

The Carillon

STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

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WORSHIP AT STORRS CONGREGATIONAL: October 2022

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/>.

October 2: 17th Sunday after Pentecost ~ World Communion Sunday & Neighbors In Need Offering
Scriptures: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 & Luke 17:5-10

October 9: 18th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Access Sunday and Disabilities Awareness Week
Scriptures: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 & Luke 17:11-19

October 16: 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:4-5 & Luke 18:1-8

October 23: 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Scriptures: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

October 30: 21st Sunday after Pentecost ~ Reformation and Heritage Sunday Celebration
Scriptures: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

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; and information about upcoming meetings, events and celebrations. Feedback is greatly appreciated via email, sccoffice@storrscongchurch.org.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Nancy and Ed Tomastik are the proud parents of Robert Nicholas Tomastik as a recent awardee of the UConn Academy of Distinguished Engineers, whose careers are characterized by their sustained achievements in the engineering profession and their enduring honor to the community as practitioners and as citizens. He is the Technical Fellow of Operations Research at Pratt & Whitney, with a Ph.D. in EE from UConn, and has published 7 journal papers, 11 conference papers, 2 book chapters, and has 8 patents and 2 trade secrets. As a recent recipient of a \$40 million grant, he is directing research and analytics methods in supply chain management functions. He grew up in Storrs Congregational Church Sunday School and was confirmed here, with gratitude to all.



Charlene Dickenson joyfully announces that her daughter Sandra received her official diploma the early part of September. Both Sandra and Charlene are very proud of this accomplishment.



Welcome Pastor Diane!



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*Articles to be included in the November edition of the Carillon should be submitted to Deborah in the office by **October 22nd** and should include events for **November 2022**.*

REMEMBERING

While the rest of the world celebrates a spooky holiday on October 31st, **a large majority of the Christian community celebrates Reformation Day**. The Protestant Reformation **began in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517**, when Martin Luther, a teacher and a monk, published a document he called *Disputation on the Power of Indulgences*, or *95 Theses*. His central teachings, **that the Bible is the central source of religious authority and that salvation is reached through faith and not deeds**, shaped the core of Protestantism.

NEWS FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD

At the September 14th meeting of the Governing Board (GB) there were several items that were acted upon by the GB.

The renewal of the contract with Silva Engineering was approved to continue to rent office space on the second floor of the Education Building. A review of small office rental space in the area indicates that the current rental rate is still reasonable for both parties. James Silva and his employees have been excellent tenants.

The GB accepted a report from Duffy Brookes which addresses the items raised by the Congregation at the Annual Business Meeting that was held last February and some other building and grounds issues. The GB will call a meeting of the Congregation on Sunday October 9, 2023 to act on a motion to fund repairs to the slates and other areas of the roofs. The cost for these repairs is \$15,180 and the use of funds from major projects will be requested for the Congregation to approve.

The other items in the report will be provided to you in more detail and will be discussed prior to and at the October 9th meeting. The subjects for discussion include heating and air conditioning as needed throughout the Parish House, window treatment (shear curtains) for the Meeting House, and an update for repairs to the chapel bellows, for which we have solid cost estimates. There are general estimates for air conditioning the Meeting House, window repair / replacement, and prevention of ice release from the slate roofs. The reason there is a difference between solid and general cost estimates is one of the magnitude of the expense.

Please take the time to read information that will be sent to you over the course of the next two weeks and participate in the information session to be held before the October 9th meeting.

The motions passed at the September 14, 2023 meeting include:

MOTION: Nancy Tomastik moved, with a second by Cass Crewdson, that the board approve the following items from the Consent Agenda:

1. that the Board approves the minutes of the August 10, 2022, meeting of the Governing Board
2. that the Board acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the August 2022, Treasurer's report
3. that the Board acknowledges with thanks the receipt of reports from the Lead Ministry Coordinators

The motion was unanimously approved

MOTION: Cass Crewdson moved, and Bruce Bergen seconded a motion to accept a report from the HVAC Committee detailing proposed heating and cooling upgrades to church buildings.

The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: Zoe Strickler moved, with a second by David Jordan, that the board call a special congregational meeting for Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, to:

1. vote on the expenditure of \$15,180 for repairs to the roof of the education building to be funded from Major Projects
2. discuss the HVAC committee's recent report on building upgrades with recommended actions on the HVAC report and special projects to be taken at a future meeting
3. discuss any items the congregation wishes to raise.

