

The Congregational Chatter





THOTS FROM TOM

Hallelujah! Easter happens on the first day of the month of April! There is more information on our Easter service in this issue of the Chatter.

Here are some other events taking place this month:

The Caretaker's Support Group will meet on Saturday, April 14 at 9 am in the Emma Prince Lounge. We have someone coming to the meeting to talk about Medicare and Medicaid issues, particularly around hospital admissions and follow-up rehabilitative care. This program is open to anyone who is assisting an aging parent or relative as they age.

The Men's Night Out dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 10 at The Dublin Restaurant in East Hampton. We are looking for additional participants. This is a once a month gathering of the men in our church and their friends, neighbors, coworkers who enjoy getting together for "man talk" about household projects, stuff at work, their kids and grandkids, the state of the world, and anything else that comes to our minds. If interested please let me know so that I can make restaurant reservations.

There are five Sundays in April, so it is time to hold another Fifth Sunday Church on the Move! On Sunday, April 29 the Congregational Church of East Hampton will be MOVING to the SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MIDDLE HADDAM for joint worship. Carpooling is recommended. Be at the church by about 9:30 to catch a ride over to Second Congregational Church. Worship begins at 10 am and will be shared by Tom and Lois Kennedy. Our choir will be singing an anthem there.

Have a blessed month!

Tom



Easter Morning Worship Sunday, April 1st

Sunrise Service at Sears Park, 7:00am
Please bring a lawn chair and dress warmly; it is often chilly down near the water

Easter Worship Service

We will be observing our Easter celebration with one service, held at 10:00 am. The service will feature a special cantata being performed by the Senior Choir titled, "Prayers at the Cross", a sacred cantata written by Lee and Susan Naus Dengler. Holy Communion will be celebrated, and the service will conclude with the senior choir and volunteers from the congregation singing Handel's "Alleluia Chorus" from "The Messiah", which is always a very moving and inspirational experience for all.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt after worship

This is totally contingent upon the conditions of the church grounds. An announcement about whether it will occur or not will be made at our Easter service.



Let Lisa Aarrestad know if you or someone you know of from our church family is in need of some helping hands (860-918-1170).

Or call the office (860-267-4959) so we can arrange for meals, rides, help with simple household tasks or just come by and visit! Last year *Seeds of Hope* visited **Heifer Farm** in Rutland, Massachusetts. As you may recall, Winnie Carillo brought back a "peace pipe" which held \$120 in quarters which is the amount needed to by a number of different animals (sheep, goat, pig, etc.) for a needy family in another country.

With the generosity of the congregation we filled the peace pipe and more. Upon filling the peace pipe we gave the children in our church school the option of what animal(s) to donate. They chose a sheep since Jesus is the lamb of God and with the extra money donated, a flock of chicks. The check and instructions have been forwarded to Heifer on behalf of our church.



Thank you Winnie, the congregation and our church school students.



We will keep you advised if we find out where the sheep and chicks go.

Alan Hurst

College Care Packages

It's that time of year. Christian Education and Parish Life will be collecting goodies for our college

students on 3 Sunday mornings from April 1-15. Please sign the card and bring something to help fill the 10 College Care Packages that you will find on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Packages will be delivered to students in time for final exams. Thanks for helping to wish our college kids good luck on exams and reminding them that we are thinking of them.

Our East Hampton Yarners will gather on Thursdays, April 5th & 19th

in Fellowship Hall at 10:00am & 7:00pm. All knitters and crocheters and wannabes are welcome!

For more information contact Judy Hoffhine 860-365-0327 or jhoffhine@gmail.com



C. Estelle Dickson Scholarship

The C. Estelle Dickson Scholarship was designed to assist any church member who is pursuing a two or four year degree.

You will find an application on the last page of this newsletter or you may pick one up at the church office.

Applications must be returned by April 6th.

The scholarship will be awarded during the church service on Youth Sunday, May 20th so that our church family can share in the presentation.

Please contact Teri Schlosser, Billie Gerkey or Joyce Jasenski with any questions.

Men's Night Out

This invitation goes out to all men in the church inviting you to get together for good food and talk in one of our local restaurants. We meet once a month. Need to get out of the house? Want to talk about the numerous spring projects awaiting you? Want to enlist some help with them? Want to share with others how great retirement is going, how things are at work, what's up with the stock market, what hobbies you need warm weather to dive into, where the skiing is good right now, what's going on with your children or grandkids? There is a place and a venue!

A gathering for Men's Night Out is scheduled for 5:30 pm on Tuesday, April 10 at The Dublin to just visit, eat, and enjoy the talk, (and if you are so disposed, you don't even have to say a word!)

<u>If you plan to attend, please contact Tom</u> so that he can make the appropriate reservations.

