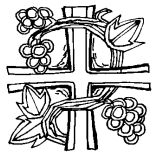


**DECEMBER
2016**



The First Congregational Church in Bloomfield – United Church of Christ

The Wintonbury Spire

MAY YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES ENJOY THIS ADVENT SEASON
MAY THIS BE A TIME OF PREPARATION AND REFLECTION
AS YOU, I AND US TOGETHER,
SHARE A MESSAGE OF HOPE, PEACE/JUSTICE, JOY AND LOVE
WITH OURSELVES AND WITH THOSE AROUND US!

***"United in Spirit, Inspired by
God's grace. All are loved, all are
welcome..."***

***The United Church of Christ
working
for a just world for all"***

***I would like to invite all SPIRE
readers to read more than once
what I
consider a beautiful, graceful
Pastoral Letter to a divided
country!***

GOOD PEOPLE...BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS!

SHALOM...Pastor Ed

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A Pastoral Letter to a United Church in a Divided Country

November 09, 2016



"United in Spirit, and inspired by God's grace, we love all, welcome all, and seek justice for all."

Just three weeks ago, the United Church of Christ Board affirmed this as the Mission of the United Church of Christ.

This morning, we wake up to a new reality. Our country and its citizens once again successfully elected a new leader. As we gather to worship this weekend, we will find among us many who are celebrating the decision that was reached – and many who are mourning it. We are, by all measures, a deeply divided people.

Because this election sharply separated us over matters of race, gender, human sexuality, faith, economic inequality and political persuasions we all bear a heavy burden moving forward. It is our call, our shared mission, to heed the call of God's Spirit and to work to repair damages in our deeply wounded and fiercely broken body.

Mr. Trump was able to win this election in spite of clear evidence from him of racism, homophobia, xenophobia, misogyny, and Islamophobia. This was so blatant that many of his own party's leaders could not endorse him. Many who voted for him knew this, and yet their fears about what is happening in their lives overrode their distaste for his bombast. In their search for a leader not connected to the power base of a government that has been perceived as corrupt, inefficient, and out of touch - his populist rhetoric appealed to them. He must now lead a country where people of color, women, Muslims, immigrants, the disabled, and an LGBT community all feel the sting and impact of his public speech.

But as the United Church of Christ, we will live into our Vision:

"United in Christ's love, a just world for all."

Dear United Church of Christ, we were built to heal bodies broken and divided. This is our calling. Our core values of love, hospitality, and justice for all must be fully embraced in the days to come. It could well be that we were called into being for just such a time as this.

We, the Officers and Council of Conference Ministers of the United Church of Christ, call upon the church to seek a pathway that envisions a just world for all. Those who celebrate this election must show a humility that honors the pain of those whose dreams were dashed by the outcome. Those who grieve must find a courage and hope found in a faith not in earthly power, but in the redemptive love of our Risen Christ.

It is with this humility and faith that we can fulfill our mission: to build a just world for all. We stand in the face of fear and hate and proclaim that "love wins!" We rise up and respond to public derision of "the other" with a full embrace of and warm welcome for all God's beautiful children. We confront the injustices of the powerful with a steady drumbeat of justice.

It seems appropriate to remember the words of the civil rights activist and song-writer James Weldon Johnson:

*God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray....
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand.
True to our God, true to our native land.*

We now must stand, true to our God and true to our native land. Let what we do in this time help both America and our denomination become what each name aspires to: A UNITED States of America and a UNITED Church of Christ. And may it be our love of, our welcome to, and our justice for all that unites us.

The United Church of Christ National Officers:

The Rev. John C. Dorhauer
General Minister and President

The Rev. Traci Blackmon
Executive Minister, Justice and Witness Ministries


The Rev. James Moos
Executive Minister, Wider Church Ministries

The Council of Conference Ministers of the United Church of Christ

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ORDER FORM

Please return this form along with your check made payable to the *First Congregational Church* to the church office **no later than 12 noon on Tuesday, December 13**, in order for your dedication to be included in the **December 18** bulletin. **The cost of poinsettias is \$13 each.** If you have any questions, please call Cecelia Simmons at 860-243-0798.


Your Phone Number: _____

 Given by _____

Circle one: In Memory In Celebration

Other: _____


Fill in the rest of your dedication here: _____

 Given by _____

Circle one: In Memory In Celebration

Other: _____

Fill in the rest of your dedication here: _____

 Given by _____

Circle one: In Memory In Celebration

Other: _____

Fill in the rest of your dedication here: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ for _____ poinsettia(s)

_____ I will pick up my poinsettia after
 7 p.m. on December 24.

_____ Please deliver mine to someone
 who needs cheering up



BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Backpack Program housed here at FCCB supports 88 families in our community. We are hoping to collect boxes of **Mac & Cheese** during the months of December and January. **There is a table in the Fellowship Hall** that will be used for collection of these items. For further information contact Judi Bunker 860 242 6192.

Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.

Dale Evans Rogers

News For Kids, Youth & Families



ADVENT
a time of hope
peace
love
& joy!



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Christmas Pageant

Thank you for ordering your Thanksgiving Pies! The Youth Group had approx. \$300.00 to spend on Christmas Gifts for a local family through Bloomfield Social Services. The Youth Group thanks you for your support. We hope you enjoyed the pies as much as we enjoyed making them.

Our service project made it a Merry Christmas for a family in need. We will go Christmas shopping on Sunday, December 4th @ 12:30; to buy clothing and toys for a Bloomfield family. Thank you to the Alumni of the Youth Group for helping!

Thank you to Karen Blanchard for her expert help in the kitchen and to Lisa Jaffery for the extra kitchen help. Thank you to Ursula Dang for the Pie Tins and Pie Boxes. Thank you to Pat Robair for shopping for supplies for this wonderful ministry of Pie Baking for those in need.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Sunday School Schedule

December 4th - Communion Sunday Bible Class Learning about Advent, Youth Group goes Shopping 12:30.

December 11th - Christmas Cantata Children will go to Sunday School, Sunday School will rehearse Song.

December 18th - Christmas Pageant

December 25th - Merry Christmas! Children Worship with their families

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 8th
@ 10:00 AM SERVICE**

Youth Group will meet Next Year JANUARY 15th, 2017 4:00 - 5:30

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Mark your calendar!!! The Christmas Pageant is on Sunday December 18th at the 10:00 am service. Come to the manger and see the Holy Family. Watch and listen as our Sunday School children and the Youth tell the Christmas story with Drama and Scripture readings of the Christmas Story. There will be a special visit from the Magi as well. **This year we are adding Liturgical Dance to our Pageant.** It certainly will be a special addition. The congregation will enjoy singing the Christmas Carols as the Christmas Story unfolds.

Our Sunday School children's choir will also be singing during our Pageant Sunday worship service. The Sunday School Children will practice during Sunday School Time on **December 4th** and after the Cantata on **Dec. 11th** and during the Pageant Rehearsal on **December 17th**. The children will receive the words to the Christmas song to bring home to practice.

There is a **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSAL ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17th @ 10:00AM**, children and all participants will receive their costume at this time. We will meet in the Meeting Room for our rehearsal.

Youth Group is going Christmas Shopping on December 4th @ 12:30. We will be going to Target in Windsor. The Permission Slips will be available via email from Dorine before our shopping trip. Please bring lunch money with you, we will be eating at Target

Merry Christmas

Save the Date!

Sunday, December 4, 2016

After Worship

Pastoral Search - Second Hour Listening Circle

The Pastoral Search Team will be hosting the first in a series of Second Hour Listening Circles on Sunday, December 4, 2016.

Please join us in the Living Room after worship for this opportunity to help us discern who we are, where we are going and who we will call to join us in our journey. Refreshments will be served.

Thanks,
Your Pastoral Search Team

Can you Identify This and Where it is Located?



See page 13 for answer

The New Bench

On October 30th, a ceremony was held to dedicate a new, useful and permanent bench overlooking the Memorial Garden, in the courtyard between the Sanctuary and the Living Room.

The sturdy bench was made possible by the donations given in memory of June Berg, and David Berg and his children in memory of his wife and their mother, June Berg. The sermon that morning had been about "Love" which was very appropriate for a day when we remembered June. She was all about Love, especially for her family.

She loved this church too. She sang in the choir, taught in the Nursery School and in Sunday School, was a Deacon, headed up the Music Committee and the Women's Guild, had fun with the Couples' Club, sat and sold at the Prison Store, and did still more to make our world go around.

The long lasting bench will be a sweet reminder of June and her long lasting, loving loyalty to this church.

The Old Oaks

Now, a word about the bench that June's bench replaced. It was made by Dave Berg using wood that came from the ancient oak tree that stood on the corner of our driveway.

In 1801, while our second church sanctuary was being built, our congregation held its services under the shelter of four big oak trees. We think the ancient oak was the last of these.

When the tree was taken down, in the 1980's (?), the best wood was taken to Moore's Saw Mill to be milled into planks. There were such optimistic visions of all the souvenirs people would want to make from the old oak wood! Most visions didn't come true, but Dave did make that bench for the Memorial Garden. It was rustic and lovely but in spite of being taken in each winter and refinished, it grew splintery and now has been replaced by a composite bench. BUT! There is still plenty of oak planking in the cellar of the church if you have a vision of something to make from it.

