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## October 2019

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THE BUILDING IS ACCESSIBLE. Assistive Hearing Devices available.

The church has two Automated External Defibrillators (AED). They are located by the sanctuary front door and by the exit door of Fellowship Hall.

## October 2019

10/6 World Communion Sunday 9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship, Communion, Pass-It-On

Food Cart, Church School

Worship Assistant: Nancy Johnson

**Communion Presenters:** Sharon Kandro, Megan Ettlinger, Nancy Johnson, Phyllis Clark,

Faith Fraulino

**Deacon:** Faith Fraulino **Ushers:** The Fraulinos

**Coffee Hour:** 

10/13 9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship, Rev. John Hall, guest

preacher, Church School

Worship Assistant: Megan Ettlinger

**Deacon:** Mike Enright Usher: Jennifer Renk

Coffee Hour: Victor and Solveig Bonanno

10/20 9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School Worship Assistant: Faith Fraulino

**Deacon:** Karen Rettich **Ushers:** The Grzegoreks

Coffee Hour: Sally Irons and Karen Faass

10/27 9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Worship, Church School Worship Assistant: George Law

Deacon: Megan Ettlinger

**Ushers:** 

Coffee Hour: Marcie Clark

#### **Pass-It-On Food Cart**

On the first Sunday of every month we take a collection of non-perishable food items for the Portland Food Bank. Please bring any canned, packaged or bagged grocery item to donate to the food pantry.

Items to consider donating are individually packaged foods such as crackers or juice boxes that can fit in children's lunch boxes. Paper products, cleaning supplies and personal care items are also good choices.

## The following people were remembered in our prayers:

Jeff MacDonald, Cindy Hale-deBoer, Nan Henery,
Anita Federowicz, Ann Hale, Martin Moon,
Mary Certo, Deb Heffernan, Steven Winakor,
Renee Poet, Austin Zimmer, Tracy Johnston,
Tim Fraulino, Marge Tacey, Ralph Bonanno,
Mark Vetrano, the Maillet, Claypoole and Higa
families, and the families and friends of
Joy Rutty, Rob Bresett, William Richards and
Alice Taylor

## THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

## October 6 at 1:00 p.m.



On Sunday, October 6, you are invited to bring your pet/s to the field in back of the church for a time of thanksgiving and blessing. Pets will need to be on a leash or in a cage, crate or carrier.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CHURCH?

Our next New Member Sunday will be on **December 1** (note change of date) during our 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will hold two classes in October for prospective members in order to get better acquainted with each other, our members, our church, our denomination, and our faith.

Our first informational/get acquainted meeting is on **Sunday, October 6 at 11:30**. Our second meeting focuses on our church's history and governing structure and will be held on **Sunday, October 20 at 11:30**. Childcare will be provided at both meetings.

Please speak to Rev. Hawken, e-mail the church at <u>first.church.pct@sbcglobal.net</u> or call the church office at 342-3244 and leave a message. Please respond by September 30, and also let us know if you need childcare.

## Flowers Needed for Sunday Services

Please consider dedicating flowers in honor of, in memory of, or in celebration of someone or something special. You can make a dedication by contacting Reagan Fitzgibbons, the Flower Committee representative for October, at 860 936 0341. You may also use the sign up poster in Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office.

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

All are welcome to come and knit or crochet prayer shawls on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00. We meet in the conference room at the church. You may also craft prayer shawls at home and bring them to the church to be blessed. Prayer shawls are available to give to people going through difficult times or to celebrate one of life's joys.

Please check with the church office at

Please check with the church office at 860 342-3244 if you plan to attend in case there is an unplanned cancellation.

## Memorial Garden Paver Project Phase II

Order forms for inscribed paving bricks are available in Fellowship Hall. We will place the order once we have enough bricks to install the walkway.

