## The Carillon

STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

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### **WORSHIP AT STORRS CONGREGATIONAL: April 2021**

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

**APRIL 4: Easter Sunday** 

Pastor Debbie preaching: "Now What?"

Scripture: John 20: 1-18

**APRIL 11: Second Sunday of Easter** - Holy Communion

Pastor Debbie preaching: "Marks of Faith"

Scripture: Psalm 133; John 20: 19-31

APRIL 18: Third Sunday of Easter and Earth Day

"Speakers for the Earth" Psalm 24; Native American prayers/poems1 (Note: liturgist will read the psalm and the Call to Worship)

APRIL 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher, Linda Choser, Hartford Seminary.

Pastor Linda preaching: "Faith As A Verb"

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-8

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

Pleas submit articles for activities and events in May to the office by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month.

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### Every Wednesday: Vespers @ 7:00 PM



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

### Every Thursday: Centering Prayer with Lisa @ 8:00 AM



Join our Director of Faith Formation Lisa Haupt on Thursdays from 8:00-8:30 AM on Zoom to begin the day centered and focused.

Contact: <u>Lisa@storrscongchurch.org</u> for the zoom link to participate.

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### **ALONG THE JOURNEY WITH PASTOR DEBBIE**



Dear Ones,

Happy Easter and Happy Spring! I am so looking forward in continuing to serve and to work side by side with all of you in your ministries here at SCC. I know the Holy Spirit is alive and well and breathing the fresh air of spring in all of the ways we serve people, near and far. I remain impressed with your dedication, stamina, and creativity in all you do for this congregation

as we envision new ways of being and doing church. (I try not to brag about you too much!).

As we exit the winter months and all of the uncertainty of the pandemic, we have much to be hopeful and thankful for in this time of resurrection: the loving connections between church members; ideas about safely resuming in-person gatherings; the expansion of the Food Pantry; our new rainbow flag; the planting of our Peace Pole later this spring; and our Spring Fair.

I am hoping to offer some short, afternoon services in the chapel this spring/summer and am in discussion with the deacons. Please mark your calendar for a women's retreat, "A Prayerful Pause," on Saturday, June 5, at Mercy by the Sea in Madison. Lisa and I will lead the retreat and more information will be forthcoming next month. The day will offer individual time near the ocean to replenish our souls, Tai Chi, communal prayer and reflection, and lunch together.

Lisa and I are also planning a week long summer camp for middleschoolers the week of June 21 with the working title, Take Heart! Take **Action!** Each day will focus on a service project in Mansfield, Hartford, and Worcester with time for prayerful reflection and processing after lunch each day. Please let us know if you might be willing to volunteer to be on the planning team or to serve as a helper. We value your ideas and insights!

I will be away for my quarterly week-end off on April 25. Linda Choser, a graduate in Transformative Leadership from Hartford Seminary, will offer the sermon and benediction that Sunday with deacons assisting in the service prayers.

I close with this prayer by Ann Weems from her book, *Searching for Shalom*. As always, please stop in anytime, call or email. I will be planning weekly courtyard visits now that the weather is warmer and hope to see you then!

### "Our Gifts Are Gifts of Hope"

Our yearning after God, our hope for a better way
Creates infinite possibilities to touch the lives of the untouched
To reach the hearts of the unreached
To heal the wounds of the unhealed
To feed the bodies of the unfed
To accept the personhood of the unaccepted
To love the being of the unloved.
Our gifts are gifts of hope; O God,
Touch, reach, heal, feed, accept, and love us
That we might love one another.

Each one of you has been a gift to me~ Eastertide blessings, Pastor Debbie





**Governing Board Minutes** 

Regular Meeting - March 10, 2021 . . A . . = attachment in Board packet

### Sue Irvine called meeting to order with prayer at 7:34 PM. **Board Attendance:**

- Malta Bailey
- Bruce Bergen
- Jane Ann Bobbitt
- Elaine Chaque
- Cass Crewdson
- Darryl Hilliard
- Nolan Klimkiewicz 0
- Paul Schur
- Nancy Tomastik
- Pastor Debbie
- Stacy Malecki (clerk)

### Present to Speak – Janis Hoyle, Pam Roberts, Jamie Lang-Rodean, and Duffy Brookes were present to speak at this evening's meeting.

Janis Hoyle and Carolyn Holmy reviewed the opportunity to partner with Food Share.

