

# The Carillon

STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

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## WORSHIP WITH STORRS CONGREGATIONAL: March 2021

**Worship Online with SCC:** All the information for joining in worship is at

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

**MAR. 7: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT – HOLY COMMUNION -  
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: MAR 8**  
Pastor Debbie preaching: "Breath of the Divine"  
Scripture: *Book of Wisdom 6: 12-17*



**MAR. 14: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – ONE GREAT HOUR OF  
SHARING**  
Pastor Debbie preaching: "No Matter What"  
Scripture: *Psalms 107: 1-3, 17-22; Numbers 21: 4-9*



**MAR. 21: FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
Pastor Debbie preaching: "Deep in our Hearts"  
Scripture: *Jeremiah 31: 31-34; John 12: 20-33*



**MAR. 28: PALM SUNDAY – LITURGY OF THE PALMS –  
PASSEOVER BEGINS**  
Pastor Debbie preaching: "Into Jerusalem"  
Scripture: *Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-29; Mark 11: 1-11*



**APRIL 1: MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
*A Service of Light into Darkness with Remembering  
the Last Supper, 7:00 PM*



**APRIL 2: GOOD FRIDAY**  
*private prayer and viewing of Stations of the Cross in  
Meeting House 12:00 noon – 3:00 PM*



**APRIL 4: EASTER SUNDAY**  
Pastor Debbie preaching: "Now What?"  
Scripture: *Mark 16: 1-8; Acts 10: 34-43*



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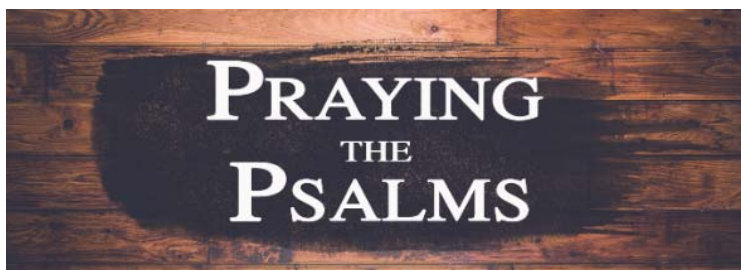
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*Vespers Lenten Program: “**Lament as Worship: Praying the Psalms**”*  
*Wednesdays @ 7:00 PM with Pastor Debbie.*



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## ALONG THE JOURNEY WITH PASTOR DEBBIE



Dear Ones,

Lent is a special time of returning to the Holy One, both as we are and more fully. The prophet Joel says it well: *Even now, says God, return to me with your whole heart... Rend your heart, not your garments, and return to Your God.* Lent is a time of both shadow and light and I am honored to spend this time with you as we journey toward Easter.

Even though most of our time together is spent virtually, a buzz of activity still goes in the walls of this church and in this community: Food Pantry distribution and planning for the future, library displays and new offerings, staff meetings, Centering Prayer, Evening Vespers, C.A.F.E. Storrs, Friday Teatime, leadership and ministry team meetings, Thursday noon one-on-one with the pastor, book club, faith formation opportunities, Just Peace and outreach initiatives and advocacy, and so much more.



*Christ our Light*

I share this Lenten meditation with you based on Psalm 51: 10, *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.*

- ✚ Create in me a clean heart, open and receptive, so that I may embrace the many ways You choose to visit my life.
- ✚ Create in me a clean heart, cleared of the refuse of old conflicts with others and opposition with myself.

- ✚ Create in me a clean heart, free from the clutter of cultural enticements, so that I can enjoy the beauty of life's simple things and relish the gifts I easily take for granted.
- ✚ Create in me a clean heart, bathed from harsh thoughts, shame, and perfectionism, warmly welcoming others with the embrace of nonjudgment.
- ✚ Create in me a clean heart, free of frantic busyness, so that I will have time to dwell with you in the listening space of solitude and silence.
- ✚ Create in me a clean heart, rinsed of the residue of false messages about my identity, enabling my inner goodness and light to shine through all I am and do.
- ✚ Create in me a clean heart, cleansed of anxiety and lack of trust, restoring in me an enduring faith in your abiding presence and unconditional love.
- ✚ Create in me a clean heart, washed in your mercy and strengthened by your love, helping me move beyond whatever keeps me from union with you and following in your compassionate footsteps. Amen.  
(adapted from *Out of the Ordinary*, by Joyce Rupp)

Please feel free to email, call, or stop in to see me anytime; I am here for you. Next month I will share a preview of springtime plans. Remember to pick up your palms before or on Palm Sunday; more info to follow from the deacons.

