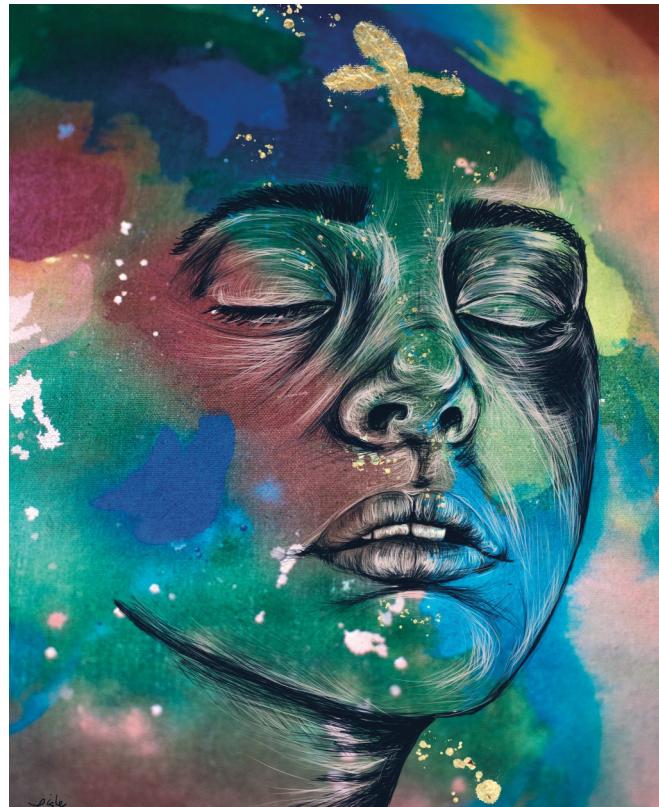


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STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC *Incorporated 1921*

The Lenten Journey into Easter



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On the Journey

Yours on the Journey of Lent: A Message from Rev. Diane

Dear Friends,

For early Christians, the origin of Lent was an invitation to leave an old life behind and prepare for a new way of living. It meant stepping away from corrupt power, scarcity mentality, and empty rituals in order to live a more expansive and full life of faith. “Full to the Brim” is an invitation to an expanding perspective; to pour out grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God’s lavish love, that love spills over. Like water, it flows beyond us and touches everything in its path. “Full to the Brim” reminds us to live fully as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. This Lent, let us trust fully that we belong to God, and discover the expansive life God dreams for all of us.

Participate in one or all of our SCC Lenten offerings this season. Pick up a devotional booklet or set of daily devotional cards as a guide for this expansive season.

Let us come together and be filled to the brim with God’s love!

Blessings on the Journey,

Diane

Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn, Senior Minister, SCC

From Your SCC Vision Team

Envisioning God's Future for SCC

February 2025 Update

Greetings Church!

We, as a Congregation, have begun a process to consider our “Vision” for SCC:

What is our role at SCC in doing the work of God within our congregation and the larger community in which we live?

The concept of developing a Vision for SCC was first discussed by Rev. Diane in January 2024 with the Governing Board. Rev. Paul Nickerson, who assists other churches with developing their vision, attended the Governing Board meeting in April 2024 over Zoom to detail the steps of such a visioning process. There was enthusiastic support from the Board members. Diane then asked Jan Castle, Sue Irvine, Chris McClean, Paul Schur, Ellen Smith and Wes Lang-Rodean to become members of the Vision Team. Wes discerned that, because of his work as Governing Board Chair, he preferred being kept informed rather than being a member of the Team

The SCC Vision Team will provide regular updates along the Visioning journey.

To date this is what has occurred:

December 2024

The Vision Team gathered for an initial meeting with Rev. Paul Nickerson over Zoom. Rev. Paul helped detail the initial steps onto a visioning journey.

January/February 2025

*On Sunday January 12th, Rev. Paul visited SCC. He preached about a “breath-taking vision” and then stayed afterward to share more about beginning the visioning journey together. Many people stayed to learn, including our online community on Zoom. The feedback about Rev. Paul’s visit was very positive!

*The Vision Team met with Rev. Paul via zoom on 2/4/25 to discuss next steps.

*Lynn Brown, Cass Crewdson, Janis Hoyle, and Mike Lake agreed to become our Prayer Team. They will assist the Vision Team and Congregation with prayer as we move through the visioning process.

SCHEDULE

2/25 6pm

3/11 7:15pm
with Rev. Paul Nickerson

3/25 6pm

4/8 6pm
with Rev. Paul Nickerson

5/13 6pm

with Rev. Paul Nickerson

January/February 2025 Continued...

***Save-the-Date! Please plan to join us for an All-Church Shared Potluck Meal following worship on Sunday, March 23, 2025.** Together we will have an opportunity to shake things up a bit as we use some scripture verses to begin our congregational vision discussion. Stay tuned for more details!

*The SCC Vision Team will meet twice a month, once with Rev. Paul to check-in, and once on our own for ongoing planning.

As the visioning process moves forward, please consider how our vision will complement our SCC Mission: “We share in God’s love by growing in faith, courageously seeking justice, and generously caring for all people.”