The East Hampton Food & Fuel Bank has requested contributions of all types of CLEANING SUPPLIES. These items are not covered by SNAP (Food stamps) or WIC. Clients are requesting these items now that Spring might be around the corner. Please leave these items at the church in the basket by the church office or blue trash container on wheels in the back hall by the coat closet. *THANK YOU!*



Support Group for Caretakers Saturday, April 14th 9am-10:30am in the lounge

OPEN to the public.

All are welcome ~ Bring a friend! Coffee, refreshments and a shoulder to lean on provided.



Join us Saturday, April 14th 6-8pm for an evening of food, fun, and color at a special

POTLUCK / ART NIGHT

Bring a finger food to share and a small, wide-mouthed container. *Ex.*, *altoid tin*, *jar*, *box*, *can*, *tea cup*, *etc*.



Dessert & Drinks will be provided.

There will be a small fee of \$10 or less per person collected the evening of the event.

Please sign-up in Fellowship Hall So we have a head-count.



Our Deacons have decided that doughnut holes will no longer be provide during coffee due to a lack of donated funds to cover the cost.

Please sign up to provide a baked good to share during coffee hour.

You may purchase an item or share

a home-made treat such as cookies, bars, breads... whatever you like. Thank you for your participation in making coffee hour pleasant and inviting to all our members and friends!



Thank you to Karen, Teri, Lanette, Judy, Lisa and anyone else who provided meals during the month of March.

Thank you to our Christian Education Committee for organizing and putting on the Easter Egg Hunt for our youth on Easter morning. It's always so much fun!

THANK-YOU! to all our ever-present church mice whose work continues to show up in unexpected places at just the right times!

You are Appreciated!



To schedule an appointment, call **1-800-RED CROSS** (1-800-733-2767) or visit **redcrossblood.org** and enter: East Hampton.

You can streamline your donation experience by visiting **RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass** to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

If you can volunteer to provide sandwiches or staff the canteen and registration, please contact Judy Hoffhine at jhoffhine@gmail.com.

Teens For Lunch

On Sunday, April 22nd Teens for Lunch will meet after worship in the church lounge. This is open to all youth in grades seven and up. In this casual gathering teens meet to enjoy pizza and talk about how life is going.



Thanks to everyone who contributed to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. You raised \$335.!

Your COSA committee has been busy organizing the annual blood drive at our church. It will be held Saturday, April 21. Please see the article elsewhere.

We are preparing for the Church World Service Mother's Day Blanket Drive and Father's Day Tool Drive. You donate \$10 and receive a greeting card honoring someone on those special days. This effort supports Church World Service and (for now) replaces the CROP Walk. Cards will be available April 22, May 6 and 13, and June 3 and 10.

We are also preparing for the Summer Lunches for Kids Food drive again this year. We will be collecting non-perishable foods in May and June, and fresh foods later in June, in July and August. Stay tuned for more information soon.

In an effort to make our church's community work relevant, COSA is conducting interviews with several community leaders to learn what community needs they perceive that we might address. This plan grew out of your comments in church one Sunday called "Yearnings for Mission." We will gather the information we glean from our leaders, look at your thoughts, and form goals and plans for the future.

We are grateful for the commitment, creativity, passion, and energy of this committee throughout the year. If you like action, this is the place to be!

Thank you! from your Outreach and Social Action committee:

Alka Arcari, Lily Bartel, Winnie Carillo, Anita Guerin, Jackie Hooper-Hage, Judy Hoffhine, Alan Hurst, Martha Lynch, Julie Thomas



The Church Library is being spruced up a bit, although there is much more that can be done. You can check out books by signing the notebook on the counter and including the check out date and when you return it. Please leave returned books on the counter. There is a children's section as well.

We could use two gently used floor lamps and a good sized coffee table if anyone would like to donate these items. *Thank you!*

Contact Judy Hoffhine at 860-365-0327 or jhoffhine@gmail.com



Honor a Mom or Dad or child or memorialize a loved one through CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET or TOOL DRIVE.

For a \$10 contribution, you will receive a card* to complete and give to someone you care for.

A heart will be hung in Fellowship Hall with the name of the person you are honoring, celebrating, or remembering.

Your \$10 will purchase a CWS blanket or a tool for someone in need.

*Cards will be available in Fellowship Hall after worship beginning April 22nd, and also on May 6th & 13th and June 3rd & 10th

COSA thanks you!







Knee- Scooter • Walker Wheel Chair • Potty

Please call the office to arrange for pick-up Tuesday thru Friday 8am-noon

860-267-4959



3rd Annual Road Race & Fun Run

at the Airline Trail in East Hampton

SATURDAY, APRIL 28th at 9:00am

Park at the church and be shuttled to Cranberry Bog.

Awards this year are being made by our very own Magyarik family.

For registration and information go to firstmile-fitness.com or contact Lisa at 860-918-1170.



Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you are able to lend a hand at the Road Race or contact Lisa: 860-918-1170 laarrestad@comcast.net



Church on the Move April 29th

Shared service with 2nd Congregational 10am at CCEH

On Sunday, April 29 the Congregational Church of East Hampton will be worshiping with Second Congregational Church of Middle Haddam as part of our *Fifth Sunday Church on the Move* program.

Worship begins at 10 am. Carpooling will be available.

Our senior choir will be singing as well. The Second Congregational Church has a grand reputation for wonderful coffee hours.

To assist them with coffee hour after worship there is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall for those who would like to contribute goodies to the coffee hour from our congregation.



We have found an organization that we will be working with for 2019 Mission Trip. Thanks to Pastor Tom for doing the background research to make sure this organization is in line with our beliefs.

We will be going to Puerto Rico in June of next year. The date that I am looking at is June 22nd - 29th. We will not be able to secure these dates until June or July of this year, the dates are secured on a first-come basis with a non-refundable deposit. We will have a SOH meeting sometime in May with more information. \$1500 is the cost estimate before our fund raising. The policy for this organization for youths is, you must complete the 9th grade by the trip date. Please think about it and we will discuss more in May.

Experiencemission.comBlessings, Deb McLellan

SCRIP Gift Cards

Gift cards are available to order every Sunday from hundreds of merchants. *Seeds of Hope* receives a percentage of the face value of each card

S&S cards are available every week throughout the year.

Don't forget - we collect bottles and cans all year long and used clothes in good condition can be left in the shed. Please bag your items and be sure to tie off the bag!

Thank you for your continued support that allows Seeds of Hope to help others!



CHOIR REHEARSALS on Thursdays Handbells ~ 6pm Adult Choir ~ 7:10pm



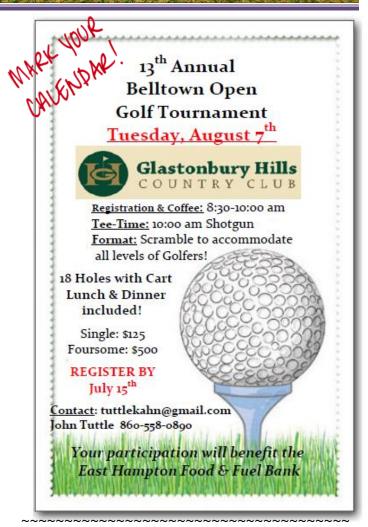


Mark your calendars for **Saturday May 19**th 9-noon OUTDOORS!

Sunday, May 20th

Pentecost Sunday
Youth Sunday
Choir Appreciation Luncheon







43 West High Street (860) 365-5978 Mondays & Thursdays 9am - noon.

It's almost time for the annual Postal Food Drive! This year they will be collecting on Saturday, May 12th. Please remember to mark your calendars.

Here is a list of our current needs:

Baked Beans Tuna Canned Fruit
Laundry Soap Dish Soap Pet Food
Feminine Hygiene Products

Feminine Hygiene Products

Thanks for your continued support :)

Deb, Food Bank volunteer



Email Lisa Aarrestad at laarestad@comcast.net or call 860-918-1170 to have a prayer concern listed for our "pray-ers".

A Simple, Generous Choice ~ Electronic Giving

Electronic Funds Transfer

(Direct debit from your checking or savings account)

Now available at the Congregational Church of East Hampton Participate Today.

Electronic Giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church.

Open your heart without opening your checkbook

Electronic Giving is the term used to describe automatic methods for making contributions on a regular basis without the need to write checks, carry cash or prepare envelopes.

Frequently Asked Questions About Direct Debit Giving

Q. What are the major advantages of electronic giving by direct debit?

A. Direct debit is all about convenience for you and consistency for the church. Electronic giving eliminates frequent check writing and helps members stay on track with pledges even when they are unable to attend services. The church in turn benefits from much-needed donation consistency and a reduction in the volume of check and cash contributions that must be handled and manually processed in the church office.

Q. How does Direct Debit Giving work?

A. Contributions are transferred automatically from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Q. How are my automatic contributions deducted and transferred?

A. First, you sign and return an authorization form to the church indicating the amount you wish to contribute on a regular basis. Contributions are then transferred through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network—the same network already used by families to make mortgage and utility payments or to receive payroll earnings and Social Security income. Direct debit goes by other names including Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), automatic payment, or simply, ACH.

Q. When will my contribution be debited from my account?

A. A debit to your account will occur each month on the date you specify on your authorization form.

O. How will I keep track of contributions in my check register?

A. Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your check register on the appropriate date. Electronic contributions will appear on your bank statement.

Q. What can I use to prove I made a contribution?

A. Your bank statement will show an itemized list of electronic transactions that can be used as proof of your contributions.