#### **Baptism**

On Sunday, September 22 *Emma Rebecca Coiteux* was baptized. Rebecca is the daughter of Will and Rebecca Coiteux. Her two older brothers are Jackson and David. We ask God to bless the Coiteux family.

#### **Deaths**

Joy Rutty, a long time church member, passed away on September 8. She leaves her husband Ed and four adult children and their families.

Alice Taylor died on September 23, 2019. Alice was a member of our church and the mother of Rev. David Taylor and the mother-in-law of Rev. Jane Hawken. A memorial service will be held at First Church of Christ in Glastonbury on Saturday, October 26 at 11:00 a.m.

We ask the Lord to bless the Rutty and Taylor families.

## **Wurlitzer Spinet Piano**

Great condition, lovingly maintained. Will need to transport and tune. Contact Joan Hughes at 860 342-0815 if interested.



### October 2019 Gratitude Journal ~A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

- ~ **Ann Labby and The Board of Christian Education** for the potluck luncheon on "Celebration Sunday."
- ~ All who donated to the "Pass-It-On" Food Cart for the Portland Food Bank.
- ~ **Nancy Johnson** for the Women Together "God's Amazing Grace" program booklet and organizing the "Saying Grace" supper.
- ~ **The Board of Music** for organizing the "Fall for Youth" Concert and thanks to all who baked for and participated in the concert.
- ~ Clara and Evan Guilmette and Emily Hope for sharing their musical talents with all who attended the "Fall for Youth" concert.
- ~ **Connie and Mike Wache** on their continual dedication to maintaining the Memorial Garden.
- ~ Mike Enright for providing the message on September 29.
- ~ **The women** who participate in the Prayer Shawl Ministry each week.

### "Share a Pint" Annual Red Cross Blood Drive

On Friday, November 15 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. First Congregational Church will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive. Please consider making a blood donation to help the Red Cross maintain its supply.

A sign up schedule is available online at www.redcrossblood.org if you plan to give blood.

Phyllis Clark has once again graciously agreed to be the contact person for this event. If you would like to volunteer your help by baking or volunteering on the day of the blood drive, please call Phyllis at (860) 342-3364. And thank you Phyllis for your help once again!

## Financial Picture as of August 31

Pledges for August \$8,212 Cash on Hand 8/30 \$26,657 Memorial Account \$29,283 Memorial Garden Balance \$2,052 Major Maintenance fund balance is \$6,653 Received \$10,871 from two donors towards the deficit

#### **Silver Lake Conference Center**

Thank you from Silver Lake Conference Center! Churches from Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts provided more than \$60,000 in financial support to send their young people to camp this summer. We can't do this without you! <a href="www.silverlakect.org">www.silverlakect.org</a>

## **Sunday Ushers Needed!**

The Board of Deacons is looking for our church members and friends to **Usher** this fall: greeting people as they enter the sanctuary, handing out the bulletins and receiving the offering. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Consider yourself blessed when you help out your church in this way.

#### **Help Needed for Sunday Coffee Hour**

Coffee hour is the extension of our worship service and a time to enjoy fellowship. We need your help to keep this time honored tradition going and we have tried to make it as simple as possible by providing the coffee, creamers, children's juice and snack. All you need to do is set up, make the coffee, clean up, and provide some kind of refreshment if you wish. Won't you please consider helping in this way? Look for the poster in Fellowship Hall to add your name to the list.



## **October Birthdays**

- 1 Matthew France
- 1 Doris Katt
- 2 Tony Rotundo
- 2 Lucille Vibberts
- 2 Gail Bergan
- 3 Larry Onofrio
- 3 Andrea Alfano
- 6 Harley Carroll
- 8 Wendy Neill
- 8 Barbara Carlson
- 8 Margarte Chalfant
- 8 Molly Leary
- 10 Ronald Tomaschko
- 12 Clara Guilmette
- 12 Tyler Quinn
- 14 Dalton Morehouse
- 14 Bianca Vibberts
- 14 Nicholas Vibberts
- 14 Tom Linskey
- 18 Brady Fraulino
- 19 David Soderberg
- 21 Kristan Young-Sorrell
- 21 Sandra Lavoy
- 22 Margaret Mearman
- 22 Sean Mazza
- 23 Debra Law
- 24 Madeline Brunk
- 25 Sarah Levesque
- 26 Eleanor Crowther
- 26 Kelle Young
- 27 Michaela Sweeney
- 28 Rebecca Johnson
- 28 Debra Hunt
- 29 Sean Fitzgibbons
- 29 Susan Perrotti
- 31 Stephen Johnson
- 31 Amanda Zajac