Blessings,

Your Vision Team:

Jan Castle, Sue Irvine, Chris McLean, Paul Schur, Ellen Smith and Rev. Diane Seaborn

Lent 2025



Tuesday March 4th, 2025

Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Dinner, 5:30-7pm (Auditorium)

On the eve of Ash Wednesday, come enjoy a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. We will gather together in a festive setting for a satisfying supper and communal conversation! If you can volunteer to help, please contact Jan Castle: Jcastlescc@gmail.com or Sue Irvine: susanirvineo@gmail.com

Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025

"Ashes to Go" 12p-1p (SCC Parking Lot)

For any and all who drive or walk up!

Evening Worship 7pm (Meeting House & Zoom)

Step away and gather in. This beautiful service calls us and grounds us as we begin our journey. Receive ashes or a blessing. Let the music and liturgy set your heart for the season.

Sunday Worship services in the Season of Lent, beginning March 9th.

We travel with Jesus in this season all the way to the cross - and beyond. God calls us to gather, to be nourished and filled, and sent out to serve.

Come worship! (In-Person and online)

First Sunday in Lent, March 9, 2025

Be "filled to the brim" in worship. Through sacred song and music, scripture, silence and reflection, we travel with Jesus in this season all the way to the cross~and beyond to resurrection. God calls us to gather faithfully, to be nourished and filled, and sent out to serve.

Come worship!



Second Sunday in Lent, March 16, 2025



Third Sunday in Lent, March 23, 2025

**All Church Potluck: Envisioning God's Future for SCC
(Auditorium) After Worship**



Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 30, 2025



Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 6, 2025

-Holy Week-

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025



Worship Service 10am (Meeting House)

Palm branches in hand, we join a procession begun centuries ago in Jerusalem, as part of a long line of people in need of God's saving grace. We rejoice as Christ comes to open the gates of justice and bring heaven's peace. All who wish are invited to gather in the Parish House Courtyard before the service to receive palms and process into worship. As we come to the end of our worship service, we turn toward Christ's passion and Maundy Thursday.

Palm Sunday Brunch after service (Auditorium)

Details to follow.

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025



Evening Worship 7:30pm (Meeting House)

As Christians, we tell this story; we are part of this story, and it is part of us. We share the bread and cup of communion, we experience receding light and growing shadows, we hear the Word, we are moved through sacred music and shared voices, and we remember the Passion of Christ. Come into this holy night of our life together as disciples of Christ.

Good Friday, April 18, 2025



Silent Reflection 12-1pm (Chapel)

Step away from the world for a little while. Come into our Chapel. Rev. Diane will be present for a shared prayer, if you so wish.

Light a candle, or sit in silent reflection. As Christians, we know that Jesus' death was not the end of the story. It was not the end of God's love. A final prayer will be offered at 1pm. All lighted candles will then be extinguished; however, you are welcome to remain in the Chapel as long as you wish.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025



Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am (Storrs Cemetery)

Easter Service, 10am (Meeting House)

-Weekly Events-

Thursday March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd, and 10th, 2025

Vespers (Chapel & Zoom) & Supper (Lounge) 5:30pm

Join in a simple, weekly vespers service in the SCC Waggoner Chapel~ including psalm and scripture readings, silent reflection, and song accompanied by our newly refurbished Chapel organ! Be filled and sustained week-to-week through worship and stay for a simple supper of soup and bread immediately following in the Lounge.

Thursday April 3rd & 10th, 2025

Ukrainian Egg Decorating 7pm

(UConn Ministry & Community (Auditorium)



Additional resources available during the Lenten season

Devotional Booklets and Daily Devotional Cards

*Pick up a **"Full to the Brim" Lent Devotional Booklet** available at SCC. This weekly devotional follows the Revised Common Lectionary through Easter Sunday.

Each week offers commentary, poetry, visual art, and written reflections.

*Also available are **"Full to the Brim" Devotional Cards**. This is a collection of 48 daily devotional cards for Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday. Each card has a daily reminder and a short prayer.

Music Ministry

Chapel Organ Restoration is Complete!

As you may—or may not—know, the Waggoner Chapel has an organ, not on the scale of the Meeting House organ, but a substantial instrument nonetheless, with two keyboards, several ranks of pipes, a “swell” chamber (with shutters that open and close to control the volume), and a pedal division. The organ is housed in a chamber located at the back of the chapel. The console is located up front, to the right of the beautiful “River of Life” window.

This organ was used frequently in the past but was unplayable for a long time owing to an infestation of mice who severely damaged the organ’s wind reservoirs by gnawing through the fabric that allows them to expand and contract. The primary focus of the restoration project was to repair these reservoirs.

We’re delighted to report that the Waggoner organ is playing once again, more beautifully than ever.

The organ was designed and built by John Waggoner, son of Rev. Dr. J. Garland Waggoner, the former SCC pastor for whom the chapel is named, and an experienced organ builder. Chapel and organ were both completed in 1960 and dedicated in 1962. The organ is a well-crafted instrument and was cleverly constructed to fit the limited space available. This created some unexpected challenges when it came to restoring it. Much of it was squeezed in. This made the removal of large components, like the reservoirs, a real trick.

What was squeezed in had to be squeezed out. The reservoirs in the rear of the chamber could only be accessed by climbing up and through the front of the instrument, high above the pews. That meant removing lots of pipes and the swell shades. Detaching the reservoirs was no easy feat. Thanks to the experience and technical expertise of our organ technicians from Messrs. Czelusniak et Dugal, Inc., these challenges were overcome. Last November, the reservoirs were taken to their workshop for reconditioning.

