



# The Congregational Chatter

## September 2018



### Musings From Tom...

We are in the waning days of summer! Plans are underway for our fall program season. This includes the resumption of our Senior Choir, committee meetings, the holding of the Fall Festival on October 6, our Intentional Giving endeavor which will begin in October, church suppers, the Caregivers Support group, the Yarners, women's potluck, Men's Night Out, and a new, lay-led Bible study that will meet in people's homes.

We will begin our church year with Homecoming Sunday on September 9. Church school will begin on that day and we will conclude with a potluck lunch on the church lawn. Hot dogs will be provided, but attendees are invited to bring desserts, other main dishes, salads, etc. to help fill out our lunch.

Our Music Search Committee continues its work. Interviewing continues, and as soon as a viable candidate is hired, an announcement will be made. Please keep the search committee in your prayers as they continue their work. In the meantime, Amanda Magyarik has been appointed by the Music Committee to serve as a bridge until a permanent music director is hired. Amanda has been serving as our pianist during the month of August. Thank you Amanda for your gracious willingness to fill in, selecting music, leading choir rehearsals, Sunday morning anthems and performing all the musical duties that go with Sunday morning worship!

Finally, we have a Fifth Sunday Church on the Move scheduled for Sunday, September 30. A brief worship service will be held in Fellowship Hall at 9 am and we will carpool to Old New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine in East Granby. There will be re-enactors there who will assist us in understanding the kinds of inhumane conditions that

existed in Connecticut's first prison which was active from 1773 until 1827. More information about costs and lunch will be forthcoming.

Have a blessed September, and see you in church!

Peace,

*Tom*

Due to patient privacy laws, Middlesex Hospital will no longer be able to notify the church of a patient's presence in the hospital unless at the specific request of the patient. Therefore, if you or a loved one are in the hospital, please let the person caring for you know that you wish to see the hospital chaplain. That will automatically trigger a Spiritual Care Referral to the Head of the Department of Spiritual Care. They will be sure to see you and make the call for you to let us know you are in the hospital.

## Homecoming Sunday

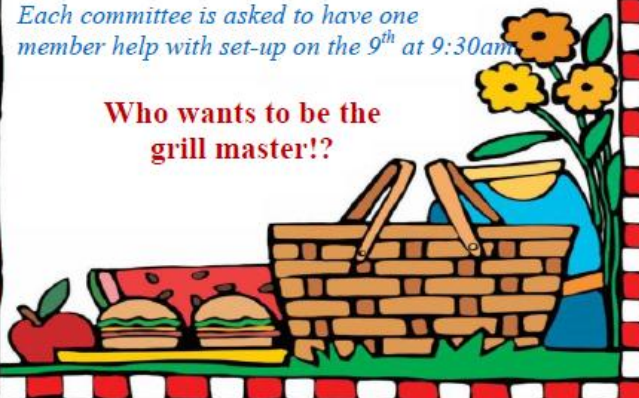
September 9<sup>th</sup>

Join us following the service for a  
**POTLUCK PICNIC**  
on the church lawn.

Bring a salad or side dish to share and a blanket to sit on. Tables and Chairs will also be set up. Hotdogs, drinks and dessert will be provided. Say hello to friends you haven't seen in a while, bring a friend to introduce to your church family and enjoy a relaxing, fun, end-of-summer gathering.

*Each committee is asked to have one member help with set-up on the 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am*

**Who wants to be the grill master!?**





### LADIES NIGHT!

**Is anyone interested in hosting?**

Please contact Kim Clouser  
765-714-1501 or [clsfrnk@aol.com](mailto:clsfrnk@aol.com)

**The East Hampton Yarners**  
will gather on Thursdays, September 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

*All are welcome!*

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



For more information email Judy Hoffhine  
at [jhoffhine@gmail.com](mailto:jhoffhine@gmail.com).

### Church School Resumes

**Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup>**

Please pick up a registration form as  
you enter church that morning.



## Men's Night Out

The next Men's Night Out gathering will be on  
**Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Main Street Pizza.** If you have not attended one of our dinners  
before, please come! We have a good time talking  
about all kinds of things and enjoy each other's  
company. If you plan to attend, please let the pastor  
know so that he can make reservations.

## Teens For Lunch

**On Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

"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 and what's new at school.



Let Lisa Aarrestad know if you  
or someone you know of from  
our church is in need of 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!



### A Note from our Building & Grounds Committee:



We will be painting the 1<sup>st</sup> floor hallway and  
stairwell by the stage. Anyone interested in helping  
clean before painting or helping with the painting  
please contact Kim.



