

*The First Congregational Church  
of Old Lyme  
DECEMBER 2016*



**If you wear a hijab, we'll sit with you on the train.  
If you're a refugee, we'll make sure you're welcome.  
If you're an immigrant, we'll help you find resources.  
If you're trans, we'll stand by the bathroom with you.  
If you're a person of color, we'll stand  
with you if the cops stop you.  
If you're a person with disabilities,  
we'll hand you the megaphone.  
If you're a survivor, we'll believe you.  
If you're LGBTQ,  
we'll remind you that you are beautiful  
and beloved, just as God made you.  
If you're a woman, we'll make sure you get home ok.  
  
If you're tired, me too.  
If you need a hug, I've got an infinite supply.  
If you need me, I'll be with you.  
All I ask is that you be with me, too.  
Together, we'll be the strong arm of God.**

*-Molly Baskette, "Safety, Pinned", from the UCC Daily Devotional, November 12, 2016.  
As quoted by Steve Jungkeit in the sermon "How Firm a Foundation", November 13, 2016.*



# Church News



## CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

**December 18 - Sunday**

**5:00 PM ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

**Rehearsal @ 2:30 PM**

*All JPF, SPF, children and families who would like to participate in the Pageant are welcome at the 2:30 pm rehearsal.*

**December 24 - Christmas Eve**

**5:00 PM Service for families with young children,  
THE LIVING MANGER**

**8:00 PM and 10:00 PM**

**CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS**

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE MEMORIAL MUSIC & FLOWERS

If you would like to make a contribution to our special Christmas Eve music and flowers in memory of a loved one, please leave a message at the church office, <fccol@fccol.org> or 860-434-8686 by *Monday, December 12th.*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 11 AM**

**in unity with the South Lyme Union Chapel  
& NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

#### *Weddings*

*Lenora M. Neely and Theodore Osborn Turner November 5, 2016*

#### *Baptisms*

*John Finney Gant, son of Helen and Bryan Gant November 13, 2016*

#### *Memorials*

*Vincent Agostino*

*Jim Davis*

*Marilynn Mitchell Rinek*

*Shirley Smith*



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## **Cappella Cantorum with the Old Lyme Congregational Church Choir present the MESSIAH Christmas Section**

*Saturday, December 3, 8:00 pm*, St. Paul R.C. Church, 179 Rope Ferry Rd. Waterford, CT , 06385, directed by Simon Holt and *Sunday, December 4, 3:00 pm*, John Winthrop Middle School, 1 Winthrop Rd. Deep River, 06417, directed by Barry Asch. Tickets \$25 at the door or [www.CappellaCantorum.org](http://www.CappellaCantorum.org).

## **All Church Christmas Open House**

Come enjoy some holiday cheer with your church friends,  
*Saturday, December 17th, 3:00 - 8:00 pm.*

Stop by as your schedule permits and share snacks,  
beverages and good cheer by a warm fire.

Perhaps sing a few Christmas carols at the home of  
*Joan and Jeff Priest, 117 Elys Ferry Road (off 156), Lyme.*

## **SAVE THE DATES for LBS!**

What always comes after Thanksgiving? **The LBS *Elephants in Winter* sale!**  
Set-up begins on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**The Sale** is *Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 9AM*  
(and continues during coffee hour after the 9AM service on Sunday).

The traditional **LBS holiday luncheon** will be at noon on *Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>*. The *Elephants Sale* resumes at 11 am and continues until the luncheon begins. The program will feature a sextet from the **Shoreline Chorale** from Madison and Guilford, bringing songs and music of the Christmas season. (The LOL high school select choir is in Hawaii commemorating Pearl Harbor Day and cannot be with us for the first time in decades.) The cost of each Luncheon is \$5 plus canned goods for the Food Pantry, or a package of disposable diapers for the Diaper Bank. Please call the Church Office at 860-434-8686 by noon on Monday, December 5, to reserve a place at the Luncheon.



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**THANK YOU! to all helpers for the monthly newsletter mailings in 2016:** Nina Bazinet, Jeanne Clark, Nathalie Fogg, Carol Giuliano, Doris Hungerford, Doris King, Sean McCarty, Jean McClean, Bea Minson, Jeanne Nichols, Carolyn Randall, Hildegard Rennhard, Priscilla Swanson, Barbara Traskos and Nick Westbrook.