Lenten blessings and may the Light of Christ be with you all,  
Pastor Debbie

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## UPCOMING GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM via Zoom

The Governing Board continues to meet via Zoom. 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. Telephone "call in" information is available for anyone who does not have a camera or microphone for their computer.



Reports or proposals for the upcoming meeting must be submitted to Sue Irvine and Malta Bailey by noon on the first Monday of the month to be included in the agenda.

**Governing Board Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**.A. = attachment in Board packet**

**Attendance:**

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Malta Bailey         | • Sue Irvine               |
| • Bruce Bergen         | ○ Nolan <u>Klimkiewicz</u> |
| • Jane Ann Bobbitt     | • Paul Schur               |
| • Elaine <u>Chague</u> | • Pastor Debbie            |
| • Cass Crewdson        | • Stacy Malecki (clerk)    |
| • Darryl Hilliard      |                            |

**Meeting began with prayer at 7:30**

**There was nobody Present to Speak**

**Consent Agenda was reviewed. Item (4) January 2021 Treasurer Report will be deferred to next meeting. Item (9) was moved to regular agenda. There was brief discussion of the December Treasurer report noting that the large surplus would not be likely to be repeated this year and we need to keep close watch on our finances throughout the year. Remaining consent agenda items were approved.**

1. That the Board approves the Minutes of the January 13, 2021, meeting of the Board. **.A.**
2. That the Board approves the Minutes of the January 31, 2021, organizational meeting of the Board. **.A.**
3. That the Board acknowledges receipt of the December 2020 report of the Treasurer. **.A.**
4. ~~The Board acknowledges receipt of the January 2021 report of the Treasurer~~
5. That the Board acknowledges receipt of the January 2021 report of the Buildings & Grounds Coordinator (Duffy Brookes) **.A.**
6. That the Board hereby re-appoints Jim Davis as Assistant Treasurer through January 2022, and authorizes him to have signatory authority on the church's financial accounts.
7. That the Board appoints the following individuals as counters, to assist the Collectors in the counting and reconciliation of receipts, through January 2022: Marietta Johnson, Dick Roberts, Mark Roy, Sue Schur, Erin Scholes.

8. That the Board appoints the following individuals as internal auditors, through January 2022: Laurie Brookes and Kathleen “Cass” Crewdson.
- ~~9. That the Board re-appoints Lynn Brown, Liz Cowles, and Carol Jordan as Memorial and Special Gifts Committee~~
10. That the board re-appoints Charlene Knapp, Eileen Metzgar, and Larry Mickel as Edwin Whitney Scholarship Committee.
11. That the Board hereby re-appoints Paul Schur and Jamie Lang-Rodean as co- Lead Ministry Coordinators for Worship, through January 2022 or until a different appointment is made.
12. That the Board hereby re-appoints Duffy Brookes as Lead Ministry Coordinator for Buildings & Grounds, through January 2022 or until a different appointment is made.
13. That the Board hereby re-appoints Janice Castle as Lead Ministry Coordinator for University Student Ministries, through January 2022 or until a different appointment is made.
14. That the Board hereby re-appoints Pam Roberts as Lead Ministry Coordinator for Congregational Life & Hospitality, through January 2022 or until a different appointment is made.
15. That the Board hereby re-appoints Carolyn Holmy and Janis Hoyle as co-Lead Ministry Coordinators for Outreach Ministries, through January 2022 or until a different appointment is made.
16. That the Board thanks Pam Roberts for her service as delegate for wider UCC Church.
17. That the Board re-appoints Carolyn Holmy as a delegate for wider UCC Church through January 2022.
18. That the Board appoints Kathy Lindner as delegate for wider UCC Church, Through January 2023.
19. That the Board appoints Nancy Rucker as alternate delegate for wider UCC Church, Through January 2023.

**Approval of Memorial and Special Gifts Committee:** Sue made a motion to add Jamie Lang-Rodean to the Memorial and Special Gifts Committee. This was seconded by Paul Schur. Motion was approved unanimously.

