

# *The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme*

## **JANUARY 2018**

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." -John 1:5*

*Dear friends,*

Every year during our Christmas litany, we hear those familiar words from the Gospel of John, spoken in the darkness of the Meetinghouse as a single candle is held aloft. It's meant to signify not only the light that comes into the world in the birth of Jesus, but the light that each of us carries within us. This year as I held the candle and spoke those words on Christmas Eve, I wound up remembering the individuals and organizations that have been sources of light and hope to me throughout the year. As the candles were lit throughout the Meetinghouse, in the pauses between readings, images of those individuals came to mind as brilliant flashes, which rendered our Christmas liturgy all the more poignant. I'd like to share just a few of those lights with you as we begin the new year, and as we recall the goodness and light that takes place all around us, all the time, even against the backdrop of so much darkness.

Here's the first light that flashed before me in those moments. Just before Christmas, several members of the refugee resettlement committee traveled to New Haven to learn about the work of an organization called Junta. Junta has been around New Haven for decades, serving a primarily Latino and Spanish speaking population in the Fair Haven district of the city. Since Hurricane Maria, Junta has shouldered the massive task of giving assistance to the many Puerto Rican families who have fled the island, and have relocated to New Haven. We were told that over 300 families and individuals had walked through the doors of Junta since October, many with overwhelming needs. We met one of those families, the Colons, and invited them to come live in our refugee house on Rogers Lake while they get on their feet. Adrian and Liz Marie are the parents. Adrian Jr. is 12, and will shortly begin at Lyme Middle School, and Gustavo is 2, and a bundle of curiosity and energy. As we learned about their story, and how they came to New Haven, and ultimately to Old Lyme, I was tremendously moved by the incredible work that Junta is doing, day in and day out, helping people rebuild their lives after a catastrophe. They are, in many ways, akin to IRIS, settling not refugees, but those fleeing the devastation of a hurricane. Junta is one of the lights I thought about. But so too, this lovely and beautiful family was another light, as were the members of the refugee committee from all three churches in town, throwing themselves into the task of helping yet another family. Lights abound around us, and the darkness has not overcome that light.

But as the candles were being lit one by one, I also thought about some new friends from New Haven who helped in our sanctuary work a few weeks earlier. They came from two organizations, one called CIRA (the Connecticut Immigrant Rights Association) and the other called ULA (Unidad Latina en Accion). Members of both groups have worked with those facing orders of deportation, working to secure those individuals with legal representation and, if required, a place of sanctuary. It was members of CIRA and ULA who brought Mariano Cardoso to us, and helped to win him a stay of removal while Mariano's legal team pursues his case. Those from CIRA and ULA work for relatively little pay, sometimes going for long periods without getting paid. But they persist in their work, trusting that it's all worth it. Mariano and his family became lights to all of us who got to know them. But the folks doing the work in the background, from CIRA and ULA, are powerful lights as well. Again, lights abound around us. The darkness has not overcome that light.

I doggedly believe in the goodness of the people and the world around us, even if that doesn't always translate into public policies, or in the echo chamber of cable news. Lights continue to shine, and you and I are invited to let our own lights do the same. As we begin a new year, I wish for us all to remember our vocation as bearers of the light. I hope that we all can envision ways that we, as individuals and as a community of faith, can do our part to make our town, our region, our state, and ultimately, our nation and world a more hospitable and compassionate and just place to live.

If you're ever tempted toward despair or cynicism, tempted toward thinking the darkness is winning, remember the good work that people are enacting all around us. Lights are shining in the darkness....and the darkness has not, and will not, overcome it.

As Jesus himself once put it, keep your lamps trimmed and burning....



**WELCOME TO THE CHURCH**

**We then, as members of this Church gladly welcome you to take part with us in the hopes, the labors, and the joys of the Church of Christ.**

**We promise to walk with you in Christian love and sympathy, and to promote, as far as in us lies, your growth in the Christian Life.**

*We were pleased to welcome as new members on December 3, 2017:*

**Mary Kate and Tom Cox**

**Joe Cipparone**

**Christine Grem**

**Susan Hall**

**Tim and Emily Hildner**

**Ian and Amanda Jarvis**

**Chet and Suzanne Kitchings**

**Heather Richardson**

**Janet Velsmid**

**14th Annual Soup Bowl Supper**

**Celebrating 30 Years Benefiting the Church Food Ministry**

***Stay Tuned for Date in the FCCOL Bulletins***

***Soup Served 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm***

**\$15 buys a handmade bowl and all the soup you can eat!**

**Homemade soups donated by local restaurants.**

**Soup bowls made by Walt's Pottery Studio.**



# Church News



**Refugee Resettlement Committee News!** The Refugee Resettlement Committee of Lyme/Old Lyme is excited to announce that we have decided to help a wonderful family of four from Puerto Rico who were displaced by Hurricane Maria. They are **climate refugees!** Everything they owned, including their home, was washed into the ocean. We have been working over the past few weeks with Junta for Progressive Action, an organization in New Haven that advocates for Puerto Rican families, to make this happen. Both parents will be seeking employment after the New Year. They have two sons, ages 2 and 12. This hardworking family just needs a helping hand to get their new start. We are so proud to say that we are prepared to give them that start. What a Christmas gift for the family and for us all!

**Love Flowers?** We're looking for someone to coordinate our Sunday morning memorial flower schedule. If you'd like to know more about what this entails, please give Carleen a call at 860-434-0058. Susan Griggs has carried this responsibility for a good number of years, and we are very, very grateful for her service. But now it's time for her to step aside. She'll share all the contacts and information she has gathered with the next person and will be helpful as the new person takes over. *Note: The third week in October is available for Sunday Memorial flowers, please call Susan Griggs at 860-434-7660 for more information.*

**Church World Service Blanket Drive** Just a reminder that the LBS will hold the yearly Blanket Drive during *February and March*. Details will appear in the January 28 Sunday Church bulletin.

**The American Red Cross** urges eligible donors to give more life by donating blood in the new year. January is National Blood Donor Month, the perfect time to resolve to give more life by being a blood donor. Winter weather and illness can make it difficult for the American Red Cross to maintain a sufficient blood supply at this time of year. Healthy, eligible donors are urged to give at First Congregational Church on **Wednesday, January 3 from 1:00-6:00 pm**. All those who come to donate

blood will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

**Haiti Trip 2018 for Senior Pilgrim Fellowship:** Our 5th annual SPF trip to Deschappelles 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. If you or your child is interested in joining us this year, **please contact Becky Crosby by email [rtcros@ftcrosby.com](mailto:rtcros@ftcrosby.com). First meeting will be *Sunday, January 21 at 12 noon* in the Sheffield Auditorium at FCCOL.**

**Food Pantry at FCCOL – Volunteers Needed** Fridays, 8:30-10:00 am, or Saturdays, 8:45-11 am. You do not have to commit to every week; just come when you can. It's a great community service and fun people to work with. When you come, be sure to find Marie so she can give you direction. Any questions? Contact Marie Farrell, 860-301-5770, or Henry May, 860-767-7467.

**The Ladies Who Stitch** have enjoyed wonderful growth in creations and membership throughout 2017 and are looking forward to continued expansion in 2018. We welcome new members who enjoy sewing and knitting, and are contemplating offering instructional classes for both. Some of our creations are now available at The Lyme Tree/Women's Exchange in Old Lyme, and we also welcome anyone to stop in to shop during our Monday work hours (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Sheffield Auditorium) beginning January 8th. **Occasionally we are able to fill special orders as well as request for repairs. Questions? Contact Eunice via email: [eunicetaylor@me.com](mailto:eunicetaylor@me.com).**



# More Church News



## **Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, January 5, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor**

The holidays are past, a new year is upon us. All of us have experienced loss this past year, and we know one of the best ways to cope and heal is to be with and share with others who have also experienced such loss. Come join our Growing Through Grief Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be Friday, January 5. 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, January 12, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor**

“Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react” (Charles Swindoll). While many forms of communication in ordinary life can seem recreational, (commonly called “sharing”), caregiving is not ordinary life. Communicating one’s feelings and listening to others is a wonderful way of caring for oneself. Come join our Care-giver’s Support Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting is Friday, January 12. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

## **LBS COOKBOOK PRESERVES THE WISDOM OF THE AGES**

Tired of cooking the same-old, same-old for family and friends—especially for the coming holidays? The new Ladies Benevolent Society cookbook could save you. LBS has collected more than 300 tested and cherished recipes from members and friends. Some come from Grandma’s table; some are almost as new as yesterday.

One of the great treasures of our church family is a very deep reservoir of remarkable cooking wisdom accumulated over decades, centuries even. (Need an authentic vintage recipe for creating a complete New England clambake from start to finish? You will find it here.)

The new cookbook is \$10. Don’t wait for it to appear on the Amazon best-seller list; you will be able to get an early copy at the church Office.

There are rumors of an earlier church / LBS cookbook which *may* have been published in either 1930s or the early 1950s. Even the rumors are contradictory! If you know of such a treasure, we would very much like to borrow it for study. There is no copy in the Church archives or in the other likeliest public collections in town.

# Church Business News

## Endowing your Pledge

Planned Giving can help our church continue the programs and missions you contribute to through your pledge. How can your contribution continue to the church after you are gone? Consider making a bequest to the Church so that your pledge continues in perpetuity.

For example:

If you contribute \$500 to the Church - leave by bequest \$10,000

\$750	15,000
\$1000	20,000
\$1500	30,000
\$2000	40,000

Thanks for your consideration of this request.

Tom Grant  
Chair, Planned Giving Committee

## YEAR-END FINANCIAL MATTERS

As we approach the end of 2017, we hope all members and friends who have made giving commitments, and who are able, will complete those commitments as soon as possible so that we can end the year with the books balanced as our budget calls for. And of course, special extra gifts are always appreciated and put to very good use at this time of year! If you have any questions about the status of your commitment, or contributions, or any other questions of a financial nature, please call the church office and speak with me, or our bookkeeper, Teri Gedrys at 860-434-8686. Thank you for your generous support of our church!

## 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. Thank you for your help.

## 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, Smith Barney, 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

# More Church Business News



*"We Depend Upon One Another!"*

## **2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN – POSITIVE MOMENTUM CONTINUES! We depend upon one another - and there are people who depend upon us**

As of December 14, (thirteen weeks after Stewardship Sunday), we have received responses from 271 members and friends totaling \$506,798 toward our 2018 Stewardship Campaign goal of \$630,000. Our 271 pledge receipts reflect an increase in pledge volume over the same time period last year. **Our positive momentum continues, and we are now within 80% of our goal. THANK YOU!!**

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. 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), Diane Hart, Steve Hart, Wendy Knight, Sandy Long, Chuck Lynch, Wayne Mountz, Jeanne Thomas, Matt Winkler

# More Church Business News

**Annual reports  
from Boards and Committees are due  
Wednesday, January 10, 2018.**

**The Annual Meeting is Sunday,  
January 28, 2018 after the 11:00 AM service.**

## **NOTICE OF FCCOL ANNUAL MEETING**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF  
OLD LYME WILL BE HELD ON  
THE 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 2018  
AT 12:15 PM IN THE MEETING HOUSE  
AT 2 FERRY ROAD, OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT.**

### **THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING SHALL BE:**

- TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE MINISTERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, AND THE CHURCH OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2017;
- TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE;
- TO ELECT OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE COMING YEAR;
- TO APPROVE THE CHURCH BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2018;
- AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OLD OR NEW BUSINESS AS SHALL PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING.

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



# SENIOR CHOIR



Thank you for your wonderful singing throughout December and your special efforts on Christmas Eve. It was a magical night! Here is the list of rehearsals and Sunday morning commitments for the month of January:

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| <b>Wednesday, January 3</b>  | Rehearsal at 7:30 pm  |
| <b>Sunday, January 7</b>     | Singing at the 9:00 am service with a rehearsal at 8:15 am  |
| <b>Wednesday, January 10</b> | Rehearsal at 7:30 pm  |
| <b>Sunday, January 14</b>    | Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am  |
| <b>Wednesday, January 17</b> | Rehearsal at 7:30 pm  |
| <b>Sunday, January 21</b>    | Singing at the 9:00 am service with a rehearsal at 8:15 am  |
| <b>Wednesday, January 24</b> | <b>Rehearsal at 7:30 pm</b>   |
| <b>Sunday, January 28</b>    | Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am. The Annual Meeting follows the service! |
| <b>Wednesday, January 31</b> | Rehearsal at 7:30 pm  |

Simon

Simon Holt  
(860) 705-3037





# Christian Education News



## **GOD'S NEIGHBORHOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Welcome to God's Neighborhood**

#### **God's Neighborhood**

All are welcome! Songs, Crafts, Activities, Snack and Stories!

January 7 — Three Kings Day celebration

January 14 — Diversity Sunday

January 21 — Parable of the Talents

January 28 — Parable of the Lost Sheep

#### **SPF and JPF**

Senior Pilgrim Fellowship high school students meet a couple times each month outside of Sunday School hours. During Sunday mornings they help in the classrooms.

Junior Pilgrim Fellowship meet on Sunday mornings and occasionally each month, many times with SPF.

January 7 — JPF Sunday morning Epiphany

January 14 — JPF Sunday morning Diversity Sunday

January 21—JPF Sunday morning SPF Haiti Meeting at 12:15

January 28 — JPF Sunday morning JPF and SPF bowling at Coast Guard Academy from 12-2. RSVP.

#### **Future SPF Dates**

February 11 - Mardis Gras Breakfast

February 19 - Skiing at Powder Ridge (with JPF)

March 18- First Confirmation Class

March 24- Midnight Run

# Tree of Life News

## Tree of Life January Journey 2018

### **The Right of Return: 70 Years of Refugees in Palestine, Israel, and Beyond**

On January 2, just as you breathe a sigh of relief that the holiday season has passed, Diane Claussen, Steve Jungkeit and Mary Tomassetti will set out with 28 travelers for our Annual Tree of Life Journey to Israel and Palestine. We will visit the very places you'll heard about all through the Christmas season – Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth. We will walk in the steps of Jesus. We will visit refugee camps and hear from voices of conscience working for Justice and peace. We will consider how our spirituality and religious teachings should guide us to care for every human with compassion and love. We will be reminded that Jesus himself was a refugee, and that we must do all we can to positively impact the world around us.

Please send your loving thoughts and prayers to all of our travelers, and thank you for growing this ministry into the beautiful Tree it has become.

Mary Tomassetti  
Executive Director  
Tree of Life Educational Fund  
[www.tolef.org](http://www.tolef.org)  
860-391-5384

### **Holiday Storefront a HUGE success!**

Many thanks to all who have supported us throughout the year, and special thanks to all the Holiday Storefront Shoppers for making this the best sales year ever for Tree of Life, with sales of over \$4000 in Palestinian gifts and Olive Oil. These sales support Palestinian artists, farmers and students, but they also help raise awareness and promote conversation about this critical issue.

THANK YOU for making a difference in the lives of so many!

# Tree of Life News

## Help Us Lift a TON off the Backs of Others . . .

Help the next generation of Palestinian students achieve university educations and support Palestinian organic farmers maintain their orchard and their crops during the Occupation.

Tree of Life Educational Fund at FCCOL has just unloaded ONE TON of the first fruits of the summer olive harvest: the remarkable, tasty, prize-winning, organic OLIVE OIL produced by the Al'Ard farmer co-operative based in the Nablus region.

**ToLEF sells 750 ml bottles for \$25:** half supports the Fund's university scholarship program, and a quarter directly supports the farmers in the regional agricultural co-op; the balance covers shipping, customs, US distributor over-head—nothing to FCCOL or ToLEF.

There may be cheaper olive oils at your local grocer. None as tasty! None support Palestinian university educations as ours does! Get your olive oil at FCCOL from the office, or at the Tribal Crafts Partnership Room during Fellowship Hour.

Each bottle comes with an attractive gift bag, produced for us in Palestine. Don't take another boring bottle of wine as a hostess gift! Take a bottle of our wonderful Al'Ard organic olive oil and help spread the word! **You** can change the flavor of this world, one bottle at a time. (For special holiday discounts on case-lots, email [westbrooknicholas@gmail.com](mailto:westbrooknicholas@gmail.com).)

ToLEF also has available **za'atar** (the ubiquitous Middle Eastern spice for everything—tastes sort-of like oregano), and **olive oil soaps** in hard bar and squirt-bottle form.

# Adult Enrichment Programs

## BOOK STUDY

We'll meet on *Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>*, following the 11:00 am worship service to discuss The Book of Joy: Conversations with the Dali Lama and Desmond Tutu, edited by Douglas Carlton. This is a delightful little book chronicling conversations between these two faith leaders – conversations about some of life's challenges and joys, and the ways in which their faith has guided their living. Martha Beaudoin and Carleen will lead the discussions. You are surely welcome even if you haven't read the book! 12 noon in the church library, January 7<sup>th</sup>. A book recommendation from the Environmental folks: The Water Will Come by Jeff Goodell. This recently released book sheds light on the effect rising seas will have on our coastlines, cities, and communities. A good read on an important subject!

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Becky Crosby is leading a study on the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul through his letters and the Book of Acts to discover how he shaped Christianity. To accompany 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 Thursdays at 10:45** in the church's Library. We will meet again **January 4th and 25th**.

## WRITING FROM THE SPIRIT

The writing group meets on alternate Wednesdays on January 10 and 24 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 January 3, 17 and 31 at 4:00 pm in the Hoag Room. Led by Alan Bradford. All are welcome!

## ADULT FORUMS

January 7th - Jean Fruth will speak about cyber security.

January 14th - Erin Duran, head of Connecticut College student counseling services.

January 21st - Joe Standart, highly acclaimed photographer, will speak about his work.

January 28th - John Yrchik, travels to Burma.

## GROWING THROUGH GRIEF GROUP

Friday, January 5, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor

## CARE-GIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Friday, December 12, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor

## Seeking Employment:

**Home Health Aid, House Keeping** Hope Helurg at 860-514-9623. Recommended by Elin Larson.

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

**Paul Fitzpatrick-Nager** Experienced master carpenter. Will design and build comfort zones for your home, indoors and out. Patios, pergolas and more. Call me anytime at 860-304-9916 or 860-434-4366.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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

# January 2018

February 2018

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January 2018

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28	29	30	31			

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 31	Jan 1, 18 HAPPY NEW YEAR 7:00pm AA (S)	2 Mark's Birthday 1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S) 1:30pm Music School (M)	3 12:00pm ARC Blood Drive (F) 4:00pm Poetry Group 5:00pm Children's Choir 7:30pm Sr Choir (S)	4 10:45am Bible Study (L)	5	6 FP/SK
7 Eileen Sypher Organist 9:00am Service (Sr Choir) (Sunday) 11:00am 11 AM Service 12:00pm Book Club (L)	8 10:00am Ladies Who Stitch (S) 7:00pm AA (S)	9 9:30am Staff Mtg 1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S) 1:30pm Music School (M) 7:30pm Board of	10 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE 4:00pm Writing Group 5:00pm Children's Choir 7:00pm BYE (L) 7:30pm Sr Choir (S)	11	12 Simon Holt's Birthday	13 Carleen's Birthday FP/SK 2:00pm Piano Recital Natalia (S)
14 9:00am Service (Sunday School) 11:00am 11 AM Service	15 HOLIDAY - MARTIN LUTHER KING 7:00pm AA (S)	16 9:30am Staff Mtg 1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S) 1:30pm Music School 5:00pm Duck River 6:30pm Endowment	17 4:00pm Poetry Group (H) 5:00pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Pac 27 (F) 7:30pm Sr Choir (S)	18 7:30pm BOS (L)	19 3:00pm MM (L)	20 FP/SK 2:00pm Piano Recital Natalia (S) Snow 7:00pm MTNA Piano Recital (S) Natalia
21 9:00am Service (Sunday School) 11:00am 11 AM Service 12:00pm Haiti Trip Mtg (L)	22 10:00am Ladies Who Stitch (S) 7:00pm AA (S)	23 9:30am Staff Mtg 10:00am LBS Board (L) 1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S) 1:30pm Music School 7:00pm BOD (L)	24 4:00pm Writing Group (H) 5:00pm Children's Choir (S) 7:30pm Sr Choir (S)	25 10:45am Bible Study (L)	26 FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	27 FP/SK 7:00pm MTNA Snow Date (S)
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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 (4<sup>th</sup> year Yale Divinity School student) serves as minister to the South Lyme Union Chapel

The Rev. Cynthia C. Willauer, In Ministry for The Care of Creation

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Whenever you come to church....worship, church events, meetings, or just to visit....

**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.

**THANKS!**

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