This discussion began with outreach from Food Share to explore a partnership to expand our food ministry with the local community and UCONN students who are food insecure. Carolyn and Jan met with a representative from Food Share and with John Armstrong who is the person designated by UCONN to communicate with Faith Communities. They also attended an Andover UCC food distribution date to observe their operation. Andover UCC has been working with Food Share for 13 years.

A team has been developed to extend this ministry. This includes the Outreach Ministry Coordinators, Carolyn Holmy and Janis Hoyle as well as others who are currently engaged in our church's food ministries. Jane Joesten, current food pantry manager, Deborah Gacek, Office Administrator, Jan Castle, University Student Ministry Lead Coordinator, and Pastor Debbie our interim minister, Laurie Brooks – Food Share Volunteer, Annetta and Josh Miller, Bread Ministry Volunteers.

The team would like to sign a contract with Food Share and begin this partnership. In order to support a larger scale operation, the location will be moved to the currently designated AA room (across from the library). The AA group is currently meeting in another location and is happy to continue to use this other location going forward. In the future it may be necessary to add additional refrigeration capabilities. Duffy said that if additional electrical capacity for refrigeration or other needs occurred it could be brought from the second floor.

There are many benefits to partnering with Food Share, including the ability to purchase food at very significantly discounted rates which will allow us to serve many people with minimal financial strain on congregational resources. The team has checked with our insurance agent and confirmed that our insurance will not be affected. The food pantry is currently open one morning a week. Going forward the goal will be to add an evening time. Parking challenges were discussed and it was noted that timing of distribution will consider other regular church and community activities.

The Governing Board enthusiastically supports the Outreach Ministry team moving forward with this initiative.

- 2) Pam Roberts presented two fundraising opportunities:
  - a. The first one discussed was to raise funds to support Patrick, a friend of the church who is currently incarcerated. He designed some Christmas Cards that were sold at the Christmas Bazaar to raise funds for the WAIM Neighbor Relief Fund. The purpose of this proposal is to have Patrick design another series of cards that can be sold to raise money to support his transition after release from prison. Similar to purchases made from vendors at church events, these purchases would not be tax deductible as contributions to SCC.

Sue Irvine made a motion that we approve this fundraising request. Paul Schur seconded motion. Governing Board approved.

- b. Pam also discussed a fundraising proposal for the spring fair. She will submit the plan for inclusion in the April consent agenda but Governing Board is in agreement with the plan that Pam outlined at the meeting. The spring fair is being planned for May 8.
- 3) Jamie Lang-Rodean was present to speak on behalf of the Just Peace Ministry team. She shared plans to install an 8 ft, 4-sided, Peace Pole. "May Peace Prevail on Earth" will be written in 8 Languages. Pending UCONN approval it will be installed near the former bus stop in front of the church. For more information Jamie said we could check out www.peacepoles.com.
- 4) Duffy Brookes requested approval from the Governing Board to put a sign on Rte. 195 that says that we have office space for rent. Jane Ann Bobbitt made a motion that a sign be installed on Rte. 195 to advertise rental space available. Cass seconded motion. Motion was approved. There was a suggestion made to consider advertising in the campus newspaper as well.

The Consent agenda items were approved. Based on lagging pledge receipts noted in Treasurer report, Sue will send a reminder for inclusion in all-church email.

- That the Board approves the Minutes of the February 10, 2021, 1. meeting of the Board. . . A ..
- That the Board acknowledges receipt of the January 2021 report of the 2. Treasurer. . . A .
- That the Board acknowledges receipt of the February 2021 report of 3. the Treasurer . . A ..
- That the Board acknowledges receipt of the February 2021 report of the Buildings & Grounds Coordinator (Duffy Brookes) . . A .
- That the Board approves Outreach Ministry's Food Share partnership 5. and change in pantry location. ... A
- That the Board acknowledges receipt of Congregational Life and 6. Hospitality report (Pam Roberts) . . A .

### Placement of Pastor Matt's Gifts:

Malta provided an update on the placement of Matt's gifts. She noted that a location on the north wall of the Parish House Lounge will be used. A few pieces of art that are currently on that wall are being rearranged, but will still be in the Lounge.

Publishing Gov Bd Minutes in Carillon: The draft minutes from the February meeting were published in the March Carillon. While we all liked the idea of providing timely and transparent communication of Governing Board activities, we did not think that it was a good idea to publish draft version of minutes. After some discussion we agreed that we would plan to draft and approve minutes each month before the carillon deadline. To accomplish this we agreed on the following:

- Stacy (or alternate clerk when necessary) will provide draft of minutes 1) within 1 week of governing board meeting
- 2) Each Governing Board member will be expected to respond no later than 6PM on the Sunday after the draft is provided with their response:
  - a) Approve
  - b) Modify (provide proposal)
  - Further Discussion required (in that case, the topic will be removed from the minutes until it can be discussed and finalized at the next Governing Board meeting.

