

The Carillon

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<http://www.storrscongchurch.org/worship-online/>.

Advent and Christmastide Series: Those Who Dream

"When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream." (from Psalm 126) What

does it look like to live as those who dream? The prophets, the psalmists, John the Baptist, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, Simeon, Anna, the shepherds and the Magi—they were all dreamers. They received, discovered, and responded to God's dreams for the world. In Advent and Christmastide, we step into the mystery and awe of God's dreams and pray they shape our reality.



This theme is for the dreamers in all of us—those who dream of a deeper connection with God and those who dream of a better world. It's for those who dream of comfort and for those who have given up on their dreams. It's for those whose dreams have been crushed and for those who show us that dreams take time. Join us this Advent as we dream alongside prophets and angels, Mary and the Magi. Join us as we seek and sow God's dreams for our world.

NOV 29: The First Sunday of Advent – Holy Communion

Pastor Matt preaching: "Those Who Dream... *keep awake*"

Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; and **Mark 13:24-37**

DEC 6: The Second Sunday of Advent

Pastor Matt preaching: "Those Who Dream... *prepare the way*"

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; and **Mark 1:1-8**

The **Annual Budget Meeting** of the congregation follows worship.



DEC 13: The Third Sunday of Advent

Pastor Matt preaching: "Those Who Dream... *sow joy*"

Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; and Luke 1:46-55

DEC 20: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Pastor Matt preaching: "Those Who Dream... *are not alone*"

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; and Luke 1:26-46

DEC 20 @ 4:00 PM: Advent Lessons & Carols

Virtual space where we can share light amidst the darkness through music.

Featuring musicians from Storrs Congregational, the First Church in Mansfield, and friends. *Service broadcast via YouTube and via Facebook Live, accessible through both the sites and channels of both Storrs Congregational and First Church in Mansfield.*

THURS., DEC 24 @ 5:00 PM: Christmas Eve Storytime

Join Pastor Matt and Director of Faith Formation Lisa Haupt for a not-more-than-30-minute interactive gathering for sharing and exploring the Christmas story, especially intended for the younger (and younger-at-heart) ones among us.

THURS., DEC 24 @ 9:00 PM: Christmas Eve Worship

"this night, we are Those Who Dream"

Our principal Christmas festival worship service, with rich gifts of music, candlelight, this year's Christmas message, and more.

DEC 27: The 1st Sunday of Christmastide

"Those Who Dream... will not keep silent": An Interactive Experience of Worship, Reflection, and Conversation for the First Sunday after Christmas

Scripture: Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3; Psalm 148; and Luke 2:22-40

EVERY WEDNESDAY: Vespers @ 7:00 pm

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

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CREATING CHRISTMAS

Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23
from 3:00 – 3:45 PM via Zoom*

You are invited to join members of First Congregational Church of



Woodstock each week via Zoom as we create space for Advent meditation. God's children of **ALL AGES** are welcome. Using *Illustrated Ministry* artwork to color we will reflect on ***Light and Darkness existing together in BALANCE- not opposition.*** As author Barbara Brown Taylor asks in her book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, “what can light possibly mean without dark?”

*Zoom link will only be provided by contacting Lisa Haupt via email at lisa@storrscongchurch.org.



HAVE A MINUTE?

Thoughts from Pastor Matt...

Well friends, “now is the time approaching, by prophets long foretold”—to borrow the opening line of an old hymn found in *The New Century Hymnal*. Alas, though, what I’m referring to isn’t about that day “when all shall dwell together, secure and manifold”—although our faith *does* hold out deep hope in God for *that*. Rather, what I’m referring to is in some ways the opposite: that the time is now approaching when you and I *won’t* be dwelling together in the same way anymore, as pastor and congregation. By now, you have either already received or will soon be receiving my official resignation letter, —bringing to fulfillment what I announced back at the beginning of August about my upcoming departure.

It feels a bit “fitting” that we should now begin the actual journey toward departure as we enter into the season of Advent. Advent is arguably our most forward-looking season in the church year, with the way that the traditional scripture readings, songs, and prayers of Advent invite our sights to set themselves on things-to-come. The “things-to-come” fill our spirits both with foreboding and with rejoicing, as God’s promised future involves both judgment *against* the forces of evil and injustice and judgement *for* life, love, and glory. The scriptures of the 1st Sunday of Advent especially capture this, as we hear of the future coming of Christ, “with great power and glory.” The transition from the world we know now into the world that God promises can be both scary and hopeful to think about; it can fill us with both terror and awe.