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.**



### Church on the Move September 30<sup>th</sup>

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Move experience is occurring on  
Sunday, September 30. A brief  
worship service will be held in  
fellowship hall at 9 am. We will carpool to **Old  
New-Gate Prison and Copper Mine in East  
Granby** to explore the first and oldest prison in  
Connecticut, a place that had a reputation for  
treating prisoners very harshly. There will be re-  
enactors there who will assist us in understanding  
life and colonial culture in Connecticut's first  
prison which was active from 1773 until 1827.

More information about costs and lunch will be  
available in time for Homecoming Sunday.

*Stay tuned!*



# Seeds of Hope



## "Seeds of Hope New"

Planning of the UCC Puerto Rico Mission Trip is well on its way. The trip is planned for the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **Our first meeting will be October 14<sup>th</sup>.** This will be an information only meeting. A commitment must be made by November 4<sup>th</sup> with a deposit of \$ 100 to secure your spot. **There are only 15 spots available.**

The need for skilled workers is great, so please consider this trip to help the people of Puerto Rico that was so devastated by hurricanes.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me [dmclellan60@comcast.net](mailto:dmclellan60@comcast.net)

Blessings,  
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](mailto:laarrestad@comcast.net) 860-918-1170

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



**Please sign up to provide a baked good to share during coffee hour.** 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 our members and friends!



## PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Email Lisa Aarrestad at [laarrestad@comcast.net](mailto:laarrestad@comcast.net) or call 860-918-1170 to have a prayer concern listed for our "pray-ers".

Let Lisa know if you would like to be added to our group and a bi-monthly or as-needed list of prayer concerns can be emailed to you.

*Prayer is a powerful way to connect with God during the good or difficult times in life.*



## COSA Corner

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



**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!*



43 West High Street  
(860) 365-5978

Mon. & Thurs. 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
Cleaning Supplies	

*Thank you for your generosity.  
Deb, FB volunteer*



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9AM – 2PM**

This year's Fall Festival includes:

Vendors/Crafters,  
 Tom's Terrific Egg Sandwiches,  
 Soups, Chili & Hotdogs for Lunch,  
 Fall-Flavored Bake Sale,  
 All New Basket Raffle,  
 Holiday/Unique Boutique,  
 Second Loved Specialty Shop  
 (gently used hats, scarves, gloves,  
 pocketbooks and jewelry)  
 Tea Cup Raffle

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall  
 to bake, set up, clean up,  
 help at a booth or  
 donate a raffle item.

*Don't miss this fun filled day!*

Please see Nancy Taylor, Deb McLellan or  
 Lisa Aarrestad with questions or suggestions.

*Thank you in advance for helping to make  
 our event a success!*



## **Second Loved Specialty Shop**

***Attention Ladies!!***

Nancy Taylor is looking for your gently used, hats, gloves, scarves, pocketbooks and jewelry. All hats, gloves and scarves as long as they can be washed, pocketbooks in great condition and any jewelry in good condition will be accepted. Look for a basket in Fellowship Hall to put your items in.

Start your fall cleaning now. Remember, those items you no longer wear will be someone else's fashion accessories this Fall!



## **Bakers Needed!**

Be on the lookout to sign up in Fellowship Hall and join Nancy, Deb and Lisa for an afternoon/evening of baking Apple Crisp to sell at the Fall Festival!

*Nancy is taste-testing to find us  
 the yummiest recipe!*



We will also need people to sign-up and bake loaf breads as well. *Aluminum pans will be provided.*

## **"Build-a-Theme Basket"**



Please help the Fair Committee put together Themed Baskets for our up-coming Church Fair.

There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall, with a list of theme baskets. All you need to do is buy a basket, items related to theme, fill the basket and return to church by 9/30. No need to put the basket's together, the Fair committee will handle the assembly of the baskets. These baskets will be part of our Church Fair Raffle in October.

**New items only!**

You can also choose your own theme basket, just put your name and theme on the sign-up sheet.

# 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

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**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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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE
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Effective date of authorization: _____		
Type of Authorization Form:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date	<input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation
Last Name		First Name
Address		
City	State	Zip
Email Address		
Please debit my donation from my: (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below) <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #)		Routing Number: _____ <b>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</b>  Account Number: _____ <small>C 1234567890 123 1234567 0001 Routing Number Account Number Check Number</small>
DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____/____/____	FREQUENCY OF DONATION: (check only one) <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Monthly – 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 <sup>th</sup>	FUNDS AND AMOUNTS: <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ \$ _____  Total \$ _____
<b>AGREEMENT</b> I authorize the above church to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.  Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____		

Please attach voided check here.

