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

JANUARY 1: 1st Sunday after Christmas; Hymn Sing

*Scripture readings: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18;
Matthew 2:13-23*

JANUARY 8: 1st Sunday after Epiphany; Holy Communion

*Scripture readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43;
Matthew 3:13-17*

JANUARY 15: 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

*Scripture readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11;
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42*

JANUARY 22: 3rd Sunday after Epiphany; Ecumenical Sunday

*Scripture readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23*

**JANUARY 29: 4th Sunday after Epiphany; Health & Human
Services Sunday; Annual Meeting**

*Scripture: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;
Matthew 5:1-12*

**Please note that the Sunday Scriptures listed above are from
the Lectionary and may not represent the Scriptures chosen
for use on any particular Sunday.**

**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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LOOKING AHEAD WITH PASTOR DIANE



Beloved community of Storrs Congregational Church,

Merry Christmastide!

As we greet a New Year of 2023, does the sparkle, shimmer, and brightness of Christmas begin to fade for you? The good news is this: we remember the day and season of Epiphany! The bright light of God, illuminated through Creation and the prophets, and through God's incarnation in Jesus, accompanies us with every step in our life together.

The shepherds spread the good news in all its awe, and the wise ones were drawn toward Mary, Joseph, and Jesus, to bear witness to this Prince of Peace. Even today, the miracle of God's love continues to shape us as humanity, made in God's image. God is still speaking!

Blessings to you all as we greet a new year. Ours is a God who continues to do new things with God's people, in a new year, in a new season.

What an Epiphany!

In Christ,
Diane

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY REFORMING FOR 2023

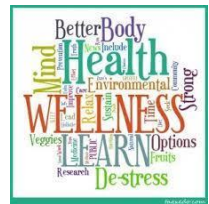
We are hoping to revitalize the Mental Health and Wellness Ministry thus coming year.

At present, Annetta Miller, Kathy Lindner, Eileen Metzgar and Linda Blum have expressed interest in working on this project.

If you would like to contribute and help plan for support groups, resources and/or programs, please let us know.

If there is enough interest, we will contact you with a first meeting date and time.

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GOVERNING BOARD NEWS



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(Class of 24)



Nancy Tomastik
(Class of 24)



Carolyn Holmy
(Class of 26)



Tina Huey
(Class of 25)



Dave Jordan
(Class of 25)



Zoe Strickler
(Class of 25)



Rev. Diane Peterson Scaborn
(in office non-voting Senior Minister)



Annetta Miller
(in office Church Clerk)

On Saturday January 21 from 9 - 11 AM the Governing Board and Lead Ministry Coordinators will gather for a combined meeting in the Auditorium.

While a full agenda is anticipated we will specifically discuss plans for 2023 and a briefing about on and off budget line items. As a member of the Governing Board or Lead Ministry Coordinator, if there is something that you feel should be considered at this combined meeting please let me, Paul Schur, or Pastor Diane know via phone or email.

Here are some other dates that you should be aware of:

- **January 5 Thursday** LMC reports for the Governing Board are due to Deborah. Note. This is a day earlier than usual. We are going to try using Thursday instead of Friday as the day to get the agenda ready for the GB meeting.
- **January 11 Wednesday 7pm** Governing Board Meeting
- **January 16 Tuesday**, please have LMC annual reports submitted via email to Deborah. The 2022 Annual Report will be available for distribution on January 22nd.. If you need assistance or a copy of last year's report, contact Deborah for assistance.
- **January 21 Saturday 9-11 AM** combined Governing Board and LMC meeting
- **January 29 Sunday** following worship SCC Annual Business Meeting
- **February 5 Sunday** Alternate date if the Annual Business Meeting cannot be held on January 29th

Upcoming Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 PM in Room 201 and via Zoom

Our Governing Board will meet in person in Room 201 and online 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, January 6th 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 Paul Schur and/or Deborah in the office to be included in the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

LET'S CELEBRATE ~ THE HEAT IS ON!!!

We can now joyfully celebrate the recent completion of many HVAC projects! The chapel, church office, memorial room and auditorium mini-splits are in place and in operation to make the spaces comfortable for all.

These areas are now available to meet the needs of everyone for warmth in winter and coolness in summer. (The hope is for the lounge also to be approved and set up with a mini-split system by the beginning of summer.)

Many thanks to all of the generous donors who helped to make this possible. And many thanks to everyone who diligently worked to make this happen. As a church, we can be proud that we pulled together to accomplish these projects!

