

# The Carillon

STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

*Incorporated 1921*

## WORSHIP AT STORRS CONGREGATIONAL:

**June 2021**

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

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

**June 6:** Second Sunday after Pentecost and Community Service Project at 10:00 a.m.; **outdoor** coffee hour with Communion at 11:15 a.m.; labyrinth viewing in auditorium; library open

**June 13:** Third Sunday after Pentecost with **outdoor** worship service at 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting) followed by church picnic; New Members Sunday; library open (bring your lawn chair!)

Pastor Debbie Preaching; Sermon: "Flourishing"

Scripture: *Psalms 138; Mark 4:26-34*

**June 20:** Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day; recognition of graduates

The Rev. Marilyn Kendrix, Retired Bridge Conference Minister, SNEUCC, guest preacher

**June 27:** Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Open and Affirming Sunday

The Rev. James Ross II, Minister for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, SNEUCC, guest preacher

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

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## ALONG THE JOURNEY WITH PASTOR DEBBIE



Dear Ones,

June is proving to be a busy and creative month here at SCC! Our committees, ministry teams, and task forces have been busy at work, for sure! It is also so exciting to witness the expansion of our SCC Food Pantry and outreach to the community. Thank you so much for all of your leadership and dedication to the work of this church.

Here are some special announcements for this month:

**Sunday, June 6:** Service Project Sunday! This Sunday we will follow Jesus out of the sanctuary (and Zoom!) and into our community for service projects at 10:00 a.m. I hope that many of you will be able to participate in one of three projects. We will gather back at the church for coffee hour with Communion at 11:15 a.m. The library will be open as well as the labyrinth in the auditorium with Lisa Haupt as your guide. The “unofficial” sermon title for this Sunday is, “God’s Will,” – being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community to serve God’s people.

**Tuesday, June 8:** I will be offering an in-person presentation, hosted by our Library Team, on Brit’s Home in Grand Goave, Haiti, and my work there in the church library at 10:00 a.m. This will also be available for viewing on Zoom. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. I hope you will be able to come and hear more about this remarkable story!

**Saturday, June 12:** Women’s retreat, “A Prayerful Pause,” at Mercy by the Sea in Madison.

**Sunday, June 13:** An outdoor service followed by a church-wide picnic. New church members will be installed and recognized during the service.

**Saturday, June 19:** Celebrating the marriage of Laura DellaFera and Ethan Sagin here at 2:30 p.m. (Wedding rehearsal here at 4:00 p.m. on Friday)

**Sunday, June 20:** Invited guest preacher, the Rev. Marilyn Kendrix, Retired Bridge Conference Minister, SNEUCC; and the recognition of graduates by Lisa Haupt.

**June 21-24:** “Take Heart, Take Action” community service youth program led by Lisa and me with assistance from church volunteers, here at the church, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 26:** Memorial service for Jan Muller in the Meeting House at 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, June 27:** Open and Affirming Sunday; invited guest preacher, the Rev. James Ross II, Minister for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, SNEUCC  
I will be on retreat at Mercy by the Sea June 13 (after church) through June 17.

I offer you this blessing for the season of Pentecost



***May the enthusiasm of Spirit leap incessantly within you and help you to live a vibrant life.***

***May the warmth of Spirit's fire be extended through your concern and care for all those who need your love.***

***May the blaze of Spirit's courage enable you to speak the truth and to stand up for respect, dignity, and justice.***

***May the undying embers of Spirit's faithfulness support you when you feel spiritually dry and empty.***

***May Spirit's patient endurance be yours while you wait for what is unknown to be revealed.***

***May the steady flame of Spirit's goodness within you convince you every day of the power of your presence with others.***

***May you be mindful of the Eternal Flame within you. May you rely on this Source of Love to be your constant ally and steady guide. Amen.***

(Adapted from *Out of the Ordinary*, by Joyce Rupp)

Summer blessings and love to each of you,  
Pastor Debbie

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Our June 13<sup>th</sup> service will welcome new members to our church family. If you are currently a friend of SCC and would like to consider membership, please contact Rev. Debbie to schedule a time to chat with her and the deacon worship leaders. Thank you!



