



The Congregational Chatter

October 2018



Thots From

Tom...

October will be once again be a very full month at the Congregational Church of East Hampton! Things start off with Family Sunday worship at 10am on October 7.

This Sunday is also World Communion Sunday.

On Saturday, October 6 we are having our church fair which will feature crafts, baked goods, lunch, and breakfast, which will be egg, cheese and Canadian bacon sandwiches.

The monthly Men's Night Out gathering will be held on Tuesday, October 9th beginning at 5:30 at the Dublin. This is open to all men; just let me know that you are planning to attend so that I can make reservations.

On Sunday, October 21 two things are happening. We launch our annual Intentional Giving pledge drive, which begins with breakfast for the team leaders who will be overseeing the distribution of the trail bags, and the launching of our Intentional Giving Campaign which will conclude with a dedication of our pledges on November 18.

Finally, Teens for Lunch will meet on Sunday, October 28 after worship. At these gatherings youth in grades 7 and up gather for pizza and casual conversation about how things are going at school, and we discuss current events and issues and how they intersect with their own faith journeys and values.

Have a blessed month!

Tom



The CCEH Pledge Drive for 2019 is under way - the theme is "What Shall We Bring"

On October 21th we will "kick-off" the pledge drive for 2019. On this day, the Pledge Folders will be passed to people on the "trails" and other folks will be mailed a letter. The information in both will be the same – a description of the church mission and our church activities. And the ask will be the same, please make a pledge to support these activities in 2019.

When you pledge, you make a thoughtful commitment to the whole purpose and existence of our church family and what the church means to you. What you pledge matters and has a significant impact on the success of our church ministries.....

We understand that every family has its own financial circumstances, all we ask is that you to prayerfully reflect during the pledging process. If you can, please add a little more to your 2019 pledge; five dollars, one dollar or even fifty cents make a difference.... Whatever you pledge is very much appreciated and needed to keep our church ministries flourishing.

Just a reminder that EFT is available for those of you who want to have your pledge electronically transferred.

Our 2019 pledges will be presented on November 18th. Please join us for the celebration lunch after church!!!!

With Thanks and Gratitude,
The Intentional Giving Committee
Lanette Zaborowski
Cindy Pasternak

What Shall We Bring?



Middlesex Hospital is no longer be able to notify the church of a patient's presence in the hospital. 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. They will be sure to see you and make the call to let us know you are in the hospital.

The East Hampton Yarners
will gather on Thursdays, October 4th & 18th
10am-noon ~ **All are welcome!**

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



For more information email Judy Hoffhine
jhoffhine@gmail.com.

**WE NEED HELP with our
PAINTING PROJECT!**

Task: de-glossing, washing walls and
woodwork and painting.



bring your favorite brush or roller to the party!

*Please let KIM know if you are able to help any
day for any amount of time. 765-714-1501*



COSA Corner

Thank you for everyone's help with the Summer Lunch Drives and the School Supplies Drive. The food and the school supplies make a huge difference in the community for those who are in need!! *Especially thank you to Anita and Julie for organizing the Summer Lunch Drive!*

Coming up...

COSA will be baking holiday pumpkin bread on November 10th for the Food Bank! Please come and join us and have fun baking! Please be in touch with Lily or Anita if you need more information and more details will be sent out about the time!

*Also, the holiday toy drives
will be coming up in November!*

Thanks so much for your support,
Lily, Anita, Julie, Alka, Martha,
Jackie, Alan, Winnie, Bob

FALL FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

9AM – 2PM

The following activity areas will be offered:

Breakfast with Pastor Tom

9am – 11am

Farmer's Market

Vendors

Holiday / Unique Boutique

hosted by our Deacons

Second Loved Specialty Shop

hosted by Nancy Taylor

Basket Raffle

hosted by Deb McLellan

Lunch Café

11am – 2pm

*hosted by the Music Committee & the
Building & Grounds Committee*

"Fall Flavors" Bake Sale

hosted by the

*Christian Education Committee & COSA
(Christian Outreach and Social Action)*

Tea-cup Raffle

Drawing at 1:45pm

hosted by the Board of Finance



Bakers Needed! 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! We will also need people to sign-up and bake loaf breads.

