

The Carillon

STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

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MAY 1: EASTERTIDE LESSONS & CAROLS WITH COMMUNION

Communion presided over by Rev. Lois Happe

Recounts the events of Jesus' resurrection and the days following through gospel readings drawn mostly from Luke and John. Interspersed with the readings is a rich tapestry of music and texts from across centuries and places.

MAY 8: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER AND MOTHER'S DAY AND CWS BLANKETS AND TOOLS OFFERING

Rev. Michael Ader preaching

MAY 15: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Michael Ader preaching

MAY 22: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Linda Choser preaching "Entering the Pool"

Scripture: John 5:1-9

MAY 29: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Kate Alexander preaching

Our monthly newsletter contains material about what's happening in the ministries of the Church; Governing Board actions; Church Family news; and information about upcoming meetings, events and celebrations. Feedback is greatly appreciated via email, sccoffice@storrscongchurch.org.

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BUILDING & GROUNDS NEWS

May is the perfect time to beautify our buildings and grounds and prepare for summer. Thoughts for projects range from simple to complex and short-term to several hours, something for everyone. Watch for emails with details. Please contact Duffy Brookes (thebrookes@aol.com) if interested.



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SCC UPDATES FROM GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR

The following information will bring you up to date with plans for worship at SCC along with office and program coverage beginning Sunday May 1, 2022.

Trisha, together with Elaine Chague and the Worship Team, has developed an Eastertide Lessons and Carols service for this Sunday, May 1. A service of readings and hymns will be offered and Holy Communion will be served by the Rev. Lois Happe. Rev. Lois is a retired conference minister and known by many in our congregation.

On May 8 and 15 the Rev. Mike Ader will provide pulpit supply. Rev. Mike is a retired UCC minister and resides in Coventry. Rev. Mike has experience as a settled minister and as an interim minister.

On May 22 Linda Choser, a graduate of Hartford International University for Religion and Peace (previously Hartford Seminary), will provide pulpit supply. Ms. Choser has preached at SCC on a previous occasion.

On May 29 and June 5, Kate Alexander will be at SCC leading our worship service. Many of you remember Kate as a regular attendee at SCC and guest preacher. Kate has recently graduated with an MDiv from Chicago Theological Seminary and is seeking her first call as pastor of a church.

Brief bios of our pulpit supply ministers will be provided in the appropriate Sunday bulletin.

The Search Committee continues to review candidates for the position of settled senior minister. While the search process continues, the Governing Board has advertised and is seeking to fill a “bridge minister” position. The minister would provide worship services and two to three days per week for pastoral care and in assisting Lead Ministry Coordinators and others. I think it is reasonable to consider that we may be worshipping and carrying out our outreach programs for three to six months without a settled senior minister. This should be viewed more as an opportunity for us than a problem.

We all may become more involved with supporting our programs and one another. Deacons may be called upon more frequently to assist with home visits. The Worship Coordinators and Worship Team may become more involved with our worship services. We should look upon this time as an opportunity to use our skills and talents in different

ways. This can be a time of renewal and strengthening the congregation and our programs.

Until further notice, I will be assuming “head of staff” in supporting and coordinating staff members. Deborah will continue her duties as Office Administrator and the daily oversight of Antonio so that he is aware of who is using our facilities and the assistance they may need. Lisa will be working on Faith Formation opportunities and Ellen will provide support in areas of our internet presence, digital communication, and prayer circle.

Deborah has recently developed a useful listing of timelines for the submission of reports and requests. That information will be shared with those in current leadership positions and is also available on request.

As a reminder, questions relating to finances such as what account to use to pay a bill; funds being collected for a specific cause/event; where to post funds collected should be directed to Elizabeth Cowles, treasurer treasurer@storrsconchurch.org ; Donna Latinsics collector@storrsconchurch.org or to Deborah; scoffice@storrsconchurch.org as they work as a team. Each program has its list of accounts and those supervising the program should become familiar with the accounts supporting their programs.

It is important that we communicate effectively with one another and the more information sharing the better. Both Deborah and Ellen can assist with announcements, the church bulletin, emails, and the internet. The monthly Carillon contains the Governing Board minutes as well as reports from the Lead Ministry Coordinators.

I will admit to you that when Rev. Debbie announced that she was leaving, my first thought was “Hmmm I wasn’t planning on that.” But in the time since that announcement I know that this is a time for Rev. Debbie to pursue some things she is passionate about. Can’t you just picture her accompanied by her smile as she steps off the helicopter in Haiti?

