The Carillon

STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

November 2015

The People of God at Worship: October

- → NOV I: ALL SAINTS DAY HOLY COMMUNION
 Pastor Matt preaching: "Foretastes & Feast Tastes"
 Scripture: Isaiah 25:6-9 & Revelation 21:1-7
 We share in our annual remembrance of those who have died in the past year along with all those in the "great cloud of witnesses", and we join that same heavenly host as we feast at the table of Christ.
- → NOV 8: THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Pastor Matt preaching: "Jesus Probably Failed Fundraising School... and that's OK" Scripture: 1 Kings 17:8-16 & Mark 12:38-44
- → NOV 15: THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Pastor Nancy preaching: Scripture: Daniel 12:1-3 & Mark 13:1-8
- → NOV 22: A FESTIVAL OF THANKSGIVING Pastor Matt preaching: "On Giving Thanks Even When You Don't Want To" Scripture: Joel 2:21-27 & 1st Timothy 2:1-7
- → NOV 29: THE IST SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOLY COMMUNION Pastor Matt preaching: "On Alert!"

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16 & Luke 21:25-36

Sometimes You Feel Like a Nut!

There is nothing like a homemade pecan pie for the holidays!
Take a break from decorating your

wreath and pick up the main ingredient at the Women's Fellowship annual Georgia Pecan Sale, which will take place after worship on Sunday, November 22nd at the same time as the Advent Celebration in the Auditorium.

Pecans are a tasty addition to all kinds of holiday recipes, and they make great stocking stuffers!

Grab a bag for yourself and more for someone on your list.



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HAVE A MINUTE?

Thoughts from Pastor Matt... We're arriving in

that season of the vear when we tend

to talk most intentionally about gratitude. This happens in our society at large, of course, because of the upcoming Thanksgiving Day holiday. But we tend to engage in a lot of gratitude-talk here in the church world this time of year, too, especially in connection with the call to share from our resources of time, talent, and treasure in gratitude for all God's blessings to us.

Gratitude, though, shouldn't simply be a seasonal focus. It should be our way of life as Christians. Many have summed up the basic orientation of our faith here in the Reformed branch of Protestant Christianity as the faith of "grace and gratitude". Our lives are built on the foundation of God's freely-given, undeserved, before-we-could-evenask grace and salvation, and our response—really the whole of our living—is simply expressing gratitude, in all that we do and in all that we are.

The importance of living a life of gratitude isn't just about theological tenets or spiritual platitudes, though. Writing recently for the Greater Good Science Center at UC Berkeley, social psychologist Juliana Breines reminds us that sociology

and even science has time and time again affirmed the importance of giving thanks. "Across hundreds of studies, practicing gratitude has been found to increase positive emotions, reduce the risk of depression, heighten relationship satisfaction, and increase resilience in the face of stressful life events. among other benefits."

Gratitude, as it happens, isn't just something we either have or don't have. It is something we can practice. We can engage in concrete activities, actions, and behaviors that embody gratitude and, perhaps more importantly, that cultivate it. Among the research-based exercises for fostering happiness, kindness, connection, and resilience that the Greater Good Science Center has collected together, there are a number of gratitude practices, and Ms. Breines points out that they can be divided into four main categories:

Count your blessings

Even on "bad" days, there are good things that happen... we're just less likely to notice them. But the noticing can be helped through practices like "Three Good Things," where you spend 5 to 10 minutes at the end of each day writing in detail about three things that went well that day, large or small, and also describing why you think they happened, or keeping a "Gratitude Journal," where once a week you write down up to five things for which you are grateful (past, present,

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or future) and reflect on what these things mean to you.

• Mental subtraction

Practices of mental subtraction—considering how things would be different if you did not have a particular thing or relationship—can counteract the tendency to take positive events for granted and see them as inevitable; instead, it helps you recognize how fortunate you are that things transpired and relationships developed as they did.

Savor

We can enhance our ability to truly savor the good things in our life, whether by doing some voluntary fasting or giving up, in order to notice the good more, or through practices of attentiveness like a "Savoring Walk."

• Say "thank you"

Gratitude is especially powerful when it's expressed to others, and there are many ways that can happen—but surely there are some things that deserve more than a fleeting "thanks!" Perhaps a "Gratitude Letter"?

