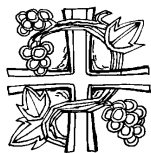
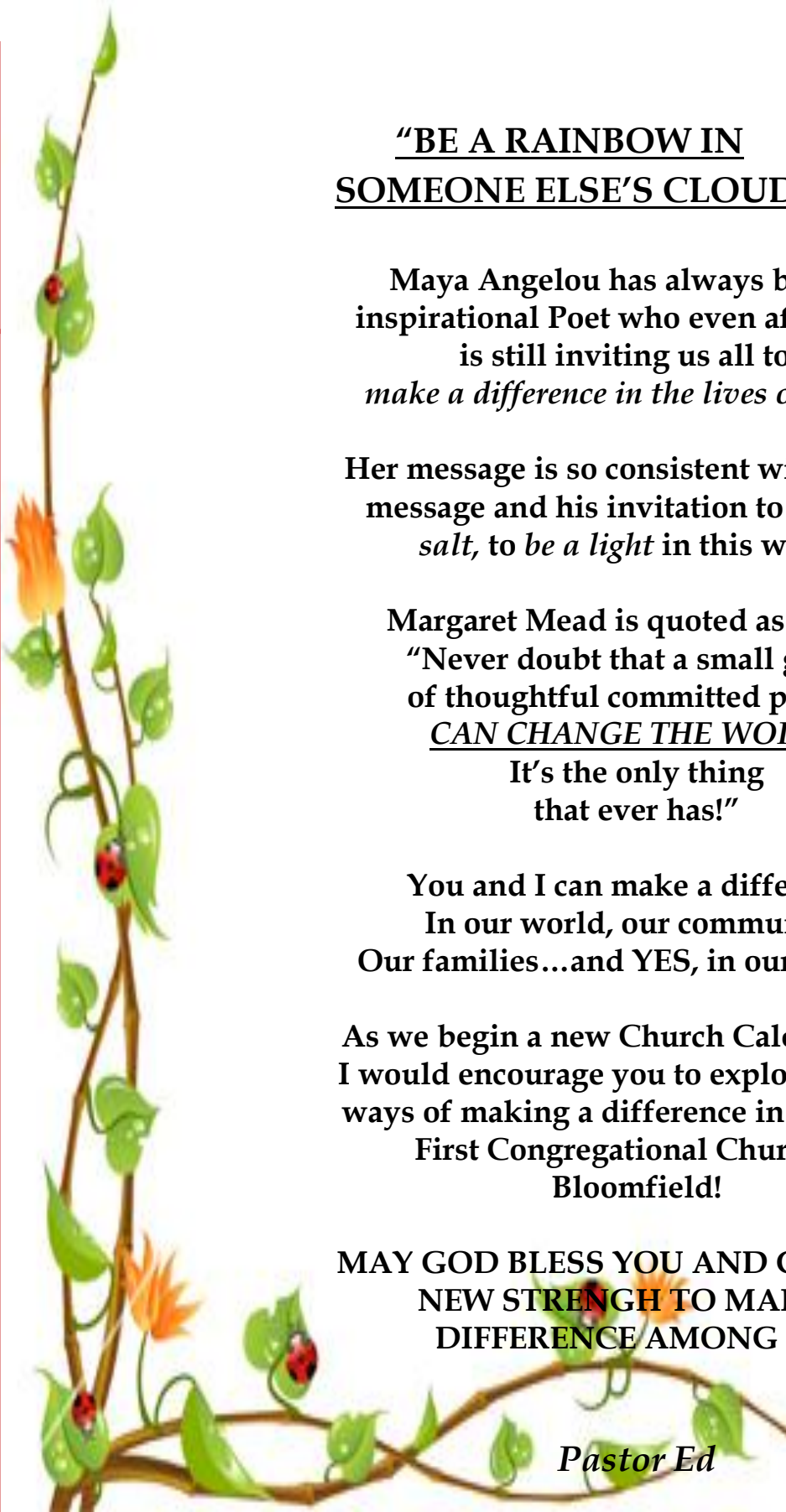


**SEPTEMBER  
2016**



The First Congregational Church in Bloomfield - United Church of Christ

# The Wintonbury Spire



## "BE A RAINBOW IN SOMEONE ELSE'S CLOUD"

Maya Angelou has always been an inspirational Poet who even after death is still inviting us all to...  
*make a difference in the lives of others!*

Her message is so consistent with Jesus's message and his invitation to us, *to be salt, to be a light* in this world!

