

The Carillon

STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

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WORSHIP AT STORRS CONGREGATIONAL: *January 2021*

*Worship Online with SCC: All the information for joining in
worship is at
<http://www.storrscongchurch.org/worship-online/>.*

JAN 3: Epiphany Sunday – Holy Communion

Pastor Matt preaching: “Those Who Dream... *persevere*”

Scripture: *Isaiah 60:1-6* and **Matthew 2:1-12**

JAN 10: Baptism of Christ: the 1st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor Matt preaching

Scripture: *Acts 19:1-7* and **Mark 1:4-11**

This Sunday will mark our **farewell to Pastor Matt**. A representative from the wider church will be with us to lead the liturgy for the ending of a pastoral relationship.

JAN 17: The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher T.B.A.

Scripture: *1 Samuel 3:1-20* and *John 1:43-51*

JAN 24: The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher T.B.A.

Scripture: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10* and *Mark 1:14-20*

JAN 31: The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preacher T.B.A.

Scripture: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20* and *Mark 1:21-28*

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** follows worship on Jan 31st.

Our monthly newsletter contains material about what's happening in the ministries of the Church; Governing Board actions; Church Family news; thoughts from our Pastor and information about upcoming meetings, events and celebrations.

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Every Wednesday: Vespers @ 7:00 PM

Designed specifically for the experience of online worshipers, the Vespers service typically lasts 20 – 25 minutes and incorporates psalms, scripture readings, silence, communal and individual prayer, and an opportunity for fellowship and conversation.

(Note: While January 6th will be the final Vespers service led by Pastor Matt, we are hoping to continue Wednesday Vespers after that, with precise plans still pending.)

A Note from the Women’s Fellowship Legacy Fund Committee

During this time of crisis it is so fortunate we are able to increase our support of Holiday Hill Day Camp, which offers a remarkable experience for many young people in our area, in honor of Lloyd and Gwen Duff. It is hard to think of a better way to use our funds than for the enhancement of the lives of so many children in our community. We are grateful for the hard work and good planning of our Women’s Fellowship in past years which has made this possible.

Thanks to all who contributed their time and talents over so many years.

Women’s Fellowship Legacy Fund: Eileen Metzgar, Sondra Morrison, Jamie Lang-Rodean





HAVE A MINUTE?

Thoughts from Pastor Matt...

Grace and peace be with you, beloveds!

Alas, this should be my final “Have a Minute?” column in *The Carillon*. It’s admittedly a little difficult to know exactly what to write to you, given that I’ve already addressed this “farewell” in two letters and two other *Carillon* articles. I hope you will hear again what I expressed already in those pieces: my sincere thanks to you for all that these past 10 years have been, and my equally sincere hopes for and blessings upon what is yet to come for you as a congregation.

The time has now come for me to address some of the more concrete matters of how our relationships and communications must shift in the days and weeks ahead in order to clear the way for good and healthy futures, beyond the good bye, for both pastor and congregation.

When a pastor leaves a congregation, whether to take another call or to retire, it is important for both pastor and congregation to make space for old relationships to reach healthy conclusions and for new relationships to develop. This doesn’t mean that *all* communication has to be entirely cut off forever. But it *does* mean that we need to be conscientious about the sort of communication we do have. Each of us needs space to appropriately let go. You need to focus on building relationship with the pastors that will come after me—both interim and settled—and I will need to focus on letting go and on building relationships in the new ministry setting(s) that await me.

So, after my “release” on January 10th and the end of my active work for SCC on January 15th, if you were to contact me about “church business,” I will politely redirect you to address that with people here and refrain from commenting or getting involved. Also, until I have been gone at least one full year, I will not return for *any* baptisms, funerals, weddings, or other special events, and after a year I would only do so at the specific invitation of the pastor(s) here.¹ All of this is commonly known as good practice, and most of you have been through this boundary-setting before, but it is helpful to be reminded.

¹ The only exception *might* be Kate Alexander’s ordination, and then still only in close consultation with the Association and with whomever is your pastor at that point.

Of course, in the times in which we live now, social media is another means of connection and communication that has to be attended to with intentionality in these times of transition. Not every social media platform is the same, either. There is an intimacy, regularity, and a bi-directionality with Facebook that very is different from, say, Twitter or Instagram. Due to the bi-directional immediacy and intimacy facilitated by Facebook, I and many colleagues hold to the practice of disconnecting from congregants on that platform at a time of departure. This is the prevailing practice among a majority of my UCC colleagues and, in fact, is required practice in a number of other denominations.

