

faith matters

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



Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
In-person and Virtual
*Face Mask are optional for
those fully vaccinated.*

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Pastoral Reflections Rev. David Peters

May and June are months which we here in America celebrate mothers and fathers. It is a way to say thank you and celebrate the roles they have in our lives. Sometimes we as a mother or father, as well as, our mothers and fathers, have not always gotten it right. The main thing is that mothers and fathers have an important role to play as nurturer and role model.

I am thinking about this in relation to your and my role here at the Roxbury Church. On any given Sunday, I can look around and observe many of you being that influence on our young people as well as older people as well. We all need and rely on those who have different life experiences, family histories, even sad and tragic events.

As Christians, we are asked to be Christ's ambassadors, to be role models to others, whether inside the church walls or out in the wider community. And you never know when your words to someone or actions observed can have an influence on someone else ready to receive it. I think of the extraordinary task that teachers have. They teach and model for our youngest and many times never see the fruits of their labors. Once in a while those special moments occur when a student is able to acknowledge the teacher's part in their development.

I like to think of this church community of ours as not just to be enriched, supported, and nurtured, but also a place where we can shine as individuals, each with our unique personality, life path, and perspectives.

Of my years here in Roxbury, one chapter I admire about all of you the most, was when we were able to be a teaching parish for a seminary student. I think of Virnette Hamilton, Diane Monti-Catania, and Diane Meade. You nurtured, and you shined!

I hope that you take that into consideration that your actions, the way you act, think, and pray, do have an influence.

Continue to be that influence on others!

With Appreciation and Love,

David

The Church congratulates Rev. David Peters as he receives the Annual Silver Lake Award!

Article by Brian Lapis, Silver Lake Board Member

The Silver Lake glitterati were especially sparkly on the afternoon of April 24 at the Silver Lake Award Celebration, honoring the Rev. David Peters. The event celebrated Rev. Peters' 40 years of service and ministry at Silver Lake as a camper, counselor, staffer, dean, and volunteer.

The Silver Lake Award recognizes someone whose life has been visibly shaped by the core values of Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center and who, in turn, lives their life and faith in a way that reflects the formative experiences they have had at Silver Lake.

As the theme of the Silver Lake Award suggests, Dave Peters has taken the core values of Silver Lake and applied them beyond Low Road. Parishioners from the Roxbury Congregational Church and David's friends from The Essex Steam Train & Riverboat were there to fete his Silver Lake honors!

Executive Conference Minister Rev. Darrell Goodwin, the Rev. Scooter Pitman, Robert Bradway from the Essex Steam Train, Scott Waddell, and Kyla Peters gave tributes to David.



The Rev. David Peters accepted the 2022 Silver Lake Award at a celebration at Farmington Gardens on April 24, 2022. Silver Lake Board Chair Jonathan Russell, left, and Executive Director The Rev. Ryan Gackenheimer (right, with Joya), presented the award.

In his speech, David spoke about his decades-long love for Silver Lake, lifting Alden Tyrol as a mentor, and the special kind of people the Silver Lake experience creates.

“The theme of community keeps coming back to me,” he said. “Inclusion, honoring all people for

who they are, to seek a balance of leadership and personalities on work teams and committees, expressing gratitude, and seeking to match gifts and talents with tasks/work/vocation. These are things that we can do each day in our lives, no matter how common or special. Any one of us can do this... Most of us, who have had the Silver Lake experience, seek to live this out. In that sense, most of us are already Silver Lake Award nominees--and award recipients!”

The Silver Lake Award Celebration is a terrific opportunity for all Lakers to reconnect with the camp we love.

“I left the Silver Lake Award Celebration with a renewed sense of community that can only be felt in the presence of those who know the Silver Lake ‘Loves’,” said alum Andrea Olson. “It was so great to honor one of the Lake’s dedicated servants and hear stories and testimony to how Dave has lived and shared those Silver Lake Loves with all those in his sphere – from his congregation and conferees to his family and fellow steam train enthusiasts.”

Silver Lake alum Dwight Dagenhart adds, “To see my old friend Dave Peters being honored for something that he has loved doing and loves to do was just a pure joy to me. Add to that, being able to reconnect with old friends and relive a great time in my life, and all you can say is that it was magical. Lastly, my heart filled to see how Silver Lake is evolving and reinventing itself while continuing to lift our youth, and adults too, in the love of God, fellow man, and stewardship of the earth.”

The Silver Lake Award Celebration is also a fundraiser. The silent auction featured more than 40 items. There was also an exciting live auction featuring a one-year Silver Lake cookie club, baked by Chef Lynn Boettger, and two Essex Steam Train dinner train excursions for 2, including an enhanced behind-the-scenes tour with Dave Peters.

