

The Trumpet **OCTOBER 2025**
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CLERGY TRANSITION UPDATE

We are in the third and final phase of our transition to a new pastor! After the good work of the Transition 2 committee, our church profile has been posted on the UCC website so that clergy looking for a new church can review it and respond to us with their individual profile (akin to a resume / application). The Search and Call Committee members: Co-Chairs Marilyn Rath and John Davis, and members: Jaime Boisvert, Pam Brown, Denise Esslinger, Emily Hayden, Sherry Magnan, and Jeff Wong met on October 5 to get started. Our goal is to have a new, "settled" pastor in place for Rally Day, 2026. But we should all remember that we must find someone who is a good fit for our congregation, so we will be working carefully and deliberately. The process is very confidential, since the people submitting their profiles to us for consideration are most often currently serving elsewhere, but the committee will be providing periodic updates to you. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Marilyn Rath and John Davis
Search & Call Committee Co-Chairs

OUTREACH STRETCHES EVERY RESOURCE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES' & NEIGHBORS' NEEDS

The Outreach Committee recently received letters of gratitude and commendation for donations received from both individuals and area agencies that support people with various needs. Through our Outreach program, our congregation provides such generous support.

We were able to respond to California Wildfire Relief: "[Because of] your gift of \$500...displaced families in need of shelter and necessities will receive support...[including] long-term recovery efforts...." EWCC also contributed 359.4 pounds of food for TEEG's food programs. Those contributions help them to serve individual and families in the greater

community. "These types of donations provide healthy food to supplement household budgets and provide emergency food support for anyone who needs it."

The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp expressed their appreciation for a \$500 donation to their programs for children and families seeking respite with serious illnesses. "We are so honored to have your partnership in this important endeavor...."

Additionally, Outreach received letters from individuals: "I am truly overwhelmed with gratitude receiving the beautiful prayer shawl, as well as the love and prayers that came with each stitch. Your kindness will always be remembered each and every time I look at, hold, or wear this shawl. Sincerely with love...." *Barbara Reese*

From one of our scholars: "Thank you all so much for the generous scholarship. It has truly helped me to afford my first WPI payment. Thank you all for the support over these past years! Thank you again!" *Abigail Converse*

And finally, the Deacons Housing Fund of First Church, Woodstock acknowledged a \$500 donation: "We appreciate your compassion and generosity."

EWCC's outreach efforts seem to touch everyone, from cards of encouragement to meals prepared and delivered for those who are homebound or ill.

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Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, Ashford



October is the month in which we celebrate the **Protestant Reformation.**

On October 31, 1517, a Roman Catholic monk, Martin Luther, nailed to the castle door in Wittenberg, Germany, 95 propositions, or points of dispute, in order to begin a theological discussion with any who might like to debate with him the truth of God's Word. These came to be known in history as the "95 Theses." This act by Luther launched the Protestant Reformation.

One of the notable results of the Reformation was the printing of the Bible in the vernacular, or local language, of the people. Up until that time in Europe, the church service was all in Latin, the language of the priests. The common people did not understand Latin. Much of Luther's theological career after he began the movement to reform the church was spent translating the Old and New Testaments into the German language so that the common people would be able to read God's Word in their own tongue.

Many of us who belong to mainline/liberal Protestant congregations believe that it is more precise to say that the Bible contains God's Word rather than saying that the Bible is God's Word. For example, the Preamble of the Constitution of the United Church of Christ states that the UCC "looks to the Word of God in the Scriptures...."

The reason why we don't make the absolute equation of the Bible and the Word of God is because God's speech cannot be perfectly expressed by less than

perfect human beings, no matter how spiritually insightful the writers may have been. We must remember that Jesus Christ did not write anything in the Bible. The New Testament was written by faithful followers of Jesus, who clearly were inspired by his life, teachings, and, especially, his resurrection from the dead, but nevertheless were prone to error as all humans are.

Furthermore, the Word of God is much more than what is written in the Bible. The first chapter of the Gospel of John makes clear that Jesus himself is the Word of God who "became flesh and lived among us . . ." (John 1:14, NRSV). The last verse of that gospel states: "But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written" (John 21:25, NRSV). The Word of God cannot be contained within any single book, not even the Bible. The Word of God is so glorious that nothing in the world can enclose it.