~ Nancy Tomastik



Auditorium



Memorial Room

FORMING FAITH

Twinkle, twinkle little star... How I wonder...

What do you wonder about? Do you ever wonder about your next steps? Do you wonder about possibilities and new ways to go about doing things? Do you wonder how God guides you in your wonderings?



For Epiphany Sunday, on January 8th, we will once again offer *Epiphany Star Words*, which may also be called “star gifts”, for everyone to select and use as a creative prayer practice, as we continue to wonder and ponder how God may be guiding us in the new year. Each *Star Word*, enclosed in an envelope, will be presented in a treasure box, perhaps like one you may have seen carried by the Wise Men or Magi in a Christmas pageant in years past.

You may unwrap this gift in the presence of others, or perhaps, in a moment of solitude. You are then invited to use this guiding word throughout the coming year. You are

encouraged to trust the word you have drawn as a prayerful intention to open to a deeper relationship with God by placing it somewhere you will regularly see throughout the coming year. In this way you may consistently reflect on God’s movement through, around, or in connection to this word, this gift of the Epiphany star, as it lights up and guides your way in 2023. Trust that God is present, by letting go of desires to cultivate or control, and wonder how God may be using this one Epiphany Star Word to show you something very special.

*Peace and joy,
Lisa*

OUR 2022 TOY DRIVE

Thank you for making a very successful Christmas toy drive. Twenty-nine toys were collected and donated to Megan's Place & Toys for Tots inside Windham Area Interfaith Ministries, (WAIM). Parents were able to make appointments and pick out a new main toy, a puzzle, book, game, stuffed animal and tiny toys for the stocking. Gently used toys, books, puzzles and games can also be donated year-round by placing them in the WAIM donation box.



In addition to the new toys we received for the drive, we are thankful for the many donations of gently used toys, dolls, games and stuffed animals that were brought to the Parish House for donation to WAIM and for use throughout the community during the year.

Thank You!

A2A WORK GROUP NEWS

A2A Work Group Meeting: *gathering Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in Room 201 & Thursdays from 4:30 – 6:00 PM in the Library. All meetings are available via zoom.*



We've been busy in the Accessibility for All workgroup with most direct input from workgroup participants Pam Roberts, John and Sharon Schneider, Patricia Piatek, Patty Tanaka, Duffy Brookes, Jan Hoyle, Cindy Felkel, and limited but helpful input from Bruce Bergen, Jamie Lang-Rodean and Laurie Brookes (Worship), with much support from staff (Antonio, Deborah, Diane, and Lisa) as well as information and input gleaned from the SNE Deacons Tuesday alternating lunch and evening Gatherings on Zoom attended by Pam.

Check out our website drop down tab area titled "Reaching Out" in the Access for All - Church Initiative where you will find the link to our workgroup Zoom meetings, and resources for reference as well as pictures of our walk thru attention to the Areas of our A2A Church Building and Program Audit. Watch for several Focus Group meetings in January and February to extend the participation of those who use our buildings and participate in our programs. Check out more pictures and updates on our church Facebook page.

Contact for questions: Pam Roberts



To find the zoom link to join the work group meeting, visit <https://www.storrscongchurch.org/reaching-out/10674-2/> or scan the QR code, scroll down and select the zoom link to be let into the discussion.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT TIME LINE

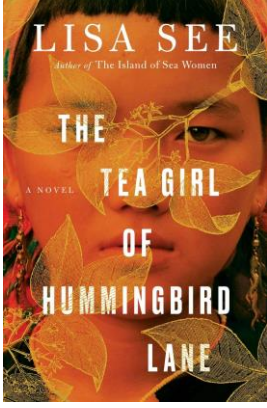
Reminder

Annual Report Deadline



The 2022 Annual Report will be available for distribution on January 22nd. To ensure that this date is met, please have reports submitted via email to Deborah by Tuesday, January 16th. If you need assistance or a copy of last year's report, contact Deborah for assistance.

SCC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



Next gathering, **Sunday, January 15th at 4:00 PM** in the SCC Library and via zoom.

Join us as we discuss *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane: A Novel* by Lisa See.

The story is about rebellion, resistance, customs, traditions, culture, adoption, and migration that stretches over generations and two different countries. As the story begins, Li-Yan lives with her family in a remote Chinese village where their lives are determined by the seasons and the farming of tea. Li-Yan is expected to obey her parents and abide by the customs of the Akha people. She frequently resists and eventually journeys to another country. This book will inspire reflection and perhaps an overwhelming desire to drink Chinese tea.