We will see how this goes for the next few months and adjust plan as needed.

Table Tennis Request/Update from Task Force for Resuming In-person Worship: Paul Schur reviewed request for Table Tennis group to resume use of space in accordance with modified COVID usage guidelines. Governing Board members were in agreement with this approach. Paul also noted that the Task Force on resuming in-person gathering will be meeting on 3/21 to discuss a path to resuming in-person gathering and to review approach that will be used when other groups ask to use the facilities.

### Pastor Debbie reviewed her Pastoral Report:

Over the past month, I provided pastoral care to church members through home visits, Zoom meetings, emails, cards, phone calls, and walks.

I hosted the Fat Tuesday Pancake dinner and offered the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday in the chapel, both in the afternoon and evening. In addition to church members and friends, three students came, and one family from the community.

I am now offering One-On-One lunchtime visits via Zoom on Thursdays at noon. So far, I have met with three church members. When warmer weather arrives, I hope to offer safe-distancing chats in the church courtyard as well as home porch/deck visits.

I continue to participate in the Hartford Seminary Wednesday prayer time and often use ideas in the Sunday services. I attended three UCC webinars: (1) The State of the Poor in the U.S.; (2) The State of Women in the World; and (3) Lenten reflections and prayers.

I am meeting with Laura and Ethan offering pre-marital counseling sessions and wedding planning. Their wedding is scheduled here on June 19.

There will be a memorial service on June 26 for Jan Muller and I have been meeting with Jan's daughter in the planning of the service.

I provided resources for World Day of Prayer on March 5 and for International Women's Day on March 8. Lisa and I offered gifts (charm and a scripture card) for the women in the church to thank them for their service.

I am involving work-study students in writing messages on our chalkboard on the front lawn.

Plans are underway to install a rainbow peace pole on the front lawn with May Peace Prevail on Earth written in eight languages. Hopefully, the peace pole will arrive in mid-April and the Just Peace ministry team has been involved in the planning.

On March 2 I attended the UConn faith meeting via Zoom and plan to invite Dr. Frank Tuitt, V.P. and Chief Diversity Officer at UConn to speak during one of our spring services. He is interested in helping "white" congregations be sensitive to issues of inclusion.

I met with Sheila Amdur of the Interfaith Working Group via Zoom to learn how I may be involved in future planning and work.

I have invited the following SNEC staff to offer a sermon during our Sunday services:

- Rev. Elizabeth Garrigan-Byerly, area conference minster, on May 16 1.
- Rev. Marilyn Kendrix, Retired Bridge Conference Minister, on June 20
- Rev. Darrell Goodwin, Executive SNEC Minister (July 18) his visit 3 will showcase SCC on the SNEC website!

I assisted in the planning of and participated in the Governing Board retreat on Sunday, March 7.

I held a second deacon's meeting on March 5 which included the following agenda items: feedback from congregation; review of responses from deacons to assist in various areas of ministry; planning for Holy Week services; Caring Ministries and Caring Connections (revised model); and preliminary planning for outdoor services in the spring.

I plan to hold a meeting with the Lead Ministry Coordinators after Easter.

Ongoing work: preparing Sunday services, Wednesday Vespers, monthly staff meetings, Search Committee and Governing Board meetings, and composing messages for weekly emails to the congregation.

### Looking Ahead

- Spring Thursdays in the chapel: "Pray, Eat, Bless" (a short prayer service with Communion at noon time)
- Weekly Prayer Chain to those interested in dedicating prayer time for congregants

### Review of tasks

- Review notes from retreat and provide feedback to Sue (ALL)
- Based on input from Treasurer, Sue will send a note for inclusion in email to remind people to send in their donations. (Sue)
- Review note from Verizon (Facilities sub team)

### Blessing & Adjournment at 9:03

### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**



## What really is FAITH Formation and How Do We Grow Spiritually?

Recently I came across an acronym for FAITH on a doodle tablet that I use from time to time. I remember writing it sometime while in graduate school but do not recall exactly why I was doodling about it then. But thought, it might be

a good piece to expand upon for discussion about holistic faith formation—that which allows our hands and feet or body, heart and head to discover, connect and ultimately uniting...