Finally, creation itself reveals the Word of God. This speech from God can be discerned from our experience in creation, such as doing good and avoiding evil, which all persons recognize, Christian and non-Christian. We may disagree on the specifics of what comprises good and evil, but every culture in the world has a basic sense of justice, for example. From where do they get this idea? Whether we are aware or not, we affirm this norm of justice because the Word of God in the created order--or through our personal experience in the world if you prefer--is revealing this concept of justice to us. As with Jesus Christ, the Bible points beyond itself to the Word of God (through which all things were made) in creation.

And so, we see that the Word of God is found in more than just the Bible. The Bible contains the Word of God in its inscripturated form. Jesus Christ is the incarnate Word of God, the Word of God made flesh. And creation reveals what we can call the ordered Word of God. All of those "Let there be's" of the first chapter of Genesis reveal God's speaking the Word that imposes a specific order to each area of creation. Acknowledging this threefold Word of God is part of the legacy of being a Protestant Christian. Let us remember this wonderful truth this month as we celebrate the Protestant Reformation.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Gary



FILM SERIES HAS RETURNED ON SECOND SUNDAYS!

following the service

10/12: *Places in the Heart*

11/9: *What's Cooking?*

Please let Pastor Gary know if you have suggestions for thought-provoking films.

Continuing to pray for ...

- Ken Marvin
- Joel Morse
- Faith Armstrong
- Sally May
- Lisa Gould
- Dave Norman
- The Children and Family of Amanda (Crowley) & Jerry Zolobkowski
- Cynthia Sylva in the loss of Marina Tuffy

God hears our prayers and surrounds those we pray for with comfort, strength, and compassion in difficult times.



God of the seasons, there is a time for everything; there is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into this process of transformation.

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to.

God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days, beautiful sunsets, and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. Help us recognize and gain strength from your power-filled presence.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and in hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings of the harvest.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future. We yearn for your insight and vision.

God of flowers and plants touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

Joyce Rupp

GOD OF LOVE, you enter into our autumn seasons, into our deepest places of inner dwelling, into the heart of our transformation. You give us glimpses of truth. May we allow the experience of autumn to speak to us of necessary change and growth. Open us to the process of letting go and moving on that is part of the human condition. Thank you for all that autumn teaches us. We are grateful that you, O God, are our faithful companion on this journey.

Anonymous

Faithful God,

We come to you with a thirst for your presence and real connection with you. This time of year the flowers do fade, the leaves do wither and die, and even the bright sun will shine less. But oh, we praise you, for your faithfulness. That your truth, that your good and honest words and promises will stand forever. Though the seasons change, we know you do not. We lift up our voices in gratitude for your righteousness that we can always depend on. We thank you for being our rock and firm foundation, and that your word is a lamp unto our feet. Give us hope this time of year and remind us that though the season is changing, and the unknown journey lies ahead, we can trust in your unfailing truth and presence. Amen.

worship & prayer

The following are the scriptures for the next few weeks. You are invited to read them as part of your daily devotions and as preparation for worship. For daily devotions, please go to: sneucc.org/lectionary

October 12

*Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7,
Psalm 66:1-12,
2 Timothy 2:8-15,
Luke 17:11-19

October 19

*Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 26

*Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost*
Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

November 2

*Twenty-first Sunday
after Pentecost*
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

"The mission of the Outreach Committee is to assist others less fortunate than ourselves. We serve as the outreach arm of the church; soliciting, gathering and distributing gifts of all kinds according to needs of members of our Church, community, and the world. We also endeavor to teach the joy and grace of generous giving to our congregation."



Recognition of our **Prayer Shawl Ministry** has touched other communities: late this summer, Janet Young from Charleton, MA donated two enormous bags of yarn with her sister and brother in-law from Atlanta. They wanted to distribute yarn that their mom had collected and knew about our ministry. We are grateful to the many creative individuals in our congregation who donate knitted or crocheted prayer shawls that are kept on hand to present to those in need of comfort while undergoing medical procedures, after a loss, as an aid in prayer or meditation, as well as those who are celebrating a special event such as marriage, a birth, or baptism. All of our confirmands received a shawl in June as part of their joining the church.

