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The Trumpet deadline is the 20th of every month!



Into the Light

Sandwiched between the busy seasons of Advent and Christmas and the more somber, thought-provoking weeks of Lent comes the quiet elation of Epiphany. This joy-filled season shines long after Christmas decorations have been tucked away and New Year's resolutions have fallen to the wayside. The star lingers overhead, inviting us to venture into the unknown. Only when we move beyond the familiar will we encounter the new gifts God is offering.

Epiphany is an often-overlooked but delightful season that offers hope in the midst of despair and light glimmering in the darkness. It reminds us of the journey of the Magi, who followed mysterious messages to seek God's promise. The star shining overhead cajoles us to leave the safety of our routines behind. The quiet assurance of a God who yearns to be found and who places directional signals in the sky lures us forward. God invites us to marvel at signs and wonders that point to God's love and presence.

Unlike Christmas and New Year, the season of Epiphany is not widely recognized in secular society. January is often regarded with the enthusiasm of a deflated balloon while the aftermath of Christmas

is considered a dreary time to be endured. But in the church, it is a season of discovery, learning, and love.

In these weeks following Christmas, we are invited to bask in the lingering light of the Christmas star. The star reminds us of the wise words that Jesus would grow up to proclaim, "People [do not] light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house" (Matthew 5:15). The light is provided by God who wants to be found by us. The heavenly beacon is not an exclusive signal meant for only a few people. It shines forth beckoning to all of God's children. Anyone who looks up will see the sign. Anyone who dares to follow will discover the riches that wait underneath.

During Epiphany, dare to ask that star some questions.

- Where am I being led in this new year? Is the star offering some course correction?
- What might I need to leave behind in order to start on this journey?
- As the light shines into my life, what might I discover about myself? What do I value? What new parts of myself do I want to explore?
- What does the light reveal in our world? What areas of need or hurt are calling out for compassion and kindness?

The season of Epiphany lasts for eight weeks. Let us celebrate this journey of exploration, knowing we are being led by the Light of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Susan J. Foster

The following are the scriptures for the month of January:

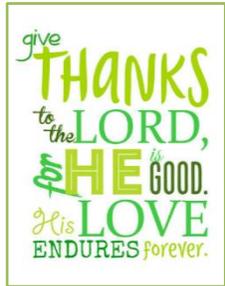
You are invited to read them as part of your daily devotions and as preparation for worship.

January 5

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:1-18

January 19

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42



January 12

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

January 26

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

WORSHIP NEWS

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

January 5: Star Gift Sunday. Communion Sunday.

January 12: Rev. Jonathan Scott preaching. Bell choir ringing.

January 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

January 26: Annual meeting Sunday. Celebrating our church!



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 5th when we will be receiving Star Gifts.

Study+the Bible with us



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 26, 2020 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 2020 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 10, 2020**. A complete copy of the Annual Report needs to be available to the Congregation by Sunday, January 19. Please do your best to get your reports to Heidi on time. Word documents are preferred. Thank you!



Holiday Art and Craft Show a Success!!

Thanks to all of you who helped out in one way or another with our show this year. 24 vendors from the tri-state area participated. My plan is to keep our show going each year on the 1st Saturday of December. Mark your calendars now to save the date...December 5th, 2020.

A special thanks to Valerie Law for her help in the Christmas Attic Treasures department, Donna Baldyga for her help organizing the luncheon and refreshments, and Dawn Morin for running the Penney Social. Those of you who put out signs, baked sweets, cooked up soups, and helped out setting up and cleaning up all need a round of applause. Without you the show would not have happened. I was able to give a check for \$1675 to the church to help out the general fund this year.

Please contact me if you have any interest in the show and would like to be a vendor or help out next year. Thanks again for the support from this congregation and Pastor Sue.

Merry Christmas,
Karen McFarlin kmcf3470@gmail.com

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!



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 26th.

Everyone is invited to come to a "budget preview" on **Sunday, January 19th**. Grab a cup of coffee and sit down with our treasurer and trustees to hear about the "nitty-gritty" of our 2020 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 19th at 8:00 a.m.** All men are invited – and please invite a friend along!



Free Yoga Continues!

Jenn Brouillard, owner of Roots to Fly Wellness, will continue to offer a free yoga class on the first Saturday of each month. Classes will be held in Fellowship Hall. Come and try some yoga! Everyone is welcome. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one.