I’m confident that with our current lay leadership and your involvement we will present to our new senior minister a congregation pleased to be carrying out God’s plans for us and our church.

Peace be with you,

Paul Schur, Chairperson, Governing Board



Governing Board *Minutes*

Regular Meeting -April 13, 2022

A = attachment in Board packet

Attendance: Bruce Bergen, Elaine Chague, Cass Crewdson, Deborah Gacek (present as a public member), Lindsay Irvine, David Jordan, Pastor Debbie Pallatto-Fontaine, Annetta Miller (Clerk), Paul Schur (Chair), Zoe Strickler, Nancy Tomastik

Call to Order: Paul Schur called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The group joined together in an opening prayer.

Present to Speak: None

Consent Agenda

MOTION: The board unanimously approved the following items from the consent agenda on a motion by David Jordan and a second by Nancy Tomastik.

- That the Board approves the minutes of the March 9, 2022, meeting of the Governing Board.
- That the Board approves the minutes of the March 23, 2022, meeting of the Governing Board.
- That the Board acknowledges receipt of the March 2022 report of the Treasurer
- That the Board acknowledges receipt of updates from the Lead Ministry Coordinators.

Old Business

Spring Fair Fund Raiser

Plans for the fundraiser are successfully moving forward. There were no new items to be discussed

Chapel Rejuvenation

- Plans are proceeding apace on the chapel rejuvenation project.
- Paul Schur said the church has signed a contract with Stafford Mechanical for the project, as approved by the congregation on April 4.
- David Jordan noted that Building and Grounds Chair Duffy Brookes has been in contact with the church's electrician about when the electrical work can be scheduled.
- Paul thanked Nancy Tomastik for helping to fund the project and for keeping it moving forward.

Personnel Committee Report

Personnel Committee member Cass Crewdson said the committee has finished its initial review of the personnel manual/employee handbook. She noted that certain portions—particularly a section about timesheets—are out of date and need revisions. Further discussion is needed, and Cass will work with David Jordan on the update. The revisions are expected to be ready for final discussion at the May meeting.

Playground

David Jordan reported on his inquiries into potential liability issues arising from opening the church playground to the community. He has been in contact with SCC's insurer, who indicated that if appropriate fencing and signage are in place, there should be no impact on insurance premiums or liability. The playground would simply require secure fencing and signage indicating the playground hours and who is allowed to enter.

New Business

Resignations

Motion: To accept the resignations of Bonnie Chemerka as Governing Board member effective March 29, Kathy Hampton as Caring Ministries Co-Coordinator effective April 7, and Pam Roberts as Congregational Life and Hospitality Coordinator effective June 30. The vacancies were referred to the Leadership Discernment Committee,

which is charged with finding replacements. The motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Search Committee

Cass Crewdson offered a brief update on the work of the committee, reporting that committee members had conducted one interview and had scheduled another. Dave Jordan cautioned against rushing to make a final selection from the candidates now in front of the committee. It was emphasized that the search is still open, even though interviews have begun.

Pulpit Supply

The church has identified pulpit supply pastors to serve during the month of May. A service of Eastertide Lessons and Carols will be held on May 1, with retired UCC pastor Rev. Lois Happe officiating. Mike Ader, a retired UCC clergy member, will preach on May 8 and May 15th.

Reopening Task Force

Paul reiterated that at least one person who attended a recent event at the church had tested positive for Covid-19. Paul said the Task Force on Reopening would be meeting soon to discuss what, if any, changes to the church mask policy should be made. The current policy is that masks are optional in the sanctuary and church buildings.

Discussion

Paul asked for the board's thoughts on the policy, and board members noted the following:

- Hospitalizations may provide the best indication of COVID's prevalence and while hospitalizations have increased, they have not increased in an incremental manner. Some board members said they did not see cases decreasing anytime soon, however.
- The optimal timing for getting the second booster is unclear
- Boosters have a finite window of effectiveness
- Paul has been in contact with the health director for the Town of Mansfield, who advised getting the second booster as soon as possible
- Boosters are especially important for those who are traveling.

- People who have received both boosters are still coming down with COVID

Administrative Considerations

Deborah Gacek, Office Administrator, compiled a timeline of due dates for church reports, which has been circulated to the board and church members. Paul encouraged anyone with questions about when and where to send reports to contact Deborah.

