

*The First Congregational Church  
of Old Lyme*  
NOVEMBER 2016



As a part of our church's 350<sup>th</sup> celebration last year, we asked Marilyn Nelson if she would be willing to compose a cycle of poems about our history. She agreed, and the collection has just been published under the title *The Meeting House*. On Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 4 in the afternoon, we'll have a public reading from Marilyn to mark the publication of those poems. I hope a lot of you will join us for that event. But I've been drawing on the insights and wisdom contained in that slender volume ever since the books showed up last month in our church office. Every time I read Marilyn's work, I sense a pastoral and ethical vision within her compositions, listening to an array of different voices from the buried past, allowing a set of characters and events to speak forth complex truths. That's certainly the case in *The Meeting House*. One of the poems I most admire in the collection is called "Church Burner," about the fire that consumed our meetinghouse in 1907. Marilyn depicts the scene – a fire set blazing one night behind the pulpit by an unknown arsonist, an alarm raised throughout the town, flames shooting into the sky, the bell tolling one final time. And then she writes:

*Churches don't burn, though meeting houses may.  
A church burner torches an edifice.  
But a church is something arson can't destroy.  
It's not a building, but a pilgrimage.  
A church is not a where; it is a when.  
It's when we gather to invite awe,*

*When we strip our faith naked down to doubt,  
When we struggle to see beyond surfaces  
To the bedrock of striving to understand.  
When ethics are not thou-shalt-nots carved in stone,  
But choices written with a stick in dust.*

I read those words to our Wheels of Justice travelers as we were preparing to depart on our journey through the South a few weeks ago. I emphasized that we were preparing to embark on a pilgrimage of sorts, a series of encounters that would produce a sequence of "whens" in the sense articulated by the poem – visiting with the people of Mother Emanuel AME church in Charleston, learning of the profound justice work being carried forth by Bryan Stevenson's Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, and hearing about contemporary racial struggles in Selma, even as we would recall the proud legacy of the Selma to Montgomery March in 1965. I emphasized that we would be opening ourselves to the dynamic described by the poem, inviting humility and doubt, awe and struggle, striving to understand and tentative ethical choices. It wasn't always easy. In fact, there were moments that were profoundly difficult, for all sorts of reasons – the pace, the painful realities we were confronting, the social location we occupied as visitors to those sites. But I also know that as we traveled, we encountered moments that can only be described as holy, as individuals and communities opened their lives to us, and as we, in turn, found new openings within ourselves.

One of the holiest of those moments came at Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston. We shared a meal with members of that community, along with members of another congregation pursuing racial justice in Charleston. We sat in the fellowship hall where, one year earlier, a white gunman had killed 9 members of that historic black congregation. There was a deep awareness of the pain of that moment among everyone present. Even so, the mood was convivial. We ate together, and sang together. We visited with one another over dinner, and when the meal was over, words were shared. At one point, Rev. Manning, the senior minister of Mother Emanuel, invited us all to look around. And then he said, "Get used to this sight, because this is what the kingdom of God looks like."

It was a holy moment, a "when" occurring before our very eyes. It was, as Paul Tillich might have said, a moment of fragmentary unambiguity – fragmentary because it was representative of what we're all striving for, but so often failing to achieve, and unambiguous because the vision was stunningly clear. And it was a clarion call to create the conditions for further "whens," not simply kumbaya moments, but moments that actually produce a new social reality. There is an immense amount of work that needs to take place, but that moment of "when" at Mother Emanuel convinced me anew that the work is powerfully necessary, and profoundly worthwhile.

As we enter November, and as we head to the polls on the 8th, bear in mind how necessary it is to pursue those moments of common humanity across what might otherwise divide us. Bear in mind that those moments of common humanity cannot truly be extended until we begin to address the legal and economic systems that perpetuate those divisions. Bear in mind the need to create moments of when: of awe and doubt, of humility and openness, of struggle and action. Bear in mind that while meetinghouses might burn, churches don't.

In faith and love,

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



# Church News



## Art and Poetry on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

**Art Tour** Between the services on Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> the Board of Music and the Arts will conduct a docent-led tour of our church's extensive art collection. All are cordially invited to participate in this interesting event, and especially our new members, who are interested in learning about the wonderful trove of art works seen throughout the church. Ours is a unique collection and a real treasure that highlights many aspects of our church's history.

**Poetry Reading and Reception for Marilyn Nelson** Later this same day at 4:00 PM we will be treated to a reading of her poetry by Marilyn Nelson and a reception in her honor. See more information following on page 5.