As we continue our journey this fall through the seasons of harvest and thanksgiving, growth and gratitude, I encourage you to explore what you might do to grow in your "attitude of gratitude," and not just because it's something you *should* do or something that will benefit others... but indeed for all the ways fostering your gratitude will be a blessing even unto yourself.

Yours in the journey, *Pastor Matt*

Explore further... For more information on the specific practices mentioned here, check out Ms. Breines' full article, "Four Great Gratitude Strategies" at: http://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/four_great_gratitude_strategies. And there are lots of great resources out there about faith practices and spiritual disciplines, all places you can find more information about practices of gratitude. But a new-ish resource I'd encourage you to check out—not actually specifically faith-based, but interesting all the same—is the collection of life practices at "Greater Good in Action": http://ggia.berkeley.edu/

Enjoy this prelude to the 2015-2016 Pick-A-Party season! Find a partner and enjoy an evening of "social" bridge. Play with your partner for the evening. After playing four hands at one table, rotate opponents. There will be a migrating "Deuce Prize" and a prize for the winning score of the evening. Snacks, beverages, and dessert will be served.

The cost of this party is \$15.00 per person (\$30/pair) and there is a 16 person limit. If you are interested in attending this event.

Contact Bob & Stacy Malecki at 860-487-4538.



"Seeds of Hope" Number II in a series sponsored by the Green Team written by Don Hoyle Progress on the Pilgrimage



A pilgrimage to Paris, and the global climate summit gathering, is a spiritual one that requires sacrifice. As a church we hope to take the 50% green house gas emissions reduction pledge by 2025 proposed by the People of Power and Light. Our nation has taken a similar pledge.

Pope Frances seemed to be well-received by our U.S. Congress and the General Assembly of the U.N. as he appealed for the nations of the world, as a human family, take their self-imposed commitment for reductions of green house gasses that are polluting our planet Earth. Progress and additional commitments are being made by China and India, two of the world's most populous nations, at diplomatic meetings attended by President Obama.

In an interview at the Washington Idea Forum, Al Gore said he felt the work on the summit was progressing nicely and on schedule. He predicted a successful summit, but also said that he felt people might have to take to the streets after the summit to get some countries to follow up on enacting their promises. He and a like-minded partner are creating a financial institution that will seek investments in socially responsible products and groups that would include "green" investments.

Be alert for the next Seeds of Hope progress report as we draw closer to the December Paris U.N. sponsored global climate summit gathering.



Heard it at Council - October 2015

As is customary for Council, we opened our meeting with a time of centering, sharing joys and concerns, and prayer. Through the consent agenda, we regretfully accepted with thanks the resignation of Paul Schur as Member-at-Large and also accepted a progress report on the Accessibility Audit and Management Plan that Council approved earlier in the year. We received a letter from the Outreach Board offering suggestions on how SCC might achieve the UCC Green Church Level 2 status and discussed next steps for consideration. Conversation continued on progress towards defining the Lead Ministry Coordinators' roles as part of our new governance structure that was approved at our September 27th congregational meeting for a trial run.

Council appointed three additional members to the 2015 Nominating Committee, which did not have a full slate. Following the groundwork of the new governance model, which calls for the previous year's Council Chair and the current year's Vice Chair to serve on the Leadership Discernment Committee for nominating elected positions, we appointed Ray Joesten and Jamie Lang-Rodean. We also appointed Paul Schur to the third open position.

SCC's treasurer, Bob Malecki, joined us to review our financial position for the 2015 budget year, which is currently behind plan. The Finance Board offered suggestions of where we could encourage spending limits or reductions. This included using Major Projects Reserve Fund money to cover a couple of expenses we've already incurred this year, as well as placing some limits on some of what's been budgeted for local outreach-mission-giving and facilities maintenance. Council took action "to communicate to all boards and committees to prayerfully consider the opportunities identified as having Proposed Spending Reductions and to report back to Finance their ability to meet the recommendations by the end of October." Council encourages anyone who made a pledge of financial support for 2015 to please ensure your contributions are up-to-date.

Submitted by: Suzanne Hathaway, Council Chair



Nov 1
Back 1 hour

Nov 1, 2015 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

When local daylight time is about to reach

Sunday, November 1, 2015, 2:00:00 AM clocks are turned backward 1 hour to

Sunday, November 1, 2015, 1:00:00 AM local standard time instead

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour earlier on Nov 1, 2015 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.

Also called Fall Back and winter time.

