

The Congregational Chatter







THOTS FROM TOM

Well, maybe by the time you read this the season of "Aprulary" will be over and spring will have arrived! I really don't want Maytember (a repeat of December weather)!

Regardless of the weather outside. there is much going on in the church to keep us busy this month and to keep us occupied in this "spring" season.

The monthly Men's Night Out event will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 5:30 pm. at Rossini's. 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.

We have a delicious Mother's Day weekend stuffed pork loin church supper coming up on Saturday, May 12. In addition to stuffed pork, the dinner will feature minted rice with Spring Peas, Green Beans Almondine, Caesar's Salad. and dessert. There will be special activities for the children and a Tea Cup Raffle. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, and \$24.00 for a family.

Our annual Trim the Bushes and Weed and Mulch the Beds Day will be held on Saturday, May 19, weather permitting. We will be weeding flower beds, spreading mulch on them, and trimming bushes. This is an annual fun event. A sign-up sheet is posted in fellowship hall for those who can help.

Sunday, May 20 will feature our annual Youth Sunday, a day when the youth of our church lead worship. Parts of the service were written by the youth in our church school program. Additionally, our Teens for Lunch gathering will be held after worship that day instead of on the fourth

Sunday because of the Memorial Day weekend holiday.

Additionally, on May 20 we will be taking a special offering at the request of the Connecticut Conference. The offering is called "Strengthen the Church" and will support three ministries of the Connecticut Conference: Silver Lake Conference Center, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and Faith Formation.

Silver Lake Conference Center is our outdoor ministries camp center, and it was founded by a prior minister of this church, Reverend James Yee, who as pastor of the Congregational Church of East Hampton was the chairperson of the Outdoor Ministries Committee when the Connecticut Conference was looking for a permanent site for outdoor ministries. Rev. Yee persuaded the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Conference to purchase camp acreage on Mudge Pond in Sharon, Connecticut and it was renamed Silver Lake Conference Center.

It is quite appropriate on Youth Sunday that we take this special offering to support the work, ministry and faith formation of our young people. More information about this offering can be found in this Chatter.

Our annual open air market and tag sale will be held on Saturday, May 26. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in fellowship hall to set up tents, and staff the flower tent, tag sale and food booth area. I will again be staffing the food booth this year. The breakfast menu will be egg, Canadian bacon and cheese sandwiches served on a bulkie roll, coffee and bottled water. Lunch will be hot dogs, chips, soda and bottled water. I will need volunteers to collect money, take orders and serve the food, so please sign up to take a shift! It will be a great day and we are hoping for good weather. It will go on rain or shine.

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

Tom





a special offering to support these ministries of the CT Conference of the United Church of Christ:



Silver Lake Conference Center, Youth and Young Adults, Faith Formation



Our mission: Identify, Affirm, Nurture, Build Capacity And Network Leaders for the church and the world.

Has your life been changed by a church camp, Sunday school program, church youth group, or adult education program? Have you seen the impact of these programs on your children or The Strengthen the Church special offering supports three ministries of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ: Silver Lake Conference Center, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and Faith Formation. The offering will support these three ministries to change lives by identifying and affirming leaders, nurturing skills and building capacity for ministry, strengthening networks among our local churches in an independent spirit. 90% of this offering will be used to support these three areas of ministry. 10% will be shared with the national United Church of Christ's Strengthen the Church initiatives. We will receive this special offering on Pentecost Sunday, Online donations can be made at www.ctucc.org/strengthenthechurch.



Honor a Mom, 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 on May 6th & 13th and June 3rd & 10th

COSA thanks you!

The East Hampton Yarners will gather on Thursdays, May 3rd, 17th & 31st

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

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, 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, May 8 at Rossini's Restaurant 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.



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

Convince for Aging Parents

Support Group for Caretakers Saturday, May 12th 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.











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 Canned Ravioli Spam Pet Food

Juice School Snacks

Thanks for your continued support :)

Deb, Food Bank volunteer



The East Hampton Food & Fuel Bank has requested contributions of all types of CLEANING SUPPLIES. 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!*



Women's Potluck Monday, May 14th at 6:30pm

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!

Never-benns always welcome!





Thank you to Judy Hoffhine and crew for cleaning up and decorating the library. The pillows are beautiful and the couches look comfy and cozy.

Another big thank you to JoAnn, Amanda and Rebecca Magyarik for cleaning out and organizing the CE closet. A beautiful job on a project long overdue!

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!



Food Collection, Youth Music,



and a Puppet Show



<u>Teens For Lunch</u>

The *Teens for Lunch* gathering will be held on the third Sunday in May (May 20) instead of the fourth Sunday because of the Memorial Day weekend holiday. Youth in grades seven and up are invited to gather for pizza and casual conversation. Youth and parents, lease put this event on your May calendars.



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!

