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The Trumpet deadline is the 20th of every month!



Epiphany = Revelations of God!

Here's a fact that perhaps only ministers can get excited about. 2019 offers us one of the longest possible Epiphany seasons. The length of the season of Epiphany, which begins 12 days after Christmas, is determined by when Lent begins. And since this year Easter is quite late – April 22nd – that means that the season of Epiphany lasts 2 whole months.

Why, you may ask, is that important? It's important because it gives us eight weeks to celebrate the Light of God in our world. And during the cold, dark days of winter, that can be a vital and encouraging way to spend our time.

“Epiphany” means “revelation.” The Light shining in the darkness revealed the location of the Savior to the wise men. They traveled toward the Light and discovered Jesus. Then they were sent back to their homelands to share the Good News of God living among us.

During the season of Epiphany, we are invited to be intentional about discovering ways to share the light and hope of our radiant God. Each week we will be listening to stories of people who are sharing God's light in their lives – at home, work, school, or through volunteer work. Be sure to join us on Star Sunday

(January 6th) as we receive our “star gifts” which offer a word and wisdom to ponder in the coming year.

During Epiphany, we'll hear from a college student who is planning a bake sale to help fund outreach work, we'll host a benefit concert for Jasmin Floyd (on January 13th), we'll hear from our youth as they devote time to service projects in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., and we'll tap our toes and clap our hands as we enjoy a “pops” concert in February.

During worship we will be hearing sections of the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) which addresses the question, “How are we meant to live our faith?” Jesus' famous words can inspire and challenge us with the lifelong call to not just talk about our faith, but to allow our lives to reflect God's mercy and compassion. God's Light is within us and we are meant to let it shine.

So, there is much to look forward to in 2019! Our congregation will celebrate this Season of Light – Epiphany – with music, fellowship, and actions of compassion. Together we can rejoice that God chooses to share Light with us. That Light grows brighter every time we share it.

Blessings to you in 2019.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Susan J. Foster

The following are the scriptures for the month of January:

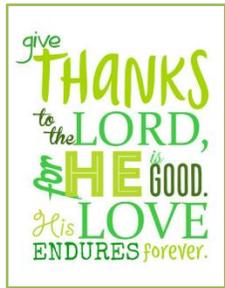
You are invited to read them as part of your daily devotions and as preparation for worship.

January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 20

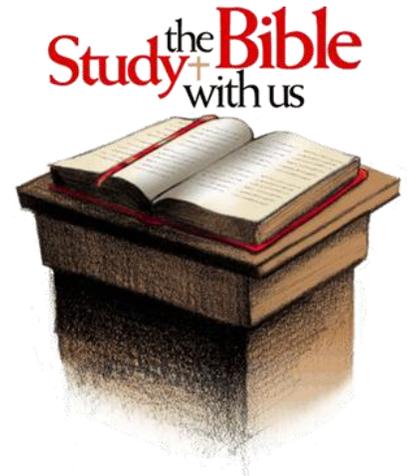
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

**January 13**

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 27

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

**WORSHIP NEWS**

We hope that you can join every Sunday for worship and fellowship – and bring a friend!

January 6: Star Gift Sunday. Communion Sunday.

January 13: Kate Campbell benefit concert (3:00 pm) for Jasmin Floyd

January 20: Bell choir ringing

January 27: Children's Choir singing. Annual meeting after worship. Come to celebrate our Congregation and pray for our new year.

Star Gifts

Several years ago, we began celebrating Epiphany with a new tradition of receiving "Star Gifts". About 180 different words are printed on colorful star-shaped paper. During the service, baskets of the stars are passed around and each of us takes one – without looking! When we receive our Star Gift, no matter what it is, we are asked to contemplate the meaning of the word in our lives over the course of the year. Sometimes the word will speak to you immediately; sometimes it is not so easy to see the relevance, but it is thought-provoking and often some meaning can be found even when you want to throw it back and take another! Please join us on January 6th when we will be receiving Star Gifts.

A mid-week opportunity for conversation, coffee, learning, and laughter.

