The Congregational Chatter JUNE





THOTS FROM TOM

Happy June! Summer and vacation schedules are looming soon. Looking ahead to the month of June, I want to briefly highlight a few things.

On Sunday, June 3 during our morning worship service Ryan Adams and his sister Danielle, and Kayla Gallmon will be joining our church through an Affirmation of Baptism and Covenant of New Membership service. Congratulations to them!

The monthly Men's Night Out event will be held on Tuesday, June 12 at 5:30pm at Marlborough Pizza. This is a really social time for the guys, and we are always looking for more men to participate in this fun night out. If you would like to attend, please speak to me. You are most welcome to attend. We have a good time.

The last day of Church School will be June 17. The end of the season will be capped off with an Ice Cream Social during coffee hour.

Summer hours for the church office will begin July 3 and will continue until August 28. During the summer Ann will be in on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am until noon.

My vacation begins July 1 and lasts until July 31. If there are emergencies, please leave a message with the church office.

Have a wonderful month, a blessed summer, and see you in church!

Tom



June 3rd **AFFIRMATION of BAPTISM Choir Appreciation** Luncheon



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.

Congratulations to Eli Gates, who is this year's recipient of the C. Estelle Dickson Scholarship. The award was presented to Eli on May 20th during our Children's Sunday service.

Eli is a senior studying engineering at the University of Connecticut. He has received many academic awards during his college years. He will spend this summer interning at UTC Aerospace Systems.

Our church family has always been important to Eli, and he continues to keep in touch when he is home. The church has been a part of his life since he was a baby playing the role of baby Jesus in the Christmas pageant. Eli's involvement continued through boy scouts, becoming an Eagle Scout, confirmation and becoming an adult member of our church family.

Eli will have a bright, successful future, and no matter where life takes him, his loving, caring church family will be a lasting memory of his years growing up in East Hampton.

Congratulations Eli! We are very proud of you!

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Honor a Dad or a loved one through **CHURCH WORLD SERVICE** 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 on June 3rd & 10th





The East Hampton Yarners

Will gather on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursdays of each month at 10am and again at 7pm throughout the summer.

June meetings are on the 7^{th} & 21^{st}

We meet at the church in the green classroom, or at Sears Park in the picnic shelter on nice days. *All are welcome.*

Donated knitting/crocheting supplies and yarn are available at the church at no cost.

For more information email Judy Hoffhine



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

OPEN to the public.

Guest Speaker: Beth Williams from The Village at South Farms Care Facility in Middletown

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

Sunday, June 10th

Last day of Sunday School / Ice Cream Social

On the cusp of summer, Creator God, I praise you for warmer weather, nature's wonders and this season of both rest and growth.



LADIES NIGHT! ~ Monday, June 11th at 6:30 Is anyone interested in hosting? Please contact Kim Clouser 765-714-1501 or clsrfrnk@aol.com

Bring a dish to share and join us for great food and conversation! *First-timers always welcome!*

Ladies night will continue through the summer.

We would love to have you join for a casual meal and fellowship. We meet the second Monday of the month at 6:30 at someone's home.

Anyone interested in hosting or learning more please contact KIM



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, 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 5:30pm on Tuesday, June 12th at Marlborough <u>Pizza</u> to just visit, eat, and enjoy the talk, (and if you are so disposed, you don't even have to say a word!)

If you plan to attend, please contact the pastor so that he can make the appropriate reservations.



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A Note from our <u>Building & Grounds Committee</u>:

THANKS to ALL who came out to weed and spread mulch on 2 different days!

The committee has been working hard on many small projects to help keep the church running smoothly; plumbing repairs, drywall patching, floor patching, light fixtures replaced, etc.

We have 3 bigger projects in the works for the this summer.

<u>First</u>: the cracks in the parking lot will be filled. This may result in the lot being closed for a short time during the week.

<u>Second</u>: Painting of the main first floor hallway and the stairwell by the stage will be tackled over the summer. Anyone interested in helping KIM clean before painting or helping with the painting please contact KIM.



<u>Third</u>: It's time the church becomes more environmentally conscious. Unfortunately, a recycling dumpster is not in the budget at this time. So our plan is to have a recycling station in Fellowship Hall.