Margaret Mead is quoted as saying  
"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed people  
CAN CHANGE THE WORLD  
It's the only thing that ever has!"

You and I can make a difference  
In our world, our community,  
Our families...and YES, in our Church!

As we begin a new Church Calendar year I would encourage you to explore creative ways of making a difference in the life of  
First Congregational Church in  
Bloomfield!

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND GIVE YOU  
NEW STRENGTH TO MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE AMONG US!**

*Pastor Ed*



**PASTOR ED'S**

***"Sparks of challenges and information  
for you and your loved ones"***

***The New Testament depicts Jesus  
as always being  
concerned with all human lives,  
describing his mission as...***

***"I have come so that you  
may live in abundance"***

**ENJOY LIFE, LIVE YOUR PRESENT  
FULLY!**

***Another beautiful biblical lesson is...***

***"It is better to give than to receive"***

***Let's be good stewards of the  
blessings that GOD has given  
us...Give out of love!***

***SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH FULLY,  
IT IS GOD'S BLESSING TO ALL OF US.***

***Pastor Ed***

## **TO OUR BELOVED CONGREGATION**

May God's Grace, Peace and Inspiration be with you all!

On Sunday, August 28, I had the honor of meeting with FCCB Deacons in planning details related to our worship and program for the next months. We are all very excited about the inspiring experiences that we will have for our beloved Congregation.

In the conversation I clarified something that has been in the minds of some at our Church regarding my openness to be considered as a candidate for the permanent pastoral position at FCCB. I must admit that this has also been in my mind for some time.

I want to convey officially to our Congregation that ***I will not*** be applying for the position of Settled Pastor.

I pray that God's Spirit will help the Congregation in identifying the inspirational leader that will continue to work with all of you in building a healthy witnessing and caring community of faith. A leader that will care for the Congregation and help it grow!

*As your Transitional Pastor I will continue to provide pastoral leadership until your new pastor begins. I've been called to serve and I will continue to do this with passion and integrity. Please contact Andrea if you need my support, a visit or someone to listen to you.*

May God's wisdom and love continue to touch all our hearts...

***"He/she who binds to himself a joy  
Does the winged life destroys  
But he/she who kisses the joy as it flies  
Lives in Eternity's sunrise"***

*William Blake Eternity Poem*

**Pastor Ed**



An all church picnic will be held after the 10 am service on the front lawn of the church.

Hot dogs, chips and lemonade will be served.

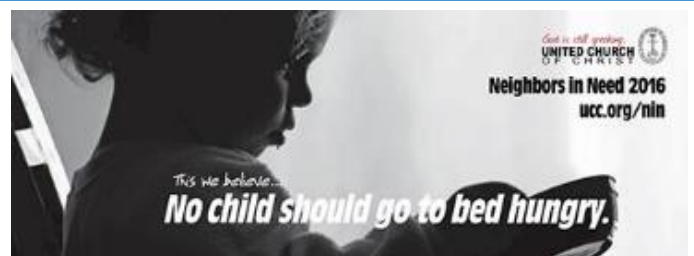
Please join us and bring a side dish or dessert to share.

This is a great way to come together as a church community to celebrate the upcoming Sunday School year. All are welcome!



## Save the Date

**CROP Walk**  
**October 9, 2016 at**  
**1:00pm**



**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. Most UCC congregations will receive the NIN offering on **October 2, 2016** as part of their World Communion Sunday observance. However, some local churches select another date. NIN contributions can be made on-line at any time at [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin).

# News For Kids, Youth Families



## Faith Formation Meeting

Our first Faith Formation meeting is on **September 15th @ 6:30 PM**. Anyone wishing to join the team is welcome to attend the first meeting. Bring your ideas and energy and help us nurture our children and adults.

**Mark Your Calendar now... First & Third Sunday each month - YOUTH GROUP**

**Youth Group for Grades 5 – 12** Our first meeting is Sunday October 2<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 - 5:30. Our second meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 - 5:30 pm. Bring a friend.