### **Sub-Committees of the Board**

- Finance & Administration Committee--Jane Ann Bobbitt, Cass Crewdson, Bruce Bergen

- Facilities Committee--Darryl Hilliard, Paul Schur, Nancy Tomastik
- Ministry & Personnel Committee--Sue Irvine, Malta Bailey, Elaine Chague

### **Other Board Business:**

**Safe Church committee**--Sue Irvine (ex-officio) and Malta Bailey (ex-officio) are defined by policy. 3 Governing Board members are needed and must represent both genders. Darryl Hilliard volunteered to join.

**Contact info** listing was reviewed. If any corrections are needed, please contact Sue and Deborah. If Deborah doesn't already have a photo (i.e. from last year), board members should email one to Deborah. The Governing Board members will be included in the March Carillon and posted on the bulletin board at the church

**Plans for placement of Matt's gifts:** Malta volunteered to take the lead on this activity, and will work with Janet Atkins (who was part of the Ad-Hoc Art Hanging Working Group), Duffy Brookes, and other volunteers as Malta and Janet deem appropriate to identify an appropriate location to display the art work that presented by Pastor Matt to the church.

**Re-appointment of Re-opening Church Task Force.** Paul moved and Cass seconded that the Re-opening Task Force be reappointed. Members include: Paul Schur, Erin Scholes, Duffy Brookes, Cathy Jeffers, Andy McCabe, Jamie Lang-Rodean, Deborah Gacek, Trisha Snyder, and Pastor Debbie. Motion was approved.

**Retreat Planning:** Board retreat will be Sunday March 7, 2021 from 1-4 PM. Some ideas for content were discussed including Behavioral Covenant, and the Job Descriptions/Terms of Ministry Lead Coordinators.

**Behavioral Covenant.** A . was reviewed. The general church covenant was included in the February Carillon. In addition there is a Governing Board Covenant which will be discussed further at the retreat.

**Pastoral Report:** Pastor Debbie reflected on her first month with SCC! In addition to leading worship on Sunday and Wednesday Vespers service, and meeting weekly with individual staff members, Debbie has been attending weekly Search Committee meetings and providing guidance when appropriate. She is also supporting the Governing Board meetings and planning. She is also looking for additional opportunities to meet the congregation through Friday Tea-Time and One-on-One lunch/coffee appointments. She is also engaging to provide Pastoral care in a variety of ways. She officiated at Dee Rowe's memorial service on Feb 6. She is

engaging with the various ministry areas and with Deacons. She highlighted some of the upcoming Lenten program opportunities:

Fat Tuesday at 6:30 – dinner, game, fellowship

Ash Wednesday (ashes in the chapel noon-1 and 4:30-5:30) – or parking lot

Maundy Thursday (outdoor service) – Apr 1

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross - MH

**Prior to closing meeting Sue Reviewed tasks and actions:**

- Sue, Malta and Pastor Debbie will plan retreat and prepare board binders
- Governing Board members will send photos to Deborah if needed
- Paul Schur will engage re-opening team
- Malta Bailey will begin work to identify location to hang Pastor Matt's gifts.
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**Meeting was closed with prayer at 8:45**

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## DEAR CHURCH FAMILY

We are eternally grateful for the outpouring of care and support following our beloved Gretchen's death.

We picture a scale, such as a balancing one like Lady Justice holds. On the one side is the heavy burden of the heartbreaking loss that we and all who knew her feel, causing the scale to hit bottom. On the other side of the scale, are the thoughts, the prayers, the notes, the phone calls, the cards, the flowers, the plants, the gift cards, the donations, the kind words, the comfort food, all of which are helping to lift the scale to bring things into balance. That is what is lifting us up through this sad time.

We know that with the loving support of all of you, our church family, we will get through this. We feel blessed to have you in our lives.

With loving thankfulness,  
Paul and Sue





## FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION...



For this issue of the Carillon, I would like to share with you how I typically spend fifteen hours dedicated each week while serving as your Director of Faith Formation.

Before I begin, though, I want to say how thrilled I am to be called to Storrs Congregational Church and that it has been an interesting and challenging time (during the state of affairs of the pandemic) to begin working in a new ministry setting. Your hospitality has been so very warm and inviting! As an extrovert, who gets

energized by in-person gatherings, especially while engaged in spiritual and faithful conversations, I find it more challenging to meet and get to know people in our mostly virtual ways or behind a mask. In recent conversation with other faith formation folks, I found it fascinating, although not surprising, that those who identified more as an introvert found communicating via online platforms, through social media and such, much more comfortable than those of us who are more extroverted.

