



# The Congregational Chatter

## November 2018



## Musings From Tom...

Welcome to November! Thanksgiving is coming! Here are some events that are going on this month.

We have a Pot Roast Dinner coming up on Saturday, November 3. Entertainment will be provided by members of the high school band. Tickets are available at the church.

The dedication for our annual food bank Thankoffering for the food bank's Thanksgiving food baskets will be done during worship on Sunday, November 11.

This month we will also dedicate our annual pledge drive on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 18 during morning worship. Pledges in trail bags and pledges that have been mailed in will be dedicated. If you are not on a trail but instead received a letter, and by November 18 have not mailed back your pledge, please bring it with you in the supplied envelope for dedication November 18. If you did not receive a letter pledge cards are available at the church.

Men's Night Out will be held on Tuesday, November 13, at 5:30 at Po's Rice and Spice. I need reservations for those men planning to attend.

We will be having a luncheon on Sunday, November 18 after worship to celebrate the successful completion of our annual Intentional Giving Endeavor.

The church office will be closed the day after Thanksgiving, Friday November 23.

On Sunday, November 25 we will be observing the 270 anniversary of the founding of the church. I thought that November 25 was the actual founding date, but research shows that the

Connecticut Colonial General Assembly granted the petition for formation of an Ecclesiastical Society in East Hampton, effective November 30, 1748 after sufficient funds were raised.

The Ecclesiastical Society was the legal title for a church in those days, granted by the government of the Colony of Connecticut. As this occurred before the birth of the United States and the formation of the US Constitution there was no separation of Church and State so each locality had to petition the government for a church location. Ecclesiastical Societies had three tasks to perform in those days, granted to the pastor, which were to levy and collect taxes for the benefit of the society and colony, preach the Gospel, and raise and maintain a local militia. The armory (usually gunpowder and shot) for said militia in those days was stored in the undercroft or basement of the church.

The following information regarding the formation of the Congregational Church of East Hampton comes from the Rev. Joel S. Ives, pastor from 1874-1883, taken from the 150th Anniversary book published in 1899.

The petition to the colonial General Assembly granted effective November 30, 1748 which legally brought the church into existence was the third petition to the General Assembly for a church in East Hampton. The first petition was dated April 29, 1743, based on the fact that most of the parishioners were "five miles distant" and "most of us seven mile" from the "place of publick worship", which was the Middle Haddam Society, most likely sited on Hog Hill Road. The proposed "Society" had raised enough funds to have a person "preach amongst us for more than six months the last year."

The second petition was sent to "the Honorable Assembly of his Majestyes Colony of Connecticut to be held in New Haven", dated October 8, 1744. This petition stated that "the former petition was granted and that some of the petitioners are ten miles distant from a place of worship and the Rhoads we are to travel are in very

Rough and Bad to Travel in, and while mindful of their poor circumstances they are still hopeful of being able to support a minister, and therefore petition that they be set off as a society” around definitive boundaries that were outlined in the petition.

The third petition was dated April 29, 1746, which declared that certain rights were given in answer to the petition of 1744, and that they had been able to employ a pastor for eleven months each year, and that they were about to build a new meeting house. Realizing that the building of this structure would increase their taxes to the ecclesiastical society of Middle Haddam, they “humbly” requested that they be “sett off from said society and be a distinct ecclesiastical society” unto themselves so that taxes raised from among themselves could benefit their own society and not Middle Haddam’s. At the October session of the Honorable Assembly the right was given to lay a tax of fourpence an acre on all laid-out lands of the society for the “settlement of a minister and the building of a meeting house, full rights of a society having been given and the name of East Hampton having been decided upon.”

At the October 1748 Honorable Session it was reported that the church was “now about to settle the Rev. Norton in the work of ministry among them, and asking liberty of this assembly to embody into church estate”, it was “Resolved that they have the liberty, and are hereby granted liberty to embody into church estate with the approbation of the neighboring churches.” November 30, 1748 was the date that “marks the date of the consummation of that purpose, which had thus been ripening since the spring of 1743, and even earlier, for the first petition shows that there had been regular preaching here in the year 1742.” Thus was born the Congregational Church of East Hampton.

