

# *faith matters*

The Roxbury Congregational Church  
*A Congregation in the United Church of Christ*



Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
In-person and Virtual  
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## ***Pastoral Reflections***

The Reverend David F. Peters, Minister

This past month, Silver Lake Board of Directors honored me with the Silver Lake Award for 2022. It was a great celebration for which I am grateful, humbled, and uncomfortable receiving. I am not one to be comfortable with having the attention on me. I am grateful to be appreciated, but I like to be supportive and shine the light on others.



I had to make remarks at the awards event and as I thought about the things that Silver Lake inspires in others, I came to realize that a lot of the things that I appreciated and learned from being at “the Lake” were things that I subconsciously promoted here at the Roxbury Church!

I shared with the large group gathered about ideals of inclusiveness, cooperation, gift and talent appreciation, care for creation and love of God, neighbor and ourselves.

Loving God, neighbor, ourselves and love for creation is what the Roxbury Church is all about.

We strive to keep this all-in balance though. We seek to not just love ourselves without knowing that we must also love our neighbor, whoever they may be. We may not always get it right, but we are pretty darn close to being that beloved community.

We may not sit around and sing camp songs and put on skits and play games like they do at Silver Lake, but we have created, you and I, the same kind of atmosphere that young people find so attractive and life-affirming in these days when many things that are foundational are challenged or called into question.

Silver Lake provides that for our youth people. And the Roxbury Church seeks to do the same for not only young people, but those of us who are just a bit older!

May God bless you and us as we strive to be that community that loves God, neighbor, ourselves and creation.

Grace and Peace,

*David*

### *So Your Minister Can Help / Support You & Yours*

If you are hospitalized and desire pastoral support, you or your family should notify our minister of the hospitalization as soon as possible, by calling 860-355-1978. With current federal regulations, clergy are not able to find this information from the hospital.

If you are asked at admission if you have a Church, please say “Roxbury Congregational Church.”

## Check out our new logo!

With the permission of the artist, Jeanne Steers, we are using her art piece that hangs on the wall in our meetinghouse as the basis for our new logo.



It was important in designing the logo that it not be about a building, but about people. Each of us in our own way, sharing God's love in our daily lives. We are commissioned as followers of Jesus to be the light in a world that is darkened for many. This logo hopes to embody that call to us.

## Date Set for Memorial Service and Celebration of Life for Sarah Johnson

The services for Sarah, who died on February 14, age 42, will be on Saturday, May 21, 1:00 p.m. at the Apple Lane Pavilion. It will include a pot luck meal as she asked.



Sarah attended youth groups here and also was a summer staff member at Silver lake for 3 summers. In the meantime, please keep her family and many friends in your prayers.

## Steeple Lighting

The Steeple can be lit in loving memory of someone or in celebration for a month. We ask for a donation of \$25 to the Memorial Fund. Contact Rev. Peters to make arrangements.



May: Chuck and Doris Farrell,  
June: OPEN  
July: Jan & Bill Steers  
August: OPEN  
September: OPEN  
October: Elizabeth & Andrey Kutepov  
November Dale Pinchbeck  
December: Diane & Charlie Meade

## Mother's Day Cards are on Sale

The Mission Committee is once again selling Mother's Day cards to support Church World Services' Blanket Program. Each \$10 colorful Mother's Day themed card supports a gift to someone in need such as a blanket which can be used for warmth, shelter, carrying goods to the market as well as sheltering young children. Our congregation has a long and generous history with this program. Watch for the table with the cards for sale after worship on Sundays, May 1 and May 8.

THIS MOTHER'S DAY,



*Blanket the World with Love!*  
[cwsblankets.org/mothersday](http://cwsblankets.org/mothersday)

Father's Day Cards – Tools of Hope, will be on sale beginning May 29<sup>th</sup>.

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

4 Jacob Collette  
19 Autumn Collette  
19 Rebecca Mulhare  
25 Charlie Meade  
27 Pat Fraley

## **Ladies Luncheon Returns!**

Mark your calendar for noon, Sunday, May 1 for the annual tradition.

Moms, invite your daughters, Daughters, invite your mom or anyone invite someone who you think of as a mother figure or a daughter you wish you had...

1754 House & Tavern (Curtis House) \$30

Reservations: Jeanne Steers



## **Rummage/ Bake Sale May 21<sup>st</sup> 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Our church Rummage/Bake sale will be held on Saturday, May 21, from 9:00 - 2:00. We take gently-used clothing, household items, small working appliances, linens, garden items, plants, small furniture, etc. We do not take exercise equipment, computers, luggage, baby cribs, electronics, and text books. If you are undecided, you may call Sue Stauffacher at 860-354-1274 before 7:00 p.m. to ask and to volunteer.