Class will be held at 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

- Saturday, January 4th
- Saturday, February 1st
- Saturday, March 7th



Poinsettias in the Sanctuary

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

Diane & Mark Billings	In Memory of Eileen & Francis Perrin and Marjorie & Oscar Billings
Jean-Louis & Jaime Boisvert	To Honor our Parents and Grandparents
George & Pam Brown	In Memory of George & Barbara Brown
The Child Family	
Susan Converse	In Memory of Thomas Converse, George & Barbara Brown and Sharon Neely
Joan S. Crossman	To Honor Dorothy Carlyle and Family
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
Kim Donovan	To Honor Ken & Ellie Smith
Bill & Karen Doyle	In Memory of Our Mom Betty Korswig
Nancy Ducharme	In Memory of Nancy Moore
Holly Edwards	In Memory of Walter Edwards
Laurie & Wayne Edwards	In Memory of Pauline and Evelyn Edwards
Linda Felt	In Memory of My Parents
Kerstin & Richard Forrester	In Memory of our Helen & Bill Forrester and Heather Forrester
Eddy Hrzyan	In Memory of My Parents
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
George & Carolyn Looby	In Memory of Loved Ones
Todd & Diane Morin	In Memory of Celia & George Barrett, Barbara Barrett and Doris Barrett
Stewart & Barbara Morse	In Memory of Fred & Helen Harraden, and children Sarah, Jonathan & Fred and Stewart & Janet Morse
Emily Jacobs Murphy	In Memory of Phyllis Jones Jacobs, Harry, Steve & Eliza
Emily, Danny, Jacob & Anna Murphy	In Memory of Martha Lyons & Polly Jones Murphy
Marilyn & Bob Rath	In Memory of Our Parents: Betty & Charlie Rath and Harold & Ruth Ashton
The Santos Family	In Memory of Robert Durocher
Pat Sarasin	In Memory of Richard & Gwen Potter and James Clair
Bernice Sheldon	In Memory of Prudence S. Wetherell and Raymond W. Sheldon
Dorothy Timm	In Memory of Andrew O'Keefe
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 Prudence Wetherell & Norman Servant
Kate & Ivy Wetherell	In Memory of Prudence Wetherell
Jeff & Judith Wong	To Honor Our Children, Reanne & Bill



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

Winter Lunches

You are invited to lunch! Every Friday during the winter, everyone is invited to pack a lunch and come to church to share in conversation, fellowship, and laughter. There is no program and no agenda – just a chance to get out of the house and share a meal together.

Come every Friday or whenever you can. We will meet from **noon – 1:00 p.m.** Cider and hot water for tea will be provided.

Maybe you know someone who could benefit from getting out of the house or having the chance to visit with others – offer them a ride and join us for an hour of fellowship.

Parents/grandparents with little ones – please stop on by!

Real people, real conversation – better than sitting in front of the TV or computer any day!

Our first lunch will be **Friday, January 3rd, noon – 1:00 p.m.** Come on your own or bring a friend. Let's have lunch!



LBS NEWS

(Ladies Benevolent Society)

On November 20, thirteen women joined LBS for a trip to the Tourtellotte Museum in Thompson. We were treated to a reading of a letter that the Alumni Association had written in the name of Mrs. Tourtellotte telling of the history of the family and the building of the stately high school in Thompson - a memorial to the Tourtellotte's two daughters. We were also delighted to tour the recently installed Mechanicsville General Store and Post Office memorabilia in an adjacent room.

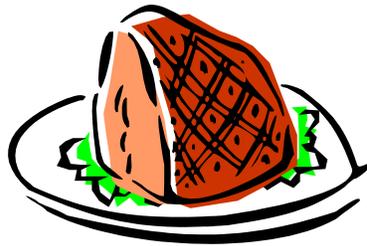
As I write this, we are two days away from our Christmas party to be held at Nancy Young's lovely home where we will enjoy fellowship, munchies, mulled cider and fun!! LBS will not be meeting in January and February 2020 – we try to avoid travel, other than to Florida, during this snowy period of the year.

On **March 18 at 1:30 p.m.** we will meet again in Fellowship Hall to hear Linda Colangelo of Northeast District Department of Health tell us about their efforts in our corner. **All** are welcome to join us for another informative event of fellowship and refreshments.

Best wishes to all for a ***Happy and Healthy 2020!***

Respectfully submitted, Kerstin Forrester, President

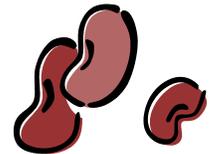
East Woodstock Congregational Church's **Ham & Bean Supper**



Saturday, January 25, 2020
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, April 3 and Saturday, April 4
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, April 3. 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, April 4. 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 21. 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 21.** 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...

Terry Chappell and **Roxana Bertorelli** of the Quaddick Country Store in Thompson for donating the ice cream for the Pops Concert on November 23rd.

Karen Swanberg and Cherry Ledge Farm for donating a gift certificate for pet therapy. Your generosity is much appreciated!