Of course, that’s the case with any transition, any change, isn’t it? It certainly seems the case with this big change that is now before us, as I prepare to end my tenure as pastor among you. I know that there’s sadness aplenty, among you and for me too—I was already getting more than a little *verklemt* on a recent afternoon as I entered “Matt’s Final Sunday” into the January 10th column of our staff worship planning spreadsheet. But I’m also excited for new possibilities, new growth, and new vitality that can spring forth here in the life of Storrs Congregational under new pastoral leadership.

Indeed, while Adam's new call in Vancouver provided the specific "push" leading us to this transition, this whole process did not happen absent my own discernments about whether new pastoral leadership could be beneficial for the long-term journey of SCC. Things *are* good here at SCC, without a doubt! And now you have an opportunity to make a journey "from strength to strength." Someone with some different gifts, skills, and insights will hopefully be able to help carry SCC even more fully into the future that you and I have been preparing this church for—more fully and more vitally than I can, or at least in *different* ways than I can, recognizing where my own weaknesses, blind spots, and growing edges lie. Moses didn't get to go into the Promised Land, but into the Promised Land the people *did* go, building on all that they had experienced because of (and, in some cases, despite) Moses' leadership.

Looking toward the future, as this season of Advent does and as we in our life together now do, is both scary and exciting. Things *will* be different, whether in the future months and years of this church's life or in the ultimate future that God is preparing for us and all of creation. And change is hard. But new possibilities, beyond what we could possible imagine, also sprout and bring forth fruit. My sincere hope is that you, the Storrs Congregational Church UCC, will thrive in so many ways in the time ahead: some of them ways I can imagine, and some of them ways I can't even imagine... but God can! This is my hope for you and, as it is written, "hope does not disappoint."

Yours in the journey,
Matt



SCC FAITH FORMATION NEWS FOR ADVENT

Lisa Haupt, Director of Faith Formation

Faith Seeds

Our weekly publication of Faith Seeds, for intergenerational family faith formation at home, will follow the theme “Those Who Dream” during Advent through Epiphany. Each week, you will find a Scripture passage, a children’s story about a famous dreamer who changed the world, pondering questions and a prayer to share with the entire family. Be sure to join us as this theme will be used for the Early Word on Sunday mornings on November 29, December 13 and 27.

Children are such a blessing and a special part of the Christmas season! We welcome all ages to help us embody the hope we have for a world, grounded in peace, joy, and love of Christ.

Images of Christmas

Tuesdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22 from 7:30 – 8:15 PM via Zoom

Please join us for guided visual meditation each week as we use beautiful artwork to help us to see HOPE, PEACE, JOY & LOVE...*Advent Visio Divina: THOSE WHO DREAM*

A Zoom link will be provided in the Tuesday News & Notes weekly email to help easily connect.

Please contact Lisa Haupt at Lisa@storrsconchurch.org for more information about *Advent Visio Divina*.



Advent Wreaths – We hope you can join us Saturday, November 28, noon-4:00 PM to make an Advent wreath to take home. We will have supplies available for making both traditional AND non-traditional Advent wreaths. Tables will be set up outdoors in the courtyard and we will have plenty of space for social distance wreath-making. Whether you prefer to use traditional taper, votive or tea light candles, there will be fresh cut greens and an assortment of decorating items on hand for you to be creative! This year, more than ever, we hope you will light the candles in your home, or from wherever you are viewing worship with us, as we celebrate each week of Advent. Advent devotional booklets will also be available for you to take home. If you are unable to join us and wish to get supplies to make an Advent wreath, please contact me at Lisa@storrscongchurch.org.

Pictured here are several non-traditional Advent “wreaths” I have made as samples to get your creative juices flowing. I look forward to the opportunity to meet you in-person!



UPCOMING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 9th 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 (December 4th).



2020 ANNUAL REPORT TIME LINE

Reminder

Annual Report Deadline



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.

2020 HOLIDAY SEASON CLOSURES

The office will **close at noon on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th** and will be **closed all day on Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th**. We will reopen at 9:30 AM on Monday, December 28th.

The office will **close at noon on New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31st** and will be **closed all day on New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st 2021**. We will reopen on at 9:30 AM on Monday, January 4th, 2021.

Please note that all charitable giving must be **received in person by noon or postmarked by Thursday, December 31st** to be included in the 2020 accounting year.

While the office and facilities will be closed for business as indicated above, recovery meetings will still be held by the group **in the Auditorium Thursdays at 7:30 PM and Fridays at 11:30 AM and 7:00 PM**.

