

**NOVEMBER
2017**



The First Congregational Church in Bloomfield – United Church of Christ

The Wintonbury Spire

***“I PLANTED (said Apostle Paul), APOLLOS WATERED, BUT GOD
GAVE THE GROWTH, SO NEITHER THE ONE WHO PLANTS
NOR THE ONE WHO
WATERS IS ANYTHING, BUT ONLY GOD WHO GIVES THE
GROWTH...
FOR WE ARE GOD’S SERVANTS, WORKING TOGETHER;
YOU ARE GOD’S FIELD, GOD’S BUILDING.
DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT
YOU ARE GOD’S TEMPLE
AND
THAT GOD’S SPIRIT
DWELLS IN YOU?”
(1 Corinthians 3:6-9 & 16)***

***It has been an honor and a blessing for me to have been
your Interim Pastor for more than two years. In the midst of your
rich diversity I have learned to love you all; the old and the young in
age, old and new members, visitors and strangers as well.***

***I have grown with you; your love for this congregation
has inspired me. Your ministries, worship and creative
initiatives have nurtured my faith. I AM GRATEFUL!...***

***Grateful to our Church Staff, Church Council, Ministry Teams and
all of you for allowing me to witness among, you as your Pastor!***

December 3^d will be my last Sunday with you.

COME JOIN US IN WORSHIP!

YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Shalom

Pastor Ed



Since this is my last contribution to Spire please allow me to make some suggestions regarding how you can continue be a blessing to FCCB, a beautiful Church...
First Congregational Church in Bloomfield, UCC.

- ***Remember...Church is more than a building...it is a community of faith where compassion inside and outside its walls should be a light that welcomes all!***
- ***Remember... (Together) you all build community... Not a perfect community but a kind and caring community of faith that seeks the welfare of all. Including those that you agree with and those that you do not!***
- ***Remember...Be a welcoming and sensitive community. Welcome all people, all races, all colors, and all sexual preferences. Diversity enriches fellowship. Honor diversity and celebrate the gifts of diversity!***
- ***Remember...Support this Congregation with your time, talents and financial resources. This is your Church, love it and take care of it! In good times, as in difficult times, help your Church grow and also grow with your Church!***

Finally do not be afraid of tackling difficult issues like racial justice, creative worship, church growth, faith formation, witnessing in today's world, challenging oppressive systems and asking tough questions. Growth happens when honesty and transparency are experienced not avoided.

MAY GOD BRING GROWTH TO YOU

Pastor Ed

Wounded Healers

Nobody escapes being wounded. We all are wounded people, whether physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually. The main question is not "How can we hide our wounds?" so we don't have to be embarrassed but "How can we put our woundedness in the service of others?" When our wounds cease to be a source of shame and become a source of healing, we have become wounded healers.

Jesus is God's wounded healer: Through his wounds we are healed. Jesus' suffering and death brought joy and life. His humiliation brought glory; his rejection brought a community of love. As followers of Jesus we can also allow our wounds to bring healing to others.

"Bread for the Journey"
 Henry Nouwen



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THANKSGIVING PIE ORDER FORM

Name _____

Telephone Number(s) _____



of Apple Pies _____

of Pumpkin Pies _____

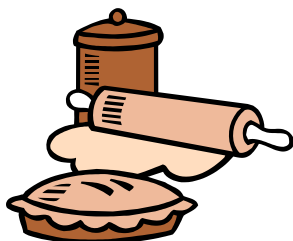
\$11 per pie

Total Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

_____ I will pick up my pie(s) during
11/19 Coffee Hour.

_____ I will arrange a different pick up
time with Dorine.

Thank you for
returning this form to
the church office by



Wednesday, November 15.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS Complete Meal

- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Veg, -Peas, Corn, Green Beans,
(4 cans total)
- Canned Pie filling (apple, peach or cherry)
- Canned Olives
- Canned Turkey Gravy
- Bag of White or Sweet Potatoes
- Bag of Onions
- Bag of Carrots
- Box of Pie Crusts Mix
- Stuffing Mix or Corn Bread Mix

One of our traditions at FCCB is:

Our annual Thanksgiving collection.

Each year our church collects food to supply sixty-six Bloomfield families with a Thanksgiving meal. This year our annual collection will be Sunday, November 19th.