F – foundation(s)/foundational, formative, fellowship, friendship

**A** – a lasting bond with God & with others, as if the curtained opened to reveal the "real show", a deepening of faithfulness, a deepening of relationship

I – invitation to connect with God, instruction, indoctrination, inculcation

T – (Big) "T" - Tradition, teaching, training, tutelage

**H** – Heaven-on-earth, Heaven & earth tied together, hospitality, humility

I mentioned John Westerhoff's book, *Will Our Children Have Faith*, in an earlier submission to the Carillon. In that text, he labels four stages of faith development: *Experienced Faith*, *Affiliative Faith*, *Searching Faith* and *Owned Faith*. For each of the stages he identifies the human needs associated and the key components. It seems to me that these stages progress from hands, to heart, to head, finally, to the integration of all three-hands, heart, head— and gives good overview for planning for all life stages.

Refreshing my memory, I reviewed the six stages of faith formation, theologian James Fowler identified in *Stages of Faith*: Intuitive-Projective Faith, Mythical-Literal Faith, Synthetic-Conventional Faith, Individuative-Reflective Faith, Conjunctive Faith and Universalizing Faith. These theoretical stages tend to coincide with Piaget's life stages

and are helpful to remind us about our abilities to cognitively grow in faith. But how do we really provide for holistic faith formation opportunities?

I believe that fostering caring relationships across generations within, and reaching beyond, our life-giving community of faith, hope and love is the key component for holistic faith formation. John Roberto, committed to helping churches develop lifelong faith formation for all ages and generations through his many books, describes eight categories for growing in faith and discipleship include: *Caring Relationships, Celebrating the Liturgical Seasons, Celebrating the Rituals and Milestones, Reading the Bible, Learning Christian Tradition and Applying it to Life, Praying, Devotions and Spiritual Formation, Serving and Justice and Worshipping God.* This holistic approach will provide structure and goal setting for opportunities to provide for life-long learning and intergenerational faith formation for Storrs Congregational Church.

Please contact me at <u>lisa@storrscongchurch.org</u> to join in faith formation conversation. A planning team for holistic faith formation will gather in April and you are invited to join our team.

~Lisa Haupt
Director of Faith Formation

# EARTHKEEPERS BULLETIN FROM THE INTERRELIGIOUS ECOJUSTICE NETWORK



Happy Spring! Here is the Earthkeepers bulletin for this month:

Spring is finally here and April is Earth Month! IREJN invites you to our Webinar on Thursday April 8,

"Religious Communities and the Planetary Crisis," co sponsored by the

Hartford Seminary. Join us starting at 7:00 PM.

Hear prominent Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and Christian leaders tell how people of faith can impact the climate crisis.

Register here: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/religious-communities-and-the-planetary-crisis-tickets-140617341253">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/religious-communities-and-the-planetary-crisis-tickets-140617341253</a>

Then on Earth Sunday, April 25, please come to Immanuel Congregational, UCC for 10:00 AM virtual Worship to hear Mary Evelyn Tucker, best selling author and Co-Founder of the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology. To join us for the premier, please go to <a href="mailto:facebook.com/iccucc">facebook.com/iccucc</a>. You are also invited to see Dr. Tuckers's award winning documentary, *Journey of the Universe*, <a href="https://vimeo.com/36950412">https://vimeo.com/36950412</a> Password: whowouldyoube619. If you would like to be on a Zoom call to meet with Dr Tucker after Worship on April 25, please contact <a href="mailto:immanuel06105@gmail.com">immanuel06105@gmail.com</a>. The Interreligious Eco Justice Network (IREJN) hopes you'll be with us to honor our Mother Farth!

### **BUILDING & GROUNDS NEWS**

Possible Pandemic Properties Projects for Persevering People Once again, springtime plans for properties workdays have been upended by the COVID calamity. That doesn't mean that multiple opportunities don't exist for individuals and small groups on one or two weekends in May. If you can devote any time to a small or large project, simply contact Duffy Brookes at (860)872-4477 or via <a href="mailto:thebrookes@aol.com">thebrookes@aol.com</a> with a time that you are available and any preferences you have for your contribution. Listed below are a sampling of chores that are available:

- Staining/painting benches in the Courtyard
- Assisting with reorganization of the former Sewing Room
- Spreading mulch in different garden areas
- Painting exterior window frames first or second floor
- Touching up bricks with special paint around windows and doors (to coverup stray white paint)
- Removing old caulk around panels in the Meeting House
- General spring cleaning dusting, window cleaning, etc.
- Applying clear epoxy to damaged floor tiles
- Installing shades in the new Food Pantry room in the Education Wing
- Touch up painting in designated areas of your choosing

As can be seen, there is no shortage of available challenges for those who are seeking a purposeful way to come out of a self-imposed quarantine in a safe and protected way. Think about it. We've been blessed with beautiful facilities that can always use some TLC.

