

The Steeple Chimes

JANUARY NEWSLETTER
Columbia Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Established in 1720



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.

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought
to mind?*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and days of auld
lang syne?*

*And days of auld lang syne, my dear, and days of
auld lang syne.*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and days of auld
lang syne?*

*We twa hae run about the braes and pu'd the gowans
fine.*

*We've wandered mony a weary foot, sin' auld lang
syne.*

Sin' auld lang syne, my dear, sin' auld lang syne,

*We've wandered mony a weary foot, sin' auld lang
syne.*

*We twa hae sported i' the burn, from morning sun till
dine,*

*But seas between us braid hae roared sin' auld lang
syne.*

Sin' auld lang syne, my dear, sin' auld lang syne.

*But seas between us braid hae roared sin' auld lang
syne.*

*And ther's a hand, my trusty friend, and gie's a hand
o' thine;*

We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne,

We'll tak' a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

My friends in Christ,

What in the world does all of that mean? Robert Burns' writing down of the old Scottish song *Auld Lang Syne*, has given us the gift of a song that generations have shared on New Year's Eve. I must say however, that the lyrics to *Auld Lang Syne*, comprised of contractions of an old Scottish dialect, are not the easiest to comprehend. Personally, I've never been quite sure what I've been singing about. However, despite its semantics, the song still makes me reminisce of the people and places I've experienced and the decisions made along the way that have shaped my present.

The start of the New Year is a natural time to reflect on the past and wonder about the future.

To be among you has been a wonderful blessing of the Spirit! Since September, I've thanked God everyday for bringing me to your doorstep and introducing me to such a committed and joyous congregation.

As I look forward to the future with you, it is with great anticipation for "the joy not yet revealed." Together, we are on an ever-unfolding journey of discerning God's call to bring the good news of life into all of those places we travel. Where will we travel and what will we accomplish in God's name? We may not know until some future time when we sing "*Auld lang syne*" Till that time, let us move forward to that which is in front of us.

May God's blessings be upon each of you in 2020.

Glad Tidings and Happy New Year!
Pastor Barry

Get Together Breakfast

Come and linger for a while!

Saturday, January 11th

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

\$10.00 per person

\$28.00 - 2 adults and 2 children



The Board of Christian Concern is looking for people to volunteer to prepare a meal for The NO FREEZE Shelter every third Saturday of the month from November through April. Meals

include: Soup, Main Dish (crockpot examples: homemade mac & cheese, stew, chili, chicken & rice), salad, Finger Sandwiches, Fruit, Desserts, and Bottled Water.

There should be enough in your dish to feed 12-15 people. **The next meal is for Saturday, January 18th.** Please call Sue Milici at 860-228-4427 to let her know you are bringing something and/or would like to help serve.

Food can be dropped off at the church on Saturday and left in the kitchen anytime between 9AM and 5PM. **Your help in this ministry is greatly appreciated!**

FOOD PANTRY IN URGENT NEED OF FOOD: The Church is collecting food for the Soup Kitchen and the Columbia Food Pantry. **Items especially needed: cereal, pasta, canned fruit, salad dressing, mayonnaise, and quart size Ziploc bags** 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.

LAY READERS- Anyone wishing to share in the leadership of worship by reading the Scripture or bringing a children's sermon, please sign-up on the list in the Parish Hall.

Deacon of the Month

January – Sally Reuf

Trustee of the Month

January – Tim Anderson

300th Anniversary

As part of the 300th Anniversary celebration, the Church will publish a book commemorating the past years. Jan and Carmen have agreed to be responsible for this task. The book will be about 75% pictures and 25% narrative. We have access to historical pictures and renderings through the Historical Society and the Town Historian. What is needed are pictures from the last 25 years or so.

That is where you come in. Two things are needed from you:

- 1. think about any memorable/meaningful events at the church and jot them down**
- 2. look for any pictures you might have related to these events, noting the year and names of the key people**

Give your notes and any pictures to the secretary, Michelle, at Columbia

Congregational Church, 325 Rt 87 Columbia, CT 06237 or email to her at

ccchurch@snet.net Your recollections are important because even if you do not

have any pictures for some of the events, someone else might have some. If you

do not want to give up a picture it can be scanned or a picture taken of it. Just

let us know and we can be of assistance. Any specific questions can be directed

to Carmen at 860-336-8119 or Jan at 860-465-6321 or to Carmen at

carmenvancel@gmail.com

We want this to be a publication that is interesting and a celebration of our

history. Without your assistance this cannot happen.

Please respond as soon as possible so that the book can be published during

the final year of the 300th celebration 2020.

**REMEMBER OUR
SHUT-INS AND
FRIENDS RESIDING IN
CARE CENTERS...**

Edie Klemark

Creamery Brook
36 Vino Lane, Apt. 411
Brooklyn, CT 06234

Dot Davis

Mansfield Center for Nursing and
Rehabilitation
100 Warren Circle
Storrs, CT 06268

Jean Peters

Hattie Ide Chaffee Home
200 Wampanoag Trail, Room 15
East Providence, RI 02915

Mary Jane Johnston

C/O Westview Health Care Center
150 Ware Road
Dayville, CT 06241

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY JANUARY 10th

8:00am- Breakfast Prep (all are welcome)

SATURDAY JANUARY 11th

Church Breakfast

8:00AM -11:00AM in the Parish Hall

SATURDAY JANUARY 18th

5:00PM-No Freeze Meals

FEBRUARY Newsletter Deadline –January 17th

If you do not submit your meeting schedule by the deadline, it will not appear in the Newsletter.

If you are unable to meet this deadline, your submission can be included in the following Newsletter.

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

May 2, 2020

Spring 2020

June 7, 2020

Tea Fundraiser

Concert – TBD

Wrap Up Worship Service