The First Congregational Church of Woodstock continues to host a **Community**

committee doings

Kitchen every Monday, with the help of a different church each week. EWCC prepares the meal on the first Monday of each month, serving approximately 80-100 people from the surrounding community.

Our **Food Pantry** and **First Friday Food Fair** continue to make a difference, so much so that we are currently in need of items to restock our shelves:

- Coffee
- Flour (2# bags)
- Sugar
- Tuna - canned
- Chicken - canned
- Peanut butter
- Dog food
- Cat food
- Toilet Paper
- Pasta Sauces; canned tomatoes

Caring Continues also makes a difference in the nutritional lives of children and families in Woodstock by providing basics to take home from school. Our only ask for this month: *Spaghetti Sauce!*

Want to help in this crucial effort? Connect with a member of Outreach or Chair, Andy Krofina.

LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The Holly Fair is fast approaching and we need your help to ensure that we have another successful fundraiser for EWCC. We need:

- Baked goods - Taryn and Andy Tomkins
- Candy - Diane Morin
- Crafts - Amy Hiller White, Diane Billings, Barbara Hackett
- Homemade jams & jellies - Taryn and Andy Tomkins
- Jewelry - Chairs Marilyn Rath & Carrie Walker
- Baskets - Kerstin Forrester
- New & Like New - Donna Baldyga

If you have any questions, please contact the table Chair person listed above.

Kerstin Forrester

JEWELRY WANTED FOR HOLLY FAIR

The jewelry room has become very popular. It's time to go through your jewelry; imagine how fabulous your unused items would look on someone else. And remember - your contributions directly benefit the church and its mission. Please provide your donations to Marilyn Rath, Carrie Walker or Donna Baldyga. They will be much appreciated by our Holly Fair shoppers! ***Also, please note that we will not be accepting any Christmas items until after Christmas as we are fully stocked for this year's Holly Fair.*

Marilyn Rath

PARSONAGE KITCHEN RENOVATION

The total renovation of our parsonage kitchen has been completed, and the parsonage kitchen is now ready to offer to a new minister or for us to maintain as a rental property. The attached photos do not fully illustrate the amazing transformation that took place. The existing kitchen, installed in the 1970s following a fire in the parsonage, was tired and in need of an upgrade. New cabinets, one window, flooring and countertops, electrical system, and appliances were installed. The kitchen is now much more functional and an attractive environment for the family to relax.

We were very close to meeting our original budget of \$26,200, thanks to the significant donations of time and materials from several church members. Seth and DeEtta Spalding contributed throughout the project with donations of their time, truck, and trailer for dump runs, as well as good offices in securing in-kind contributions of labor. Steve Integlia (Seth and DeEtta's son-in-law) donated his labor for the new ceiling. Cory Dancosse, of C&J Electrical, contributed generously with his extra work and labor to upgrade the parsonage's electrical service. Phil Parizeau's assistance was significant, guiding us in writing our



RFQ and offering support throughout the entire project. Kerstin Forrester, Allan Walker, and Judith Wong took the lead on choosing and purchasing appliances and colors. And, of course, Peter Green lent his painting skills to the project. Thanks to all of these volunteers and their generosity with time and financial support, we were able to complete a significant upgrade to our parsonage property at a very affordable cost.

Glen Lessig
Society Chair



**EWCC Google
Workspace Training
Session during Coffee
Hour - Nov 2, 2025**

For the past several months, the Society Committee has been working to implement Google Workspace, an online productivity suite, for our church. Workspace will enable us to easily collaborate and share files, access necessary cloud file storage, manage church calendars, and conduct online meetings. *All for no cost!*

All committees are currently set up with Shared drives, which are Drives and Folders that allow files to be created and shared with members. All files within the Shared Drives are owned by EWCC, providing us with excellent storage capability for our busy committees' files.