**Tribal Crafts** at Old Lyme Marketplace for our annual **Partnership Co-operative holiday show and sale**. This market features Native American crafts, Haitian art and Palestinian goods as well as other handmade items. Get your holiday shopping done and support some great non-profits at the same time!

**December 2nd from 6pm - 8pm -  
wine, snacks and a raffle!**

**Weekends: Saturdays 10am - 6pm /  
Sundays 11am - 5pm**

Paul Sand, Native American artist, will be joining us and sharing stories and reflections from Standing Rock. Please come, listen and watch him create his amazing cottonwood root carvings (pictured below)

**Refugee Family Update** This Thanksgiving we have a very special reason to be thankful. November 24<sup>th</sup> marks the six-month anniversary of the Hamou family's arrival in America. They came without knowing a word of English, without knowing who would greet them or where their new home would be. So much has been accomplished since then! Hani is respected and well liked at his job, Yaldiz grows more confident each day in her ability to understand and speak English, and Darin, Kamber and Mohamad are learning and happy in school. Hani passed the Department of Motor Vehicle exams and soon will be driving his family to shop, school and work, a much anticipated step towards independence. And although they miss and worry about their scattered family – some in Syria, others refugees in Germany, Denmark and Lebanon – they count our community as a new family of friends. We all have much to be thankful for.

**Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, December 2, 2016, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor.** The Christmas Season is typically steeped with tradition, when families gather and everyone around you seems to be celebrating. All this can make holidays painful

when you are grieving the loss of someone who has been a significant part of your life or with any painful loss you are facing. We gather this month to share ways to help each of us navigate through the holidays this year. Come join our Growing Through Grief Group, new members are always welcome. And if this day or time does not work for you but you are still interested in the group or if you would like to meet one on one, contact the Rev. Joan Priest at 860-434-4629.

**Care-giver's Support Group, Friday, December 9, 2016, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor.** Even though more than 39 million Americans provide unpaid care for an adult loved one with a disability, an illness, or an addiction, many family caregivers tend to feel isolated and alone. If most your loved one's needs fall on your shoulders, it is important to realize that you are probably overloading yourself and need to take some steps to safeguard your physical and mental wellbeing. Getting together with others can be a wonderful place to share encouragement, guidance and hope. Come join our Care-giver's Support Group, new members are always welcome. If you are interested in this group but this day or time does not work for you, or if you would like to meet one on one, please feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest at 860-434-4629.

**DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO OTHERS** Several of our members have asked about the possibility of donating to our church's mission work as a gift to another in their honor and in the recipients' name. There are two important mission initiatives that we would like to suggest for Christmas giving: IRIS of New Haven (the refugee service that helped bring the Hamou family from Syria); or our own church's food Pantry and Soup Kitchen Fund. Alternatively, donations can be made for our overall mission outreach work. Joan Kelley, our church Office Manager, has prepared note cards which acknowledge the gift to the church, and which can be sent by the donor to the gift recipient. Please mail or bring your donation to the church office, and Joan will provide you with acknowledgement note cards for you to give or send to your intended recipients. If desired, she will also provide you with a tax receipt.



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### COMING SOON

Save the date of *March 15* for a bus trip into New York City to see the new musical, *Come From Away*, recently produced by "our own" Sue Frost. This musical tells the story of the people of Newfoundland who opened their home to people on planes stranded there on September 11, 2001. The reviews have been wonderful. We'll leave in mid-morning, see a matinee at 2 pm, and leave NYC to return to Old Lyme at 4:00. The cost of bus and theatre ticket, together, is \$150 per person. We are limited to 55 seats on the bus - and 55 seats pre-purchased at the theatre. We can reserve your place only once payment has been made. More information will be forthcoming, but Joan will have a sign-up in the office beginning in early November.

