

# *faith matters*

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

We Are A Community  
Seeking To Share God's Love!



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*Homecoming Sunday*  
*September 8, 2019, 10:30 a.m.*



*From your summer vacations and time away,  
you are invited to come "home".*

*We are inviting the congregation to make a special effort to be in worship on this day  
as we begin our program year together.*

*Church begins at 10:30 a.m.  
Children leave for Sunday School during the service*

## Pastoral Reflections

The Reverend David F. Peters, Minister



On Homecoming Sunday, we will re-covenant to be the church. We will use these words:

Leader: We gather here as the Body of Christ.

We gather here as the church.

For almost 2000 years, Christians have gathered

in cities, towns, countrysides; in homes, caves, refugee camps, cathedrals,

open fields, church buildings large and small;

in Philippi, Thessalonica, Antioch, Danbury, LaPlant, Biloxi,

and here in Roxbury.

Congregation: And when Christians gather, we worship, we learn from one another,

we share stories with one another, we pray, we sing, we break bread,

we care for one another, we welcome the stranger,

we renew our faith, and we prepare to go out to be the Body of Christ in the world.

Leader: In this ongoing Season after Pentecost we the people of God in this place

rededicate ourselves to be the church, today and always.

Let us be the church!

Yes, we will strive to be the church in this time and place and in this world that we find ourselves and are called to serve in. But with each generation, we find that we have to listen to the world and its people and seek to meet them and not expect them to come to us as in years past. We are called to have patience as we seek new ways of ministry. Consider this as one very long rummage sale, where we go through everything in the house and keep when brings us joy and is useful and handing off or throwing away what is not.

I know this is hard. We are trying to be the church in new ways while still holding onto what is meaningful for us who grew up in a different time. This perspective is important so that we have no one to pass the “church” on to. And we can have that is we do not panic and try to be all things to all people and do too much. This may be a time to do some listening to our community and the younger folks in it. From there with some prayerful consideration, God will lead us into a new and fruitful history.

I have faith in that. I invite you to join me in that. First, that means showing up!

See you at Church!

With Gratitude and love, *David*

*P.S. Remember that I am continuing to hold “Office Hours in the Community” on Wednesday mornings at the Roxbury Market from about 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee and join me for this ministry in the community.*

*Note: I am taking 6 days of comp time from September 25-30, to visit our son, Kirby, who just bought his first house and asked that I come down to help him settle in and do the odd jobs that I can do. Rev. Walter Pitman, recently retired from Southbury UCC will fill the pulpit on Sunday, September 29 for me and I will remunerate him for this. I appreciate the Deacons’ support of me traveling to Austin. I will communicate who will be providing emergency pastoral coverage later, once it is set up.*

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONTINUING TESTAMENT EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME CHANGING LIVES

# *thank you*

Many thanks to our substitute preachers who filled the pulpit this summer during Rev. Peters' vacation: Rev. Samuel Dexter, Rev. Brad Bergfalk, Rev. Daniel England, & Diane Meade assisted by Rev. Des Desmond.

Thanks to David Lincicome for hosting Sundaes on Saturday ice cream social events every Saturday evening during the summer.

We thank Ray Fitch for his on-going flower planting and tending on the side of the Parish House.

Thanks to Sue Stauffacher for organizing and running our HUGE Tag/Bake Sale August 10<sup>th</sup>. As always, well done and much appreciated.

Sue says: "A big Thank You to everyone who helped with our 16th annual Tag/Bake Sale in August. We raised \$1,075 for the church.

Our workers include those who actually worked at the sale that day, those who donated items, those who worked sorting those items, those who bought those items, those who baked goodies, those who bought those goodies, those who made and served lunch, those who bought and ate the lunch, those who helped set up tables/chairs, those who helped take them down and put them away, those who helped box up the leftovers, and anyone else who had a part in this annual endeavor.

So, you can see it takes a village to have this sale. We had 18 vendors renting tables or spaces. This is a team effort, and I'm so happy to have you all on the team.

Thank you again, and I hope to work with you again next year."

Thanks to everyone who participated in Trivia Night, July 20. Thank you to Chris Childs for

organizing and Joan Temple and Chris for hosting. It was another great night.

Thank you also to all those who helped on the Beef Barbecue on August 24. There are too many to list here, but so many came out to carry out tasks large and small to make it a success and a great on-going community tradition! A special thanks to Chris Childs who organized the event this year.