*John & Sharon Schneider*

John & Sharon Schneider met and married at Salt Lake City in 1972. They moved from Grand Rapids, Michigan to Connecticut to be closer to their Grandchildren. Both are retired.

John an engineer and Sharon in federal employment. Two of their three daughters live in the San Francisco area, the other in Brooklyn, NYC and a son in San Antonio. Their three indoor cats round out their home on Ellise Road in Mansfield.

**“No matter who you are or where you are  
on life’s journey, you’re welcome here.”**

# GOVERNING BOARD NEWS



## Governing Board

### Minutes

Regular Meeting -May 12, 2021

**A** = attachment in Board packet

Sue Irvine called meeting to order with prayer at 7:32 PM.

Board Attendance:

(* present)				
* Malta Bailey	* Cass Crewdson	* Paul Schur		
* Bruce Bergon	* Darryl Hilliard	* Nancy Tomastik		
* Jane Ann Bobbitt	* Susan Irvine	* Pastor Debbie Pallatto-Fontaine		
Elaine Chague	Nolan Klimkiewicz	* Stacy Malecki (clerk)		

Present to speak at this evening's meeting

Lisa Haupt was present to speak about current effort to pull together a team to help her develop the 8 pillars/spokes of Faith Formation, targeting children, adolescents and adults. Several potential individuals were identified, and members of the board will consider their interest in this activity as well.

### Consent Agenda items were approved

1. That the Board approves the Minutes of the April 14, 2021, meeting of the Board. **A**.
2. That the Board acknowledges receipt of the May 2021 Pastoral Report. **A**.
3. That the Board acknowledges receipt of the April 2021 report of the Buildings & Grounds Coordinator (Duffy Brookes) **A**.

**Task Force for Resuming In-person Worship:** Paul Schur reported that the committee will gather again to discuss reopening. Some of the churches that he has been communicating with have been holding in-person worship by reservation and with social distancing. There will also be some outdoor services over the summer which will give us a chance to gather in person.

**Chapel Committee:** Duffy has some ideas of improvements that should be made to the Chapel to make it more useful in supporting SCC ministries. Before investing in changes, he suggested that the governing board form a committee to explore potential uses and the changes that would be needed to support them. The governing board agrees and the facilities sub-team will participate in this effort and will seek others via a church email solicitation.

**Check-in on Minutes in *Carillon* and discussion of sending reports to all members of congregation:** Sue asked for feedback on publication of minutes in the *Carillon*. So far response has been positive and we will continue to do this. We also discussed the attachments which are included in the consent agenda and agreed that this would be too much material to include in the *Carillon*, but that as part of updating the website we could consider including them there.

**Tech Team Feedback:** Sue has requested feedback from members of the governing board on what is working and what is not working relative to the technology being used to provide the remote worship experience. The idea was put forth of perhaps having Work Study students assist in the Fall.

**Facilities Committee – Verizon Contract Lease Agreement update.** Paul Schur reported that discussions with Verizon have continued. He believes that we are close to an agreement. Verizon appears open to delaying the reduction in lease payments from June to January to align with our budget planning cycle. January 1 would be the new start date for the reduced reimbursements. The other concerns about future modifications are being covered in amendments to the lease agreement.

**Pastor Debbie Interim Minister Goals:** Pastor Debbie provided proposed goals for her ministry with SCC. These goals fall into 7 areas: (1) Worship, pastoral care, and attending/supporting pertinent committee meetings (2) Collaboration with governing board to continue to evolve the church governance mode. (3) Work with Faith Formation director to develop additional faith formation opportunities, (4) Increase Board of Deacons involvement in worship and spiritual life of the church, (5) Update Caring Ministries structure, (6) Support Ministry Lead Coordinators, (6) Expand community service opportunities for families.