## Church Business News

### **A Moment for Planned Giving**

**As the year end approaches a law that was passed by Congress last year allows for the use of an IRA to be used as a charitable donation.**

How it works:

The provision allows retirees age 70 1/2 and older to donate up to \$100,000 tax free from their IRA each year. Generally, when you take a distribution from your IRA, it is treated as taxable income. Under this provision, made permanent in the 2015 federal spending and tax package, those assets are excluded from income if the distribution is made directly to charity. The distribution is not included in your income so you avoid the potential negative consequences that regular IRA withdrawals in retirement can create, including taxes on Social Security benefits. Distributions excluded from income are also equivalent to a 100% deduction. Normally, charitable contribution deductions are limited to a lower percentage (or are eliminated altogether) for taxpayers who do not itemize and take the standard deduction.

Turn your required distributions into charitable donations.

IRS rules mandate that individuals age 70 1/2 and older take RMDs from their IRA each year, regardless of whether the income is needed. These annual withdrawals are subject to ordinary income taxes. By making a charitable contribution from your IRA, you can satisfy your RMD amount without reporting additional income. This provision may be especially attractive for retirees who don't need all the income from their IRA to meet current living expenses. By donating the money to charity, you can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to a worthy cause while effectively lowering your tax bill.

It's important to consider your tax situation before deciding whether to make a charitable contribution from your IRA. Be sure to work closely with your financial representative to determine whether this tax provision is right for you. This information is not meant as tax or legal advice. Should you have questions concerning using this technique please contact the Church office at 860-434-8686 or call Tom Grant from the Board of Trustees at 860-598-9419.



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## MESSAGES FROM THE TREASURER

### YEAR-END FINANCIAL MATTERS

As we approach the end of 2016, 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, Julie Scocozza 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 2016 or 2017. 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 2016 or 2017 giving, or for another purpose. If you have any questions, or need further instruction, please feel free to call me or Julie Scocozza at 434-8686. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Bob McCracken, Treasurer

**Please call Julie, our bookkeeper, at 860-434-8686 if you have contributed 13 shares of Cigna, October 28, 2016.**

### A Gift with Double Dividends

In several ways, a United Church of Christ Gift Annuity is a gift that creates "double dividends," providing benefits for both the Church and the Donor! Consider some of these benefits:

**A Gift Annuity provides lifetime income to the donor...**

*And future income to the Church*

**A Gift Annuity may provide a charitable deduction to the donor...**

*And offers the Church the donor's witness of generosity as a stimulus for ongoing education regarding stewardship of accumulated assets.*

**A Gift Annuity gives the donor the satisfaction of making a significant contribution to the future mission and ministry of the Church...**

*And gives the congregation a means of building its endowed funds to fulfill a vision of mission and ministry beyond its annual giving.*

To find out how you can **increase** your income, get a tax deduction and benefit the Church, call the UCC Financial Development Ministry at 800-846-6822 for a free illustration, or feel free to call Tom Grant from The Board of Trustees at 860-598-9419.



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## *WHAT BETTER WAY TO RESPOND TO CHALLENGING TIMES?*

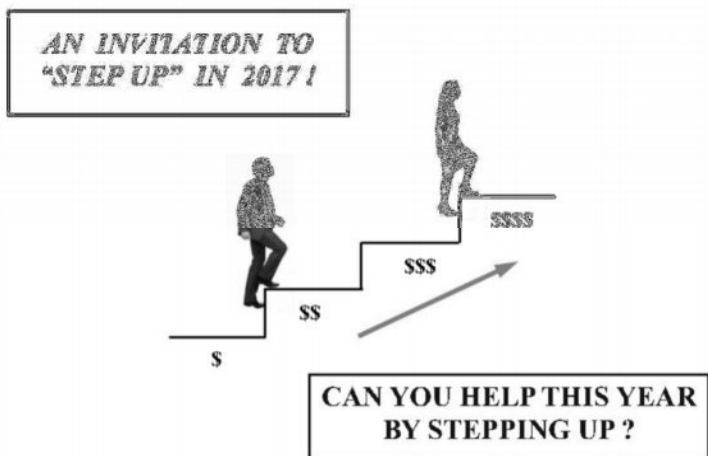
The elections are finally behind us, but we now transition into new challenges! As we move forward into the uncertainties of the post-election period, the things our church stands for (and does!) loom increasingly important for all of us and for the people we serve. Our church's life-changing mission provides spiritual and intellectual growth, education for our children, glorious music, help to the most vulnerable, acceptance of our differences, and comfort and support in when we face difficult times.