The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: Cass Crewdson moved, with a second by David Jordan, to authorize Board Chair Paul Schur to renew Silva Engineering's lease agreement for rental of office space in the education building. The rental rate would remain similar to last year's.

The motion passed unanimously.

Paul Schur, Chairperson
Governing Board

Upcoming Governing Board Meeting

October 12th 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, October 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.

Faith Formation News

Lisa Haupt

Director of Faith Formation

Re-cap of Community Connection High School “Camp” June 2022



In late June 2022, Linda Blum, Jan Hoyle, Heather Elliott-Famularo, Nancy Rucker, Emma Haupt gathered with me and thirteen high school students for the inaugural high school Community Connection “camp” at Storrs Congregational Church. Each day we spent some time getting to know one another, having conversation about what it means to be compassionate members of community while making connections with one another and our greater community. We learned from and talked with our guest speakers and SCC community partners: Avery, the director of

Windham Area No Freeze, Ryan, director of HFHS: Holy Family Holy Shelter, our own Jan Hoyle of the SCC Food Pantry and with our SCC Prayer Shawl Ministry team, about community needs, in particular in regard to homelessness. We created artwork that the students could take home each of the three days that we were indoors including tie-dye t-shirts (a favorite camp activity to be worn each day as a visual of our community), a soul collage made of magazine images that were framed, and a “Connection” water color pencil painting. The majority of our indoor time together we cut out and stitched fleece fabric hats—135 in total!

We made them to fit infants, children and adults and each hat is labeled accordingly! These hats will be taken to the community partner organizations represented by our guest speakers. To celebrate our hat-making efforts, we walked to the UConn Dairy bar for an ice cream treat after completing the sewing days! Our final day of "camp" we joined with members of SCC to spruce up the playground! Students painted and stained the swing set and slide, weeded and picked up rocks within the play area, some assembled outdoor furniture and most took a turn with the pressure washer to clean-up the plastic toys and play structures. We are very grateful to Laurie Brookes for providing a tasty lunch each of the four days and to Duffy Brookes for coordinating the playground efforts!

efforts!





We defined what **community** means, prompted by this quote:
"What happens to another, whether it be JOY or a SORROW, happens to me." -Meister Eckhart (1260-1328), German Philosopher, Theologian, and Mystic

We discussed what **compassion** means, with this quote as our stepping off point: "Compassion is about INTERCONNECTIVITY—

It's acting out of CONNECTION, NOT competition or ego projection. Meister Eckhart's quote about joy and sorrow is the most succinct definition of compassion."

(above) -Matthew Fox (1940-), spiritual theologian, Episcopal priest, activist for gender- and eco-justice



We defined what **connection** means, with inspiration from this poem:

EVERY DAY WE ARE LEARNING

Every day we are learning
How to live with essence, not ease.
How to move with haste, never hate.
How to leave this pain that is beyond us
Behind us.

Just like a skill or any art,

We cannot possess hope without practicing it.

It is the most fundamental craft we demand of ourselves.

-Amanda Gorman (1998-), American Poet and Activist from her book: *Call Us What We Carry*, Viking Books. 2021.



OFFICE & FACILITIES CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH – FOOD PANTRY WILL BE OPEN

The office will be closed on Monday, October 10th and the staff will be on holiday in observance of Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day.

While Connecticut recognizes this date as a "holiday observance" the University of Connecticut does not and classes, student activities, work study and the Food Pantry will continue to operate as if it is just another Monday.

While many may wonder "if" this holiday should continue to be celebrated, we cannot forget the achievements that it recognizes. Columbus's voyage had a major impact on the development of the Spanish Empire in the new world and through discovering the existence of the Caribbean for Europeans, avenues for exploration and economic development that never could have been dreamt of before suddenly became possible. Trade being made available between continents and different peoples had a huge influence on the evolution of world history in nearly all parts of the world.



FOOD PANTRY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monday, October 24th, 2022, 4:00 PM in the SCC Library

Consider joining this group that meets the 4th Monday of the month in the Library. We discuss our Food Pantry, it's role in the community, how we can better serve those who use it and creative ways of using items. We continue to grow in knowledge of the community and the need for culturally diverse food items. We have nutrition specialists from UConn providing guidance, informational resources to the community as well as participate. with demonstrations. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Jan Hoyle or just come to the meeting on Monday @ 4:00 PM.

