

Pastor's Letter



JUNE 2018 First Congregational Church of Canterbury

Pastor Cheryl

COMMUNION will be on June 10th this month. The children will be leading worship on June 3rd.

Deacon's Fund: The donations made to this fund are used toward sanctuary supplies (candles, replacement of flag, envelopes), personal thank yous to volunteers and other needs presented to the board of Deacons. These funds are also used at the discretion of the Pastor to help members of our congregation and community in times of need. Please consider making a donation to this fund. Envelopes can be found in the pews labeled Deacons Fund.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 3rd Children's Sunday. The youth of our Church will lead us in worship.

Maker Fun Factory is this year's theme. Children explore God's love through art, science and play. This will continue on as the theme for our Vacation Bible Camp. After worship join us for the



Trustees will grill hot dogs. Pastor will scoop ice cream. Families are asked to bring a side dish to share.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

August 6th -9th

6-8 pm \$20 per child

Registration forms are available in the Church office and on our website



Donna G. Sarah O. Becky P & Sarah G. for all their help with our Sunday School program. Our children are learning so much about their faith guided by the work of your hands, your patience, your compassion and teaching.

Raise the Roof Mission Project

brick project

FOR EVERY \$0.33 RAISED, 1 BRICK IS ADDED TO THE NEW CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION AT RAISE THE ROOF ACADEMY.



The Sunday School children will be participating in this project throughout the next three weeks. There will be paper brick boxes available to collect change in. The children ask that you place change in these boxes to help them “buy bricks” for the classroom at the school in Uganda. You can take a brick box home to fill or bring your change to church and add it to our boxes at Church throughout the month of May. **THE FINAL DAY TO HAND IN COINS WILL BE SUNDAY JUNE 3RD.**



YOUTH EVENTS

SATURDAY JUNE 2ND 10:30 am -12:30 pm Youth will meet at the Church, travel to Martina's house for some yard work and return to Church for a pizza lunch.



Sunday July 29th Covenant Soup Kitchen: youth will be going to the soup kitchen to help prepare sandwiches for the clients.

UCC CT Conference

**Second Tri-Conference Annual Meeting
June 15 - 16, 2018
Mass Mutual Center, Springfield, MA**



"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

~ Romans 5:5.

These are indeed times filled with hope as we – the Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island Conferences – consider voting to form a new, united conference with the hope of making our region a more just, loving, and compassionate place.

WE NEED TWO DELEGATES FROM OUR CHURCH TO REPRESENT OUR CHURCH AT THIS HISTPRIC VOTE AND MEETING – please speak with Pastor

Cheryl or Ruth Blakney if you are interested in attending. Scholarship money is available.

Annual Meeting of the Windham Association

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 East Woodstock Congregational Church
During the meeting we heard from Rev. Jocelyn about the upcoming vote for the merger of the three conferences (CT,RI,MA). A farewell was given to Rev. Tom Clough who will be retired on May 30th. A delicious pot luck was enjoyed. Rev. Sue Foster led a time of worship using imagery from the sea combined with the hymn Spirit.



KIDS Canterbury Cares

This summer we will be offer a summer basket of kid friendly foods for families in need. Throughout the month of June we will be collecting food that kids can snack on in the summer months when there is no school lunch program. Donations of the following items can be brought to the church and placed on the table by Pastor's office. Monetary donations can be handed to Pastor Cheryl and will be used to purchase the snack items.

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| -juice boxes or pouches | -granola bars | -fruit cups |
| -pretzels | -applesauce | -fruit snacks |
| -small boxes of cereal | -snack packs of all kinds | -goldfish |
| -peanut butter crackers | -popcorn | -pasta sauce |
| -box mac and cheese | -peanut butter & jelly | |

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

June 25th Community Meal in Willimantic (Reminder...children and youth can come with a parent and help out in the kitchen)

Coffee Hour host needed for June 17th & 24th

Events and activities in April



Deacons	7 th	7 pm
Trustees	14 th	7 pm
Council	21 st	7 pm
Missions	10 th	11:15 am

**Most Committees will be on summer break during July & August*

Brownies will meet on June 5th from 6-7 pm

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10 am

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