

THE STEEPLE CHIMES

Columbia Congregational United Church of Christ

OCTOBER

2012

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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

The weather has cooled with the advent of the fall season. I look forward to sitting in the still warm sun towards the end of the day and do so as often as possible, knowing that soon it will be too cold. The hummingbirds have gone and woodpeckers are very busy in the trees. Soon the maples will turn their lovely golden yellow before drifting down to carpet the ground.

I have just put away the summer clothes and brought out the clothes for the cooler temperatures. I have assessed what can go to WAIM and what will still be part of my wardrobe. Those few things I couldn't quite let go of last year – you know the favorite flannel shirt or sweater that have grown too tattered to be worn in public or even passed on – have ended in the trash. I think of those frugal forbearers who would take the bits and pieces that were still strong and work them into a quilt or braided rug. Ah, if I had the time and the skill.

I find the seasonal changes an opportunity to look back on what has been accomplished, on things we have learned, as well as look ahead with hope and anticipation of the opportunities that lie in the near future. "For everything there is a season...a time to tear down and a time to build up" (Ecclesiastes 3). There is a time to assess and then let go of the way things were and a time to look ahead with wild imagination, rooted in Christ, to ways we can build up this Body of Christ. Building on the foundation of Christ Jesus and listening to the Still Speaking God, together we can construct a strong church for its future in the 21st Century.

Looking forward to a year of growth and strengthening,

In Faith, **Pastor Betsey**

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Sunday 10:00 AM Worship**OCTOBER 7**

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Communion Sunday

Worship Leader: Pastor Betsey Polglase

Deacon: Kathy Chapman

Lay Reader: Kathy Chapman

Greeters: Kathy Chapman, Janice Knight, Terry

Tangarone, Jack Sabine, and Charlotte Sabine.

Loaves and Fishes Fellowship Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.**OCTOBER 14**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Pastor Betsey Polglase

Deacon: Kathy Chapman

Lay Reader: Kathy Chapman

Greeter: Kathy Chapman

Loaves and Fishes Fellowship Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.**OCTOBER 21**

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Pastor Betsey Polglase

Deacon: Kathy Chapman

Lay Reader: Kathy Chapman

Greeter: Kathy Chapman

Loaves and Fishes Fellowship Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.**OCTOBER 28**

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Leader: Pastor Betsey Polglase

Deacon: Kathy Chapman

Lay Reader: Kathy Chapman

Greeter: Kathy Chapman

Loaves and Fishes Fellowship Hour follows Worship Service in the Parish Hall.**COMING EVENTS**

FAMILY SUNDAY will continue to be Loaves and Fishes Fellowship Hour for the remainder of the year. Each family is asked to bring in one appetizer/finger food to share on our buffet table (cookies, cheese & crackers, veggies & dip, mini sandwiches...nothing that needs to be warmed or eaten with a utensil). Bring **ONLY** enough servings to feed 8-12 people.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 Music Appreciation Sunday.
Church World Service Collection of School bags ends.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7- 6PM – 8:30PM
Youth Group/Parish Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 - CROP WALK starting at 1:30PM to help fight hunger. With Andover Congregational Church and Gilead Church, followed by Potluck at Camp Asto Wamah.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 - Church School Teachers Meeting 10:00AM – 12:00PM/Lounge..

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21- 6PM – 8:30PM
Youth Group/Parish Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH – 135TH UCC CONFERENCE FALL MEETING 9:00AM – 5:00PM being held this year at Middletown High School.

NOTE: CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS SUNDAY EVENINGS 5:00PM – 6:00PM.

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LAY READER – Anyone wishing to share in the leadership of worship by being a LAY READER and 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
OCTOBER – Kathy Chapman

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH
OCTOBER – Dwayne Messerschmidt

GREETERS AND USHERS
October 7 – Deacons: Kathy Chapman, Janice Knight, Terry Tangarone, Jack Sabine, and Charlotte Sabine

October 14 – Volunteers needed
October 21 – Volunteers
October 28 – Volunteers needed

PARISH NOTICES

The return of Pledge Cards to support the budget for 2011 – 2012 is always welcome. Cards may be left in the Stewardship box, given to any member of the Stewardship Committee or handed into the Church Office. Extra pledge cards are available in the Stewardship box upon request. We invite your generosity in supporting the 2012 budget.