There was some discussion about the potential that the next settled pastor might not be familiar with our church's governance model. It was suggested that the search committee communicate the roles of coordinator and explain the governance structure. It was noted that the Gist of It articles could be a good way to introduce the structure to both candidates seeking the position of the next settled pastor and also possibly to new members and those considering membership in our church. Here is the path to this information on the SCC website:

<http://www.storrscongchurch.org/about-us/governance-exploration/>

**Pastor Debbie Pastoral Report:** Some highlights include:

- Earth Day celebration and communication of Earth Day resources to congregation
- Planning several outdoor services for summer. First one will be on 5/30.
- Supporting Lisa in development of a summer camp for middle school youth
- Attended SNEC "Boundary Awareness Training Refresher" as required for all ministers
- May 19 will present at Hartford Seminary's community prayer service.
- Mental Health Sunday on 5/16 will feature guest preacher Rev Liz Garrigan-Byerly.
- Working with Claire on church website update and updates to church brochure
- Hosting spring cleaning team in Meeting House on 5/14.
- Pastor Debbie also communicated that Claire has submitted her resignation effective June 1. We will miss Claire, but are happy that she has accepted a position that will help her to move forward with her career. This will be communicated to congregation by email on Friday and mentioned during the church service. We discussed backfilling Claire's role and agreed that before we seek a replacement, further discussion will be needed – including input from Pastor Debbie and Sue regarding the current job description and Bob Malecki (treasurer – who will look at future budget implications of Verizon lease reduction) We also discussed the importance of finding a renter for the office space that we have available to rent.



## Review of tasks

- Pastor Debbie will meet with Claire to update job description. Sue will hold exit interview with Claire.
- Stacy will draft note to request volunteers for Chapel Committee
- Task force on in-person gathering will meet to discuss plans to return to in-person worship.
- Malta will lead preparation for Goodbye for Claire at service on 5/30.
- Bob Malecki will be asked to do a brief review of budget implication before progressing with the refilling of Claire Galvin's position
- Office Rental: We discussed the importance of finding a renter for the office space that we have available. Ads have been placed on appropriate Facebook sites. Nancy will send the ad to Debbie/Claire for potential additional site(s).

Blessing & Adjourment at 9:15

## Upcoming Governing Board Meeting

*Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM via Zoom*

Our Governing Board continues to hold schedule meetings 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 Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> to be added to the group.



Telephone "call in" information will be 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.

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## **INTERGENERATE CONFERENCE AND CHILDREN'S SPIRITUALITY SUMMIT**

Lisa Haupt is honored to have been invited by SNEUCC as a facilitator of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Community of Practice to attend the combined Intergenerate Conference and Children's Spirituality Summit - Conference 2021 - at the end of May. Lisa looks forward to sharing about these three days filled with great presentations and experiences with the congregation next month.



## LABYRINTH DEDICATION & WALKS



Immediately following our outdoor worship service, including a dedication of our portable Labyrinth on Sunday, May 30, meditative Labyrinth walks may be scheduled by contacting Lisa Haupt: [lisa@storrconchurch.org](mailto:lisa@storrconchurch.org)

**Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-1:00**

**Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-1:00**

**Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-1:00**

The Labyrinth is one of the most ancient symbols and spiritual tools used by humans throughout history and across all cultures and religions. The spiral pattern naturally draws people into the center. The Labyrinth is by many people all around the globe for contemplation/meditation/prayer. As a prayerful practice, one may set an intention at the threshold opening, then proceed to walk slowly and mindfully, allowing for each step to be a reminder of this shared intentional time with God. As you reach the center, you may be inclined to stay for a while, as this center symbolizes time spent resting within the heart of God. When you sense it is time to depart from the center to make your way back out. You return by the same way. With the pace that allows God's presence and action within fill you and nourish your spirit to remain with you as you re-enter the busy world.

## CELEBRATING MILESTONES! HONORING GRADUATES



Recognizing ALL graduates on Sunday, June 20, 2021. Whether graduating from preschool, middle school, high school or at the university level, we want to celebrate your milestone!

**Contact Lisa with your graduation details.**  
[lisa@storrconchurch.org](mailto:lisa@storrconchurch.org)

## OUTDOOR MOVIE

Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, movie viewing begins at dusk



Bring your lawn chair to the church courtyard and join us for an outdoor Family Fun Movie night! A popular, recent CGI-computer generated imagery film, will be shown. Popcorn & other movie snacks will be available. Due to licensing restriction, we cannot publicize the film title, you may contact the church office at 860-429-9382 for more details.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL “TAKE HEART! TAKE ACTION!”