The Food Pantry Advisory Board has requested donations for October of **First Aid and Personal Care items**. Consider **soap, toothpaste, deodorant, cold lozenges, hydrogen peroxide, antiseptic creams, and feminine supplies**.

Please bring your donations to Worship on Sunday and leave in the box in the Narthex or drop by the Waggoner Chapel or Parish House anytime during the week. Donations of pet food are greatly appreciated as some of our Pantry guests have pets which provide vital support for mental health and well-being. Thank you for considering these furry family members when choosing donations to provide to the pantry.

CALL TO A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CALL TO SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING October 9, 2022

Pursuant to the By Laws of the Storrs Congregational Church (SCC):

By vote of the Governing Board on September 14, 2022,

The Members of the Storrs Congregational Church are called to a Special Meeting of the congregation, to be held October 9, 2022, following the Sunday morning worship service. The meeting will be held in the same format as worship, in-person and/or online via Zoom Meetings. The business of said meeting shall be to:

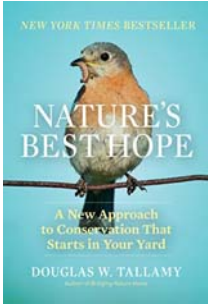
1. vote on the expenditure of \$15,180 for repairs to the roof of the education building to be funded from Major Projects
2. discuss the HVAC committee's recent report on building upgrades with recommended actions on the HVAC report and special projects to be taken at a future meeting
3. discuss any items the congregation wishes to raise.

*The presence and participation of all members is requested; a **minimum of thirty is required to transact business.** In the event that the scheduled meeting must be postponed due to weather or other emergency, it shall be held on the following Sunday.*

Rationale – There has been a history of leaks in the education building that can be seen in stains in attic areas, ceilings, and tiles. While some can be attributed to broken slates, the majority occur at building edges where water can run down the bricks and find its way through cracks or the edges where flashing is inserted. The repairs that are proposed include replacing slates, cleaning all gutters, and improving the raised parapets on each end of the Education Building. The repairs proposed represent a preventive long-term solution. The experience that we have had with Mahan Slate Roofing Company has been one of professional quality work. Mahan was selected from among three slate roofing companies the last time satisfactory repairs were made to our slate roofs.

At the Annual Business Meeting of the SCC held on February 6, 2022 the Congregation voted to have the Governing Board form a committee to consider heating and air conditioning and other aesthetic and environmental aspects of our facilities. The results of the Committee's and others work will be discussed at the October 9, 2022 meeting.

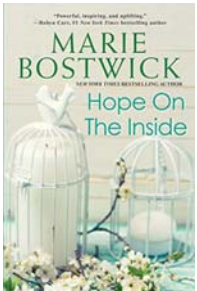
A NEW BOOK IN THE LIBRARY



Nature's Best Hope, a new approach to conservation that starts in your yard by Douglas W. Tallamy. This is a new book bought in support of the butterfly garden and general environmental concerns. A review by Patty Tanaka.

The author makes a good case for Homegrown National Park. What he is advocating is restoring insects, the little things that run the world. The homeowner can do that by restoring landscaping that feeds insects and thus birds and other animals. Too many of the plants in most home yards are imports and are not as nutritious for local birds and animals. By sacrificing some lawn to natural state and planting things that are native to the area such as oak trees and native flowers such as New England aster, even goldenrod, that are part of the food chain for local insects, your yard can provide food, shelter, and hopefully water for local wildlife and for migrating birds and insects. There are guidelines for plants that can be added to your yard for each area in the country. He gives websites so you can check what is best to add in your yard. Be part of the solution, not part of the problem. It will work if each of us does our part. We will leave the earth a better place for our grandchildren. And the pictures in this book are fabulous. The first picture shows a monarch butterfly on a New England aster, just like I saw looking out my window into the garden.

SCC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



November 20th, 2022 @ 4:00 PM in the Library and zoom

Our next book for discussion will be *Hope on the Inside* by Marie Bostwick. Marie tells the story of Hope Carpenter who seeks inspiration and a financial boost when her savings and marriage are strained. Hope gets a job teaching crafts at a local women's prison. She and the women eventually bond over a quilting project as they learn piece by piece that life is both surprising and beautiful.

