

The Steeple Chimes

JULY/AUGUST 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.

From The Pastor's Porch

Sitting on the deacon's bench on the porch of the parsonage, I am thinking of both the many wonderful times I have sat here over these 9 years and also wondering if former pastor's and their families enjoyed being in this spot as much as I have. In addition, I am thinking of the future pastors who will live in this church home and hoping they will take great pleasure in this place.

I want to thank you for honoring this as our home and private space. But I also want to say how delightful it has been to be so close to our house of worship.

John and my tenure here has been a joy. It is the first church John was so committed to. In fact, before coming here, John only attended church on Christmas and Easter and when our girls were doing something in the service. Certainly we are all on our own faith journey, but I want you to know that your welcome, acceptance and love made a huge difference in both our lives.

Finally, thank you for Sunday's celebration of our ministry together. I am so grateful for your expressions of love and good wishes, for your gifts and cards and especially your generosity that insures my ability to visit my grandchildren and children, making their distance from CT more tolerable. As you know, they are my greatest joys.

As we move forward into the next chapters of our lives, I hope you will respect the Ministerial Code of Ethics for departing clergy. For at least 1 year, I will not return to this congregation to serve in any pastoral capacity. I will not do funerals or weddings or baptisms or pastoral care or Bible Study. I will not respond to email requests for pastoral care. I will be closing my church email account.

This all sounds very harsh, perhaps even cruel. However it is necessary so that we can move forward: for me to get to know and love folks in my new part-time ministry; and for you to establish a loving and supportive relationship with those skilled pastors who you select to love and shepherd you individually and as a congregation. God has plans for us. As long as we cling to what was, we cannot move forward into the joy the future offers.

I wish you, as a faith community, courage, vision, wisdom and hope as you work together to move forward into the next 300 years. As individuals, I will hold you all in my heart forever, and pray God's peace will surround each and every one of you throughout your lives.

With much love and appreciation, your friend and former pastor,

Betsy Polglase

ECHOES FROM THE ARCHIVES”...

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(Researched and written by our Church Historian)

The Young People’s Society of Christian Endeavor

The Society was organized in 1888, and was active until the 1940’s when it was replaced by the Pilgrim Fellowship-a movement which placed emphasis on the wider scope of activities for the youth of the church.

It is a tribute to the principles and purposes of Christian Endeavor that meetings provided the young people with opportunities to develop qualities of responsibility and leadership.

Beginning at the age of nine or ten when they first attended the meetings as ardent observers they soon reached a stage of participation in the meetings-reading a short passage from the Christian Endeavor World, the national society’s weekly publication. From this stage they advanced to a point where they stood before the group in “open meeting” and offered a original observation on the topic of the Sunday’s service. When they became of high school age their names appeared regularly among the lists of leaders for the weekly meetings and they were eligible to be officers of the Society.

Certainly many church members who became outstanding workers and contributed much to the church in services and leadership had their first experiences in this as members of the Christian Endeavor Society

From The Nominating Committee (of One)
To Any and ALL members of the Columbia Congregational
Church

Dear Members,

I am writing to let the membership know that I need help. Or more correctly, The Board of Deacons NEEDS your help. We have been bare bones for the last year or so and we have several current members who are moving this summer/year and will not be able to continue their term of volunteering. This leaves three (3) members on the board. Mr. Bassett has done a great job but he has served his several terms and is due to come off The Board as of October this year.

I was at the Church School Sunday Celebration and everyone there has either been a past Deacon or is already on 1 to 3 committees or boards. We do have some members coming back from childhood/family membership but they are not quite ready to commit to helping.

If you know someone or are willing to help run the services and plan the church year, The Board of Deacons could really use your time and talents. They do work as a group and most anyone at Sunday service can help but we do need people to take the lead. Grab a friend or a cousin and Join the Board!! It would be greatly appreciated and you just might surprise yourself and get to know more members of the church just by helping out.

Remember: It is the **giving** that really does work both ways.

Yours in Christ,

Terry Tangarone

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(860) 228-8939 or leave me a note in the Stewardship mailbox

Family and Friends Get Together Breakfast

Come and linger for a while!

Saturday, July 13th

8:00A.M to 11:00A.M

Columbia Congregational Church

Parish Hall, Route 87

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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

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Give thanks by
recognizing people in the
congregation who have
gone above and beyond
for our church
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Shout Out to _____ for _____ _____ _____	
From:	

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE –August 16th

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

If anyone has any other ideas or suggestions for events, please speak with one of the 300th Committee Members; Audrey Tuttle, Belle Robinson, Merton Wolff, Jack Sabine, Andrea Stannard



“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!

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

July – Ross Koning

TRUSTEE OF THE MONTH

July- Tim Anderson

August- Jack Sabine

**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

If You Go to the Hospital and Would Like a Visit by Our Pastor



Please **CALL** the church office as soon as you know you will be admitted. In your admitting process, you will be asked if you are part of a local faith community (church). If so, please answer **YES**, and give the name and town of your church. You will also be asked if you want your name released to representatives of your church. If so, please answer **YES**. If you say no, or if you do not give the name of your church, the hospital will not be able to release your name to us.