

# The Steeple Chimes

## MARCH 2020 EDITION

### 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.*

### **Staff:**

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*My prayer is not the whimpering of a beggar nor a confession of love. Nor is it the trivial reckoning of a small tradesman: Give me and I shall give you.*

*My prayer is the report of a soldier to his general: This is what I did today, this is how I fought to save the entire battle in my own sector, these are the obstacles I found, this is how I plan to fight tomorrow.*

*My God and I are horsemen galloping in the burning sun or under drizzling rain. Pale, starving, but unsubdued, we ride and converse.*

*"Leader!" I cry. He turns his face towards me, and I shudder to confront his anguish.*

*Our love for each other is rough and ready, we sit at the same table, we drink the same wine in this low tavern of life.*

From *The Saviors of God: Spiritual Exercises*

By Nikos Kazantzakis

Friends in Christ,

We have entered into the season of Lent. This is a time to contemplate the brokenness of the world and ourselves and to also consider the wonder of God's grace in our lives. That grace is reflected in Jesus coming into the world to let us know that amidst the suffering, God is with us, God loves us, God does not forget us and most importantly God will never let us go. Lent lets us walk along the pathways of Jesus, put ourselves in the story and his dedicated disciples and follow Him to the Cross and then the empty tomb of Easter.

Let us join together on the pathways of Jerusalem, Columbia and wherever Christ may lead us.

In Faith,

BARRY

# Get Together Breakfast

**Come and linger for a while!**



***Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>***

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

**Columbia Congregational Church**

*Parish Hall, Route 87*

## **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**

***“C’mon people now, smile on your brother,  
everybody get together. Try and love one another right  
now.” Youngblood, Kingston Trio, J. Collins***



**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, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

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**

March – Kim Foss

### **Trustee of the Month**

March – Dave Pearce

## **300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update**

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](mailto: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 [carmenvance1@gmail.com](mailto:carmenvance1@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.

**Also: please helps us by self-selecting only your best pictures to save us time going through**

## **SUPER SATURDAY IS MARCH 14th at**

Minnechaug Regional High School in Wilbraham. MA from 8:00AM to 3:45PM. Come and Explore Workshops, Worship and More. **Registration deadline is February 29th.** You can register online at [www.sneucc.org/supersatreg](http://www.sneucc.org/supersatreg)

## **Help needed for Coast Guard Concert 2pm, April 5:**

Reception volunteers needed to provide finger food and beverages, set up refreshment table, and clean-up.

Concert volunteers needed to greet & usher and take photos.

Sign-up sheet is on credenza in the parish hall.

**Celebrating 300+ Years**  
***"Lebanon Crank" & Columbia Congregational***  
***Church***

**United States Coast Guard Band**  
***Brass Quintet***

***Free Community Concert***  
2pm Sunday April 5, 2020

Columbia Congregational Church  
325 Rt. 87

Classic, Popular and Patriotic Music  
and  
music by **Samson Occom** (1723 -1792)  
arranged by  
**Gabriel Kastelle**

***refreshment reception follows concert ~ all***  
***are cordially invited!***

## March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Blessing of Lenten Prayer Rocks and Prayer Cross  10:00 AM – Worship Service United Voices Praise Choir from ESCU  11:15 Deacons Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00AM- Fair Committee  6:30PM Handbell Choir  7:30PM- AA Meeting	<b>5</b> 2:00PM Afternoon Tea Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:00PM Girl Scouts	<b>11</b> 10:00AM- Fair Committee 6:30PM Handbell Choir 7:30PM- AA Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00AM- Breakfast Prep	<b>14</b> 8:00AM-Church Breakfast  1:00PM Estonian School
<b>15</b> 11:00AM- Guest Speaker Kim Kordonowy Personal Reflections of Japan	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Happy St. Patty's Day</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00AM- Fair Committee  6:30PM Handbell Choir  7:30PM- AA Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 2:00PM-7:00PM Pearce Family  5:00PM – No Freeze Meals
<b>22</b> 10:00AM – Baptism of Juliana Marie Jarvis	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00PM – Church Council Meeting	<b>25</b> 10:00AM- Fair Committee  6:30PM Handbell Choir 7:30PM- AA Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:00AM Worship Service - Bruce John Folk Singer  11:00AM- Hot Cross Buns Lenten Program	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5:00PM- Girl Scouts				



**REMEMBER OUR  
HOME BOUND 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

## **SUNDAY MARCH 1st**

10:00 AM Worship Service  
Blessing of Lenten Prayer Rocks and Prayer Cross  
United Voices Praise Choir- ESCU

## **FRIDAY MARCH 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:00AM- Breakfast Prep (All are welcome)

## **SATURDAY MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **SUNDAY MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>**

11:00AM Guest Speaker Kim Kordonowy –Personal Reflections of Japan

## **SATURDAY MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>**

5:00PM-No Freeze Meals

## **SUNDAY MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00AM- Baptism of Juliana Marie Jarvis

## **SUNDAY MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>**

10:00AM- Worship Service - Bruce John Folk Singer  
11:15AM- Hot Cross Buns –Fellowship Hall

## **SUNDAY APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>**

2:00PM- Coast Guard Concert

## **APRIL Newsletter Deadline –March 18th**

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.

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## **UPCOMING DATES FOR THE 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

April 5, 2020  
May 2, 2020  
June 7, 2020

2:00PM Coast Guard Concert  
Tea Fundraiser  
Wrap Up Worship Service