There will be space to collect ALL your recyclables; plastic, glass, food cans, foil, and paper, of course. Deposit bottles and cans will still be collected for *Seeds of Hope*. Church members will need to take recyclables home to put in their BLUE barrels.

This will have to be a team effort. But it won't be difficult if everyone pitches in and the benefits for our beautiful Earth will be.....PRICELESS.





COSA is happy to announce that the new chairhead will be Lily Bartel.

COSA extends a huge thank you to Judy Hoffhine for all her hard work and dedication in leading the group! We have done some amazing things and have been guided in a new direction to help the community and those around the world!!

COSA has collected \$380.00 for Mother's and Father's Day cards for Church World Service so far. The money is used to purchase blankets and tools for families around the world. Father's Day cards will continue to be sold on 6/3 and 6/10.

We are also preparing for the **Summer Lunches for Kids Food Drive** again this year. We will be collecting non-perishable foods in June, and fresh foods later in June, in July and August.

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

Save your BOX TOP\$ for EDUCATION!



There is a collection box outside the church office, or you can simply put them in your offering envelope. *Thanks for your help!*



We are excited to again have the opportunity to give children food for lunches while school is out. Here's how this works:

June: Bring non-perishable and freezable foods to church on Sunday (*specific kid-friendly suggestions can be found on the board in Fellowship Hall*). We will deliver it to the Food Bank to be stored until this summer when children do not have access to the free and reduced lunch program at school. You may also deliver it directly to the Food Bank between 9 and 12 on Mondays and Thursdays if you wish. They are located in the house next to St. Patrick's Church at 43 W. High St. Deliveries to the front door.

July and August: In addition to the above, please bring fresh foods - cold cuts, cheese, yogurt, apples, bananas, peaches, plums, carrots, celery - anything that kids can eat for lunch. Again, they will be delivered to the Food Bank, or you may hand deliver them. *They usually have plenty of tomatoes, cukes, and peppers from gardens.*

We will have 2 collection nights at Stop & Shop over the summer: Wednesday, July 11th, and Wednesday, August 8th from 4:30-6:30.

Do your shopping those evenings and place a few things in our shopping carts on your way out! Please help this effort over and over this summer!

"... and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."



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It's official! We will be traveling to Puerto Rico from June 22nd - 29th, 2019.

UCC Disaster Response Mission Trip Groups are participating with Iglesias Evangelical Unida de Puerto Rico in partnership with UCC National Disaster Ministries and Volunteer Ministries in the Puerto Rican recovery effort. As a participant in this group, you are an integral part of a larger effort by local community and by the United Church of Christ working with community-based and ecumenical partners. You will work in home repair and rebuilding, as well as helping repair and refurbish local churches in cooperation with interfaith recovery committees in the local communities. We will be staying at the Yuquiyu Camp/Conference Center owned by the Iglesias Evangelical Unida de Puerto Rico. This will be a experience like none we have encounter in the past.

If you would like to be a part of our SoH group you can reach out to me (Deb Mc) Lisa Aarrestad or Alan Hurst. There will be a SoH meeting in September that will include a commitment deposit of \$100. The date for that meeting will be in September's Chatter.

This is a exciting time, I hope you will consider being a part of this journey!

God Bless,

Deb McLellan

Please continue to bring in your bottles, clothes for the shed and purchase SCRIP cards throughout the summer. SCRIP cards will continue to be available all summer long. If you don't see Lisa at church, send her an email or give her a call.

laarrestad@comcast.net 860-918-1170

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

—Isaiah 58:10





Thanks to everyone who helped with the outside clean up, especially the Boy Scouts who had fun working in the rain. The grounds look beautiful!

Thank you to all the hard workers who helped with the Spring Market. It was a hot day but once again we had a very successful event!

A special thank you to Anita Guerin for organizing the day.

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





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. Your participation will make coffee hour pleasant and inviting to all our members and friends!



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

The Food bank is busy in the summer months and we appreciate your support.

Here is a list of some of our needs:

Canned Fruit • Instant Mashed Potatoes Instant Rice • Hamburger Helper • Rice-A-Roni Paper Towels • Toilet Paper • Pet Food <u>Cleaning Supplies</u>

> Thank you for your generosity. Deb, Food Bank volunteer



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



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!