Dave Jordan inquired about whether changes to the phone answering system have been put in place. Deborah said the phone rings three times in the office before rolling over to a menu of staff members' extensions. It was noted that the phone tree system does not always include individual names. Deborah said she is open to exploring improvements to the system.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Debbie delivered her last report as Interim Pastor at SCC, saying she is thankful for the board's leadership and support during her time here. She wished the board all the best moving forward and preparing for a new pastor's arrival.

She reported attending the following meetings over the previous month: Pastoral Relations, Personnel Committee, and Outreach. In addition, she met individually with the Lead Ministry Coordinators.

Other activities during the month included:

- helping with the Food Pantry
- providing guidance in filling ministry vacancies.
- updating of the Employee Handbook, which will be shared with the staff during a meeting on April 21 along with our transition plan.
- reaching out to and welcoming several new people and students who have been attending worship on Sundays
- writing a role description for deacons and overseeing the updating of the active deacons list. The list and new description were shared with the Diaconate and with the Governing Board.

- providing individual pastoral counseling and also home visits in April.
- meeting with The Rev. Kurt Walker from the conference in a final interview/video on the conference's time capsule project highlighting our ministries--especially our food ministry – and how SCC has managed worship, etc. during Covid
- meeting with a student from Hillel who is doing a photo-journal story on clergy in Faith Row. The student took Rev. Debbie's photo in front of the church.
- leading a Peace Vigil service in the chapel on March 17 with good attendance and coverage by *the Chronicle*.
- facilitating Lenten book discussions on March 30 and April 6 with great conversation on ways to expand our food ministry to make it more relational. A Leadership Team and a shared meal with church members are ideas under consideration.
- leading several Holy Week events, including a Service of Shadow and Light on Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion; a Contemplative Walk in Action visiting our partner organizations in Willimantic; and a Good Friday service at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel.

Debbie's farewell service will be on April 24. She will spend the last week in April doing final home visits and meeting with church members and leaders to ensure a smooth transition. Her exit interview is scheduled for April 25.

Debbie plans to return on May 21 for a renewal-of-marriage-vows service in the Meeting House as she has already been working with the couple. She will also be assisting Pam Roberts with the "Building Bridges" event to be held here in June.

Discussion: Dave Jordan asked if there are any privacy issues associated with holding a shared meal with food pantry clients. Pastor Debbie responded that while there theoretically could be confidentiality concerns, the meal would be completely voluntary and meant to build on the friendships members of the church have built with food pantry

clients. She added that the idea for a shared meal is a preliminary one and still under consideration.

Tasks:

- Cass to provide personnel manual for discussion
- Paul to move forward with keeping people informed about the search for a Bridge Minister and about decisions by the Reopening Committee on mask policy

Pastor Debbie closed the meeting with the prayer, “The Easter Challenge,” from the book, *Out of the Ordinary: Prayers, Poems and Reflections for Every Season*, by Joyce Rupp.

On behalf of the Governing Board, Paul presented Pastor Debbie with a candle centerpiece, wishing her good luck in the future.

Adjournment was at 7:45 p.m. The next regular monthly meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, at 7:00 pm.

--Respectfully submitted by Annetta Miller



Upcoming Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 PM in the Lounge and via Zoom

Our Governing Board will meet in person in the SCC Lounge and 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, May 6th to be added to the distribution.



Ministry Coordinator reports should be submitted to the office a week prior to the meeting to be distributed with the rest of the meeting materials for use at the meeting.

BLANKET & TOOLS SUNDAY ~ MAY 8TH

On Sunday, May 8th, we will observe Church World Service Blanket and Tool Sunday. This program provides basic emergency supplies, as well as tools and resources for long-term recovery and development to communities in need.

Your financial support, combined with gifts from many denominations, supports a variety of projects that provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and small business loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs, something CWS has learned through some 70 years of working in partnership around the world. Hunger is the number one risk to global health, killing more people each year than AIDS, malaria and TB combined. We have a cure for hunger - food - and there is enough produced in this world to feed everyone. In many places in this world, food exists in the marketplace or could be grown in the environment, but vulnerable populations lack access or resources to buy or grow the food or secure the water needed to flourish. One key to solving hunger is to address the root causes of hunger with transformational development projects that give not a hand-out, but a hand-up to our brothers and sisters in need.

You may become a part of this work by using the envelope included in this issue of the Carillon. Please make out your check to Storrs Congregational Church with Blankets and Tools in the memo line. The envelope may be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on May 8th. It is one way you may recognize Mothers' Day.