Immediately after church on November 2, Jeff Wong, Jess Reed, and Glen Lessig will present highlights of Workspace and answer questions regarding the EWCC committee's use of this resource.

Just a reminder....

Planning to send something for the Weekly Reminder or The Trumpet? If sending electronically, please send in word or google doc format. It makes it a bit easier when putting together....and the **deadline is the 15th of the month!** Thank you!



We love hearing good news! Have a special event you'd like to share— a birth, graduation, new job, special honor? Let us know...

Have you changed your phone, email or mailing? Please let the office know of any changes so you don't miss out on *The Trumpet* or other important messages. You can send any changes or correspondence to: churchoffice@eastwoodstockchurch.org.

LAITY SUNDAY: CELEBRATE WITH US ON OCTOBER 19TH!

This is a meaningful opportunity for lay members our congregations to help lead worship—through readings, sharing reflections, offering music, or assisting in other parts of the service. Each year, this service is a beautiful expression of the many gifts within our congregation. *Please join us for this special service.*

sharing the good news



Southern New England Conference
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Beloved in Christ.

Grace and peace to you in this holy season. Each October, the wider church recognizes Clergy Appreciation Month, a time to pause and celebrate the faithful leaders who guide our communities with prayer, preaching, presence, and care.

The apostle Paul writes, “Now we ask you, [siblings], to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other” (1 Thessalonians 5:12–13, NIV). This reminder calls us not only to gratitude but also to practices that sustain those who shepherd us.

Our clergy carry profound responsibilities. They stand with us in moments of joy and in seasons of grief, offering words of hope and gestures of grace. This month offers us a holy invitation to acknowledge their ministry and to encourage practices that keep them renewed.

To the Members and Friends of Our Churches: The greatest gift you can offer your clergy is not material, but space and support for their rest and renewal. Here are a few ways you might celebrate them this month:

HONOR SABBATH: Support clergy in taking a full day of rest and protect it by minimizing calls, texts, or last-minute requests.

ENCOURAGE RENEWAL: Create space for clergy to attend retreats, continuing education, or spiritual direction without guilt or hesitation.

SHARE LEADERSHIP: Step in to lead a meeting, read scripture, or organize fellowship so that clergy aren’t carrying every detail.

LIFT THEM IN PRAYER: Dedicate time in worship or meetings to pray for their strength, wisdom, and well-being.

SPEAK GRATITUDE ALOUD: Offer a word of thanks publicly in worship or privately in conversation. Hearing appreciation matters.

RESPECT BOUNDARIES: Recognize clergy as whole people with families and lives beyond church and give them permission to step away.

CELEBRATE THEIR CALLING: Mark milestones, an ordination anniversary, years of service, or personal achievements with joy and acknowledgment.

A Closing Word

As a Conference, let us practice appreciation by creating a culture where clergy can flourish, not only this October but in every season. When clergy are renewed, our churches are strengthened, and the Gospel is proclaimed with joy.

A PRAYER OF BLESSING:

Holy One, We give thanks for the clergy who guide, comfort, and inspire us. Grant them rest for their bodies, renewal for their spirits, and joy for their journey of service. Bless our congregations with wisdom to support their leaders well, that together we may continue to proclaim Your love with boldness and grace. AMEN.

Rev. Darrell Goodwin

Executive Conference Minister and President

POST PANDEMIC CHURCH SNAPSHOT: ONLINE PROGRAM

What does congregational life look like in this unsettled, post-pandemic moment? Drawing on fresh data from 24,000 church attenders nationwide, this webinar will unpack shifting patterns of commitment, engagement, and belonging. We’ll explore the rise of new attenders and online worshippers, and consider the surprising reality that even the most committed members often hold “multiple commitments” across different congregations. Together, we’ll reflect on what these trends mean for UCC churches wrestling with questions of identity, vitality, and mission—and identify insights that can help leaders discern faithful and creative paths forward.

Presented by Dr. Allison Norton of the Hartford Institute for Religion Research: Tues., Oct. 28, 2025, 6 - 8PM
Registration closes Oct. 23. More information:
<https://sneucc-reg.brtapp.com/BeyondthePandemic>

books &

Our next meeting is Monday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m. The book selected is *Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus.