The next challenge was to replace them. Everything had to go back in the way it came out. Once the reservoirs and other components were pieced back together, swell shades and pipes were reinserted. It was time to turn the blower on and fire the instrument up.

Would all the pipes sound? Amazingly, most did. Those that didn’t required some detective work to identify the problem and find a solution. One difference between the Meeting House and the Chapel organs is that, in the Meeting House, the connection between the keys and the pipes is mechanical.

They are directly linked by thin wooden slats called “trackers”. If something is broken, you can see it. In the chapel, the connection is more complicated. Pressing a key sends an electrical signal that activates a magnetic relay. This kind of action is called *electropneumatic*. It allows for greater distance between the console and the pipes, but it also means that, when a pipe fails to sound, it can be harder to find the cause. While there were a few blocked pipes, the main culprit was... the mice, who had nested in some unexpected places and damaged several relays. Here again, our resourceful technicians came up with creative solutions—and spare parts from their workshop—and every pipe was sounding again.

Did they sound... *good*? As part of this project, the organ received a thorough tuning, which was long overdue. If you thought tuning a piano required patience, try an organ! Each key can play multiple pipes. These pipes are placed in rows or “ranks” and organized (no pun intended) into what are called “stops.” For each key on the organ, all the pipes playable by that key need to be tuned! Even a small organ has many more pipes than there are keys on the keyboard. Tuning is an art and takes time.

Different kinds of pipes produce different kinds of sounds. They can “speak” the way a flute does, by a vibrating column of air, or the way an oboe does, by a vibrating reed. Some are made of metal and tend to produce a fuller sound; some are made of wood and tend to produce a softer sound. Some stops, called “mixtures”, have more than one pipe per key, so you hear two or more notes at once.

You can see several different kinds of pipes just by looking up at the chapel organ: metal and wood, some open at the top and some capped. There is a mixture there, too. These are some of the smallest pipes in the organ, measuring just a few inches. But there are more pipes than you can see from down below. Behind the swell shades are the reed pipes, more flute stops, and the largest pipes, which belong to the pedal division. These pipes are 8 feet long. So how can they fit up there? Answer: they are placed *sideways*!

The chapel organ is a relatively small instrument, but it has many virtues, including its versatility and sound. It speaks clearly—even when it speaks softly—with a wide range of colors, textures, and moods. When you hear it, you’ll find that it has an enlivening presence in the room, whether it is sounding on its own, accompanying singers, or leading a congregation in song. Organ and chapel together create a lovely space to support and enhance new dimensions of worship at SCC. Plans are already underway for vesper services and beyond.

~Christopher Dustin



A restored reservoir

Back it goes!



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A Note of Gratitude!

It takes many hands to bring a project to a successful conclusion. Many thanks are due! **Duffy Brookes** and **Dave Jordan** helped shepherd the funding needs through approval by the Governing Board in 2022. With funds from Building and Grounds, private individuals and off-budget funds designated for music, the necessary goal was achieved. Your support and due diligence vetting proposals and readying the space was vital to the success of this endeavor. Thank you!

The very unpleasant task of removing decades of mouse detritus was principally done by **Bob Berube**, **Antonio**, **Duffy**, **Christopher Dustin**, and **Dana Gregus** stood by to assist in removing and then replacing organ parts. They were always on hand when needed. We couldn't have done it without you! Christopher Dustin brought it to life through pictures and articles.

We are most grateful to the firm of **Messrs. Czelusniak et Dugal, Inc.** of Northampton, MA for their dedication to the restoration of the instrument and for their depth of knowledge pertaining to this type of instrument. Bill Czelusniak (President), Richard M. Frary, Jr. (Project Manager), Jon Van Houten, Gerard McGovern and Nicholas Reid-Lastowski all contributed their expertise to the project.

Further research through the Organ Historical Society is being undertaken by Mr. Czelusniak to find out more about John Waggoner who built the organ. If you know of any of the family's whereabouts, please let us know.

With utmost gratitude to the above-named,

Trisha Snyder
Dir. of Music Ministry



Director of Music Ministries:
Dr. Patricia Snyder - trisha@storrscongchurch.org | Ext. 26



CONCERT

to benefit the
Storrs Congregational Church Food Pantry

Sunday, March 16, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.

Storrs Congregational Church
2 North Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT



**Donations to the Food Pantry
will be gratefully accepted at the door**

Take Note!

a cappella ensemble

www.take-note.org

Communications & Digital Ministry

An Essay by Ellen Bradley

According to the calendar, it's almost March, but the snow and ice that remain tell a different story!

As I was gingerly easing my way down our very icy steps yesterday, suddenly the children's game, Operation, popped into my mind.

The game board was a hapless patient, Cavity Sam, who looked like Moe in the Three Stooges with a slicked down center part, laying supine on the game board "operating table". He had a number of dreadful things wrong with him. And it was up to the "surgeons", the kids playing the game, to make him well again by removing the offending bones and body parts with a large pair of tweezers without having the tweezer touch the side, otherwise you got the dreaded buzz from his red bulbous nose.

Cavity Sam suffered from such ailments as writer's cramp, butterflies in his stomach, charley horse, a wrenched ankle, water on the knee (shaped like a bucket!), and more. The worst one was the anklebone connected to the knee bone with a rubber band that was nearly impossible to disconnect without activating the alarm. Steadiness was needed, not an easy feat with siblings who kept trying to make your hand move!