By Janis Hoyle, on behalf of Outreach Ministry





Rain or Shine



SPRING FAIR

at Storrs Congregational

“In Person” Community Outdoor & Indoor Event
Great for Gardening, Mother’s Day and Graduation Gifts

Saturday, May 7 - 10 to 2

& Sunday, May 8 - 9 to 2

- ★ Plants ★ Bake, Tag & International Gift Sale ★
- ★ Silent Auction ★ Craft & Gift Vendors ★

Funds raised will support Environmental Justice Initiatives.

Everyone Welcome!



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Cole Heitmann



Amanda McCard



Jack DiCicco



Mary Wydan



"Tuesday Talks" Easter Egg Hunt



Jack & Cole at Palm Sunday Brunch



Our Ukrainian Easter Eggs

Special thanks to Jan Castle for her instruction, planning and materials to create the Ukrainian Easter Eggs.

First year UConn student, Cole Heitmann, from Milford, CT, considered the cornerstone of our student group will lead the renewed SCC student ministry, *UCC UConn*, for the 2022-23 academic year. Cole, who plans to complete the necessary steps to make this group an official club before departing Storrs for the summer, says, “I am really proud of how the club has grown and I hope to see it thrive in the future.”

Learning about the *Tuesday Talks* at a Carillon concert during the WOW weekend at the start of the fall semester, Cole attended the very first “Tuesday Talks” in September 2021 AND every Tuesday session thereafter. Amanda McCard, also a first year student, joined Cole, along with Jan Castle, Andy McCabe, Erin Scholes and Lisa Haupt on Tuesday evenings to chat and snack throughout the fall semester. You may remember seeing Cole and Amanda on our SCC website and Facebook page for our online Advent Candle Lighting and, perhaps, you heard their voices as they participated in the daily Advent story readings in December.

At the start of the spring semester, Cole encouraged middle school friend and transfer student from Culinary Institute of America, Jack DiCicco, to join us. Soon thereafter, first year student, Mary Wydan, began regularly attending as well. Conversation about making this group official ensued while Jan Castle taught us how to decorate Ukrainian Easter eggs. The intricate process took several weeks to complete and the decorated eggs, in the photo below, were on display in the Meeting House narthex prior to Easter Sunday worship.

On Palm Sunday Jack brought his chef skills into the SCC kitchen to assist with preparation of the Southern Brunch and Cole volunteered to help with brunch clean-up, see the photo below. We are excited to have these UConn students participating with Storrs Congregational and look forward to continue getting to know and grow in relationship with this spirited group of “*UCC—Unconventional Curious Compassionate—UConn*” students.

Peace and joy,
Lisa

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY LOFT!

L. Cameron Johnson Memorial Organ Competition

June 4, 2022

11:00 o'clock

Awards ceremony at 1:00 o'clock

We are back in person this year! The playing begins at 11:00AM and the results are usually available by 1:00PM. A light luncheon follows while we await the judges' awards.



This year we had seven highly qualified applicants from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania. The level of repertoire and musicianship was quite advanced. We look forward to having an excellent competition. The selection process is always challenging when the field needs to be narrowed by more than half to just three finalists. Our stellar judges (whose names cannot be divulged until afterwards) also hail from both near and far.

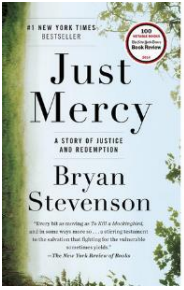
Many thanks to Storrs Congregational Church for continuing to sponsor the First Prize of \$1,500. The Hartford and Northeastern Connecticut Chapters of the American Guild of Organists sponsor the Second and Third prizes and the judges' stipends. Our organ technicians offer a free tune-up the week before. It continues to be a good collaboration with advertising provided to us at no charge at the national level. I'm always very proud to see the names of our former winners on concert announcements and new job postings.

Soli Deo gloria!

Trisha Snyder

Director of Music Ministry

SCC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Our next book discussion is May 15th, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom where we will discuss:

JUST MERCY by Bryan Stevenson

Bryan Stevenson, a Harvard Law School graduate, represents poor clients in Georgia and Alabama and is co-founder of the Equal Justice Initiative. His memoir, JUST MERCY, tells of his life's work and the deep stain of racial injustice in America and focuses on his work with the Initiative in defending the poor, and the wrongly condemned. Stevenson

sheds light on abhorrent cases of injustice and the treatment of people in our justice system. One such case is that of Walter McMillian, a man on death row for killing a woman.

According to author Rebecca Main, “*Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic gifted young lawyer coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit true justice.”

Availability: SCC Library, Library Connection, Local Libraries, Audio and E-book.