Libbie Merrow



Update on the Al Asmi Family



The Al Asmi family has been in Bloomfield for six months and much continues to happen. Hamdi, age eight, is in third grade at Metacomet School. Roger Bunker has organized regular meetings with principal Jesse White so that Fadi can express his support of the school's work. Hamdi just recently finished playing in the autumn soccer league which Ursula Dang helps to organize. He is starting Koranic training at the Bloomfield Muslim Center. Farah, age two, celebrated her second birthday with candles and party hats. She is a master with the cell phone, calls her father at work, listens to music, and connects with the internet. Nour Sham, now nine months, is growing, can pull herself up, and is crawling.

Eman and Fadi have finished the first course in English at the Bloomfield Continuing Education Office. A group of wonderful volunteers (including Libbie and George Merrow, Judi Bunker, and Jane Berg) provide babysitting support so they

can go to evening classes. Several volunteers (including Marnie Clark) teach English to Eman at their apartment.

Eman is participating at the Family Resources Center at Laurel School and making contacts with neighbors. She and the younger two children are also going to a Music Together program at the JCC each week. Each week Jane Berg arranges a team of transportation volunteers who make these events happen.

Fadi has been working at City Steam on Main Street in Hartford for several months. As the pastry chef there he is bringing a new style of sweets to their menu. Bob Bazyk of the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints ordered Fadi's pastries for the dedication of the new Mormon Temple in Farmington. You can go to City Steam for a fun lunch and order cake, pie, and special bread.

At the suggestion of Chris George, executive director of IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services), Deborah Amos of NPR came to City Steam and interviewed Fadi. She and Fadi are in the picture above. The link to the story is: <http://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2016/10/30/499509208/for-syrian-refugees-in-connecticut-a-helping-hand-from-private-volunteers>

There are now volunteers from nine congregations plus from Seabury and Duncaster working with the family. The relationships which develop and the community that grows are enriching. There is plenty to do and an exciting and rewarding experience to be had. We need more volunteers. If anyone would like to become involved contact David Hager (dhager3207@comcast.net)

Pastoral Search Update!

The Pastoral Search Team has been hard at work planning out our search process. Our first task is to complete our UCC Local Church Profile. The Pastoral Search process is a two way street. While we are reviewing candidates for the position of Pastor, candidates will also be reviewing our profile to determine if we are the right church for them. In order to complete our profile we must be able to discern and express, who we are, who God is calling us to become, and who we are calling to join us on our journey.

To this end the Search Team has developed several opportunities for the congregation to contribute their ideas and view points to our profile. We will be hosting a series of 3 Listening Circles and we will also have an online survey. We are encouraging all of our church members to participate in the survey as well as all 3 of the Listening Circles, as each will have its own theme.

The dates and themes of the 3 Listening Circles are as follows:

- **Sunday, December 4, 2016 - Who are we?**
- **Sunday, January 8, 2017 - Who is our neighbor? / Who is God calling us to become?**
- **Sunday, January 29, 2017 - Who are we calling to join us on our Journey?**

Each of these themes corresponds to the themes in our Church Profile.

We may repeat these Listening Circles at alternate times and venues for members that cannot participate on Sunday afternoons at church. More information on these opportunities will be announced.

Our Online Survey is available now and can be accessed by clicking the following link or by typing or copying it into your browser.

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

The survey will remain open until we are ready to compile our data and begin writing. If you cannot complete the survey online we will have paper copies available at church that you may turn in to the office. In addition if you need assistance completing the survey any one of our Search Team members would be very happy to help.

We will keep the congregation posted on the details of the upcoming Listening Circles on our bulletin board as well as the Sunday bulletins and emails. We hope you participate in and enjoy these opportunities to explore our collective identity, discern the path we wish to follow and search for a Pastor to accompany us on our journey.