It occurred to me, that now as an older adult, I seem to have developed many of these ailments myself, and even a few more thrown in for good measure. It was all very funny way back then but now, many days I do feel like poor Cavity Sam!

This was made even more apparent when I noticed that days after our last snowfall, the snow in our yard was as pristine as the day it fell. There was a time, not all that long ago, when any snowfall would soon be marred with footprints, paw prints, snowmen, snow angels, as well as criss-crossed with snowmobile and cross country ski tracks. Many signs of lots of activity out in the snow. What happened?

I'm blaming "Operation". After all, I don't want to disconnect the anklebone to the knee bone or break that funny bone or spare rib. I have to prevent myself from getting those Charley horses or a water on the knee flare up! Can you blame me for now preferring to watch the snow fall from the inside, rather than me fall on the outside? But, all is not lost. I can always make a wish on the wishbone, for the better weather of spring to arrive soon!

From the Office

Sunday Morning Servers

Requests for Volunteers for April will be going out soon!! If you are not on the list, and would like to serve during Lent, please email Katie.

Sunday Morning Server Roles

The Liturgist reads scripture from the lectern during service. Greeter(s) greet church members, friends, and guests as they walk in. Ushers greet people with a warm welcome, give them a Bulletin, and help with any needs before or during worship. They also lead families with children to the Prayground area, help with the collection of offering and attendance "count," and after the service, tidy up pews. Welcome Table Hosts steer new guests over the guest sign in, offer them a gift bag, and let them know about our fellowship our after church. You will receive a reminder e-mail with specific instructions on your role. [Click Here](#) to inquire about serving!

2024 Annual Report

If you need a copy of the 2024 Annual Report, please request it through the office. The changes submitted after it was printed were very minimal, thank you all for getting in your submission so quickly and for all of your attention to detail.

The Carillon Publication

The Carillon will now be a quarterly, online publication (there will be some print copies available in the Lobby of the Parish House). We will announce the distribution schedule and deadlines in the announcement section of the Bulletin. **Next edition will be put out in May for May, June, and July, please submit submissions by April 25th.**

Church Directory / Realm

The Church Directory will be updated this spring, if you have the April 2024 copy you have the latest version. Please look it over and make sure that your information is accurate and up to date. If you've had any changes in the last year, please send an email to [Katie](#) to make updates as needed. This is also a great time to consider whether you want to receive our weekly emails if your not already and whether you want your birthday / anniversary published in the Carillon.

SCHEDULE

Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday

9:30am-4:30pm

Holidays

February 17th
Presidents Day

Work Study *Evenings*

Mon & Tue Liz

Wed & Thu Charlie

Fri & Sun Paige

Congratulations EO Smith/Tolland Bucks!!

The Bucks have clenched the Regular Conference Champion title. They have one more regular season game on Saturday March 1st against Hall here in UConn. The game vs. Hall is also their Senior Night. They beat Hall ending Hall's winning streak the last time they met. They will play for the CCC Championship early March and then compete in the State finals. Overall they are 19-1-1, 1st in their conference and 4th in the state. This is #17 Gerry Duval's senior year, wrapping up 10 years of playing! He played in JV his freshmen year after taking a year off because of COVID, that year the Bucks Varsity team won the CCC Championship.

His Sophomore year he played JV and Varsity, received his first letter and received the Mike Hastillo Father-Soldier-Team sticker and #17 jersey.



What an incredible honor that was, as his father and I both went to school with Mike and his father grew up with him in Ashford.

His Junior year the Bucks moved from playing at the Mark Freitas Ice forum to the Toscano Family Ice forum! The Varsity team was 16-4-0 overall, they made it to the finals only to be knocked out by Conard.

This year, Gerry was given the honor of Alternate Captain, they beat Conard both games, and are on track to have an incredible finish.

Gerry spent his Sunday mornings last year helping to coach for the learn-to-play program, participating in the Pucks with Bucks Program working with the CT Jr. Husky Mites all 4 years, as well as helping with the annual Jacob Roger Poulin 3v3 fundraiser for the last 3 years. He now spends his Sunday mornings working at Gansett Wraps!!



Governing Board

Governing Board meetings are at 7:00pm, 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 Katie in the office.

Please submit Ministry Reports and Items for Governing Board consideration via email to sccoffice@storrscongchurch.org the first week of that month.

****April meeting will be moved up to 4/22 in recognition of Holy Week.****

SCHEDULE

February 18th

March 18th

April 15th

2025 Governing Board: Wes Lang-Rodean (Chair), Lyle Yorks, Al Fratoni, Ariana Codr, Linda Blum, Jim Davis, Ron Cotterill, Wade Johnson, Erin Scholes

Building and Grounds

There's good and bad news about the missing Peace Pole: **It's not missing!**

It is currently in Room 106 after having been broken off by an off-course (way off-course) plow. UConn has offered to remount it in cement when the ground thaws. If only it was that simple. The pole snapped off at the point where it entered the cement.

Unfortunately, that's exactly where the writing of the different languages begins. There is no extra wood to be placed in the new cement. We have about two months to devise a way to extend the pole so that it can be securely replanted. This is the second Peace Pole that had replaced the original in 2024.

