowship: Dulcie Vannais

Welcome Table Host: Dianne Sprague & Bob Wyss

#### **Week 3 – January 17<sup>th</sup>**

Liturgist: Wade Johnson

Greeter: Duffy Brookes

Ushers: Elizabeth Ross, Eileen Metzgar,

Sarah Johnson, Marietta Johnson

Fellowship: JanMarie Weston

Welcome Table Host: Laurie Brookes

#### **Week 4 – January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Liturgist: Pamela Roberts

Greeter: David Litrico

Ushers: Lynn Brown, Eileen Griffin,

Jeri Hepworth, Cass Crewdson

Fellowship: Eileen Metzgar & Marsha Creese

Welcome Table Host: Carolyn Holmy

#### **Week 5 – January 31<sup>st</sup>**

Liturgist: Dianne Sprague

Greeter: Malta Bailey

Ushers: Pamela Roberts, Dana Gregus,

Gail Kapinos, Susan Dione

Fellowship: Sondra Morrison & Frances Woody

Welcome Table Host: Lisa Gregus

## Outreach News & Opportunities

### SCC Food Pantry needs:

There is always a need for **canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, crackers and peanut butter & jelly.** "Buy 1 Get 2 free" sales are happening pretty regularly at Big Y and Price Chopper stores. Thank you for considering our local neighbors when shopping! You can bring your donations to the Parish House and put them in the grocery cart – we'll take care of shelving!

### WAIM needs:

WAIM is always in need of good volunteers. Below you will find the different general opportunities that are available at our administrative offices and the donations warehouse. Some volunteer opportunities require very little training.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please email Linda Zaccaro at [waimcasemgr@gmail.com](mailto:waimcasemgr@gmail.com), or call 860 456-7270 ext. 17.

### Adult Volunteers

- Assist with check-in on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays.
- Clothes sorting to allow for better categorization for our clients.
- Volunteer Coordinator needed to help recruit, train, and help volunteers.
- Loading dock volunteers needed to help with pick-ups and deliveries of donations (heavy lifting required).
- Bilingual volunteers needed in all areas.
- Office volunteers needed with background in office procedures and computer skills to help with data entry.

**Youth Volunteers** – Supervision will need to be provided for youth groups that will be participating in the opportunities listed.

- Organizing clothes by gender and size onto the appropriate racks.
- Transferring clothes to the distribution floor.
- During the Christmas season, volunteers are needed Gifts for Teens and Gifts for Kids Programs.

### Pray For Our Military

The following list contains people called to active duty. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

- **Matt Allen**, submitted by Pam & Dick Roberts
- **Matthew Ducharme**, submitted by Adrian & Janet Atkins
- **Chip Greer**, submitted by Elaine Greer
- **Joel Higley**, submitted by Betty Robinson
- **Francis Kimenyi**, submitted by Patty Tanaka
- **Philip Lewis**, submitted by Russ Wheeler
- **Jared Muth**, submitted by Janet Atkins
- **Eric Stailing**, submitted by Bryan & Susan Stailing
- **Marta Tanaka**, submitted by Patty Tanaka
- **Paul Tanaka**, submitted by Patty Tanaka
- **Lamont Ward**, submitted by Nichole Gronski Ward

If you know of someone who should be on this list (or have a correction), please contact the church office. Thank you.

### Lost & Found!

There are many items in the Lost and Found box located in the entryway of the Parish House. Please take a look to ensure that nothing of yours will be donated to WAIM at the end of the month.

## SIXTH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION JAN. 18, 3:30 PM

Join us for the sixth annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration at Faith Congregational Church UCC in Hartford. This year's guest preacher is the Rev. Dr. Susan K. Smith of Columbus, Ohio. A dynamic pastor and preacher, she is also an author, a teacher, and a seasoned community leader. She is the founder of "Crazy Faith Ministries" in Columbus.

In addition to Dr. Smith, we look forward to great music and the contributions of several special guests. Refreshments will follow the service.

This service of celebration is a highlight of the year. Join us for this time to remember the legacy of Dr. King and to embrace the future with hope.

"Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere!" MLK

**Location:** Faith Congl. Church, 2030 Main St., Hartford

**Cost:** Free will offering.

**Contact:** Rev. Stephen Camp  
Faith Congregational Church UCC, 2030 Main St.,  
Hartford, CT 06120 860.547.0820  
[faithmatters.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:faithmatters.pastor@gmail.com)



## STEPPING STONES: COLLEGIALITY AND CONFLICT - WORKING EFFECTIVELY THROUGH CONFLICT

### JAN. 21, 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Conggregations have no exemption from conflict, in part because many people view conflict as requiring a winner and a loser. With such gloomy prospect, the typical response is avoidance -- or escalation in hopes of winning.

This workshop will explore conflict as an opportunity in which winning resolutions are achieved. Working effectively through conflict models how faith communities can be characterized by vibrant relating and peace.

**Leaders:** Ms. Amie Giguere and Ms. Karen Ziel

**Location:** United Church of Tolland, 45 Tolland Green, Tolland

**Cost:** \$20.00 per person/\$50.00 groups of 3 or more

**Contact:** Karen E. Ziel, Minister Faith Formation and Leadership  
Connecticut Conference UCC, 125 Sherman St., Hartford, CT 06105. 860.761.7104

## Board & Committee Meetings

- Jan. 5 Council Meeting, 6:30 pm  
(Room 201)
- Jan. 5 Outreach, 5:00pm (Library)
- Jan. 10 Properties Board, 11:45 am  
(Memorial Room)
- Jan. 10 Christian Fellowship, 8:45 am  
(Lounge)
- Jan. 12 Christian Ed., 5:30pm (Lounge)
- Jan. 13 Deacons, 5:30 pm (Lounge)
- Jan. 13 Music Board, 6:30 pm (Library)
- Jan. 13 Finance Board, 7:00 pm  
(Lounge)
- Jan. 21 WF Executive Board, 2:30 pm  
(CE – 201)
- Jan. 28 Prayer Shawl, 10:00 am (Library)

## Activities & Events

- Jan. 17 Book Discussion Group,  
7:00 pm, Library
- Jan. 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Worship, 2:00 pm, SCC (worship  
service at Faith Congregational  
Church in Hartford)
- Jan. 24 & 31 Pilgrim Prep: Practicing our  
Faith at the Table, 11:30 am, Library
- Jan. 26 Women on the Way gathering,  
5:30 pm, Parish House Lounge
- Jan. 27 Pilgrim Prep: Faith 101 – What's  
the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a  
Christian?, 6:30 pm, Library

## Gatherings and Rehearsals

- Confirmation Class, Sunday @ 8:45 am
- Adult Choir, Sunday @ 9:00 and Thursday @ 7:30 pm
- Adult Forum, Sunday @ 9:00 am
- Junior Choir, Sunday @ 9:00 am
- Service Sewing, Monday @ 9:30 am
- Library Open, Sunday & Tuesday @ 9:30 am
- Parish Piecers, Wednesday @ 9:30 am
- C.A.F.E. Storrs, Wednesday @ 10:30 am
- Adult Handbells, Thursday @ 6:30 pm
- Adult Choir, Thursday @ 7:30 pm

## UConn Activities at SCC

Capoeira Club, Monday @ 8:00 pm &  
Wednesday @ 7:00 pm (Auditorium)  
resumes on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

UConn Swing & Blues Dance, Tuesday @  
7:00 pm (Auditorium) resumes on January  
19<sup>th</sup>.

UConn Ballroom Dance, Thursday @  
7:00 pm (Auditorium) resumes on January  
21<sup>st</sup>.

## Community Activities & Events

- Jan. 7 & 21 Foodshare Distribution,  
11:30 am Wright's Village

**UCC UConn** is working hard preparing for their Spring Break service trip. You can help them by putting them to work! Do you have any odd jobs that need to be done? If you do, please contact Olivia Arsenault at 860-207-6063 or send an email to [uccuconnasb@gmail.com](mailto:uccuconnasb@gmail.com). In the message, please include your name, phone number, a brief description of the odd job, and if you are willing to provide transportation. Thank you for your continued support!

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