### CONGREGATIONAL LIFE HAPPENINGS

Anniversary Celebrations	Malia Smith	04/15
Jamie & Wes Lang-Rodean 04/16	Anne-Marie Baldwin	04/16
· ·	Barbara Brandt	04/16
<u>Birthday Celebrations</u>	Nancy Rucker	04/16
Bella Famularo04/02	Robert Kapinos	04/17
Jay Chague04/04	Karen Johnson	04/18
Sierra Jesonis04/05	Jessica Scott	04/20
Dakota Babbitt04/08	Erich Latincsics	04/21
Lyndsay Grisamer04/08	Paul Gilligan	04/22
Armand Johnson04/09	Shawnee Mason	04/22
Nancy Titchen04/09	Sally Mochel	04/22
Lindsay Irvine 04/10	Laura Morrison	04/23
Erin Scholes 04/10	Colby Soroka	04/24
Katie Rock04/11	Madeline Soroka	04/24
Brianna Vannais04/11	Gail Kapinos	04/26
Olivia Arsenault04/12	Susan Irvine	04/27
Sarah Lang-Rodean04/13	Francis Kimenyi	04/29
Bethany Litrico04/13	Leah Villar	04/29

### 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

Joshua & Dakota Conner, submitted by Charlene Dickerson

### Change to Office Hours

Effective April 8<sup>th</sup> the work study program officially ends, and office hours return to: Monday – Friday, 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM.

Please schedule all meetings (in-person and zoom) and activities taking place at the church buildings through the office to ensure that you will have access to your space and you will not affect other events.

Contact: Deborah (sccoffice@storrscongchurch.org)



# Yes, we will have a 2021 Spring Fair! MAY 8, 2021 ~ 9 AM - NOON

We are a "Green Church" -Recycle, Re-purpose, Re-gift together! More information: Contact Pam Roberts, drpampt@gmail.com

### OUTDOORS WITH SOME SPACED, INDOOR SAFE SETUPS HAVE SOME SAFE SPRING FUN Volunteers\* and Donations Needed\*\*\* Watch for Details

Beautiful Annuals, Veggie and Herb flats (Jane Joesten need help)

Perennials and wildflowers donated from your yard\*\*\*

Pre-ordered Hanging Plants Available - See Form (Jane and Deborah)

Craft Vendors welcome\* (Kathy Lindner recruiting)

Silent Auction - Items >20\$ value\*\*\* (Bonnie Chemerka)

Quilted and Fabric Gifts - Parish Piecers (Nancy Rucker liaison)

International SERRV Gifts - (Mary Lake, Karen Johnson coordinators)

Seasonal Tag Sale \*\*\* Team needed!!!(contact Pam if you can help)

Fabric and Craft Rummage Sale \*\*\* (Pam Roberts)

Outreach displays and card sales\*\*\* (Jan Hoyle)

Coffee and Snacks (Pastor Debbie Hosting)

Bake Sale\*\*\* (Eileen Metzgar coordinating & pricing)

Financial Team: Donna Latincsics., Jim Davis, Bob Malecki - need cashiers

Proceeds Benefit the Storrs Congregational Church Food Pantry in partnership with CT Foodshare/CT Food Bank to serve the community.

### **SILENT AUCTION INFORMATION**



## AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

### SPRING IS HERE....IT'S TIME FOR THE SILENT AUCTION

Looking for donations of gently used, seasonal items for the Spring Fair Silent Auction, to be held in-person at Storrs Congregational Church on May 8, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

If you would like to donate an item to the Silent Auction, please be sure it has a value of at least \$20. We are looking for seasonal items with a spring/summer theme; outdoor/indoor household items, small pieces of furniture, paintings or photo pictures, yard games, electronics, home decorations, handmade items, anything that would make for a fun spring and summer

Items for the 2021 Silent Auction can be dropped off at the church starting on Wednesday, May 5 and up until Friday, May 7 until 12:00 p.m. Drop off items to the Education wing, room 106. Please fill out a form that will be located in room 106, to register your items and /or see Deborah in the office. Please be sure to completely fill out the form and leave it with your item.