# GRACEFUL OUTREACH Dress A Girl Around the World Kids Capes of Courage





## DATE: Wednesday, October 23 TIME: 7:00 p.m.

We invite everyone to this evening when we will gather to work on two very important mission projects. Kids Capes of Courage was brought to the church by Jeannette Hodge, and Karen Faass introduced us to Dress A Girl Around the World.

## **Kids Capes of Courage**

This ministry was created by the women of Northampton United Methodist Church in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Their mission is meant to brighten the lives of children and provide encouragement and joy during a difficult time. They do this by providing capes to children who are hospitalized, in medical treatment, in foster care homes, or receiving services from agencies serving children.

#### **Dress A Girl Around the World**

Hope 4 Women International began this program in October 2009 and since then has distributed more than 450,000 dresses to 82 countries! By giving a girl a new dress her destiny could be changed forever. A new dress gives a girl an appearance of being cared for and may discourage would-be predators. A Dress a Girl label is sewed on the outside of each dress sending the message that this girl is under the care of an organization and gives her added protection from those who might want to harm her.

Please join us on this evening to learn more about these missions, to cut fabric, assemble kits, sew, iron, and enjoy fellowship together. May the grace of God touch you to do God's work with your hands as we provide capes and dresses to those in need.

## Progressive Dinner Canceled You Are Invited to Our Harvest Dinner

The progressive dinner scheduled for October 5 has been canceled due to a date conflict with the Portland Fair.

You are invited to a delicious harvest dinner on Saturday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m. The menu will include baked ham, roasted root vegetables, macaroni and cheese with apple crisp for dessert. Children, of course, are encouraged to attend. Further information and a sign-up sheet will be posted in Fellowship Hall shortly.





## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH!

#### **Celebrating 298 Years!**

In the spring of 1710, some 12 families met to consider building a meeting house on the east side of the Connecticut River. This was the beginning of the Third Society of Middletown; later known as

Chatham, and finally, Portland. Four years later, the General Assembly in Hartford granted permission for this group to "become a society of themselves," and a site for their meeting house was chosen (present junction of William and High Street where you will find a small brownstone monument marking the spot). There were 18 men who posted bond to fund the building of the meeting house, and in the autumn of 1720, they voted to call their first minister. On **October 25, 1721**, the Reverend Daniel Newell was ordained. Our church was formed!

In celebration of our 298<sup>th</sup> anniversary year we will be displaying our 275th Anniversary Quilt in Fellowship Hall for all to enjoy. This signature quilt made in 1996 was lovingly made with the help of 110 families of our church. Each person contributed a square using their own meaningful fabric with a universal pattern. The pattern that was used was inspired by a quilt made by Betsey M. Wright Lee in the 1800's entitled "Betsey! I wish you a Merry Christmas." Each square is signed and contains a meaningful message from its contributor. This quilt is a precious keepsake and stands as a lasting remembrance of that special year.

## From the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

We are very busy preparing for this big event which will take place in 2021. The committee wishes to invite you to check out our bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and see who we are and what we are all about. You will find our logo, mission statement, and other pertinent information.

#### Bell ringer/Candle lighters

The following students will be Bell ringer/Candle lighters during the month of October. If your child cannot make this date or would like to be taken off the list please let the office know as soon as possible. If you child would like to be added to the list please call the office to add them to the list.