On Tuesdays I begin working on the weekly issue of ***Faith Seeds***, the intergenerational lesson in newsletter format. I spend an hour or so initially preparing the issue and may do some finishing touches before sending the pdf file to Claire on Thursday afternoons. For now, I am adapting a curriculum provided by *Illustrated Ministries* on The Beatitudes for this series and am reviewing possibilities for The Fruits of the Spirit for our next series. I wonder how you are finding and using your copy of ***Faith Seeds***, found in your inbox each Friday in the all-church email? Do you share ***Faith Seeds*** with your children, grandchildren, extended family members, neighbors or friends? If so, in what ways? Do you print it out to try some of the activities and/or coloring page? Is there someone designated (or self-appointed) to read the Bible story at your dinner table or at bedtime? Do you say the blessing and prayer aloud—by yourself or with a loved one? Do you use these during *FaceTime* calls or over *Skype* or *Zoom* in some way? I welcome your ideas on how we can spread these seeds of our shared faith to nurture the spiritual lives of others.

On Wednesdays from 10:30-12:00, although I have office hours at First Congregational Church of Woodstock where I also serve as part-time Director of Family Ministry/Faith Formation, I have been facilitating **C.A.F.E. Storrs**, from there since Pastor Matt handed me the baton. After having a few Zoom bumps along the way, I am getting the hang of **Bible study** on a social media platform and am enjoying sharing the Word and meaningful conversation

with the awesome participants each week. I prepare for **C.A.F.E. Storrs** on Tuesdays by creating a slideshow of the materials provided by FaithElements.net through exploration of the lectionary scripture text(s) that will be used in worship the following Sunday.

I am learning to create video stories/lessons for ***The Early Word*** portion of Sunday worship and curate them on our *YouTube* channel. This way, if there is a special someone or family you want to share a particular story or lesson with, the link can be shared electronically. Before I select the specific story for ***The Early Word***, Pastor Debbie and I talk about the Scripture passage(s) and theme for worship. Many times, a *Godly Play* story may be adapted to fit with the worship theme and I gather or create props for the stories. Learning how to set up my smart phone on a tripod to video myself (often multiple times for a better camera angle or for other editing reasons) then posting the video on YouTube are new to me and stretching me out of my comfort zone. I am starting to enjoy this new way of storytelling (and it is beginning to take less than the 6-8 hours it had been at the beginning.) I do, however, prefer to have live participation with curious children with whom to wonder!

Other special events and faith formation opportunities I have recently worked on/am working on include a Brian McLaren, *We Make the Road by Walking* **book study**, **Centering Prayer** offering each Thursday mornings at 8:00AM (during the Lenten season), and a fun, virtual **Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper** held in February. I look forward to facilitating the faith journey with members of our current **Confirmation** class. We are exploring the possibility of participating with SNEUCC online mini retreats and making a plan to fit the needs of the youth as we experience **Confirmation** in new formats during the pandemic.

Looking ahead to summer, Pastor Debbie and I are in conversation about creating a version of ***Mission Possible***, a week-long summer camp experience, primarily for middle school students to experience their faith in action. Please send me an email if you are interested in being on the ***Mission Possible*** team! My office hours are typically, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am- 4:00 pm and I am at SCC worship services virtually, for now, on alternate Sundays. I can be reached at [lisa@storsscongregation.org](mailto:lisa@storsscongregation.org).

Together on the journey,  
*Lisa*

## FROM YOUR COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL MINISTRY SPECIALIST



Hi, all! For those in the congregation who I haven't met (virtually or in-person) my name is Claire Galvin and I am SCC's new Communications and Digital Ministry Specialist. I wanted to take some time to update church members about my contributions so far, my day-to-day duties and my goals for the position, and the church, in the future.

As this position was created, I was attracted to the variety of tasks it involved and the flexibility and creativity it afforded. In my first four months, I have worked on virtual fundraising and charity efforts, Sunday worship materials preparations, Sunday online worship, video production for social media, articles for newsletters, distributed eNewsletters, advertisements, social media development, website development and more.

When Pastor Matt left the church, I worked to ensure a smooth transition to new leadership, especially as it relates to Sunday worship. With the help of tech gurus Andy McCabe, Erin Scholes and Susan Irvine, I work in the Meeting House every Sunday morning for about 3 hours to oversee online worship.