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING ~ SUNDAY, DEC. 6TH

Pursuant to Section 47 (Article XI) of the Bylaws of our congregation...

The members of the Storrs Congregational Church are called to the **Annual Budget Meeting**, to be held **Sunday, December 6, 2020, following the Sunday morning worship service**. The meeting will be held online via **Zoom Meetings**. The business of said meeting shall be to receive the budget recommendations of the Governing Board, to adopt an operating budget, and to act on proposed expenditures from the Major Projects Reserve Fund and other funds as appropriate for the coming 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)

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

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 Stephanie Wheeler
- **Joshua Conner & Dakota Schroeder**, submitted by Charlene Dickerson.

If you know of someone who should be on this list, have an update or correction, please contact Deborah in the church office. Thank you.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE HAPPENINGS

Anniversary Celebrations

Gary & Eileen Griffin.....2-Dec

Birthday Celebrations

Sarah Johnson 1-Dec

Annetta Miller 3-Dec

Bedan Kimenyi 5-Dec

Donna Latinsics 7-Dec

Thany Litrico.....10-Dec

Wade Johnson.....10-Dec

Matthew C Emery.....11-Dec

Betty Hanson 11-Dec

Dulcie Vannais.....12-Dec

Vicki Magley.....14-Dec

Maye Henning.....16-Dec

Haley Ignatowicz16-Dec

Paula Dixon18-Dec

Kathy Hampton18-Dec

Spencer Hamlin.....21-Dec

Julia Chilinski..... 23-Dec

Allison Cano..... 23-Dec

Elizabeth Hanks 24-Dec

Grant Gifford.....31-Dec



Heritage Sunday Honoree votive candles ready for pick up

On Sunday, October 25, we lit 58 red votive candles on the chancel table to represent our 40+ year member honorees and we want each honoree to have a candle in their home as a token of our appreciation. Honorees, or someone on their behalf, should plan to stop by the Parish House, wear a mask, practice social distancing, and sign out your candle, located in a basket in the entryway outside the Church office. The candles are available for pick up anytime the office is open. Call Deborah at 860 429-9283 to assure access at the time of pick-up, or to request a safe no-contact delivery via your Caring Connection partner, Deacon or other person.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR INFORMATION

Come one, come all to the Online Christmas Bazaar. In an effort to keep families safe during the coronavirus, we are tasked with transitioning our joyful Christmas Bazaar into an online form. The end of year celebrations will continue to include the Schermer Pecan sale, the fresh wreath sale, SERRV items and, a first for SCC, an online auction. **For those uncomfortable or unfamiliar with online ordering, traditional sale options will be available in the SCC office.**

Our Beneficiary

Our beneficiary for this fundraiser will be the Windham Area Interfaith Ministry Neighbor Safety Net Fund. The fund is used for those needing financial relief from coronavirus-related hardships. More information about WAIM and its mission is available at their webpage waimct.org.



Wreath Sales



Wreaths are for sale from Humming Grove Farm in East Windsor. Owner Dr. Richard S. Cowles is an Agricultural Scientist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station. Medium sized decorated wreaths are on sale for \$40. Large sized decorated wreaths are on sale for \$60. Order forms will be through our webpage and in the SCC office. The SCC office is open from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday.

After an order is submitted, buyers will be contacted to schedule pick-up and payment on Saturday, November 28 and Saturday, December 5 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Pick-up appointments will be staggered to avoid crowds during COVID-19.

All in-person events and appointments are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Assistance with online ordering and scheduling is available in the SCC office or by calling 860-429-9382.

Bulk Greens & Hand Fashioned Holiday Bows

Bulk greens will be for sale November 28 and December 5 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Greens will be for sale outdoors in the courtyard.

Marsha Creese makes a wide variety of beautiful bows for wreaths and other holiday gifts.

Supplement your options for your creative use of our Bulk Greens supply, with a selection of (\$1) small, (\$2) medium and (\$4) large wired ribbon bows in a variety of colors fashioned by our own “Bow Queen.” Pre-order any number of matching custom bows, made with a wide, wired ribbon of your choice (*which you provide*). Contact Marsha Creese or call the church office for Marsha’s phone number to discuss custom orders. **Deadline for custom orders is no later than Tuesday November 24 for pick up on Saturday, November 28 and no later than Tuesday, December 1 for pick up on Saturday, December 5.** On our Browse ‘n Sale afternoons (November 28 and December 5 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM), go to the Courtyard for bow sales and to pick up any custom pre-orders near the outdoor cashier table. At your request we do offer a safe no-contact delivery and payment at the time of delivery.