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, Jess Reed, Jenn Brouillard
- Louise Labbe-Fahy and Lynn Looby for directing the Christmas Pageant. Thank you for helping our children tell the story of hope, light, and love.
- All the cookie bakers who provided treats for our guests during the Woodstock Winter Festival.
- Anne Sorensen and Louise Labbe-Fahy for welcoming visitors during the Woodstock Winter Festival.
- The Youth Group and Sunday School for creating Christmas cards to help share God's love.
- 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.



Outreach Update: Gratitude

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

Thank you for your donations and caring.

Thank you for bringing joy to others during the holidays by providing 80 gifts to:

- Covent to Care (DCF Social Workers provide to children in challenging situations in NE CT)
- Domestic Violence Shelter
- The Homeless Shelter



EWCC members contributed \$300 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 Outreach Committee reviewed and approved the following donations:

- Community Kitchens, Inc. (Reimbursement EWCC sponsored meals)
 - Sweden Maine Food Pantry (In memory of John Crowe, past beloved EWCC minister)
 - Meal Ministry - Freezer Meals and Hams - Share God's Love
 - Church World Service – Blanket Program
 - Roseland Park (Host Summer Twilight Services)
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Looking for new members

What a wonderful way to share God's Love through Outreach...
Our next Meeting is Monday, January 6 at 7 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome and we are looking for a few new members. Please contact Christine Lessig cjohnstonlessig@gmail.com

Outreach Request to EWCC Members
Volunteers Needed – Saturday, January 25, 2020
9 am – noon

WAIM (Windham Area Interfaith Ministry) Willimantic

Activities that morning could include: sort clothing and toys, organize home furnishings, help load/unload the truck for dump, sort and shelve pantry items.

All are welcome!



WAIM

Windham Area Interfaith Ministry

As part of our Outreach, EWCC participates in - and benefits from - WAIM (Windham Area Interfaith Ministry) - https://waimct.org/about/

This association of churches, synagogues, fellowships and concerned citizens helps those who need it most. WAIM is always looking for contributions of clothing and household furnishings and volunteers for its many projects.

We will depart from the EWCC church parking lot at 8:20 a.m. and should be back by 12:30 pm.

If you're interested in joining us and learning more about WAIM, please contact Karen Ryker at (860) 928-3908 or by email karenryker@sbcglobal.net

CHRISTMAS MYSTERY!

Thank goodness, these were not left in the Collector's stocking; but at least they're not coal! The pledges are tabulated for:

- 1) Society to prepare for the Budget;
2) Collector to keep track of your donations in order to send statements to YOU; and
3) a resource for YOU to determine if you're on track.

Pledge card form with handwritten entries: Weekly \$ 10, Monthly \$, Single Pmt of \$, Signed, Date, Print name, Phone.

Keep this portion for your records. (Fiscal Year 2020)
Amount pledged:
Weekly \$ 10
Monthly \$
Total \$ 520
Nancy Gale's phone: 860-974-1378

None of this can be done without your name on the pledge card. IF YOU RECOGNIZE EITHER OF THESE CARDS, PLEASE, PLEASE let me know as soon as possible by e-mail (rgale1378@charter.net) or telephone (860-974-1378). (PS: I'll never tell if you let me know! 😊)

Pledge card form with handwritten entries: Weekly \$ 150.00, Monthly \$150.00, Single Pmt of \$, Signed, Date, Print name, Phone.

Memorial Garden Study Group

During the last several months, Council has been discussing the creation of a Memorial Garden for our church. A Memorial Garden represents an alternative to the traditional cemetery burial ground or to the variety of other ways to commemorate ashes. It is a haven for those who wish to be laid to rest with dignity in a quiet, familiar, "sanctified" place easily available to friends and family. It is a place of meditation and remembrance.



At Society's request, we are creating a study group to research all available options for placement of a Memorial Garden. This group would prepare a proposal for Society to review and potentially move forward to the congregation for a vote. If you are interested in being part of this study group, please contact Bob Rath (brath31@gmail.com) or Lynn Looby (llooby01@snet.net).

It's Time to Clean Out Your Closets!

EWCC's 8th Clothing Sale is fast approaching,
and I need everybody's help to keep this fundraiser growing!

*It is the perfect
symbiotic relationship ...*



with your donations of
gently/never-worn items,
the church gains valuable income,
which keeps the church healthy;
and by the church taking your old
clothes, you gain valuable real estate back
in your closets,
and potentially move closer to
reaching your New Year's resolution of
becoming more organized.



Men's, women's, and children's clothing and shoes are
needed in all sizes.

No stains and rips in the clothes, and
no underwear please.

Donations should be marked "Clothing Sale" and can be
dropped off in Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Dorrie Scranton at (860) 974-3096
with any questions, or if you need to schedule a pickup.



Sale Dates:

**Saturday, April 17, 3:00 – 7:00 pm
& Sunday April 18, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Our sale doesn't work without your donations!