Thank you to Colby Kalisher who spruced up the Handicapped bathroom.

The members of the **Oxford United Church of Christ, Congregational** invite you to a Celebration of Ministry

A worship service witnessing and celebrating the covenant among

The Oxford United Church of Christ  
and its Co-Pastors  
The Reverend Karen Jodice and  
The Reverend Jerry Smith

September 15, 2019 at 3:00  
**Oxford UCC, Congregational**  
3 Academy Road (at the Rte 67 intersection)  
Oxford CT  
(203-888-6186 for more information)

Reception immediately following.

Parking for persons with limited mobility is in the lot in front of the church. Other parking is located off of Academy Road, across from the church.

Ed. Note: Jerry Smith is a member of our congregation and he serves this church part-time.

## Sharing our Faith Stories

Members of the congregation are invited to share their faith stories during worship on the third Sunday of each month. By articulating our own experience we invite other people to reflect on their own faith journey and recognize God's presence in their lives.

To prepare a faith story, start by answering the following questions:

- How do I experience God's presence in my life?
- How does the church, or this particular congregation, help me to recognize God's presence in my life?
- How do I live out my faith, my call to ministry, in my daily life?
- How did I get to this point on my faith journey?

Faith Stories are 3-5 minutes in length. If you feel called to share your story, please contact Rev. Peters.



### *Blessing of the Animals*

*Sunday, October 6  
1:00 p.m.  
on the front lawn.*

*Bring your pet(s)  
to the front lawn of the church  
to receive a blessing.  
All of God's creatures need  
and deserve a blessing*

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries

5	Phil de Vries
5	Jay & Dale Pinchbeck (A) (1964)
8	Ben Steers
8	Willy Steers
9	Luke Steers
11	Ed & Catherine Racz (A) (1994)
12	Diane Meade
12	Brian & Heidi Neff (A) (1993)
12	Charlie & Sue Stauffacher (A) (1992)
13	Chris Childs
13	Bob & Robin Montesi (A) (1980)
18	Robin Montesi
18	Charlie & Diane Meade (A) (1982)
25	Christina Dumas
27	Sue Stauffacher
28	David Peters & Susan Zappulla-Peters (A) (1985)

### *Our Stewardship Pledge Campaign*

for 2020 begins October 6



Stewardship Sunday is November 10

*Watch for details!*

# *Upcoming calendar*

First Sundays = Communion  
 Second Sundays = Children's Sermon  
 Third Sundays = Faith Stories  
 Fourth Sundays = Mission Moments

SEPTEMBER 1	United Worship and Picnic at Apple Lane Park, bring a side dish to share	10:30 a.m.
September 7	Mindfulness Meditation Group – begins each Sat.	10:30 a.m.
September 8	Homecoming Sunday	10:30 a.m.
OCTOBER 5	Chili Cook-Off	5-7:30 p.m.
October 6	World Communion Sunday – Neighbors in Need Offering Blessing of the Animals	1:00 p.m.
October 13	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting	12:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 3	All Saints Sunday – Dedication of Memorials Communion Daylight Saving Time Ends	
November 10	Stewardship Sunday	
November 28	Thanksgiving	
DECEMBER 7	Country Church Christmas Fair	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
December 15	Victorian Christmas service	5:00 p.m.
December 22	Christmas Caroling	12:00 p.m.
December 24	<u>Christmas Eve Services:</u> Lessons and Carols	7:30 p.m.
	Candlelight Communion	11:00 p.m.
December 28	Church Christmas Party (tentative)	6:00 p.m.

*October Faith Matters*  
*Church Newsletter Deadline for the October issue:*  
*September 15<sup>th</sup>*

# fall matters

## **Adult Choir returns**



September is a time for resumption of our usual schedule. This is a great time to join the choir. Rehearsals are typically once a month, on the first Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am. This September, the first evening rehearsal will be on Wednesday, September 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Sandy Kleisner, Minister of Music, provides a good variety of musical styles, and choir members come because they enjoy singing. The only qualifications are a desire to learn, the ability to carry a tune, and a willingness to take direction. You are enthusiastically invited. There are openings in all sections. Come share your voice. You will be welcomed.

## **Regular staff hours resume**

The beginning of September marks the return of Reverend Peters's regularly scheduled office hours.