Seeds Hope

Thank you to everyone who supported our third 5K, 10K, Fun Walk! Whether you ran, walked, manned a water station or handed out T-shirts, you are now part of our team! If you would like to know more about what our team does, join us on May 20th after church for an informational meeting about our next trip to Puerto Rico in 2019.

We will be going to Puerto Rico in June of next year. (tentatively June 22nd - 29th). Seeds of Hope meet on May 20th with more information. \$1500 is the cost estimate before our fund raising. Open to adults and youth who have complete the 9th grade by the trip date.

If you are interested in this Mission Trip or have questions, please come to the meeting on the 20th.

Experiencemission.com Blessings, 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!



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



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 May 6 & 13, and June 3 & 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



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!







Look for a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall Bring in tag sale items and put on stage. No electronics, books or clothes, please!



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

Medical Equipment





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

860-267-4959

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.

Just call the church office for fees and availability. 860-267-4959





June 3rd Choir Appreciation Lunch

June 10th

Last day of Sunday School/ Ice Cream Social







13th Annual Belltown Open Golf Tournament

Tuesday, August 7



Registration & Coffee: 8:30-10:00 am Tee-Time: 10:00 am Shotgun Format: Scramble to accommodate all levels of Golfers!

18 Holes with Cart Lunch & Dinner included!

Single: \$125 Foursome: \$500

REGISTER BY July 15th

Contact: tuttlekahn@gmail.com John Tuttle 860-558-0890

> Your participation will benefit the East Hampton Food & Fuel Bank





CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of EAST HAMPTON DIRECTORY of OFFICERS and COMMITTEES



June 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019 (updated 5/18)

Pastor: Thomas L. Kennedy	267-6540	Church Clerk: Alan Hurst 267-2799
Director of Parish Life: Lisa Aarrestad	267-4959	Church Treasurer: Betsy Gates 267-4015
Christian Ed Coordinator: Jason Gee	267-4959	Asst. Church Treasurer:
Director of Music:		Financial Secretary: John Hage 267-0692
Moderator: Martin Bartel	267-6390	Asst. Financial Secretary: Jeanette Knotek 267-9159
Church Secretary: Ann Buracchi	267-4959	Custodian: Alison Morrill
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PRINCIPAL COMMITTEES (to be filled by church members)

CHURCH COUNCIL (6) C Martin Bartel – Moderator/Chair					
Meets at 6:30pm on the 4 th Tuesday of the month					
(19) Jason Gee 857-6738 (21) Alan Hurst 267-2799					
(19) David Gates	267-4015		(21) Mel Barlow	267-9175	
(20) Jerry Gerkey	267-9513				
(20) Billie Gerkey	267-9513				

DIACONATE (12) Meets at 11:30am on the 2^{nd} Sunday of the month				
(19) Whitney Fielding 267-6235	(21) Karen Gallmon 267-9122			
(19) <u>David Gates</u> (C) 267-4015	(21)			
(19) Lynda Tinney 267-8329	(21) Bob Jones			
(19)	(21)			
(20) Kristine Pekar 267-7234				
(20) Jackie Hooper-Hage 267-0692				
(20) Peter Strickland 267-2930				
(20)				
Youth Deacons:				

<u>USHER COMMITTEE</u> (Sub-Committee - 2) – Chair must be a member				
(19) Lorraine Barlow (C) 267-9175	(19)			

FINANCE COMMITTEE (6)				
(19) Nick Ogle	478-0662	(21) Tim Quackenbush 267-2616		
(19) Mike Rose	365-0190	(21)		
(20) Stoyko Nikolov	267-8259			
(20) Teri Schlosser	267-6150			

INTENTIONAL GIVING PLEDGE CAMPAIGN (3)				
(19) Lanette Zaborowski	267-8422	(21) Cindy Pasternak	267-2019	
(20)				

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (3)				
(19)	(21) Karen Gallmon 267-9122			
(20)				



