

**JANUARY
2017**



The First Congregational Church in Bloomfield – United Church of Christ

The Wintonbury Spire

PASTOR'S
NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS...WELCOME TO 2017!

A NEW YEAR FULL OF POSSIBILITIES!

There are two beautiful banners at the main entrance of

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN BLOOMFIELD

THEY INSPIRE ME EVERY TIME I SEE THEM!

The message on these banners reflects Pastor's

Desire and Challenge for 2017

FIRST... BUILDING HOPE!

SECOND...SEEKING PEACE!

May 2017 be a year of **"Building Hope"**

in our Congregation, our families and our
community...Be aware...**GOD IS DOING A NEW THING!**

Also, may 2017 be a year of **"Seeking Peace"** in

us, in our Congregation, our families and our
community...**Be aware...GOD IS DOING A
NEW THING!**

LET US BE OPEN TO GOD'S INSPIRATION

AND NEW STRENGTH IN 2017...

Pastor Ed

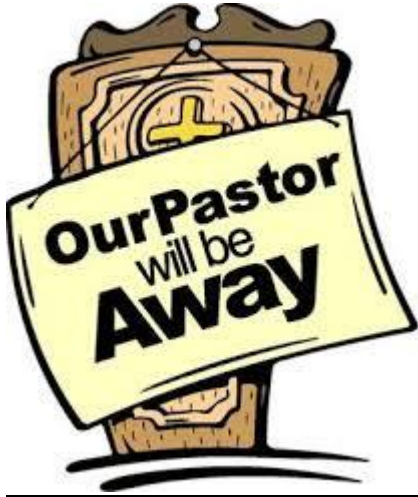


ADULT FAITH FORMATION BIBLE STUDIES

Our Bible Studies continues in 2017.

Thursdays at 10am at FCCB.

PASTOR ED VACATION TIME



Pastor Ed will take some vacation time starting Sunday January 2, and returning Sunday January 8 when the **Three Queens** will visit our congregation.



Martin Luther King Jr. Service

The Bloomfield Interfaith Association is sponsoring a service celebrating the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "How would Doctor King want us to live our lives?"

Monday January 16, 2017, 7:00 PM at Beth Hillel Synagogue, 160 Wintonbury Ave, Bloomfield.

A time to reflect and plan for the future through music, the spoken word, community comment and fellowship. Refreshments will be served.



A **spiritual gift** is **given** to each of us so **we** can **help** each other.

**COME...INVITE OTHERS...MONDAY
JANUARY 16, 2017 AT 7:00 PM**

News For Kids, Youth & Families



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! May this New Year of 2017 be a year of growing in faith with many joys, much love, peace and blessings. Try this with your family, get a jar and small pieces of paper and a pen, write down a blessing each day and drop it in the jar and at the end of the year read what wonderful blessings you acquired all year long.

The Christmas Pageant was once again a wonderful worship service! It began with an Introit played by Beatrice Dang. Thank you to Charles, Cindy and Liam Walker for portraying the Holy Family. Our little lamb was Maxwell Walker. To add something wonderful to our Pageant this year we had Liturgical Dancers. Amber McKenzie and Kyara O'Connor did an amazing job of dancing to Mary Did You Know. It was a beautiful addition. These girls worked very hard and had much rehearsal time to put together this lovely Liturgical Dance in the beginning of our Pageant. Thank you to Jeanna McKenzie and Heather O'Connor for your help and coaching for this excellent performance. Thank you Sandra O'Connor, Kyara's grandmother for making the dance costumes they were lovely. Also thank you to Isaiah Clarke, Jaiden Alba and AJ Correa for representing the Magi. The Magi this year were led by a Star worn by Andrew Johnson and they were accompanied by a camel Louis Haberlandt. We again sang The Little Drummer Boy Christmas Carol and Joshua Clarke portrayed the Drummer Boy