Donors and bidders were very generous at our event. Donations to the Silver Lake Scholarship Fund raised \$11,715. Bids on the silent and live auctions raised more than \$7,000. Thank you for your generosity!

Nominations are now open for the 2023 Silver Lake Award. Submit your choice at www.silverlakeect.org/silverlakeaward. *Make a donation in Dave's honor at www.silverlakeect.org/donate-now*

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.

Thank you



... to everyone who participated in Church Work Day on Saturday, May 14th including the members of our Boy Scout Troop. We got a lot accomplished!

...to Howie Bronson for helping move our new standby generator from the Parsonage Garage to its final location next to the Chapel with his farm tractor.

...to Andrey and Elizabeth Kutepov for painting some of our interior doors which needed a touch up badly...

...to David Lincicome and Pat Fraley who have spruced up our gardens around the church property and to Pat for weeding the front walks.

...A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in any way to our successful 2022 Rummage/Bake Sale. We had workers, donators, buyers, cashiers and baggers, set up and set down folks, bakers, packers, drivers to First Congregational Church in Washington, CT to give them our leftovers for their July Fair, and many more people. It takes a team to do this, and we are blessed with a wonderful, dedicated team, led by Sue Stauffacher. Thank you.

With pre-sales, day-of sales, and Sunday sales, we brought in \$2,130.50. Amazing! And there will be more to come as we took some items to consignment shops. Just because the actual Rummage/Bake sale day is over, it isn't really over. Joseph Ochieng from God Provides Ministries, Int'l. in Waterbury picks up all our leftover clothes, purses, shoes, etc., and other misc. stuff. He gives whatever is needed to people who need it. He is amazing. I'm so glad our church helps him in his ministry.

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."

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.

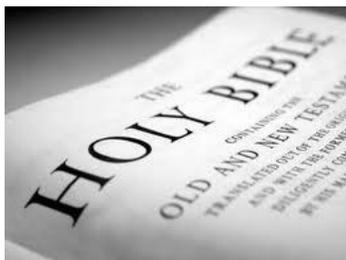


June: Heidi & Brian Neff
July: Jan & Bill Steers
August: OPEN
September: OPEN
October: Elizabeth & Andrey Kutepov
November Dale Pinchbeck
December: Diane & Charlie Meade

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

4 David Lincicome
9 Steve Ross
12 Kevin Dumas
14 Diana Dumas
16 Michael Temple
16 Barbara Biafore
23 Barbara Cover

The Book of Job & Us - A Bible Study after worship



Our own Jerry Smith is 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:

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

From the Parish Register

Baptism

May 15, 2022: Laurel Marie Curren, daughter of Jamie and Sarah (Clark) Curren, born October 6, 2021. Granddaughter of Dariel and Bill Curren

Death

May 26, 2022: Alice Shaber virtual service 6/12 2p.

Funeral / Memorial Services

May 21, 2022: Sarah Johnson, 42, died February 14, 2022 Service at Apple Lane Pavilion

May 22, 2022: Charles MacMillan, 93, died November 22, 2021 Graveside service in Bridgewater Center Cemetery.

Mission Matters

On April 24, May 1 and May 8 we sold Mother's Day cards to benefit women in poor nations with wool blankets distributed by Church World Services each year. Our sales totaled over \$200, thus twenty blankets were provided to the needy.

Father's Day Cards



Our Mission Committee is currently selling Father's Day cards to benefit Church World Services. The Father's Day cards, available for sale, from June 5 through 19th, will benefit CWS Tools.

CWS helps families in the United States and around the world in the wake of natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes. They also provide people with resources and skills necessary to build or rebuild sustainable lives and communities. To learn more, please visit cwsglobal.org

17th Annual "Art at the Meetinghouse"

— A Juried Art Show —

Featuring over 100 Works of Art!

At the
Roxbury Congregational Church
24 Church Street
Roxbury, Connecticut



June 17, 18 & 19, 2022

Free Admission

Hours:

Friday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm



Visit www.roxburychurch.org, or
call Charlie Meade with questions 203 775 1434

Corporate Sponsors include: Union Savings Bank and Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.
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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.

UCC Summer Weeks are

Week 1: July 31 – August 6

Week 2: August 7-13

For more information and register for Summer 2022 Conferences, go to their website starisland.org.