Give yourself the gift of time...

**Wednesday morning study group
10:00 a.m.**

Everyone is welcome!

Public Notices

A CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

A call for the annual meeting of the East Woodstock Congregational Church which will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2019 immediately following our service of worship to:

1. Hear and act on officer and committee reports.
2. Hear and act on the report of the Society Committee regarding the 2019 budget.
3. Hear and act on the report of the Nominating Committee
4. Hear and act on any other business to come before the meeting.

Called by the Church Council

ANNUAL MEETING FORMAT

- 10:00 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Lunch and fellowship
- 11:30 am Put tables away, form circle with chairs, meeting begins
- 12:30 pm (or sooner) Meeting ends

The annual meeting will be preceded by a luncheon hosted by the Hospitality Committee. The committee would appreciate it if people could bring something for the luncheon in the way of “finger” food. Suggestions are: sandwiches, cut up vegetables or fruit, deviled eggs, cookies or squares. Beverages will be provided. A sign-up sheet for food donations will be placed on the coffee hour table for two weeks preceding the meeting date.



****Attention all Committee Chairs! ****

The deadline for all annual reports is **January 11, 2019**. A complete copy of the Annual Report needs to be available to the Congregation by Sunday, January 20. Please do your best to get your reports to Heidi on time. Word documents are preferred. Thank you!

Benefit Concert for Jasmin

Save the date! Singer-songwriter Kate Campbell will be at our church on **Sunday, January 13th at 3:00 p.m.** to offer an afternoon of stirring, heart-warming music. All proceeds will benefit Jasmin Floyd, a member of our congregation who battles the disease FOP (Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva).



Jasmin Floyd

Tickets are \$20 each and will be on sale in Fellowship Hall soon! They would make great Christmas gifts!! Watch the Weekly Reminder and Sunday bulletins for ticket information.

A Little Bit about Kate Campbell



Kate Campbell is a southern singer-songwriter who writes and sings memorable folk songs infused with undercurrents of delta blues, folk, pop, and country that originate from a musical landscape spanning the less-travelled back roads from Nashville to Muscle Shoals to Memphis. Over the course of 20+ years since her acclaimed debut album *Songs from the Levee*, she has resisted the temptation to follow musical trends but instead chooses to set the pace for her unique musical journey clearly palpable in her latest release *Damn Sure Blue*, a heart-felt collection of tunes that pays a respectful nod of admiration to the Man in Black and reverberates with the soulful sounds of award-winning Americana guitar whiz and producer Will Kimbrough.

Kate's endearing, clear-water vocal delivery and her eloquent gift for storytelling have drawn repeated comparisons to such bastions of the Southern literary tradition as **Flannery O'Connor**, **Eudora Welty**, and **William Faulkner**. Her easy command of a full range of American musical styles has earned Campbell recognition as a formidable talent by critics. *Time Out London* proclaimed her a "major talent" while *Chicago Daily Herald* described her as a "world-class singer-songwriter"

You can find out more and hear some of Kate's music at www.katecampbell.com And – come to the benefit concert on January 13th!

News from the Pews

Feel free to share your news with us. Just email Heidi at ewccsec@yahoo.com or call the church office at 928-7449.

Athena Ophelia Rain Mondino was baptized on December 9, 2018. She is the daughter of Jeanna Mondino and sister to Bradley & Morrison. May God bless her on her life's journey.



Don't throw out your Christmas cards!

We can use them in a variety of projects at church. Please drop off your Christmas cards to the church office. Thank you!



Holly Fair Update



The proceeds from the 2018 Holly Fair totaled an additional \$112 received from the basket social and craft table. Total profit = \$6,201.80!

Pastor Sue's blog

You are invited to log onto www.fosteringyourfaith.com to read reflections and articles by Pastor Sue. You can choose to "follow" her blog by clicking the "follow" button that appears.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

Budget preview – a conversation about our budget

Our congregation will vote on the church budget at our annual meeting on January 27th.