And so, indeed, I will disconnect² SCC congregants from my Facebook profile at my departure. Please know that this is nothing ‘personal,’ but rather about properly attending to the different boundaries and relationships we all need to inhabit, for everyone’s benefit, after my departure. After I have been away for at least one full year, however, if an SCC person wants to reconnect by sending a friend request to me, I would accept it. Know, though, that I will not send any friend requests to you—again, nothing personal, just best practice. (I don’t hold to the same practice with some of the other social media platforms; I tend not to ‘follow’ congregants on them, but since Twitter and Instagram are more public, it is not really up to me to control who decides to ‘follow’ me.)

I know the Facebook piece tends to sound a bit harsh, so let me emphasize again that it is not the case that you and I have to refrain from *any* communication after my departure... there is simply a very different nature to connection via Facebook that makes it a unique case. Keeping in mind what sort of communications and relationships are, in fact, appropriate after my departure, if you want to be in touch, I can be reached by personal email at **emerymat@mac.com**. My new postal mailing address (at least for now through September, and I’ll let the church office know of any change) is:

Matt Emery
356 – 707 58th Ave. E.
Vancouver, BC V5X 0J3
CANADA

² Yes, the word here, by Facebook terminology, is “unfriend,” although that sounds so extreme...

I do welcome hearing from folks from time to time, and as relationships shift and our futures go on their own paths, know that I also won't be 'offended' by any lack of communication. I will make sure to keep the church office posted on any major updates (like accepting a new ministry call).

I will truly miss all of you, even as I look forward to the new possibilities and new patterns that will, by the grace of God and the power of the Spirit, emerge in your life and ministry together in the time to come. I know I shared this with you back in the summer, but nevertheless, I wish to leave you with this beloved prayer for courage and trust:

*Eternal God,
you call us to ventures
of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.
Give us faith to go out with courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us,
and your love supporting us;
to the glory of your Name. Amen.³*

Yours in the journey,
Pastor Matt



³ The "Prayer of Good Courage," penned by the Rev. Eric Milner-White—he who in 1918 while Dean of King's College, Cambridge, brought the beloved Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas Eve into its now world-famous form—for the 1941 book *Daily Prayer*.

Call to Annual Business Meeting

Pursuant to 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, 2021, following the Sunday morning worship service**. The meeting will be held online via **Zoom Meetings**. 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 thirty is required to transact business. In the event that the scheduled meeting must be postponed due to weather or other emergency, it shall be held on the following Sunday.

The meeting will be held online via Zoom Meetings, using the same Meeting ID as SCC Worship. The Zoom session for SCC Worship will simply stay open following the Sunday service, and will proceed onwards to the congregational meeting, which would be anticipated to start sometime around 11:00 am or shortly after.

<https://zoom.us/j/7676277441?pwd=cmF4V3VvVGxUVVRLT1o0a0xqbkd6dz09>

Meeting ID: 767-627-7441

Password: 722786777 (spells “SCCStorrs” on a telephone keypad)

Dial by your location

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+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US

+1 301 715 8592 US

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

The presence and participation of all members is requested; a minimum of thirty members is required to transact business.

2020 ANNUAL REPORT TIME LINE



The 2020 Annual Report will be distributed via email on January 24th. To ensure that this date is met, please have ministry reports submitted via email to Deborah by Tuesday, January 19th. If you need assistance or a copy of last year's report, contact Deborah for assistance.

LEADERSHIP VACANCIES

Blessings Church!

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:
1 Peter 4:10

The Leadership Discernment Committee is actively seeking interested individuals who are willing to share their gifts and support our church's mission over the past couple of months. The Leadership Discernment Committee presents a slate of interested candidates to the church during our Annual Meeting in January.

