



WELCOME HOME

WELCOME HOME TO A NEW SEASON OF JOY AND WONDER IN THE COMFORT OF OUR PROTECTOR.

REMEMBER AS A CHILD, SINGING THE SONG, “HE HAS THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS”. THIS SONG WAS COMFORTING TO ME IN TIMES OF STRESS AND ANGUISH. IT TAUGHT ME THAT GOD IS OMNIPOTENT, PRESENT, AND OMNISCIENT. GOD CAN DO WHATEVER GOD WANTS, WHENEVER GOD IS READY.

OUR ROLE IS TO TRUST GOD IN EVERY ASPECT AND SCENARIO OF OUR LIVES. THERE IS CONSTANCY WITH GOD. GOD SEES US THROUGH THE STORMS OF LIFE NO MATTER HOW DEVASTATING THEY MAY BE.

GOD HAS LEFT US WITH MANY PROMISES IN THE SACRED TEXT, SHOWING THAT GOD WILL NEVER LEAVE OR FORSAKEN US. WE SERVE A GOD WHO NEVER SLEEPS OR SLUMBERS.

THERE ARE ABUNDANT EXAMPLES OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS. AND GOD GIVES US JESUS, THE AMEN AND THE YES TO GOD'S PROMISE.

LET US PICK UP OUR FAITHFULNESS TO SERVE THE ALMIGHTY IN THE JOYOUS DAYS AHEAD. HE HAS THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HAND.

**BLESSINGS
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**GWIM FOOD BANK
DONATIONS
GWIM IS IN NEED OF THE
FOLLOWING:**

Food Pantry
Donations Needed Barbara Dublin contacted us. The Food Pantry needs currently are: barbecue sauce, tuna fish, garlic powder, garlic salt, canned chicken, canned beans. They do not need cereal.

Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cold Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Juice, tuna, canned soups-stews-chili, canned fruits, canned vegetables, beans (canned or dried), rice pouches, etc.

Other donations will be welcomed, but these will be the main focus. The food basket will be available each week in the Narthex.



SEPTEMBER "BIRTHDAY" WISHES

Happy Birthday to the following Church Members!

- Averie Sharma 9/1
- Parker Elwell 9/3
- Pearlette Stephenson 9/5
- Nicholas DeLauri 9/5
- Patricia McGuire 9/7
- Noah Santoro 9/7

- Richard DeLauri 9/15
- Eli Hirbour 9/17
- Walker Fitzgerald 9/18
- Elaine Maynard 9/25
- Bill Gemske 9/26
- Diane Currier 9/27

WISH LIST FOR SAFE HAVEN SHELTER

- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Body Wash
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Women's socks (new)
- ◆ Women's Body lotion
- ◆ *Women's Underwear (new)*
- ◆ Hair Brushes/combs
- ◆ Diapers (large & ex-large)
- ◆ Sanitary Napkins/Tampons
- ◆ Children's Socks (new)
- ◆ Children's Underwear(new)
- ◆ Baby lotion/baby wash
- ◆ Wash Cloths/ loofah's
- ◆ *Gift Certificates*

Safe Haven currently provides the following bilingual (English/Spanish) services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault: up to 60 days of shelter for women and their children; individual and peer group counseling; 24 hour crisis hotlines for domestic violence and sexual assault; legal advocacy information and referral; community education for adults and children; and court based family violence victim advocacy.

All information obtained through counseling remains confidential. They do not subscribe to Caller I. D. Please bring all your donations for Safe Haven on the third Sunday of the month.





NOTES FROM OUR Director of Music

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer, as we get into September there will be several programs coming up you might want to make note of!

Wednesday, September 4 The Chosen returns with potluck beginning at 6:00pm in the Hearth Room. Please bring a dish to share.

Thursday, September 5 at 7:15 choir rehearsals begin and our choir will return to the sanctuary on Sunday September 8 for our 10:00 am worship.

Tuesday, September 10. Welcome back Terrific Tuesday with The Valley Chordsmen at 6:00pm in Clinton Hall with Hotdogs following the concert.