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

www.starisland.org

Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center

223 Low Road, Sharon, CT

860-364-5526

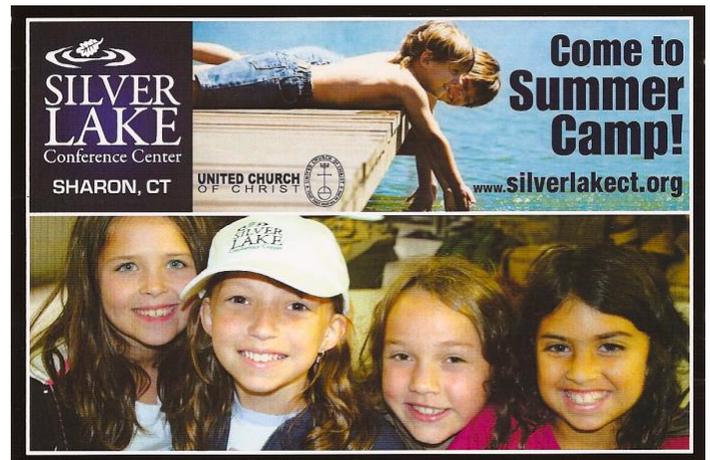
Summer Conferences - 2022

Registrations are now open!

Registration is still open. There are openings!

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

Save the Date!

All events listed are tentative as of 6/1/2022

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

***Don't just make a plan,
make a difference!***

Your gift can create a lasting legacy

For over 200 years people like you have been making bequests and life income gifts that have helped generations of church people. Just like you, shared God's love to the Roxbury community and the wider world. Perhaps this congregation has made a difference in your life, provided important support and comfort to a neighbor or friend, or inspiration that led you to change your life.

Now you can honor that gift with one of your own. By your charitable financial plans including the church, you can make a difference in the future of the church.



Types of Planned Gifts

Gifts through your will

The Roxbury Congregational Church can be named as a beneficiary in your will and you can specify an outright gift of cash, securities, real estate or tangible personal property. If your estate is subject to the federal estate tax, a charitable bequest can save significant tax dollars. Gifts made to the church for a specific purpose must be agreed upon beforehand by the Board of Trustees.

Appreciated Stock

By making a gift of stock you receive an income tax deduction and eliminate the capital gains tax.

Charitable Remainder Trust

You can use under-performing appreciated assets to create steady income for the rest of your life. You receive a significant charitable deduction and the capital gains tax is eliminated. Your trust can be professionally managed.

Note: Undesignated Bequests are, by policy, split 10% for mission projects with the remainder split 50/50 between the Church's Investment Account, with growth and interest only being used, and the Capital Reserve Fund, used for capital improvements and ministry opportunities. Recently, monies from the Peck bequest were used for 2 cameras for virtual worship and for incidentals for the new generator.

Word & Sacrament for June 2022

Underlined scriptures are for Lay Readers

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 or Gen 11:1-9

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Rom 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Greeters: Mark Wolmer, Jerry Smith

Reader: Jerry Smith

Zoom Tech: Charlie Stauffacher

Refreshments: Carol Goodwin & Callahans

Sunday, June 12

Trinity Sunday

First Sunday after Pentecost

Prov 8:1-4, 22-31 and Psalms 8

Rom 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Greeters: Vail Barrett

Reader: Vail Barrett

Zoom Tech: Barbara Cover

Refreshments: Christine & Tom Farrell

Sunday, June 19

Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a and Psalms 42 and 43

Isa 65:1-9 and Psalms 22:19-28

Gal 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

Greeters: Andy Huber & Marilyn Huang

Reader: Andy Huber

Zoom Tech: Charlie Stauffacher

Refreshments: Barbara Cover

Sunday, June 26

Third Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 and Psalms 77: 1-2, 11-20

1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21 and Ps 16

Gal 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

Greeters: Andrey & Elizabeth Kutepov

Reader: Elizabeth Kutepov

Zoom Tech:

Refreshments:

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.

July/August Faith Matters Deadline: June 15th.

Email submissions to: office@roxburychurch.org

Church Office Hours:

Thursdays & Fridays

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

Congratulations 2022 Graduates

Shepaug High School

Caroline Kibbe – attending Brown Univ.

Jason Steinis attending Central Ct State University

St. Michael's College (VT)

Nadia Racz

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: June 12

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

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.

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Refreshments 	30 Memorial Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Parade 	31 David Peters' day off <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Kitchen rental all day 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Deacons 	3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
5 PENTECOST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Refreshments 11:45 AM Job and Us Study 	6	7 David Peters' day off <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Kitchen rental all day 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	9	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 AM Mens Breakfast 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Rite of Confirmation 11:30 AM Refreshments 11:45 AM Job and 12:00 PM Church 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Daily Bread Food Pantry team 	14 David Peters' day off Flag Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Kitchen rental all day 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) 	15 Newsletter Deadline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	16	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Art Show Opening Reception 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Art Show & Sale 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
19 Father's Day Juneteenth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Refreshments 11:45 AM Church and 2 more... 	20	21 David Peters' day off <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Kitchen rental all day 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes Meal 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	23	24	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
26 Mission Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Refreshments 11:45 AM Job and Us Study 	27	28 David Peters' day off <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Kitchen rental all day 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 	30	1	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation

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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!