Please choose a few items from our list or supply a whole meal. If you are unable to shop, we are accepting monetary donations and will do the shopping for you.

Help is needed with the packing of the boxes, on Monday morning Nov 20 at 8:30 am, please contact Mission Team member Kay Yablecki at 860-651-4517.



**BLOOMFIELD
INTERFAITH
ASSOCIATION
COMMUNITY**

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Sunday November 19, 2016
at 7 PM**

**Host: Church of Latter
Day Saints
1000 Mountain Road,
Bloomfield, CT.**

**Presenters will come from
many of Bloomfield's
faiths.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!



*What is GOD FOR
YOU? Let me know!*

- I believe GOD is in me, in you, (we are divine); GOD is with me (with you) and GOD is a mystery beyond us...an inexplicable presence...an empowering presence...a peaceful presence!
- What I know of GOD...I know through Jesus, good enough for me!

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?
*Pastor Ed***

Please bring non-perishable food items. Offering will be taken for the Bloomfield Food Bank. Checks payable to “Bloomfield Social & Youth Services” Memo: Food Bank

News For Kids, Youth & Families



Pie sale!

November is a time to be busy and full of Thankfulness. Our Youth Group is full of activities. On Nov 12th 4-6 pm, we have Youth Racial Justice Training from CT Conf. Isaac Monts & Emily Hale will facilitate our Training. We are making pies to raise funds for Christmas Gifts for families in Bloomfield through Social Services. The Youth Group will be taking apple and pumpkin pie orders during coffee hour on November 5th, and November 12th or you may place your order by November 15th by mail to the church office using the Spire order form.

Pies will be ready for pick up on November 19th, during Coffee Hour.

- Nov 5th - Communion Sunday (Children worship with their families,
- Nov 12th - Sunday School for PreK - 9th grade
- Nov 19th - Sunday School for PreK - 9th grade sort food for Thanksgiving Baskets
- Nov 26th - Sunday School for PreK - 9th grade

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

- November 5th - Youth Group Meeting 4:00-5:30 pm
- November 12th - Youth Group Meeting 4:00-6:00 pm, Youth Racial Justice Training Program
- November 18th - Pie Baking Saturday 10:00 am until 2:00 pm
- November 19th - Pie Delivery during Coffee Hour

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Time of Thanksgiving

Our Sunday School Children and youth will be busy sorting all the foods brought to worship on November 19th and making cards for the food baskets. With grateful hearts the children know they are helping others during a time of Thanksgiving.

A Note from October. Thank you to the Faith Formation Team for a great time at Family Fun Night. It was great!!! Thank you Pat Robair for the excellent crafts you provided for us. Thank you also to our community guest. We enjoyed your company very much. Children you all looked super in your costumes. So much Fun!!!

UPCOMING FOR DECEMBER

Mark your Calendar

- December 3rd - Youth Group Christmas Shopping at Target in Windsor after church. Noon to 3: 30 pm. Bring lunch money.
- Our Special Christmas Pageant on Sunday December 17th at 10:00 am Worship Service. The rehearsal for the Pageant is Saturday December 16th at 10:00 am.



Connecticut Conference, UCC
Racial Justice Ministry

Youth Racial Justice Training

WHO leads the training?

Trained facilitators and
Connecticut Conference staff
members

WHAT the training consists of:

- Three-Part Covenant
- Four Realms of Racism
- #BlackLivesMatter
- Microaggressions

WHEN the training happens:

Whenever your church wants in
either 1 stand-alone introduction
training or a 3-part training (over
the course of 3 weeks)

WHERE the training occurs:

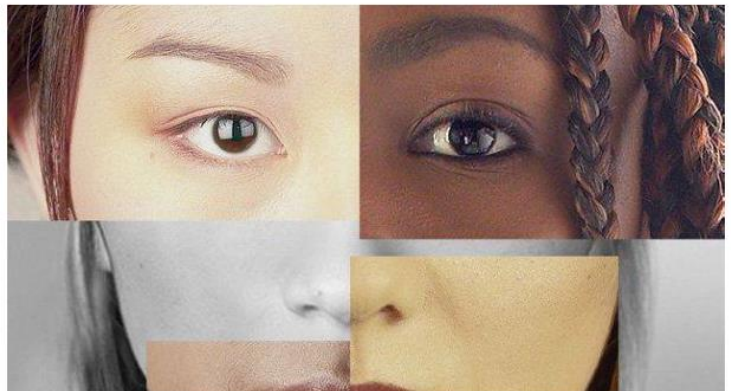
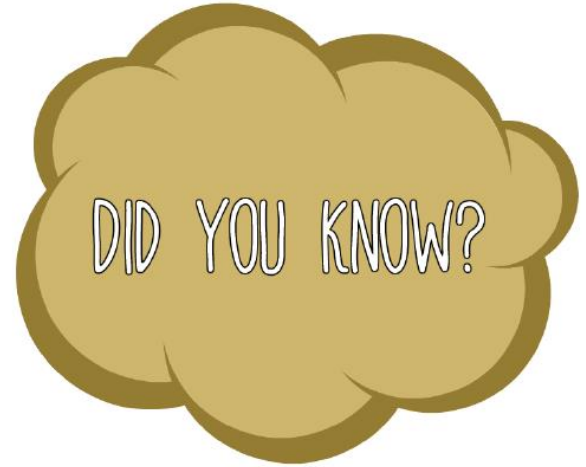
Anywhere your church chooses!

HOW the training achieves its goals:

- Through the use of articles, videos, speeches
- Group discussion and discourse
- Racial Justice Curriculum specifically tailored for youth

WHY racial justice training?

This adaptation of our training,
“From Tolerance to Unity,” seeks to
create a common language around
racism, to unmask racism in our
everyday lives, and to encourage and
inspire youth to engage, long-term, in
the work of racial justice



Contact Isaac Monts, Associate for Justice & Leadership:
Email: isaacm@ctucc.org or call: 860-761-7101
Visit ctucc.org/racialjustice for more info

The power of gratitude

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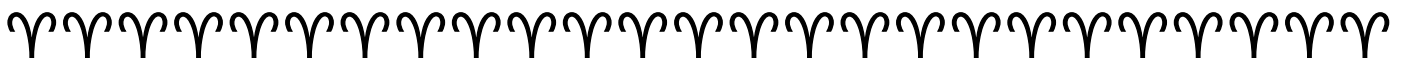
[grat i tood]

noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

—Melody Beattie



Backpacks of food are again being packed in our church basement on Thursday afternoons at 5:30 to help feed approximately 80 families who receive nutritious food so that they can have meals on weekends. Any boxed Macaroni and Cheese would be greatly appreciated. Please leave them in the bin located in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your generosity.

Please contact Judi Bunker with questions 860 242 6192, or if you are interested in joining us on Thursdays. There is no ongoing commitment but those of us who do it find it very rewarding and fun.



BHS

VOICES OF INSPIRATION

• GOSPEL CHOIR •

LIVE IN CONCERT!



NOVEMBER

04

@4PM

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

10 WINTONBURY AVE, | BLOOMFIELD, CT 06002

Under the direction of
Ms. Aubree Bowman



Bloomfield High School
Choral Director

Benefit Concert for the Bloomfield High School Music Department

GOD Is Still Speaking...

Many years ago Eli Prosser made a contribution of \$15,000 to the First Congregational Church of Bloomfield to provide emergency funding for the elderly indigent in Bloomfield. Over the years that fund has grown significantly to several hundred thousand dollars. Each year the Mission Team works closely with the Bloomfield Social Services so that the interest generated by the fund can be used to help Bloomfield seniors with financial emergencies. Since July 1st, the Prosser Fund has given approximately \$19,000.00 to Bloomfield seniors. The fund purchased a lift chair, a bed, and made rent and mortgage payments on behalf of local residents dealing with emergency medical bills and unemployment due to illness and delayed disability determinations by Social Security. Prosser funds helped with the application fee for a hearing aid, and paid past due water and electric bills so that those services could be restored. One grateful gentleman explained in his thank-you note that he returned home from purchasing groceries, having used all his food stamps, to find that the electric company had turned his power off. He asked everyone he knew and no one could help him come up with the money needed to get the electricity turned back on. He said it was going to take a "...miracle..." to save all that food in his fridge. In desperation, he contacted Bloomfield Social Services who contacted the Prosser Fund, and together, we were able to get the money to Eversource in time to save the food. In his note of thanks, this senior called the First Congregational Church of Bloomfield his "...guardian angel...". Upon hearing that the Mission Team had approved several other funding requests, one of the town's social workers responded "...I am sitting at my desk with a few tears rolling down my cheek...I thank you for so much generosity over the years. The approval of these requests will mean so much to the individuals and their families.