October 6October 13October 20October 27
Jude Ettlinger
Brennan O'Connor
Ally Dudzinski
Noah MacDonald

#### **October Church School Schedule**

October 6: Week 1 Student worship, Communion training

October 13: Week 2 Regular Classes, Fire Drill

October 20: Week 3 Regular Classes

October 27: UNICEF Carnival, All children invited.

Will need at least 6 helpers. (adult/teen)

#### **SUPER SATURDAY**

On Saturday, October 5, I will be attending workshops and classes all day in Massachusetts. This is presented by the UCC. Some of the workshops I will be taking will be: "Do It Yourself Vacation Bible School," and "Choosing and Adapting Curriculum Resources." Looking forward to learning and sharing with all of you. Ann Labby

#### Join the Adult Bell Choir!

The Adult Bell Choir will be performing during worship on November 24th and December 22nd. We are always looking for new people to join the 'Ding-a-Lings' Crew. If you can make the rehearsals on the following Thursdays let Kasha know you would like to ring!

The Thanksgiving Service is on Sunday, November 24 at 10:00 a.m.

Rehearsals are Thursdays, November 7, 14, 21 from 6:00-6:45 p.m. and Sunday morning November 24 at 8:30 a.m.

The Christmas Service is on Sunday, December 22. Rehearsals are Thursdays December 5, 12, and 19 from 6:00-6:45 p.m. and the rehearsal on Sunday, December 22 is at 8:30 a.m.

Kasha can be reached by emailing her at harpplayer@sbcglobal.net



#### **Notes from the Christian Education**

I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful Celebration Sunday. We are so blessed. We look forward to a fun and educational year with everyone! Ann Labby

#### HELPERS NEEDED

I know I'm always asking but we really need adult or high school age helpers in the infant /toddler room. If you can help one Sunday a month or be a substitute please see Ann Labby ASAP. Labbyannm@gmail.com

## What Is Available To Your Children

The following programs are available to your children.

The Infant /Toddler room is open and staffed every Sunday for children up to three years old.

**One Room Church School**: Children 4 year old to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Youth Group:** For students Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Teen Group:** For students 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Adult helpers are needed. For information on any of these, please contact Ann Labby at labbyannm@gmail.com

#### **BIBLE SUNDAY**

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> students in third grade received their new Bibles. The students attended a Bible class conducted by Rev. Hawken and Ann Labby on September 15<sup>th</sup>. It was fun and educational. The Bibles the students received each have a Bible verse and their names written in them. Congratulations! The following received their Bible this year:

Laila Dietrichsen Allyson Dudzinski Brennan O'Connor

## Students Please Bring for Student Worship Sunday, October 6, 2019

Student Worship on Sunday, October 6 will be our Communion Training Class. We will teach the students how to pass the communion trays. We will learn what Communion Sunday means.

Students please bring a souvenir from a vacation trip you have gone on. We will not be keeping them but just talking about them.

#### **UNICEF Carnival & Potato Luncheon**

Our UNICEF Carnival will be Sunday, October 27. We will have games, face painting and pumpkin decorating. So, bring your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars to donate to UNICEF if you would like to participate in any of these activities.

The UNICEF Carnival will take place during church school time. Following the worship service we will have a Baked Potato Luncheon. Fix your own jumbo potato with many toppings. The cost is \$5.00 and includes a beverage. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Luncheons are available TO GO also. The money raised from the Potato Lunch will go to a Mission Project decided by the church school students.

## **Calling All Kid Singers!**

We are excited to offer an opportunity to all children grades 2 and up to come and sing during two Sunday Services this Holiday Season. In an effort to make it a small time commitment, there will only be two rehearsals prior to each Sunday Performance. Here are the details.