On Mondays and Tuesdays I start to prepare our three weekly emailed newsletters. In total, the newsletters take about 2 hours throughout the week. Recently, I have taken advantage of a biweekly tech deacon roundtable led by the SNEUCC on Tuesdays that lasts about 2 hours. On Wednesdays and Fridays I format the content Pastor Debbie provides to create Sunday's bulletin, PowerPoint and annotated bulletin to help the tech team. This usually takes about 3 hours.

This usually leaves me about 5 hours for miscellaneous duties that may come up. I try to update the SCC web and social media pages regularly, meet with congregation members about their communication ideas, troubleshoot issues with Zoom or other online services, write and photograph content for the printed or emailed newsletters, and much more.

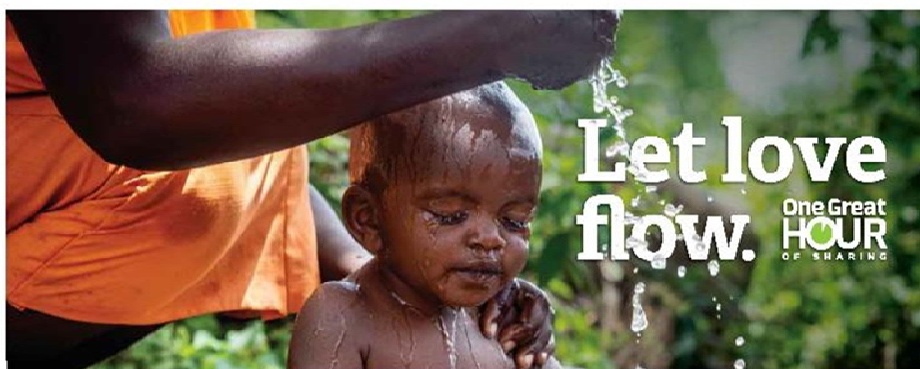
All of these duties place my weekly hourly total at (usually a minimum of) 15 hours per week. In fact, during the months of November, December and January, I averaged 16 hours per week. I tracked my hours and shared them with Pastor Matt, and now, Pastor Debbie.

In the future, I hope to tackle the following projects: create, distribute and analyze a marketing and communication survey to congregants; update the SCC website, especially focusing on a redesign of the homepage; create a universal marketing plan for the SCC Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, including the creation and distribution of post “templates”; utilize congregant articles, photos or videos as “contributed content” on the SCC website and social media; continue online worship accessibility when in-person worship resumes; begin in-person outdoor worship when weather permits; spotlight SCC staff, volunteers and members in video interviews; and much more.

Please keep in touch and let me know how I can better serve church members and the church. I’m eager to hear suggestions about ways to improve our digital ministries. My email is [claire@storrscongchurch.org](mailto:claire@storrscongchurch.org).

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## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING



### Water is life. Water is love. Let love flow.

Access to clean fresh water is vital for all of humanity, but for women in particular, water access means the difference between life and death for them and their families. The United Nations International Observance of **World Water Day** (March 22) reflects on the importance of water in our daily lives and remembers those who lack access to adequate drinking water supplies.

For women and girls around the world, it can be a 12 hour walk to the nearest water source to collect water to maintain basic needs and crucial hygiene practices during the COVID-19 pandemic.

With your support, 100 families will benefit from the Water Well project, sponsored by the United Church of Christ in Mozambique (UCCM). When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you invest in the hopeful future of women and girls around the world and serve as co-workers with God to build *a just world for all*.

**Please use the enclosed envelopes to submit your offering to SCC via US Mail. Checks should be made payable to SCC with “OGHS” in the memo line.**

## BUILDING & GROUNDS NEWS

### UTILITY ROOM WORK (CONTINUED)



You'll perhaps recall from last month's *Carillon* that the pressure tank in the utility room (off the passageway between the Education Wing and Parish House) was being replaced in February because of leaking from the old one. Before the new tank is installed, it has been decided to relocate the Internet equipment that has been sitting on a chair in the utility room since it was first connected. The heat and humidity in that room presents a less than ideal location for any electronic equipment. The fire panel and fire alarm system was moved out for that reason and also because a costly lightning strike affected all the communication devices located there

several years ago. With the expertise of both our electrician and Andy McCabe, the internet equipment will be enclosed in a box that will be placed next to the alarm system in the hallway (near the elevator, across from the women's room). While these changes won't guarantee total safety for our operating systems, at the very least the clutter in the utility room will be greatly reduced.

## HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!

*Do you know why we celebrate this holiday on **March 17**?*

As a young boy, Patrick was taken from his home in England (or Scotland) and made to work as a shepherd in Ireland. After several years, he made his way back home and studied to become a priest. One night in a dream so real he could not forget, he heard people calling him back to Ireland saying they needed him. So, he returned to Ireland to be another kind of shepherd—one who taught that God is love, and he became the first Bishop of Ireland. He died on March 17, 461.



## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE HAPPENINGS

### Anniversary Celebrations

Marjorie & Lynn Brown.....	March 22
Mary & Mike Lake .....	March 22
Karen & Wade Johnson.....	March 25
Nancy & Ed Tomastik.....	March 28

### Birthday Celebrations

Mary Patrone-Czaja.....	3/1
Erica Blum.....	3/2
Jessica McCabe .....	3/2
Dianne Sprague.....	3/3
Dana Gregus.....	3/3
Ryan Ignatowicz .....	3/3
Duffy Brookes .....	3/8

TJ Green .....	3/8
Robert Brandt .....	3/9
Kris Ridyard.....	3/15
Haley Hamlin .....	3/15
Pamela Reichel.....	3/15
Samantha Vannais .....	3/18
Kelly Gifford .....	3/21
Laura Popeleski.....	3/22
Jon Mitchell .....	3/23
Adam Yates.....	3/24
Kelly Villar .....	3/24
Bonnie Chemerka.....	3/26
Jennifer Dixon.....	3/26
Allison Bergen .....	3/28
Jenna Hoyt.....	3/31

## SERVICE SEWING UPDATE



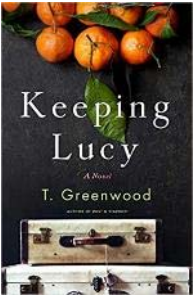
Is there any aspect of life at SCC that hasn't been or doesn't continue to be affected by the pandemic? Normally this would be the time of year that our Service Sewing Group would be busily assembling and boxing school and health kits for delivery to the Church World Service depot in

Meriden. Last year, our contribution was part of the **13,020 school kits and 27,760 health kits** distributed throughout the United States. Additionally, **2,700 school kits and 8,250 health kits** were sent out globally by CWS. In spite of COVID restrictions, some members of our group continue to make school bags and dresses while working from home. Hopefully, our group will soon be able to meet once again and continue our outreach to Church World Services. As always, new members are welcome to join (in person or remotely) our group in this vital and personally fulfilling project.

**WANTED:** Any material that would be good for school bags such as: denim, light upholstery or slip cover fabric is needed by our sewing team. Please bring material to the Parish House.  
**Contact:** Sally Doyen ([sally.doyen@gmail.com](mailto:sally.doyen@gmail.com))



## SCC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom Meeting**

*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, audible and eBook, Walmart and Target (paperback) select CT libraries.

*Zoom information will be distributed via email the week of the meeting. If you'd like to receive the zoom link for the meeting, please contact Malta Bailey to be added to her email distribution list.*

Be well, be safe and read a good book.

Contact: Malta Bailey, [mbailey05@snet.net](mailto:mbailey05@snet.net)

## A REMINDER FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARY

1. The SCC buildings are open daily with a minimal of exceptions.
2. The Library is available whenever you wish to visit to browse or borrow books. Deborah, Antonio or Rev. Debbie would be happy to open the room for you.
3. Sanitizer is available. Wear a mask at all times in the facilities. Social distance if necessary.
4. Books may be signed out according to the instructions on the table.
5. Thank you for visiting the Church Library. It is safe, fewer visitors and a wonderful selection of books awaits you!



During the pandemic we have been adding new books to the collection. New titles concerning areas of focus in the realm of Just Peace have been added. Also, we continue to bring you new adult fiction and have received and purchased suggestions from both Lisa and Rev. Debbie. We welcome anyone's suggestions.