Building and Grounds: Duffy Brookes

Hospitality & Congregational Life

Holy Snack Setup Crew Needed!

Hey Church Fam! 🙌

Do you love **cheese, crackers, and pastries** almost as much as you love God? Well, we need **YOUR** help to set up our **heavenly snack spread** for fellowship!

Qualifications include:

- ✓ Ability to arrange crackers in aesthetically pleasing rows
- ✓ Willpower to **not** eat the snacks before everyone else gets some 🤪
(We believe in you! 🏆)
- ✓ A joyful heart and maybe a love for **fancy napkin folding** (or just placing them on the table—both work) 🧹

No heavy lifting, just **holy snacking prep** and a chance to **serve with a smile** (and maybe sneak an extra pastry after cleanup—shhh 😊).

Sign up today and join the **Snack Set-Up Saints!** Because even the smallest cracker can make a big impact.

See Rosemary Marcellino to volunteer!

#CheesyForGod #PastryWithAPurpose #SnackSetUpSquad



Hospitality & Congregational Life: [Rosemary Marcellino](#)

Caring Ministries

Hi! As the new Caring Ministries Coordinator, I am grateful for the many ways people actively care for one another here at SCC, and I am humbled yet excited to be part of it! By way of introduction, I am a nurse and I've been teaching nursing and other health students for several years now, currently at Eastern Connecticut State University. A year and a half ago I moved to Ashford with Jim, my spouse, and Patrick, my oldest son (the younger one lives in central PA), along with our two dogs. We started attending SCC soon thereafter and joined the church last summer.

I'm learning how best I can support the many Caring Ministries of SCC, so I'd like to connect with you if:

You would like a card, a meal, a home visit, or prayers for any reason- please reach out to me or Pastor Diane.

You are (or were) involved with a Caring Ministry- I'd like to get to know you and your role better.

Please call me at 315-534-4717 or email me at elliemaetuvesmith@gmail.com

In Gratitude, Ellen Smith

Policy change for Caring Ministries Description

At the January 21, 2025 Governing Board meeting, it was voted on to remove the clause on Transportation from the Caring Ministries position description. This clause stated- "Transportation: transporting congregants who need assistance getting to worship, special events at SCC, medical appointments, etc."

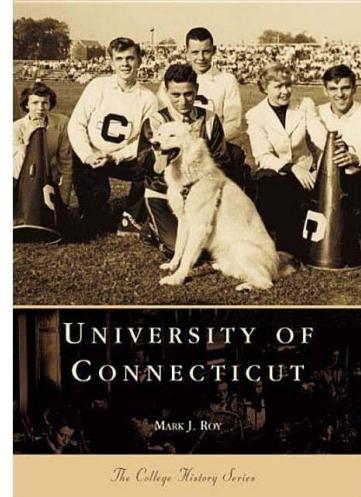
The rationale for this removal was due to liability and safety concerns. Congregants who choose to provide rides may continue to do so at their own discretion. Congregants seeking transportation will need to arrange their own rides. SCC is no longer able to schedule/provide transportation services.

Respectfully submitted from Carolyn Holmy 2024 Leadership Discernment Chair

Edwina Whitney Library News

Mark Roy contributed his time and love to many organizations and we are especially reminded of the many articles he contributed concerning the history of this Land Grant University that so many of us call home, call ourselves alumni, instructors and yes, we can admit to being sports fans. We do have a copy of his history of the university in picture format and it is available for borrowing and also, enjoying when you need a few quiet moments when you are at SCC.

Please feel free to have a staff member admit you to the library if you are on "off hours" of the library being open. We will miss his quiet, generous and helpful manner greatly in the many ways he served SCC.



— [] — Library: Sue Schur, Janet Atkins, Marietta Johnson — [] —

Family Room News

Do you love being around children? If you do, we have the perfect opportunity for you. We are looking for 3-4 individuals to staff the family room one Sunday per month. It involves engaging with 2-3 bright little minds and keeping them busy for an hour. Our family room has an abundance of toys, books, paper and crayons. We can even provide a craft if you'd like. Please give it a try, you'll definitely find it rewarding. Contact Lois at ldemurjian@gmail.com for further information.

— [] — Family Room Coordinator: [Lois Demerjian](mailto:ldemurjian@gmail.com) — [] —

Outreach Ministries

With three and a half weeks left until Spring begins, activities through the Outreach Ministries are beginning to pick up. We had a quiet January and February without too much happening. We will begin making donations from our budget to the local agencies and organizations that we support during the month of March. We will be involved in a couple of activities also in the next few months. More information about getting involved will be available soon.

Organization donations and Activity dates:

Bread for the World- 500.00

Habitat for Humanity- 500.00

Silver Lake Operating Fund- 150.00

Silver Lake Campership- 200.00

Special Offerings-

ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING (Be the Light) March 30, 2025

Activities

Food Share Walk Against Hunger April 26, 2025

Watch for information in weekly emails regarding events.

Although we can support many organizations with donations from the budget, we have to sometimes make hard decisions of contributing to some organizations and not others. If you are doing a fundraising event, please consult with Outreach (Jan Hoyle, Carolyn Holmy) for a list of organizations that could benefit from the event.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Service Sewing



The Sewing Group is currently working on completing their school bags and health kits before their distribution in the early spring. As always, SCC has been generous with donations, but currently there are a few necessary items that are still needed. Most importantly, more 3 ringed, 70 ct. spiral notebooks are required for the school bags as well as toothbrushes and face cloths for the health bags.