## **Ukraine Benefit Spaghetti Dinner**

Saturday, May 7 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall  
Tickets at the door.

Spaghetti with sauce, bread, salad, dessert  
Tickets: Adults and Sr. \$15, 12 & under: \$10,  
Under 5 :free



Items may be dropped off beginning Monday, May 16 through Thursday, May 19. The door into Fellowship Hall will be unlocked all week.

Clothing donations **MUST** be clean and in good condition. Items must be either on hangars or folded in boxes. Clothing in garbage bags or plastic grocery bags will **NOT** be accepted.

At 1:30, we offer a \$5 bag sale - everything you can fit into a paper grocery bag for \$5.

I know many of you just love to bake, so please plan to bake for the sale. Some people come just for our wonderful baked goodies :) We offer free coffee all day.

## **The Book of Job & Us - A Bible Study beginning May 15 after worship**

Our own Jerry Smith will be offering a weekly series on the Book of Job.  
The study will be held in the Chapel Library - bring your coffee and join us...

The week's themes include:

- May 15 "Why Must I Suffer So?"
- May 22 "With Friends Like These, Who Needs Enemies?"
- May 29 No session
- June 5 Robust Faith--Faith That Stands Up to Suffering
- June 12 The Experience of the Inexperienced
- June 19 Out of the Whirlwind
- June 26 Job's Hope and Our Gift

## **Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center**

223 Low Road, Sharon, CT  
860-364-5526

### **Summer Conferences - 2022**

Registrations are now open!

Conferences fill *f a s t!* - So plan now or you may not be able to attend when or what you desire!

Learn more about summer camp at Silver Lake, view the 2022 summer brochure, and look through the upcoming sessions at <https://www.silverlakeect.org/summercamp>

The Summer Conferences feature week-long sessions for those entering grades 4-12 in the fall. Also, there are Family Camps- half-week sessions!

Silver Lake provides life-changing experiences of God's love in creation!

Speak with Rev. David with any questions as well to apply for a grant from the Church to go towards the cost of a session at Silver Lake!

The Camp is American Camping Association certified.



Silver Lake is a camp and retreat center of our Southern New England Conference, UCC. Each year it hosts and sponsors Summer Camp sessions, Local Church retreats, family retreats, and family day outings "in God's backyard!"

for more information about Silver Lake: go to [silverlakeect.org](http://silverlakeect.org)

### **Silver Lake 2022 Open House**

May 15, 2021 1-5 p.m.

A visit to Silver Lake before camp is the best way for a first-time camper (conferee) to know what to expect — you might even run into a new friend who will be in the same conference this summer! We'll provide the cookies, you bring your questions. See you there!

“We are so excited to kick off the summer by welcoming families to Open House,” said Rev. Ryan Gackenheimer, Executive Director. “This event is the best way to get a feel for what it’s like to be a camper at Silver Lake for a week this summer.”

Silver Lake Conference Center, 223 Low Road, Sharon, CT, is the outdoor ministry program of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. For more information, email [slcc@silverlakeect.org](mailto:slcc@silverlakeect.org), call 860-364-5526, or visit [www.silverlakeect.org](http://www.silverlakeect.org).



**Star Island**  
Isles of Shoals, NH

An island off the coast of Portsmouth, Star Island, NH is a wonderful week-long time of renewal and enrichment for adults and youth alike.

Their vision is to create on Star Island an environment that frees all who come to renew spiritually, explore matters of consequence, and gain knowledge about the world as it might ideally be.

For more information and register for Summer 2022 Conferences, go to their website [starisland.org](http://starisland.org).

For questions speak with Charlie & Sue Stauffacher or Nancy Desmond. Church Scholarships are available, see Rev. Peters.

[www.starisland.org](http://www.starisland.org)



represent someone’s testimony at the time of writing. The entire New Testament is the individual writer’s testimony of their experience of Jesus Christ and the transformative power of God.

“Testimony reminds us of where we have been, helps us see where we are and directs us toward unanticipated paths.” (*Christianity For the Rest of Us*, Diana Butler Bass, p.139)

Guidelines for Sharing:

We ask that it be a personal testimony about how your faith has shaped you and how it guides your life.

We want it to be a way for people to get to know you a little better.

3-5 minutes in length

Delivered as part of worship

We put time aside during worship on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month for sharing Faith Stories.

If you are willing, please speak with Rev. Peters

Rev. Peters and the Board of Deacons invite you to consider sharing your faith story.