Our worship service on the 25<sup>th</sup> will be festive and informative, with a cake in fellowship hall afterwards! I hope you can attend!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Tom

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.

## 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*



## East Hampton Human Services

Social Services is now  
scheduling appointments for the  
**Connecticut Energy  
Assistance Program.**

This program is designed to help offset the winter heating costs for a household's primary heating source such as oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal, wood and wood pellets. This program began on September 4<sup>th</sup> and will end on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

To determine eligibility, applicants must meet certain criteria and provide specific documentation. Upon calling our office to schedule your appointment, you will be given the criteria and requirements of what to bring to your appointment.

*We cannot accommodate walk-ins.*

**Please call the Case Manager,  
Christine Wiesner at 860-267-7300  
ext. 208**

to schedule your appointment.  
*Appointments will be available on  
Wednesdays and Thursdays.*

# Pot Roast Dinner

at the  
**Congregational  
Church**

59 Main Street, East Hampton  
860-267-4959

**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**5:00 – 7:00pm**

**Take-Out is Available!**



**Tickets:**

**\$12.00**

*Children under 5*

*Free*

**Family**

*(2 adults + kids)*

**\$24.00**

**MENU:**

Slow-cooked Pot Roast & Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables  
Caesar Salad, Beverages & Rolls

*Also featuring a variety of  
Pies for Dessert!*



**Yarners Busy Season** - The East Hampton Yarners are making hats, mittens, and scarves for the Food Bank and St. Vincent DePaul. We always need lap robes, prayer shawls, chemo hats (for men and women), prayer squares, baby things, crocheted or knitted stuffed animals and dolls.

**We will meet November 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am - noon and again 7-9 pm at Judy's: 10 Cobalt Road.**

*After the morning gathering, we'll enjoy a potluck salad lunch.*

On **November 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>** the morning group will meet at the church and the evening group will meet at 42 Forest Glen Road.

**Knitters & crocheters of all skill levels are invited!**

Please contact Judy Hoffhine at [jhoffhine@gmail.com](mailto:jhoffhine@gmail.com) or 860-365-0327 for more information.

### *Christmas Greens Sale*

**November 4<sup>th</sup> is the last Sunday** to order Christmas greens.

If you are interested but won't be in church, **contact Lisa at 860-918-1170 or [laarrestad@comcast.net](mailto:laarrestad@comcast.net).**

Greens will be ready for pickup on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> in Fellowship Hall.

### *Kudos Korner*



**A huge thank you from Deb, Nancy and Lisa to everyone who helped make the Fall Festival a success.** Whether you set up or baked, made soup or sold trinkets, collected money or cleaned up, we couldn't have done it without you! It was a beautiful day made even more special by being able to spend it with many of you!

**Thank you to B&G** for replacing the sump pump, **Jerry** for all your hard work on the men's room toilet and **Chuck** for painting.

**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!*



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

**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

### Seeds of Hope Fundraisers

#### SCRIP Gift Cards

Start your Christmas shopping by ordering SCRIP gift cards any Sunday until December 16<sup>th</sup>. A full list of merchants will be available to take and look at. This is a quick, easy way to get your shopping done and *Seeds of Hope* earns a percentage of the face value of each card sold. You don't pay any extra and your cards will be ready for pick up the following week after ordering.

**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!  
*We are off to Puerto Rico in June 2019!*



COSA is baking **Pumpkin Bread** on **11/10/18** at 8:30am. Please bring a big bowl and your baking hands. We will be donating the bread to the East Hampton Food Bank for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The more the merrier!

COSA will also be putting up the **Christmas Tree** in Fellowship Hall to help support kids from the Middletown DCF and the East Hampton Food Bank for the holidays. There will be different gift requests and ideas, please be sure to write your name and tag number on the sign-up sheet so we can check in if anything is missing.

*Please make sure to turn in the gifts before 12/2!*  
Please be in touch if you have any questions.

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



**Support Group for Caregivers**  
**Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**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.