### ...TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

4 fun-filled summer days of activities learning about the needs of our local area and serving to our community!

Have middle school children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or neighbors? Contact Lisa for more details.

**June 21-24, 2021, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM**



## HARTFORD SEMINARY COURSE – TACKLING THE ISSUE RETAINING YOUNG PEOPLE IN US CONGREGATIONS

As a short recap of my participation with this Hartford Seminary spring course, taught by Adair Lummis, I will share three insights:

1. As each generation portrays generalized characteristics specific to their generation, these ultimately affect their expectations, desires and needs of a church community.
2. Within our small class of students representing a diversity of faith traditions and congregational sizes and structures, the issue of retaining young people is strongly felt within and among each our experiences, with the exception of a very large, multi-ethnic, multi-generational urban church.
3. With these words from our instructor during our final lecture ringing loud and clear, “For congregational survival reason alone, a more intergenerationally membership would seem preferable.”

## OUTREACH MINISTRY SPRING GIVING – YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AT WORK

Your generosity to SCC supports the church's programs, including outreach to our community and beyond. During this Spring season, part of your planned giving is being sent to support the following agencies and projects.

**Silver Lake Conference Center**, the outdoor ministry of our UCC Conference is preparing to welcome summer campers to their 65 wooded acres in the foothills of the Berkshire Mountains. We are sending \$150 to be added to their scholarship funds. If you would like to know more about this beautiful facility, check it out at [www.silverlakeect.org](http://www.silverlakeect.org) or see the brochures on our bulletin board in the hallway by the elevator. Maybe a youth from your household would like to attend camp there this summer.

**Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut** is currently accepting applications for individuals who wish to move from substandard housing into their own home and have an affordable mortgage by contributing “sweat equity” hours helping to construct their home as well as homes for others in the program. A contribution of \$500 is being directed to this organization.

**Bread for the World** provides a collective Christian voice that communicates with our nation's leaders in congress to work toward alleviating food insecurity in this nation and abroad. We are contributing \$500 to maintain our membership in this group as we work in conjunction with them to promote education, understanding, and advocacy through letter writing to encourage programs that may somehow diminish widespread hunger.

Our local **Holy Family Home and Shelter in Willimantic** provides temporary shelter for homeless families while striving to place them in permanent homes. We are sending \$500 toward the costs of housing accommodations and food.

The 2020-2021 school year has not come to a close, but **Windham Area Interfaith Ministries** will soon begin planning for **new school uniforms** for the growing children attending Windham Public Schools in the Fall. Each year we support this WAIM project, as well as many other WAIM initiatives. We are contributing \$500 toward the school uniform voucher program.

For several years our church has been involved with the **Simply Smiles** program including an inter-generational group that traveled to the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota. No trip was possible this year, but in keeping with our relationship with the Lakota Tribe, we are contributing \$500 to this program. This donation to Simply Smiles will help with Youth Programming, including opportunities to explore academic career and skill-

based programs, and building a sense of community on the Cheyenne River Reservation. Construction is underway on the second foster home at the Children's village. The Simply Smiles Children's Village is a community of foster families offering a child placement option that ensures that native children who have been removed from their homes can remain with kin and community.

Thank you for your monetary support of these programs. Please pray for the leaders and all whose lives are being changed. You make some of that change possible.

## WINDHAM INTERFAITH WORKING GROUP EVENT

Dear Friends,

To live in a comfortable home that we can afford is what many of us take for granted. But for a significant number of individuals, families, and seniors in our own local towns, this is not a given. The Windham Region Interfaith Working Group is sponsoring a "Homelessness and Housing Insecurity Forum--What is happening in our Towns?" on June 14 at 3 p.m. Please see the "Hold the Date" Flyer--please share this with all your contacts, your fellow congregants, your colleagues, your neighbors and families. We will focus on what is happening in each of our towns and what we can do to improve the availability of decent, affordable housing where we each live. **Also we need your help in contacting local elected officials including members of Planning and Zoning to invite them to come to the Forum. Please contact me about helping with this in your town.**

TAKE ACTION NOW: CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR TO SUPPORT SB1024.

Go to <https://www.desegregatect.org/take-action> for more information.