From Amazon: One Thousand White Women begins with May Dodd's journey into an unknown world. Having been committed to an insane asylum by her blue-blood family for the crime of loving a man beneath her station, May finds that her only hope for freedom and redemption is to participate in a secret government program whereby women from "civilized" society become the brides of Cheyenne warriors.

Copies of this book will be available at the May Memorial Library. There were many copies of the book in the area, so there should be plenty to borrow. It is a longer book. Please join the discussion, even if you haven't finished it.

JUDGING A BOOK BY....?

A few weeks back, a small group of EWCC congregants met after church to discuss ways we could take action around the issue of banned books as a church.

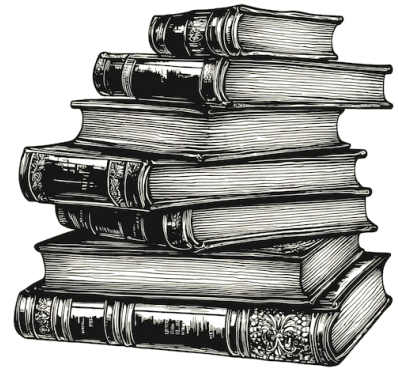
First, up until 2023 there were no book bannings on record in Connecticut. That year there were 14-17 book challenges (the data is not precise) covering over 100 different titles. However, across the United States there have been book bannings happening probably since the early days of our country. People have requested to have books banned from schools and public libraries for a variety of reasons.

Alice Walker's *The Color Purple* has been recommended to be banned for religious objections, homosexuality, violence, the use of slang and profanity, and more. Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is often banned due to its use of racial slurs, its ethnic stereotypes, and just because it makes people uncomfortable. The *Harry Potter* series has been banned in places because of magic. And probably every book that has any LGBTQ+ mention has been banned for those theme, words, etc.

In recent years books are being banned just because the authors are African-American or Chinese; Jerry Craft's graphic novel *New Kid* for example, and Grace Lin's picture book *A Big Mooncake for Little Star*. Attach are the suggestions that Pastor Gary pulled together after watching the UCC's webinar on banned books.

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE GROUP:

- for Pastor Gary to bring the idea of forming a formal group to church council. They also asked him to speak to the deacons about allowing a few minutes of "book reports" during worship for a few weeks.
- The group believes the book reports would be a good way to launch some other action.
- Our church already has the beginnings of a Banned Book Library with our LGBTQ+ library. As Pastor Gary talked about, many teens struggle to get access to such books because their parents do



not approve. However, getting those same teens into our building can be a challenge.

- Starting a Safe Space Youth Group, but it would need other adult mentors to commit to the time, and the Christian Ed would then need to reclaim some of the space they have shared in the school house. Even supportive families with LGBTQ+ members could use more community support! And they are often the people who know other people without support, who would appreciate easy access to such books.
- A Little Free Banned Book Library on the church lawn was also suggested. How to advertise said library was discussed because it would need to be done very carefully.

Further discussion will need to happen. If you are interested in continuing this work, please reach out and let me know. In order for any action to be happening we need more people doing the work together.

Jessica Weaver Boose

HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT FAIR

Will be held on **Saturday, December 6th from 10-3**

here at EWCC. Over 30 area artists and craftfolk will have their work on display. For more information or an application to participate, please contact Karen McFarlin via email: kmcf3470@gmail.com



Learning in faith



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

For the month of October we are studying Jesus' Parable of the Sower. Being an agricultural town, our children have good foundations for understanding the comparison of humans taking in the word of God being similar to seeds having different responses to different growing conditions.

The hope is to have the students do a simple presentation of the parable during the Children's Time in worship on Sunday, October 26th.

The nursery is OPEN and staffed and in use! If you know anyone who is not coming to church because they are concerned about their little ones, please tell them we welcome all God's wigglers and chatterboxes and we have space for all ages!