More info

USA & Canada End DST Sunday, Nov 1

2015 Income and Pledging

Dear SCC faithful -

As we end the 2015 calendar and budget year, we find ourselves facing a potential year-end budget deficit of about \$13,500. This is mostly due to pledge income being about \$11,250 behind plan through the end of September.

To reduce the deficit, our Church Council has asked boards and committees to reduce spending for the remainder of the year. What can you do? First,



please do your best to meet your pledge commitment. Second, please consider making a contribution in addition to your pledge commitment. Many of us make year-end donations to worthy causes and institutions beyond SCC; adding SCC to the list will benefit your SCC family and your 2015 tax return.

In faith and service, Bob Malecki, Treasurer, and the Board of Finance

"The Gifts We Bring" Interest Inventory

Part of the way we give thanks for all God has given us is through the offering back of our time, our talents, and our treasure—our whole selves, really—in service of God's mission through Christ's church. We want to help *you* find the places and ways to best engage your *passions*, *skills*, *knowledge*, *experiences*, and *qualifications*, as well as your interests in *volunteering*, *faith formation*, *fellowship*, and *serving in particular positions*.

Fill out a copy of our interest inventory, "The Gifts We Bring," so we can help match your gifts and interests with opportunities for service and community here at SCC. Pick up a copy at the end of your pew, in the narthex, or by the church office. When you've completed it, drop it in the offering plate or in one of the submission boxes in the narthex or by the office. We hope to hear from *everyone*—regardless of how long you've been a part of the SCC community, regardless of whether you're officially a 'member' of the congregation, regardless of your age or current level of active participation.

Copies of the "Gifts We Bring" Interest Inventory are available in the Parish House entryway, Meeting House Narthex and by request through the office.

Moving into New Ministry Leadership – the search for Lead Ministry Coordinators is on...: We're now starting the work of transitioning ministry activities and function into new team, volunteer, and/or coordinator structures, a period of shifting we imagine will take a few months. A key piece of that work is identifying our first set of *lead ministry coordinators*, the lay leaders who will help guide, coordinate, and oversee the various teams and/or volunteers in each of our ministry core areas. These are:

- Buildings-and-Grounds Coordinator: Coordinates and oversees facilities maintenance volunteers and activities
- Caring Ministries Coordinator: Coordinates and oversees our ministries of care for one another
- **Congregational Life and Hospitality Coordinator:** *Coordinates and oversees activities related to fellowship, hospitality, and newcomer welcome*
- **Outreach Coordinator:** Coordinates and oversees mission-outreach ministries, including activities of mission-doing, mission-giving, and social justice advocacy
- **University Ministries Coordinator:** Coordinates and oversees ministries to, with, and among college students, especially students at the University of Connecticut
- **Worship Coordinator:** Coordinates and oversees ministries and volunteers supporting our worship life

As a reminder, the expectation is *not* that these individuals are responsible for *doing* all (or even any) of the specific tasks and activities in their ministry area. Rather, the lead coordinator will help coordinate ministries and volunteers, organize activities and resources, and be the touch-point with the Governing Board, paid staff, and others for ministries in their area.

In addition to any particular skills and interests relevant to the particular area of ministry, every lead ministry coordinator will need to have strong organizational skills, the ability to see their ministry core area from the bigpicture perspective, and the ability and willingness to engage in volunteer coordination and delegation. The paid staff—especially the pastors—are available as resources to the lead ministry coordinators in their roles, and serve as their supports, particularly in this early phase of transition into the new systems.

We want your input as we discern the right leaders to serve in these important ministry facilitation roles. Perhaps *you* have interests and abilities that could work well in one of these roles. Or perhaps you know someone else in the congregation who you think would be good.

There are a couple of ways you can help us with your input. If you yourself might be willing to consider such a role, indicate as much in the appropriate spot on your submission of "The Gifts We Bring" interest inventory. If you have someone else in the congregation you'd like to commend to us to consider for one of these roles, fill out one of the blue suggestion forms available in the narthex and by the church office, and drop it into the "The Gifts We Bring" submission box, too! *Many thanks for your help!*

Faith Formation for Adults

A one-day 'retreat' for Adults ~



Serving from the Heart: Finding your Gifts and Talents for Service

Does your "ministry" match who God created you to be? God's plan for the church calls for each member of the body of Christ to play a vital role. God wants us to find joy and fulfillment when we serve. That happens when we serve in a role that matches who God created us to be.

This course will help each participant consider their own spiritual gifts, talents and abilities, resources, individuality, dreams, and experiences... all adding up to an enhanced capacity to serve God and neighbor.