SPRING INTO THE LIBRARY

Come share your enjoyment of *reading* and *quiet space* to relax in the library! You might not have the benefit of that quietness feeling when we work on Tuesday mornings or greet you after worship services on Sundays! Be forewarned. You are always welcome to use the library when it is not used for meetings.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU FROM REV. DEBBIE

Dear Ones,

Thank you so much for the beautiful service on August 24 and the surprise reception. The cake was just amazing and I sent photos to Haiti and to many of my friends. I appreciated the thoughtful gifts and cards, visits, hugs, and well wishes.

The check for Be Like Brit is very much appreciated, for sure. Your generosity was overwhelming and I know that Brit's Academy thanks you.

May God's peace continue to surround you as my prayers will also.

OUR FOOD PANTRY IS CHANGING



During the last week of April, we provided food for thirty individuals and families. Each week we are seeing more persons requesting assistance. CT Foodshare informed us that all provisions will remain free through June of 2023, which is very good news! Thanks to all across the country for their support to Foodshare,

Feeding America, and area markets which support this effort.

During this week, we also organized an advisory team consisting of two community members, two students, and several SCC members. The input given was most helpful. We are hoping to share a picnic/cooking demonstration this summer for our SCC members and pantry families.

Some needed items are not available from CT Foodshare or Midwest Food Bank. If you would like to donate, we suggest cooking oil, white rice, cereal, cleaning supplies, dish and clothes detergents. Eggs are always requested too.

More volunteers are needed in the pantry on Monday from 1 to 3; Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 and Sunday from 11 to 12:30. Others could help unload our donations from CT Foodshare and Midwest Food Bank and help replenish products on the shelves. Those hours are not set times but usually occur on Mondays, the second Tuesday or Friday mornings about 11am. Also Sunday morning we are now picking up additional donations from Price Chopper and Monday morning produce from Tolland Big Y is delivered.

If you can help out, please contact Jan Hoyle or Jane Joesten. You will not work alone. There's always a good community atmosphere.



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Our Community. Our Food Bank.



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CARING MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: SERVICE SEWING



Service Sewing has been a part of the Women's Fellowship back into at least the 60's. Our first home was in the sewing room next to the stage in the Parish House. The pandemic has curtailed the work for the past two years. However the school and hygiene kits which are sent to the Church World Service (CWS), especially during the past year, have helped in areas where floods, fires and tornadoes have happened recently in our own country. CWS also works with partners globally to help and provide for refugees and homeless shelter guests.

Our dedicated sewers worked at home during the church closing making school bags and dresses. The group resumed meeting in person starting in March 2021 and have made their home in room 207 of the Education Building. During the closing Marjorie Brown, Sally Doyen, and Lois Demurjian finished over 50 dresses for "Dress a Girl Around the World", our other Service Sewing initiative.

Even though we were limited in time together and sometimes with limited materials for kits, we were still successfully and safely able to make and deliver 63 School Kits to the holding church in Meriden in April. They were quite pleased to see our kit donations, as very few churches were able to deliver during the pandemic.

Our Service Sewing Group is thankful for many of our church members who support our CWS kit projects by donating many of the supplies, and especially thankful to the quilters who generously donate extra material for making the school bags. Thankfully, we have dedicated members, some of whom work in room 207 on Monday mornings or work at home and those who help us in purchasing needed supplies and giving us moral support as well. We are appreciative of now having "Bill's Closet" for storage of our boxes and material until our next delivery. The Service Sewing Group includes Laurie Brookes, Marjorie Brown, Lois Demurjian, Sally Doyen, Jane Joesten and Patty Tanaka. Those looking to become new members call Laurie Brooks at (860) 872-4477 or (860) 734-6300.

Ziplock bags with shopping lists for kits are available in the Parish House Lounge and Meeting House Narthex.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE HAPPENINGS

Anniversary Celebrations

Ted Yungclas & David Woods.. May 3
Laurie & Duffy Brookes..... May 11
Cindi & Paul Gilligan..... May 15

Greg Mills..... 05/14
Cindi Gilligan 05/18
Kenneth Larson 05/18
David Heng Litrico 05/18
Emily Irvine 05/19
Eric Abell 05/20
Mason Babbitt 05/20
Elaine Greer 05/22
Jessie Daniels 05/26
Victoria Chilinski 05/27
Alaina Klimkiewicz 05/27
Nancy Tomastik..... 05/28
Dan Wilson 05/28
Aline Booth..... 05/29
Bryan Huey..... 05/29
Jane Joesten..... 05/30