**Sunday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> - Sunday school Preschool - Grade 9 Rally Sunday Picnic after service**  
**Sunday Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School Preschool - Grade 9**  
**Sunday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School Preschool - Grade 9**  
Youth Group begins in Oct, for Grade 5-12, meeting on First and Third Sunday each month

**It you would like to hear the music for VBS Cave Quest 2016, log on to Youtube.com. It is surely great music.**

**CAVE QUEST 2016**  
**"JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"**

## Rally Sunday September 11

Welcome to a new Program Year of Sunday School, Youth Group and Family Fun. Rally together on Sunday September 11th at the 10:00 am Worship Service. On this very special Sunday we will be blessing Back Packs, bring your Back Pack to church and have it blessed for the School year. We also will be blessing Backpacks, iPads and iPhones for our college students. Come and receive your blessing for the School year! During Sunday School the children will be making a Back Pack pull to go on their blessed Back Pack. Invite your friends to come to church and have them bring their Back Pack too. Our Sunday School classes will follow after Word with Children. Plan to stay for lunch on the front lawn after church. We will be having our Annual Rally Sunday Picnic. Please bring a dish or salad to share! Rally together, enjoy the blessings of the day as we begin our new year.

**Vacation Bible School** Vacation Bible School was another wonderful experience for 29 children of our church and community. We had a great time and wonderful feedback from the children and parents. I would like to thank the volunteers for their time, energy and enthusiasm. Teachers and Support staff: Karen Blanchard, Marnie Clark, Ursula Dang, Angela Maine, Sue Thompson, Pat Robair and Trudy Barnard. Thank you so very much for your amazing work with the children. Our youth group leaders and helpers: Tiarra Jackson, Kaitlin Percy, Isaiah & Joshua Clarke, Amber McKenzie & Kaleb McKenzie, Alex Correa, Beatrice Dang, Maisy (Marnie's granddaughter) and Katie Keene. These young people did an amazing job helping and leading. Thank you all for your time, energy and talents. What a great group!



# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Keadean Stewart	September 2
Kamryn Stewart	September 11
Ralph Blanchard	September 13
Ron Robinson	September 14
Carol Wilson	September 14
Carol Johnson	September 21
Doris Ahrens	September 22



September 4  
 Faith Formation Sunday  
 September 11  
 Rally Sunday  
 September 18  
 Return to 10 am service



# SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Kim Letendre - 5 years Sept. 24



- \*Carol Wilson recovering from surgery.
- \*Carol Johnson dealing with health issues.
- \*Keep Calvin and Estelle Cole in your thoughts and prayers. Calvin is at Bloomfield Center for Nursing and Rehab, Estelle is home. Cards and calls are appreciated.
- \*Carol Wolcott, would appreciate cards, calls.
- \* Michael Edwards, praying for release.
- \*Prayers that God will speak to us and through us as we seek God's leading and vision for our Church.
- \*Family & Friends of All Soldiers Who Have Fallen In Iraq & Afghanistan.
- \*Our friends at Community Solutions, Inc., that God will support them as they find new opportunities and hope for the future.

Doris Ahrens ~ Charlotte Babcock  
 Julie Cato ~ Gladys Dunbar  
 Charles Miles ~ Elaine Nelson  
 Madge Edwards ~ Hicksbert (Lloyd) Grant  
 Faye Smith ~ Adele Wright

Dear FCCB Family! Thank you for your birthday cards and well wishes...Andrea

# The First Congregational Church in Bloomfield Slate of Officers and Team Leaders for 2016-2017

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Fellowship -

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Mission -

Membership -

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Pastoral Search Team - Trudy Barnard, Kevin Colvin, Ursula Dang, Oz Gibbs, Sophia Gray, Clay Hart, Michael Riley, Cecelia Simmons and Chante Wilson

Please consider  
volunteering  
for one of the  
open positions.  
Church Council  
Chair can share  
the details of  
which ever  
position may appeal to you!