If you have any questions, or need help with no contact, safe pickup of your item, you may contact Bonnie Chemerka at 860 402-7426 or email her at: <a href="mailto:bonnie.chemerka@outlook.com">bonnie.chemerka@outlook.com</a>

Remember, at this time with safety in mind, entering the building still requires use of a face covering and social distancing.

### SPRING FAIR CRAFTS FOR KIDS!

Lisa Haupt, our Director of Faith Formation is offering a selection of spring crafts for children to make and take at the Spring Fair. Lisa will have a table available with craft supplies and samples, and will be available to greet the young guests and assist with the craft-making, just in time for Mother's Day.

### LIBRARY NEWS

2021 Springtime may be the most welcome of any in our lifetime! What a relief to learn of the reduction of COVID-19 guidelines, yet there are still warnings to "not let down our guard". The load seems lighter but the responsibility is still present for all of us. With that in mind, the library will continue to delivery books to you if you are not comfortable coming into the buildings. Please, call Janet Atkins, 860 423-5930 or email Sally Doyen, sally.doyen@gmail.com, if you would like some assistance.

We are acquiring some new titles in these transitional weeks and will provide you with information about them in the church's eNews & Notes and Weekly emails. Easter readings are always available and are being featured on our displays.

The Library Committee is working with Rev. Debbie and Claire Galvin, Communications and Digital Ministry Specialist, on new ideas of communicating with your about the great library here at your church home.

Contact: Malta Bailey, mbailey05@snet.net

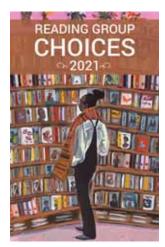
### SCC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Next Meeting Sunday, May 16th, 2021 7:00 PM via zoom

A Time to Share

At the May 16, 2021 book discussion, you are invited to talk briefly about a book that you have read and enjoyed during the pandemic.

Following the sharing, we will select four books for the next session that begins in September.



A book list will be developed for summer reading that includes all the books shared.

Contact: Malta Bailey (mbailey05@snet.net)

### **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

SCC has partnered with Foodshare / Connecticut Food Bank which will increase our ability to assist with food insecurity at UConn and in Storrs. Watch for updates about this new initiative to see how you can be a part of it!

### FOOD PANTRY OPEN

Storrs Congregational Church 2 N. Eagleville Road

### THURSDAYS 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

or by Appointment call the church office at 860-429-9382 or email: sccoffice@storrscongchurch.org

### **Everyone Welcome**

Weekly inventory choices available upon arrival.

During COVID restrictions, pantry volunteers will pack your selections while you wait.

Please bring boxes/bags for transporting items.

Face Masks or coverings must be worn at all times while inside the facilities.

> Visit our website for more information: www.storrscongchurch.org













# Pre-Order Your HANGING BASKET FLOWERS for pick up at the ANNUAL SPRING FAIR Saturday, May 8, 2021 9:00 AM - 12 Noon

### Order Form

Circle the type and indicate number ordered.		
<u>Type Color choice # Ordered</u>		
Fuschia (dark-eye/red&white)		
Million Bells		
Supertunias		
Combo Basket		
Total # of baskets:		
TOTAL PAYMENT @ \$20.00 EACH \$		
(We will try to accommodate color preferences.)		
Orders must be received by Friday, April 30 <sup>th</sup>		
Make checks payable to: "SCC" with "Hanging Baskets"		
in the memo line. Advance payment appreciated.		
Mail orders & payment to the Church Office.		
Contact: Jane Joesten (860-742-5269) joesten@uconn.edu		
Name:		
Phone:		
Email:		

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, Service Sewing, Room 207 (9:30 AM)
- Tuesday, Library Open, Education Building (9:30 AM)
- Wednesday, Food Pantry Open, 3:00 PM 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Governing Board Meeting via Zoom (7:30 PM)
- Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Prayer Shawl Meeting, *Library & Zoom (10:00 AM)*

### **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=ME9IL2U2azdYRjJnMkxPT1ZpRIQ1UT09

Telephone Access:

**Phone:** 1 929 205 6099 **Meeting ID:** 816 1627 3810

Password: 722786777 ("SCCStorrs")

### FoodShare Distribution: Thursday, April 8th & 22th 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

# Storrs Congregational Church 2 North Eagleville Rd. Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268

# RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

ORGANIZATION Non-Profit

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