

The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

FEBRUARY 2018

Dear friends,

I woke up this morning thinking about joy. As I do every morning, I put on some warm clothes and running shoes, gulped down some coffee, and stepped outside into the cold darkness. Just beyond the porch, I found a fresh layer of snow on the ground. I love the snow, but the darkness, the cold, and the increased chance of falling on the ice made me tense up just a little bit. But from somewhere in the back of my mind, a line from the book of James floated into my consciousness: "Count it all joy." Though it's cold, though it's slippery, though you can barely see, shut the door, start making tracks, and count it all joy. And so I did. Little by little, step by step, my spirits lifted, and I actually began to experience a kind of joy in the early morning solitude of winter.

Questions of joy and happiness are on many people's minds these days. How do we experience joy? What sorts of decisions make for happiness in life? Do we allow ourselves the freedom to experience those things, or do we find reasons to cancel their emergence within our lives? And perhaps last but not least, are joy and happiness the same thing? Those are questions being asked on university campuses from coast to coast, in packed lecture halls. Several days ago I read about a class being offered to Yale College students on the psychology of happiness. More than a thousand people enrolled in the course, far exceeding the capacity of the lecture hall, to say nothing of the teaching staff. In the hothouse pressure environment that many young people (and not only young people) live in, basic instructions on how to live a happy and fulfilling life are coveted, and eagerly devoured.

Happiness is a good thing, but it can also be fleeting, and dependent on external circumstances that we or may not be able to control. Joy seems different somehow. Returning to that passage from the book of James, joy seems to arise in conditions antithetical to happiness ("Count it all joy when you face trials of any kind," the text says). Joy arises even though there may be every reason to feel the opposite. Joy can be found even in adversity, even in the midst of trials, even when the mornings are bitterly cold. Joy can be discovered even in the ordinary tasks that make up the better part of our days.

One of the most profound lessons regarding happiness and joy I ever learned was offered by a friend shortly after our daughter Sabina was born. I was preparing for my doctoral exams while also teaching, and Rachael and I were swapping off childcare because we couldn't afford to hire a regular baby sitter. The days were long, the nights were too short, our social lives were all but nonexistent, and I was feeling less than happy. In the midst of that, I heard a news story confirming that many young parents tend not to be especially happy, and I wondered out loud about that to a minister friend. I'll never forget her response. "You know, Steve," she said, "maybe there are some things that are more important than happiness. Like learning to be present for a newborn. Like learning what it is to be a parent. Like hunkering down and doing what needs to be done for a time. Like learning to be and to thrive even you're just trying to catch your breath." I had a hard time feeling happy in those days. But her words helped me to find something beyond happiness, which had to do with joy.

I wish all those undergraduates well in their quest for happiness. I hope they find it. I hope we all do. God knows we need it. But I also hope we find something beyond happiness, something that sustains us in the face of difficulty, something that allows us to dwell in moments of discomfort without losing our bearings. As often as not, it's been the practices of Christian faith that have opened that dimension of life to me. But I'm aware of other openings as well. How does it work for you? What opens you to dimensions not only of happiness, but joy as well?

As we enter the season of Lent, as we prepare to welcome Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager to our community, as we worship and pray and meet and eat and converse with one another, remember that there's joy in what we do. Count it all joy.

Stay human,

Steve

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
of Meditation and Reflection**

Wednesday, February 14, at 7 PM in the Meetinghouse.
Ashes will be distributed for those who desire.

On Sunday, February 11, from 8:45-9:45 a.m.
the SPF and JPF will host
a Mardis Gras breakfast before the 10 am service.
Pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit will be served.
A free-will offering to support Pilgrim Fellowship
service projects will be taken.

Join us on *Sunday, February 11th, at 10:00 am*
for Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager's
Candidating Sermon
followed by a short congregational meeting and
then a welcoming reception in Fellowship Hall.
We will be holding only one service that day, at 10:00 am,
so the entire congregation can affirm Laura together.

Memorials

Marjorie Kus
Diana Atwood Johnson
Jeffrey Miller
Virginia Tomassetti



Church News



Church World Service Blanket Drive During February and March, the Ladies Benevolent Society collects the annual offering for the Blanket Drive. CWS has been around for 60 years and has provided blankets and other services to a multitude of people all over the world. Blankets are distributed to people when they lose power, to the homeless and economically disadvantaged, to newly arrived refugees and people affected by hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes or fires. CWS supports blanket purchases closer to the area where they will be distributed, which saves processing and shipping and supports the local economy. Each blanket costs \$10. Envelopes are available in the pews. Please make checks payable to CWS, indicating in the memo space "Blanket Drive." The envelopes may be put in the collection plate or sent to the church c/o LBS. Your donations will be sincerely appreciated!

Old Lyme Ringers We are looking for a few good ringers for our newly formed handbell choir, the Old Lyme Ringers. We will meet for seven rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:25 pm in the Meeting House, *January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 21 and 28*. We will be ringing in worship several times during the seven-week season. Ability to read music is helpful but not necessary. If interested, please contact Gary Jungkeit at gjungkeit@charter.net.

Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, February 2, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor Dr. Julia Samuel in her book "Grief Works: Stories of Life, Death, and Surviving" writes, "You never 'get over it,' you 'get on with it,' and you never 'move on,' but you 'move forward.'" To share with others our pain, our loss, our grief, can be healing and strengthening. Come join our Growing Through Grief Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be Friday, February 2. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

Care-giver's Support Group, Friday, February 9, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor While sharing ways to bring peace and comfort to those we are caring for, we also discuss ways to bring meaning and purpose to

the lives of those who have lost so much in the way of disability, illness, disease or addiction; and ways we can care more for ourselves. Come join our Care-giver's Support Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting is Friday, February 9. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

Winter Pot-Luck Gatherings, March 17 A few years ago we instituted a "Winter Potluck" night, which proved to be a lot of fun. Our objective is to find several host homes where folks would be willing to offer hospitality around their dining room table. Also we're looking for people who would enjoy attending these dinner events! We would gather in groups to fend off the winter blues and enjoy an easy night of fellowship. It's a chance to get to know one another better in small group gatherings. If you have any questions about participating as a host or guest, please call the church office at 860-434-8686.

BEGINNING A REVOLUTION ON LYME STREET? The Ladies Benevolent Society begins its 2018 springtime series of monthly Luncheons and programs on **Tuesday, March 13th, at noon.** (REMINDER! The "customary" date for the Luncheon has now shifted to the SECOND Tuesday of the month to ensure that this newsletter gets to you in time.) You can surely imagine our current and recent senior ministers inspiring revolutions from our corner of Lyme Street! They are only upholding the prophetic tradition of their predecessor, "the incomparable" Rev. Stephen Johnson, our fourth minister, who was doing likewise with inspiring, inciteful sermons and newspaper columns during the decade before the American Revolution. Michaele Pearson and Jim Lampos will highlight these and other stories of *Revolution in the Lymes* following the LBS Luncheon on Tuesday, March 13th beginning at noon in the Fellowship Hall; the program will start around 1 pm after dessert. Programs last about 45 min., including a closing Q&A. We are pleased to welcome our own George J. Willauer, Jr. to comment on the new book. Professor Willauer compiled the last major work on the American Revolution as experienced in this community in his *A Lyme*



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Miscellany, 1776-1976, produced during the Bicentennial. The cost of the Luncheon is \$5 plus canned goods for the Shoreline Food Pantry, or a package of disposable diapers for the Diaper Bank. Please call the Church Office at 860-434-8686 by Friday, Mar. 9, to reserve a place at the Luncheon. The husband and wife team of Lamos and Pearson has co-authored three books: *Revolution in the Lymes, from the New Lights to the Sons of Liberty* (History Press, 2016), *Remarkable Women of Old Lyme* (History Press, 2015) and *Rumrunners, Governors, Beachcombers, and Socialists —A History of Old Lyme Beaches* (Old Lyme Historical Society, 2010). Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event. The **Ladies Who Stitch** will have recent projects on display and available for purchase.

EVEN THE ELEPHANTS WERE DANCING ON FERRY ROAD THIS WINTER!

First, they came in herds during the July White Elephant in-take, bearing endless trunk-loads of family Christmas treasures. Then in December, new hordes lined up outside in a cold drizzle for an hour-and-a-half (a winter record) for first crack at all of the wonders of the season that can be found at Elephants-in-Winter! LBS had extended the sale hours hoping to capture greater interest. The 2017 results are now in: (a) general sales totaled \$3264.50 (a new record); (b) the Ladies Who Stitch had sales of \$2806 (a new record); (c) we had lots of stuff left over, even after the 50%-Off sale during the December LBS Luncheon and the give-away to our guests at the following Saturday Food Pantry (another new record).

With warm thanks to all of the many folks who worked so hard on the July intake, and the December transport, sorting, and sales: "Ya done Good!" saith the Lord. (And the stalwart team of Elephants enjoyed fellowship and mostly had fun throughout.) We welcome all who want to enjoy a good time with others helping neighbors who have less, as well as those who are trying to get rid of too much.

Chris George, Executive Director of Integrated Refugee and Immigrant services (IRIS) will speak on "US Immigration Policy: Refugee Resettlement in Connecticut"

on *February 6*, at the Saybrook Point Inn in Old Saybrook. The talk is being presented by the Southeast Connecticut World Affairs Council (SECWAC). The presentation at 6pm will be preceded by an informal reception at 5:30. Attendance is free for those new to SECWAC, \$20 for those who have previously attended a lecture. IRIS coordinated and supported FCCOL's adoption of the Hamou family into our community. Chris George has served immigrant and refugee communities for much of his life, as a Peace Corps volunteer in Oman, working with Quakers in Lebanon, and Save The children in the Gaza Strip. Please let Joan Kelley at the church office know if you would like assistance with transportation to and from the Saybrook Point Inn. SECWAC presents ten talks on foreign policy and international affairs each year. For more information go to <http://secwac.org>

MusicNow Foundation/Nightingales will present a songwriting workshop, "Songwriting from the Soul," to be held on *Saturday, March 3*, from 10am-4pm in the Sheffield Auditorium, First Congregational Church of Old Lyme. Facilitated by trainer Rodney Brown and the CT Chapter of the Nashville Songwriters Association, the workshop will focus on unleashing the creative spirit bringing your words to life through song. All levels welcomed. Workshop fee is \$125 to include lunch. For information/registration, contact gstevens@musicnowfoundation.org call (860) 434-1961.

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Board of Missions

The following is a letter of thanks sent to our Church from the New London Homeless Hospitality Center – your pledge dollars at work! THANK YOU!!

“Thank you so much . . . to the entire FCCOL congregation for supporting the Homeless Hospitality Center with your recent donation. All of us – including the people we serve in the shelter – appreciate your generosity and your longtime commitment to those who are experiencing homelessness in our local communities.

“Your support allows us to offer hospitality and shelter to individuals who have nowhere else to turn. This year we will serve more than 600 people from across southeastern Connecticut. We offer everything they need - from assistance with job searches to referrals to treatment programs – to get back on their feet, return to housing and address the reasons for their homelessness.

“Thank you again for everything that you and the FCCOL congregation do for us. When we stand together, we create a stronger and more compassionate community. I see every day what a tremendous difference this makes.

“Sincerely, Cathy Zall, Executive Director

“I cannot thank FCCOL enough for all your help over the years.”

If you would like to learn more about the work of the Board of Missions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the board members.

Jen Hall, Chair, Board of Missions

White Elephant Sale – 2018

This is our **82nd** WES, which began back in the 1930's. It has been a great success over the years thanks to the support of all the volunteers and ones who donated. Last year we had our 3rd best year ever and are looking forward to making this year even better.

This is just a note to give you the dates of the sale and a calendar for those planning other Summer activities around those sale days of **July 13 and 14**.

As always we are in need of additional department co-chair people and hope you will consider stepping up with others to help run a department. Two or three seem to work well sharing responsibility and all that fun you'll have.

Current openings include:

- Women's accessories
- Knick knacks
- Men's clothing
- Children's clothing
- Lamps
- Flowers & Baskets
- Baked goods

It's a great time and you'll meet some real nice folks. If interested, please call the church 434-8686 or any one of the following board members:

Bob Davis	884-7568
Jane Marolda	859-2497
Nathalie Fogg	451-8460
Roxie Gallagher	227-4649

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2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We depend upon one another - and there are people who depend upon us

As of January 18, we have received responses from 314 members and friends totaling \$546,440 or 87% of our 2018 Stewardship Campaign goal of \$630,000. Our 314 pledge receipts reflect an 8% decrease in pledge volume from the same time period last year.

As we begin 2018, it is important that we continue to push toward our \$630,000 goal in order to sustain and grow our wonderful life changing ministries and mission partnerships. The 2018 Stewardship campaign ends on March 25th. If you have already submitted your pledge, please accept our **thanks** for your support! If you have not yet had a chance to do so, we ask that you return your commitment card to the church office at your earliest convenience.

The Board of Stewardship will continue to provide regular status reports to ensure that all members and friends of our church are kept aware of our progress. If you have any questions, please contact the Board.

We depend upon one another - and there are people who depend upon us. **Thank you** for all that you do to support our vital ministries and mission partnerships!

Members of the Board of Stewardship: Mike Long (Chair), Mary Kate Cox, Diane Hart, Steve Hart, Allison Hine, Wendy Knight, Wayne Mountz, Jeanne Thomas, Mike Winterfield

Offering Envelopes
If you ordered offering envelopes for 2018,
they are available on the cart in the connector.

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Endowing Your Church Pledge

While we consider our annual gifts to FCCOL, we also need to realize we need to look at the “big” or long-term picture of our stewardship.

Did you know you can endow your church pledge so that, in perpetuity, your giving to the congregation will continue? You have the chance to leave a legacy that will positively impact FCCOL long after your earthly life is over.

This is done by simply creating a permanent fund through the Endowment Committee of the Church. The fund will annually distribute an amount equal to your pledge. This is done by using a simple formula:

If you contribute \$x to the Church leave a bequest of:

\$500	\$10,000
\$750	15,000
\$1000	20,000
\$1500	30,000
\$2000	40,000
\$5000	100,000

This formula assumes a 5% payout and a growth of principal to keep pace with inflation.

While it takes just \$1,000 to qualify for the Spire Society, many people create planned gifts that name their permanent fund as the charitable beneficiary – thus enabling their permanent fund to reach a level that will allow them to endow their church pledge.

To learn more about how a “endowing your pledge” can help FCCOL, contact the Church office at 860-434-8686 or Tom Grant from the Board of Trustees at 860-598-9419.

WHEN MAKING A GIFT OF STOCK

Please notify the Church of your gift, including the designated use, at the time you request your broker to make the transfer. You may also use the Church’s broker, Morgan Stanley, to make the transfer if you wish. We occasionally receive gifts from a broker without knowing the donor, or whether the gift is intended for a 2017 or 2018 giving, or for another purpose.

If you have any questions, or need further instruction, please feel free to call me or Teri Gedrys at 434-8686. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Bob McCracken, Treasurer

WHEN SENDING A CHECK

Please be sure to note on the check where the offering is to be credited (i.e. pledge, food pantry, donation, Habitat, etc.). It is also important to note whether your contribution is for 2017 or 2018, especially vital this time of year. Thank you for your help.



SENIOR CHOIR



Thank you for a great start to 2018! Here is the list of rehearsals and Sunday morning commitments for the month of February:

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| Sunday, February 4 | Singing at the 9:00 am service with a rehearsal at 8:15 am |
| Wednesday, February 7 | Rehearsal at 7:30 pm |
| Sunday, February 11 | Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am |
| Wednesday, February 14 | Rehearsal at 7:30 pm |
| Sunday, February 18 | Singing at the 9:00 am service with a rehearsal at 8:15 am |
| Wednesday, February 21 | Rehearsal at 7:30 pm |
| Sunday, February 25 | Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am |
| Wednesday, February 28 | Rehearsal at 7:30 pm |

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Christian Education News



GOD'S NEIGHBORHOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL

Welcome to God's Neighborhood

In God's Neighborhood we are continuing to look at the Parables that Jesus taught and discover new ways to look at them. We learn through songs, stories, activities and crafts. Please join us!

February 4- Parable of the Sower

February 11- Mardis Gras Celebration

February 18- Parable of the Rich Farmer

February 25- Parable of the House on the Rock

Pilgrim Fellowship

On February 11, 2018 from 8:45-9:45 a.m. the SPF and JPF will host a Mardis Gras breakfast before the 10 am service. Pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit will be served. A free-will offering to support Pilgrim Fellowship service projects will be taken. JPF and SPF arrive at 7:30, please.

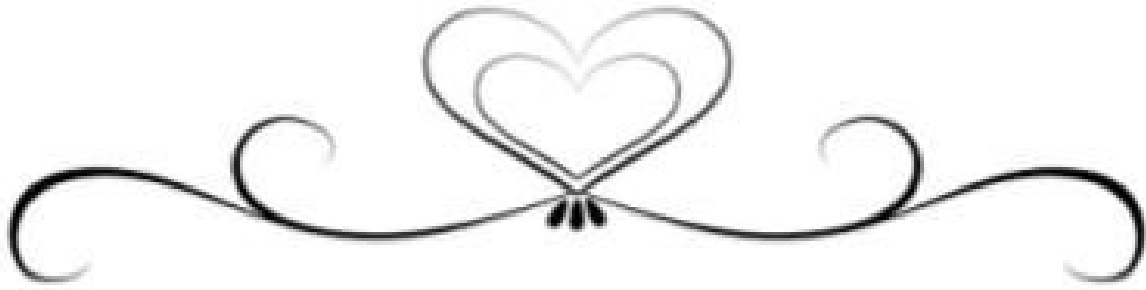
February 25 -JPF and SPF Skiing at Powder Ridge - leave at 11 am.

Confirmation Classes for High school-age youth will held on March 18, April 8, and April 29 from 4-5:30 pm in the church library. We will explore some ways in which we may apply our faith to our lives and discover how our church functions through discussion and activities. On May 13th Confirmands will be received into the church as adult members and ring the bells in the bell tower!

Midnight Run - March 24 - We will begin collecting clothes, bags, toiletries and blankets on February 18. Socks, underwear and hygiene products are especially appreciated.

Haiti Trip 2018 for Senior Pilgrim Fellowship

Our 5th annual SPF trip to Deschapelles Haiti is scheduled for *April 13 to April 20*. The experience includes a wide variety of activities from learning about the culture and history of Haiti, to engaging with young children through arts and crafts projects, and older youth through soccer games and tutoring English. The youth will also experience Haitian life through walks to the market and visiting Haitian artists' homes. The trip is fun and emotionally challenging, and we recommend travelers be at least 15 years old to travel with us. The trip cost is around \$1,350.00 per child. If you or your child is interested in joining us this year, **please contact Becky Crosby by email <rtcros@ftcrosby.com>**. The next meetings will be *February 25th and March 25th* at 12 noon in the Sheffield Auditorium.



Partnership Room Valentine's Day Sale

*Looking for unique and beautiful gifts for your loved ones?
Stop by the Partnership Room after both services Sunday,
February 4th and after the 10am service Sunday,
February 11th, to support three great organizations and
receive 20% off beautiful art, jewelry and other select
goods.*

Tribalcrafts.org



crosbyfund.org



lolef.org

JOIN US FOR OUR 16TH ANNUAL

Soup Bowl Supper

2 FERRY ROAD, OLD LYME, CT



Join us for dinner and music

**\$15 BUYS YOU A HANDMADE BOWL
AND ALL THE SOUP YOU CAN EAT!**

FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND

SOUP SERVED FROM 5:30PM – 7:00PM

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE SOUP BOWL SUPPER GO TOWARD THE FCCOL'S FOOD MINISTRIES

HOMEMADE SOUPS DONATED BY LOCAL RESTAURANTS

HANDCRAFTED BOWLS PROVIDED BY WALT'S POTTERY STUDIO ARTISTS

MUSIC PERFORMED BY THE JAZZ CIRCLE

Adult Enrichment Programs

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Becky Crosby will continue with study on the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul this winter and spring. We will read his letters and the Book of Acts and explore how Paul shaped Christianity and transformed Jesus into the Messiah. To accompany and guide our study, we are reading A.N. Wilson's book, "Paul: The Mind of the Apostle." The book can easily be purchased on-line. **Bible Study meets on Thursday mornings at 10:45 in the church library on the following dates: February 1, February 22, all Thursdays in March, and April 5th. It is not too late to join our group.** Please bring your own Bible (all translations are welcome). If you don't own a Bible, we have plenty to share.

WRITING FROM THE SPIRIT

The writing group meets on alternate Wednesdays on February 7 and 21 at 4:00 pm in the Hoag Room. Led by Vicky Murphy. All are welcome!

POETRY READING

The Poetry-reading group meets on Alternate Wednesdays on February 14 and 28 at 4:00 pm in the Hoag Room. Led by Alan Bradford. All are welcome!

ADULT FORUMS

February 4 - (No Forum) Communion

February 11 - (No Forum) Installation of New Associate Minister

February 18 - Janet Spolotre (Conn College Student Counselling Service)

February 25 - Erica Rieder (World Wildlife Fund)

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF GROUP

Friday, February 2, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor

CARE-GIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Friday, February 8, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor

Seeking Employment:

Home Health Aid, House Keeping Hope Helurg at 860-514-9623.

Ironing: Yaldiz Hamou, who with the rest of her delightful family continue to settle into life as Old Lyme residents (a welcome change from their previous challenges in Syria), is happy to welcome your ironing needs into her non-smoking home. Please feel free to contact her directly for further details at 860-389-2788.

American Craftsmen need America's help. Let me restore your family heirloom as a furniture maker of 33 years. My work includes restoration of antiques, work on cherished family pieces, and general furniture repair. As well, my passion is designing and building fine furniture: large and small pieces include dining and side tables, beds, benches, and chairs; religious pieces, pet coffins, etc. Please contact Dick Humphreville at 860-442-5003 or www.humphrevillefurniture.com.

Experienced master carpenter, licensed and insured, looking for work. Call Tom Kratzert at 860-271-9633.

Home Designer Design & drawing from concept to construction documents for new homes, additions, and renovations. Servicing home owners, builders, and architects. Other services include drawings to help sell a house, develop & present an idea. Computer aided using DATA CAD 12 - 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional. David S Nelson-Building Design Service 860 434-5526 DSNdesign@comcast.net.

Handyman Service Light Carpentry, Installation Help, Painting, Seasonal & Holiday Preparation and Light Hauling. I have an enclosed pick-up truck, tools and a shop. If you need something done, just give me a call. Dave Nelson 860 434-5526.

The "Pet Nanny" Carol Giuliano, an Old Lyme resident, will provide loving care for your pets when you are not there. Over forty years experience with all types of animals. Call (203) 738-9932.

Weaving Classes Always wanted to learn to weave? Start by weaving a rag rug on Stephanie Morton's ENORMOUS loom in her Lyme studio. Call her at 860-434-1188 or 917-3429.

Wendy Knight – Organizer, writer, researcher, editor, proofreader Happy to work on any project, big or small, update lists, prepare mailings. Also love to sort and organize closets, cabinets, libraries, photos, files and documents. Please contact Wendy Knight anytime at (860) 304 – 6665 or wendyknight@gmail.com.

Sue Mandeville Transportation and/or accompaniment to professional or medical appointments, outpatient surgeries and home stay following anesthesia. Airport, train or bus transport. Livery license, insured, references and medical training. Call Sue Mandeville 860-908-2310.

Lorelei Mitchell Mediator, Lorelei Mitchell, is available to assist with family dilemmas, landlord-tenant disputes or workplace conflict. Mediation is a better alternative to litigation and can often transform relationships, while giving you a say in the outcome. Call Lorelei Mitchell at (860) 536-0260 or email lmitchell18@comcast.net to schedule a consultation.

Guli Gvelesiani I lived in Old Lyme and worked for 7 years as a live-in caregiver for a church family. I am seeking a new full time, live-in position with a caring family. I can provide references. Please call Guli at 860-391-5691.

We periodically receive requests to post notice of people who can be hired to help transport, help in light housekeeping or help by offering companionship to those who are housebound. We are not able to make recommendations; but their names and number are listed below.

Marilyn Taylor 860-373-1789

Marion Campo 860-389-1872

Driver 203-871-7840

Martha Durfee 860-575-6518

Sissy Stinson 860-308-4756

February 2018

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 28 Communion 9:00am Service (Sunday School) 11:00am 11 AM Service	29 10:00am Ladies Who Stitch (S) 7:00pm AA (S)	30 9:30am Staff Mtg 1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S) 1:30pm MusicSchool(M)	31 4:00pm Writing Group (H) 6:30pm Handbells(M) 7:30pm Sr Choir (S)	Feb 1 9:00am Fold NewsLetter (S) 10:45am Bible (L)	2 10:00am Grief Group (H) 11:00am Marjorie Kus Memorial(M)	3 FP/SK 7:00pm MTNA Adults Piano Recital ((F) table/chairs/wine)
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The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

Staff

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister (860-434-8686)

The Rev. Carleen R. Gerber, Senior Associate Minister (860-434-0058)

The Rev. Joan W. Priest, Minister of Visitation

Simon D. Holt, Director of Music (860-705-3037)

The Rev. David W. Good, Minister Emeritus

The Rev. Rebecca T. Crosby, Minister for Haitian Outreach

Thomas Burke (4th year Yale Divinity School student) serves as minister to the South Lyme Union Chapel

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PLEASE bring some non-perishable food items each time to restock the food pantry.

Please let us know if you have some time to volunteer at the food pantry and/or with food drives.

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