Thanks,

Sheila Amdur  
860-208-1480

*If you are interested in receiving emails about state actions being taken, articles to read and current information to Desegregate CT, visit the website [www.desegregatect.org](http://www.desegregatect.org) to subscribe.*



## UPDATE ON STAFFING

Dear Church Members and Friends,

It is with regret that we accept the **resignation of Claire Galvin, our Communications and Digital Ministry Coordinator**. Claire's last day with us will be June 1 and her final worship service on May 30. At that time, we will bid farewell to Claire and wish her all the best as she assumes an advanced career opportunity and pursues a master's degree.

We are thankful for Claire's time at SCC and the important work she has done for us.

We will miss you, Claire!

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## OFFICE RENTAL SPACE

If you were not aware, SCC has a unique office space available for rental. 640 sq. ft., 2 large rooms, \$1,000/mo. including utilities, air conditioning, handicapped accessible via elevator, 2 ADA restrooms on the same floor, 4 coveted, dedicated parking spaces, private entrance from outdoors. Adjacent to furnished conference room (seats 10-12) and large auditorium available for use upon request. Located at Storrs Congregational, corner of Rt. 195 & N. Eagleville Rd.

For further information or request to tour facility, contact Deborah at the church office, 860-429-9382 or email: [sccoffice@storrsconchurch.org](mailto:sccoffice@storrsconchurch.org).

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO FRIDAY TEA TIME?

Effective May 19<sup>th</sup>, fully vaccinated members of society can once again move freely about the state and resume normal schedules and activities. Almost 15 months after the initial shut down we are gladly emerging from our “shelters” and enjoying the ability of gathering in person.

During the shut down, Tea Time, held Fridays at 3:30 PM, provided a virtual connection amongst our friends and members.



The Friday Tea Time by Zoom has finished for now. We thank Pastor Matt and Pastor Debbie for providing this time together on Zoom during the pandemic. If you feel the need for Tea Time or a similar Zoom program to resume, please reach out to Pastor Debbie.

## BEACH PORTRAIT RETURNS TO UNIVERSITY COLLECTION

For the past 95 years, a portrait of Louise Crombie Beach was in place over the fireplace mantel in SCC's Louise Crombie Beach Memorial Room. It was placed there at the time of the then Community House's dedication in 1926. Both the room and portrait are in memory of the wife of Charles Lewis Beach, who was president of Connecticut Agricultural College from 1908 to 1928. The memorial room, which underwent remodeling about a decade ago, also is home to several pieces of furniture from the Beach residence on campus.

Through the passage of time, the fact that the portrait was on loan from the University from its art collection had been forgotten, and it was only about a dozen years ago that the Benton Museum of Art rediscovered the loan documents and it was re-logged into the collection with the help of church members.

In April of this year, staff at the Benton notified the church that for the purposes of a re-accreditation process, all loaned artworks had to be returned to the museum collection.



It is uncertain whether the portrait, which was taken to the Benton on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be re-loaned to the church. In the event the portrait is not returned to the Memorial Room, the church has requested that a copy be made to hang over the fireplace mantel.

"If we are not able to reissue the loan then I don't see why we couldn't work with you to have a duplicate made for the space," wrote Rachel Zilinski, registrar and assistant curator of the Benton in an email to the church.

"I understand the Church's legacy is so closely tied to the Beachs' generosity and (we) would not be recalling it unless we absolutely needed to. I appreciate your understanding with this," Zilinski wrote.

The portrait of Louise Beach is a companion to one of Charles Beach, which has been on exhibit in the University's Thomas J. Dodd Research Center since 1995.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS NEWS

A great deal of work has been going on in the Meeting House in the past two months. All of the panels around the inside of the sanctuary have had the caulk removed and been sanded and painted. A logical question might be: “Why is all this work going on when the Meeting House is not in use except for the virtual services?” The answer might surprise you. During the last 14 months, the unoccupied sanctuary has endured extreme dryness with very low humidity. Consequently, almost all of the “framed” panels have shrunk, separating the caulk and exposing unpainted surfaces. These same dry conditions have raised havoc with the organ. Other churches have experienced similar problems with some reporting costly damage. Not only did this repair work have to be done for aesthetic reasons but, fortunately, proceeded more easily because the space has been unoccupied.