Everyone is invited to come to a "budget preview" on **Sunday, January 20th**. Grab a cup of coffee and sit down with our treasurer and trustees to hear about the "nitty-gritty" of our 2019 budget. It's a chance to ask questions and find out more about our giving and expenditures, special funds, and hopes for the future.

Men's Fellowship News

The men of the congregation have been enjoying gathering for breakfast at the church for good food and fellowship. Our next gathering will be on **Sunday, January 20th at 8:00 a.m.** All men are invited – and please invite a friend along!



Resolutions

- I will be truthful.
 - I will suffer no injustice.
 - I will be free from fear.
 - I will not use force.
 - I will be of good will to all men.
- ~ Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)

A goal for the New Year

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all places you can,
At all times you can,
To all people you can,
As long as ever you can.

~John Wesley

Poinsettias in the Sanctuary

**Our church was filled with poinsettia plants, donated by the following people
in memory of or to honor loved ones:**

Bruce Atkins & Patty Kelly	To Honor Gail Lorentzen
Diane & Mark Billings	In Memory of Eileen & Francis Perrin and Marjorie & Oscar Billings
Greg & Angela Billings	In Memory of Paul Michel
The Jean-Louis, Jaime, Aidan, Elise & Carleigh Boisvert	To Honor our Parents and Grandparents
Susan Converse	In Memory of Thomas Converse, George & Barbara Brown and Sharon Neely
Tom & Amanda Converse	In Memory of Barbara & George Brown and Thomas Converse
Joan S. Crossman	To Honor Ron & Dottie Carlyle
Barbara Ann Davis	In Memory of Jack & Carole Woehrman
John & Charlotte Davis	In Memory of John K. & Lucy M. Davis and Mrs. Alice D. Murray
Bill & Karen Doyle	In Memory of Our Mom Betty Korswig
Nancy Ducharme	In Memory of Nancy Moore
Laurie & Wayne Edwards	In Memory of Pauline Edwards and Evelyn Edwards
Emma & Libby Fischkelta	In Memory of Kathy Harding
Kerstin & Richard Forrester	To Honor Grace Aresenault; In Memory of our Parents
Phyllis Jacobs	In Memory of Harry, Steve & Eliza
Dennis, Kathie & Erin Kelly	In Memory of Rolf & Virginia Swanson and Edmund & Mary Kelly
Andy Krofina	In Memory of My Husband Doug Krofina
Glen & Christine Lessig	In Memory of Robert & Loretta Johnston and Raymond & Margaret Lessig
Todd & Diane Morin	In Memory of Celia & George Barrett, Barbara Barrett and Doris Barrett
The Morse Family	In Memory of Sarah Fenick Harraden, Jonathan Harraden, Fred Harraden, Stewart & Janet Morse and Fred & Helen
Emily, Danny, Jacob & Anna Murphy	To Honor Our Friends the Bergerons In Memory of Martha & Polly 12/18/1997
Greg & Vickie Noë	To Honor All Children in Foster Care waiting for their forever families In Memory of Our Parents: Cleo & Virginia and Bernie & Dolores, Our Brothers Stephen Noë & Randy Keller and Our Sister-in-Law Carmela Keller
Rick & Mary Place	In Memory of Patricia Sowa and George & Betty Place
Marilyn & Bob Rath	In Memory of Our Parents: Betty & Charles Rath and Harold & Ruth Ashton
Pat Sarasin	In Memory of James H. Clair
Bernice Sheldon	In Memory of Prudence Sheldon Wetherell and Raymond W. Sheldon, Jr.
Gordon A. Smith	In Memory of William & Ruth Smith
Seth & DeEtta Spalding	In Memory of Paul & Avis Spalding; To Honor Bill & Carol Cruttenden
Karin Tourtellotte	In Memory of Marshall Tourtellotte
The Tucker Family	In Memory of Robert Hansen and Mary Ellen & Ernie Tucker To Honor Janet Hansen
George & Norma Wetherell	In Memory of Prudy Wetherell & Norman Servant
Kate & Ivy Wetherell and Amani Kamau	To Honor Bernice Sheldon In Memory of Prudence Wetherell



Epiphany Open House



Join Pastor Sue and her family
for an evening of appetizers and
good cheer as we celebrate the season of Light!