As of November 17, our 2017 Stewardship Campaign is lagging behind last year's at this time. To date, we have received commitments of \$452,011 from 233 participants. These numbers are 7 percent behind in both dollars and participants from this time a year ago. We suspect, to some extent, these lags may be due to the long duration and disturbing tone of this year's political climate.

One big challenge we face is that an unusually large number of high level donors died in the first three quarters of this year, leaving a deficit of \$24,000. But we are also lagging in commitments from a number of people who regularly attend services and are active in the life of the church. A number of these people responded by this time last year, but have not yet renewed for 2017. These and other un-renewed commitments reinforce our feeling that if we can "pick up the pace," we will have a strong finish to this year's campaign. We rely on individual contributions from you, our members and friends, for 85% of the church's financial needs each year. If you have responded to our invitation to *invest in our church's life changing mission*, please accept our heartfelt thanks. If you have not yet responded, we invite you to do so at your earliest convenience. In these challenging times, whatever you can contribute *will make a difference*.

With gratitude for all you do - financially, and otherwise!  
Barbara Smith, Chair  
Board of Stewardship

Members of the Board of Stewardship:  
Emily Fisher, Wendy Knight, Mike Long, Sandy Long, Chuck Lynch,  
Wayne Mountz, Paul Stigliano, Matt Winkler





# Tree of Life Church News



We welcome Beth Miller of Defense for Children International to the Sunday services on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Beth will share her personal story as well as her work with “No Way to Treat a Child” campaign. Thanks to Steve for sharing the pulpit, and for the great work our church is doing with the UCC Palestine Israel Network resolution on the unjust treatment of children in Palestine.

**Our March Journey: The Wisdom of Jesus, Mohammed and The Prophets of Israel (Peace be upon them), with extension to Bosnia**

is bulging at the seams with 43 participants! A few new stops and great new partnerships, as well as visits with old friends will make this a truly powerful experience. We are thrilled to announce another Trade Union Journey in September 2017, open to all. More details to come after the New Year.

Looking for a meaningful holiday gift? Consider a donation to Tree of Life in the name of your loved one. We are happy to send them a personalized message acknowledging your gift. Additionally, Palestinian olive oil, zatar, and Palestinian goods are available in our partnership room, and also our Partnership storefront weekends in December.





# Christian Education News



## Gods Neighborhood Sunday School

In December we will celebrate with Joy, a Gift from god and a Fruit of the Spirit. We will follow the story of the birth of Jesus as told in the Gospel of Luke. Weekly we will learn and enjoy Christmas songs together.

December 4 Grades 4 and 5 light the Advent Wreath during 9 am service.  
We begin our Advent Journey with Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem.  
Today we will work with Pottery with our fabulous potter -- Stephanie Kenny!

December 11 Grade 3 lights the Advent Wreath during 9am service  
We continue our journey with Baby Jesus is Born!  
We will hear the Story of Christmas with Storyteller Kendall Perkins!

December 18 Grades 1 and 2 light the Advent Wreath during 9am service  
Next in our journey the Shepherds follow the Star to the East  
Today we will frost cookies for Homebound and friends at Essex Village!

December 25 Merry Christmas - No Sunday School

### **Pilgrim Fellowships**

November 27 - JPF and SPF light advent wreath during the 9 am service,  
then proceed downstairs to our Spread Joy Project

**SPF** (grades 9-12) are serving **dinner at the New London Community Meal Center**. Arrive at church at 3 p.m. to bring food or if you can help serve dinner. We need 6 servers and 2 dishwashers. If you would like to donate food or attend, please email ([LisaDoggart@gmail.com](mailto:LisaDoggart@gmail.com))

December 4 -In the morning: Spread Joy Project in the morning and making pottery candle holders!  
Pilgrim Fellowship **bowling at the Coast Guard Academy** 6-8 p.m.  
I have reserved the bowling alley on December 4 for our group. We will have lanes designated for grades 4 and 5, for JPF, and for SPF. RSVP to [Lisadoggart@gmail.com](mailto:Lisadoggart@gmail.com) to let me know you would like to go, for directions and/or to carpool.