Led by Kate Alexander. Optional donation of \$30 will reimburse for your copy of the workbook and offset costs for lunch. This course is part of our PILGRIM PREP Core Curriculum.

> Saturday: November 14 (a one-day 'retreat') 9:00 AM-4:00 PM lunch included

Women on the Way

November's Women on the Way gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27th in the Parish House Lounge. This month's theme is "The Unexpected Guest."

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. and all women of the church are encouraged to attend! Come and enjoy an evening of "just for you" time in the company of your church sisters.

Each gathering of Women on the Way has a special theme. If you'd like copies of materials from past gatherings, please contact Deborah in the office.

Sunday School Advent Activities

In Sunday School on November 22nd, our youngsters will hear a special Advent message and begin a wreath-decorating project. Then, they will travel as a group to the Auditorium to join their families for more fun at our annual All Church Advent Celebration.

Food for Thought: Why do we display Advent wreaths? Here's a short quiz on the Advent wreath as well as some background to share with your child.

http://www.umc.org/what-webelieve/quiz-why-do-churches-displayadvent-wreaths

Youth Group News

Thank you to all who recently participated in a doodle poll to ensure that we would all have some time together in upcoming weeks. If you (or your child) would like to participate in the doodle poll and has not yet had a chance to do so, please contact Pastor Nancy at <u>nancy@storrscongchurch.org</u>.

Food for Thought: This two-minute video reminds us what Advent is—and is not.

http://www.breadnotstones.com/2012/1 2/advent-in-two-minutes.html

SCC Book Discussion Group

The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion —



Next gathering is Sunday, November 15, 7:00 pm (Library).

Copies are available in the Library. Contact: Eileen Griffin 860-429-0480.

Church-wide Advent Gathering

Christmas is in the air! Get in the spirit at our All-Church Advent celebration, to be held immediately after worship on Sunday, November 22nd.

Decorate a wreath to grace your front door, and then join us for a light lunch. This is guaranteed to be an inspirational way to launch the Christmas Season.



Library News...

Have you been to the library this Fall?

We have some very faithful readers here at SCC and then there is another group that seems to bypass the library on Sunday following worship or could we say, anytime, they are in the buildings?

The Library is always open on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00 and Sundays before and after worship. However, the Library is always accessible during the week, as long as there is no meeting scheduled, Deborah or Antonio will be happy to let you in!

The book discussion on September 20th was well attended and most found it a favorable but difficult read. All The Light We Cannot See is available in the Library. On November 15th we will be discussing The Rosie Project. Reportedly this book will be an entertaining read. Watch for details in the Sunday bulletins or contact Eileen Griffin for more information.

Pilgrim Prep: The Academy for Faith & Life at SCC is underway. Selected books are shelved separately for each class. Even if you are not "enrolled" in the class you are welcome to borrow books from this selection.

As always, many good reads are available. Read some reviews which follow:

For Adults:

- Ellis Island, Gateway to the American Dream by Pamela Reeves brings alive the history of Ellis Island through a collection of personal stories, thoughtful commentary and photographs.
- Mills and Meadows, a Pictorial History of Northeastern Connecticut

- by Bruce M. Stave and Michele Palmer brings life to early Tolland and Windham Counties through the stories of the Yankees and immigrants who lived there
- Chronology of Mansfield, Connecticut, 1702-2002 from the Mansfield Historical Society is a listing of the events that shaped Mansfield for its first 300 years.

For Children:

- *In 1492* by Jean Marzollo is a picture book about Columbus' voyages.
- *The Voyages of Columbus* by Ken Hills is a young adult book about Columbus!
- Westward with Columbus by John Dyson. It is the story of the reenactment of Christopher Columbus' voyage made in 1988.
- Winnie the Pooh's Halloween by Bruce Talkington is a light hearted take about Winnie the Pooh and his friends that reflects all the "S-poohkey" fun of Halloween.
- Corduroy's Halloween is based on the character created by Don Freeman and is a pop up picture book. Read about how Corduroy prepares for Halloween, decorates his house for trick or treaters, and finally his march in The Halloween Parade.
- Witches, Pumpkins, and Grinning Ghosts, the Story of the Halloween Symbols by Edna Barth tells about the amazing stories behind the symbols of Halloween. It goes back in history to when people really believed in witches and ghosts.
- Apples and Pumpkins by Anne Rockwell is a picture book about a little girl who picks apples and a pumpkin at the local orchard to make a Jack'o'latern and give it to trick or treaters.