Date: Sunday, January 6th

When: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Where: 271 English Neighborhood Road



Youth Group Bake Sale Sunday, January 6, 2019 During Coffee Hour

The proceeds of the bake sale will help support Leah Randolph's Trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand in July 2019.

Leah's trip is through the volunteer program GIVE (Growth International Volunteer Excursions). She will be immersing herself in hill tribe communities, teaching children English, and working with local residents on a variety of sustainable agriculture techniques. She is currently a college freshman at University of New Hampshire majoring in nutrition.

***Leah would love to tell you more about her trip on
January 6th during coffee hour.***

Ladies Benevolent Society News & History

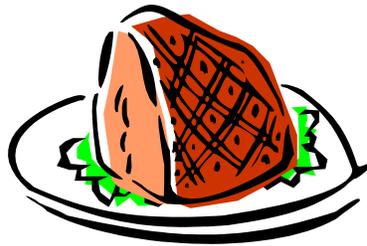
On Wednesday, December 19, 2018, LBS held its annual Christmas Party at Nancy Young's home. We shared a tradition that started many years ago with a luncheon and fun!

LBS History: "In January 1860 a special meeting for reorganization was held with good attendance. A Preamble, Constitution, and By-Laws were carefully worked out. With 34 ladies and 14 gentlemen each paying twenty-five cent dues, plus two dollars (\$2) from the former treasury, they felt they had a substantial amount to work with. It was voted to change the lamps in the sanctuary. Six large burners and eighteen medium burners, with wicks for same, were procured." That was a total of \$39.50 in the treasury – a substantial amount! Wish I knew how much the burners cost, but there is no mention of that. Since then LBS has provided funds for many upgrades for our church, the most recent was the new floor in the kitchen and bathrooms. We are currently working on replacement of the folding metal chairs – more on that to come along with history.

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month to find out more about this historic committee. We don't meet in January but have programs all set for 2019. On February 20, 2019, Pastor Sue will share her memories of her 2018 Summer Vacation.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
Kerstin Forrester, President LBS

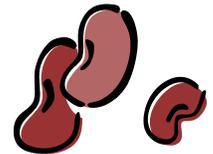
East Woodstock Congregational Church's **Ham & Bean Supper**



Saturday, January 26, 2019
5:00 - 7:00 pm

Located at the East Woodstock Congregational Church

\$10.00 per adult
Children 10 and under are **FREE!**



Join us for ham, baked beans, coleslaw,
assorted breads, pickles, cake and ice cream

~All Food is Homemade~

This year we have hot dogs for the kids!

Take out is available!

Tickets are available in the church office, or by contacting
Rick at 860-928-2731 or by email at rplace@putnam-ford.com

Come and enjoy a great meal and wonderful fellowship!
Continuous seating!

We need all the support we can muster for our annual budget and heating
needs! Please plan on attending our Ham and Bean Supper
and enjoy dinner with friends.

Special Entertainment this year!



A Women's Retreat

For all the women of the East Woodstock Congregational Church

*Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30
at Camp Wightman, North Stonington, CT
(40 minutes from our church)*

Come away and refresh your spirit!

This retreat will include time for renewal and fellowship in the beautiful and relaxing setting of Camp Wightman. The retreat will start at 3:00 pm on Friday and conclude at 4:00 pm on Saturday. You are welcome to come just for the day on Saturday if you are not interested in spending the night. There will be free time for knitting, scrapbooking, reading, quilting, or even just relaxing. Come overnight or join us on Saturday. The theme for this year will be announced in the next Trumpet. Please fill out the registration form and return it to Heidi Tucker as soon as possible.