Author Debbie Macomber said, "Reading Marie Bostwick is like wrapping yourself up in a warm hand-crafted quilt."

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

A REFLECTION BY ELLEN BRADLEY

How much is too much? I have recently discovered that technology has reached really far into my beloved hobby of sewing!

I spent my childhood watching my grandmother sew on her old treadle Singer. Now I too have an old Singer machine that I got while I was in college, my first big purchase on my own. It was cutting edge at the time and I remember how proud and important I felt owning it. And I have used it all these years. It wasn't always old and out of style but it is now. Last year I thought it would be helpful if I upgraded, and bought a second hand, very fancy machine. This was a huge upgrade for me and I thought I was making a great decision, but as soon as I brought it home and plugged it in, it sprung to life and ran through a curious beeping and humming regimen before it settled, with a cursor blinking expectantly on an actual computer screen on its front, waiting for a command. It was then that I started to wonder if I bit off more than I could chew. The next clue was that it came with a disc for me to watch to learn how to use it. I had been hoping for a regular old instruction booklet that I could keep referring back to. To set the stitch length, tension, or any settings at all involved programming the settings into the little screen, which showed animated illustrations of the settings. I had to scroll to advance to each choice and press when I wanted to select one. Each choice disappeared when I pressed for the next one and I had to keep scrolling back to review what my choices were. And, it was clear that I needed bifocals or laser surgery to even see the computer screen and keyboard! Reverse was no longer a lever to move but yet another button to locate and press on the keyboard. Same with lifting the presser foot. My hands were going in all the wrong places to find the functions that I needed, the old places where these functions were physically located on my trusty old Singer; and I could still see the computer screen behind my eyelids when I went to bed!

But I tried. I even put my Singer away in order to be forced to get used to the new machine. I just couldn't get used to it and then, sewing began to be unenjoyable and finally I took out the old Singer again. That was the death knell for the new machine. I never used it again, and sold it shortly after.

Last weekend I saw another sewing machine at a yard sale. I was back to using my old Singer all the time and wasn't really in the market for anything else but the \$15.00 price tag did make me pause. It looked like new and had many features that I would like, but the great thing was, it was not computerized and looked comfortingly uncomplicated. I did buy it and plugged it in at home and turned it on and the best sound was NO sound - it sat humbly,

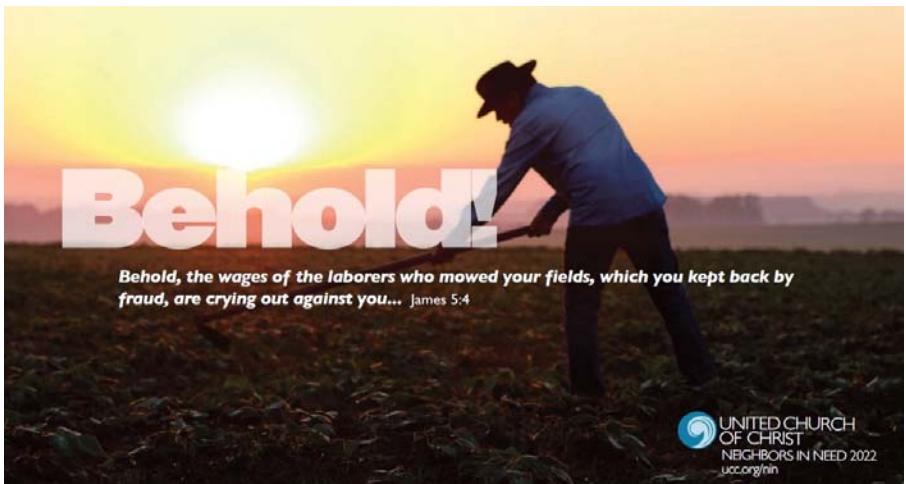
waiting for me to manually set some real dials and begin using it. About ten years old, it has many more features than my forty-year old Singer, but not nearly as many as the other fancy machine. It's just somewhere right in the middle, which is perfect for me.