Pick-A-Party News



On Sunday, November 15 following worship, in the Parish House Auditorium, everyone will have the chance to sign up for the

parties of their choice. Signups are first come, first served.

Proxies are permitted, even welcomed. If you cannot come to SCC on November 15, you may arrange with another church friend to do your partypicking and paying.

Payment must be made at the time of signup. You may pay with cash or check. Payment must be made to the cashier before leaving Fellowship time.

Note that you are not expected to buy the entire party/event. You purchase the number of slots you would like to reserve (one name per slot). For example, if you want to attend a party with your partner or a friend, then you buy two slots to the event with a name in each slot. If you plan to attend by yourself, you buy only one slot.

Most events have a limited number of slots for sale, but there will be waiting lists to which you can add your name and the number of slots desired. Should there be a cancellation, you will be contacted and may pay for the event at that time.

Money will be refunded only if the party/event you have paid for is canceled.

At coffee hour on November 1st, a brochure of the 2015 – 2016 parties and events will be available for you to mark the parties you want to attend.

Attend <u>a</u> party – or <u>lots</u> of parties!

If an event fills up, you can put your name on the waiting list, free of charge.

2015 – 2016 Pick-A-Parties Available

- Bridge Night ~ Saturday, November 14 @ 7:00 pm
- Christmas Card Creations ~ Wed.,
 December 2nd @ 6:00 pm
- New Year Detox Yoga ~ Saturday, January
 2 @ 2:00 pm
- Beat the Blues Bingo ~ Friday, February 5
 @ 7:00 pm
- Perfectly Painless Painting Party ~ Sat.,
 February 6 @ 2:00 pm
- Once Upon A Time ~ Friday, February 19th
 @ 7:00 pm
- All You Need Is Love! Sixties Sing Along & Play Along ~ Saturday, March 19, 2016 @ 7:00 pm
- Scrumptious Southern Brunch ~ Sunday, March 20 11:45 am
- Chair Yoga Flow ~ Saturday, March 26, 2016 @ 2:00 pm
- Relaxing Aromatherapy Yoga ~ Fri., April 8th, 2016 @ 6:30 pm
- The Early Years of UConn ~ Friday, April
 22 @ 7:00 pm
- Mystery Dinner ~ Saturday, April 30 @ 6:00 pm
- Prayerful Yoga ~ Friday, May 20th, 2016 @ 6:30 pm
- More Stories from the Old Storrs Burying Ground ~ Saturday, June 11 @ 5:00 pm
- Jam Session ~ Sunday, June 12th, 2016@ 12:00 noon
- Summer Solstice Yoga ~ Saturday, June 18th, 2016 @ 2:00 pm
- Full Moon Yoga ~ Friday, September 16th, 2016 @ 6:30 pm

A "Second Chance" Pick-A-Party sign-up will be on Sunday, November 22nd during coffee hour for any unfilled parties.



News of Our Parish Family

Anniversary Celebrations

"You were made perfectly to be loved and surely I have loved you, in the idea of you, my whole life long.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Barbara & Robert Brandt	November 1
Cheryl & Mark Roy	November 10

Birthday Celebrations

David JordanII/02
Matthew WestonII/02
Jacob Griffith Gardner11/03
Eileen Metzgar11/03
Hunter Hamlin11/06
Haley BlomstrannII/08
Marjorie Brown11/10
Don Hoyle11/10
Jamie Lang-Rodean11/10
Carol Jordan11/11
Alec Malecki11/12
Alyce Douda11/13
Alexander Pukinskis11/15
<i>Grayce Gibbs</i> 11/16
Jacob Gilbert11/16
Adam Thorson11/16
Megan Rock11/17
David WoodsII/17
Jan MullerII/20
Jaiden Hathaway11/21
Joshua McCabe11/26
Samantha Malecki 11/27
Chloe Ewalt
Robert Knapp11/29
Michael Balkum11/30
Matilda Kramer 11/20

Keeping in Touch List

The Keeping in Touch list has been updated and copies are available in the Parish House Lounge, Meeting House Narthex or by request through the office. Get your updated copy in time for the holiday season!

Keeping In Touch



Memorial Service

A memorial service in celebration of Patty Vinsonhaler's life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 28th, followed by a reception in the Parish House.