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The cost for both Friday and Saturday is \$100. This price includes dinner on Friday evening, lodging for Friday night, breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

The cost for just Saturday will be \$40. This price includes breakfast and/or lunch on Saturday plus all activities. The start time on Saturday is 9:30 am and concludes at 4:00 pm. Breakfast is served at 8:00 am

Registration Form Paid: By Text By Check # _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

In case of emergency, please contact:

Name _____ Phone number _____

I will be staying overnight on Friday, March 23. Cost is \$100. Dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday are included. Please check one:

- I will be there for dinner.
- I will **not** be there for dinner.

I will be coming just for the day on Saturday, March 24. Cost is \$40.

- I will arrive by 8:00 am for breakfast & lunch.
- I will arrive by 9:30 and stay for lunch.

Please return this registration form and your check to us by Sunday, March 10. Please make your check payable to EWCC, with the word "retreat" on the memo line. Financial assistance is available. **If your plans change, please let us know before March 10.** We cannot do refunds after that date. Thank you.

I need financial assistance. Please call me with more information.

THANK YOU!!!

Our church is blessed by the work of many volunteers. Every bit of effort and caring helps our church live out its calling to be the Body of Christ. This month we especially would like to thank...

Everyone who helped our congregation celebrate the birth of Christ in so many ways. Thank you to:

- Everyone who brought in a gift to brighten the day of someone who is struggling.
- The many folks who donated cash and gift cards which will be distributed throughout the year to those in need. Your generosity touches many lives.
- Our sanctuary decorators: Mary Ellen Blake, Diane Billings, Dorrie Scranton, Amy Hiller-White
- Dorrie and Asa Scranton for the lovely crèche on the front steps of the sanctuary.
- Noah Tomkins for directing the Christmas pageant. Thank you for helping our children tell the story of hope, light, and love.
- Robin Cartee for the beautiful floral arrangements by our ramp entrance.
- Donna Baldyga for organizing and setting up the beautiful poinsettias in our sanctuary.
- Dottie Carlyle and Mary Ellen Blake for preparing the candles for our candlelight service.
- Greg Billings for climbing the (very) tall pine tree to fix our Christmas star.
- Sherry Magnan for providing the “goodie bag” items for Christmas Eve and to our Breakfast Club youth who put the bags together.
- Ben Gould for providing lovely music at our “Quiet Christmas” service.
- Our choirs – adult, children, and bell choirs – who graced us with beautiful music throughout the season.
- Nancy Ducharme and Andy Tomkins for directing our choirs and making music both fun and beautiful.
- Heidi Tucker for producing many, many bulletins during the month of December and for keeping our busy church office humming along so efficiently.
- Everyone who donated poinsettias (our sanctuary looked beautiful!) and those who helped deliver them to folks at home.

Crafting Group: The Fiber that Binds Us

Do you love knitting, crocheting, quilting, and fellowship? EWCC will be opening their hearts and their space to anyone who might be interested in creating items to donate to people and groups in need. We can work on any project that we want individually or as a group.

Only like to quilt or cut out patterns? Then come and help us do that. We welcome all your talents!

Starting again on Friday, January 4th, 10:00 a.m. – noon. Weekly gatherings – come when you can and stay as long as you are able.

We decided on a name for our group – The Fiber that Binds Us. Let’s get together and share the joy that this will bring.

For more information, please contact Mona Lee at 860-428-3640 or leemonact@gmail.com.



Missions Update: Gratitude

Missions is forever grateful to the generosity of our church community.

Thank you for your donations

Thank you for bringing joy during the holidays by providing gifts to:

- Covent to Care (DCF Social Workers provide to needy children in area)
- Domestic Violence Shelter
- The Homeless Shelter



EWCC members contributed \$600 to Church World Service distribution of blankets around the world. These blankets provide warmth and comfort and reach families fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster and more.