Middle School Youth Group January News



It is not too late to join the Middle School Youth Group! Come give it a try. Join us on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6:00 at our church. We meet in fellowship hall. For questions about middle school youth group, ask Tom Converse or Anne Sorensen.

January 5- This Christmas: We will wrap up the series on Generosity that we started in December. Let's think about how we can be generous all year round.

January 12- Who's Got Game? We will play all kinds of games and enjoy root beer floats. Invite a friend this night and receive a prize.

January 19- A message on Anxiety: Unfortunately, stress and anxiety are a part of everyday life for middle school students. Come hear what the Bible has to say about how to deal with stress and anxiety. God has given us the tools to help deal with these very real feelings.

January 26: Worth Repeating: We will start this 4-week series about the amazing stories told by Jesus. These parables help us learn more about God.

Snacks and plenty of time for fellowship are always part of our weekly meetings. Friends are always welcome.

In case of inclement weather, please check your email before heading over to church. If you are still unsure, please send me a text to see if we are meeting. Be safe! Anne Sorensen 860-428-2198

Sunday School News

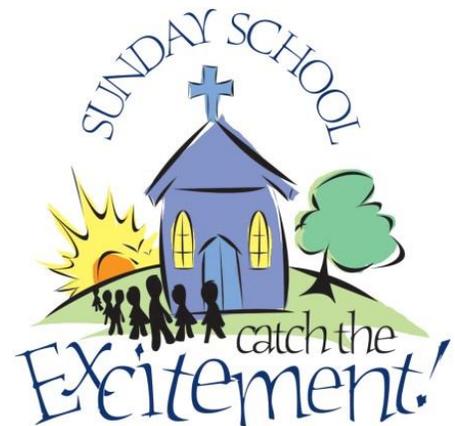
Can you believe that it is 2020? Thinking back on 2019, there was so much that happened. For me if I were to only pick one thing it would be Children's Sunday back in June. To see all the children "walking the red carpet" was awesome. It is just so much fun working with your children each week. There is not a week that goes by that I am not in awe of how they live out their faith. Each of you have imparted the way you live out your own faith to your children. I just want to say from the bottom of my heart, that I thank each of you for giving me that opportunity each week.

As the year closes, I want to thank everyone who has helped in Sunday School in any way over the past year. I want especially thank all the teachers and CE board. Without them there would not be Sunday School each week. They all work so hard to make Sunday School fun while at the same time teaching them their lesson.

The time since Thanksgiving has been devoted to many one room schoolhouses. We focused on Thanksgiving and giving to others. Advent and preparing for the birth of Jesus as we traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem. We will be continuing our journey over the next few weeks until we get to Egypt. We prepared for the Christmas Pageant and shared that during worship one Sunday. We made graham cracker mangers...which was not only fun...but tasty! On January 5th we will get our stars on Star Gift Sunday. On Sunday the 12th we will get back to our regular routine.

Thank you all. Please feel free to be in touch with me at any time,

Louise CEdirectorewcc@gmail.com



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!



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.



Children's Page



January 2020						
Daily Bread Donations for this month: Canned Vegetables						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year! 7:30 pm Al-anon	2 9:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Bells	3	4 9:00 am Yoga
5 Celebration of Epiphany Star Gifts 4:00 pm Epiphany Open House (Sue's)	6 9:00 Community Kitchen Prep 9:30 Music Class 7:00 pm Outreach 7:30 pm Dartball	7 9:00 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm Yoga 7 pm Deacons 7 pm Sanctuary Singers	8 10:00 am Study Group 7:30 pm Al-anon	9 9:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Council	10 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!! 9:30 am MOMs	11
12 YMT meeting following worship	13 9:30 Music Class 7:30 pm Dartball	14 9:00 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm Yoga 7 pm Sanctuary Singers	15 10:00 am Study Group 7:30 pm Al-anon	16 9:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Bells	17	18
19 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Budget Preview – Annual Reports available	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day TRUMPET DEADLINE! 9:30 Music Class	21 9:00 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm Yoga 7 pm Sanctuary Singers	22 10:00 am Study Group 7:30 pm Al-anon	23 9:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Bells	24	25 5:00 – 7:00 pm Ham & Bean Supper
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Looking Ahead:

February 23: Jazz Sunday

February 26: Ash Wednesday

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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|------------------------|---------|
| 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.

A Blessing for the New Year, and always –

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

(Numbers 6: 24-26)

**In the busyness of this day
Grant me a stillness of seeing, O God.**

— John Philip Newell



“Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the seas laugh, and all that fills them;
let the field exult, and everything in them!

Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the coming of the Beloved, who reigns in glory!
For through Love will come truth and justice, offering all the people gifts of new Life.”

- Psalm 96