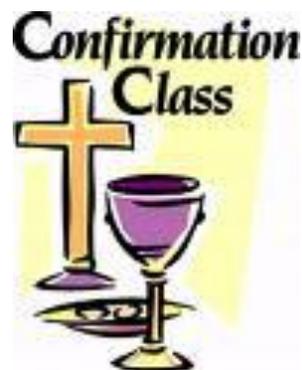
Nancy will be in the office on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30 – 12:30 p.m.

# youth matters



Our Youth Group will have its first meeting on Sunday, September 22 at 1 p.m. at the church. The Youth Group is open to all community young people in grades 6-12 regardless of church affiliation.

Advisors include Barb Cover, David Peters and Pat Fraley.



There will be an orientation meeting for those in ninth or tenth grade and their parents on Sunday, September 22 at 11:45 a.m. after worship in the Church Library. The Confirmation process is for those in grades nine and above who wish to

learn more about their faith, the church, and how it impacts their adult life. The first half of the sessions will involve meeting weekly with an adult member of the congregation and the second half, next spring, will involve meeting with Reverend Peters and attending worship services at different churches, a synagogue and a mosque. The Confirmation service will be on Pentecost Sunday next May. Please speak with Rev. Peters with any questions.

### ***Church School***

Church School begins on Sunday, September 8 at 10:30 a.m.

We have found that with the challenge of scheduling church schoolers each week, a back to basics approach to learning about the bible is needed.

Our curriculum focuses on learning biblical stories and basics for our younger children. A consideration is the ease of teaching so that one doesn't have to be a biblical scholar or experienced teacher to help nurture our children in our care.

We are seeking individuals to teach in two-week blocks beginning on September 9. If you feel called to this work, please speak with Rev. Peters.

## ***ongoing***

### ***Men's Breakfast***

*Saturday, September 14, 8 a.m.*

*Fellowship Hall*

The Men's Fellowship breakfast is held the second Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All men of the Church are welcome to come for great hospitality, food, and lively, informal discussions and stories. Kitchen talk begins while the meal is being prepared around 7:30 a.m. See Charlie Meade with questions.

### ***Mindfulness Meditation Group***

Begins Saturday, September 7, 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel Library. The sessions will end at 12 noon.

Please speak with Ray Fitch or Charlie Stauffacher for more information.

## ***Prayer Shawls & Squares***



**WE ARE IN NEED OF A FEW PRAYER SHAWLS...** Can you make one?

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, begun here in 2009, has involved a number of people knitting on their own schedule in their own homes. Each Prayer Shawl or Square is prayerfully crafted into a warming gift, given to a person in need, ill, lonely, bereaved or on a special occasion.

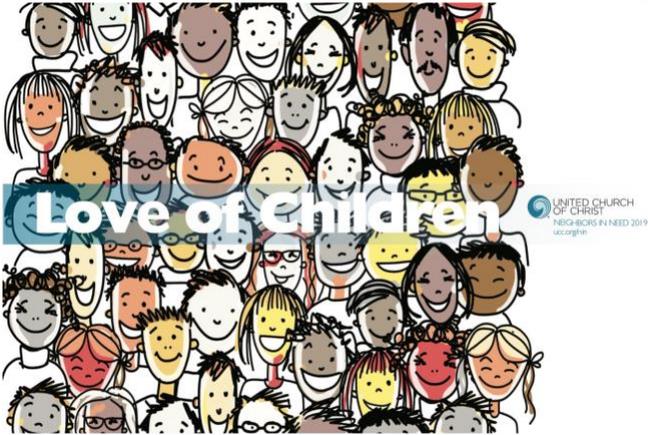
Pocket Prayer Squares are a portable and unisex version of the Prayer Shawl. There are Pocket Prayer Squares available in Fellowship Hall for you to take for yourself, a friend or to be distributed at a special occasion

If you know of someone who may like receiving a prayer shawl and is yet to receive one, please fill out a request form on the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall, or speak with Jan Steers.

If you are interested in creating a Prayer Shawl, or Square, please speak with Jan at 860-354-7210. There are easy-to-use patterns available. We are in need of a couple of Prayer Shawls at this time to increase our inventory.

# mission matters

## Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering



**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Our Church like most UCC congregations will receive the NIN offering on **October 6, 2019** as part of their World Communion Sunday observance.

There will specially marked envelopes for your use and gifts will be on your financial statements.

## Shelter Breakfast Ministry



If you are interested in helping prepare breakfast for those who stay in the Homeless Shelter in New Milford, the opportunity is available. We need people to make breakfast beginning at 6:00 a.m. certain Saturdays and Sundays. Please contact Charlie Meade directly at 860-355-1584 and let him know of your willingness to help.