### LADIES GATHERING!

**Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**  
Host: Lynda Tinney – 9 Hayes Road  
*Bring a dish share and a friend!*

**Is anyone interested in hosting?**  
Please contact Kim Clouser  
765-714-1501 or [clsfrnk@aol.com](mailto:clsfrnk@aol.com)

## Men's Night Out

The next Men's Night Out dinner will be held on **Tuesday, November 13, at 5:30** at Po's Rice & Spice. This dinner is open to all and any men of the church who would like get together for stories, good conversation and food! If you would like to attend, please tell the pastor so he can make reservations.



### Intentional Giving Luncheon

**Join us after the service on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
for a luncheon to thank all of you for prayerfully and  
generously returning your pledges for 2019.

*No need to bring anything, just come  
and enjoy good food and fellowship.*

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

## Teens For Lunch



Teens for Lunch will be meeting in the Emma Prince Lounge on **Sunday, November 18** during the church luncheon which will be held at the same time, beginning at 11:30.



### Church Birthday

**We are celebrating the  
church's 270<sup>th</sup> birthday  
with a party on  
Sunday, November 25!**

Come join us for a special worship service and a  
birthday cake downstairs! All are invited!

We are looking for Vendors for our  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Vendor Fair**

on December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 9am-1pm  
Vendor Fee \$25.

**Contact Kim Clouser: 765-714-1505**  
[clsfrnk@aol.com](mailto:clsfrnk@aol.com)





This year's Christmas Pageant will take place on **Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>** followed by a Pot Luck lunch and singing Christmas carols.

Look for more information to come!



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:



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!



Email Lisa Aarrestad at [laarestad@comcast.net](mailto: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.*

# 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

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: _____ <b>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</b>  Account Number: _____ <small>C 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 0 0 0 1 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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# November



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 / <a href="mailto:cceh@juno.com">cceh@juno.com</a> <u>Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8am-noon</u>				<b>1</b> EH Yarners 10:30am & 7pm Boy Scout Parents & Leaders, 7pm <u>CHOIRS:</u> Bell, 6pm Adult 7:10	<b>2</b> Set-up >>>	<b>3</b> Pot Roast Dinner 5-7pm
<b>4</b> CE, 9:15am Worship/ Communion, 10am AA – 8pm	<b>5</b> Wolves, 6-7pm Webelos, 6:30pmpm	<b>6</b> Boy Scouts, 7pm (FH)	<b>7</b> Art Class, 9:30- 11:30 (FH) AA – 8pm	<b>8</b> <u>CHOIRS:</u> Bell, 6pm Adult 7:10	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Pumpkin Bread 8:30am Caretaker Support Group, 9am
<b>11</b> Worship, 10am Diaconate, 11:30am AA – 8pm	<b>12</b> Ladies Gathering, 6:30pm Lynda Tinney Wolf Den 7 6-7pm	<b>13</b> Men's Night Out, 5:30pm Po's Boy Scouts, 7pm (FH)	<b>14</b> Art Class, 9:30- 11:30 (FH) AA – 8pm	<b>15</b> EH Yarners 10:30am & 7pm <u>CHOIRS:</u> Bell, 6pm Adult 7:10	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Food Bank Distribution
<b>18</b> Worship, 10am Teens for Lunch, 11:30am COSA, 11:30am AA – 8pm	<b>19</b> Scout Pack Meeting, 7pm	<b>20</b> Boy Scouts, 7pm (FH)	<b>21</b> Art Class, 9:30- 11:30 (FH) Lions, 6:30pm AA – 8pm	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> Church office closed	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 270 <sup>th</sup> Church Birthday Worship, 10am AA – 8pm	<b>26</b> Garden Club Wreath Workshop 6-9pm	<b>27</b> Church Council, 6:30pm Boy Scouts, 7pm (FH)	<b>28</b> Art Class, 9:30- 11:30 (FH) AA – 8pm	<b>29</b> EH Yarners 10:30am & 7pm <u>CHOIRS:</u> Bell, 6pm Adult 7:10	<b>30</b>	

The deadline for submissions to the December 2018 issue of  
The Congregational Chatter is Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>