There is a box in the lounge for the drop-off of any donated items. Any help that can be provided is appreciated.

Lunch and Listen—Time Rescheduled to Friday, March 7th

Due to weather conditions and other circumstances, the next Lunch and Listen gathering will be **Friday, March 7th, at 12:30** at Oyama Restaurant

200 Merrow Rd. Tolland (In the center of the Plaza on the left before Big Y... along 195)

Confirm that you can come that day by contacting Kathy Lindner, 201 723 0458 or kathyartist72@gmail.com.

We will hear some thoughts from the book by Dr. Colin Zhu, Thrive Medicine on "doing and not doing." Then members have a chance to share as others listen.

Food Pantry Advisory Board

Meetings are held in the SCC Library. The Pantry Advisory Board, which meets at 2:15 on the fourth Monday, is in the process of evaluating our ministry and is writing a mission statement. You are always welcome to attend and give input.

Food Pantry Requests

February: Soup

March: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Napkins, Tissues...

April: Cleaning Products

Food Pantry Highlights

The Food Pantry, with the encouragement of Malta Bailey, and grant writing skills of Annetta Miller and Jan Castle, has applied for a grant through Altrusa International, asking for funds to provide hygiene products for the women and girls of our pantry. We have not heard yet if we have received this grant, but in the process we have partnered with Altrusa and Days for Girls which is a nonprofit that provides sustainable hygiene products for areas of the world with no waste disposal systems. They will provide us with disposable supplies for 10 women before we receive the results of our grant. We also were able to connect Days for Girls with a village school in Liberia that has just opened and serves three villages of children that have never had a school experience.

The Connecticut Foodshare Walk Against Hunger will be held on Saturday, April 26 at the Dunkin Park in Hartford. If you wish to join SCC Food Pantry's team, contact Jan Hoyle or Caroly Holmy. Watch for information in our weekly emails on how you can support our team and our pantry,

SCHEDULE

Food Pantry Hours

Sun 11am-12pm

Mon 12pm-2pm

Thu 2:30pm-5pm

Midwest Foodbank

Deliveries

Feb 11 11am

Mar 11 11am

Apr 8 11am

Advisory Meetings

Feb 24 2:15pm

Mar 24 2:15pm

Apr 28 2:15pm

Five UConn students taking URBN 1300, Exploring Your Community, are volunteering 20 hours each this semester in our pantry. At the end of their experience with us, they will make a presentation to the class. We thank Malachi, Dylan, Alec, Baylee, and Adrianna for being responsible workers who are making a big difference in the pantry.

February was “SOUPER-BOWL” month at the SCC Pantry. We asked you to donate canned soup. The congregation showed our generosity by contributing more than 150 cans of soup. This translates directly to 150 hot meals for our guests. Thank you!

Just for fun, we gave you the opportunity to support your favorite team in the Super Bowl by contributing soup with your team’s color on the label of the can: Red for the Chiefs, Green for the Eagles, and Blue for the local favorites like the Patriots and Giants. The Chiefs ran away with 86 red cans. Our runners up were the Patriots and Giants with 51 blues cans, while the Super Bowl victors, the Eagles, rounded out the bottom with 19 green cans.

Our generosity far exceeds our skill at predicting the outcome of sporting events—as it should be! We are all winners in the SOUPER BOWL!

Worship Ministry

After a busy fall and Advent season, we are finding a bit of calm as we await the start of Lent.

Soon the candles will be removed from the windows of the meetinghouse, the wreaths from the outer doors and we will begin our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday and end with our joyous celebration on Easter Sunday. Soon palms will be ordered for our observance of Palm Sunday. Be on the lookout for our order forms for Easter flowers that will be available very soon. Last year we had 57 potted flowers ordered by the congregation and as a result we were able to prepare a gorgeous display in the chancel for Easter Sunday. We hope to count on you again for your orders.

In our roles as Worship Coordinators, Laurie and I work with our active deacons to schedule communion servers and make sure we have all the necessary elements needed for the monthly sacrament of communion. Along with other members of our congregation, deacons are also called upon to deliver flowers, provide visitations and serve as ushers and point people for special and memorial services.

As the church seasons move along, Laurie and I along with Katie, our office administrator, schedule Sunday Servers. A Sunday worship service includes many helpers such as ushers, liturgist, greeter, and welcome table host. We appreciate and greatly rely on the many volunteers that we have for these roles, but we can always use more. If you are interested in learning more about serving in any of these capacities, please let Katie, Laurie or Jamie know. We are having a brief training session for these various roles on **Sunday March 30th**, in the narthex, directly after our church service.

Many thanks to all of you who volunteer your time and talents to help with all of the supporting roles that are needed to create our sacred and meaningful services. Laurie and I could not accomplish all that we do without you.



2025 Easter Plant Sale



Daffodil (\$10)

(6" pot w/ 5 blooms)



Hydrangea (\$20)

3 Blooms



Tulip (\$10)

(6" pot w/ 5 blooms)

Colors are subject to availability

*Make checks payable to Storrs Congregational Church
with "Easter Plants" on the memo line.*

Thank you for your donation of flowers to beautify our Easter service altar. *Please plan to take your plant home after the service or you may enjoy giving it to another member, friend or neighbor.*

If you are not able to take your plant on Easter, we're happy to keep it here until you are able to come by.