Technology is of course unavoidable and for the most part a wonderful thing. But, it doesn't have to be part of everything we do, and sometimes, less really is more. It's easy to feel overwhelmed at a whole new way of doing something you enjoy. The relaxation of the activity might go away, to be replaced by frustration, as I discovered, which defeats the purpose of a hobby. Unless it's a job requirement or medical advancement or something similar, I don't think there's anything wrong with dialing back some of the technology occasionally and continuing to enjoy the simplicity of a tradition we are accustomed to. May we often recognize and embrace the joy we get from the simpler things in our lives. Amen.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice. One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

We will receive this offering on October 2, 2022 as part of World Communion Sunday. However contributions may be made at any time on our website or by submitting a check made out to SCC with Neighbors in Need on the memo line.



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE HAPPENINGS

Anniversary Celebrations

Karen & Andrew Horan..... October 4
Lisa & Dana Gregus..... October 16
Julie & Bryan Klimkiewicz. October 19

Birthday Celebrations

Elizabeth Lake 10/1
Jackie Soroka 10/2
Nate Holmy 10/2
Katrina Heffley..... 10/2
Erin Ballou 10/5
Cheryl Roy 10/6
Laura Sagin..... 10/7
Herb Ridyard 10/12
Brock Silliman..... 10/14
Emily Duval 10/15

Eileen Griffin..... 10/15
Hayley Gilbert..... 10/15
Laura Blum 10/16
Barbara Nagy..... 10/17
Bob Wyss..... 10/18
Lia Kapinos 10/18
Sue Schur 10/19
Ward Ewalt 10/19
Emerson Ballou 10/23
Marietta Johnson 10/27
Cass Crewdson..... 10/28
Scotty Duval..... 10/29
Richie Kremer..... 10/30
Trisha Snyder..... 10/30
Joan Keller..... 10/31
Ronald Schurin..... 10/31

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



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON SUNDAYS?

Would you like to serve on a Sunday Morning Server team? All roles are active with in-person worship. If you have questions about getting started and “training” please contact the "Role Coordinator" listed below. Even if you've never served before, you are welcome to sign up - we'll make sure you have all the information you need to feel confident in serving.

Role: Greeter, Welcome Table Host, Head Usher, Usher & Liturgist

Coordinator: Jamie Lang-Rodean (langrodeanje@gmail.com) &

Role: Tech Team

Coordinator: Andy McCabe (andy@rescueworld.com)

Hospitality & Congregational Life Ministry Coordinator still needed.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS @ SCC

- Mondays** Service Sewing, 9:30 am (Room 207)
..... Food Pantry Open, 1:00 pm (Room 102)
- Tuesdays** Library Open, 9:30 am (Ed. Building – Library)
..... Staff Meeting, 12:30 pm (PH – Lounge)
..... UConn 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)
..... 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

- Oct. 2 Walk the Prayer Labyrinth, *following worship* (Auditorium)
- Oct. 6 1st Thursday Book Club, 1:00 pm (Library)
- Oct. 9 Congregational Meeting, *following worship* (Meeting House & Zoom)
- Oct. 10 Staff Holiday. Food Pantry & Student Activities are Open
- Oct. 12 Governing Board Meeting, 7:00 pm (CE – Room 102 & Zoom)
- Oct. 21 Voices of Concinnity Concert, 7:00 pm (Meeting House)
- Oct. 24 Food Pantry Advisory Board Meeting, 4:00 pm (Library)
- Oct. 27 Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10:00 am (Library & Zoom)
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STUDENT GROUP ACTIVITIES @ SCC

- Monday: UConn Ballroom Dance, 7:00 pm (Auditorium)
..... UConn Table Tennis Club, 2:30 pm (Auditorium)
- Tuesday: University Dance Company, 4:00 pm (Auditorium)
..... UConn Swing & Blues Dance, 7:30 pm (Auditorium)
- Wednesday: ..FIRST Lego League, Robotics Group, 5:00 pm (Room 201)
..... University Ballet Company, 6:30 pm (Auditorium)
- Thursday: University Dance Company, 6:30 pm (Auditorium)
- Friday: UConn Table Tennis Club, 4:00 pm (Auditorium)
..... FIRST Lego League, Robotics Group, 5:00 pm (Room 201)
- Saturday: UConn Table Tennis Club, 11:30 am (Auditorium)
- Sunday: CDN, A Cappella Rehearsal, 6:00 pm (Meeting House)

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