Jessica Weaver Boose

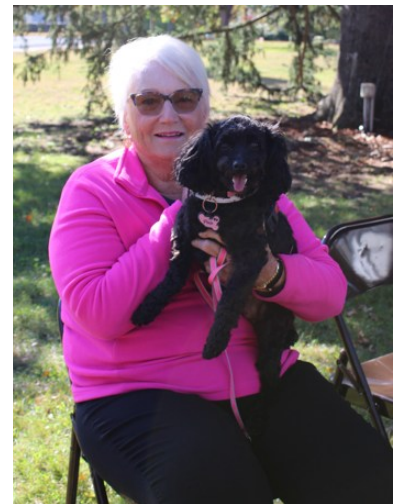
PLACES IN THE HEART: MOVIE MATINEE FOLLOWING THE SERVICE ON OCTOBER 12

Sally Field gives a stirring Academy Award-winning performance in this 1984 drama centering on her character's unending struggle against extraordinary hardships. Strong subplots add to the emotionally gripping tale leaving the viewer with an indelible impression of faith, courage, love, and, most of all, endurance, culminating in an unforgettable Holy Communion scene.

The film is rated PG and is suitable for middle school children and up. A signup sheet will be posted in Fellowship Hall. "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7)

November's Film is "What's Cooking?"

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS COMMEMORATES ST. FRANCIS' BIRTHDAY, CELEBRATES LOVE OF FURRY COMPANIONS



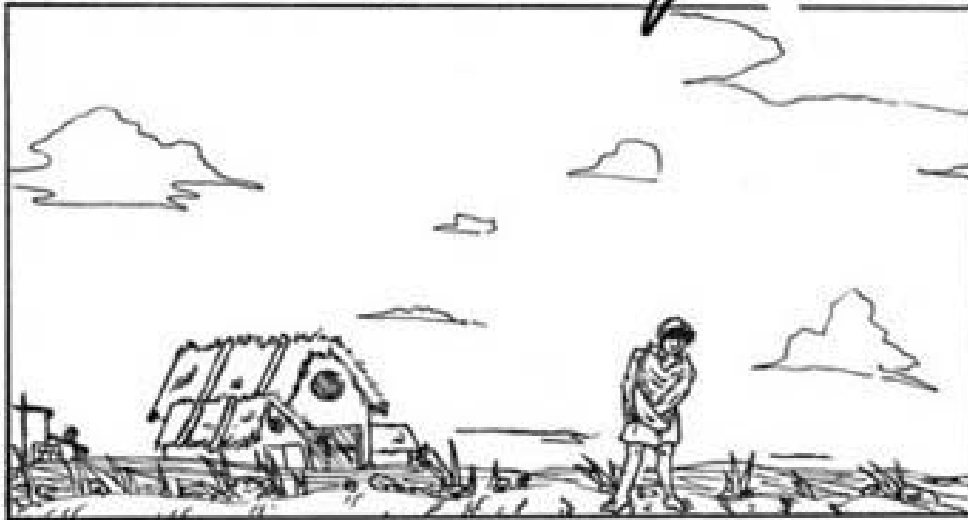
Zoe and Pixie with their moms waiting to be blessed.

This past Saturday, October 4th, over a dozen canines and one brave Bengal cat (and their humans) were blessed at a service on the Common. The Reverends Gary Shahinian and Kevin Downer officiated a service that included scripture readings, poetry, and the honoring of those who have "crossed the rainbow bridge". Songs joy were led by Leslie Sweetnam and Rick LaMarre. Treats, certificates of blessing, and the closing hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" made for a meaningful event for all.

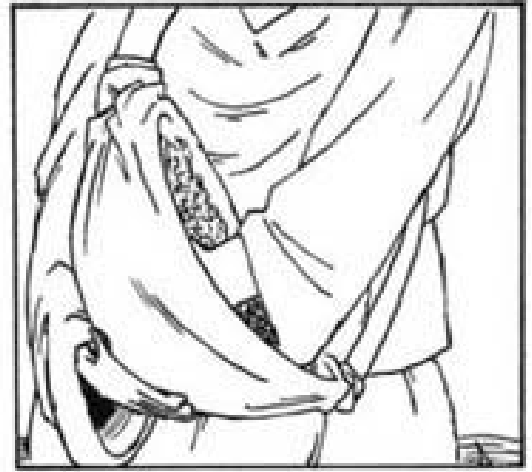
HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TRUNK seeking donations of Halloween Candy; EWCC will be participating in Trunk or Treat at Roseland Park on October 26th where they expect over 1,000 children. A bin is available in Fellowship Hall for donations. More information: Dorrie Scranton



Parable Of The Sower



During Jesus' Lifetime He spoke in many parables, one of them was the Parable of the Sower. Jesus said, "Behold, a sower went forth to sow..."



