

# *Pastor's Letter*      October

Our lives are filled with miraculous days of joy and tragic moments of grief and loss. These are high energy, emotionally driven days. Our body and mind are at times, exhausted in these days. These days are intertwined into a lifetime of ordinary days. Thank God for ordinary days. Its not that life does not happen on ordinary days, it is that these days do not through our body and mind to its extremes. We need these ordinary days to balance our lives. We find peace in these days. We find much needed rest in these days. In these ordinary days are were some of our fondest memories occur...a chance meeting with old friends, getting to the bottom of a cup of coffee before it turns cold, reading a good book or finally sorting through all those photos you took.

This season in our Church life is known as Ordinary Time. Our focus is on neither the miraculous birth or the death on a cross. We hear of the ministry of Jesus. His version of ordinary days. Jesus' moments sitting down with his friends Mary, Martha & Lazarus, his eating and drinking, his time with his family and his time of reflection. We use this season of Ordinary Time to remember the humanity of Jesus.

Giving thanks to God for our ordinary days,

*Pastor Cheryl*



Monday mornings @ 10 am

We will continue our journey through the Gospel of Mark.

***NEIGHBOR IN NEED Offering:*** NIN supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States of America. The offering is used to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects. It also helps support American Indians Ministries. This year we will collect the special offering on **Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>. 50% will be donated to Hurricane Relief and 50% to Neighbors in Need.**



The Brown Families have agreed to coordinate the **Pie Sale on October 13<sup>th</sup>**.

PIE SALE: This year's Old Home Days is on Saturday October 13 and our church will once again be having a pie sale on the day of the fair. Please consider helping us to make this a successful fundraiser and outreach for our church by: baking a pie (or pies) for the sale and/or volunteering at the Pie Table on the day of the sale. There will be a sign-up sheet at the church each Sunday until the sale. Please see Kathleen and Steve Brown or Maureen and Ron Brown if you have any questions.



## CT WOMEN UCC FALL RETREAT

Planting Seeds of HOPE Across the Generations

October 6, 2018

Center Congregational Church, Manchester

9:00-3:00

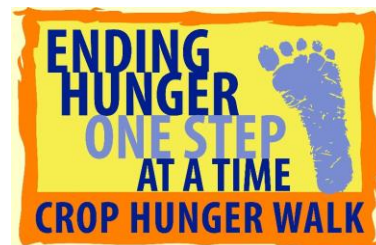
This one day retreat will be lead by Rev. Cheryl A. Caronna. Come and share a day with women of the UCC... relaxing, sharing stories, fellowship and mission project. Cost is \$35 per person.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Church will go to the animals on Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>. Together God's creatures both large and small will come together on the front lawn of the Church at 1pm.

CROP WALK SUNDAY OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> @ 1:00

OUR TEAM NAME: **FCCANTERBURY**



Our Church will be joining other Churches from Brooklyn & Killingly in walking around Fort Hill Farms -Labyrinth 260 Quaddick Road, Thompson CT



### October Bible Lessons

- 10/7 Crop Walk focused activity
- 10/14 History of FCCC
- 10/21 Parable of the Mustard Seed
- 10/28 God's Pumpkin Patch

**SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help make this an enriching program for our children. The curriculum has a variety of fun activities, details about the Bible story and sample crafts. It is a Just Add A Leader style of curriculum. Please speak with Pastor Cheryl or Donna Green about helping out our Sunday School program.



### September 30<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Covenant Soup Kitchen 10 am

We will leave FCCC at 10 am to go to Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic CT. We return around 12:15/12:30

### October 13<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Olde Home Day @ FCCC Canterbury 10-2

We will be overseeing the game area during the event. We are asking youth to sign up to volunteer for 1 ½ hours- 2 hours of helping in the game area.

### October 14<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Rise Against Hunger in Simsbury

The youth group will be leaving FCCC at 9:30 am to travel to Simsbury to work with another Church in filling hundreds of food bags to be sent to those in need. **This is a family event. Each child will need to be driven to the event by a family member. Please text or call the leaders if your family will be participating.**

### October 28<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) Halloween Happenings

We will create a Halloween scavenger hunt and party for the youngest children of our Church.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** Monday October 29<sup>th</sup> will be our next turn to serve the dinner at First Baptist Churches soup kitchen. Volunteers are needed to prepare the meal (3:30-5:30), serve the meal (5:30-7), and donate desserts and other food items. More information is on the bulletin board in Hart Hall.



### Events and activities in October

- October 7<sup>th</sup>    Neighbors in Need Offering
- October 13<sup>th</sup>    Olde Home Days & Pie Sale
- October 21<sup>st</sup>    Stewardship Campaign Kick Off
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>    Community Meal in Willimantic

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Deacons             | October 4 <sup>th</sup>   | 7 pm                    |
| Trustees            | October 11 <sup>th</sup>  | 7 pm                    |
| Council             | October 18 <sup>th</sup>  | 7 pm                    |
| Missions            | November 11 <sup>th</sup> | 11:15 following worship |
| Music               | October 7 <sup>th</sup>   | 11:15 following worship |
| Stewardship         | October 14 <sup>th</sup>  | 11:15 following worship |
| Christian Education | November                  |                         |



***Sunday Morning Worship  
Service 10 am***



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