The Missions Committee reviewed and made donations for the last two quarters of the year:

- Camp Care Kids – Therapeutic Horseback Riding, Columbia, CT
- Community Kitchens, Inc. (Reimbursement EWCC sponsored meals)
- Gay-Straight Alliance Club at Woodstock Academy
- Heifer International
- Hospice Tree of Life Ceremony (Honor Jack Relahan)
- Muddy Brook Fire Dept.
- Windham Area Interfaith Ministry
- Salvation Army
- UCC Silver Lake Campground
- TVCCA (Veterans Coffeehouse in Danielson)
- Windham County 4-H Foundation
- World Vision (Luis Angel Gonzalez in Mexico)
- HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) in honor of victims of Tree of Life Synagogue victims in Pittsburgh
- UCC Emergency Fund (Victims of California fires)
- Caring Families – Food for local Woodstock Families
- NEPS, Northeast Placement Services, S. Woodstock-serves individuals with disabilities

Mission Trip Opportunity



The Connecticut Conference of the UCC is organizing a week-long trip to the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in South Dakota from May 11 – 18, 2019. Simply Smiles will be our hosts and guides. We will be staying in the town of La Plant, one of the most impoverished places in America, working to restore hope for a better future. Travel arrangements have not been finalized, but the cost should be about \$1400 per person. Online registration is open at:

<https://macucc-reg.brtaapp.com/SimplySmilesServiceandLearningTrip>

A flyer is available in pdf form for those who are interested. Please email the office and it can be forwarded to you.

Irish Retreat: Celebrating Celtic Christianity

Join Pastor Sue for a retreat in Ireland in June 2019!

When: June 7-13, 2019

Where: Beautiful Achill Island, County Mayo, on the west coast of Ireland

Details: Plans are still being made, but Pastor Sue will be working with the Rev. Maebh Herrily to bring together American and Irish participants to explore our Christian faith and discover more about Celtic Christianity. Participants will stay in simple cottages near a newly established retreat center.



Activities will include exploring a “Secret Garden” (www.achillsecretgarden.com) and retracing an ancient pilgrimage route (by bus) as well as opportunities for conversation, fellowship, and exploring the beautiful area. More information about cost and housing will be coming in the new year. Sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall if you are interested in getting information on this trip!

Participants have the option to extend their visit before or after the retreat dates.

Sunday School News

December was a busy month for Sunday School. We started the month with an Advent Festival. It was an intergenerational event and all those who were able to stay had a good time making crafts, Advent wreaths, sipping hot chocolate, and having the opportunity for fellowship.

Following that the children began preparing for the annual Christmas pageant. No matter if this was your first time in the pageant or you are a veteran to the pageant it's always exciting. The big question is always "What will my role in the pageant be this year?" This year the pageant was organized and put together by Noah Tomkins as part of his youth internship program. He did a fantastic job coordinating every aspect of the pageant. As a parent, the pageant brings back all the memories of my girls and the different roles they have played over the years.

With the New Year we will once again fall back into our "regular" Sunday school schedule. On the first Sunday of each month those children in grades 5 and above will remain in the service after the children's message to celebrate communion with the congregation. The younger ones will have a one room school house on that Sunday.

We could not have Sunday School without our volunteer teachers and shepherd's. If you never have volunteered, or it's been some time since you have volunteered, then this year is the perfect time give it a try. It will be the best 45 minutes of your week!

Feel free to be in touch with me anytime.

Louise

cedirectorewcc@gmail.com



Weather or Not?

Notice of cancellation of worship service due to inclement weather will be on our Facebook page. To confirm whether worship or another activity has been canceled, or to let us know that you are safe and staying home, please contact any Deacon.



Donate your used ink cartridges!

Help the church defray some of our office supply costs by donating your used ink cartridges. Staples gives us coupons towards purchases when we return cartridges to them for recycling. We can return up to 20 cartridges a month. Donations can be left in the church office.

Thank you!





SENIOR YOUTH GROUP
JANUARY EVENTS



January 6 Star Gift Sunday

Come to worship to receive your star gift. The word on the star gives you something to ponder. How does the word relate to your faith?

January 13 Breakfast Club

Come to Breakfast Club after the Children's Story. Meet in the library. Let's take a few minutes to talk about your star gifts. Hear about the upcoming events this spring. Light snacks will be served. Bring a friend!