# **Open Ministry Positions**



# SEPTEMBER



# 2016

*Every Sunday*  
**8 & 10 am Worship beginning September 18**  
*12:30 New Birth Community Church*

*Every Monday*  
*7pm Narc. Anon.*

**August 28**  
*Worship at 9:30 am Only*  
*Lectionary Possibilities:*  
Jeremiah 2: 4-13; Psalm 81: 1, 10-16 **OR** Sirach 10: 12-18 or Proverbs 25: 6-7;  
Psalm 112; Hebrew 13: 1-8; 15-16; **Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

Aug 29  
**Resume**  
Monday – Friday  
schedule  
*8:30 am – 4:30 pm*

**September 4**  
*Worship at 9:30 am Only*  
**COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
*Faith Formation Sunday*  
*Lectionary Possibilities:*  
Jeremiah 18: 1-11; Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 **OR** Deuteronomy 30: 15-20;  
Psalm 1; **Philemon 1: 21**; Luke 14: 25-33

5  
*Church Office Closed*  
*Labor Day*  
  
**HAPPY LABOR DAY**

**September 11**  
*Rally Sunday Worship & All-Church Picnic*  
*Worship at 10 am only*  
*Lectionary Possibilities:*  
Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14 **OR** Exodus 32: 7-14; Psalm 51: 1-10;  
**1 Timothy 1: 12-17**; Luke 15: 1-10

12  
*2 pm Loaves & Fishes preparation*

**September 18**  
**Resume Bible Discussion at 8 am and Worship at 10 am**  
*Lectionary Possibilities:*  
Jeremiah 8: 18-9:1; Psalm 79: 1-9 **OR** Amos 8: 4-7;  
Psalm 113; **1 Timothy 2: 1-7**; Luke 16: 1-13

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**September 25**  
**Bible Discussion at 8 and Worship at 10 am**  
*Lectionary Possibilities:*  
**Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15**; Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16 **OR** Amos 6: 1a, 4-7; Psalm 146;  
1 Timothy 6: 6-19; Luke 16: 19-31

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**October 2**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
*Neighbors In Need Offering*  
*Bible discussion at 8 and Worship at 10 am*

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# SEPTEMBER

# 2016

<i>Every Tuesday</i>	<i>Every Wed. 6:30 pm Choir 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>
		1 <i>1:30 pm Parish Care 6:30 pm Wintonbury Flying Club</i>	2	3
6 <i>First Day of school -FCC Child Dev. Center</i>	7	8	9	10
13 <b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> Preparation on Mon Sept 12 Serving on Tues Sept 13	14	15 <i>6:30 pm Faith Formation</i>	16	17
20	21 <b>Choir 6:30 pm</b> <b>Church Council 6:30 pm</b>	22 <i>10 am Bible Study resume</i>	23	24
27	28	29	30	<i>October 1</i>

## An Update on the Refugee Project September 2016

Eman and Fadi Al Asmi have been living in Bloomfield along with their three children for just over three months now. Hamdi is eight and will be starting third grade at Metacomet School. He finished a session in summer school, participated in two weeks of Bloomfield Summer Camp, and started soccer training during a week of soccer camp. Farah will be two on October 26<sup>th</sup> and is addicted to cell phones. Nour Sham is coming on seven months and is teething.

Of note, there are now four Syrian families being resettled in the West Hartford-Bloomfield area with the help of IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services) and co-sponsoring groups like ours.

There is some routine in the Al Asmi family's lives at this point although there is a great deal of time spent responding to requirements from the Department of Social Services and registering for various programs. Fadi is working as a pastry chef at City Steam in Hartford. Both he and Eman will be starting ESL (English as a Second Language) classes at the Bloomfield Continuing Education Center (390 Park Ave) on September 12<sup>th</sup>. There continues to be a need for lots of support for ESL. There has been progress, but there is a long way to go. Many thanks go to the translators from the University of Hartford and the community who have supported the family.

The number of volunteers working with the Al Asmi family is very encouraging. There have been multiple visits to the Food Share drop offs and to the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist Food

Pantry. Several outings to the Wintonbury Church Clothing Closet have occurred, and there have been shopping expeditions to ready the family for the coming months. Special ESL sessions at the Prosser Library are becoming routine. Medical appointments continue. Others have taught Hamdi how to ride a bike. One volunteer spent a couple of days riding buses in order to teach Fadi how to get to work and back. Another volunteer has been teaching Fadi "smart food shopping." Friends have taken Fadi and Hamdi to services every Friday. Many have offered rides.

In the coming months while Eman and Fadi are taking ESL classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Hamdi is participating in soccer practice on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 PM and in soccer games on Saturday mornings there is a great need for babysitters and transportation support. If anyone can contribute to these needs, let David Hager know (860-690-3240 or [dhager3207@comcast.net](mailto:dhager3207@comcast.net)). The scheduling is complex, so please volunteer, get to know the family and experience the fun in seeing their faces begin to take more confidence in being here in Bloomfield.

# GRACE



## **Pastor Search Team News Update!**

The Pastoral Search Team has met several times now over the summer and is putting plans in place to begin our search process. We met with our UCC Regional Minister, Rev. Tamara Moreland in June and discussed UCC policies and procedures and reviewed their documentation.

The search for a new pastor is one that requires not only thoughtful deliberation of what we wish for in a Pastor, but also careful self-evaluation and consideration of what we have to offer and how we can and should support our new Pastor. The search process has very formal requirements and usually takes about one or two years to complete.

The first task our team must complete is the UCC Church Profile. To this end we will be seeking input from the congregation through a written survey, a second hour discussion, (which will probably be held in October) and personal interviews which may be arranged with any of our team members upon request. There is also a suggestion envelope attached to the Pastoral Search bulletin board in the hallway of our building. We hope to have the Church Profile completed by sometime in November. This will then be posted

with the UCC for potential candidates to review.

We hope that everyone in our congregation will be able to participate in these opportunities to contribute to the Church Profile. Please keep an eye on your mailbox as we will be sending out a letter in September which will include a survey for you. We sincerely look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,  
Your Pastoral Search Team

Kevin Colvin - Co-Chair  
Ursula Dang - Co-Chair  
Cecilia Simmons - Secretary  
Michael Riley - Spiritual Mentor  
Oz Gibbs  
Trudy Barnard  
Sophia Gray  
Clay Hart  
Chante Wilson



## Stewardship Reflection

By now everyone should have received information regarding the Church budget for 2016 – 2017. The pared down version calls for reductions in many areas, including Missions. It is a “survival” budget but as Pastor Ayala has frequently said, God’s plan for us is to THRIVE, not merely survive. This Church has helped all of us, individually and collectively, through fellowship, prayer, Sunday school, Bible study, parish care, etc. and has served so many others with meals, clothes, Nursery school and much more.

Connie and I recently entered the retirement stage of our lives – a stage that naturally prompts reflection and planning. An important consideration has been our contributions – time and money – to our Church. Given our reduced income it would be easy for us to rationalize reducing our contributions but for almost 40 years this Church family has meant so much to the whole Robinson family in so many ways that we have decided to go the other direction.

Connie and I are increasing our pledge by 25%. This is not intended to be boastful, to solicit recognition or to insinuate it is appropriate for everyone to make a 25% increase (or necessarily change their pledge in any way) but merely to highlight how important we feel it is for us to step forward in supporting the Church as it is entering its next chapter with the Search for a new Pastor. The Robinsons have certainly benefited from the previous chapters and want future generations to be as fortunate. And the future starts now. Our hope is that you will join us in supporting this Church’s bright future by further reflecting on what this Church has meant to you and our community – physically, socially and spiritually. We recognize that for many your pledge is already the result of such reflection and want to thank everyone for all of the support you can and do provide.

Faithfully,

Ron & Connie Robinson

Now,  
more  
than  
ever.  
We are  
called..