The Mission Team



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Every Sunday

8 & 10 am Worship
12:30 New Birth Community Church

Every Monday

6:00pm Bell rehearsal
7pm Narc. Anon.

November 5

COMMUNION SUNDAY/New Members Reception

Bible Discussion @ 8 am – Worship @ 10 am

Lectionary possibilities:

Joshua 3: 7-17; Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37 or Micah 3: 5-12; Psalm 43;
1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13; **Matthew 23: 1-12**

6

6 pm Prosser
Library Event
6 pm Search Team

November 12

Bible Discussion @ 8 am – Worship @ 10 am

Baptism

Lectionary Possibilities:

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78: 1-7 **OR** Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12-16 **OR**
Amos 5: 18-24; **OR** Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18; **Matthew 25: 1-13**

13

1 pm Loaves &
Fishes prepare meal

November 19

Bible Discussion @ 8 am - Worship @ 10 am

Lectionary Possibilities:

Judges 4: 1-7; Psalm 123 **OR** Zephaniah 1: ,7, 12-18; Psalm 90: 1-8 (9-11), 12;
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; **Matthew 25: 14-30**

Nov. 19 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

20

9am Missions pack
boxes
6 pm Search Team

November 26

Reign of Christ

Bible Discussion @ 8 am - Worship @ 10 am

Lectionary Possibilities:

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100 **OR** Ezekiel 34: 11-16; Psalm 95: 1-7a;
Ephesians 1: 15-23; **Matthew 25: 31-46**

27

6 pm Search Team

December 3

COMMUNION SUNDAY

No Bible Discussion during December – Worship @ 10 am

Dec 3 First Sunday of Advent

4

6 pm Search Team

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<i>Every Tuesday</i>	<i>Every Wed. 7 pm Alc. Anon. 6:00 pm NAMI</i>	<i>Every Thursday 10 am Bible Study</i>	<i>Every Friday 7:30 pm Alc. Anon</i>	<i>Every Saturday</i>
				
9:15am Exercise	1 9:30 am JumpBunch 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	2 6:30pm Wintonbury Flying Club	3 9:15am Exercise	4 3 pm Bloomfield High School Winter Concert
7 9:15am Exercise Loaves & Fishes Preparation on Mon Nov. 6 Serving on Tues Nov. 7	8 9:30 am JumpBunch 5:30 pm Music Min 6:30 pm Cantata rehearsal	9	10 Veteran's Day Observed Church Office Closed 9:15am Exercise	11 Veteran's Day
14 9:15am Exercise	15 4:00 pm ABC 6:30pm Cantata Rehearsal 6:30 pm C. Council	16	17	18 10 am Faith Formation - Youth Bake Pies
21 9:15am Exercise	22 NO CANTATA REHEARSAL	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Church office closed 	24 Church office closed	25
28	29 10 am Bd. Of Deacons 6:30pm Cantata Rehearsal	30	Dec 1	Dec 2



CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES 10/18/17

Attendees: R. Robinson, S. Goetjen, C. Delgado, J. Casner, E. Ayala *ex officio*, C. Wilson.
Meeting was opened with a prayer.

FINANCIAL UPDATE: For the three months ending in September, pledges were behind budget compared to last year. Expenses are below budget which is in line at this time period of the year. The larger amount shown for repairs and maintenance of the church is for the steeple work... The budget to be presented and voted on at the meeting on October 29 is not significantly different from the draft presented at the June annual meeting. The timing of when a new settled pastor is called and will actually start will somewhat alter the expense bottom line... The meeting on October 29 will be held in Fellowship Hall so that everyone can, first, join Faye Smith in celebrating her 100th birthday!

SEARCH UPDATE: Ursula Dang attended the meeting to share the current status of the search process. Twenty-seven profiles have been received with twenty-three reviewed. Six profiles were chosen for interview. One candidate has since accepted another position. Of the remaining five most favorable profiles, four were interviewed via computer, and one was interviewed in person. There will be second interviews scheduled for the stronger candidates. Pastor Tamara Moreland, Regional Conference Minister, met with council to explain the transition period between Pastor Ed's departure and the start date of the new settled pastor. She calls this period an "intentional Interim", lasting up to 6 – 8 months depending on how soon the search team unanimously decides on and secures a candidate to present to our congregation. She has posted notice through the Conference that FCC Bloomfield is looking for someone to fill this transitional position. There will be a small group of council/diaconate members who will interview the interim transition minister. Ron will post an article in the Spire specific to Pastor Ed's departure.

