

# ***The Steeple Chimes***

*Columbia Congregational United Church of Christ*

SEPTEMBER 2015

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### ***Mission Statement***

*The Columbia Congregational United Church of Christ as part of the United Church of Christ and the worldwide Christian Church is called by God to be disciples of Jesus, the Christ. Therefore, the mission of the Columbia Congregational United Church of Christ is to worship God and to preach and teach the Gospel of Christ: to promote Christian fellowship among our members and friends, and to live in Christian fellowship with the Church Universal and the whole creation; that we might live faithfully, serving God and humanity, and striving for righteousness, justice, and peace.*



## **FROM THE PASTOR'S PORCH**

As I sit on the faded cushions softening the hard wood of the deacon's bench on the porch, it is a challenge to think about starting a new church year. The day sings out the beauty of this perfect summer afternoon. Warm sun, cool breeze, low humidity, and bird songs envelop me. Butterflies float past the bushes on their way to the garden and hummingbirds chase each other away from the feeder. Silly birds. Didn't their momma teach them about cooperation? As evening comes, the sky will put on its colorful show, the clouds picking up glorious shades of pink, lavender, and magenta before the day rests and the night sky plays its own tune. Shooting stars reward the patient sky watcher accompanied by the crickets' song: Summer at its best.

Yet, when you read this, the old year for our church will have come to a close and the new will have begun. Soon the choirs will rejoin the worship services, Sunday school will start, and we will hold our Annual Meeting, recognizing those members who have finished their earthly journeys in the past year. Confirmation and Bible Study will also start up soon. We begin the new year looking to God for guidance, energy, compassion, wisdom and courage for the year ahead. We like to think we have a good system for being church. However, the world is ever changing, to what we can't be sure. Only God knows. We are lost unless we trust in God, made known to us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and turn to God to nudge us toward God's vision for our lives, the church, and the world. We do this through prayer, both personal and communal.

It is my intention to offer a mid-week time of prayer. Paul wrote that we should pray without ceasing. Jesus often went off to pray and instructed the disciples to keep the prayers brief and to the point, and without fanfare. We will have a brief responsive litany, scripture passage, and a time of praying for those on the prayer list and other concerns brought by the participants. We will close with the Lord's Prayer - perhaps 15 minutes of actual prayer time and maybe a total of 30 minutes together.

Finding a time and day that works for all those interested is often a challenge. As I write this I am considering Wednesday or Thursday at 11:00 am. If there are those who would like to meet in the evening or late afternoon, please let me know. I am planning on beginning toward the end of September. This will give us time after vacations to firm up the plans.

In the meantime, I encourage every one to make prayer a regular part of your day. Please include a prayer for our church as it starts another year. We can only be a church and people of Christ if we rely on Christ to lead us in our worship, our gathering, our work and our play.

**Looking forward to a great year, Pastor Betsey**

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## **Sunday 10:00 AM Worship**

### **SEPTEMBER 6**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Mike Lake

Deacon: Tim Bassett

Lay Reader: Tim Bassett

Greeters: Tim Bassett, Kim Foss, Janice Knight,  
and Jack Sabine.

**Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the  
Parish Hall.**

### **SEPTEMBER 13/RALLY DAY**

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Pastor Betsey Polglase

Deacon: Tim Bassett

Lay Reader: Tim Bassett

Greeter: Tim Bassett

**Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the  
Parish Hall.**

### **SEPTEMBER 20/ANNUAL MEETING**

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Pastor Betsey Polglase

Deacon: Tim Bassett

Lay Reader: Tim Bassett

Greeter: Tim Bassett

**Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the  
Parish Hall.**

### **SEPTEMBER 27**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Pastor Betsey Polglase

Deacon: Tim Bassett

Lay Reader: Tim Bassett

Greeters: Tim Bassett

**Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the  
Parish Hall.**

## **COMING EVENTS**

For our **COFFEE HOUR** contributions of finger foods are encouraged.

**Donations in the Coffee Hour basket** helps fund the coffee, milk, sugar and paper goods. Thanks for supporting this ministry.



**BIBLE STUDY CLASS RESUMES**  
**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST**  
**7PM -8:30PM/Parish Hall**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**  
**CHURCH BREAKFAST**  
**8AM – 11:00AM/Parish Hall**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**  
**Church School Teachers Workshop**  
**9:00AM – 12:00PM/Classroom**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH – RALLY DAY!** Register children for Sunday School and learn about church activities.

**PAPER SHRED-A-THON**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH**  
**9:00AM – 1:00PM (In front of the Old Fire House)**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH –**  
**CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS!** Dedication of Church School Teachers. **ANNUAL MEETING** follows immediately after worship service.

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**LAY READER** – Anyone wishing to share in the leadership of worship by reading the Scripture or bringing a children’s sermon, please sign-up on the appropriate list on the bulletin board by the elevator door **and** speak with Pastor Betsey Polglase.

## **DEACON OF THE MONTH**

SEPTEMBER – Tim Bassett

## **TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH**

SEPTEMBER – Ralph Tangarone

## **GREETERS AND USHERS**

SEPTEMBER 6 – **Deacons:** Tim Bassett, Kim Foss, Janice Knight, and Jack Sabine.