**Performance:** Sunday, November 24th (arrive at church at 9:15)

Rehearsals:

Tuesday, November 12th from 4:00-4:30 Tuesday, November 19th from 4:00-4:30

**Performance:** Sunday, December 22nd (arrive at church at 9:15)

Rehearsal: Tuesday, December 17th from 4:00-4:30

Do not hesitate to contact Kasha Breau at 860-983-6065 with any questions or concerns. If you have a child who is interested, but cannot make the rehearsals please let Kasha know. We are trying to create a family friendly rehearsal schedule and feedback on this is welcome!

Be joyful and sing as you come in to worship the Lord. Psalm 100:2

#### MORE INFORMATION NEXT MONTH

The Christmas Pageant planning is underway. Please mark your calendars for December 15th during the church service with a hot cocoa and cookie feast to follow! If your child would like to participate (either speaking or non-speaking part) please see Ann Labby.

## **October's Christian Education Calendar**

October 6 – 11:30 a.m. Christian Education Board Mtg. October 13 – Church School Fire Drill

October 27 – UNICEF Fair – Baked Potato Luncheon

Dear Friends.

At baptisms, we have all heard this question asked of parents. "By what name will this child be known?" Names ... we all have one. Some are passed down from generation to generation, some are unique, some are familiar but each name is significant for many reasons. A name is the most important means by which someone identifies and refers to you. Our names appear on legal documents from the beginning to the end of life ... birth certificates, baptismal certificates, social security cards, drivers' license, marriage license, death certificates. It is said that there is no sweeter sound than to be called by your name.

I once learned a valuable lesson from a volunteer I worked with at Middlesex Hospital ... he was a hardworking man with a most generous spirit of service. He was a refugee and his name was unfamiliar to us. As was our practice, we ordered a hospital name badge for him and placed it on the name badge board. When he arrived for his first day of volunteering, he took the badge off the board, and came to desk and said "My name is spelled wrong on this tag." We apologized and told him we would reorder the badge and have a new one for him the following week. The new badge arrived and was placed it on the name badge board. When he arrived, he again took the badge down and brought it to the desk. The first name had been corrected, but his last name was spelled incorrectly. We were embarrassed and again apologized to this most gracious man. The following week when he arrived to volunteer, he took his badge off the board and thanked us. He then said something that I have never forgotten, "Thank you for having my name badge fixed. When I left Cuba to come to America, the only thing I could bring with me was my name and that is why it is so important to me." I have never forgotten this humble gracious man and his story.

When you attend worship on Sunday mornings, you will find that we are returning to the practice of wearing nametags. As our church family grows, we want guests and new members to feel welcome. Greeting one another by name is one way we can extend the hand of fellowship to fellow church members and guests. Please check your nametag carefully to be certain your name is spelled correctly and that we have used the name you wish to be called.

I look forward to seeing you as we get into the fall swing of church activities.

Jeannette Hodge Church President

#### **Pray It Forward**

"Pray It Forward" was brought to our attention by the youth of the church several years ago; has now found a new home with our Missions Board, and we are delighted to support this project. The idea is to use your heart and share a gift.

It began on Celebration Sunday and we thank Julia Hall for agreeing to be our first volunteer in the program. Every two weeks a volunteer will receive \$50.00 from the Missions Board to donate to a charity, a charitable fundraiser, soup kitchen, food bank, special program, organization or someone in a family in need who is important and meaningful to you...or the gift does not need to go to someone you know; it can go to support something or someone anywhere in the world.

Be Creative!!! Have you ever seen that one person on your way to work who could use a winter coat? How about purchasing one, keeping it in your car and passing it along when you see him on a blustery, winter day? If you volunteer, you will have two weeks to make a donation and then come back to the congregation and share your "giving story" on how you chose to spend the money and why. A guideline sheet that summarizes all of the information is available...not to worry. The Missions Board is here to help.

Let's make a difference and Pray It Forward!!