# True Colors, Inc.

Dear Rev. EDWIN,

**Do you, or someone you know, have room in your heart and home? Do you know a 2 dad family looking for a kid that needs them? Please spread the word!**

- T\* is 16. She loves to dance, is a cheerleader and hopes to one day enter a field where she can be an advocate for others. She really wants a one or two dad family in the greater New London area. Ideally she would be the only child.
- N\* is a sweet, kindhearted 14 year old girl with a smile that lights up a room. She loves to laugh, dance and sing along with her favorite songs on the radio. She is searching for a two dad family that is soft-spoken, gentle, flexible, active and compassionate. She is currently in the Wethersfield area but is willing to re-locate anywhere in the state with the right family.
- R\* is 13 is charismatic, outgoing and interested in many things. R\* was assigned male at birth. R\* identifies as female though R\* is currently not allowed to express that identity at all. R\* would love a two dad family where R\* can learn more about the LGBTQ community and culture. R\* is currently in Milford but can go anywhere in the state.
- Kaiden is a 23 year old Trans man with a very unsupportive family. He is looking to rent a room in a supportive household in the greater Hartford area and will be able to pay small amount of rent beginning next month.

If you, or someone you know might be a resource for any of these youth - or if you want to learn more, please email Robin at [director@ourtruecolors.org](mailto:director@ourtruecolors.org) or call 860.232.0050, x 302.

Thank you so much. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

Robin



# GENERAL ASSOCIATION 2016

(a continuing education event for clergy and other church leaders)

**September 25-26, 2016**

Heritage Hotel and Conference Center  
522 Heritage Rd., Southbury

## *"Typical" American Families: Deconstructing the Myth*

**New Location!  
New Format!!**

**AMAZING Speaker!!!**

### **Carlton Mackey:**

(Director, Ethics & the Arts Program for the Emory Center for Ethics)

Carlton Mackey is a photographer, public theologian, husband, and parent in Atlanta, GA. With multiple projects happening at once, Carlton explores the intersection of media images and race, family, and "normality." Join him for a conversation on his project Typical American Families: <http://www.beautifulineveryshade.com/typical-american-families/>, as we ask the questions, What is typical? What is American? What is a family? ...and who decides?

**For more information on Carlton Mackey,**  
**click here:** [http://www.ethics.emory.edu/people/Faculty/Carlton\\_Mackey.html](http://www.ethics.emory.edu/people/Faculty/Carlton_Mackey.html)

**For more information and to register for this year's General Association,**  
**click here:** <https://www.regonline.com/GeneralAssociation2016>

**EARLY Registration, now through August 26th:**

\$110, + \$40 dinner on Sunday  
(includes Program for both days, Breakfast & Lunch on Monday)

Registration \$125+\$40 dinner, after August 27th – Sept. 18th  
**(NO reservations/cancellations after September 18th)**

**Hotel Reservations can be made at the Heritage Hotel by calling (203)  
264-8200, Group Rate is \$129/tx if reservations are made**

***BEFORE AUGUST 29, 2016***



For many years, CT Women of the UCC's Eastern District, (most churches east of the CT River) planned a fall retreat. It was a time away from home, family and church responsibilities. Clergy and lay women gathered at a Retreat Center and with an energetic leader studied a specific subject. Friday afternoon to Saturday afternoon and a weekend in the fall of the year with a good leader was all that mattered.

When Districts were dissolved several years ago, the State Board took over the job of planning and executing this time away. For a variety of reasons, some women like a one day Retreat, while others like an overnight experience. So, we try to accommodate everyone by alternating.

This year's Retreat will be a one day Retreat on Saturday, September 24, 2016 8:30 to 4:30 First Church of Christ, Congregational, New Britain

CARPE DIEM is the theme for our 2016 Retreat which will be led by the Rev. Lee Ireland. Our leader offers the following:

" Come explore how God's love can nurture our ability to be the voices of love and grace in our daily lives: leading us to moments of awe and deep gratitude. When we deepen our roots in God's love, we are nurtured and become centered as we deal with the branches of our lives: family decisions, medical predicaments and ethical debates.

Registration is \$35.00 and Sept. 15 is our registration deadline. A delicious lunch and welcome coffee are included. Make your check out to CT WOMEN, UCC and mail with complete contact info to Liz Longacre, 115 Cook Ave. Griswold, CT 06351. Contact Susan Waldron, 860 923 2887 or swaldron01@snet.net if more information is needed.

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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. Items received in the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month may be included in next month's edition.

**Spire Schedule** The Wintonbury Spire will be mailed on the last Friday of each month. Please sign up for the "Spire Party" where we stuff, fold, label, seal and stamp the Spire from 10:30 – 11:30 am.

**The next Spire Party will be held on:** Sept. 30, 2016

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