SEPTEMBER 13 – Tim Bassett

SEPTEMBER 20 – Tim Bassett

SEPTEMBER 27 – Tim Bassett

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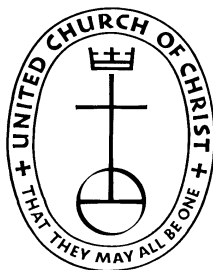
## **PARISH NOTICES**

**WAIM** is frequently in need of the volunteer services of skilled craftspeople. If you are skilled as a carpenter, painter, electrician, plumber, sheet rocker, heating systems, computer technician, etc. and would be willing to become part of a craftsperson resource guide for WAIM please see Dixie Silvestri for survey form.

**FOOD PANTRY IN URGENT NEED OF FOOD:** The Church is collecting food for the Soup Kitchen and the Columbia Food Pantry. Items especially needed: Soups, Pastas and Cereals. If you would like to contribute, please leave items in the basket found at the front of the sanctuary or deliver directly to the Soup Kitchen.

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## **ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE**

The members of the Columbia Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ, Columbia, Connecticut, are hereby notified that the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the Church will be held immediately following morning worship on Sunday, **September 20, 2015** for the following purposes:

- 1) To receive the reports of all Officers, Boards, Committees, and Organizations of the Church, and take any action relative thereto;
- 2) To act upon the nominations presented by the Nominating Committee to fill Offices, Boards, and Committees.
- 3) To act upon the proposed budget for the 2015 fiscal year (September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016);
- 4) By-laws Report.
- 5) Other Business.

Dated this date, August 26, 2015

Kathy Chapman, Council President

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# Worship Schedule

## SEPTEMBER 2015

(Subject to change at pastor's discretion)

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SCRIPTURE</u></b>	<b><u>SERMON TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>WORSHIP NOTES</u></b>
September 6	Mark 7:24-37	<i>"You did What?!"</i>	<b>Communion</b> <b>Rev. Dr. Mike Lake</b>
September 13	Psalm 19 James 3:1-12	<i>"Teaching the Tongue "</i>	<b>RALLY SUNDAY</b>
September 20	Psalm 1 James 3:13, 4:4, 7-8	<i>"Wisdom from Above"</i>	<b>Teacher Dedication</b> <b>Annual Meeting</b>
September 27	Psalm 124 James 5:13-20	<i>"Praise, Sing, Pray"</i>	<b>Leaders Dedication</b>

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**~CHRISTIAN EDUCATION~**

Welcome back to another year of growing in God's Love. This year's theme will be Love like Jesus. Jesus was the greatest teachers of all and He was the one who said, "Let the children come to me". There are many ways to Love like Jesus and the scripture John 13: 34-35 says it best. Love one another as I loved you. Everyone will know that you are my disciple if you love one another. We will serve, love and care for those around us. I am looking forward to having the children become great disciples of Jesus's love.

Let us celebrate the joy of helping others. We begin by filling our annual Church World Service School Bag Kits. All it takes to fill one bag: 6 pencils, 1 pair blunt scissors, 1 box 24 count crayons, one ruler, one eraser and 3 spiral notebooks. We appreciate donations in helping fill our bags. Last year we filled 30 bags. Thanks to all who donated.

**Rally Day: September 13, 2015**

Registration will be after Sunday Service in the Parish Hall

Children will meet upstairs for Rally Day Celebration.

Bring your Smiles and Laughter as we celebrate Jesus and His

**Love!**

**Blessings Always,  
Jean Murphy**

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Family and Friends  
Get Together Breakfast  
Come and linger for a while.

*Saturday, September 12, 2015*  
*8:00A.M to 11:00A.M*  
*Columbia Congregational Church*  
*Parish Hall, Route 87*

“C’mon people now, Smile on your Brother,  
Everybody get together. Try and love one another  
right now.” Youngblood, Kingston Trio, J. Collins

Breakfast Buffet Menu: Belgian waffles, omelets, eggs, toast,  
Bacon, sausage, ham, potatoes, juice, milk, coffee, tea,  
Fruits, homemade muffins & coffee cakes  
Suggested free will offering: \$8.00 per person  
\$24.00 - 2 adults and 2 children

**SHRED-  
A-  
THON**

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>  
9AM – 1PM**

**(In Front Of the Old Fire House on Route 66)**

Watch your old papers get shredded.  
**Suggested donation \$5.00/per bag.**



# Bible Study

Bible Study will begin again on Monday evenings at  
7:00.

(Probably beginning on Sept. 21)

Before our summer break we had covered the four Gospels and now begin with the Book of the Acts and then move into the Epistles. We watch a 20minute video that informs our thinking and follow with conversation as together we search for understanding and application to our lives today. **All are welcome.** **If you are interested, please contact Pastor Betsey** so you can be added to the e-mail list or just show up to see what we are all about.