Meanwhile, the exterior wooden ramp has been rebuilt, peeling paint restored on the walls and ceiling, pews and sconces cleaned and the narthex, brides’ and grooms’ rooms reorganized. Many thanks to Reverend Debbie, Antonio, Jane Ann Bobbitt, Laurie Brookes, Kathy Hampton and Jamie Lang-Rodean for their assistance.



*Before Restoration*



*After Restoration*



## MEMORIAL PLANTING



On Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> the Schur family commemorated their daughter Gretchen (Schur) Leming, by planting a Cornell Pink azalea at the corner of the Education building. The location was selected and prepared with the gracious assistance of Duffy Brookes, our Buildings and Grounds ministry coordinator. The azalea blooms in early spring and will have pink flowers. It was a gift to the Schurs from the SCC Adult Choir, along with a 2<sup>nd</sup> one which was planted at their home. Gretchen passed away in January and would have been 52 on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Paul and Sue are eternally grateful for all the support and love they have received from the SCC Church Family.

## SUNDAY FLOWERS – ORDERING INFORMATION

1. To reserve a specific date to dedicate flowers, call the church office or sign up on the Flower Chart across from the ‘What’s Happening...’ bulletin board in the Parish House.
  - **If you want to provide your own flowers or order from a florist other than Stix ‘n’ Stones, proceed to Step 2**
  - **If you plan to order flowers from Stix ‘n’ Stones, a local florist, skip to Step 3**
2. If you are providing your own flowers, or using a florist other than Stix ‘n’ Stones in Mansfield, please deliver them to the Church Office by **4:00 PM on the Friday before**, or bring them to the Church Meetinghouse by **9:30 AM on Sunday**. We have vases available for you if necessary. Deborah can assist you with this. You are done!
3. Flowers may be ordered via phone or in person from Stix ‘n’ Stones, a local florist **who has a key to the church and will deliver your order for you. Kelly, at Stix ‘n’ Stones, is wonderful and will most likely be the person to assist you. The minimum order amount for delivery is \$35. You will be charged tax and a \$10.00 delivery fee from Stix & Stones. If you choose to pick them up yourself, you would avoid the delivery fee, but would be responsible for getting the flowers to the church on time.**

Stix ‘n’ Stones located at 1029 Storrs Rd., Storrs, CT

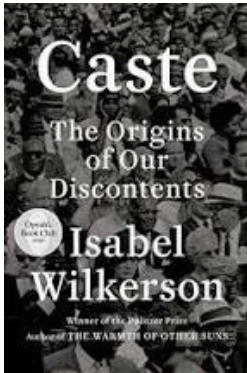


4. Call Stix ‘n’ Stones or visit in person, by the Wednesday before your Sunday date. Identify yourself as **calling for a Sunday arrangement for Storrs Congregational Church**. You may order any type of flower(s) and amount of money you desire with a **minimum of \$35, if you want them to be delivered**. If you are ordering unusual or out of season flowers, please call at least a week to 10 days ahead to be sure they can fulfill your request. **You will pay for this with your own credit card, check or cash.**

5. On the Monday of the week you've signed up to provide flowers, Deborah will send you an email reminding you that you've signed up to provide flowers and asking for the intention you'd like included with the Sunday worship service. **Please reply to Deborah's email with the intention to be shared and if you'd like to have the flowers distributed by the Caring Ministry or if you'd like to take them with you.**

That's it! Deborah is available to help you if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your participation

## SCC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



*Caste: The Origins of our Discontents* by Pulitzer Prize winner Isabel Wilkerson has been chosen for our next discussion, Sunday, September 19, 2021, 7:00 PM.

The author examines the different caste systems around the world and shows how they influence the people involved. She suggests that the social and political systems in America are shaped by a caste system. The best selling book has been named the #1 Nonfiction Book of the Year, and One of the 10 Best Books of The Year among others awards.