In January, the following opportunities are available:

The Governing Board:

- (2) 3-year terms
- (1) 1-year term (UCONN)
- (1) 1-year term (HS or Univ)

Officers/Other Elected Positions:

- Treasurer (2-year term)
- Leadership Discernment Committee (3-year term)

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities to serve or if you would like to nominate an individual for consideration please email Bryan Klimkiewicz at beklim@aol.com or 860-268-4243.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

Blessings from the Leadership Discernment Committee,
Rich Cowles, Sally Doyen, Carolyn Holmy, Sue Irvine, and Bryan Klimkiewicz

BUILDING & GROUNDS NEWS

On Wednesday, December 30th, a monstrous crane-like vehicle towered over the church grounds. Extending 157 feet, the top of the telescoping structure could be seen from all over the campus, towering higher than our church steeple. This special piece of equipment, owned by Eric's Tree service, was necessary to delicately remove two trees close to the stairway that leads to the lower lawn. The large oak, only a foot from the railing, had been leaning precariously over the Education wing and could eventually result in severe damage to the slate roof. The other, a sizeable ash tree had been slowly deteriorating because of damage by emerald ash borers. Its life expectancy was steeply declining, forcing its removal as well. Fortunately, the giant ash tree in the historic cemetery next to our property has been kept in relatively good health by our resident tree expert, Rich Cowles. Only minor pruning was done to that tree on the same day with a smaller crane to remove branches threatening areas of the Parish House.

Starting at 8:00 AM the crew slowly prepared the way for the multi-ton vehicle to cross the lower lawn moving several feet at a time. When in position, platforms were placed beneath the outriggers to minimize damage to the lawn. In fact, the only evidence of the day long work are minor imprints on the grass and a giant pile of 8 to 10 foot logs that will be removed by the weekend. As much as it would have been a nice opportunity to allow interested SCC members to have some of the wood, the sheer size of the sections (moved around by three specialized "bobcat" tractors) would make cutting and removal by homeowners nearly impossible.

Hopefully the picture(s) show the magnitude of the operation. A tree climber was lifted into the branches of the individual trees. He would attach heavy ropes to one or two large branches and then chainsaw that section off as the crane was in position to lift that portion up and over the tree tops to an open area on the lawn. What would follow each removal was a beehive of activity with chain sawing, wood chipping, raking and relocation of the tree sections. This would repeat itself many times during the day as the two trees were eventually cut down to short stumps. In the spring, Eric's Tree Service will return to grind the stumps and loam and seed the sites to erase any evidence of their existence.

Several years ago, when the dying trees along the Rte. 195 ramp and parking area were removed, there was concern that it would drastically alter the appearance of the Meeting House on that side. Many people probably barely noticed their absence. While the removal of these two great trees is starkly noticeable, the effect softened by the one remaining oak (which fortunately leans in a safer direction).

There is no telling what the rewards could be from this proactive decision by the Governing Board to approve this work. Meanwhile our part of the campus has become safer and hopefully more aesthetically pleasing. Perhaps you won't even notice the change in appearance when once again we gather for worship in public.



Before



After



75' extended Grove Crane



The Tree Climber



After the cutting was complete, the crane removed the section



Efficiently the wood is processed by the Team

Faith Seeds: Those Who Dream...

Will NOT Keep Silent



God's dreams are not for us alone. **Simeon & Anna** could not keep silent—they witnessed Jesus' divine presence in the temple and were compelled to



Read: LUKE 2:22-40, ISAIAH 61:10-62:3



Read: **Little People, Big Dreams: Maya Angelou** by Lisbeth Kaiser, illustrated by Leire Salaberria, watch it read: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGCWS06km4k>



Pray: *Dear God, We thank you for giving us our voices & many ways to use them. Help us to be brave & to speak up for your good news in our world. Amen.*

speak up. Like the prophet Isaiah, we will not keep silent & we will not rest until what has been sown will spring up as righteousness and peace in every nation.

(Is. 61:11-62:2)

To hear Dr. Maya Angelou respond to this question, "What does it mean to dream in color?":

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/videos/teaching-content/dr-maya-angelou-interview-angelou-dream-color-and-celebrating-diversity/>

What helped Maya find her voice again after she stopped speaking for so long?

Why was it important for Maya to speak up?

How else did Maya speak up without talking?

What are some things that are important to you that you feel like you have to speak up about?

"Anna, a prophetess, was there at the Temple.

She was now 84 years old. Anna never left the Temple.

She worshiped God by going without food & praying day & night.

She was standing there at that time, thanking God. S

he talked about Jesus to all who were waiting for God to free Jerusalem." -Luke 2:36a, 37b-38, LCB

Anna & Simeon had been waiting for Jesus for a long time. They waited & waited.

God had promised that the Messiah would be coming.

They were so excited when Jesus was born & met him!

Anna told everybody that the waiting was over!

When something is really important, that's **no time to keep quiet—we have to share the good news w/ everyone!**

From Lisa: "Like the prophet Isaiah, we will not keep silent and we will not rest until what has been sown will spring up as righteousness and peace in every nation..."

BARACK OBAMA'S FAVORITE BOOKS OF 2020

"Homeland Elegies" by Ayad Akhtar

"Jack" by Marilynne Robinson

"Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson

"The Splendid and the Vile"

by Erik Larson

"Luster" by Raven Leilani

"How Much of These Hills is Gold"

by C Pam Zhang

"Long Bright River" by Liz Moore

"Memorial Drive" by Natasha Trethewey

"Twilight of Democracy" by Anne Applebaum

"Deacon King Kong" by James McBride

"The Undocumented Americans" by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

"The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett

"The Glass Hotel" by Emily St. John Mandel

"Hidden Valley Road" by Robert Kolker

"The Ministry for the Future" by Kim Stanley Robinson

"Sharks in the Time of Saviors" by Kawai Strong Washburn

"Missionaries" by Phil Klay



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE EDWINA WHITNEY LIBRARY!

...And a Happy New Year we pray it will be. We look forward to offering you pleasure reading and support materials along your journey this year as always. Please continue to read our informational messages in the Tuesday eNotes and the Friday all church email for new acquisitions.

...If you would like books brought to your home please call Janet at 860 423 - 5930 to arrange for home delivery.

...We also look forward to your suggestions for new books. If you feel the condition of a book you have borrowed is in need of repair, let us know that too. Thank you.

Your library committee - Janet Atkins, Sally Doyen, Marietta Johnson, Sue Schur, and Joan Webster.

WRAPPING UP OUR 2020 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

It is my pleasure to share appreciation for your hard work, offers of assistance, actual responsibilities assumed across all areas of our adventure into a virtual Christmas Bazaar for 2020. Sometimes your words of encouragement gave me the energy to pursue my tasks at very important times as I met expected and unexpected decisions including a named blizzard on December 5th!

Financial outcome:

Our Finance team completed their responsibilities of reconciling all sales and donations as well as processing all expenses. Thank you Donna Latincics (SCC Collector) and Bob Malecki (SCC Treasurer) and Office Administrator for the necessary posting of our financial outcome.

- Indeed I can announce that I authorized a check made out to "WAIM" for the "WAIM Neighbor Safety Net Fund for COVID-19 Relief" for \$2,590.98.

THANK YOU 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌😊

- We proved again that we can FUNdraise successfully, faith-filled and in fun fellowship together.
- **We did it safely** with the ongoing help of Paul Schur and the "Task Workgroup on Phasing Forward Safely" appointed by the Governing Board. The workgroup provided timely feedback, updates and advice helping me as coordinator to monitor and pivot plans to meet all local, state and CDC national guidelines for safety recommendations during the pandemic.
- We successfully contributed toward a fund locally meeting important needs of neighbors even in a pandemic. Thank you for answering the call to do this example of God's work which clearly fit with our Storrs Congregational Church mission.

So what's next?

- A **photo opportunity** for presenting the check to Victoria is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6 in the afternoon.
- Preparation of a wrap up external media release is underway by Annetta as the Event Publicity Co-Chair with staff support of Claire Galvin. The media release will focus on the completed event and the outcomes of the event including the fund donation made. Our market for the external release is the Southern New England Conference of UCC as well as local online and print media opportunities.

Special notes of appreciation:

- A special thank you to Wade, Karen, and Sarah and Eric Johnson, and Dick Roberts available workers indoors and outdoors on November 28, and indoors on December 5th.
- And thanks to Bryan, Alaina, Chase, Nolan Klimkiewicz, with friend Kate who were available courtyard workers outdoors on November 28.
- Thank you to those who coordinated Gift tables and chaired other sales and pre-order areas both onsite and online as well as those who offered to take phone orders and arrange pick up and deliveries.
- It indeed took a "village" each person contributing based on their own personal decisions related to their safety.

So here we go into the future, celebrating the New Year of 2021 with hope and renewed faith in what is possible together. We will continue to add our collective voices and resources to advocate and support those who need us to listen to their situations and speak in support of them as the community of God's children in which we work, play, and worship.

Seeking to be in Christ with gratitude for our church family and our communities of support,

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Pam Roberts
Lay Coordinator for Church Life and Hospitality
2020 Christmas Bazaar Coordinator



ADVENT WREATHS

Please return Advent Wreaths to the boxes in the Lounge so that we can store them away until next year when we will gather again to decorate and use them in anticipation of Christmas!

Please do not return partially used candles. Thank you!



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE HAPPENINGS

Anniversary Celebrations

Holly & Junius HunterJan-4
 Leslie Kennard & Doug PeaseJan-24

Birthday Celebrations

Daniel Weed..... Jan-1
 Jason Gould.....Jan-2
 Carly Smith.....Jan-4
 Josh Miller.....Jan-8
 Allison Burchell-Robinson.....Jan-9
 David Stone.....Jan-12
 John Blomstrann.....Jan-14

Tom Weston.....Jan-15
 Charlie Demurjian Jan-16
 Alicia KapinosJan-18
 Maxim SorokaJan-18
 Lisa Gregus Jan-19
 Madeline MalloyJan-21
 Mark Brand.....Jan-22
 Mark RoyJan-22
 Jenna Mitchell.....Jan-24
 Robert JeffersJan-26
 Cheryl MitchellJan-27
 William AhoJan-30

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
- **Chip Greer**, submitted by Elaine Greer
- **Francis Kimenyi**, submitted by Patty Tanaka
- **Philip Lewis**, submitted by Russ Wheeler
- **Joshua & Dakota Conner**, submitted by Charlene Dickerson.



In Memoriam



Charles (Chuck) Irvin Vinsonhale passed away on October 24, 2020, surrounded by his loving children Rebecca and Charles Vinsonhale IV, and soon-to-be daughter-in-law Kathryn Bannantine. Chuck was born on March 29, 1942 in Winfield, Kansas. Growing up in Seattle, Chuck excelled at sports and mathematics. After completing a PhD in Mathematics from the University of Washington, Chuck received an offer from the other Huskies at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut. As a young professor at UConn he met his wife, Patty, whom he married in 1976. In his time at UConn he helped start the actuarial program, received many teaching awards, and served as Department Head. Not only a thoughtful advisor to his students, Chuck was a proud and dedicated father. He has continuously been recognized as a role model of how to love, mentor and support children. Chuck will be remembered for his infinite patience, thoughtful problem solving, and well-timed jokes. We are lucky there is so much to remember him by. There will be a celebration of his life in the Spring of 2021. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Audubon Society.

COVENANT TO CARE INITIATIVE

Several children in the greater Mansfield area have the Storrs Congregational Church community to thank for a few extra gifts under their Christmas tree this year.

Through donations from church members to the Covenant to Care initiative, social workers in the Mansfield area were able to distribute over \$1,600 worth of gift cards to families in need.

Linda Blum, coordinator of this ministry initiative, said the Covenant to Care program is a good one that keeps “drawing her in.”

Linda oversaw the donation of \$1,620 in gift card donations for the 12 most-in-need families within the United Services Family Services programs.

New this year was the change from traditional presents to Amazon gift cards.

In the past, SCC members would select tags with anonymous requests, like “6-year-old girl, loves art and the characters from ‘Frozen.’”

Linda said she believed the transition was “the way to go.”

“That money was very efficiently given over,” Linda said. “I think it still did a lot of good and was much easier to orchestrate.”

Linda said she recognized that some families might prefer giving typical presents because they’re allowed a little more input and creativity.

But, as we all know, no one understands a child’s needs and desires like their own parent or guardian.

“Sometimes it’s hard to guess what the family would want when you don’t know them,” Linda said. “We’ve received feedback from church members that it was really good to give the parents some control.”

According to Linda, the social workers responsible for distributing the gift cards, United Services workers Mariceli Rojas and Max Hill, said that they have seen the need for help increase as families encounter more financial difficulties because of coronavirus.

Linda said the program began years ago through the Women’s Fellowship group. Covenant to Care linked our church with the local social workers to meet needs in our own area that are not covered by other funding.

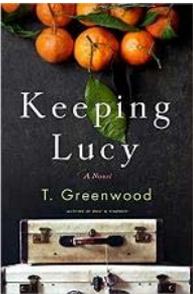
The United Services Family Services department was previously named the Parent Aide Program.