Q. Is giving by direct debit risky?

A. It is certainly less risky than writing checks or carrying cash to church. To process electronic donations, the church uses Vanco Services, LLC—an established and highly-regarded company that moves funds directly from church members to the church on the same day without any delay. Vanco processes contributions for more than 10,000 churches and nonprofit organizations.

Q. How much does direct debit giving cost?

A. It costs you nothing and it costs the church very little. It is the lowest cost method of transferring funds.

Q. What if I try electronic giving by direct debit and don't like it?

A. You can cancel your authorization at any time by notifying the church.

Q. How can I sign up for electronic giving by direct debit?

A. Complete, sign and return the authorization form on the following page to the church office.

AUTHORIZATION FORM

Congregational Church of East Hampton

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #		DATE	
Effective date of authorization: _				
Type of Authorization Form:	New AuthorizationChange donation amountChange donation date	☐ Change banking information ☐ Discontinue electronic donation		
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Email Address		***************************************		
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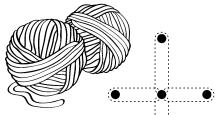
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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 8am-noon



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SERVICE 7:00am Easter Worship, 10am 3 AA, 8pm	Tiger Scouts, 6-7pm	3 Boy Scouts, 7pm	Art Class, 9:30-11:30am Essential Oils Class, 6-8pm AA, 8pm	EH Art Association, 9am-4pm EH Yarners 10am & 7pm Choirs: Bell, 6pm/ Sr., 7:10pm Wolves, 6:30pm	EH Art Association, 9am-4pm	7
Worship, 10am Diaconate, 11:30am AA, 8pm	9 Bear Scouts, 6:30pm	Men's Night Out, 5:30pm The Dublin Lions, 6-7pm Webelos / Boy Scouts, 7pm	Essential Oils Class, 6-8pm AA, 8pm	Golf Meeting 6pm Choirs: Bell, 6pm/ Sr., 7:10pm	13	Caregiver Support Group 9am Supper Club 6-8pm Fellowship Hall
Worship, 10am COSA, 11:30am AA, 8pm	Scout Pack Meeting, 7-8pm	Boy Scouts, 7pm	Art Class, 9:30-11:30am Essential Oils Class, 6-8pm AA, 8pm	EH Yarners 10am & 7pm Choirs: Bell, 6pm/ Sr., 7:10pm	20	Blood Drive 8am – 1pm
Worship, 10am AA, 8pm	23	Church Council, 7pm Boy Scouts, 7pm	25 DEADLINE for May Chatter Art Class, 9:30-11:30am Essential Oils Class, 6-8pm AA, 8pm	26 <u>Choirs:</u> Bell, 6pm/ Sr., 7:10pm	27	Road Race Fun Run 9am
5 th Sunday Shared Worship at 2 nd Cong. Church, 10am Boy Scout Council, 7pm AA, 8pm	30	The D	The Co	ubmissions to th ngregational Cl dnesday, Apri	natter	sue of

Make this special cross as a reminder of Jesus' death and resurrection.



What you need:

- Adult help
- Piece of wood
- 5 nails
- Hammer
- 2 balls of varn (blue and yellow)

What you do:

- 1. Hammer the nails into the wood to form a cross shape (see example).
- 2. Tie the blue yarn to the bottom nail. Wrap it up and around the top nail and back down to the bottom nail. Then wrap it around the middle nail and around the side nails. Repeat until the yarn is wrapped about halfway up the exposed nails.
- 3. Repeat step two with the yellow yarn. Wrap it around the nails until only the heads are visible.





RESURRECTION M



Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.



Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

2+2 = united 2x3 = death 7+6 = resurrection 3x3 = certainly 18-16 = have 4-1 = been 0+1 = if 2x4 = we 13-1 = him 2+3 = in 20-6 = like 2+5 = his 2x5 = be 8+3 = with"For ____ we ____ __ __ ___ ____ with him $\underline{}_{5}$ a $\underline{}_{6}$ like $\underline{}_{7}$, ___ in a ____ in a ____ _____ his." Romans 6:5, NIV

certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. Romans 6:5, NIV Answer: For it we have been united with him in a death like his, we will



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C. ESTELLE DICKSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's Name:	Age:	
Address:		
Present Status: School:		
Married: Yes □ NO □ Spouse's Name: Spouse's Employer:	Ages:	
Parents or Guardians Name:	: (fath (mot	er)
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List any Awards and Honors Received:		
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What Achievement or Accomplishment has made you proud?
College: (Name of Colleges to which you have been accepted)
What Major, if you have decided, will you pursue?
Financial: (How do you plan to finance your first year?) Total estimate of first year costs: Less: A) From Family B) Personal Savings C) Work during School Year D) Scholarships/Grants/Aid E) Work during Vacations F) Loans Total Available: Current Shortfall: Church: (How have you been involved in our church?) What has your relationship with our church meant to you? (Attach an essay of 200 or more words.)
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