...And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside, and the fowls came and devoured them up...



upcoming...

 Woodstock Commission on Aging presents

Vaccine Clinic

(Flu & Covid)
and Senior Health Fair

**Wednesday,
Oct. 15
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AND WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU
BUT TO DO JUSTICE AND TO LOVE KINDNESS
AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD?"**
-MICAH 6:8

**WONDERING HOW TO ADDRESS PERSISTENT
PROBLEMS AFFECTING YOUR COMMUNITY?**

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**OCTOBER 23RD
2025
11:30-1:30 PM**

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**JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION AND PLANNING LUNCH WITH
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Observe October's Fire Safety month by
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**Thursday, Oct.23
1:30-3:3PM**

Free Refreshments
Prizes!



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October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
UPCOMING: No Tai Chi on 10/13, 10/27 Vaccine Clinic: 10/15 Woodstock Town Hall 10AM-12PM Fire & Safety for Seniors 10/23 1:30-3:30PM First Congregational, UCC November 2: All Saints Sunday November 9: Stewardship Sunday Movie Matinee: <i>What's Cooking?</i>			OCTOBER 1 Bible Study 12:30PM Al-Anon, 7:30PM	2 Bell Choir 7PM	3	4 Blessing of the Animals 10AM on the Common
5 Worship World Communion Sunday 10AM	6 Community Kitchen Prep 9AM Outreach, 6PM	7 Choir 7PM Council 7PM	8 Bible Study 12:30PM Al-Anon, 7:30PM	9 Bell Choir 7PM	10	11
12 Worship 10AM Movie Matinee	13 Outreach, 6PM	14 Choir 7PM	15 Bible Study 10:30AM LBS 1:30PM Al-Anon, 7:30PM	16 Bell Choir 7PM	17	18
19 Worship 10AM Laity Sunday	20 Society 7PM	21 Choir 7PM	22 Bible Study 10:30AM Al-Anon, 7:30PM	23 Bell Choir 7PM	24	25
26 Worship 10AM Reformation Sunday Trunk or Treat at Roseland Park	27 Book Discussion 7PM	28 Choir 7PM	29 Bible Study 10:30AM Al-Anon, 7:30PM	30 Bell Choir 7PM	31 Halloween	



East Woodstock Congregational Church

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East Woodstock, Connecticut 06244



A Retreat for Women 2025

*You are invited to gather
together for a women's retreat at
beautiful and serene*

**Camp Wightman in
Griswold, CT**

Friday November 7- Saturday November 8th

We are invited to join with women from the
Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church in Groton, CT.

Rev. Claudine Crooks will be leading the re-
treat with the theme of

"Storm Journey."

Mark 4: 35-41

Join us in whatever way suits you whether it be for
both Friday afternoon and Saturday or just for the
day on Saturday.

Cost for both days - \$85.00 includes retreat
center accommodations, breakfast and lunch
on Saturday. **Cost for Saturday only** - \$30.00
includes breakfast and lunch

Please complete this form if you would like to attend.
Checks should be written out to PBBC with "Women's
Retreat" in the memo line. Forms and checks will be
collected by Amy Hiller-White (508.380.8448). You may
also leave them in the church office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Emergency contact name and # _____

Any food allergies? _____

_____ Friday and Sat. _____ Sat. only

*Friday dinner is not offered, however there are many
hearty snacks that are shared. Bring one to share if you
like! *Camp provides a bottom sheet. Bring your own top
sheet, blanket and pillow.

**Unfortunately this is the same day as the Holly Fair.
This was not avoidable this year. Next year we will strive
for no conflicting dates.*