Availability: SCC Library, local libraries, E book and Audiobook.

Contact for questions: Malta Bailey



To access the zoom link for the discussion, visit <https://www.storrscongchurch.org/connecting/book-club/> or scan the QR code and select the zoom link to be let into the discussion.

KEEPING IN TOUCH LIST UPDATED

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Keeping In Touch



A REFLECTION BY ELLEN BRADLEY

Happy January! I recently saw an old dollhouse, exactly like one I used to own, in an antique store. *An antique store!* Talk about feeling old! As I stood there marveling at it, I was immediately transported back to the age of five and I had just received the dollhouse for Christmas. The box contained tall floppy pieces of sheet metal with sharp edges, that were pre-stamped with curtains, shutters, and household items. My father had to put the whole thing together. It had cut out windows and a front door that could open and close and it came with small pieces of plastic furniture and a family consisting of a mother, father, a boy, a girl, and a baby of indeterminate gender. It was the 60's, after all.

Once assembled, the dollhouse had three sides and an open back. There was a living room with a patio, and kitchen on the bottom, and the upstairs had two bedrooms and a bathroom. It stood about two feet tall and had a handle like a suitcase so it could be carried around.

I played with that dollhouse for countless hours, and for many years. I cherished that little family and gave them grand, animated adventures which included adding pets (from my farm set), a pool (made from a cake pan) and a car (from an empty My-T-Fine pudding box). I imagined them alive and living like a regular human family while I was at school or asleep for the night. When my bedroom would lighten from the rising sun, or when the school bus would release the neighborhood children and pull away from the curb encased in a cloud of diesel exhaust, I thought that the doll family would hurry back to their respective places where I had positioned them the night before, to keep us humans from discovering their secret, active life.

With the passage of time, I began to outgrow the dollhouse and it was eventually cast aside altogether. Thinking back, it was probably not even up to code for youngsters today with its sharp metal pieces and tiny parts. My parents didn't save it, and it was a real surprise for me to see the same kind in the antique store. I do have a few other old toys stowed away in our attic that seem to come with me each time I've moved. There's something so nostalgic about still having a piece of your childhood. You get rid of it all in your teen years thinking you are too cool for it, or because you need more space. But as you grow older you find that being yourself is what matters most. But by that time, you've rid your life of all the things that once made you happy. The memories of a beloved toy bring you back to that reality of being your carefree and authentic self and not conforming to the demands around you that seem to only increase and magnify as we get older. As adults, we forget how important play is, how great it made us feel, and how it shaped us as

individuals. Sometimes now, we might not even use our imaginations very much anymore. So I say it's wonderful to have a few special old toys that remind us of those feelings and nudge us toward creativity and imagination once again.

I hope you, and the child within, have a wonderful New Year!

LIBRARY NEWS

Happy New Year! and now on to the BUSINESS OF THE NEW YEAR!

SO how would you like to spend your new year? Great new reads! Learn about something/someplace new – nature, relationships, health issues, places to travel, a Bible passage you have wrestled with for years? Read an old favorite? Become enthralled with a series of books! Read several books by many authors!

REMEMBER, the decision to read a book from your Church Library is yours to make!

February will be on our calendars very soon. The month of Presidents, Ground Hog Day, Valentine's Day being among the most prominent. This year the Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. You'll find books to read on any of these topics in the Library. If you are not able to find something you are looking for or need some specific assistance to gather the materials you need, contact a member of the Library Committee or stop in on Tuesday 9:30 – 11AM or Sundays, before or after worship.

Committee: Janet Atkins, Marietta Johnson, Sue Schur & Joan Webster



January Book Rack in the Library

FOOD PANTRY HAPPENINGS

Another successful holiday season is past us, people are fed and thankful for the assistance the Food Pantry offers. After the holidays donations tend to taper off, but needs do not. Donations are still needed to stock the Food Pantry. Most critical items at this time are:

- Dish Detergent (any size)
- Breakfast Cereal
- Rice (any kind)
- Health and beauty supplies
- Coffee and Tea
- Feminine products
- Pet food
- Cleaning supplies
- Clothes detergents
- Condiments



Everyone Welcome

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TUESDAYS 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM
THURSDAYS 2:30 PM – 6:30 PM

or by appointment, call the church office at 860-429-9382 or email: sccoffice@storrsconchurch.org

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CONGREGATIONAL LIFE HAPPENINGS

Anniversary Celebrations:

Holly & Junius Hunter..... 1/4
Leslie Kennard & Doug Pease..... 1/24



Birthday Celebrations:

<i>Daniel Weed..... 1/1</i>	<i>Maxim Soroka..... 1/18</i>
<i>Jason Gould..... 1/2</i>	<i>Alicia Kapinos 1/18</i>
<i>Carly Smith 1/4</i>	<i>Lisa Gregus..... 1/19</i>
<i>Josh Miller..... 1/8</i>	<i>Madeline Malloy..... 1/21</i>
<i>Allison Burchell-Robinson..... 1/9</i>	<i>Mark Brand 1/22</i>
<i>David Stone..... 1/12</i>	<i>Mark Roy..... 1/22</i>
<i>Joan Webster 1/13</i>	<i>Jenna Mitchell 1/24</i>
<i>John Blomstrann 1/14</i>	<i>Robert Jeffers..... 1/26</i>
<i>Tom Weston..... 1/15</i>	<i>Cheryl Mitchell..... 1/27</i>
<i>Charlie Demurjian..... 1/16</i>	<i>William Aho..... 1/30</i>

Pray For Our Military

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
- **Joseph Tanaka**, submitted by Patty Tanaka
- **Joshua Conner & Dakota Schroeder**, submitted by Charlene Dickenson



For Our Troops, Their Families, and Our Country

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WEEKLY GATHERINGS @ SCC

- Mondays**Service Sewing, 9:30 am (Room 207)
.....Meet Up Mondays, 12:00 pm (Library & Zoom)
.....Food Pantry Open, 1:00 pm (Room 102)
- Tuesdays**Library Open, 9:30 am (Ed. Building – Library)
.....Staff Meeting, 12:30 pm (PH – Lounge)
.....Food Pantry Open, 3:00 pm (Room 102)
..... Tuesday Talks, 8:00 pm (Room 106)
- Wednesdays**.....Quiet Reflection, 10:00 am (Waggoner Chapel)
.....Parish Piecers Quilt Group, 10:00 am (2nd Floor)
.....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**.....Student Breakfast, 8:45 am (Auditorium) resumes Jan. 15th
.....Food Pantry Open, 11:00 am (Room 102)
..... Consonare Rehearsal, 3:00 pm (Auditorium & Lounge)
..... Sunday Night Speaker Group, 7:30 pm (Auditorium)
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MEETINGS & EVENTS @ SCC

- Jan. 1 Recovery Community Celebration, 11:00 am (Auditorium)
- Jan. 5 1st Thursday Book Club, 1:00 pm (Library)
A2A Working Group, 4:30 pm (Library & Zoom)
- Jan. 8 Prayer Labyrinth, following worship (Auditorium)
Consonare Choir Rehearsals resume, 2:30 pm (Auditorium)
- Jan. 11 Governing Board Meeting, 7:00 pm (CE – Room 201 & Zoom)
- Jan. 15 Book Discussion Group, 4:00 pm (Library & Zoom)
- Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Birthday Observed ~ office & facilities closed
- Jan. 21 Gov. Bd. & LMC Combined Gathering, 9:00 am (Auditorium)
- Jan. 26 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 am (Library & Zoom)
- Jan. 29 Annual Meeting following worship (MH & Zoom)
Mobile FoodShare, 11:30 am (Mansfield Senior Center)
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RECOVERY MEETINGS @ SCC

- Sundays, Speaker Meeting, 7:30 pm (PH – Auditorium)

UConn & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES @ SCC *resumes Tuesday, January 17th, 2023*

- Monday** UConn Table Tennis Club, 2:30 pm (PH – Auditorium)
..... UConn Ballroom Dance, 7:00 pm (PH – Auditorium)
- Tuesday** UConn Swing & Blues Dance, 7:00 pm (PH – Auditorium)
- Wednesday** .. FIRST Lego League, 5:00 pm (Ed. Bldg. 201 & 207)
..... University Ballet Company, 6:30 pm (PH – Auditorium)
- Thursday** UConn Dance Company, 6:30 pm (PH – Auditorium)
- Friday** UConn Table Tennis Club, 4:00 pm (PH – Auditorium)
- Saturday** UConn Table Tennis Club, 11:30 am (PH – Auditorium)
- Sunday** Completely Different Note Rehearsal, 6:00 pm (Meeting House)
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WALK THE LABYRINTH ~ COMMUNION SUNDAY JANUARY 8 IN THE AUDITORIUM FOLLOWING WORSHIP



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 used 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.

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