

The Carillon



STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

Incorporated 1921

APRIL 2023

Worship In Person or Online with SCC:

All the information for joining in worship is sent out via email on both Friday & Saturday before worship.

Access Online Worship activities at

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

Worship for Holy Week & Easter

PALM SUNDAY — APRIL 2

10:00 am Worship

(In Person or Online)



Begins in Courtyard, weather permitting, or in Meeting House; anyone with mobility concerns may begin in Meeting House. Our Scrumptious Southern Brunch follows worship in the Auditorium.



MAUNDY THURSDAY — APRIL 6

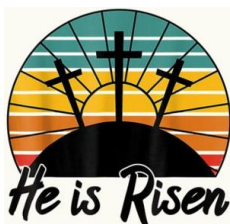
7:30 pm A Service of
Communion & Tenebrae

(In Person or Online)

GOOD FRIDAY — APRIL 7

12:00—3:00 pm Time of
Silent Vigil and Meditation

(In Person Only)



EASTER SUNDAY — APRIL 9

6:00 am Sunrise Service

(at Storrs Cemetery)

followed by breakfast in SCC Auditorium

10:00 am Festival Worship Service

(In Person or Online)

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A Just Peace Church



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**We share in God’s love by growing in faith,
courageously seeking justice,
and generously caring for all people.**

Our monthly newsletter contains material about what’s happening in the ministries of the Church; Governing Board actions; Church Family news; information about upcoming meetings, events and celebrations. Articles to be included in the monthly newsletter should be received in the office by the 22nd of the month.

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ON THE JOURNEY WITH PASTOR DIANE



Dear friends,

As a child, I used to roll my eyes at my parents' annual fascination with spring. They marveled at the returning robins, budding backyard trees, and the first green shoots bravely bursting up through the soil. They reflected on the fleeting quality of spring. What was the big deal, I wondered as a kid? Happens every year. But all these years later, I get it.

Spring's season of rebirth can easily pass us by if we are not attuned to its rhythm. It deserves attentiveness—to drink it in, to notice...and to praise God for the rhythm of life.

As followers of Jesus, we now stand at the gates of Jerusalem. Let us slow down for this walk through Holy Week. I invite you to come worship on Palm Sunday, to wave palms while seeing the shadows to come. Come to our Maundy Thursday service, participate in the Lord's Supper, hear readings from scripture, let the diminishing light and evocative music wash over you, inviting you deeper. Come into the sanctuary on Good Friday, in silent vigil, in reflection, perhaps light a candle in prayer. And, come celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday, whether in the early sunrise hour or at our 10am service! Whether you join in-person or you join online, let us be attuned to this fleeting time. With our whole selves, let us marvel at the holiness of this moment, as God calls you, God's beloved children, ever closer.

In Christ,
Diane



The gates of Jerusalem

CELEBRATING A MARRIAGE OF A LIFETIME!



On Sunday, March 19th, the SCC Family celebrated Lynn & Marjorie Brown's 70th wedding anniversary (actual date: March 22, 1950).



Wishing this very special couple continued joy and friendship all their days.

UPCOMING GOVERNING BOARD EVENTS

Governing Board Meeting

*Tuesday, April 11th at 7:00 PM
in Room 201 and via Zoom*

Our Governing Board will meet at 7:00 PM in person in Room 201 in the Education Building 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 to be added to the distribution.



Agenda, reports, topics for consideration and zoom link will be distributed via email on Friday, April 7th.

Ministry Coordinator reports and topics to be added to the Agenda should be submitted to the office a week prior to the meeting for consideration.

Governing Board Retreat

*Saturday, April 15th
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
SCC Auditorium*

Governing Board members will enjoy time of coming together, getting to know each other and developing a vision for this year of upcoming service. Keep these folks in your prayers as they carefully discern the governance and ministry direction for 2023.