while playing a drum on his way down the aisle and at the Manger. Angel Gabriel was played by Susan Haberlandt. Our angels and shepherds in the Christmas Pageant were superb. It was great! We had so many children we ran out of costumes!! For the offertory the Sunday School Children's Choir did a fabulous job singing Silent Night and Susan Haberlandt did amazing leading the singing. They were accompanied by Sarah Morgan on Piano. It was absolutely beautiful, thank you Sarah for your help and expertise. Our wonderful musician's were Eustace Straker and Reese Hart on Trumpet They played their instruments beautifully for the Christmas Carols sung by the Congregation. Also, our scripture readers did a fantastic job leading the Pageant Christmas Story, thank you Beatrice Dang, Aaron Dang, Aaron's school friend Trung who is from Vietnam, Trishell Stewart and Joshua Markiewicz. Thank you all for your hard work, dedication and talents of each and every one. All of you make the Christmas Pageant a great celebration of Christmas Worship and a beautiful retelling of the Christmas Story. Also thank you to all the parents who braved the snow storm to make rehearsal for the Pageant, you are all warriors of weather and it was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Ursula Dang, Keith McKenzie, Rick Mesick and Joshua Markiewicz for moving the scenery for the staging of the Pageant.

Also, thank you to Van Dang, Garfield Haughton and kids for helping me put all the costumes and scenery away. I truly appreciated the help. Thank you parents and grandparents for your time and support during the Pageant I greatly appreciate it and your children and grandchildren are amazing and a wonderful gift to our Congregation. Thanks so much.

Thank you Thank you to all the Families of our Congregation who lit the Advent Candles. Advent is a special time of the church year and having our families light the candles make our Advent worship full of hope, peace, joy and love with Christ within each of you.

Sunday School Schedule

Sunday, January 1st Communion Sunday
Children worship with their families

Sunday, January 8th Sunday School for
Preschool - Grade 9, A Visit from the
Three Queens during Worship.

Sunday, January 15th Sunday School for
Preschool - Grade 9

Sunday, January 15th Youth Group 4:00
- 5:30 Living Room.

Sunday, January 22nd Sunday School for
Preschool - Grade 9.

Sunday, January 29th Sunday School for
Preschool - Grade 9.

The Living Nativity was a wonderful evening of fun, as we took part in the Bloomfield Colors of the Season on December 8, 2016. We were visited by quite a few families from the Town Green, we were waved to by the riders on the Horse drawn carriage and even greeted by cars going by. Children stopped by to hold baby Jesus and their families took photos. Thank you to Mary Liaupppa, Oz Gibbs and Dorine Decarli. It was a great time and it is great to be out in the community sharing our Christmas Spirit and Story. Check out the articles from the Bloomfield Journal on the kiosk.

SAVE THE DATE

Our next Pastoral Search Listening Circle will be on

Sunday, January 8, 2017

after worship in Fellowship Hall.

We also hope that all our members will visit our online Pastoral Search Inventory and complete this important survey.

Look for the link in our church weekly e-mail or type the following into your browser.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/firstcongregationalchurchbloomfield>

For members without internet access we have paper copies available too. If anyone needs help completing the survey or has any questions about the search process please contact any of the Search Team members. We would be happy to help.



Thanks again,

Your Pastoral Search Team



SAVE THE DATE



CTUCC Youth Revival

Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM

First Church of Christ Congregational
12 South Main Street
West Hartford, CT 06107

Fill your spirit with praise music and inspiring words in this exciting worship service that is now an annual tradition in the Connecticut Conference. This is a dynamic worship service that will renew your spirit. Come and lift your praises, celebrate vitality, and embrace diversity!