Aluminum pans will be provided.



Second Loved Specialty Shop: Nancy Taylor is looking for your gently used, hats, gloves, scarves (as they can be washed), pocketbooks in great condition and jewelry in good condition. Look for a basket in Fellowship Hall to put your items in.

FAMILY SUNDAY

OCTOBER 7th



LADIES GATHERING!

Monday, October 8th at 6:30pm

Is anyone interested in hosting?

Please contact Kim Clouser

765-714-1501 or clsrfrnk@aol.com

Men's Night Out

The monthly Men's Night Out gathering will be held on **Tuesday, October 9th** beginning at 5:30, this month at the Dublin. This is open to all men who would like to enjoy a good meal and conversation at a restaurant; just let the pastor know that you are planning to attend so that he can make reservations.



Support Group for Caregivers

Saturday, October 13th

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.



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!



"Seeds of Hope News"

The UCC Puerto Rico Mission Trip is planned for the week of June 22nd – 29th, 2019.

Our first meeting will be October 14th.

This will be an information only meeting. A commitment must be made by November 4th 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

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 860-918-1170

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

Intentional Giving Endeavor

Beginning October 21 the church will begin its annual pledge drive. The theme is "What Shall We Bring?" Some of you will receive letters and some of you are on routes where you will receive a route or trail bag with a folder which will contain your letter, a pledge card and a return envelope. When you receive the letter please prayerfully read it and give proportionally as you have been blessed by God. Those who received their pledge card by mail are invited to also prayerfully consider how they have been blessed by God, and proportionally respond, and return their pledge card in person on November 18 or mail it back to the church. Those on routes are asked to call the next person on their route and deliver the bag to them. All pledges will be dedicated during worship on November 18.

Teens For Lunch



On Sunday, October 28th "Teens for Lunch" will meet after worship in the church lounge. This is open to all youth in grades seven and up. Teens meet to enjoy pizza and talk about current events and issues and how they intersect with their own faith journeys and values.



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!



A Note from our Building & Grounds Committee:



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.



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 laarestad@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.



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
Tuna	Jelly (not grape)
Cereal	Mustard Ketchup
Syrup	Cake/Brownie Mix
Rice-A-Roni	Paper Towels
Toilet Paper	Pet Food
Cleaning Supplies	Laundry Soap
Kleenex	Diapers (sz. 4)

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



Book Share ~ For a \$1 donation you can take a book.

Please leave donated books on the shelf located in the hallway outside of Fellowship Hall – if there is space.

(limit of 3 – gently used, appropriate content only)

Do Not leave books in boxes or on the floor.

*Sponsored by our Music Committee.
All proceeds will be used to purchase new sheet music.*

First Church of Christ in East Haddam
23rd Annual

Quilt & Needle Arts Show

October 6th & 7th

Saturday: 10am - 5pm / Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

Admission: \$7



- View exhibits of unique, one of a kind creations and works of art.
- Shop the many vendors and our boutique.
- Bring your appetite and enjoy homemade soups & pies.
- Buy raffle tickets for a chance to win the queen size quilt shown above.

If you would like to enter your quilt or needle art in the show, please go to ehquiltshow.sc43.org and download an entry form or contact **Margaret Charney** at (860)537-3323.

Vendors can also find information on the website on reserving a space.

**The First Church of Christ
499 Town Street, Route 151
East Haddam**

The Chatham Historical Society Fall Festival

Sunday, October 14th, 1 to 4pm

6 Bevin Blvd. East Hampton

This years Fall History Festival will be honoring Paul & Sandy's Too Gardening Center celebrating 48 years of Paul Peszynski & Family who have served our community. Featuring old time crafts, free cider and doughnuts, and bands.



Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter

Alzheimer's Disease & Related Dementias:

Progression, Stages, and Symptoms

Monday, October 15th ~ 6pm-7:30pm

Water's Edge Health & Rehabilitation Center

111 Church Street, Middletown, CT

RSVP to Gina Smith: 1-860-347-7286

A complimentary light dinner will be provided.