## Hurricane Dorian Response

**DISASTER RELIEF**



*Help those in need*

### Hurricane Response

Friends, here's something I learned after seminary: when there is a disaster, do NOT collect household, clothing or other material aid to send. The management and storage challenges will overwhelm those in need. DO send money. Send thru Church World Service or denominational channels for the highest long-term impact. Send thru Red Cross for immediate response.

I have it on good authority that the Bahamians Red Cross is well respected and effective.

*David*

# Word & Sacrament for September 2019

Deacons of the Month: Pat Fraley & Mike Wilcox  
Offerings Counter: Mike Farrell

*Underlined scriptures are for Lay Readers*

Sunday, September 1  
*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*  
United Worship at Apple Lane

10:30 a.m. worship time resumes

Psalm 81: 1, 10-16  
Luke 14: 1, 7-14  
Reader: Charlie Stauffacher  
Fellowship Hour: Picnic  
Flowers: open

Sunday, September 8 *Homecoming Sunday*  
*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18  
Luke 14: 25-33

Greeters: Bill & Dariel Curren  
Reader: Bill Curren  
Fellowship Hour: open  
Flowers: open

Sunday, September 15  
*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Psalm 14  
Luke 15: 1-10

Greeters: Mark & Bev Wolmer  
Reader: Mark Wolmer  
Fellowship Hour: open  
Flowers: open

Sunday, September 22  
*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Psalm 79: 1-9  
Luke 16: 1-13

Greeters: Pat Fraley & Carol Goodwin  
Reader: Pat Fraley  
Fellowship Hour: open  
Flowers: Diane Meade

Sunday, September 29  
*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
Rev. Walter Pitman preaching

Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16  
Luke 16: 19-31

Greeters: open  
Reader: open  
Fellowship Hour: open  
Flowers: open

## *Cash for Causes – PLUS!*

### *Retail Gift Cards*

Have you checked out the board in Fellowship Hall lately offering you nearly 300 ways to raise money for our church? Through a fundraising program called Scrip, we now can purchase gift cards for grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement stores and more. Simply purchase the cards and use them instead of cash, checks or credit cards. A percentage of the purchase price of the cards is returned to our church.

This program is an expansion of the one already in place for Stop & Shop, Shop Rite and Big Y. You can still purchase cards for them, but all of the other retailers as well. If there are retailers you visit regularly, why not have pre-paid cards in your wallet? It makes “cents”!

A complete listing of participating retailers is posted in Fellowship Hall, or can be found on Scrip's website: [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com). If you would like to create an account to place orders online, please use Enrollment Code 8F15BD7143454 to link the account to RCC. For payment, you have the option to sign up for PrestoPay (similar to PayPal), or write a check to RCC.

Orders will be placed each Monday and the cards will be available for distribution the following Sunday. Orders *must* be prepaid.

As always, feel free to contact Heidi Neff at 860-354-3177 or [heidineff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heidineff@sbcglobal.net), with any questions you may have.

### *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.

## *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.

## *AmazonSmile*

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

### *So Your Minister Can Help / Support*

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 the federal HIPPA regulations, he is not able to find this information from the hospital.

*The Country Church Christmas Fair Committee  
is actively seeking Silent Auction donations.  
The Fair will be on Saturday, December 7th this year.*



We would like this to be our best silent auction ever so we are starting early to prepare! We are grateful for any item or service that you would be generous enough to offer. We can arrange pickup of your item if needed. Please be on the lookout for items that you might be able to donate.

Perhaps you have a special item that you just don't use or need anymore that someone else could treasure or know someone who is downsizing.

Items such as:

*A Special Piece of Jewelry - Fine China- Collector's Items - Art*

*A Special Piece of Antique Furniture - Sports Memorabilia*

*An Item of higher value that is desirable*

Please remember the Wish List!

Items such as:

*Airline Miles - Gift Certificates - Gift Baskets*

*Theatre Tickets - Concert Tickets - Golf Tickets*

*Museum Tickets - Your Vacation Home for a Week*

*Your Time Share for a Week - Hobby Related Items*

*Handmade Crafts - Artwork/Photography*

*Lunch with a Celebrity - A Massage or Facial*

*Dinner for Four Cooked at Your Home or at the Winner's Home*

*You may know of retailers or individuals who provide services and may be happy to donate.*

*A Beauty Makeover – Babysitting - Housecleaning*

*Weeding - Spring Cleanup - A Hand Knit Sweater*

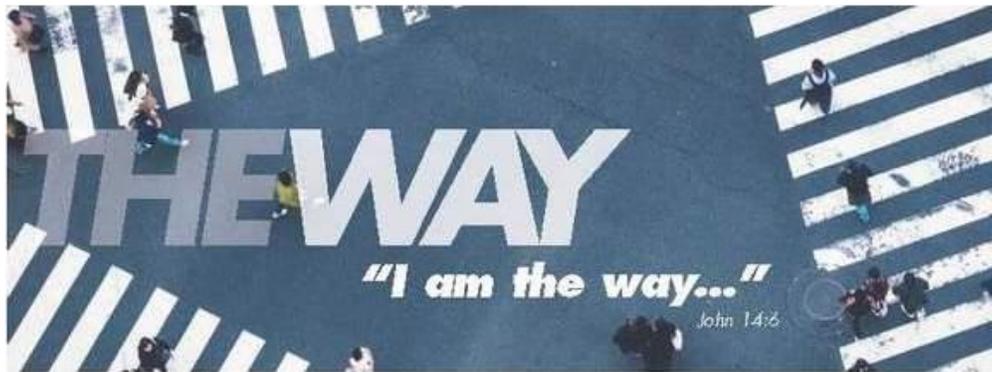
Thank you!

Church Christmas Fair Committee:

Beatriz Conroy 860-354-2529, Charlie Meade 860-354-1274

Cathy Racz 860-799-0180, Linda Ross 860-799-5421

## A Moment about Stewardship and Generosity



### WAYLAID: THE WAY OF MERCY

*Frankly, I have yet to engage in a direct-action campaign that was "well-timed" in the view of those who have not suffered unduly from the disease of segregation. For years now I have heard the word "Wait!" ...We must come to see, with one of our distinguished jurists, that "justice too long delayed is justice denied."*

Martin Luther King Jr.,  
"Letter from Birmingham City Jail"

**T**he practice of walking the path of mercy will lead to a closed door. Jesus acknowledges that in the lesson of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8).

What happens to people when they get in one of those endless loops of powerlessness, banging on the closed door of power? They lose heart. The fabric of our political system is being torn as people have lost heart that it makes a difference. Losing heart opens the door to a world where everyone lays claim to vengeance. People are losing heart that there is an alternative to weather extremes being normative for our grandchildren.

How do you keep from losing heart? You pray always.

Not losing heart is about losing your heart to the God who loves creation into being, who gifts us with law and purpose, mercy and justice, who welcomes exiles home and whose Anointed One died banging on the closed door of power. Not losing heart is about losing your heart to the God whose Anointed One did not remain locked behind the closed door of death.

If an evil judge can be shamed into making it right, how much more will God who loves you do. So, pray, losing your heart to God and keeping hope alive. "Pray always and don't lose heart"

Stewardship begins as we are waylaid by God's mercy and seek to keep that path open for others. As you plan your giving for the coming year, don't lose heart. If the unjust judge in the parable of the persistent widow can act justly, our persistence in prayer and practice, service and giving, matters as well.

# September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 10:30 AM United Worship ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School	2 Labor Day	3	4 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scout Dens ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	5 ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 7:00 PM Deacons	6	7 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditatiion
8 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments	9 Ashura ■ 9:00 AM Daily Bread Food Pantry team	10	11 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scout Dens ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	12 ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	13	14 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditatiion
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22 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 1:00 PM Youth Group	23	24	25 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes Meal ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scout Dens ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	26 ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	27	28 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditatiion
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## Leadership Listing (All 860- unless noted)

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 Collector: Cathy Racz, 799-0180  
 Deacons: Charlie Stauffacher, 354-1274  
 Trustees: Charlie Meade, 354-1274  
 Stewardship: Colby Kalisher, 355-8012  
 Missions: Barbara Biafore, 799-6501  
 Fellowship: Jeanne Steers, 354-7484  
 Pastoral Relations: Pat Fraley, Colby Kalisher or Tina Brockett

Men's Group: Charlie Meade 354-1274  
 Youth Group: Barb Cover, (203) 788-5823  
 Historian: Dale Pinchbeck, 355-4297  
 Librarian: Joan Temple, 350-0529  
 Secretary/Newsletter: Nancy Glover, 355 -1978  
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 Custodian: Bruce Rossiter  
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NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2019

Worship – Sundays 10:30 a.m.

“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!*