Something
for Everyone





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<p><i>Every Sunday</i></p> <p>8 & 10 am Worship 12:30 New Birth Community Church</p>	<p><i>Every Monday</i></p> <p>6pm Bell Choir 7pm Narc. Anon.</p>
<p>January 1 <i>10:00 am worship only</i> New Year's Day Communion Sunday <i>Lectionary Possibilities:</i> Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13; Psalm 8; Revelations 21: 1-6a; Matthew 25: 31-46</p>	<p>2 5:30 pm Search Team</p>
<p>January 8 <i>8 & 10 am worship</i> 3 Queens Visit FCCB Second Hour - Search Team First Sunday after Epiphany <i>Lectionary Possibilities:</i> Isaiah 42: 1-9; Psalm 40: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9 John 1: 29-42</p>	<p>9 1pm Deacons</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <p>Loaves & Fishes Preparation on Mon Jan 9 Serving on Tues Jan 10</p> </div>
<p>January 15 <i>8 & 10 am worship</i> Second Sunday after Epiphany <i>Lectionary Possibilities:</i> Isaiah 49: 1-7; Psalm 35: 5-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>January 22 <i>8 & 10 am worship</i> Third Sunday after Epiphany Second Hour - Search Team <i>Lectionary Possibilities:</i> Isaiah 9: 1-4; Psalm 27: 1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>January 29 <i>8 & 10 am worship</i> Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Health & Human Services Sunday <i>Lectionary Possibilities:</i> Micah 6: 1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; Matthew 5: 1-12</p>	<p>30</p>



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<i>Every Tuesday</i>	<i>Every Wed. 9:30am Jump Bunch 7 pm Alc. Anon.</i>	<i>Every Thursday 10 am Bible Study</i>	<i>Every Friday 7:30 pm Alc. Anon</i>	<i>Every Saturday</i>
3 <i>9:15 am Exercise</i>	4	5	6 <i>9:15 am Exercise</i>	7
10 <i>9:15 am Exercise 11 am Loaves & Fishes offsite</i>	11 Wednesday Jan 11 6:30 pm Council Meeting	12 <i>1 pm Parish Care</i>	13 <i>9:15 am Exercise</i>	14
17 <i>9:15 am Exercise 12 pm HAEC</i>	18	19 <i>6:30 pm Glenwood Green</i>	20 <i>9:15am exercise</i>	21
24 <i>9:15 am Exercise</i>	25 <i>4:00 pm ABC</i>	26	27 <i>9:15am exercise</i> Fri Jan 27 Spire Party 10:30 am	28
31 <i>4 pm Prosser Library Event</i>	Feb 1	2	3	4



Charlotte Babcock	January 2
Allison Correa	January 4
David Berg	January 6
Trishell Stewart	January 8
Bainie Wild	January 10
Anne Weaver	January 16
Kathy Mathews	January 28
Sharon Goetjen	January 29
Karen Blanchard	January 29



Pastor & Doris Ayala January 6



Second Hour - January 8
MLK Service - January 16



Healthy Resolutions

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017
3 QUEENS WILL VISIT DURING OUR
10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

**They will arrive
with
Special Musical
Guests!**



Bring your children and grandchildren!
They will love this experience!

Bring



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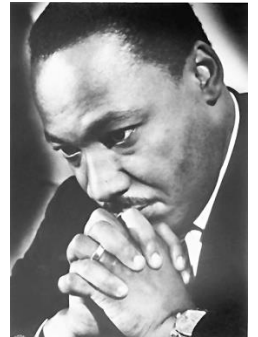
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*"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he
stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but
where he stands at times of challenge and
controversy"*

Refreshments will be served.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2017







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The *Wintonbury Spire*, newsletter of the First Congregational Church in Bloomfield – United Church of Christ, is published monthly to provide information to and about our members and friends.

Spire Schedule The Wintonbury Spire will be mailed at the end of each month. Please join us for the “Spire Party” where we stuff, fold, label, seal and stamp the Spire from 10:30 – 11:30 am on a Friday morning.

Spire Parties will be held on:

December 30, 2017	January 27, 2017
February 24, 2017	March 31, 2017
April 28, 2017	May 25, 2017
June 30, 2017	August 31, 2017

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