Silent Auction

This year we will be doing the Silent Auction online. You will have the opportunity to see the items on our 2020 Virtual Christmas Bazaar webpage and place your bids over a two week period, from Sunday, November 22 through Saturday, December 5. More information on how to place your bids will be posted on our webpage or distributed via all-church email.

Contact Bonnie Chemerka by email: bonnie.chemerka@outlook.com or by phone: 860-402-7426.

While we are sadly not able to gather as we did in previous years, we are eager to continue the Christmas Bazaar in whatever way we can.

Bidding and purchasing will be done online from November 22 through December 5. **Help is available for those unable to bid online by contacting Deborah in the SCC office.**

A NEW FACE IN THE LIBRARY



Welcome to Sally Doyen who has joined the group of people who direct the activities of the Edwina Whitney Library. A few years ago Sally was doing some data entry at her convenience and so we are happy to have the opportunity to have her with us on Tuesday mornings. She will be assisting Marietta Johnson with the data entry as well as writing reviews on new acquisitions and pertinent selections providing information for the Tuesday News & Notes emails.

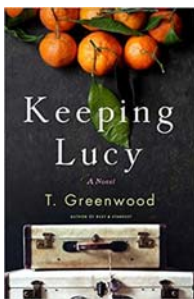
Once again we remind you that we can arrange for the selection of books for you if you do not wish to come to the library. Through this pandemic time we are staying the course and are practicing proper protocol when we are together in the room. Contact Janet Atkins (860 423-5930) if you are in need of additional reading materials, we can work out delivery if that is helpful.

Holiday books are available in the Church Library. The SCC Library has a broad collection of titles for the upcoming holidays, from children's classics to crafts for all ages. Below is a selection, but stop by to see a broader display and check out some creative ideas.

- *Let's Find out About Jewish Holidays*, by Martha Shapp; an illustrated, easy-to-read history and present-day explanation of celebrations such as Hanukkah and Succoth.
- *The Nutcracker*, by E.T.A. Hoffmann, illustrated by Maurice Sendak; a beautifully illustrated version of the classic story, this book makes for an engaging read-aloud for children, as well as a visual pleasure for adults.
- *The Real Santa Claus*, by Marianna Mayer; this beautifully illustrated book tells "the story of the real St. Nicholas." The "Night Before Christmas" is followed by a historical account of who the actual St. Nicholas was and his important life.
- *My Christmas Craft Book*, by Anna Murray, contains a range of projects for children from ages 7-12, although older children and adults could certainly enjoy these crafts. From Raffia Wreaths to Christmas crackers, there is something for everyone.
- *Things to Make and Do*, by Vivienne Bolton; full of ideas for hand-crafted models, toys, gifts, and games, requiring only scissors, glue, tape, paints, and recycled materials from around the house. Included are directions for clay egg cups, pop-up cards, and a doll bed. Illustrations all detailed and easy to follow.

Library Committee: Janet Atkins, Sally Doyen, Marietta Johnson, Sue Schur, and Joan Webster

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.

Dover, Massachusetts, 1969. Ginny Richardson's heart was torn open when her baby girl, Lucy, born with Down Syndrome, was taken from her. Under pressure from his powerful family, her husband, Ab, sent Lucy away to Willowridge, a special school for the "feeble-minded." Ab tried to convince Ginny it was for the best. That they should grieve for their daughter as though she were dead. That they should try to move on.

But two years later, when Ginny's best friend, Marsha, shows her a series of articles exposing Willowridge as a hell-on-earth--its squalid hallways filled with neglected children--she knows she can't leave her daughter there. With Ginny's six-year-old son in tow, Ginny and Marsha drive to the school to see Lucy for themselves. What they find sets their course on a heart-racing journey across state lines—turning Ginny into a fugitive.

For the first time, Ginny must test her own strength and face the world head-on as she fights Ab and his domineering father for the right to keep Lucy. Racing from Massachusetts to the beaches of Atlantic City, through the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia to a roadside mermaid show in Florida, *Keeping Lucy* is a searing portrait of just how far a mother's love can take her.