December 11- In the morning: Make Stars for Sky in the Christmas mural, finish up Spread Joy Project  
Help with the Gifts Made with Love from 10:30 to 2:30. We need teens to help younger children with activities!

December 18 - In the morning: a few fun projects today...including frosting cookies to deliver on Wednesday!  
Help with the Pageant, arrive at 2:30. We need help from JPF and SPF with lights, readers, help with young children and parts needing teens.



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## Save the date and drop off your children! “Gifts Made with Love” Crafting Event

December 11, 2016 from 10:30 - 2:30 pm in the Sunday School Rooms.  
Supervised by volunteers, children will make Christmas gifts, eat a light lunch and play with friends while you get your Christmas shopping done!  
Children should wear clothes that are great for crafting.  
All FCCOL children out of diapers are welcome!

### December 18 - Annual Christmas Pageant

All JPF, SPF, children and families who would like to participate are welcome to arrive at 2:30 p.m., pageant at 5. Snacks will be served for the children before the performance.

December 21 - On Wednesday afternoon after school, Students in grades 3 and older will deliver Christmas cookies to some of our older residents - at nursing homes, shut-ins, and some of our friends at Essex Meadows. We'll gather at 4 and be back at the church around 6:00. We hope to drive through the Christmas Light extravaganza in the Village of Ivoryton on our way home. Please RSVP to LisaDoggart@gmail.com if you would like to join in.

## **December 24- 5 p.m. our Annual Family Christmas service with The Living Manger.**



### **Senior Pilgrim Fellowship 2017 Annual Trip to Haiti is scheduled for Friday, April 7 to Friday, April 14, 2017.**

For more information about the trip, please join us on January 8, 2017, at 12:15 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium of the FCCOL. This is the 4th annual trip led by Becky and Ted Crosby, founders of The Crosby Fund for Haitian Education. Priority is given to current SPF youth. After January 30th, the trip is open to youth from local churches and towns (youth must be in 9th to 12th grade). Any questions? Please email Becky at [rteros@ftcrosby.com](mailto:rteros@ftcrosby.com) or call 860-434-8054.



# SENIOR CHOIR



Thank you all for such an uplifting November of wonderful music-making!

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

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| <b>Sunday, December 4</b>     | <b>Singing at the <u>9:00 am</u> service with a rehearsal <u>at 8:15 am</u></b>             |
| <b>Wednesday, December 7</b>  | <b>Rehearsal <u>at 7:30 pm</u></b>  |
| <b>Sunday, December 11</b>    | Singing at the <u>11:00 am</u> service with a rehearsal <u>at 10:15am</u>                   |
| <b>Wednesday, December 14</b> | Rehearsal <u>at 7:30 pm</u>   |
| <b>Sunday, December 18</b>    | <b>Singing at the <u>9:00 am</u> service with a rehearsal <u>at 8:15 am</u></b>             |
| <b>Wednesday, December 21</b> | Rehearsal <u>at 7:30 pm</u>   |
| <b>Saturday, December 24</b>  | Singing at the <u>8:00 pm</u> and <u>10:00pm</u> services with a rehearsal <u>at 7:00pm</u> |
| <b>Sunday, December 25</b>    | <b>No choir needed at morning service. MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>                                 |
| <b>Wednesday, December 28</b> | <b>NO CHOIR REHEARSAL!!</b>   |



The Senior Choir and members of Cappella Cantorum  
will be performing the Christmas section from  
*Messiah* by G.F. Handel twice in December!

Please join us at St. Paul's Church in Waterford, 170 Rope Ferry Road,  
Waterford, CT 06385 on ***Saturday, December 3 at 8:00pm.***

If you are unable to make that performance please join us at  
John Winthrop Middle School, 1 John Winthrop Junior High School Drive,  
Deep River, CT 06417 on ***Sunday, December 4 at 3:00pm.***

We look forward to seeing you!