ADULT GAME NIGHT

*Saturday, April 29th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
SCC Parish House Lounge*



Join with other SCC friends and members in an evening of fun, fellowship and a little healthy game play. Everyone is welcome but knowing who, or how many, are coming helps with planning of games, snacks and seating! Please contact Cathy Jeffers at cathjeffers@gmail.com or the office to sign up to attend.

APRIL MUSIC

APRIL 2 **PALM SUNDAY**

Procession of the Palms with the SCC Ringers

“Ride On, King Jesus” arr. by Hogan

with Janice Castle, piano

PASSION SUNDAY

“Kyrie” from *Messe Solennelle* by Vierne

APRIL 6 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

“Ubi caritas” by Ola Gjeilo

“O Sacred Head” by J. S. Bach, arr. Robert Leaf

with David Jordan, clarinet

“Crucifixion” from *HERMIT SONGS* by Samuel Barber

Sarah Marze, soprano solo

Hymns, Taizé mantras, “Were You There”

APRIL 9 **EASTER**

“Sounds of Joy” by Susan Geschke

with the SCC Ringers

“Surrexit Christus hodie” by Samuel Scheidt

for double chorus

“Amabile Alleluia” by Sarah Quartel

Audrey Rivetta, soloist

“Hallelujah” chorus from *MESSIAH* by G. F. Handel

with congregational participation

APRIL 16 Michael McCarthy, *guest organist*

APRIL 23 Music celebrating Earth Day

APRIL 30 The 23rd Psalm

Farewell to our Choral Scholars

BOOKS FOR BROOKLYN UPDATE

This email has been a long time in coming but the library at Brooklyn is up and running! We managed to find work-arounds for a lot of custodial roadblocks to the great pleasure of many adult offenders and avid readers. I have attached pictures that do little justice to the countless hours put in to securing shelves, cataloguing books, and organizing genres that volunteers and tutors alike dedicated to make this happen. On their behalf, let me express our sincere gratitude for the many and varied books donations! David (Chris) Hempel, *School Administrator, Osborn & Brooklyn Correctional*



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Lisa Haupt

Director of Faith Formation



Faith for a Lifetime...Becoming a Church of Lifelong Learning and Faith Formation

Passionate about Christian faith formation, John Roberto, has spent a lifetime working in Christian faith formation—teaching, writing, researching, consulting, and developing program resources. He founded LifelongFaith Associates, LLC in 2006 to continue his work and he served on the leadership team of Vibrant Faith Ministries from 2017-2020. He believes that there is no more important ministry of the local church than faith formation and its mission of forming people of all ages and generations in Christian faith and discipleship for a lifetime.

John Roberto defines lifelong faith formation as *accompanying people throughout life as they mature in faith and discipleship, learn more deeply about the Christian faith in all the arenas of their lives*. In his book, *Lifelong Faith: Formation for All Ages and Generations* (and in the free online course in which I am enrolled) he identifies seven essential elements for developing lifelong faith formation in the next decade and beyond. Roberto believes that every church can contextualize and customize these elements to their size, location, finances, resources, and diversity of their people to build lifelong faith formation.

Are you interested in exploring possibilities with this vibrant and vital intergenerational, lifelong faith formation model of transformation for individuals, families, and the whole church? Do you believe that learning changes lives and communities? Are you willing to identify ways to tap into the gifts, talents, and energy of the whole faith community? Do you want to delve into the questions of why, what, how, where, and with whom people learn and grow in faith today and the discover how this impacts all of us in the church? Contact Lisa Haupt, Director of Faith Formation, at lisa@storrcongchurch.org.



Intergenerational Ribbons & *Intergenerational Resources*

POLLINATOR GARDEN - HISTORY AND UPCOMING

An update from Linda Blum

Last year, the winter of 2022, as part of my research on environmental issues I found a small grant through the Endangered Species Coalition to start the pollinator garden for \$300. The research started as part of the Just Peace Team, so I kept them up to date with plans for the garden, working closely with Duffy Brookes and Rich Cowles. A planning meeting discussed budget and educational materials and plant varieties.