The State Health Department has notified the Soup Kitchen that they can NO LONGER ACCEPT THE PLASTIC CONTAINERS for leftovers any longer. Thank you to all the folks that have been so good about always donating them. Unfortunately we do not have any other use for them at this time and can no longer accept them. The Board of Christian Concern

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 Anthony White, Sr. 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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Worship Schedule - October 2012
(Subject to change at Pastor's discretion)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>WORSHIP NOTES</u>
October 7	Psalm 23	God's Unfathomable Grace	Communion Music Appreciation
October 14	Mark 10:17-31	What Must I Do	Crop Walk
October 21	Job 38:1-7 Mark 10:35-45	Mighty Power of God	
October 28	Mark 10:46-51	The Other Bookend	Reformation Sunday

~CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS~

Great news we are celebrating the light that shines in us by sharing it with others. On Rally Day the children made banners to display how they let their light shine and how they feel having the light in their lives. Jesus touches each of us in His own way and it was very interesting seeing what our children had to say. Fireworks and fire were big among our preschoolers because fireworks are exciting and fire makes us warm. Jesus certainly makes us feel warm and safe and He feels us full of excitement and joy. One young lady explain to us why she chose rain and it was because rain makes her feel peaceful and rain helps things grow...Others chose being kind and giving to others...Singing and smiling...Hugs and prayers...How do you feel having Jesus in your Life?

We will learn to GROW in God's love and PROCLAIM His good works and SERVE Him with gladness. (Curriculum: Grow Proclaim/Serve)

Letting Our Light Shine:

Church World Service School Bags:

Collection Sept. 9 – Oct. 7

Crop Walk: Oct. 14

Nickels for Nets: Sweet Sleep Mission is about providing life-saving mosquito nets for orphaned and abandoned children in Africa and Haiti. Each net cost \$8.00 that's 160 nickels to help save a child from malaria. Nickels for Nets collection boxes will be given to the students to take home and will be encouraged to engage their friends, parents and others to earn as much money as possible for this important cause. Trick or Treat is a great way to earn money as the children go door to door for candy they can also ask for a contribution to this wonderful mission. **Collection Oct. 28 – Nov.4**

Classroom Updates:

Church School is updating its classrooms with whiteboards.

We are excited that each age group now has class members.

As you prepare for carving your pumpkins this year I would like to share this poem and invite you to share it too.

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A Christian Pumpkin Poem

I am a Jack O'Lantern
My light will shine so bright

For I am a Christian pumpkin
My symbols tell what's right.

My nose is like the cross
On which our Savior died

To set us free from sin
We need no longer hide.

My mouth is like a fish
The whole wide world to show

That Christians live in this house
And love their Savior so!

The story starts at Christmas
My eyes are like the star

That Shone on Baby Jesus
And wise men saw from far

My color it is orange
Just like the big bright sun

That rose on Easter Day
Along with Gods' own Son.

And so on Halloween
Let's set our pumpkins out

And tell the trick or treaters
What God's love is all about!

Author Unknown

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Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

Our 21st Walk for hunger awareness will be Sunday, October 14th, 2012. Registration begins at 1:30 pm with walk starting at 2:00 pm from the Gilead Congregational Church, Route 85 in Hebron and ending at Camp Asto Wamah in Columbia.

There are many ways you can participate in the CROP Hunger Walk:

- Walk the route
- Volunteer to monitor intersections on walk route
- Support a Walker with a generous donation
- Use the online CROP Walker option
- Be a Spirit Walker – raise funds though unable to Walk
- Provide a casserole or other food item for the potluck dinner
- Be a volunteer helper on Walk Day as a kitchen helper
- Pray for the CROP Hunger Walk and for the poor and hungry.

For more information, contact any member of the Board of Christian Concern (Dixie Silvestri, Denise Parmenter, Anthony White, Holly Weston or John Polglase)

CT FoodBank Mobile Van – The van now stops in Willimantic at the First Congregational Church on Valley Street in Willimantic the fourth Tuesday of each month from 1 – 2:00 pm. The van offers bread, vegetables and fruit.

Foodshare Mobile Van – stops at the Andover Congregational Church, 359 Route 6, Andover, CT every other Wednesday from 9 – 9:30 am. Dates: October 10, 24, November 7, 21, December 5, 19.

Please remember to bring a bag or box with you to carry your food. Newcomers may be asked to complete a brief form verifying income and need for assistance for either program.

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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 of 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 Dixie at:

860-228-8480 or

Email: dixiesilvestri@hotmail.com.

New volunteers are always welcome.

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CALLING ALL: 7th thru 12th GRADERS !!

We are forming a Youth Group!

Let's join together and have fun doing team building activities, going on missions, adopting our own primary charity, develop our purpose and oh yeah...have FUN!!

I would love to kick this off with a retreat so everyone can create the program year together!

LOOK FOR FURTHER INFO SOON!

Need more information? Want to help out? Have any questions...

Contact Rene Lambert 860-966-1374

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The Rev. Betsey Polglase, PASTOR

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