# Adult Enrichment Programs

## BOOK STUDY

**Book Group** Please join us on *Sunday, January 8th*, after the 11:00 am service for a discussion of *Just Mercy, A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson. This "unforgettable true story about the redeeming potential of mercy" will challenge our thinking and lead to insightful discussion. Led by Carleen and Martha Beaudoin. All welcome.

## BIBLE STUDY

Becky Crosby is leading a Bible Study on the Gospel of John with a special attention to its uniqueness. We will also look at some Christian Apocrypha to help us better understand the variety of religious thought at the beginning of the second century. We meet in the Library on Thursday mornings at 10:45 am for one hour. Please bring a Bible (we like many versions). If you do not have one, we have one you may borrow! All are welcome!!

## WRITING FROM THE SPIRIT

The writing group will meet on *Wednesdays, at 4:00 pm, in the Hoag Parlor, December 7 & 21*. All writers of prose or poetry are welcome. Bring something of your own to share and/or a poem or short prose piece by an author you admire. An appreciative and supportive group! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Vicky at (860) 662-5038. Led by Vicky Murphy.

## POETRY READING

The poetry-reading group will meet at **4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays December 14 & 28**, in the Hoag Parlor. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in our readings. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Alan Bradford at (860) 434-0247 or [atbra@conncoll.edu](mailto:atbra@conncoll.edu) or just show up; texts will be provided.

## DECEMBER ADULT FORUMS

December 4<sup>th</sup> - **Messiah** Simon and Carleen will prepare us for our choir's presentation of Handel's Messiah later that afternoon in Deep River.

December 11<sup>th</sup> – **Amnesty International Sunday**. Members of the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Amnesty International student group will be in the coffee hour with information for us to read and petitions to sign.

December 18<sup>th</sup> – **Attorney Chad Edgar**, son of Dencie and Jerry Guindon, will speak about his work in issues of minority group incarceration.

December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> - there will be no adult forum.

## Seeking Employment:

**American Craftsmen need America's help.** As a furniture maker of 33 years, I am offering my services to fellow church members at 25% off: \$65/ hour. 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. 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 and Handyman** Design & drawing from concept to construction documents for new homes, additions, and renovations. Servicing home owners, builders, and architects. Also light carpentry, installation help, painting, seasonal & holiday preparation and light hauling David S. Nelson-Building Design Services [DSNdesign@comcast.net](mailto:DSNdesign@comcast.net). 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.

**Caregiver - Companion** Long or short term, reasonable rates and references. Call Marion Campo in Old Lyme at 860-389-1872.

**Caregiver** - Sissy Stinson offers at-home caregiving assistance. Call 860-388-4756 if you need more information.

**Weaving Classes** Always wanted to learn to weave? Start by weaving a rag rug on Stephanie Morton's ENORMOUS loom in her Old 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. Can sort and organize closets, files and documents. 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 or airport transport. Livery license, insured, references and medical training. Call Sue Mandeville 860-908-2310.

**Lorelei Mitchell Agency:** Need to buy or sell a home on the shoreline? Want to downsize? Call me for expert advice on pricing, staging and marketing your home to get the job done. Win-Win outcomes. Over twenty years experience. GRI, ABR. Call or text (860)235-3254 or email [lmitchell18@comcast.net](mailto:lmitchell18@comcast.net).

**Guli Gvelesiani** is available for live-in home care. Her cellphone is 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.

**Marilyn Taylor** My name is Marilyn. I have many years of experience in elderly homecare. I live in Old Lyme and have references. Please call 860-373-1789.

**Handyman/Helper** Looking for odd jobs of any kind. Have experience with landscaping and home maintenance. References available. As a recent university graduate, I am working to pay off college loans. Call Sean McCarty at (860) 215-1740.

**Caregiver and Driver** Will help take Clients to the grocery store, shop and put groceries away. Also transport to Doctor's appointments and take notes. Insured, reliable and flexible. Call Cheryl Sorensen, 860-434-2025

**Driver** I am a 66 year old man with 30 years of professional driving who is available to transport anyone to any kind of appointment, shopping or doctors appointment for a small fee. Call 203-871-7840.

# December 2016

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| Nov 27  | 28   | 29  | 30  | Dec 1   | 2   | 3   |
| Tribal Craft @ Big Y<br>9:00am Worship Service<br>10:00am Adult Forum<br>11:00am Worship Svc<br>3:00pm MM + Messiah | LBS Set Up (F)<br>10:00am Sewing Group (S)<br>7:00pm AA (S)    | 12:00pm LBS Luncheon (H)<br>1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S)<br>5:00pm BS Den Mtg (SS)<br>5:30pm Walt's Pottery<br>7:00pm Brd Missions (L) | 4:00pm Writing Group (H)<br>5:00pm Children's Choir<br>5:30pm Walt's Pottery<br>7:30pm Sr. Choir (S)                      | 10:45am Bible Study (L)<br>7:30pm Search Committee (L)    | LBS EW Set Up<br>10:00am Grief Group (H)<br>4:00pm MM Mtg (L)<br>6:00pm OL Marketplace Tribal Crafts Sale | PF/SK<br>9:00am EW<br>10:00am OL Mktpl Tribal<br>5:00pm MM<br>8:00pm Messiah St Pauls |
| 4   | 5  | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| Tribal Craft @ Big Y<br>9:00am Worship Service<br>10:00am Adult Forum<br>10:30am Gifts Made<br>11:00am Worship Svc  | LBS Set Up (F)<br>10:00am Sewing Group (S)<br>7:00pm AA (S)    | 12:00pm LBS Luncheon (H)<br>1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S)<br>5:00pm BS Den Mtg (SS)<br>5:30pm Walt's Pottery<br>7:00pm Brd Missions (L) | 4:00pm Writing Group (H)<br>5:00pm Children's Choir<br>5:30pm Walt's Pottery<br>7:30pm Sr. Choir (S)                      | 10:45am Bible Study (L)<br>7:00pm TOL Partnership Mtg (H) | 10:00am Care Group (H)  | PF/SK<br>10:00am OL Marketplace Tribal Crafts Sale                                    |
| 11  | 12   | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  |
| Tribal Craft 2 Big Y<br>9:00am Worship Service<br>10:00am Adult Forum<br>10:30am Gifts Made<br>11:00am Worship Svc  | Jeanie's Birthday<br>10:00am Sewing Group (S)<br>7:00pm AA (S) | 9:30am Staff Mtg<br>1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S)<br>5:30pm Walt's Pottery<br>7:30pm Board of Trustees (L)                              | 4:00pm Poetry Group<br>5:00pm Children's Choir (S)<br>5:30pm Walt's Pottery<br>7:30pm Sr. Choir (S)                       | 10:45am Bible Study (L)<br>6:00pm Pac 27 Mtg (F)          | JAN NEWSLETTER DEADLINE   | PF/SK<br>3:00pm Christmas Gathering @ Joan & Jeff's Home                              |
| 18  | 19   | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  |
| 9:00am Worship Service<br>10:00am Adult Forum<br>11:00am Worship Svc<br>5:00pm Christmas Pageant                    | 10:00am Sewing Group (S)<br>7:00pm AA (S)                      | 9:30am Staff Mtg<br>1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S)<br>5:00pm BS Den Mtg (SS)<br>5:30pm Walt's Pottery                                    | 4:00pm SS Del Cookies<br>4:00pm Writing Group<br>5:00pm Children's Choir<br>5:30pm Walt's Pottery<br>7:30pm Sr. Choir (S) | 22  | 23  | Christmas Eve 5 Living Manger<br>Christmas Eve 8&10 Lessons/Carols<br>NO PF/SK        |
| 25  | 26   | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |
| Christmas<br>11:00am Worship Svc<br>Baptism   | Office Closed<br>7:00pm AA (S)                                 | 9:00am Jan NL Fold (S)<br>9:30am Staff Mtg<br>1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S)<br>5:30pm Walt's Pottery                                    | 9:00am NL Fold (S)<br>4:00pm Poetry Group<br>5:00pm Children's Choir<br>5:30pm Walt's Pottery<br>7:30pm Sr. Choir (S)     | 29  | 30  | NO PF/SK  |

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