Availability: SCC Library, Library Connection, Local Libraries, Audio and E-book (several members have the book to loan)

## JUNE 13 BBQ PICNIC VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

**Pick a task and join a team.** Many helping hands are needed. Signup on white board near fireplace alcove OR email [drpampt@gmail.com](mailto:drpampt@gmail.com) or call Deborah at 860 429-9382 to volunteer for any task below:

By 9:30 June 13 - GRILL Readiness and Setup

8:30- 9:30 Set-up: serving and seating tables, chairs & canopies

8:45- 9:50 Food - Receive & store food; prep serving tables

9:15 - 9:50 Fellowship Host Table 2 set-ups lawn & courtyard

11:00- 11:30 Fellowship Hosts to welcome & serve

11:15 - 11:35 Food - Set out sides buffet, refresh table as needed

11:15 - ~12 Grilling Chefs & serving helper

~12:15 Move potluck serving table cleared & put out Desserts

~12:45 - 1:30 Hauling Close-up (estimate done no later than 1:30)

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported our food pantry by coming to the Spring Fair in May. Our food pantry continues to serve members of our community on Thursdays from 3-7 pm from the Food Pantry closet near the church office. Janice Castle, University Student Ministries Coordinator, and Ray Joesten, professor emeritus, continue to make connections with various campus offices and student groups to make sure food insecure students are aware of how to access our food pantry.

Work continues on the new Food Pantry room across from the library:

- Four shelving units have been assembled and two more are coming soon.
- The Coca Cola refrigerator unit is in place.
- Window blinds have been installed.

We had hoped to purchase a new large upright freezer for the pantry. However, freezers are on backorder all across the nation. What can you do to help??

- Do you have an upright freezer, in good working condition, that you would like to donate or allow us to borrow until a new unit can be found? Please contact Janice Castle at [jcastlescc@gmail.com](mailto:jcastlescc@gmail.com)
- Would you like to volunteer at the pantry on a Thursday? Contact Jane Joesten at [joesten@uconn.edu](mailto:joesten@uconn.edu)
- Monetary donations (checks to SCC with Pantry in the memo line) are always welcome, as we will purchase personal needs items and produce that may not be available through Foodshare.
- Do you want to donate items to the pantry? Current needs include: laundry and dishwashing detergent, hair shampoo and conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, spaghetti sauce, and tomato soup.
- Spread the word about our Food Pantry. Food insecurity among households in our area has increased by over 30% in the past 2 years, and food insecurity among children has increased by over 40%.....the need is real!!

Thank you for your support of this important outreach to our local community. Please pray for those who are food insecure, and pray that the food crises may be resolved so pantries are no longer needed.

## SPRINGTIME COMES TO THE LIBRARY

Earth Day came in April! Most of us realize it as a daily happening! I can remember back to the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970, and how much public planting was done by many volunteers. Presently, Town of Windham volunteers have committed to planting 325 new trees over a period of time to commemorate the beginning of the Windham's, particularly Windham Center. Projects like this beautify our world but also help improve the quality of the air we breathe. Next year remember to ride around Coventry and enjoy the efforts of their daffodil project. There is also a group in Willimantic that gathers in a designated area and picks up the trash, much of which can only be reached on foot. There are a few books on display in the library which you are welcome to borrow according to the directions on the table.

What can you do to improve the environment? There are many more books available in the library including some great flower and vegetable gardening volumes. If you think things have gotten away from you in Spring 2021 before you know it Spring 2022 will be upon us. Plan now from the decisions you made this year.

We are pleased to share with you that the library will be open following the outside worship services. Please allow time to browse the shelves and borrow a few books. We have been very lenient in the length of borrowing time throughout the pandemic and will continue it for a period of time.

On Tuesday June 8, Pastor Debbie will do a LIVE presentation in the library regarding her interests in Brit's School in Haiti. It will be a morning program which means you can come in person! Pastor Debbie will discuss the fascinating story that brought about the founding of the "Be Like Brit Foundation". This group has built a school, hired staff and services 66 children at this time. Debbie speaks proudly of her involvement in planning curriculum and participating in training teachers. Her presentation for SCC will be repeated on Thursday evening, June 10 on Zoom. A copy of the book on the foundation is available in the library. The Library Committee is happy to bring this program to you.