STAFF PERFORMANCE APPRAISALS: Pastor Ed presented these performance appraisals and leadership assessments for review by the council. At the next council meeting Ron has asked that areas of improvement and future goals be discussed for each staff person after which salary increase allocations will be decided.

MINISTRY TEAM OPENINGS: Brett Sandman has accepted the leadership position for Stewardship. Thank you Brett!...Several other opportunities for team leadership/membership are still available such as Membership, Fellowship, Child Development Center, Pastoral Relations, Diaconate member. Please consider stepping up to fill one of these positions to insure that our church moves into the future and is prepared to greet a new settled pastor with a strong governance base.

RACE DIALOGUE: A well-attended second hour was held on conversations about race. Pastor Ed plans to meet with person(s) interested in continuing to gather information and promoting ongoing conversations on this topic.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: Since Pastor Ed has announced that his last day with us will be on December 3, he asked council members where they felt the emphasis for his work should be placed during his last weeks as our interim minister. Suggestions included: 1) Keeping the focus on the hopeful, caring theme he has consistently used while with us. 2) Using the time as an opportunity to affirm and reassure a positive future for our congregation. 3) Emphasis on the search process status and how much time might be needed to find the right person. 4) Moving forward in an intentional manner. 5) Encouraging the congregation to use patience and kindness in helping the new pastor to get settled... On Nov. 8 a workshop will be given at our church on "Building Your Planned Giving Ministry" by Charles Kuchenbrod from 7-8:30 p.m. This is part of a series presented by the Hartford Association of the CT UCC.

NEXT MEETING 11/15 AT 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Wilson

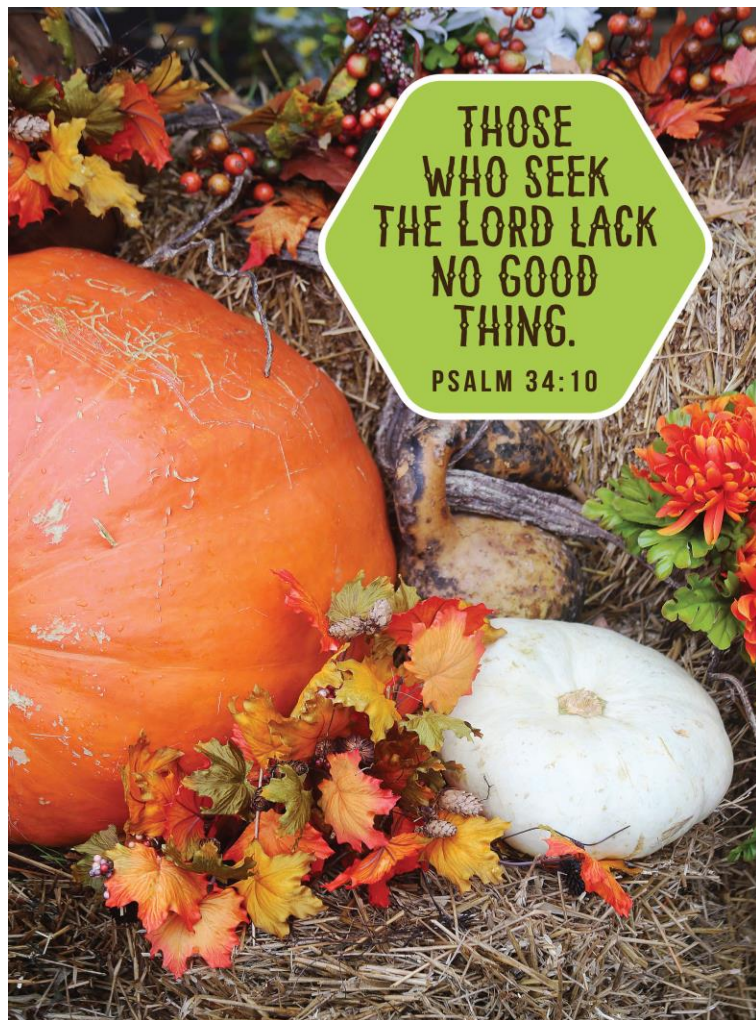


We will be celebrating Pastor Ed's ministry on December 3rd. Please help us make it a wonderful experience. In his own inimitable way Pastor Ed has said, "This will not be the end but just the beginning of an even brighter future for this Church."