Heather Faass Sally Irons Karen Faass Cheryl Lee Beth Gould-Ruitto Jan Poet

Jane Hawken Suzanne Roberts

#### **WOMEN'S NEWS**

The Women's Fellowship held their first meeting of the year on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> with a program entitled "Saying Grace." We enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner and a wonderful fellowship time together. A brief summary of the meeting that followed includes these items.

We had a discussion of memorial service receptions which we would like to continue to offer and decided to formulate a list of what we will provide and the cost.

Cheer cards will be sent out four times a year. At our February meeting we will be looking into the possibility of purchasing new chairs for Fellowship Hall.

We will talk with the Music Board regarding the purchase of a new cover for the Fellowship Hall piano.

The cost per person for our March retreat will be \$30 per participant and anyone interested should contact Karen Rettich. Details can be found in the program booklet available in the church narthex and Fellowship Hall.

Dear Friends,

I read an essay by Pico Iyer titled, "The Beauty of the Ordinary." In part, it touches on the lessons we gain from the autumn season. He writes "... people relish autumn days precisely because they're reminders of how much we cannot afford to take for granted, and how much there is to celebrate right now, this shining late September afternoon."

Coincidentally, I am writing this letter on a "shining late September afternoon." I am visiting at a nursing home – gazing out the open window and taking in the beauty of the ordinary: grass, trees, roses, birds in flight, and the effects of a gentle breeze.

Specifically, I am sitting by my mother-in-law's bedside as she lays dying. I happen to be alone with her right now, but family and friends and nursing home staff have been here with their comforting presence, skilled hands, loving words, and heartfelt prayers.

As the fall days cool and shorten, and the leaves turn color and drop from the trees, these changes remind us to celebrate what we have right now. Celebrate life. Celebrate love. Things come to an end. Lives come to an end. But as Pico Iyer reminds us, we can be grateful.

Alice's long life – 99 years! – is about to come to an end. The ultimate change is upon her as she passes from this world to the next. We give thanks on "this shining late September afternoon" for a woman who has devoted herself to her family, her faith, and her friends. Moreover, she loved New England with its changing seasons and its beautiful countryside, mountains, woods, lakes, rivers, and ocean waters.

Things come to an end. Lives come to an end. But one's legacy lives on. Beauty lives on. In the ordinary, we find the extraordinary. Together let us give thanks for nature, for people precious to us, and for the extraordinary grace and goodness of God.

Yours in faith,

Jane

P.S. A couple hours after I wrote this letter on September 23 (the first day of autumn), Alice passed away. David was with her and it was very peaceful. We feel very blessed for Alice's wonderful life.

#### The Board of Missions

The Board of Missions will be taking up a collection for an organization we support, Hawkwing, Inc.; it was founded by Rochelle Ripley nearly 20 years ago. Rochelle has delivered several sermons in the pulpit, informing us of her work on the Cheyenne River Lakota/Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. Hawkwing brings basic needed items to some 2,600 children and 500 elders who call the reservation home. For the month October, we will be collecting items such as clothing for children and young adults, toys for infants and toddlers, school supplies and personal hygiene articles. The list of the specific items is posted in Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to participate, please take a closer look at the list; donated items can be dropped off at the Missions Corner in Fellowship Hall. All donations need to be to the church by November 1<sup>st</sup> as their next trip to the reservation is December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thank You!

The Missions Board

The Rev. John Hall to Guest Preach on October 13 On Sunday, October 13, the Rev. John Hall will graciously serve once again as our guest preacher. John's topic is mental illness and his sermon title is "He Has Gone Out Of His Mind." Pastor Jane will be in Florida visiting with her mother from October 9 – 14.

## United Church of Christ's Neighbors in Need Offering Received Sunday, October 6

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering that supports the ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of Neighbors in Needs funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants for a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. The envelopes can be found in the church pews.

## St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen Supper

Twice a year, the Portland churches provide and serve supper to those in need at the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen. Our first scheduled meal for the fall/winter season is Sunday, October 27. If you are interested in helping with this mission project, look for the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall for a list of needed menu items.