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
- Matthew Ducharme, submitted by Adrian & Janet Atkins
- **Chip Greer**, submitted by Elaine Greer
- Joel Higley, submitted by Betty Robinson
- Francis Kimenyi, submitted by Patty
- **Philip Lewis**, submitted by Russ Wheeler
- Jared Muth, submitted by Janet Atkins
- Eric Stailing, submitted by Bryan & Susan Stailing
- 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.

240th USMC Birthday

On November 10th, the United States Marine Corps celebrates the 240th anniversary of the continuous, selfless and valiant efforts of the dedicated Marines that gave their lives, on foreign shores, to project the rights and privileges of this great land.



Sunday Morning Servers

Week I - November I

Liturgist: Lawrence Mickel Greeter: Suzanne Hathaway Ushers: Paul Schur, Eileen Griffin, Gail Kapinos, Susan Dione Fellowship: Marietta Johnson Welcome Table Host: Eileen Metzgar

Week 2 - November 8

Liturgist: Christianne Glenn-Long

Greeter: Patricia Tanaka

Ushers: Paul Schur, Jacob Gardner, Jane Joesten, Ray Joesten

Fellowship: Susan Dione

Welcome Table Host: Laurie Brookes

Week 3 - November 15

Liturgist: Patricia Tanaka Greeter: Eileen Metzgar

Ushers: Lynn Brown, Duffy Brookes, Nancy Rucker, Jaiden Hathaway Fellowship: Marietta Johnson

Fellowship: Marietta Johnson Welcome Table Host: Juanita Hall

Week 4 - November 22

Liturgist: Paul Schur Greeter: Sondra Morrison

Ushers: Pamela Roberts, Dana Gregus, Jaiden Hathaway. Michael Balkum

Fellowship: Jane & Ray Joesten
Welcome Table Host: Lisa Gregus

Week 5 – November 29 (Advent 1)

Liturgist: Not Currently Assigned Greeter: Emily, Lindsay & Sue Irvine 'Ushers: Not Currently Assigned Fellowship: Not Currently Assigned Welcome Table: Not Currently Assigned

If you are interested in serving in one of the "Not Currently Assigned" roles listed above, please sign up on the Fellowship Board in the Parish House next to the Main Office or call Deborah to sign up. Choose the day and role you'd like to serve; unfilled spots will be randomly assigned through the office.

Properties Work Day News...

On a blustery October 24, a hardy crew participated in a variety of tasks that help to beautify our facility. Among the accomplishments were:

- Stripping old paint from the Waggoner Chapel and Ed. Building
- Applying primer to most of the Chapel
- Continued restoration of Meeting House windows
- Raking of the courtyard and play area
- Winterizing storm windows throughout the church (even the crawl space of the Meeting House)
- Cleaning the Parish House windows
- Painting radiators in the Auditorium

A week earlier, the new acoustical panels were installed in the Auditorium, completing a project initiated by Eileen Metzgar, Sondra Morrison and Pam Roberts. Many thanks to those who contributed to the success of our Properties Work Day: Bob Berube, Linda Blum, Duffy & Laurie Brookes, Rich & Liz Cowles, Jan Hoyle, Ray Joesten, Mike Lake, Peter Lang-Rodean, Dick & Pam Roberts and Paul Schur.

Church Women United, World Community Day

Saturday, November 7th at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish House Lounge.



We will unite our faith communities in a time of praise and worship that demonstrates Christ's reconciling love.

Come for a time of food, fellowship and celebration. The cost of breakfast is a donation of your choosing. An offering will be received for the work of Church World Services on the national level. *Contact: Jan Hoyle, 860-423-6141.*

Women's Fellowship News

Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting Friday, November 6, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Room 201

Executive Board Meeting with an important agenda to include:

- Considering a motion to recommend centralizing the recording, report outs and bookkeeping of our financial accounts through integration with the existing SCC software and procedures while maintaining our separate accounts, the authorization for expenditures and the need for detailed data for large fund raising event.
- 2. Creating the nominating slate for leadership during the 2016 year
- Drafting a preliminary budget to recommend at the Annual Meeting of the 3. Fellowship.
- Receiving a 3rd quarter financial report from our Treasurer. 4.
- Other reports and action items may be scheduled by notifying Pam.

WF Executive Board meetings are open to any interested member. The Board consists of 12 individuals who represent the areas of support in our operating budget and our officers as well as Co-Chairs of the Program Committee. Others are welcome!