*Are you interested in helping our churches open their hearts and their doors to all those who have disabilities, whether they be physical, mental, or developmental?*

**A nationwide conference with the theme "Widening the Welcome" facing this challenge sponsored by the United Church of Christ will be held in Hartford, Sept 24-26. For more information go to "widening the welcome" on the internet or call Jim Silver at 860 632-7279.**

# A HARVEST OF HOPE

A Cafémantic-Catered Wine Tasting  
Event To benefit WAIM

Food and wine lovers will not  
want to miss this event!

Help WAIM...  
**Harvest Hope in our Community**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7-10PM**  
**750 Main, Willimantic**

Tickets are limited.  
\$50/person in advance, \$60/door

On sale August 16<sup>th</sup> at  
[www.waimct.org](http://www.waimct.org) or  
(860)456-7270 ext. 11 & Cafémantic

**WELCOME TO THE  
MOBILE FOODSHARE AT**  
**[www.foodshare.org](http://www.foodshare.org)**

**Andover Congregational Church**

359 Route 6, Andover  
(Corner of Rt 6 & Long Hill Rd.)

**9:00 – 9:30AM**

September 9, 23

October 7, 21

November 4, 18

December 2, 16, 30

**Baptist Fellowship Church**

195 Route 6, Columbia

**1:15 – 1:45PM**

September 3, 17

October 1, 15, 29

November 12

December 10, 24

**Hebron Interfaith Human Services**

1 Main St., Hebron

**11:00 – 11:30AM**

September 8, 22

October 6, 20

November 3, 17

December 1, 15, 29

**Bring your own bags; must be 18 years old to receive food.**

## **Columbia/Gilead/Andover CROP Walk – October 11, 2015**

Great news for CROP Walkers! Church World Service now has online registration and donation capabilities. Now folks can use paypal or credit cards instead of cash and it makes it easier to track donations. Walkers can register individually or as a team. Check out the CWS Columbia/Gilead/Andover Walk page at [www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiact](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiact)

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Also check out the CROP walk video on youtube for more info and ideas. We have a link on our church website at [www.columbiacongregationalchurch.org](http://www.columbiacongregationalchurch.org)

We are also looking for volunteers to serve as spotters for the route intersections, cooks for the potluck and clean-up crew for potluck at Camp Asto Wamah. If you are interested in walking, donating or volunteering please see any member of the Board of Christian Concern. Thanks!

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Our **church fair** is coming soon. It will be held on the first Saturday in November which, this year, is November 7. We will be running on “**V**” power....**Volunteers.**

How you could participate:

**Volunteer** assistant deacons for the 'deacon's diner. (We are short of Deacons and they need help.)

**Volunteers** for Attic Treasures, for setup the night before, work during the day (9:30am-3pm), and for sorting and packing the treasures afterward.

**Volunteers** for poster and sign distribution. See Marj Ranger if you have a place for a poster or lawn sign. Small posters will be available for you to hand to your friends as reminders.

**Volunteers** for fair setup in the evening on Thursday, November 5.

**Volunteers** for the cookie mix and pie making workshops in the evening in Late October.

**Volunteers** to bake for the food sale.

**Supplies:** We are looking for an old wooden window, 2, 4, or 6 light would be good; Altoid tins; Old Christmas balls (the ones that have begun to show their age is best;) wood scraps 10” x 4” minimum, bigger is better and old is good; small shutters (18-24”indoor type); even an old cupboard door is useful.

## **ATTIC TREASURES**

Gently used household goods that are still in good repair will be accepted from the Sunday before the fair until the morning of the fair itself. It would be very helpful if your items were brought to the first classroom on the left, using the first doorway.

Please do not leave any items in the Parish Hall hallway until the Thursday before the fair, as AA uses the building on Wednesday night and that would create a hazard.

Unfortunately, there is a list of items we can no longer accept for sale: Personal hygiene items, infant and children's car seats, cribs and playpens with wooden sides, large appliances or large furniture.

If a small appliance no longer works well, please save us some money and dispose of it properly. The church no longer has a dumpster and someone has to tote that to the transfer station after the fair. Books, unless they are children's books or cookbooks, need to be donated to the library book sale.

If you bring a large item that doesn't sell, please take it back at the end of the day. We have no real storage space.

Even though something is no longer useful or decorative to you, enough people thought well of the items last year to buy several hundred dollars worth of them. Knickknacks sell well. So hunt some good stuff up, please.  
See you at the Fair!

If anyone is willing to make one trip to Savers or the Salvation Army at the end of the fair that would be extremely helpful. **If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Kittle at 860 707-3155.**

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We would like to give a **special thank you to Nancy Douton and our entire Bell Choir** for playing during Michael and Joe's wedding ceremony. They helped to make the day a great memory for all attending.

**Dixie & Frank Silvestri**

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***“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you show love to one another.” John 13:34-35***

We seek to be a loving and caring church community, contributing our time, our resources, and our love to help and support each other in times of need. This is the goal of our Care Team. We have a group approximately 12 members of our congregation that have signed up to offer their help with transportation, meals, short term chores or just a presence offering concern and fellowship. These volunteers do not replace Pastoral visits or calls. **Should you or anyone that you know need a little TLC from our Care Team, please contact Sue Milici at 860-228-4427 or email [smilici@earthlink.net](mailto:smilici@earthlink.net)** New volunteers are always welcome.



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