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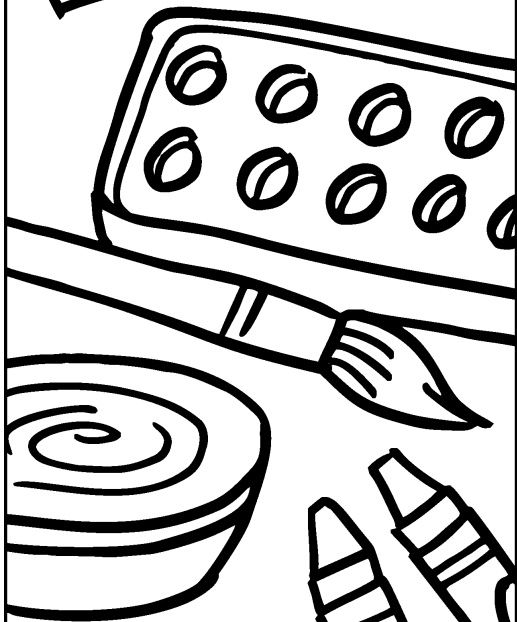
**The deadline for submissions to the  
October 2018 issue of  
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is Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>The Congregational Church</b> 59 Main Street, P.O. Box 237 East Hampton, Connecticut 06424 860-267-4959 / cceh@juno.com <u>Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8am-noon</u>						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Worship/ Communion, 10am AA – 8pm	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> Boy Scouts, 7pm (FH)	<b>5</b> AA – 8pm	<b>6</b> EH Yarners 10:30am Boy Scout Parents & Leaders, 7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>HOMECOMING            SUNDAY</b> Worship, 10am Potluck Lunch, 11:30am Deadline AA – 8pm	<b>10</b> Wolves, 6pm Webelos, 6:30pm	<b>11</b> <b>Honoring First            Responders            Ceremony,            6pm</b> Boy Scouts, 7pm (FH)	<b>12</b> AA – 8pm	<b>13</b> <u>CHOIRS:</u> Bell, 6pm Adult 7:10	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Worship, 10am COSA, 11:30am AA – 8pm	<b>17</b> Scout Pack Meeting, 7pm	<b>18</b> <b>Men's Night            Out, 5:30pm</b> <b>Main St. Pizza</b> Boy Scouts, 7pm (FH)	<b>19</b> AA – 8pm	<b>20</b> EH Yarners 10:30am <u>CHOIRS:</u> Bell, 6pm Adult 7:10	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Worship, 10am <b>TEENS FOR            LUNCH,</b> 11:30am AA – 8pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Church            Council,            6:30pm</b> Boy Scouts, 7pm (FH)	<b>26</b> Lions, 6:30pm (CR) AA – 8pm	<b>27</b> <u>CHOIRS:</u> Bell, 6pm Adult 7:10	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>Church on the Move</b> <b>9am Service followed by a visit to</b> <b>Old New Gate Prison and</b> <b>Copper Mine in East Granby</b> Boy Scout Council, 7pm AA – 8pm		 <div> <b>Connecticut Conference, UCC</b>  <b>We Are All Connected</b>  <b>For the latest news</b>  <b>visit <a href="http://www.ctucc.org">www.ctucc.org</a></b> </div>				

# Miracles happen!

Create this colorful reminder of God's wondrous works.



## What you need:

- white cardstock
- white wax crayon
- paintbrush
- water
- watercolor paints

## What you do:

1. Across the paper horizontally, write with the white crayon "Miracles happen!" (or a Bible verse such as Job 5:9; Psalm 77:14; Jeremiah 32:27; or Matthew 19:26).
2. Wet the paintbrush and paint over the words with different colors.
3. Let dry and then hang up.



# IT'S A MIRACLE!

Jesus performed many amazing miracles during his earthly ministry.

*Directions: Match the words and pictures of different healings, from one column to the other. Then fit the word pairs in the blanks below to complete Matthew 11:5, NIV.*



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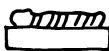
leprosy



lame



deaf



dead

hear



walk



raised



sight



cleansed



The \_\_\_\_\_ receive \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, those  
who have \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ ...

MATTHEW 11:5, NIV

Answer: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised ... . Matthew 11:5, NIV