Annual Meeting of the Women's Fellowship

Sunday, November 15, following worship in the Meeting House

The Annual Meeting of the Women's Fellowship will include recommendations from the Executive Board and Nominations chair necessary for moving forward in 2016, Watch for more information and opportunity to discuss the recommendations in the future.

All women of the church are functionally eligible to vote in this Annual meeting and we invite your participation. Our intent is to keep the meeting short, complete our business in 20 to 30 minutes and then join others in the festivities occurring in the Auditorium.

Contact: Pam Roberts, President (860-428-2406), or Dianne Sprague,

Can we Help?

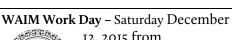


With most of the leaves having fallen and tree branches creaking overhead, now is the time to get a handle on

those seasonal chores. The UCC **UCONN Alternative Spring Break** Group is happy to help with your autumn clean up and winter preparations! There is no set price for odd jobs, we're happy for you to use your own judgment as to what you think is a fair price. This is a major part of our spring trip funding. We truly appreciate all of the donations and support we receive through our SCC community.

We may ask for transportation to and from your job. If you have an odd job for us, please contact Olivia Arsenault at 860-207-6063 or uccuconnasb@gmail.com. Please leave a message with 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!





12, 2015 from 9:00 - I2:00 noon 866 Main Street Willimantic, CT

This will be great fun! WAIM will be open to the public for the first time ever! Please volunteer to be there helping for this historic event to raise funds for this much needed part of our community - WAIM.

WAIM Walk For Warmth 2015

Immediately following the Advent Gathering on Sunday, November 22nd, it is off to Willimantic for the 2015 Walk for Warmth, sponsored by the Windham Area Interfaith Ministries (WAIM). WAIM Walk for Warmth raises money to help our neighbors who are having trouble making ends meet to keep their heat and utilities on during the cold winter months. Teams from SCC are being formed to show our support for this wonderful and necessary event to try to exceed last year's total. Also, Pastors Nancy and Matt are having a friendly contest to see how many pledges they can raise.

Registration begins at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Valley Street, Willimantic, CT. There will be an Interfaith service beginning at 1:30 with the walk starting at 2:15 p.m. Minimum donation \$20 per walker.

You can register or make a pledge on WAIM's website http://waimct.org/walk- for-warmth/.

Bring your family. Bring a friend. Put on your walking shoes and help raise money for a great cause (and even greater need!).





STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR **DECEMBER 5, 2015**

SALES 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Always a FUN day to shop and lunch! Invite your friends and plan to attend and participate!

Here are some exciting shopping pleasures to look forward to:

Parish Piecers Fabric Item Gifts

- SERRV Fair Trade Gifts
- Bake Sale
- Coffee Cart
- Georgian Pecans Sale
- Seasonal Holiday Tag and Gifts sale

- Poinsettias
- Fresh Outdoor Greens/sprays
- Wreaths in a variety of sizes
- Silent Auction
- Vendors of Craft and Art Items
- Other areas possible

Plan to donate gently-used seasonal items gifts, luscious seasonal Bake Sale items, and fresh greens. Join this fundraising effort where proceeds support God's work among us

Related dates to keep in mind:

Sunday, November 15 Start date for Pre-Bazaar Pecan Sunday Sales

Sunday, November 22 Start date for dropping tag, gift and auction items to

the Stage

Thursday, December 4 10 AM Greens Cutting Crew gathers greens.

Friday, December 5 A fun day readying our rooms for the Bazaar. Details

to follow

Set up for opening, Sales Associates, Cashiers, etc Saturday, December 6

needed

Best of the Last Sale Sunday, December 7

This is an ALL-CHURCH FUNDRAISER, organized by the Women's Fellowship and coordinated by Pam Roberts. If you are interested in helping out, there are many opportunities to choose from.

ALL ideas, suggestions or offers of your time and skills are WELCOME. Contact Pam at: 860 428-2406 or drpamptSCC@charter.net.

For a "fruitful" Bazaar, we need your help...

We are still looking for **Chairs** or Co-chairs for:

- Seasonal Tag Sale of Holiday Items
- Gift items Sale
- **The Bazaar Lunch** (soups, breads, salad, and desserts)
- **Silent Auction**
- **Greens Centerpiece Arrangements** (Arranging typically done on Friday)
- **Event Treasurer** (prepare cash boxes, distribute cash boxes, instruct cashiers, collect cash boxes, and count to prepare deposit)
- **Publicity Co-chair** (in advance of the Bazaar, works with Bazaar Coordinator to design and *implement a publicity plan)*

We need to identify by November 5th at least ONE KEY PERSON to 'chair' each of these areas, or we will run the bazaar without that attraction. Talk with Pam Roberts, Bazaar Coordinator, for more information about any of these roles, including help and support available to you.