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, mbailey05@snet.net

SCC CHRISTMAS FOOD INGATHERING AND COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTION

Packing during the week of December 14th (time to be determined)

Distribution and Deliveries Saturday, December 19, 2020

9:00 AM at the Parish House

Calling all willing and able volunteers to help out with the Christmas Food Ingathering and Distribution. Ray & Jane Joesten, our Food Pantry coordinators, would benefit from some help packing up boxes for 15 – 20 local families during the week of December 14th. They set up tables and boxes in the Lounge and fill them with non-perishable items from the Food Pantry and holiday goods purchased through donations. Jane takes care to contact each family to see if there are dietary restrictions before packing so each box is prepared especially for each family. On Saturday morning fresh produce and perishable items from the refrigerator are added to the boxes before the pickup/delivery time.

Watch for updates in the weekly emails for specific items needed and ways to be involved with this vital ministry! Remember to encourage your family, friends and neighbors to get involved with this ministry as well – it is a great way to reach out during the Christmas season!

Donations of goods or funds may be brought to the Parish House during the week (9:30 AM – 5:30 PM) and left in the grocery cart located in the coat rack area in the entryway.

Volunteers are needed and should contact Ray & Jane Joesten at 860-742-5269 in advance to coordinate a packing schedule that will work for everyone.



WINTER WELCOME

Saturday, December 5th, 2020

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

The Mansfield Downtown Partnership will host its 8th Annual Winter Welcome on Saturday, December 5, 2020. This year's event will be a drive-through experience and will take place from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Downtown Storrs.



Enjoy a leisurely drive through a winter wonderland! Downtown Storrs will be filled with special displays by Mansfield businesses and community organizations, decorated trees (maybe yours!), lights and music, and a jolly visitor!

Please visit our Downtown Storrs Winter Welcome page for more information about this annual community event.

All Mansfield businesses & community organizations are welcome to participate! Contact Partnership Event Coordinator Denise Kegler for more information.

LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 20th, 2020

at 4:00 PM via Facebook & YouTube



COLLECTING FOR WINDHAM NO FREEZE SHELTER

Socks, mittens and personal hygiene items are always needed for the No-Freeze Hospitality Shelter. Imagine being homeless, cold, dirty and without warm, dry feet – surely you can think of more unpleasant circumstances but for many in our community those circumstances are an awful reality of winter in New

England. You can help change these unpleasant circumstances and bring the light of comfort into a cold and dark world.

Consider purchasing some white socks, water resistant mittens (or gloves) or personal sized hygiene products for donation to the Windham No-Freeze Shelter collection box. Donations may be brought to the Parish House and left in the bin under the side table in the Lounge. Thank you for your participation!



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 worshipers 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=ME9IL2U2azdYRjJnMkxPT1ZpRlQ1UT09>

Meeting ID: 816 1627 3810

Password: 722786777

FoodShare Distribution: Thursday, December 3rd & 17th 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...

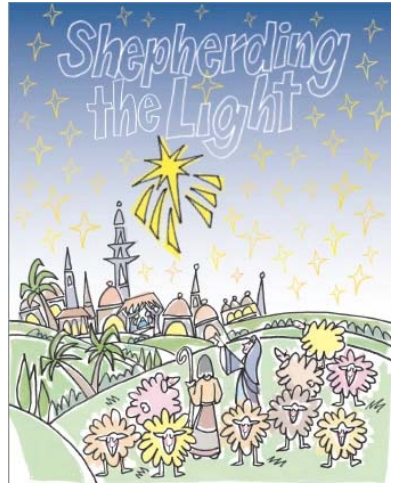
Please wait in your vehicle and traffic will be directed by our resident troopers for distribution. Guests will remain in their vehicle and bags will be placed in the trunk of the vehicle. All bags are the same and there will be no exchange of items. We ask participants to wear a face covering, which 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.



CHRISTMAS FUND ~ VETERANS OF THE CROSS

They came when you needed them. They answered the phone when you called. They baptized and married and buried your loved ones. They gave up weekend after weekend after weekend to care for your spirit, lead you in worship, and point to God in your midst. Some of them did it for less money than they could easily live on. Some of them did it for less than they would have been willing to do any other job for, because of what they believe about who God is, and what they believe about who *you* are.



For all the sacrifices that clergy and lay church workers have made in our congregations, over 100 years ago the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ created the **Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund**, to help support them in retirement and during times of emergent need.

Use these envelopes to promote the 2020 Christmas Fund offering.

The Christmas Fund provides Supplementation of Small Annuities, Supplementation of Health Premiums, Emergency Grants, and Christmas “Thank You” Gift Checks for retirees and those facing unforeseen financial hardship.

Join with others in the United Church of Christ to make “the light shine in the darkness” for those who have given so much to our church.

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