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CHRISTIAN OUTREA	ACH & SOCIAL ACTION (COSA) COMMITTEE (9)				
Meets at 11:30am on the 3 rd Sunday of the month					
(19) Jackie Hooper-Hage 267-0692	(21) Bob Jones				
(19) Martha Lynch 267-0117	(21) Alka Arcari 267-6483				
(19) Julie Thomas 267-2684	(21) Anita Guerin 267-4729				
(20) Alan Hurst 267-2799					
(20) Winnie Carillo 462-2323					
(20) Lily Bartel 267-6390					
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION C	OMMITTEE (6) Meets at 9:15am on the 1st Sunday of the month				
(19) <u>Lanette Zaborowski</u> 267-8422	(21) Cindy Pasternak 267-2019				
(19) Lisa Aarrestad 267-6498	(21) Cyndi Shirshac 267-8194				
(20) Alka Arcari 267-6483					
(20) Lorraine Barlow 267-9175					
	MUSIC COMMITTEE (7)				
(19) Patti Burdick 267-8768	(21) Joanne Magyarik 537-2444				
(19) Winifred Carillo (C) 462-2323	(21) Kristine Pekar 267-7234				
(20) Sue Binge 267-1159					
(20) Regan Gallmon					
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BUILD	ING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE (6)				
(19) Brian McLellan 267-4544	(21) Chuck Hoffhine 365-0327				
(19) John Pierson 467-6750	(21) Kim Clouser 267-9439				
(20) Jed Dolde 267-6195					
(20) Nick Ogle 478-0662					
SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (5) (*Contingent upon the C. Estelle Dickson Scholarship Fund status)					
(19) Billie Gerkey 267-9513	(21) Joyce Jasenski 267-9702				
(20) Teri Schlosser 267-6150					
UCC CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE DELEGATES (2)					
(19)	(19)				
UCC MIDD	LESEX ASSOCIATION DELEGATES (2)				
(19)	(19) (19)				
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FALL FESTIVAL Sub-COMMITTEE (Church Fair)			
(19) (19)	(21) Lanette Zaborowski 267-8422 (21)		
(20)(20)			

<u>NURSI</u>	<u>RY CARE COORDINATOR</u>
(19)	
(19)	
CHUR	CH HISTORIAN:

537-2444

(21) Joanne Magyarik

FLOWER CHAIRPERSON: (19) Karen Gallmon

<u>WEBMASTERS</u>: Crystal Rose Hill & Dave Farrell<u>WORSHIP TEAM</u>: Alan Hurst, Mary DeCoursey,Jerry Gerkey, Tom Kennedy

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

UCC080570

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #		DATE	
Effective date of authorization:				
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Email Address				
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MAY 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Boy Scouts, 7pm	Essential Oils Class, 6-8pm AA, 8pm	EH Yarners 10am & 7pm Choirs: Bell, 6pm/ Sr., 7:10pm	4	5
Worship/Communion, 10am AA, 8pm	7 Tiger Scouts, 6 - 7pm	8 Men's Night Out, 5:30pm Rossini's Webelos / Boy Scouts, 7pm	Essential Oils Class, 6-8pm AA, 8pm	Choirs: Bell, 6pm/ Sr., 7:10pm Scout Parents & Leaders, 7-9pm	11	Caregiver Support Group 9am Mother's Day Dinner 6-8pm Fellowship Hall
Worship, 10am Diaconate, 11:30am COSA, 11:30am AA, 8pm	Ladies Night 6:30pm Bears, 6:30 – 7:30pm	15 Boy Scouts, 7pm	Essential Oils Class, 6-8pm AA, 8pm	EH Yarners 10am & 7pm Choirs: Bell, 6pm/ Sr., 7:10pm	18	Spring Clean-up Day 9am-noon
20 Pentecost Sunday Youth Sunday Worship, 10am COSA, 11:30 Teens for Lunch, 11:30 Seeds of Hope, 11:30 AA, 8pm	Scout Pack Meeting, 7-8pm	Church Council, 7pm Boy Scouts, 7pm	Essential Oils Class, 6-8pm AA, 8pm	Golf Meeting 6pm Choirs: Bell, 6pm/ Sr., 7:10pm	25	26 Spring murka 9am-2pm
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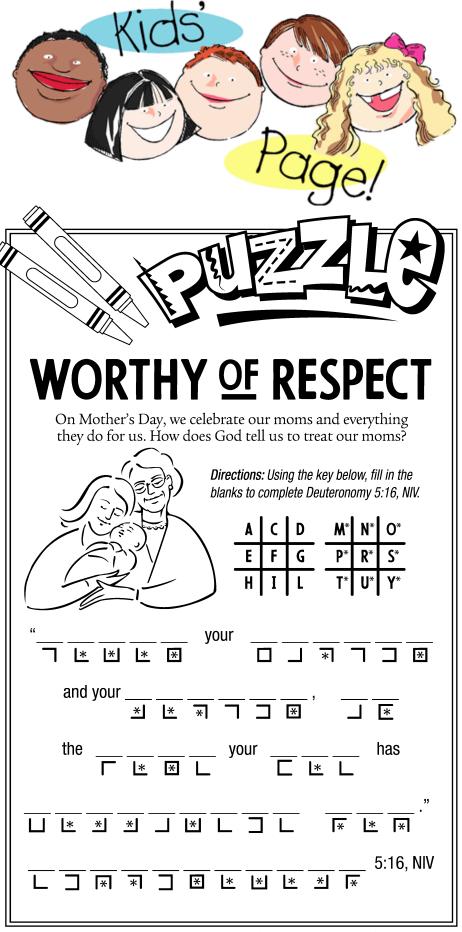
This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

- 1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
- 2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
- 3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
- 4. Place the tea light in the jar.
- 5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.



commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has