Fare Thee Well, Pastor Ed!

For nearly 2 ½ years we have been truly blessed with Pastor Ed and his inspiring, hope-filled ministry. His genuine, caring spirit has invigorated and rejuvenated all areas of this Church community. Our Parish Care ministry has risen to new heights. We have added 14+ new members – something that rarely happens during an interim period. His sermons have lifted us up. And there is so much more we can thank him for.

On Communion Sunday, December 3, 2017, Pastor Ed will be leaving us to focus on family and retirement. While we do not expect to have a new settled Pastor onboard by then, our Search Team is well-positioned with several viable candidates. Council and Diaconate are working closely with the Conference to have a short-term interim in place for the period between Pastor Ed leaving and our next settled Pastor arriving. During that period, we will have an opportunity to further strengthen our Church community, including dialogues around subjects, like race, that Pastor Ed has initiated.



Happy Thanksgiving! 

2017 CHRISTMAS CANTATA OPENINGS

WHERE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
10 Wintonbury Ave,
Bloomfield, CT

WHO: SINGERS: Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, And Basses

For: **Christmas Cantata 2017**
Listening CDs with your part available

WHEN: Rehearsals:
Wednesdays at 6:30: **November 8, 15, 29
and December 6**
Dress Rehearsal:
Saturday, December 9 at 10am – 12pm

WORSHIP SERVICE: **December 10 at 10am**

CONTACT: Eustace B. Straker
straepipes@comcast.net

Handbell Ringers Needed

We are in need of substitute and permanent handbell ringers for this church year through May 2018. We are especially in need of ringers for **November and December 2017**. You may select November or December or both months. Rehearsals are on Mondays at 6-7:30pm. The Accidentals, the name of our handbell ringers, will play on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19th and Cantata Sunday, December 10. Our rehearsals dates are November 6th and 13th and 27th, December 4th respectively. Please come and ring with us!



Christmas Cantata



It's Cantata time again!

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



Looking Ahead...  ADVENT

Advent Begins December 3, 2017

Christmas Cantata Sunday
December 10, @ 10 am

The Blue Christmas Service
Saturday, December 16, @ 4 pm

Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 17, @ 10 am

Christmas Eve Services
Sunday, December 24, @ 10 am
& 4 pm

Epiphany & Star Gifts
Sunday, January 7, 2018 @ 10 am

TURN YOUR CLOCKS
NOVEMBER 5th.



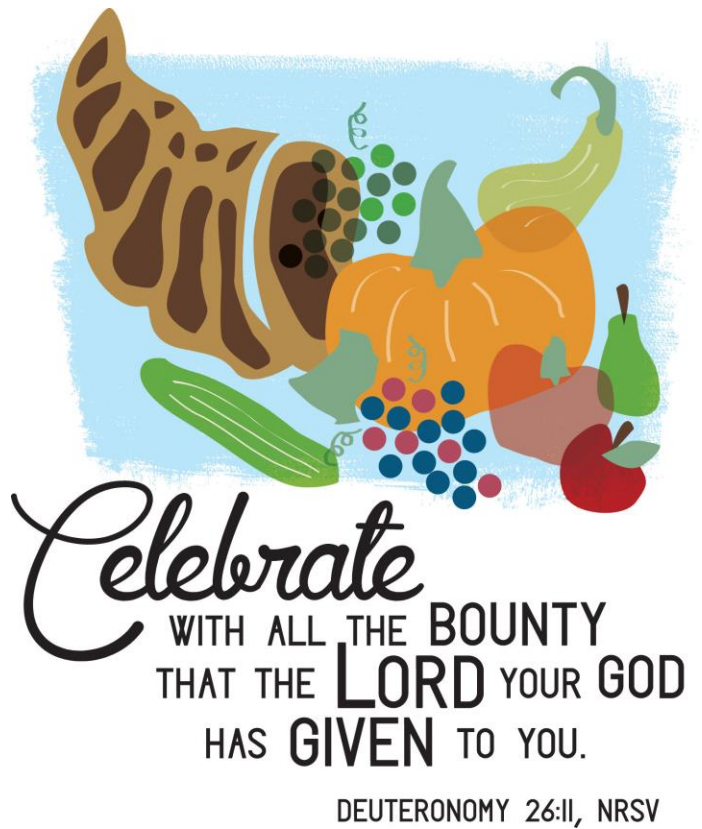


Doris AYALA	11/26
Kurt ROBAIR	11/26
Karen MARCIA	11/27
Lisa JAFFRAY	11/29

Stuart & Charlotte BABCOCK	11/8
Charles & Prudence GRIFFIN	11/25
Ron & Connie ROBINSON	11/26