The Church Library has been 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





We Rent Our Hall

Have an event coming up and no time to clean your house? No worries! You can rent our Fellowship Hall for birthday parties, anniversary parties, family get-togethers...whenever you need a space to gather. Call the church office for fees and availability. 860-267-4959

Summer Office Hours

Summer hours will begin on July 3rd. The office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-12. The pastor will be on vacation the month of July, and will be on call and checking into the office but not holding regular office hours during his annual study leave which begins August 1 and ends August 21. Deacons will be on call for emergencies during July. Ann will be back in the office holding regular office hours of Tuesday through Friday, 8-12 beginning on August 28th.



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Look for sign-ups in Fellowship Hall.

We will need:

- workers for the hot dog booth
- parking all three days
- Saturday for the bake sale during the parade

Bakers will also be needed for the bake sale. Please sign up!

# **Refreshments for Parade Watchers**

Lisa Aarrestad will be organizing a bake/goodie sale on the church lawn during the OHD parade on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. She will be looking for people to help her and donations of baked goods. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact her if you can help. *Remember, this event is to raise money in place of the Silent Auction!* 

860-918-1170 or laarrestad@comcast.net



#### <u>WE NEED GOLFERS!!! All Levels!</u> <u>REGISTER by July 15<sup>th</sup></u> <u>Contact</u>: John Tuttle 860-558-0890 tuttlekahn@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for Golf Day! We need help with Breakfast & Lunch, a Hole-in-One host and BAKERS to provide coffee cakes or snack breads

If you are available please contact Deb Robinson at <u>bdarkrob@comcast.net</u>

Thank you for helping to make this fundraiser a success!

# 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.

# Q. 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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| 3<br>Worship/<br>Communion,<br>Affirmation<br>10am<br>Choir Luncheon<br>AA – 8pm                                    | <b>4</b><br>Tigers, 6-7pm                                                                           | 5<br>Boy Scouts<br>7pm                                                                   | 6<br>AA – 8pm                            | 7<br>Yarners<br>10am-noon<br>7-8:30pm<br>Scout Parents &<br>Leaders, 7-9pm<br><u>Choir: Bell, 6pm</u><br><u>Adult, 7:10pm</u> | 8      | 9<br>Support<br>Group for<br>Care-Givers,<br>9am<br>Guest<br>Speaker:<br>Beth Williams |
| <b>10</b><br><b>Worship,</b><br><b>10am</b><br><i>Ice Cream</i><br><i>Social</i><br>Deacons,<br>11:30am<br>AA – 8pm | <b>11</b><br>Ladies Night,<br>6:30pm<br><i>Host Needed</i><br>Bears, 6:30pm                         | <b>12</b><br>Men's Night<br>Out, 5:30pm<br>Marl. Pizza<br>Webelos &<br>Boy Scouts<br>7pm | <b>13</b><br>AA – 8pm                    | 14<br>Wolves, 6:30pm                                                                                                          | 15     | 16<br>Art Show &<br>Strawberry<br>Festival<br>10am-4pm                                 |
| 17<br>Worship,<br>10am<br>COSA, 11:30am<br>AA – 8pm<br>Father's Day                                                 | 18                                                                                                  | <b>19</b><br>Boy Scouts<br>7pm                                                           | 20<br>AA – 8pm                           | <b>21</b><br>Yarners<br>10am-noon<br>7-8:30pm                                                                                 | 22     | 23                                                                                     |
| 24<br>Worship,<br>10am<br>Boy Scout<br>Council, 7pm<br>AA – 8pm                                                     | 25                                                                                                  | 26<br>Council,<br>6:30pm<br>Boy Scouts<br>7pm                                            | 27<br>Newsletter<br>Deadline<br>AA – 8pm | 28                                                                                                                            | 29     | 30                                                                                     |

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**BLESSING** 

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# What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5 " x 11 " paper



- Marker
- 8.5 " x 11 " photo frame

# What you do:

- 1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
- 2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
- Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best \_\_\_\_\_ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
- 4. Place your picture message in the frame.
- 5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.



God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

# • Cross out the opposite of blessings.

- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.
- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

| I            | enemies  | will      | be       | Judas     |
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| hate         | а        | Father    | to       | serpent   |
| you          | and      | you       | will     | crucified |
| cursings     | be       | my        | sons     | and       |
| sin          | Golgotha | daughters | says     | the       |
| Lamentations | prison   | Lord      | Almighty | lost      |

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV