

*The First  
Congregational Church  
of Old Lyme  
OCTOBER 2017*



Dear friends,

As I sit and write on this Tuesday afternoon, it still looks and feels like summer outdoors. In truth, I'm not ready to let summer go just yet, even if October is upon us, together with all of the activities October bestows. One of the gifts of summer was discovering anew the music of Louis Armstrong. While down in New Orleans, our family was able to attend a few sessions of a music festival dedicated to all things Satchmo. I've long admired Armstrong's early recordings from the 1920's and 1930's, when recorded jazz was in its infancy. But I hadn't given the long arc of Armstrong's career much consideration. It's stunning in its longevity, and in the continuity of its aesthetic and ethical vision.

To follow the long arc of Armstrong's career is to witness what I think of as the gift of simultaneity – to know the worst, but to affirm the best. It's a lesson worth learning right about now. Armstrong saw the worst of the human condition. He lived in fairly desperate conditions as a child, had scraps with the law, and was even sentenced for a time to a boarding school governed by a brand of military discipline, which he loathed. He experienced Jim Crow racism at its worst, and he stood up to it. In 1957, the Klan hurled a stick of dynamite at the auditorium in which he was playing. It went off, but Armstrong just kept playing, averting panic by telling everyone that it was "just the phone." Later that same year, Governor Faubus of Arkansas refused to let black children attend a school, while President Eisenhower chose not to intervene. Armstrong was scheduled to be the featured performer on a State Department trip to Russia, which he canceled, criticizing the President for not standing up to an "uneducated plowboy" in Arkansas. Armstrong's protest led to a downturn in his career. But it was something he was more than willing to accept as a price for speaking his conscience. He had seen the worst, and he wasn't afraid to acknowledge it.

But if Armstrong knew the worst, he also never wavered in his affirmation of the best that humans could be. Toward the end of his life, in 1967, he recorded a song that has become familiar enough that it's almost a cliché. "I see skies of blue and clouds of white," Armstrong sings, "the bright blessed day, the dark sacred night/And I think to myself... what a wonderful world." The stanzas each begin with the miracle of sight: "I see, I see, I see..." And what Armstrong sees, or what he chooses to affirm, is finally the wonder of it all, even amidst the depravation that he knew and suffered. "I see friends shaking hands, saying how do you do, they're really saying, 'I love you,'" Armstrong sings at the climax of the song. Armstrong knew the worst, and it might have tempted him toward cynicism. What he offered instead was an affirmation of goodness, despite evidence to the contrary.

I sense in Armstrong a lesson that people of faith need in times like this. More than that, I sense a lesson that those of us who belong to this community need in a time like this. We need the courage and clear sightedness to acknowledge the painful truths of our moment – the shame attached to blocking refugees, the shame attached to the escalating of immigrant deportations, the shame attached to casual white supremacy, the shame of climate change denial. I'm certain that our children and grandchildren will ask questions of each of us regarding the way we comported ourselves in this moment. But we also need to recall the affirmation that begins the entire Bible: And God saw that it was good. It's a phrase repeated again and again in the first chapter of Genesis. As in Armstrong's song, sight, vision, yields an affirmation of the goodness of things.

Both are necessary. Without that affirmation of goodness, our clear-sightedness can yield cynicism or despair. Without clear-sightedness, our affirmations can yield sentimentality. We need the discipline of simultaneity to keep us sane, and to keep us faithful.

We'll practice that simultaneity in the coming month. We'll attempt to be clear-sighted as we grapple with issues around race on October 8, when John Selders, a leader in the struggle for racial justice here in Connecticut visits us. We'll do it on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, when Alan Boesak, a theologian from South Africa and an activist in anti-apartheid struggles around the globe visits Old Lyme. We'll do it on October 29<sup>th</sup>, our Tree of Life Sunday, when two courageous women, Madonna Thunder Hawk and Fayrouz Sharqawi share their struggle to create a just, sustainable, and peaceful future. But we'll do all of that because of a prior commitment, a prior affirmation, of the goodness, worth, and value of the world. Here in Old Lyme, we're a people called toward simultaneity.

If you think about it in the next several weeks, put on a bit of Louis Armstrong, and remember: confront the worst, but affirm the best. It's a lesson as old as Genesis, but as relevant now as it ever was.

Stay human, stay faithful...

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## REMARKABLE WOMEN NO SURPRISE AT THE OCTOBER LBS LUNCHEON

The FCCOL Ladies' Benevolent Society resumes its long tradition of monthly Spring and Autumn luncheons on Wednesday, October 10th at 12:00 pm. (**NOTE:** The traditional luncheon is now being held on the **SECOND** Tuesday of the month in order to better coordinate with other community schedules.) The Luncheon begins at noon in the Fellowship Hall of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme; the program will start around 1 pm after dessert. Programs last about 45 min., including a closing Q&A. 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.

**"It is in giving that we receive".**  
-St Francis of Assisi



We depend upon one another – and there are those who depend upon us. During our 2018 Stewardship Campaign, please faithfully consider how your investment can sustain and grow the extraordinary ministries and missions of this church – and strengthen the blessings of interdependence that we receive from our Mission partnerships.

### *Weddings*

*Andrea Frances Young and Steven John Lowell September 9, 2017*

### *Baptisms*

*Hudson Joseph DiVito, son of Alianna & Kip Divito September 10, 2017*

*Cora Daisy Hannas, daughter of Jenny Watrous September 17, 2017*

*Molly Eliza Gainer, daughter of Melissa and George Gainer September 24, 2017*

### *Memorials*

*Alan A. Mariani*



# Church News



## **Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, October 6, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor**

Sheryl Sandberg, author of "Option B" writes, "We all encounter hardships [or loss]. Some we see coming; others take us by surprise. It can be as tragic as the sudden death of a child, as heartbreaking as a relationship that unravels, or as disappointing as a dream that goes unfulfilled. The question is: When these things happen, what do we do next?"

There are many different kinds of loss and sharing one's feelings about grief and loss is essential to one's mental and spiritual health. Come join our Growing Through Grief Group; new members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, October 20, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor**

One of the most important ways to manage the stress and be a healthier caregiver is to take time for yourself and seek support of people who can relate to your situation. Come join our Care-giver's Support Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty Excursion**

Join us on *Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>*! Our transportation will be train to Grand Central Station and bus to Battery Park. We will leave Old Saybrook at 7:15 am with a return to the train station at 7:56 pm. Space is limited. Call Martha Beaudoin at 860-302-6417 for more details.

## **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 *October 10th, 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.

## **Wanted Donations for God's Neighborhood Sunday School**

Donations of canvas boards for children to paint pictures of our church on October 8.

Small terrarium plants for October 22

Toiletries are needed for the Breakfast Run - Soap samples, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, and washcloths.

Addresses of college-aged students who have been part of our Sunday school, JPF or SPF so we can send them care packages and cards.



# More Church News



## ***“There were Giants in the Earth in those days!”* Exodus 6:4 (KJV)** **Local Authors Speak About “Remarkable Women of Old Lyme”**

Get acquainted with our neighbors—our neighboring “Giants in the Earth” growing up around FCCOL during the past 200+ years.

You will hear about Phoebe Griffin Noyes, Ellen McCurdy Salisbury, Florence Griswold, and Katharine Ludington (and others) at the March 14 luncheon hosted by the Ladies’ Benevolent Society (now in its 200<sup>th</sup> year) at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme at 2 Ferry Road.

Michaelle Pearson and Jim Lampos will highlight some of the historic “*Remarkable Women of Old Lyme*” at a program following the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme’s Ladies Benevolent Society Luncheon on Tuesday, October 10th, beginning at noon.

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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, Oct. 6, to reserve a place at the Luncheon.

Pearson & Lampos reveal the “Remarkable Women” behind the formal portraits most people in town are familiar with. For example, did you know that Phoebe Griffin Noyes opened one of the first art schools in America, was fond of card games and music, and considered dancing to have a “refining influence upon the young?” Or that Evelyn McCurdy Salisbury was presented to Queen Victoria, owned one of the first typewriters in America and wrote pseudonymous articles for several newspapers? Or that Katharine Ludington was a founding member of the League of Women Voters, corresponded with Albert Einstein, and was instrumental in formulating the Fairness Doctrine and Equal Time Act? These and other fascinating tales await.

The husband and wife team of Lampos 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.

# Church Business News

## LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY BUDGET FOR 2018 (8/22/17)

For posting in October 2017 newsletter; to be voted on at Annual Luncheon, Tues. 14 November 2017.

### LBS INTERNAL NEEDS

WES expenses	12,000
Postage, paper	25
Luncheon expenses, programs	2,500
Kitchen equipment and supplies	200
Miscellaneous (reserved for unexpected expenses)	1,500
Sewing group supplies	500
Reimbursement of LBS groceries for NL Soup Kitchen ministry	200
<b>Total operating reserve for LBS internal needs:</b>	<b>\$16,925</b>

### MISSION GIFTS\*

FCCOL Pledge	28,000
FCCOL Christian Education Fund	2,000
FCCOL Parsonage Maintenance Fund	5,000
FCCOL Sunday Coffee Hours	350
FCCOL Major Maintenance Escrow Fund	7,000
FCCOL Ministers' Discretionary Fund	5,000
Church World Service / One Great Hour of Sharing	2,000
Crosby Fund for Haitian Education	5,000
Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc., Old Saybrook	1,000
Hospice Care:	
Center for Hospice Care SECT, Norwich	1,000
The Connecticut Hospice, Branford	1,000
Hospice & Palliative Care, Middletown	1,000
Literacy Volunteers—Valley Shore, CT, Inc.	500
Lymes Senior Center	500
Lymewood Elderly Housing	200
New Life Prison Ministry	3,500
New London Homeless Hospitality Center, Inc.	6,000
NLHHC, Veteran's Housing (Maj. E. Good House)	2,000
The Riverfront Children's Center, Inc., Groton	1,000
A Sacred Place: The Barbara Fund	1,500
Safe Futures, New London	2,000
Tribal Crafts	2,000
<b>Total LBS Mission commitments</b>	<b>\$ 77,550</b>

**TOTAL LBS Budget for 2018    \$ 94,475**

\* FCCOL estimates that about a third of the annual FCCOL operating budget supports Mission outreach to the community and the wider world. None would be possible without a sustained investment in the core facilities of FCCOL which both house and launch these efforts.

# More Church Business News



## **2018 Stewardship Campaign Begins! An Opportunity to Invest in Our Life Changing Ministries and Missions!**

The 2018 Stewardship Campaign began on Monday, September 25. Our theme for this Campaign is “we depend upon one another.” This theme calls us to consider how our financial contributions support the extraordinary Ministries and Missions of our church and the blessings of interdependence that we receive from our Mission partnerships.

A mailing has been sent to all church members and friends that includes a letter and a beautiful brochure that provides more context for our Stewardship theme, as well as a commitment card. An increase of merely 3% from your contribution last year will give us the critical support necessary to maintain and grow the programs we have established. We invite and urge you to faithfully consider your investment in the ministries and missions of this church.

Please be assured that all members of the Board of Stewardship would welcome your call if you have any questions or concerns. Their contact information is available from the church office (860-434-8686).

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

## A Stewardship Testimonial “Sanctuary”

A song by that title on the 1999 Streams cd speaks to me. The lyrics say that "I turn from you and still you cover me... I lose my way and you are reaching out to me..."

This church is my sanctuary.

Along with my sister, I grew up in Bridgeport, CT with an Irish, Catholic mother and Swiss, Baptist father. I was brought up Catholic but also spent time in my father's church. I always knew that there was no one, right path to be taken. As I grew older, I felt dissolution and lost a connection with church. There was a disconnect between my thoughts and the circumstances around me.

With encouragement from Kendall Perkins, I began attending this church fifteen years ago, after my mother died. David Good's sermons spoke directly to me. At this church, I found there to be ways of outreach of which I was never aware. I became involved with the Food Pantry and made connections. Carlene has helped me feel grounded and now I have Steve's words to stir me and deepen my reflections. Our church's number of outreach areas has grown, as I hope I have too. Life has brought me both blessings and trials. Over the years, this church has offered me a safe haven. Now being retired, I have been fortunate enough to expand my boundaries. I have made two trips with this church, first on The Wheels of Justice and recently to Green Grass. I am hoping to be more involved with our immigration committees. Where else could I feel so connected, grateful and alive?

I choose to invest in our church with my time and effort, as well as financially. It is more than a building to me. More than a staff. It is a family, made up of all of you. It is my sanctuary.

Nancy A. Mol

# More Church Business News

## 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 your wonderful singing throughout September. You have really helped to launch an exciting new year at FCCOL with your lovely music!

Here is the list of rehearsals and Sunday morning commitments for the month of October!

<b>Sunday, October 1</b>	Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am
<b>Wednesday, October 4</b>	Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, October 8</b>	Singing at the 9:00 am service with a rehearsal at 8:15am
<b>Wednesday, October 11</b>	Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, October 15</b>	Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am
<b>Wednesday, October 18</b>	Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, October 22</b>	Singing at the 9:00 am service with a rehearsal at 8:15 am
<b>Wednesday, October 25</b>	Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, October 29</b>	Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am

Simon  
Simon Holt  
(860) 705-3037





# Christian Education News



## GOD'S NEIGHBORHOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL

### Welcome to God's Neighborhood

#### Blessing of the Animals

October 1, 2017, 4 p.m.

**Please join with friends in bringing your pets...large, small, furry, scaly or plush in appreciation and gratitude of our faithful friends on the FCCOL lawn. There will be treats for dogs, cats, bunnies and humans! Please bring donations for animals for our food pantry guests.**

**Please bring your friends!**

God's Neighborhood - All are welcome!

October 1—We serve together. Please bring bags of animal treats to donate for our food pantry guests.

October 8- Diversity Sunday—Painting En Plein Air pictures of our historic church. (Rain brings us indoors to paint.)

October 15- Love Your Neighbors---Who are our neighbors? Matthew 22:31

October 22- Loving and taking care of plants in our neighborhood

October 29-Working together with our neighbors

Junior Pilgrim Fellowship (grades 6-8)—email RSVPS to [LisaDoggart@gmail.com](mailto:LisaDoggart@gmail.com)

October 1- am Preparing for Blessing of the Animals (at 4 pm will be Blessing of the Animals)

October 8 am-Diversity Sunday (choice between going outside to paint or Meetinghouse to hear our guest, John speak)

October 15 am- World Religions week, meeting to talk about Essex Meadows interviews at 10:15.

October 21, 6pm- Bonfire and Chili at Hine's home-for more info email , RSVP

October 22 am- Prep for Breakfast Run-fill bags!

October 28- Breakfast Run leaves at 5:30 am, RSVP by October 21 RSVP

October 29 am- Make Halloween cookies and Cards for Essex Meadows Residents.

November 5 after church--planting daffodil bulbs for Immigrant Assistance Service project

Senior Pilgrim Fellowship - email RSVPS to [LisaDoggart@gmail.com](mailto:LisaDoggart@gmail.com)

October 6- Kayak paddle up the Lieutenant River at 3:00 pm at boat launch on Ferry Rd. BYOBoat and lifejacket if you can. Spares available by RSVP

October 21, 6pm- Bonfire and chili at Hines' home-for more info email RSVP

October 28—Breakfast Run will leave at 5:30 a.m.; sign up by October 21 RSVP

November 11-Box Night (Make meals for 11/26, movie, sleep out!) RSVP

November 26- New London Community Meal Center RSVP

#### **Wanted:**

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Small terrarium plants for October 22

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Addresses of college-aged students who have been part of our Sunday school, JPF or SPF so we can send them care packages and cards.

# 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**

**Join us for an orientation meeting Sunday October 8 1:30PM in the church library**

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 70<sup>th</sup> 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 and the Islamic Association of Greater Hartford, the journey will be led by Rev. Dr. Steven Jungkeit (Senior Minister of FCCOL), and Dr. Reza Mansoor (President of the IAGH). 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. Cost to be announced shortly. Contact Mary Tomassetti, Tree of Life Executive Director for more details, at [mary@tolef.org](mailto:mary@tolef.org).

# Tree of Life News

## Courageous Women of Resistance

Join us to hear from women who are speaking truth to power and in doing so, helping to bring enlightenment and engagement in the struggle to build a better and more peaceful future.



**Madonna Thunder Hawk**

Tribal Liason  
Lakota People's Law Project



**Fayrouz Sharqawi**

Advocacy Coordinator  
Grassroots Jerusalem



**Sunday, October 29, 2017**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**The First Congregational  
Church of Old Lyme**

2 Ferry Road  
Old Lyme CT

Palestinian Bazaar 1:30-2:00  
Program 2:00-3:30  
Bazaar & light refreshments 3:30-4:30

*Open to the public,  
all welcome!*

*For more information,  
visit [www.tolef.org](http://www.tolef.org)*

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*Amplifying voices of conscience for social justice*

# Adult Enrichment Programs

## BOOK GROUP

Save the Date on *Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>*, after the 11:00 am service. Martha Beaudoin and Carleen will facilitate a discussion of The Third Reconstruction *How a Moral Movement is overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear* by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. This memoir of the Forward Together Moral Movement that began in NC delves into race-based inequity while providing a hopeful message during troubling times. Please join us – all welcome! Bring a snack or sandwich. Drinks will be provided.

## 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 in to 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 October 11 and 25 at 4:00 pm in the Hoag Room. Led by Vicky Murphy.

## POETRY READING

The Poetry-reading group meets on Alternate Wednesdays on October 4 and 18 at 4:00 pm in the Hoag Room. Led by Alan Bradford.

## ADULT FORUMS

October 8	Lisa Tepper Bates, homelessness in Connecticut
October 15	David Ogle - Is There A Better Way To Elect Our Presidents?
October 22	Dr. Richard Hellman – cancer research and treatment
October 29	Dr. Mark Zimmer – Gene Editing
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, October 6, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor  
For more information, see page 3.

## CARE-GIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Friday, October 20, 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](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.

**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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Oct 1</b> 9:00am 9:00 AM Service 11:00am 11 AM Service 12:00pm Book Group (L) 4:00pm Blessing of the 6:00pm SMO Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 10:00am Ladies Who Stitch (S) 7:00pm AA (S)	<b>3</b> 9:30am Staff Mtg 1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S)	<b>4</b> Ellis Island Trip 4:00pm Poetry Group (H) 5:00pm Children's Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir (S)	<b>5</b> 5:30pm Search Committee	<b>6</b> 10:00am Grief Group (H)	<b>7</b> FP/SK 2:00pm Phyllis Lathrop Mem (off-site) CRG 6:00pm Vasan/Selig R (JWP) (Waters Edge)
<b>8</b> 9:00am Service (Sunday School) 10:00am Forum (S) 11:00am 11 AM Service 1:30pm TOL Journey 3:00pm Vasan/Seelig	<b>9</b> Set Up LBS Luncheon 10:00am Ladies Who Stitch (S) 7:00pm AA (S)	<b>10</b> 9:30am Staff Mtg 12:00pm LBS Luncheon 1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S) 7:30pm BOT (L) 7:30pm BYE (H)	<b>11</b> 4:00pm Writing Group (H) 5:00pm Children's Choir (S) 7:30pm Sr. Choir (S)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> FP/SK
<b>15</b> 9:00am Service (Sunday School) 10:00am Art Tour (L) 10:00am Forum (S) 11:00am 11 AM Service	<b>16</b> 10:00am Ladies Who Stitch (S) 7:00pm AA (S)	<b>17</b> 9:30am Staff Mtg 1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S)	<b>18</b> 4:00pm Poetry Group 5:00pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Pac 27 (F) 7:00pm Endowment 7:30pm Sr. Choir (S)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Newsletter Deadline 10:00am Care Group (H)	<b>21</b> FP/SK MM
<b>22</b> Rev Dr. Allen Boesak 9:00am Service (Sunday School) 10:00am Forum (S) 11:00am 11 AM Service 1:00pm MM	<b>23</b> 10:00am Ladies Who Stitch (S) 7:00pm AA (S)	<b>24</b> 9:30am Staff Mtg 10:00am LBS Board (L) 1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S) 7:00pm BOD (L)	<b>25</b> 4:00pm Writing Group (H) 5:00pm Children's Choir (S) 7:30pm Sr. Choir (S)	<b>26</b> 10:45am Bible Study (L)	<b>27</b> 9:30am Newsletter Fold (S)	<b>28</b> FP/SK SS Breakfast Run 1:00pm George Peter Beardsley Mem/Receipt
<b>29</b> 9:00am Service (Sunday School) 10:00am Forum (S) 11:00am 11 AM Service 12:00pm TOL Event	<b>30</b> 10:00am Ladies Who Stitch (S) 7:00pm AA (S)	<b>31</b> Halloween 9:30am Staff Mtg 1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S)	Nov 1	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

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South Lyme Union Chapel Worship - 9:00 a.m.

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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.

**THANKS!**

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