Bell Choir rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 12 at 6:00pm in the Narthex. I encourage anyone who might be interested to attend no matter what your ability is.

Tuesday, September 17 Kindness 101 resumes at 6:30pm. Please bring a dessert to share, coffee or tea provided. We watch two episodes which are around 5 minutes each with a discussion on the topics to follow.

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The Haunted House/Halloween party will be October 25 & 26.

Sunday, November 3rd at 3:00pm will be The Waterbury Chapter American Guild of Organists Members Concert here in our sanctuary..

Vendors for fair. While we have several vendors signed up for this year's fair we are always looking for more. The fair will be Saturday, November 9th, the cut off date for vendors will be Monday, October 21st. The cost for vendors this year is \$15.00. For more information, contact the church office, 203.757.0331.

During the course of the week, on my way home I usually stop at Dunkin Donuts for a coffee. Usually the same young man waits on me in the drive through, on this one night in particular he was excited to tell me he had a couple of days before the end of school and would be graduating. So I had asked him what he was planning on doing after graduation, turns out he was going to apply to NVCC over a four year college for the time being and after that going on to a four year program. I congratulated him and assured him that he had made the right choice, as I like so many others did the same. Money was tight he said which was why over the summer he would work as many hours as possible, I said, I'll tell you what, the next time I come by I will make sure to bring you a scholarship application. A few weeks later I did just that. I grabbed a copy of the First Church scholarship application and the next time I went I handed it to him. I explained to him; you don't need to be a member and sure fill it out completely,

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mail it in before the due date for new applications, he was thrilled! Too often, we are waiting for someone to drop a solution in our lap when simply that is not a solution. To build a community, we need to be outgoing, welcoming, appreciative and so many other qualities that are becoming very difficult to find in a person let alone an organization. The conversation I had with this young man about his future goals and the possibility of receiving a scholarship could be the difference between attending school or not. This leads me to the next point; Joy of Christmas Dinner, I'm sure we are all aware that the family who has prepared our Joy of Christmas Dinner for the past 30 years has stepped down. While some may think we don't have to do it or we'll hand it off to someone else to do is simply just the wrong answer. Over the summer I have spoken to several people about the dinner, not to necessarily prepare the meal but to offer solutions and implement them. I feel that the Joy of Christmas Dinner is probably one the most important outreach services of this church and with the same spirit that it is made so shall it be received. If you are interested in helping this please let me or Roxanne Anthony know. I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Blessings,
Stewart Crouse
Director of Music & Youth

Fall Word Scramble : football, autumn chestnut, harvest, leaves, quilt, September, squash

Welcome Back!

Terrific Tuesday in September

**Featuring -Valley
Chordsmen**



**Tuesday, September 10,
2024 - 6:00 PM**

Come join us for an evening of fun!

Held on front Lawn

(If it rains it will be in Clinton Hall)

Hot Dogs served at 7 pm.



The Lion's Club is the world's largest service club. We collect eyeglasses, repair and recycle them throughout the world. We help all people who have eye problems including Waterbury with a Low Vision Center here at our church.

Waterbury Lion's Club Ziti Dinner Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

First Congregational Church

222 West Main Street, Waterbury CT

Tickets: Gary Rosengrant, or any member!

Dear members, we need your help!

October 25th and 26th will be our annual Haunted House/Halloween Party and once again I am calling upon the generosity of the congregation to donate candy and decorations for the cause. We will begin collecting donations on October 12th and right up until the 22ND. Furthermore, if you are interested in volunteering for setup, operation, or take down, please contact me (Stewart Crouse at 706-9824). There is a little something for everyone to do.



LOOKING AHEAD!!!

Haunted House Halloween Party

**Friday, October 25th & Saturday,
October 26th**

At First Congregational Church
222 West Main Street Waterbury!
games – crafts – trick or treating –
snacks

Come and enjoy! Wear your costumes!



Time of event: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Reservations a must!

Call 203-757-0331 by the 20th

Cost: \$2.00 Adults - \$1.00 per Child