Lois ROBERT	11/02
William BELCHER	11/09
Connie ROBINSON	11/09
Gwen ILOANI	11/15
John CASNER	11/18
Emily OWENS	11/18
Jeanna MCKENZIE	11/25



An Open Letter to Roger Goodell



Kent Siladi

10/17/2017

Dear Mr. Goodell,

We don't know each other. I am writing you as a leader of a group of people to encourage you to think a bit more creatively about your considering some type of requirement in the NFL which would [require players to stand](#) during the national anthem.

I would encourage you to think about leading this strategy in a different way. Some kind of punitive solution is only going to alienate you and the NFL from a lot of people who would like to see a different approach to the issue.

Mr. Goodell, why not meet with the players who are choosing to kneel and ask them, "What might we do TOGETHER to use our public voice to address racism in our culture?" Can you imagine what it would look like for you to exercise leadership which asks those who feel excluded to offer their perspective?

I find that when I take the time to listen to those who are expressing concerns that I learn a lot.

You can change the narrative. Think about it.

Respectfully,

The Rev. Kent Siladi
Conference Minister
Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ

CTUCC Boundary Training
TUESDAY November 7, 2017, 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Church of Christ, Congregational
1075 Main St, Newington, CT 06111-2997

Morning Plenary with Rev. Ron Brown
\$50 for all participants, Lunch provided

Register at:

<https://macucc-reg.brtaapp.com/CTUCCFallBoundaryTraining2017>

LEVEL I (Basic Training): 8:30 am – 3pm

Basic Training is required for those who have not had boundary or sexual misconduct prevention training before. The training includes a morning plenary session and the Basic Training workshop.
Facilitators: Rev. Bonnie Bardot and Ms. Jamie Pfeiffer

LEVEL II (Advanced): 8:30 am - 3pm

Advanced Training is for those who have previously completed the Level I (Basic) Training. The training includes a morning plenary session and one afternoon workshop of your choice.

WORKSHOPS BEING OFFERED FOR ADVANCED TRAINING:

Healthy Boundaries in Retirement

The decision to retire from active ordained ministry (or as the Pension Boards likes to call it, “annuitizing”) brings about unique and often challenging issues related to professional boundaries. Some of us leave the communities where we have served, others remain in these communities, some even desire to continue participating in the congregations from which we are retiring. Whatever the circumstances, thoughtful consideration is essential as we contemplate future relationships with churches, associations and newly-called clergy who follow us in our ministries. While clergy who have already retired are most welcome, this workshop will focus primarily on those who anticipate this transition in the next 5-10 years. Facilitator: Rev. Chuck Erickson

Partners for Safe Environments

As our culture and cultural expectations change, the church is called to lead. Church safety policies are no exception. The young people and vulnerable adults in our midst and in our communities deserve nurture and care founded in best practices that reflect our core values. Actively engaged in mission and ministries of all types, we must model the highest standards of practice possible in order to establish and maintain safe and hospitable communities. This workshop will train leaders in practices designed to maintain safe spaces in all aspects of congregational life. Content will include: Policy Updates; Standards for onsite and offsite activities; Healthy relationships in youth ministry and elder care; Safe communications and social media standards; Safe accommodations.
Facilitator: Karen Ziel

Bullies, Triangles & The Church

Like any other organization, a church may face challenges generated by people behaving badly. In this workshop, we will address two of the most difficult of these challenges, bullying and triangulation, with tips on what to do. Facilitator: Dr. Ronald N. Casey, Psychologist

**Contact your Association Registrar
to determine if you need to take Boundary Training**

Contact Jill Ford jillf@ctu.org for more information regarding this event

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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The next Spire Party will be held on: Nov. 28, 2017

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