Christian tradition has long included the sharing of faith stories. People in the early church shared their personal stories of God’s presence in their lives as a way of explaining their faith to newcomers. Pilgrims along the journey have always shared stories with one another about their experiences. We are our stories. We cannot fully know one another without sharing. The psalms

## 2022 Calendar

All events listed are tentative as of 5/1/2022

May 1	Ladies Luncheon, 12 noon	1754 House & Tavern (Curtis House)	Woodbury
May 6	Red Cross Blood Drive	12 – 6 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
May 7	Ukraine Benefit Spaghetti Supper	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
May 8	Mother’s Day		
May 14	Spring Church Work Day	9-12	
May 15	Long River Concerts	– 3:00 p.m.	\$30 Meetinghouse
May 21	Rummage/Bake Sale,	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	
June 5	Pentecost Sunday -		
June 5	Strengthen the Church Offering		
June 12	Rite of Confirmation		
	Spring Church Picnic after worship		
June 17, 18, & 19	Art at the Meetinghouse		Fellowship Hall
June 19	Father’s Day		
	Choir and Music Appreciation Day		
June 26	Guest Mission Presentation during worship		
July & August	Worship time is at 9:30 a.m.		
	Rev. Peters on Vacation (July) and Sabbatical (Aug)		
August 27	Beef Barbecue	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Church grounds
September 4	United Worship & Picnic with Episcopal Church	– Apple Lane Pavilion	10:30 a.m.
September 10	Tag Sale,	9 a.m. -2 p.m.	Church grounds

## **Word & Sacrament for May 2022**

Underlined scriptures are for Lay Readers

John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

### **Sunday, May 1**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Psalms 30

Rev. 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Greeters: Steve & Linda Ross

Reader: Steve Ross

Zoom Tech: Barbara Cover with Jerry Smith

Refreshments: Steve & Linda Ross

### **Sunday, May 8**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Mother's Day

Acts 9:36-43

Psalms 23

Rev 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Greeter: Bill & Dariel Curren

Reader: Bill Curren

Zoom Tech: Charlie Stauffacher

Refreshments: Vail Barrett

### **Sunday, May 15**

Sacrament of Baptism – Laurel Marie Curren

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Mental Health Sunday

Acts 11:1-18

Psalms 148

Rev 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

Greeters: Chris & Janet Childs

Reader: Chris Childs

Zoom Tech: Barbara Cover

Refreshments: Lindsay Mulhare &  
Susan Zappulla-Peters

### **Sunday, May 22**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16:9-15

Psalms 67,

Rev 21:10, 22-22:5

Greeters: Joan & Mike Temple

Reader: Bill Steers

Zoom Tech:

Refreshments: Elizabeth & Andrey Kutepov

### **Sunday, May 29**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97

Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

Greeters: Nancy & Dick Callahan

Reader: Nancy Callahan

Zoom Tech:

Refreshments: Collette family

## **2022 Flower Calendar**

The 2022 Flower Calendar is posted in Fellowship Hall. If you have a particular day/date on which you would like to place flowers on the altar, please add your name to the calendar or call the church office. Please write clearly and add any memorial or celebratory dedication you wish printed in the bulletin.

## **Easter 2022 Flowers Placed by**

Mike Wilcox – memory of Dottie's parents

Carol Goodwin – memory of Loved Ones

Marilyn Huang & Andy Huber – New Beginnings

Barb & Norm Cover - memory of Loved Ones

Tom & Christine Farrell - memory of Loved Ones

David & Susan Z-Peters - memory of Loved ones

## **June Faith Matters Deadline: May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Email submissions to: [office@roxburychurch.org](mailto:office@roxburychurch.org)

Church Office Hours:

Thursdays & Fridays

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

## Easy Ways You Can Support Roxbury Church



### **Cash 4 Causes Card Program awakens from the Pandemic Slumber...**

The popular program is back with a new coordinator and an emphasis on the local grocery stores.

Susan Zappulla-Peters 860-355-8830  
( zappullapeters@mac.com ) is the point of contact for the program.

It is hoped that you would consider getting in the habit, like some, to purchase your cards on a monthly basis

We would like to have the second Sunday of each Month be Card Ordering Sunday. We would like to have a set day so it is easy to remember to order and easy for the processing... Next Date: May 8

The concept is simple.

- You buy the card at the face value (ex. \$100) and we purchase a cash card from the store.
- They charge approx. 5% less and the church keeps the difference.
- You spend the same amount, but by using the card, your Church gets a 5% benefit!!

We work primarily with Stop & Shop, Big Y and Shop Rite cards

Contact Susan directly or speak with her on Sundays after worship. She will try to have a few cards for the different stores with her.

### **LaBonne's Receipts**

A continuing Thank You to everyone who contributes LaBonne's receipts to the church. This has been an on-going source of revenue to add to our mission funds. Please save your receipts and place them in the wooden box on the table in Fellowship Hall. Questions to Sue Stauffacher at 860-354-1274.

