

Pastor's Letter

MAY 2018 **First Congregational Church of Canterbury**

The month kicks off with an Installation service on May 6th. All around us Spring is finally showing itself. Flowers are blooming around our Church grounds, the sanctuary signs are updated to honor our congregations life, a new sign will arrive soon for the front lawn and plans for summer activities are coming together.

Pastor Cheryl

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.

Why, you ask?

Our united covenant: ***Living the Love and Justice of Jesus.***

We declare these values essential to our shared ministry together:

- We understand the local church exists to make disciples of Jesus
- We strive and commit to making God's love and justice real
- We believe God is calling us to bring new life as agents of change
- We encourage the solidifying of current covenantal partnerships and the creation of new ones

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.

CT Women of UCC: 90th Anniversary Gathering. Women from the UCC Churches held their annual gathering in Mystic CT. ***Two amazing women in our Church were honored as Recognized Women.*** CONGRATULATIONS TO DONNA GREEN & EMILY LOGEE-SAVOIE

Annual Meeting of the Windham Association

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 East Woodstock Congregational Church
6:00 p.m. Potluck Supper following by meeting
Our Church is one of Churches in the Windham Association.
Emily Logee- Savoie and Kathleen Brown are members of the Windham Association Council



Church Wide Clean Up Day

All are invited to work together to clean up our Church grounds and spruce up Hart Hall.
Clean up begins at 9am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

May Lessons Schedule

- 5/6 Lydia
- 5/13 Mother's Day
- 5/20 Children's Sunday practice
- 5/27 Children's Sunday practice

6/3 **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY "Toy Factory"**

Come and witness a toy factory come to life.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

May 28th Community Meal in Willimantic

Coffee Hour host needed for May 20 & 27

Events and activities in April



Deacons	3rd	7 pm
Trustees	10 th	7 pm
Council	17 th	7 pm
Missions	13 th	11:15 am

HART HALL- Brownie Troop will be meeting on Tuesday evenings May 8th & 22nd

Sunday Morning Worship Service 10 am

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