In February we ordered plants from the Connecticut Conservation District's annual plant sale, and also purchased a new garden hose and plant labels and sign. Many joined us for planting on Saturday, April 30th. Giving the garden some time to grow, and adding additional plants from Tri-County Greenhouses we held an education day and celebration garden tour on Sunday, August 21st, with coffee hour held outside and take-home plants for home gardens. We handed out brochures with information about gardening, pesticide use, and the need for native plants. Both the planting day and educational celebration had a great turn-out. We welcome you to continue to watch for growth and use the labels to learn new pollinator plants. The plants that survive into the second year are showing to be deer resistant. Perhaps you will be inspired to add pollinator plants to your own yard. Several new books on increasing beneficial plantings were also purchased by our church library for your home use.

This year we have been awarded some more money from the Endangered Species Coalition to use our space and volunteer labor to increase plants that help the survival of bees, butterflies, insects, and the birds that feed on them. Additional plants have been ordered for the original pollinator garden site and a new area is planned and for the side easement along Rte. 195 among the young oak trees. If you would like to be involved in additional planting or watering of newly planted pollinator plants contact me, Linda Blum at lblum0598@charter.net. Youth can receive community service hours. Plans are also being explored for continued development of the walkway through the garden to the cemetery.



What started as a piece of barren land, seemingly without value



was transformed by many hands, shovels, plants and mulch



into a haven for bees, butterflies, insects, and birds



thriving as God had intended.
Make a plan to visit the garden often this summer!

"This is awesome!"



MUFFIN MONDAYS

FOR UCONN

STUDENTS!



"Oh my gosh! This is so nice!"

"CAN I GIVE YOU A HUG?"

THANK
YOU



Cindy Felkel and I have teamed up to reach out to UConn students through a *walking muffin ministry* on Monday afternoons (1-3pm). Beginning the Monday after spring break until the end of the semester, we are committed to making muffins and sharing them with students. Why? To say "We are here!"... "We care about students!"... "We believe in you!"... "You are the hope for the future!" For our first **Muffin Monday**, carrying two baskets of 4 dozen freshly baked blueberry muffins, we welcomed students back to campus the first Monday after spring break. Responses from students included pleasant surprise and lots of smiles. One student asked if she could give me a hug! She then told me how her spring break was not as fun or relaxing as she had hoped and was glad to be back on campus and this muffin surprise made her first day back that much better. Another student said, "this means so much, no one believes in us!" Cindy calls these efforts a "front porch activity" –the first step to inviting students into our SCC faith community by hanging out with them on the front porch for a while to build trusting relationship. Cindy plans to add some yard games next Monday! If you would like to join the fun with Muffin Mondays for UConn students, please contact Lisa at lisa@storrscongchurch.org.

CWS HYGIENE AND SCHOOL KITS

On Monday, March 27th Laurie Brookes reported, “We are bringing a trunk load of boxes to Meriden with 76 School Kits and 55 Health Kits! Yay! A total of 131 kits will cost our budget \$262 (for mailing costs).

School Kits are necessary at all times, especially in the aftermath of natural disasters when communities are struggling to restore normalcy, these kits bring a sense of order.

Hygiene Kits provide the necessary items that make all the difference between sickness and health for families in need or displacement due to war or natural disaster.



Marjorie Brown, Sally Doyen, Laurie Brookes, Lois Demurjian (not pictured)

Thank you for your participation in this ministry through supplies, financial donations and your pledge contribution.



Lois Demurjian and Sally continue to work on homemade dresses for the Dress a Girl Around the World initiative. Their efforts have resulted in over 30 dresses given to the program. Lois also has made 25 flannel blankets that were sent to Ukraine.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE HAPPENINGS



Anniversary Celebrations:

Jamie & Wes Lang-Rodean..... 4/16

Birthday Celebrations:

Bella Famularo4/2

Tristan Sauvageau.....4/4

Sierra Jesonis4/5

Lyndsay Grisamer4/8

Dakota Babbitt.....4/8

Armand Johnson4/9

Nancy Titchen.....4/9

Erin Scholes.....4/10

Lindsay Irvine4/10

Brianna Vannais4/11

Katie Rock4/11

Olivia Arsenault4/12

Bethany Litrico.....4/13

Sarah Lang-Rodean4/13

Barbara Brandt.....4/16

Sharon Schneider4/16

Anne-Marie Baldwin.....4/16

Robert Kapinos4/17

Karen Johnson.....4/18

Erich Latincsics.....4/21

Paul Gilligan4/22

Shawnee Green4/22

Colby Soroka4/24

Madeline Soroka4/24

Susan Irvine.....4/27

Leah Villar4/29

Francis Kimenyi.....4/29

PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN A HURTING WORLD

We offer prayers for all who seek safe harbors in war-torn places. We hold in tender prayer all those whose dedicated military service aspires to bring peace to a hurting world.

- **Matt Allen**, submitted by Pam & Dick Roberts
- **Joseph Tanaka**, submitted by Patty Tanaka
- **Joshua Conner & Dakota Schroeder**, submitted by Charlene Dickenson

To request a prayer or to have a name added to this list and/or provide an update, please contact Pastor Diane at diane@storrscngchurch.org.

ON THE MOVE

Our Faith Family has had some comings and goings in the past year and contact information may have changed for folks you are trying to reach. If you'd like an updated Church Directory or Keeping in Touch list please stop by the Parish House Lounge, where copies are available or email the office for an electronic file.

Keeping In Touch



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)
.....Food Pantry Open, 3:00 pm (Room 102)
- Wednesdays**.....Quiet Reflection, 10:00 am (Waggoner Chapel)
.....Parish Piecers, 10:00 am (Ed. Bldg. Quilt Room)
.....C.A.F.E. Storrs, 10:30 am (PH – Lounge & Zoom)
.....Buddhist Meditation Group, 7:00 pm (Ed. Bldg. Room 106)
- 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, 2:30 pm (Auditorium)
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MEETINGS @ SCC

- Apr. 2Scrumptious Southern Brunch, following worship (Auditorium)
- Apr. 61st Thursday Book Club, 1:00 pm (Library)
- Apr. 6Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30 pm (Meeting House)
- Apr. 7.....Prayer Vigil Time, 12:00 noon – 3:00 pm (Meeting House)
- Apr. 11PEO Meeting, 10:00 am (Lounge)
- Apr. 11Governing Board, 7:00 pm (Room 201 & Zoom)
- Apr. 15Governing Board Retreat, 9:00 am (Auditorium)
- Apr. 23Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 am (Library & Zoom)
- Apr. 27Food Pantry Advisory Board Meeting, 4:00 pm (Library)
- Apr. 28International Christian Fellowship Dinner, 5:30 pm (Lounge)
- Apr. 29Adult Fellowship Game Night, 5:30 pm (Library)
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UConn Student Group Activities @ SCC

- Table TennisMonday, 2:30 pm, Friday, 4:00 pm, Sat. 11:30 am (Auditorium)
- Ballroom DanceMonday, 7:00 pm (Auditorium)
- Swing & BluesTuesday 7:00 pm (Auditorium)
- Lego League.....Wednesday, 5:00 pm (Ed. Bldg. Rooms 201 & 207)
- University Ballet,.....Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Sunday 5:15 pm (Auditorium)
- UConn Dance Co.....Thursday, 6:30 pm (Auditorium)
- CDN R A CappellaSunday, 7:00 pm (Meeting House)
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MOBILE COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE

- Apr. 6/20 Mobile FoodShare, 11:30 am (Mansfield Senior Center)

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