Sincerely,


Your Pastoral Search Team,

Kevin Colvin, Ursula Dang, Cecelia Simmons, Mike Riley, Oz Gibbs,
Sophia Gray, Chante Wilson, Clay Hart, Trudy Barnard



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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Every Sunday</i></p> <p>8 & 10 am Worship 12:30 New Birth Community Church</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Every Monday</i></p> <p>6:00pm Bell rehearsal 7pm Narc. Anon.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">November 27 Bible discussion @ 8 am – Worship @ 10 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">December 4 Bible Discussion @ 8 am – Worship @ 10 am <i>COMMUNION SUNDAY</i> <i>Second Sunday in Advent</i> <i>Lectionary possibilities:</i> Isaiah 11: 1-10; Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Youth Group Christmas Shopping 12:00 pm</p> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">December 11 <i>Worship at 10am ONLY</i> <i>Third Sunday in Advent</i> <i>Lectionary Possibilities:</i> Isaiah 35: 1-10; Psalm 146: 5-10 or Luke 1: 47-55; James 5: 7-10</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>CHRISTMAS CANTATA</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">December 18 <i>Worship at 10am ONLY</i> <i>Fourth Sunday in Advent</i> <i>Lectionary Possibilities:</i> Isaiah 7: 10-16; Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-25</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>CHRISTMAS PAGEANT</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">December 25 <i>Worship at 10am ONLY</i> A Great Light <i>Lectionary Possibilities:</i> Isaiah 9: 2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p> </div>	<p>26 <i>First Day of Kwanzaa</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Happy Kwanzaa</p>  </div>

Merry Christmas

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<i>Every Tuesday</i>	<i>Every Wed. 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>
Nov 29 9:15am Exercise	Nov 30 6:30pm Cantata Rehearsal	1 6:30pm Wintonbury Flying Club	2 9:15am Exercise	3
6 9:15am Exercise	7 6:30pm Cantata Rehearsal	8	9 9:15am Exercise 5:30 Family Bingo Child Dev. Center	10 10:00am Cantata Rehearsal
13 9:15am Exercise	14	15	16 9:15am Exercise 6:00 pm Women's Fellowship	17 10:00am Pageant Rehearsal 4:00pm Blue Christmas service
Loaves & Fishes Preparation on Mon Dec. 12 Serving on Tues Dec.138	6:30 pm Church Council			
20 9:15am Exercise  First Day of Winter	21	22	23	24 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
27 9:15am Exercise	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve



Summary of 10/23/16

Congregational Meeting

Budget

An updated (from June) budget was presented. It reflected actual yearend numbers and projected stewardship income. The net change was from being balanced in June to being about **\$3,000** short now. It is **important** to recognize that to achieve this position, the budget (even in June) incorporated significant reductions (listed below) from what was requested by the Ministry teams:

MUSIC - \$2,000

MISSIONS - \$4,000

MINISTER'S PENSION - \$5,000

FACILITIES - \$10,000

The budget was approved with the understanding that Council and each Ministry team will manage within these limitations and pursue additional ways to increase income and further reduce expenses. Should we be successful, Council was given the discretion to reverse some of these painful cuts. It can be done. **BUT we will need your help – ideas, time, talent and financial resources – to make it happen.** PLEASE take this call to action seriously! Thank you.

Search Team

The progress of the Team was described. They are currently working on the Church Profile, which is shared with prospective candidates. A **critical** part of that process involves gathering the Congregation's input. Beginning in early December, they will be holding **Listening Circles** where everyone is invited to share their thoughts on where they see the future of this Church and the characteristics needed in the next Pastor to help us achieve those goals.

A suggestion was also made to create a Strategic Development team. It is hoped that these Listening Circles will help gather some great foundational information.





Carol WOLCOTT	12/01
Libbie MERROW	12/02
Kelly CORREA	12/03
Larry WILD	12/04
Dianne MCKITTY	12/06
Paul MARTEL	12/09
Sue THOMPSON	12/10
Charles WALKER	12/11
Dee HART	12/15
Priscilla MCCATTY	12/16
Michelle ALVES	12/25
Pastor ED	12/25
Leslie MILLS	12/29



Janet (Jan) Thatcher	~ January 22, 2016
Cyprien Cyr	~ January 22, 2016
Richard Maine	~ May 15, 2016
Mary Missell	~ May 17, 2016
Tim Johnson	~ June 4, 2016
Carolyn Sweetland	~ August 2, 2016
Russell Mottram	~ August 14, 2016



Clay & Dee Hart ~ 12/30 31 years



Answer – Solar Array at Seabury



It's Cantata time again!

The Cantata Singers of the First Congregational Church of Bloomfield will present the cantata Appalachian Winter on Sunday, December 11 at the 10am service. The cantata is composed by the renowned American composer Joseph Martin. Joining us in worship will be the Accidentals Handbell Choir playing seasonal music. Please join us in worship as we celebrate the coming of our blessed Savior, Jesus the Christ.





The Blue Christmas Service

Saturday, December 17, 2016, at 4 p.m.

**First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
10 Wintonbury Avenue
www.FirstChurchBloomfield.org
860-242-0776**

Are you mostly resting in the light and sensing the
darkness? Are you mostly in the darkness looking toward
the light?

Please come to worship as we seek the light! We will sing
and listen, pray and praise as we open to the Light of the
Lord!

**All are welcome to this
non-denominational service.**

Advent

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Come, Let Us Walk in the Light of Lord!

Sunday, November 27, 8 & 10 am

First Sunday in Advent

Worship at 8 & 10 am

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Sunday, December 18, 10 am

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Worship & Christmas Pageant

Lighting the Candle of Love

Sunday, December 4, 8 & 10 am

Second Sunday in Advent

Worship at 8 & 10 am

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Saturday, December 24, 6 pm

Family-oriented Christmas

Eve Worship with Lessons & Carols & Special Music of the Season

Sunday, December 11, 10 am

Third Sunday in Advent

Worship & Cantata

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Lead us from death to life,
From falsehood to truth,
From despair to hope,
From fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love,
From war to peace;

Let peace fill our hearts,
Let peace fill our world,
Let peace fill our universe.

Satish Kumar

Sunday, December 25, 10 am *Christmas Day*

We will continue to celebrate Christmas by singing our best-loved Christmas carols, dwelling in the Light that has come into the World.

Saturday, December 17, 4 pm

The Blue Christmas Service

Are you mostly resting in the light and sensing the darkness? Are you mostly in the darkness looking toward the light? Please come to worship as we seek the light! We will sing and listen, pray and praise as we open to the Light of the Lord!

Sunday, January 8, 10 am

Worship ~ Epiphany celebrated ~
We will again receive our "star gifts", small stars containing a spiritual gift to guide us through the coming year.



Who are these Elves?



UCC Coalition calls on ONA churches to visibly live out values in light of election results

November 14, 2016

Written by **Connie Larkman**

With the election of Donald Trump as the 45th president of the United States, the country's political climate changed overnight, putting the civil rights protections of LGBTQ Americans at risk. The Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ, along with pastors of UCC ONA churches are calling on progressive people of faith to align themselves now to ensure the gains made are not lost.

"Our ONA churches embody the reality that being progressive and Christian is not an oxymoron," said the Rev. Molly Baskette, senior minister of the First Church of Berkeley, California. "Our witness and willingness to demonstrate and mobilize in the public and political arenas for our religious values helped drive the movement toward marriage equality--and we will continue to organize and fight to keep civil rights for LGBT folk, including marriage equality, secured even if all three branches of the US government prove committed to overturning those rights."

Marriage equality is not immediately threatened---it would take another ruling of the Supreme Court to overturn that decision. While it's not out of the realm of possibility, since Trump most likely will appoint a justice in the ideological mold of John Scalia to fill the current vacancy, the issue to repeal marriage equality would have to be argued successfully before the Court and that will take time. But transgender protections may be in more immediate jeopardy.

"The future of transgender rights in this country especially requires vigilance," said Andy Lang, executive director of the Open and Affirming Coalition. "In most states, transgender Americans have no legal protection against discrimination in housing, employment, or public accommodations. Under federal law, the protections that do exist are the result of executive orders or expanded interpretations of existing statues by the Justice Department. These could be easily repealed without any legislative action. Even if marriage equality is safe, at least in the near future, transgender rights are not."

The Coalition leadership, [in a letter to the UCC's 1392 ONA churches](#), is urging members to step up to publicly and visibly support all people in their local communities.

Conference Launches New Website



11/8/2016

HARTFORD - The Connecticut Conference has launched a brand new website designed to be both easy for users to navigate, and easy for Conference staff to consistently update with new information and resources.

The website features a new **Justice Ministries** section that provides information on how churches can get involved in the Conference's main focus issues: environmental, economic and racial justice. It also includes a newly revamped **Resources** section where church lay and clergy leaders can find resources related to their specific ministries.

"Especially exciting is the brand new **Faith Formation** resource section of the website," said Tiffany Vail, Associate Conference Minister for Communications. "A team of faith formation leaders spent a great deal of time over the summer bringing together a wonderful array of stories - video, audio and written - to help inspire others in their ministry."

The front page of the new website features links to news articles, blog posts, events, newsletters and devotionals, as well as news from the national setting of the UCC. The website is "responsive," meaning it will work as well on a phone or tablet as it does on a computer screen.

"The new website is designed to provide a platform for a wider array of voices," Vail said. "While there are not many blog posts published currently, that is an area we plan to expand."

Local churches are also invited to share their content on the site. Events can be submitted by clicking the submission button on the **Events Calendar**, and **Classified Ads** can be submitted by churches looking to hire staff, or to sell or give away items that may be of interest to other churches.

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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, 2016	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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