Contact: Janet Atkins ([janetatkins275@gmail.com](mailto:janetatkins275@gmail.com))

## SENIOR SETTLED MINISTER SEARCH STATUS

Dear Members and Friends of Storrs Congregational Church,

As members of the Senior Minister Search Committee, we want to express our continued gratitude for the trust you have placed in us. One of the first steps in calling a Settled Senior Minister is the compilation of a Profile of the Storrs Congregational Church that describes who we are now and invites us to discover who God is calling us to become so that we can better discern who God is calling to minister to us. We are currently drawing on information from our Annual Reports and from the results of the Congregation Assessment Tool – the CAT scan we took about a year ago. We have assigned other portions of the Profile to Committee members for the preparation of preliminary drafts, and on Sunday, February 21 we utilized time during the Zoom breakout rooms to give you time to share your thoughts on “What are some of the strengths or positive qualities of our congregation?” and “What constitutes good preaching?” As the initial drafts of Profile sections are completed, we will be spending large portions of our weekly meetings prayerfully and collectively finalizing the language. Our goal is to complete the Profile in May, after which our vacancy will then be listed in "UCC Employment Opportunities." We ask you to pray for us regularly as we continue the search process.

*Yours in Christ, your Senior Minister Search Committee*

Ray Joesten, Chair, Janice Castle, Cass Crewdson, Janis Hoyle, Tina Huey, Cathy Jeffers, Wade Johnson, Brian Klimkiewicz, Jamie Lang-Rodean, Dick Roberts, Erin Scholes, Rev. Dr. Debra Pallatto-Fontaine, *ex-officio*.

## MAR 14, 2021 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS



When local standard time is about to reach the date/time of

Sunday, March 14, 2021, **2:00:00 AM** clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to Sunday, March 14, 2021, **3:00:00 AM** local daylight time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 14, 2021 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.

*Also called Spring Forward, Summer Time, and Daylight Savings Time.*



## ADVOCACY ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The United Church of Christ (UCC) has been vocal in our opposition to the development, possession, testing, and use of nuclear weapons throughout our history. Just two years into our covenantal life as the newly formed UCC, the second General Synod in Oberlin, OH (1959) issued A Call to Christian Action in Society that called for the “effective international control and reduction of all national armaments, including testing of nuclear weapons.” Years later in 1979, the UCC’s General Synod again called for the reversal of the “arms race” and based on our relationship with partners in Micronesia, we have continued to advocate for the end of nuclear testing. In 1999 General Synod affirmed a resolution calling for redress for the damage caused by U.S. testing in the Marshall Islands.

In 1985, Synod issued the groundbreaking Just Peace Pronouncement that articulated our theological position on issues of war and peace based on a call to address systemic injustice. Over the past 30 years as a Just Peace Church the United Church of Christ has reaffirmed these positions in support for the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), the New START agreement, and, most recently, the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

As you can see from the above information, it’s important for us as a Just Peace Church to be aware of the national activities of the United Church of Christ. This piece illustrates the UCC’s positions on working to reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons.

If you go to google and look up United Church of Christ Just Peace Nuclear weapons, you will find all kinds of resources and information. You can write to your legislators to support the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Watch the next newsletter for more on this issue and specific actions you can take.

Kathy Lindner  
Just Peace Team



## 2021 EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

*(colors are subject to availability)*



\_\_\_\_ Azalea (\$10.00)  
(White/Pink)



\_\_\_\_ Hydrangea (\$16.00)  
(Pink/Blue)



\_\_\_\_ Lily (\$18.00)  
(8" Double Stem)



\_\_\_\_ Daffodil (\$6.00)



\_\_\_\_ Oriental Lily (\$11.00)



\_\_\_\_ Tulip (\$6.00)



\_\_\_\_ Mum (\$8.50)



\_\_\_\_ Hyacinth (\$6.00)

*Dedication: (to be included with Easter dedications)*

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your donation of flowers to beautify our Easter service altar. **Orders must be received by Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

Please submit the orders to Deborah in the office (email, US Mail, or phone) by **March 5<sup>th</sup>** to ensure delivery.

**Make checks payable to Storrs Congregational Church.**

Plants will be delivered to the Meeting House on Good Friday and will remain there for Easter worship.

**Please plan to pick up your plant the week following Easter.**

Contact: Deborah ([sccoffice@storrscongchurch.org](mailto:sccoffice@storrscongchurch.org))

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> Leadership Retreat *via Zoom (1:00 PM)*
- Wed. March 10<sup>th</sup> Governing Board Meeting *via Zoom (7:30 PM)*
- Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> Book Discussion Group *via Zoom (7:00 PM)*

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

### 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>

Telephone Access:

**Phone:** 1 929 205 6099

**Meeting ID:** 816 1627 3810

**Password:** 722786777 ("SCCStorrs")

### FoodShare Distribution: Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 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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