Birthday Celebrations

Alison Kuhn..... 05/01
Bradley Johnson 05/03
Lindsey Johnson 05/05
Chase Klimkiewicz..... 05/05
Brittany Kowalyshyn..... 05/06
Jesse Gifford..... 05/07
Charlene Dickenson 05/10
Wyatt Heffley..... 05/11
Bob Guttay..... 05/12
Elyse Mitchell..... 05/12

Pray For Our Military

The following list contains people called to active duty. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

- **Matt Allen**, submitted by Pam & Dick Roberts
- **Chip Greer**, submitted by Elaine Greer
- **Francis Kimenyi**, submitted by Patty Tanaka
- **Philip Lewis**, submitted by Russ Wheeler
- **Joshua & Dakota Conner**, submitted by Charlene Dickerson.



PANTRY DONATIONS

Recent partnership with Connecticut Food Bank & Foodshare enable our pantry to have a well balanced supply of food items *but* health & beauty items such as **shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, bath soap** and **toothpaste** and household items such as **foil, toilet paper, paper towels** and **dish/laundry soap** are still needed and gratefully appreciated! Donations may be brought to the Parish House during the week (9:30 AM – 5:30 PM) or Thursday nights until 6:30 PM. Monetary donations may be sent to the church made payable to “SCC” with “Food Pantry” in the memo line. Thank you.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!!



Each year people come to the Spring Fair with plans to purchase our delicious homemade goodies. Please help us to make this year as special as in the past by contributing your favorite baked goods to the May 7th & May 8th sale.

Traditionally, best selling items are COOKIES, COFFEE CAKES, PIES, FRUIT & NUT BREADS, JAMS & JELLIES.

Unfortunately, brownies and squares do not sell well.

Please package your favorite cookies with 6 of each in separate plastic bags.

We ask that you deliver items to the SCC Parish House **fully wrapped and labeled**, ready for pricing so that we may observe maximum safety standards.

Baked goods can be dropped off at SCC anytime between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Friday, May 6th and after 8:30 AM on Saturday, May 7th (the day of the Fair).

Many thanks for sharing your baking talents.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of this year's Bake Sale Team, Eileen Metzgar, Sondra Morrison and Frances Woody

PATRICK BARTON ORIGINAL DESIGN NOTE CARDS

New, original design note cards by Patrick Barton are available for ordering through the church office. Donations made in support of these cards will be used to assist Patrick as he transitions back to the community. Thank you for your support!

Patrick Barton

Available thru the Church Office and at the Spring Fair, May 7th



To order cards: call the church office at 860-429-9382
 or email selections to sccoffice@storrsconchurch.org
 or mail this order form to church office.

Questions? Contact: Jan Hoyle, janishoy25@aol.com

Your donation will help Patrick raise funds to transition back to the community.

GATHERINGS @ SCC

Mondays..... Service Sewing, 9:30 am (Ed. Building – Room 207)

..... Food Pantry Open, 1:00 pm (Room 102)

Tuesdays..... Library Open, 9:30 am (Ed. Building – Library)

..... Pastoral Search Committee, 6:30 pm (PH – Lounge & Zoom)

Wednesdays Quiet Reflection, 10:00 am (Waggoner Chapel)

..... Parish Piecers, 10:00 am (2nd Floor Ed. Building)

..... C.A.F.E. Storrs, 10:30 am (CE – Library & Zoom)

Thursdays Food Pantry Open, 2:30 pm (Room 102)

..... Handbells, 6:30 pm (MH)

..... Adult Choir, 7:30 pm (MH)

Sundays Food Pantry Open, 11:00 am (Room 102)

..... Consonare Choir Rehearsal, 4:00 pm (Auditorium)

..... Sunday Night Speaker Group, 7:30 pm (Auditorium)

MEETINGS & GATHERINGS @ SCC

May 5 A Cappella Concert: Completely Different Note, 7:00 pm (MH)

May 6 Spring Fair Setup, 9:30 am (Parish House & Courtyard)

May 7 Spring Fair, 9:00 am (Parish House & Courtyard)

May 8 Spring Fair (Best of the Last), 9:00 am (Auditorium)

May 11 Governing Board, 7:00 pm (PH – Lounge & Zoom)

May 15 Book Discussion Group, 7:00 pm (Zoom)

May 21 Building & Grounds Day, 9:00 am (All Locations)

May 26 Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting, 10:00 am (CE – Library & Zoom)

May 30 Office & Facilities closed in observance of Memorial Day

Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. **In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.** We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind.

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