### **Recycling Printer Cartridges**

Drop off your used ink and toner cartridges at Church and we recycle them at Staples for store credit. Use the box in Fellowship Hall or the closet across from the Men's bathroom.



### **AmazonSmile**

Do you shop on Amazon.com? If so, eligible purchases can generate 0.5% back to our church. Go to smile.amazon.com to find out more! There is also a link on the eFaith Matters emails and the church's website: roxburychurch.org

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### **Supporting Third World Artisans**



### **SERRV Shop**

Looking to buy a unique gift and help others at the same time? Try SERRV! Our shop is open each Sunday after worship in Fellowship Hall with affordable jewelry, handicrafts, candles, tea, soup mixes and so on. Questions? Speak with Susan Zappulla-Peters. 355-8830.

# May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Eid al-Fitr</b> ■ 9:00 AM Conf: Sacred Heart RC ■ 9:15 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 11:30 AM Refresh- ■ 11:40 AM Confir-	2 <b>Eid al-Fitr</b>	3 <b>David Peters' day off</b> ■ 9:00 AM Kitchen rental all day ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	4 ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5 <b>Cinco de Mayo</b> ■ 7:00 PM Deacons	6 ■ 12:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 ■ 5:30 PM Art Show Planning	7 ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation ■ 5:00 PM Spaghetti Dinner for Ukraine
8 <b>Mother's Day</b> ■ 9:15 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments	9 ■ 9:00 AM Daily Bread Food Pantry team	10 <b>David Peters' day off</b> ■ 9:00 AM Kitchen rental all day ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	11 ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	12	13	14 ■ 8:00 AM Mens Breakfast ■ 9:00 AM Church Work Day ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
15 <b>Rumage Sale Set up</b>	16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>Red Nose Day!</b>
■ <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> ■ 9:15 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 10:30 AM Baptism ■ 11:30 AM Refresh- and 3 more...		■ <b>David Peters' day off</b> ■ 9:00 AM Kitchen rental all day ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	■ 6:00 PM Cub Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts		■ 5:30 PM Art Show Planning	■ 9:00 AM Rummage Sale & Bake Sale ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
■ 9:15 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 11:45 AM Job and Us Study	23	24 <b>David Peters' day off</b> ■ 9:00 AM Kitchen rental all day ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	25 ■ 3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes Meal ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	26	27	28 ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
■ 9:15 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments	30 <b>Memorial Day</b> ■ 10:00 AM Parade	31 <b>David Peters' day off</b> ■ 9:00 AM Kitchen rental all day ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	1 ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	2 ■ 7:00 PM Deacons	3 ■ 5:30 PM Art Show Planning	4 ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation

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## leadership listing

(All 860- unless noted)

As of 2/13/22

Ministers: The Congregation

Moderator: Brian Neff, 354-3177

Clerk: Patricia Fraley, 868-0051

Treasurer: Dale Pinchbeck 355-2497

(Bill or reimbursement requests:

treasurer@roxburychurch.org)

Collector: Beverly Wolmer 203-405-6795

Deacons: Mike Wilcox 354-8821

Trustees: Charlie Meade, 354-1274

Stewardship: Brian Neff 354-3177

Missions: TBA

Fellowship: Jeanne Steers, 354-7484

Pastoral Relations: Pat Fraley

Men's Group: Charlie Stauffacher, 354-1274

Historian: Dale Pinchbeck, 355-4297

Librarian: Joan Temple, 350-0529

Secretary/Newsletter: Secretary, 355-1978

Minister of Music: Sandra Kleisner, 868-9040

Custodian: Bruce Rossiter

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## Pictures from around Roxbury Church



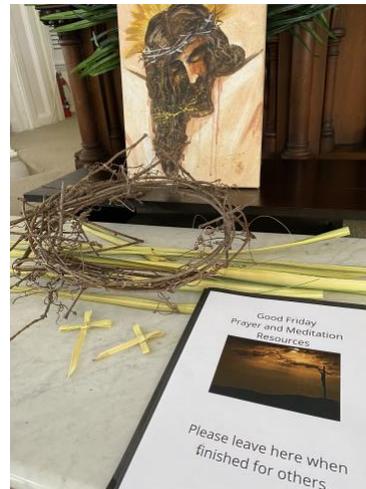
Easter Sunrise



Easter decorations



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday Prayer Resources



Easter Community Breakfast



New Generator installed

Roxbury Congregational Church, UCC  
24 Church Street  
Roxbury, CT 06783  
USA  
Address Service Requested

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## **NEWSLETTER – May 2022**

Worship – Sundays 10:30 a.m. in person & online

*We Are a Community Seeking to Share God’s Love!*

*No Matter Who You Are, or Where You Are on Life’s Journey, You Are Welcome Here!*

