

THE STEEPLE CHIMES

Columbia Congregational United Church of Christ

MAY 2016

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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

One evening I stepped out of the car at the Hebron CVS and immediately heard it. Memories flooded in and I stood mesmerized by the sound. For a moment I was a child again hearing them along the valley road in Cornwall, the stream flowing out of sight in the dusk. Then I was on one of my evening walks across from the library in Middlebury and momentarily stopped by their song. And then lay awake as their persistent call from our backyard pond pierced through even the closed windows. Still there was something wonderful about the song. It is somehow mystical as if they were giving voice to God, even though I knew it was God who gave them voice. I opened my eyes and rejoiced in my first hearing of the peepers this spring. I have always loved the spring peepers.

This is what is so wonderful about some memories. They transport us for a moment to another time and place. They can pick us up when we are down, and carry us through when times are rough. They are, I think, gifts from God, as are the makings of memories, and are available to us each day.

I share a meditation that touched my heart this morning:

Light
golden light
fresh from the source.

Colours
creation's colours
calling our sense.

Life
life in its oneness
life in its manifold oneness
all from You.

You are the Sun from whom the morning shines
You are the River in whom each life-form flows

each face
each race
each cell within our ever-living soul.
This new day we greet You.

*Be still and aware.**

May you make good memories and feel the peace of God in these days of May.

Pastor Betsey

* John Philip Newell, *Praying with the Earth, A Prayerbook for Peace*. (William B Eerdmans Publishing, Company, Michigan/Cambridge, U.K.)

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Sunday 10:00 AM Worship

MAY 1/COMMUNION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship Leader: Rev. Mike Lake

Deacon: Tim Bassett

Lay Reader: Tim Bassett

Greeters: Tim Bassett, Sally Ruef, and Millie Ramsey.

Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.

MAY 8/MOTHER'S DAY

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship Leader: Rev. Mike Lake

Deacon: Tim Bassett

Lay Reader: Tim Bassett

Greeter: Tim Bassett

Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.

MAY 15/CONFIRMATION

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Worship Leader: Pastor Betsey Polglase

Deacon: Tim Bassett

Lay Reader: Tim Bassett

Greeters: Tim Bassett

Coffee Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.

MAY 22

FIRST 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.

MAY 29

SECOND 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.



FINANCIAL CLASS

SUNDAY, May 1ST

6PM – 8PM/Lounge

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH

MOTHER'S DAY – Blanket Sunday Collection

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

CHURCH BREAKFAST

8AM – 11:00AM/Parish Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

8:30AM Breakfast for Confirmands, Mentors and Family Members hosted by the Deacons. Followed by Confirmation Service!

SATURDAY, MAY 21ST

Church School Teachers Meeting

10AM – 12PM/Lounge.

SUNDAY, MAY 22ND

WAIM DAY - We will have a truck available for folks to drop off donations for WAIM at church that day.

and WAIM POTLUCK immediately following 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

MAY – Tim Bassett

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

MAY – Ralph Tangarone

GREETERS AND USHERS

MAY 1– **Deacons:** Tim Bassett, Sally Ruef, and Millie Ramsey

MAY 8 – Tim Bassett

MAY 15 – Tim Bassett

MAY 22 –Tim Bassett

MAY 29 – Tim Bassett

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.

Worship Schedule

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(Subject to change at pastor's discretion)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>WORSHIP NOTES</u>
May 1	John 14:23-29	<i>“Living the Meantime”</i>	Rev. Mike Lake Communion
May 8	John 17:20-26	<i>“On Behalf of All”</i>	Rev. Mike Lake MOTHER'S DAY Blanket Sunday Collection
May 15	Psalm 104:31-35 Acts 2:1-21	<i>“Confirmation”</i>	PENTECOST SUNDAY
May 22	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5	<i>“Holy Wisdom”</i>	TRINITY SUNDAY
May 29	Psalm 96 Luke 7:1-10	<i>“Faith of an Outsider”</i>	

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2016 CONFIRMATION CLASS!

Justin Foss

Parents: Michael and Kim

Mentor: Melissa Petrone

Keira Francis

Parents: Peter and Debbie

Mentor: Kim Foss

Gabby Petrone

Parents: William and Melissa

Mentor: Debbie Francis

“Let Your Light Shine...”

Matthew 5:16

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

Saturday, May 14, 2016
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: \$10.00 per person
\$28.00 - 2 adults and 2 children

Accepting major credit cards!

Celebrating our congregation's membership in WAIM



WAIM DAY

Potluck luncheon



Sunday May 22 After the service

Bring a dish to share and a donation to help fill the WAIM truck

Donate used items in good condition:

sheets & blankets - king, queen and full; bath towels & kitchen towels; pots & pans; silverware; coffee makers; irons; blenders; vacuums; toasters & microwaves; radios, dvd/cd players; a working sewing machine; alarm clocks.

Also tents and backpacks.



We are hosting a WAIM (Windham Area Interfaith Ministry) day on Sunday, May 22. We will have a truck available for folks to drop off donations for WAIM at church that day. A guest speaker will also be available to answer any questions you may have about the organization and its programs.

They are always in need of pots, pans, dishes, towels and clothing. Please visit their website <http://waimct.org/donations/cash-donations/> and check out the list of items they will accept. **Remember any donated items should be clean and in working order.**

Remember WAIM during your annual spring cleaning. If you have furniture or appliances you would like to donate, WAIM has a truck available.

Summer Outdoor Fun

Silver Lake Conference Center, located in Sharon CT, is the Outdoor Ministry of the Connecticut Conference of the UCC, **Children ages 8-18** can experience a week-long “camp community with ‘unplugged’ friendship-making, outdoor fun, participation in creating the all-camp worship, serving one another, and creating sustainable connections with the environment, each other, and God. Colorful brochures are available at the church. More information, including downloadable registration forms can be accessed at www.silverlakect.org. Most conferences cost \$550 and run Sunday afternoon to Saturday morning. If financial assistance is needed, SLCC has discounts and scholarships, or you can speak with Pastor Betsey.

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The Lions Club has asked us to participate in the 4th of July Parade this year. The theme is American Ingenuity. If anyone is interested in making a float or participating - please speak to Kathy Chapman.

2016 GRADUATES – Please let the Church Secretary know if someone from your immediate family is graduating, and from what school, and degree. We would like to acknowledge the High School and College graduates in the June Newsletter. You may e-mail the information to ccchurch@snet.net or call the Church Office at 860-228-9306.

The Church Fair Committee has an ongoing need for glass baby food jars with caps, half-pint jars (jelly, or other wide-mouth 4 ounce jars with lids), Starbucks frappuccino bottles with caps (If you have the case that 4 bottles come in, that would be wonderful.) Also, a couple of small cabinet doors, shutters, and ceiling fan blades. We are always collecting wine corks. We no longer are collecting plastic bread tags. Thanks for your attention.

“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** New volunteers are always welcome.

**WELCOME TO THE
MOBILE FOODSHARE AT**

www.foodshare.org

This mobile pantry program provides fresh fruits,
vegetables and bread to individuals & families in need.

Andover Congregational Church

359 Route 6, Andover

(Corner of Rt 6 & Long Hill Rd.)

9:00 – 9:30AM

May 4, 18

June 1, 15, 29

July 13, 27

Baptist Fellowship Church

195 Route 6, Columbia

1:15 – 1:45PM

May 12, 26

June 9, 23

July 7, 21

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

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