Orders must be received by Monday, March 17th, 2024.

Thank You!

Curious to Learn More About SCC?

Sunday, 3/2/25 after worship

Newcomers and Seekers' Gathering

Join Rev. Diane and Deacon Jamie Lang-Rodean

Do you wonder...

What is SCC all about?

What does it mean to become a member of this faith community?

Come learn, ask questions, see if it could be a fit for you!

Light lunch provided

If you need childcare, please contact Katie Bienvenue:

sccoffice@storrscongchurch.org

Hope to see you there!

Congregational Happenings

February

Anniversary Celebrations:

Janet & Adrian Atkins	2/1	Rachael & Richard Bogert	2/11
		Ronald Cotterill & Peggy Tucker	2/12

Birthday Celebrations:

Cathy Jeffers	2/2	Alison Latincsics	2/12
Campbell Sion	2/2	Molly Breault-Fisher	2/12
Rebecca Wilson	2/3	David Kapinos	2/14
David Vaughan	2/4	Annemarie Thompson	2/15
Janet Jordan	2/8	Matthew Abell	2/16
Julie Klimkiewicz	2/9	Alexander Villar	2/16
Kyle Enderle	2/9	Rebecca Shafer	2/18
Terry Webster	2/10	Jake Harakaly	2/20
Adrian Gibson	2/10	David Litrico	2/22
Bob Ignatowicz	2/11	Greg Dione	2/22
Gail Ignatowicz	2/11	Marcy Mochel	2/27
Joseph Marcellino	2/11	Peter Talbot	2/28
Stacy Malecki	2/12		

March

Anniversary Celebrations:

Lynn & Majorie Brown	3/22	Peter & Deborah Talbot	3/26
Mike & Mary Lake	3/22	Ed & Nancy Tomastik	3/28
Wade & Karen Johnson	3/25		

March**Birthday Celebrations:**

Mary Patrone-Czaja	3/1	Kris Ridyard	3/15
Jessica McCabe	3/2	Pamela Reichel	3/15
Erica Blum	3/2	Haley Hamlin	3/15
Dianne Sprague	3/3	Jennifer Cano	3/17
Dana Gregus	3/3	Samantha Vannais	3/18
Ryan Ignatowicz	3/3	Kelly Gifford	3/21
Bruce Bergen	3/	Laura Popeleski	3/22
Rachael Bogert	3/5	Jon Mitchell	3/23
Zoe Strickler	3/7	Kelly Villar	3/24
Duffy Brookes	3/8	Bonnie Chemerka	3/26
TJ Green	3/8	Jennifer Dixon	3/26
Robert Brandt	3/9	Allison Bergen	3/28
Bethany Saypalia	3/14	Jenna Hoyt	3/31
Marty Kinsman	3/15		

April**Anniversary Celebrations:**

Wes & Jamie Lang-Rodean 4/16

Birthday Celebrations:

Bella Famularo	4/2	Sharon Schneider	4/16
Tristan Sauvageau	4/4	Barbara Brandt	4/16
Ronald Cotterill	4/5	Anne-Marie Baldwin	4/16
Sierra Jesonis	4/5	Richard Bogert	4/16
Lyndsay Grisamer	4/8	Robert Kapinos	4/17
Dakota Babbitt	4/8	Ariana Codr	4/17
Armand Johnson	4/9	Karen Johnson	4/18
Nancy Titchen	4/9	Erich Latincsics	4/21
Erin Scholes	4/10	Paul Gilligan	4/22
Lindsay Irvine	4/10	Shawnee Green	4/22
Katie Rock	4/11	Colby Soroka	4/24
Brianna Vannais	4/11	Madeline Soroka	4/24
Olivia Arsenault	4/12	Gal Kapinos	4/26
Sara Lang-Rodean	4/13	Susan Irvine	4/27
Bethany Litrico	4/13	Francis Kimenyi	4/29
Elaine Chague	4/15	Leah Villar	4/29
Nancy Rucker	4/16		

Keeping In Touch

Here is the list of people who'd appreciate cards, letters and/or phone calls:

Rev. Michael Ader, Jane Ann Bobbitt, Charlene Dickenson, Bob Guttay, Juanita Hall, Kathy Hampton, Elizabeth Hanks, Larry Mickel, Pat Mochel, Leslie Kennard & Doug Pease, Dianne Sprague, Annemarie Thompson, Adam Thorson.

Need contact information? Please call the office ✆

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**
- **Joshua & Dakota Conner**, submitted by Charlene Dickenson
- **Daniel Felkel**, submitted by Cindy Felkel

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

Upcoming Events and Programs

Seniors Connect

February 13th, March 13th, and April 10th - See you on Zoom on at 11am!



Zoom in with Rev. Diane for this monthly **online** gathering! Open to SCC 'seniors' and any who wish to connect online. Next month we will return to meeting via Zoom the second Thursday of the month from 11 am-12 pm.

Book Discussion

Book Discussion for March 23, 2025, 4pm SCC Library and Zoom

The Book Discussion for March 16, 2025 will be dedicated to "Choose a biography/memoir". Readers will choose a biography or memoir, read it, and briefly share it at the meeting.