2021-2022 books have been selected by the Book Discussion Group. We will be purchasing those which are not on the shelves presently. We'll keep you posted as will Malta Bailey, who coordinates the events.

*Welcome back to the Edwina Whitney Library  
of the Storrs Congregational Church!*

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE HAPPENINGS

### Anniversary Celebrations

<i>Kristine &amp; Herb Ridyard</i> .....	06/01
<i>Stacy &amp; Bob Malecki</i> .....	06/07
<i>Betty &amp; Ken Hanson</i> .....	06/13
<i>Brittany &amp; Jake Kowalyshyn</i> ....	06/13
<i>Donna &amp; Peter Latincics</i> .....	06/16
<i>Trisha &amp; Christopher Dustin</i> ...	06/21
<i>Bethany &amp; William Saypalia</i> ...	06/22
<i>Jane &amp; Ray Joesten</i> .....	06/24
<i>Liz &amp; Rich Cowles</i> .....	06/26
<i>Marsha &amp; Ron Creese</i> .....	06/26
<i>Elaine Greer &amp; Susan Dwonczyk</i> .....	06/26
<i>Erin &amp; Oliver Scholes</i> .....	06/26
<i>Robin &amp; John Blomstrann</i> .....	06/27

### Birthday Celebrations

<i>Juliana Harakaly</i> .....	06/03
<i>Reed Dione</i> .....	06/04
<i>Kent Grisamer</i> .....	06/04
<i>Toby Talbot</i> .....	06/04
<i>Don Castle</i> .....	06/05
<i>Darryl Hilliard</i> .....	06/06
<i>Amanda Dixon</i> .....	06/08
<i>Eric Johnson</i> .....	06/12
<i>Patty Tanaka</i> .....	06/13
<i>Elaine Brand</i> .....	06/18
<i>Susan Dione</i> .....	06/20
<i>Laura Harris</i> .....	06/20
<i>Eric Byrant</i> .....	06/22
<i>Ron Creese</i> .....	06/23
<i>Larry Mickel</i> .....	06/23
<i>Janis Hoyle</i> .....	06/25
<i>Jennie Talbot</i> .....	06/25
<i>Drew Silliman</i> .....	06/27
<i>Krista Rogers</i> .....	06/29
<i>Andrew Marco</i> .....	06/30



The following list contains people called to active duty. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. ***Do you have someone who should be added to this list?*** Is there someone that we should be praying for as they protect and defend to the best of their ability? Submit updates to Deborah in the office.

- **Matt Allen**, submitted by Pam & Dick Roberts
- **Francis Kimenyi**, submitted by Patty Tanaka
- **Joshua & Dakota Conner**, submitted by Charlene Dickerson.

## “THANK YOU” SPRING FAIR BAKERS

The many delicious baked goods you all donated were sold to our happy customers. As always we had a delightful assortment which all sold out before 12 Noon. Not only was it great to see so many of you again we thank you for being so very generous with your talents and your smiles. In addition it was great to have you assist us with the pre-packaging.

*With much appreciation, Eileen, Sondra & Frances*

## SUMMER CARILLON CONCERT SERIES

2021 Summer Carillon Concerts  
on the Lawn

Last Sunday, June, July, August @ 5:00 PM



Bring your own picnic and chairs to this rain or shine event.

There will be video and live-stream available.

Invite your neighbors and friends to this free event and gather together to enjoy the beauty of the bells.

Restrooms located inside the building. Masks required for unvaccinated.

**June 27<sup>th</sup>** ~ John Whiteside      **July 25<sup>th</sup>** ~ Margaret Pan

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Tatiana Lukyanova

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 9<sup>th</sup>      Governing Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, *(Zoom Meetings)*  
June 12<sup>th</sup>      Women's Retreat, 8:30 AM *(carpool to Mercy by the Sea)*  
June 24<sup>th</sup>      Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 am *(Library & Zoom)*  
June 26<sup>th</sup>      Jan Muller Memorial Service, 1:00 PM *(Meeting House)*  
*reception following in the Lounge & Courtyard*  
June 27<sup>th</sup>      Concert on the Lawn, 5:00 PM *(front lawn)*

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>      Mobile FoodShare, 11:30 AM, *(Senior Center)*

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