East Hampton Library Passport Fair

Saturday, October 20th, 10am to 2pm

at the East Hampton Library, 105 Main Street
to apply for or renew a passport



hosted by the EH Parks & Rec Dept.

Saturday, October 27th,
5:30 to 7pm

in the Center School Parking lot.

860-267-7300 for info.

Businesses in the Village Center will also distribute candy during the event

Halloween Happenings at the

East Hampton Public Library

Wednesday, October 31st, 10am - birth - 5

A parade to the senior center follows.

Costumes encouraged but not necessary.

Call 860-267-6621 to register.



16th Annual Airline Trail Ghost Run Saturday, November 3rd

If interested in volunteering or if you need more info., contact any of the Parks & Rec offices; Hebron 860-530-1281, Colchester 860-537-7297 and East Hampton 860-267-7300.

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
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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: _____ Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3 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 st and 15 th <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th	FUNDS AND AMOUNTS: <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ \$ _____ Total \$ _____
AGREEMENT 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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OF CHRIST**

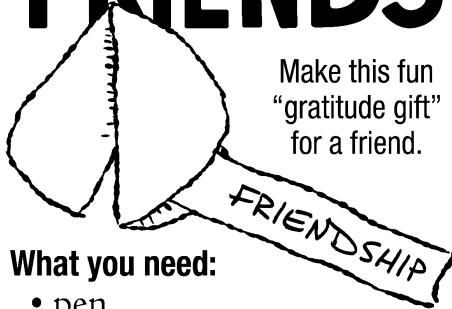




**The deadline for submissions to the
November 2018 issue of
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is Thursday, October 25th**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The Congregational Church 59 Main Street, P.O. Box 237 East Hampton, Connecticut 06424 860-267-4959 / cceh@juno.com Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8am-noon						
	1 Wolves, 6pm Webelos, 6:30pm Scout Joining Night, 6:30pm (FH)	2 Boy Scouts, 7pm (FH)	3 Art Class, 9:30-11:30 (FH) AA – 8pm	4 EH Yarners 10:30am Boy Scout Parents & Leaders, 7pm <u>CHOIRS:</u> Bell, 6pm Adult 7:10	5 Set-up ▶▶▶ 5pm	6 FALL FESTIVAL 9am – 2pm
7 Family Sunday CE, 9:15am Worship/Communion, 10am AA – 8pm	8 Ladies Gathering, 6:30pm	9 Men's Night Out, 5:30pm <i>The Dublin</i> Boy Scouts, 7pm (FH)	10 Art Class, 9:30-11:30 (FH) AA – 8pm	11 <u>CHOIRS:</u> Bell, 6pm Adult 7:10	12	13 Caretaker Support Group, 9am
14 Worship, 10am Diaconate, 11:30am <i>Seeds of Hope</i> , 11:30am AA – 8pm	15	16 Boy Scouts, 7pm (FH)	17 Art Class, 9:30-11:30 (FH) <i>Lions</i> , 6:30pm AA – 8pm	18 EH Yarners 10:30am <u>CHOIRS:</u> Bell, 6pm Adult 7:10	19	20
21 IG Breakfast, 9am Worship, 10am Pledge Kick-off COSA, 11:30am AA – 8pm	22	23 Church Council, 6:30pm Boy Scouts, 7pm (FH)	24 Art Class, 9:30-11:30 (FH) AA – 8pm	25 <u>CHOIRS:</u> Bell, 6pm Adult 7:10	26	27
28 Worship, 10am Teens for Lunch, 11:30am Boy Scout Council, 7pm AA – 8pm	29 Scout Pack Meeting, 7pm	30 Boy Scouts, 7pm (FH)	31 Art Class, 9:30-11:30 (FH)  AA – 8pm	 Connecticut Conference, UCC We Are All Connected For the latest news visit www.ctucc.org		

Fortunate FRIENDS



Make this fun
"gratitude gift"
for a friend.

What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace (about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box (or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.



From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.

D	E	F	I	R	N
F					
to	bring	Perfume	incense	and	joy
Perfume					
of	the	the	and	heart,	pleasantness
the					
advice.	their	a friend	from	springs	heartfelt
A friend					

Answer: F R I E N D; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV