

The First
Congregational Church
of Old Lyme
NOVEMBER 2017



Dear friends,

It's a beautiful autumn day as I write, and the cooler air and the color of the leaves have me thinking about soup. Sabbaths as well, but in combination with a perfect autumn soup. I went to the grocery store earlier and stocked up on all the ingredients I would need. I've got a soundtrack laid out for the period of cutting and measuring (a collection of songs from Puerto Rico, curated by a Public Radio International program I follow called Afropop Worldwide). And I have a good beer set aside to make the task even more pleasurable. Autumn is made for good soup, and I know just the one. It's a roasted butternut squash and leek soup. The recipe is included (see recipe on the next page). You can thank me the next time our paths cross – on Sunday, or maybe at the Big Y.

I'm telling you about soup because it's a reminder, at least for me, of the importance of an old virtue that I'm not especially good at practicing: keeping the Sabbath. It sounds corny and a little old fashioned, I know, but at its heart, the Sabbath is about building rhythms of rest and pleasure into our overcrowded lives. It's not, primarily, about attending church on Sunday, but more about discovering a habit of being that frees us to become more human, with ourselves and with one another. It's not about keeping a rule, but more about creating space within our lives for delight – however that manifests itself. I'm sure it's always been hard to find Sabbath moments (otherwise why would the Bible admonish us to do it?), but I tend to think our culture of 24/7 has intensified the difficulty. Economic pressures, competing schedules, and social obligations seem to conspire to fill every available moment with activity. But it's also true that even those of us who have greater amounts of time in our lives can often fill the time well enough, but without the accompanying feeling of delight that might lead toward a greater sense of fullness.

Norman Wirzba is a theologian who teaches at Duke Divinity School, and he wrote a book a few years back called *Keeping the Sabbath*. He reminds us that from the very first pages of the Scriptures, there is a pattern of work and creation, but also of rest and satisfaction. He also contends that setting aside a full day for relaxation is unrealistic for many of us, even as he suggests ways to build moments of rest and pleasure into our busy-ness. Each chapter works through the implications for Sabbath keeping in a different arena of life – our economic activity, our work, our homes, in education, regarding the environment, and in our worship. It's a project that seems worthy of practice at the moment. When many of us feel harried, stressed, anxious, overwhelmed, and dizzy from all the information and activity hurled at us, perhaps keeping the Sabbath, in whatever way makes sense for each of us, is a way to protect the fullness of our humanity.

Have a look at Wirzba's book if you have a chance. As for me, I'm ready to queue up the songs, to crack open a beer, and to start cutting vegetables. Time to practice the Sabbath for a little bit.

Stay human, stay faithful...

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve". The signature is written in black ink and is located at the bottom left of the page.

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
in Partnership with the Lyme/Old Lyme Churches**

**A Service in Celebration of Harvest and Thanksgiving
at Christ the King Church**

Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:00 pm

**Roasted Butternut Squash and Leek Soup with Sour Cream,
Crisp Bacon, and Scallions**

**5lbs butternut squash
4 tablespoons butter
3 large leeks, cleaned and chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
5 cups chicken stock
1 tsp. dried thyme
½ cup heavy cream or half and half
1 ¼ tsp. salt, or to taste
½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
½ cup sour cream
4 tablespoons chopped chives or green onion tops
8 slices of crisp bacon, crumbled**

Directions: Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cut squash in half lengthwise; scrape out seeds. Place cut side down on a cookie sheet. Pour very hot tap water around squash to a depth of ¼ inch. Bake until tender, approx. 40 minutes, adding additional water as needed. Remove from oven; let cool to room temperature. Remove squash from shells and reserve.

In medium saucepan, cook leeks and onion in butter until tender. Add squash, chicken stock, and thyme. Simmer for 30 minutes. Puree in food processor or blender with metal blade. Add cream if desired. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish each bowl with a dollop of sour cream, chives, and bacon before serving. Serves 8.

Weddings

Sharanyaa Kniti Vasan and Brayon Robert Seelig October 8, 2017

Memorials

George Peter Beardsley



Church News



New Members It is our custom to receive new members twice a year. If you have been attending, or visiting, and would like to talk about membership (ask any question you might have), Steve, Carleen or Joan would love the opportunity to sit down over a cup of coffee and chat! Please call any one of us and let's set up a time and place. ***We will be receiving new members on December 3rd.*** The New Members orientation meeting will be *Thursday, November 30th, at 7:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium. There will be a New Members luncheon on *December 3rd at 12:00 pm.*

Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, November 3, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor

Henri Nouwen wrote, A caring relationship is a "deep human encounter in which a person is willing to put their own faith and doubt, their own hope and despair, their own light and darkness at the disposal of others who want to find a way through their confusion and touch the solid core of life." Come join our Growing Through Grief and Loss Group, new members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be Friday, November 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor. 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-Givers Support Group, Friday, November 10, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor

"Being a listening friend is like being someone's human journal. The journal accepts every word that you write, unconditionally. A journal gives you the opportunity to vent without being criticized." (Terri Green) One of the most important ways to be a healthy caregiver is to take time for yourself and seek support of people who can relate to your situation. Come join our group of "listening friends". New members are always welcome in our Care-givers Support Group. Our next meeting will be Friday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor. If you would like to meet one-on-one or have any questions, feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest, 860-434-4629.

Help Wanted to Count Sunday Offering

Volunteers are needed to join teams of offering counters. Each team usually meets once a month to count and process the Sunday offering. Additional volunteers are needed from time-to-time to be substitutes for team members who are not able to be present for the counting. On special occasions, such as Christmas and Easter, additional volunteers are needed to augment the assigned team to ease the additional burden. To volunteer your time to support this important function of the Church, please contact Allan Kiem, the Financial Secretary, by e-mail, at Kiem36@live.com; or phone at 860-434-5216.

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

(LWS) are knitting and sewing up a storm - we're adding new ideas and creations weekly for sale and donation. You can shop with us most Mondays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Sheffield Auditorium. Stop in to see what we have or pick up a price list in the church office. We'll also be at the LBS luncheons *November 14th and December 5th.* The Elephants in Winter sale on *December 2nd* is our big event, and we'll keep things out for the Sunday services *December 3rd.* A new venture for us this year will be the Essex Meadows Holiday Bazaar on *December 7th.* All proceeds go to the church's outreach programs.



Environmental Committee



**From The New York Times:
Climate Change Is Complex. We've
Got Answers to Your Questions.**

By JUSTIN GILLIS

We know. Global warming is daunting.

So here's a place to start:

17 often-asked questions://

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climate/what-is-climate-change.html?](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/climate/what-is-climate-change.html?emc=eta1stions)**

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with some straightforward answers.

Climate change? Global warming? What do we call it? Both are accurate, but they mean different things. You can think of global warming as one type of climate change. The broader term covers changes beyond warmer temperatures, such as shifting rainfall patterns. President Trump has claimed that scientists stopped referring to global warming and started calling it climate change because “the weather has been so cold” in winter. But the claim is false. Scientists have used both terms for decades.

How much is the Earth heating up? Two degrees is more significant than it sounds. As of early 2017, the Earth had warmed by roughly 2 degrees Fahrenheit (more than 1 degree Celsius) since 1880, when records began at a global scale. The number may sound low, but as an average over the surface of an entire planet, it is actually high, which explains why much of the world's land ice is starting to melt and the oceans are rising at an accelerating pace. If greenhouse gas emissions continue unchecked, scientists say, the global warming could ultimately exceed 8 degrees Fahrenheit, which would undermine the planet's capacity to support a large human population.

What is the greenhouse effect, and how does it cause global warming? We've known about it for more than a century. Really. In the 19th century, scientists discovered that certain gases in the air trap and slow down heat that would otherwise escape to space. Carbon dioxide is a major player; without any of it in the air, the Earth would be a frozen wasteland. The first prediction that the planet would warm as humans released more of the gas was made in 1896. The gas has increased 43 percent above the pre-industrial level so far, and the Earth has warmed by

roughly the amount that scientists predicted it would. Interested in keeping up with climate change? See the article in the New York Times. Sign up to receive our in-depth journalism about climate change around the world.

How do we know humans are responsible for the increase in carbon dioxide. This one is nailed down. Hard evidence, including studies that use radioactivity to distinguish industrial emissions from natural emissions, shows that the extra gas is coming from human activity. Carbon dioxide levels rose and fell naturally in the long-ago past, but those changes took thousands of years. Geologists say that humans are now pumping the gas into the air much faster than nature has ever done.

Could natural factors be the cause of the warming. Nope. In theory, they could be. If the sun were to start putting out more radiation, for instance, that would definitely warm the Earth. But scientists have looked carefully at the natural factors known to influence planetary temperature and found that they are not changing nearly enough. The warming is extremely rapid on the geologic time scale, and no other factor can explain it as well as human emissions of greenhouse gases.

Why do people deny the science of climate change? Mostly because of ideology. Instead of negotiating over climate change policies and trying to make them more market-oriented, some political conservatives have taken the approach of blocking them by trying to undermine the science. President Trump has sometimes claimed that scientists are engaged in a worldwide hoax to fool the public, or that global warming was invented by China to disable American industry. The climate denials' arguments have become so strained that even oil and coal companies have distanced themselves publicly, though some still help to finance the campaigns of politicians who espouse such views.

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LBS NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

From “Remarkable Women” to Witches:

You can encounter them all at LBS Luncheons! Join us. Make surprising new friends at our “spell-binding” Luncheons! The November Luncheon begins at *noon on Tuesday, November 14*. The speaker begins at 1:00 pm, followed by Q&A until ca. 2:00 pm. Cost is \$5 plus canned food or diapers for our Food Pantry ministries. We appreciate a call (860-434-8686) by November 10 to reserve a place so that we can be sure to have enough food. LBS has great cooks, so we promise a better menu than Shakespeare’s classic recipe:

*Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn, and caldron bubble.
Fillet of a fenny snake,
In the caldron boil and bake;
Eye of newt, and toe of frog,
Wool of bat, and tongue of dog,
Adder's fork, and blind-worm's sting,
Lizard's leg, and owlet's wing,—*

Last month, we heard about the “Remarkable Women” of Old Lyme, our immediate next-door neighbors. On November 14, while still in the dark shadow of Hallowe’en, we’ll hear about Connecticut’s connections to witches and witchcraft from author Cynthia Wolfe Boynton, who will speak about her recent book, *Connecticut Witch Trials*. Cynthia published an earlier book about other “remarkable women,” hers selected from Hartford candidates. Cynthia Boynton launched into her CT witchcraft project after writing a 1999 story for the *Boston Globe* about New England Wiccan responses to the trial of a CT school bus driver accused of casting spells to seduce a 14-year-old student. (And she’ll share what happened next!) Her book is the major outcome. Copies will be available for purchase and author autographs. Ms Boynton is an award-winning journalist, playwright and poet. She teaches writing at the Yale School of Medicine and Housatonic Community College. Hop on your broomstick and join us! You’ll be sorry if you don’t.

NEW 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.

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2018 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

As of October 19, (four weeks after Stewardship Sunday), we have received responses from 138 members and friends totaling \$274,495 toward our 2018 Stewardship Campaign goal of \$630,000. **THANK YOU!!** Compared to the numbers reported at this time last year, the number of pledges received is down by 6 percent. However, the total dollars pledged to date is up by 5 percent and this has been driven by a 21% increase in the average pledge amount.

Of the pledges received:

- 8% reflect a decrease in the pledge amount from last year
- 39% reflect an increase in the pledge amount over last year
- 46% reflect no change in the pledge amount from last year
- 7% are pledges from new members

The 2018 Stewardship Campaign is an opportunity to sustain and grow our investment in our church's life changing ministries and mission partnerships. The Board of Stewardship is providing this early status report because it is important that all members and friends of our church are kept aware of our progress. If you have already submitted your pledge commitment, please accept our thanks for your quick response!

If you have not yet had a chance to do so, we ask that you...

- Review the inspiring information in our pledge brochure
- Listen to and reflect on the testimonials presented during our Sunday services
- Return your commitment card to the church office at your earliest convenience. Your timely response will help make a difference!
- Contact the Board of Stewardship if you have any questions

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

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MESSAGES FROM THE TREASURER

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



SENIOR CHOIR



Thank you for your wonderful singing throughout October! Here is the list of rehearsals and Sunday morning commitments for the month of November!

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| Wednesday, November 1 | Rehearsal at 7:30 pm |
| Sunday, November 5 | Singing at the 9:00 am service with a rehearsal at 8:15 am |
| Wednesday, November 8 | Rehearsal at 7:30 pm |
| Sunday, November 12 | Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am |
| Wednesday, November 15 | Rehearsal at 7:30 pm |
| Sunday, November 19 | Singing at the 9:00 am service with a rehearsal at 8:15 am |
| <u>Tuesday, November 21</u> | ECUMENICAL SERVICE at Christ the King, beginning at 7:00 pm. <i>There will be a rehearsal at Christ the King late afternoon, time to be determined....</i> |
| Wednesday, November 22 | NO REHEARSAL - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!! |
| Sunday, November 26 | Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am |
| Wednesday, November 29 | Rehearsal at 7:30 pm |

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Christian Education News



GOD'S NEIGHBORHOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL

Welcome to God's Neighborhood

God's Neighborhood — EVERYONE WELCOME, PLEASE BRING A FRIEND!

November 5 — Today we will collect our UNICEF boxes. We will learn the story of peaceful generosity in Genesis 13: Abram and Lot.

November 12 — How to show love to others by giving something special to them. SPF will speak to students during the Children's Sermon about Box Night and the Breakfast Run.

November 19 — Thanking God for what we have is our discussion about prayer for today.

November 26 — Today we will make a dessert for the NLCMC as our service project for the month.

JPF and SPF — EVERYONE WELCOME!

November 5 — Directly after church we will head to plant the flower bulbs in support of Immigrant Assistance. JPF and SPF will start at 11 and will finish by 1. Please RSVP to LisaDoggart@gmail.com.

November 11 — SPF BOX NIGHT! Tonight we will make the casseroles for our NLCMC, watch a short documentary, and sleep out on the front lawn in our boxes! RSVP to LisaDoggart@gmail.com.

November 26 — SPF will serve food at the NLCMC. Please meet at 3:00 pm. We will be done in New London by about 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to LisaDoggart@gmail.com

Please email (to LisaDoggart@gmail.com) college addresses of former PF students so we can send them care packages (made by Sunday School) around the time of finals!

Tree of Life News

Tree of Life Journey January 2018 The Right of Return: 70 Years of Refugees in Palestine, Israel, and Beyond

January 2-14 with optional extension to Jordan through January 18

Over the past several years, images of refugees fleeing war torn zones around the globe have galvanized people of faith and conscience, leading many to enact myriad forms of hospitality. That hospitality, and the new relationships that have emerged as a result, have been transformative for many communities. But one of the most persistent, and largely forgotten, refugee disasters in the twentieth century was enacted against Palestinians in 1948, when nearly 800,000 people were expelled from their homes. Many fled to Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan, while others were herded into camps within Palestine. 70 years later, those refugees continue to languish in camps, now numbering close to 6 million individuals. They have no legal or national status, and access to the basic resources needed to survive is severely limited. Moreover, the rest of the world has largely forgotten about the existence of this refugee population. In a time when the plight of refugees has again emerged as a moral concern, and on the 70th anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba, the ongoing refugee crisis among Palestinians dramatizes the struggle for justice among refugees everywhere.

The Tree of Life journey in January 2018 will highlight the ongoing refugee crisis in Palestine and beyond by examining the tragic aftershocks of 1948. We'll visit refugee camps in the West Bank, and we'll visit communities threatened with erasure in East Jerusalem and the West Bank. But we'll also explore other manifestations of the aftershock of settler colonialism in Palestine, visiting occupied Syria (the Golan Heights) and other sites throughout Palestine and Israel where those aftershocks are especially visible. Throughout, we'll be hearing from voices of conscience speaking from various social locations (Israeli, Palestinian, Bedouin, Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Druze), all of whom are committed to building a future inhabitable by all, and not only a privileged few. The journey is conceived as a way of reckoning with a painful legacy, even as we imagine a hopeful future.

A Tree of Life collaboration between the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, the Islamic Association of Greater Hartford, and the Amistad Church of Hartford, the journey will be led by Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit (Senior Minister of FCCOL), Dr. Reza Mansoor (President of the IAGH), and Bishop John Selders (Senior Minister of Amistad UCC). It will be an opportunity for travelers to reflect on how Islam and Christianity both speak to the condition of refugees (Jesus and Mohammed were themselves both refugees). It will also be an opportunity to learn about and to experience places sacred to Islam, Judaism, and Christianity, while also learning from the wisdom and expertise of fellow travelers. In addition, there will be an optional extension to Jordan, where we'll have an opportunity to witness the refugee situation in a different country, while also visiting historic sites such as Petra and the Wadi Rum. Travel dates are January 2-14 (Palestine and Israel only) or through January 18 with the Jordan extension. The cost for this journey is \$2100 for double occupancy and \$450 additional for a single room. Cost of the extension is \$700 for double occupancy and \$200 additional for single. Contact Mary Tomassetti, Tree of Life Executive Director for more details, at mary@tole.org.

Deadline for application and full payment is November 15.

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 to a holiday gathering! 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.)

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

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

This fall Becky Crosby will lead a study on the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul through his letters and the Book of Acts and discover how he shaped Christianity and transformed Jesus into the Messiah. To accompany and guide our study, we will read A.N. Wilson's book, "Paul: The Mind of the Apostle." The book can easily be purchased on-line. **Bible Study begins on Thursday, October 26th, at 10:45** in the church's Library, and we will meet every Thursday until December 21st, when we will break for Christmas. Please bring your own Bible (all translations are welcome). If you don't own a Bible, we have plenty to share. Led by Becky Crosby.

WRITING FROM THE SPIRIT

The writing group meets on alternate Wednesdays on November 1, 15 and 29 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 November 8 and 22 at 4:00 pm in the Hoag Room. Led by Alan Bradford. All are welcome!

ADULT FORUMS

Nov. 5	Lowell Weicker
Nov. 12	Jenny Parsons – Asst Curator, Griswold Museum
Nov. 26	Paul Colburn, - CT DEEP, black bears in CT

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF GROUP

Friday, November 3, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor
For more information, see page 3.

CARE-GIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Friday, November 10, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor
For more information, see page 3.

Seeking Employment:

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.

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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.

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.

Alterations I'm a professional with over 20 years experience, from shortening jeans to restoring or redesigning a beloved wedding gown. Estimates and references freely given. Please call Hazella Pease at 860-434-5784 for an appointment.

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

November 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 9:00am Service (Sunday) 10:00am Forum (S) 11:00am 11 AM Service	8:00am Latheti Move Piano Back to 10:00am Ladies Who Sitch (S) 7:00pm AA (S)	9:30am Staff Mtg 10:00am AA Day Mtg (S) 6:00pm Pottery - Open Studio	4:00pm Writing Group (H) 5:00pm Children's Choir (S) 7:30pm Sr Choir (S)	10:45am Bible Study (L)	Latham Move Piano (S) to M) 10:00am Grief Group (H)	FP/SK Lyme Library Fundraiser Concert(M&H) Sheffield Piano Moved
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THE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP FROM ALL OF US

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.

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