Not looking to chair an area? We will also need:

- **Donated items** for the Seasonal Tag Sale of Holiday Items
- **Donated items** for the Gift Items sale
- **Yummy items** to go into the Bake Sale
- Volunteers for Pecan pre-sales at Coffee Hours on Nov 15, 22, 29, & Dec 6
- **Vendors:** Let us know if you or someone you know would like a vendor table... we're open to your ideas!

Bazaar Schedule & Volunteering Details:

- Set up Friday, December 4
- Sales Saturday, December 5, 9:00 AM 2:00 PM
- *Lunch* Saturday, December 5, 11:00 AM 1:00 PM
- **Second-chance browsing** Sunday, December 6, after church
- *Take-down and pack-up* Monday, December 7, in the morning

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA? SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DO?

Contact: Pam Roberts, Bazaar Coordinator, at 860-428-2406 or drpamptSCC@charter.net



Board & Committee Meetings

Christian Ed., 5:30pm (Lounge) Nov. 3

Council Meeting, 6:30 pm (CE-201) Nov. 3

Women's Fellowship Board, Nov. 6 11:00 am (CE-201)

Christian Fellowship, 8:45 am Nov. 8 (Library) note change in location

Properties Board, 11:45 am Nov. 8 (Memorial Room)

Nov. II Deacons, 5:30 pm (Lounge)

Nov. II Finance Board, 7:00 pm (CE-201)

Nov. 11 Music Board, 6:30 pm (Library)

Nov. 19 Prayer Shawl, 10:00 am (Library)

Activities & Events

Spooky Organ Tour, following Nov. 1 worship, Organ Loft

Nov. 14 One Day Retreat: Serving from the Heart, 9:00 am, Library

Nov. 14 Pick-A-Party: Bridge Night at the Malecki's, 7:00 pm, Malecki home

Nov. 15 Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting, following worship, MH

Nov. 15 Pick-A-Party Sign ups, following worship, Auditorium

Nov. 17 Women on the Way gathering, 5:30 pm, Lounge

Nov. 15 Pick-A-Party Sign ups, following worship, Auditorium

Nov. 15 SCC Book Discussion Group, 7:00 pm, Library

Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Food Ingathering, 9:30 am, Lounge

Nov. 22 Advent Celebration, following worship, Auditorium

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Food Deliveries, following worship, Lounge

Nov. 28 Memorial Service for Patty Vinsonhaler, 2:00 pm, MH

Reminder

Nov. 26 & 27: The office will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Adult Faith Formation Classes

Sundays Roots of our Tradition

Nov. 1, 8 & 15, 9:00 am, Lounge

Forum on Climate Change Sundays Nov. 1 & 8, 11:30 am, Library

Making Sense of the Bible Sundays Nov. 1, 8 & 15

11:30 am, Memorial Room

Tuesdays Faith & Conflict in the Middle East

Nov. 14

Nov. 10, 5:30 pm, Lounge One Day Retreat: Serving

from the Heart, see page 9

Gatherings and Rehearsals

- Adult Choir, Sunday @ 9:00 am and Thursday @ 7:30 pm
- Adult Forum, Sunday @ 9:00 am (CE - 201)
- Service Sewing, Monday @ 9:30 am
- Library Open, Sunday & Tuesday @ 9:30 am
- Parish Piecers, Wednesday @ 9:30 am, 2nd Floor Ed. Bldg.
- C.A.F.E. Storrs, Wednesday @ 10:30 am, Library
- Adult Handbells, Thursday @ 6:30 pm
- Adult Choir, Thursday @ 7:30 pm

Community Activities & Events

Nov. 7 Church Women United, World Community Day, 9:00 am (Lounge)

Nov. 7 A Quiet Corner Contra Dance, 8:00 pm (7:30 for lessons) Auditorium

Nov. 12 Foodshare Distribution,

11:30 am Wright's Village

Nov. 13 A Cappella Concert: A Minor, MH

Nov. 22 WAIM Walk For Warmth,

1:00 pm, St. Mary's Church, Willimantic

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