Availability: The SCC Library has a collection of biographies and memoirs, you may want to look there first. Other sources include Library Connection, audiobook, and e-book.

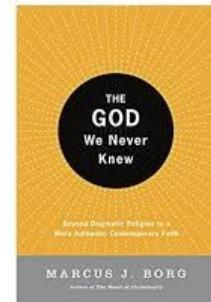
If you have any questions, please let [Malta Bailey](#) know.

C.A.F.E Storrs

C.A.F.E. Storrs, led by Rev. Mike Lake. We are studying the book "The God We Never Knew" by Marcus J. Borg. Everyone is welcome to join with us, in person in the **Parish House library or on Zoom from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Wednesday**.

"In a compelling, readable way, Borg leads us from the distant, authoritarian God of our childhood to an equally powerful, dynamic adult image of God—"the beyond in our midst," the life spirit that is within us and all around us—that reconciles faith with science, history, critical thinking, and religious pluralism."

Come and join the discussion!



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Shrove Tuesday

PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

5:30-7:00



JOIN US IN THE SCC AUDITORIUM
FOR PANCAKES (INCL GLUTEN-FREE)
WITH MANY TOPPINGS, FRUIT,
SAUSAGE AND BACON

Please email Jan Castle (jcastlescc@gmail.com) or
Sue Irvine (susanirvine0@gmail.com) to volunteer to help.



Coming up at SCC

- March 2nd 11:00am Newcomers & Seekers' Gathering (Auditorium)
- March 4th 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Auditorium)
- March 5th 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service (Meeting House)
- March 7th 12:30pm Lunch and Listen (Oyama Restaurant)
- March 11th 7:15pm Vision Team Meeting (Library)
- March 13th 5:30pm Vespers & Supper (Chapel/Lounge)
- March 16th 3:00pm Take Note Fundraiser Concert (Meeting House)
- March 17th Deadline for Easter Flower Order*
- March 20th 5:30pm Vespers & Supper (Chapel/Lounge)
- March 23rd 11:00am All Church Potluck (Auditorium)
- 4:00pm Book Discussion (Library)
- March 25th 6:00pm Vision Team Meeting (Library)
- March 27th 5:30pm Vespers & Supper (Chapel/Lounge)
- March 30th *One Great Hour of Sharing Collection*
- April 3rd 5:30pm Vespers & Supper (Chapel/Lounge)
- 7:00pm Ukrainian Egg Decorating (Auditorium)
- April 8th 6:00pm Vision Team Meeting (Library)
- April 10th 5:30pm Vespers & Supper (Chapel/Lounge)
- 7:00pm Ukrainian Egg Decorating (Auditorium)
- Holy Week-**
- April 13th 11:00am Scrumptious Southern Brunch (Auditorium)
- April 17th 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service (Meeting House)
- April 18th 12:00p Good Friday Silent Reflection (Chapel)
- April 20th 6:30am Easter Sunrise Service (Storrs Cemetery)
- 10:00am Easter Service (Meeting House)
- April 26th TBD Walk Against Hunger Dunkin Park Htfd

Please check the website, weekly announcements, and weekly E-News for updates and additional activities and events!!

Outside Group Meetings at SCC

The Storrs Congregational Church (SCC) affirms its historical presence in the Storrs/Mansfield community in providing space for meetings, services and celebratory events. Community groups are encouraged to use the rooms for events appropriate to the spaces requested.

Ballroom Dance (Auditorium):

Monday 7:00-11:00pm

UConn Dance Co. (Auditorium):

Tuesday 4:30-6:30pm,

Thursday 4:30-8:30pm

University Ballet Co. (Auditorium):

Sunday 5:00-7:00pm

Wednesday 6:30-8:30pm

Table Tennis Club (Auditorium):

Wednesday 2:30-6:30pm,

Friday 4:00-8:00pm,

Sat 11:30-3:30pm

Consonare (Auditorium):

Sunday 2:30-5:00pm

Speaker Meeting (Auditorium):

Sunday 7:30-8:30

Weekly Gatherings at SCC

Mondays	Service Sewing <i>9:30 am (Rm 207)</i> Food Pantry Open, <i>12:00 pm (Rm 102)</i>
Tuesdays	Library Open, <i>9:30 am (Library)</i>
Wednesdays	Parish Piecers, <i>10:00 am (Ed. Bldg. 2nd Floor)</i> C.A.F.E. Storrs, <i>10:30 am (Library & Zoom)</i>
Thursdays	Food Pantry Open, <i>2:30 pm (Rm 102)</i> Handbells <i>6:30 (Meeting House)</i> Choir <i>7:30 (Meeting House)</i>
Sundays	Food Pantry Open, <i>11:00 am (Rm 102)</i> Library Open, <i>11:00 am (Library)</i>

Monthly Gatherings at SCC

1st Thursday	<i>1st Thursday Book Club 1pm (Library)</i>
2nd Week	<i>PEO Chapter S, 10am (Lounge) 3/12 7-9pm, 4/9, 7-9pm</i>
2nd Tuesday	<i>Midwest Food Bank Delivery, 11:00am</i>
3rd Tuesday	<i>Governing Board Meeting, 6:30pm (Room 201 & Zoom)</i>
4th Monday	<i>Food Pantry Advisory Board Meeting, 2:15pm (Library)</i>

Holy Week

We will be pausing events for Holy Week in preparation for Easter.

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