Linda said the social workers serve families with parenting issues, like single parents, or perhaps children with special needs or trauma.

Linda said she would like to thank all who have donated to the collection.

“We are so fortunate to have kind and generous SCC members who are able to donate to this fundraiser,” Linda said. “While many of our own congregants are struggling through this challenging year, they are still willing to open their hearts, and checkbooks, for a great cause.”

SCC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



March 21st, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Our first book of 2021 will be
Keeping Lucy by T. Greenwood.

The heartbreaking and uplifting story, inspired by incredible true events, of how far one mother must go to protect her daughter.

Availability: SCC Library (soon), audible and eBook, Walmart and Target (paperback) select CT libraries.

Zoom information will be distributed via email the week of the meeting.

Contact: Malta Bailey, m Bailey05@snet.net

UPCOMING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 13th at 7:30 PM via Zoom

During this time of social distancing, the Governing Board is meeting via Zoom Meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend! If you'd like to receive the Zoom Meeting invite and materials packet (so you can follow along with the meeting), contact Deborah in the office before the upcoming meetings to be added to the group.

Any reports or materials to be included in the upcoming meeting packet should be received in the office by the Friday before the Wednesday meeting (January 8th).



2020 MITTEN & SOCK TREE

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's collection of Mittens, Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Socks for our friends at the Windham No Freeze Hospitality Center and WAIM. Our heavily laden tree was decked out in true holiday fashion, overflowing with different sizes and colors of each item.

Because the tree was in the Parish House, throughout the season we were able to assist local families immediately as they came into the Parish House – spreading the warmth to where it was needed.

Thanks to Carolyn Holmy for making the final delivery of the items to where they can be distributed to the community for greater good.



FOOD PANTRY OPEN TUESDAY 10:00 AM - NOON

The Food Pantry will be open on Tuesday mornings for walk-in access or preorder pickup. If you know of anyone who could benefit from food assistance, please suggest that they give the office a call to arrange for a pick up on Tuesday morning (*or another day that may work better*).

Jane Joesten will be available on site to assist with the Food Pantry access on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Donations may be brought for shelving on Tuesday as well.



WAIM DONATIONS

WAIM has resumed taking donations of fall and winter clothing and essential household items only. Applicable items may be brought to their loading dock Tuesday – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon or left in the bin at the Parish House entryway in the coatrack area.

Vespers with SCC: Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

In this time of wide-spread shutdowns and cancellations, we recognize the need for community, connection, fellowship, and worship -- perhaps now more than ever. As we all practice self-isolation, we will be offering **online midweek Vespers on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**. This service is designed specifically for the experience of online worshippers and incorporates communal and individual prayer, psalms, scripture, and the opportunity for fellowship and conversation.



[Access SCC Online Worship...](#)

Friday Tea Time: Fridays, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Join other SCC-ers for a Friday fellowship opportunity, simply for casual conversation and social contact with one another. The Zoom Meeting will be open from 3:30 to 4:30 PM (i.e. "tea time"). All you need to do is "show up" on the Zoom Meeting. Feel free to bring a snack and your favorite beverage (it doesn't have to be tea!).



Join Zoom Meeting (note, this is not the same link as for Worship Services) :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81616273810?pwd=ME9IL2U2azdYRjJnMkxPT1ZpRIQ1UT09>

Telephone Access:

Phone: 1 929 205 6099

Meeting ID: 816 1627 3810

Password: 722786777 ("SCCStorrs")

FoodShare Distribution: Thursday, January 14th & 28th at 11:30 AM

The town of Mansfield works in collaboration with other faith based as well as non-profit organizations to assist individuals and families who have food insecurities.



Distribution Procedure...

Please wait in your vehicle and traffic will be directed by our resident troopers for distribution. Guests will remain in their vehicle and bags will be placed in the trunk of the vehicle. All bags are the same and there will be no exchange of items. We ask participants to wear a face covering, which can be as simple as a handkerchief or bandana. We are in this together and let's do what we can to keep each other safe during this time.

Mobile FoodShare is a pantry-on-wheels bringing fresh produce and other food to our neighbors in need. The program increases healthy food and nutrition opportunities for many in the area. The mobile food truck distributes food at 303 Maple Rd, Storrs, CT 06268 every other Thursdays at 11:30 am - noon. No sign up is required

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