January 20 MLK Day of Service

MLK Day of Service is a federal holiday dedicated to the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in honor of his legacy and passion for serving others. We will gather on Sunday, January 20th to help individuals in our community. We will make and deliver warm meals to people in our community. Meet at church at 12:30 for lunch. We will finish up by 5:00PM. RSVP to Anne to let her know you can help! Invite a friend to help.

January 27 Annual Meeting EWCC

Come to worship with your family. After a light lunch, attend the annual meeting in Fellowship Hall. What is the annual meeting? Ask Anne what it's all about!

Want to know more about YOUTH GROUP?

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM!



INSTAGRAM: WoodstockSYG



Facebook: Youth Group 18-19

Call or text Anne Sorensen 860-428-2198 or
EMAIL: youthgroup.woodstock@gmail.com

FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Children's Page



January 2019						
Daily Bread Donations for this month: Canned Vegetables						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	1 Happy New Year!	2 10:00 am Study Group 7:30 pm Al-anon	3 10:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Bells	4 10 am Crafters 5:00 pm 4-H Club	5
6 Celebration of Epiphany Star Gifts Bake Sale! 11:45 YMT	7 9:30 Music Class 9:30 Community Kitchen Prep 7:00 pm Council 7:00 pm Society	8 10:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Deacons 7 pm Sanctuary Singers	9 10:00 am Study Group 7:00 pm Missions (Nancy Young's) 7:30 pm Al-anon	10 10:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Bells	11 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!! 9:30 am MOMS 10 am Crafters	12
13 Breakfast Club 3 pm Kate Campbell Concert	14 9:30 Music Class	15 10:00 am Tai Chi 7 pm Sanctuary Singers	16 10:00 am Study Group 7:30 pm Al-anon	17 10:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Bells	18 TRUMPET DEADLINE! 10 am Crafters	19
20 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Budget Preview – Annual Reports available Youth Comm. Svce.	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 9:30 Music Class	22 10:00 am Tai Chi 7 pm Sanctuary Singers	23 10:00 am Study Group 7:30 pm Al-anon	24 10:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Bells	25 10 am Crafters	26 5:00 – 7:00 pm Ham & Bean Supper
27 ANNUAL MEETING	28 9:30 Music Class	29 10:00 am Tai Chi 7 pm Sanctuary Singers	30 10:00 am Study Group 7:30 pm Al-anon	31 10:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Bells		

Looking Ahead:

February 9: Pops Concert



COFFEE HOUR

The coffee hour in January will be served courtesy of: **Altar Guild**

The coffee hour in February will be served courtesy of: **Deacons**



January Birthdays:

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|------------------------|---------|
| Natalie Eichner | Jan. 3 |
| Landen Morin | Jan. 17 |
| Sophia LePino | Jan. 19 |
| Elias Newall-Vuillemot | Jan. 19 |
| Wyatt Robbie | Jan. 25 |
| Jack Billings | Jan. 27 |
| Lydia Young | Jan. 28 |

PRAYER PAGE

Today and every day let us be open to God, who promises always to be with us.

Richard Bott, a remarkable poet and liturgist of British Columbia, wrote this poem for Epiphany last year. I loved it so much that I saved it for this year! From Maren Tirabassi's blog.

Place in me a star,
my God,
that I might burn brightly
with your love.
Explode in me,
that I might burst
with the possibility of your grace.
Shine so brightly, in my words,
in my actions,
that the world might see
only
you.
Make me an Epiphany,

A Prayer for the New Year

May we break down boundaries, tear down walls and build on the foundations of goodness inside each of us.

May we look past differences, gain understanding, and embrace acceptance.

May we reach out to each other rather than resist.

May we be better stewards of the earth, protecting, nurturing and replenishing the beauty of nature.

May we practice gratitude for all we have, rather than complain about our needs.

May we seek cures for the sick, help for the hungry, and love for the lonely.

May we share our talents, give our time, and teach our children.

May we hold hope for the future very tenderly in our hearts.

And may we love with our whole hearts, for that's the only way to love.

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