*Please join us for these two special events sponsored by the Board of Music and the Arts.*

**Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service  
In Partnership with the Lyme/Old Lyme Churches  
A Service in Celebration of Harvest & Thanksgiving  
First Congregational Church of Old Lyme  
Monday, November 21st, at 7:00 pm**

### *Weddings*

*Allison Torrey Haff and Michael Matthew Derrenberger October 1, 2016  
Avery Reinholt Moore and Russell Williams Twiss October 8, 2016*

### *Memorials*

*Mary Janvrin  
Pearl Kojuk  
Wayne Southwick*



# Church News



## New Members

It is our custom to receive new members twice a year – in November and May. 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 November 20th.*** The new members orientation meeting will be *Thursday, November 17th, at 7:00 pm* in the Sheffield Auditorium. There will be a New Members luncheon on *November 20th at 12:00 pm.*

## Sunday Memorial Flowers

The first week in October is available for Sunday Memorial flowers. Please call Susan Griggs for more information, 860-434-7660.

## Save the Date

On *Sunday, November 13th, at 12:00 noon* we will be discussing *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Pulitzer Prize winner Isabel Wilkerson. Join us for this gripping epic account of the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities. Led by Carleen and Martha Beaudoin.

## The LBS Sewing Group

If you can't wait for the December "Elephants in Winter" Sale, stop by our Sheffield Auditorium "store" during our sewing hours, Mondays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Questions? Call: Eunice Taylor 860-447-3025 or email: [eunicetaylor@me.com](mailto:eunicetaylor@me.com).

## Refugee Resettlement Project Update

Our dedicated volunteers continue to provide twenty or more rides each week for the Hamou family – to English classes in New London, work in Old Saybrook, and shopping in Old Lyme and nearby towns. In addition, since the family arrived on May 24, our three-person medical committee has scheduled, followed-up on and driven to forty-three medical, eye doctor, dental appointments! Nearly five years as refugees meant that routine health needs, as well as special health problems, went unmet. It's wonderful to report that with just a few exceptions things are almost caught up – kids have glasses, immunizations are up-to-date, Mohamad's broken arm is healed, and every member of the family is established as a patient with a local physician. Thanks to the exceptional trio of volunteers who have made this good news possible!

## 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.



# More Church News



**Growing Through Grief Group, Friday,**  
**November 4, 2016, 10:00 a.m.**  
**in the Hoag Parlor.**

Professor Thomas Long once wrote, "In the wilderness of grief, God provided narrative manna – just enough shape and meaning to keep us walking, and sent the Comforter - who knits together the raveled soul and refuses to leave us orphaned. Sometimes the bereaved say they are looking for closure, but in the Christian faith we do not seek closure so much as we pray that all of our lost loves will be gathered into that great unending story fashioned by God's Grace." Come join our Growing Through Grief Group. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be Friday, November 4. And if this day or time does not work for you but you are still interested in the group, contact the Rev. Joan Priest.

**Care-giver's Support Group, Friday, November**  
**18, 2-16, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor.**

World-renowned cellist Pablo Casals once said, "The capacity to care is the thing that gives life its deepest significance and meaning." And when you care for another, it is also vital to care for yourself. Caring for a family member or friend can be spiritually and physically depleting. 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. Our next meeting is Friday, November 18. If you are interested in this group but this day or time does not work for you, please feel free to contact the Rev. Joan Priest.

**LBS Luncheon & Safe Futures on Tuesday,**  
**November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Vote early and then join friends at the monthly LBS luncheon on November 8<sup>th</sup> (now on the *second* Tuesday of the month—except this December). We are trying to use the luncheons as a way to hear first-hand from one of the more than two dozen organizations supported in part by more than \$70,000 in mission commitments from the Ladies' Benevolent Society at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme. Those funds

are raised principally from the summer White Elephant Sale and Elephants-in-Winter sale in December. The luncheon begins at noon in the Fellowship Hall; the program follows at 1 pm. We will hear from Safe Futures of New London, a program that LBS has supported for years. Safe Futures works to change the futures of more than 5000 women, children, and men affected by domestic violence and sexual assault each year. For 40 years, Safe Futures has provided counseling, advocacy, and shelters for victims. In recent years, Safe Futures has also launched a "Violence is Preventable" program aimed at youth. The goal of Safe Futures is a community in which violence is no longer tolerated, and where every woman, child, and man receives the services they need to create healthy lives. 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, Nov. 7, to reserve a place at the Luncheon.

***The Pilgrim Fellowships are looking for Bags,  
Hats, Socks and Toiletries  
to distribute in New York for our  
Breakfast Run/Midnight Run on November 13.  
Please consider donating through  
November 6! Thank you!***

**A Reminder about Pastoral Care**

Periodically we like to remind our members that, given how brief hospital stays often are, and how difficult it is to access information from hospitals given the important HIPPPA laws, it is **very helpful** when our members let our pastoral care team know of anyone in the congregation who is hospitalized, soon-to-be hospitalized, or in residence at a rehabilitation or nursing facility. If you have information that could help us, please call the church office and let Joan Kelley know. Thank-you.



# More Church News



## 350th Anniversary Poetry

### THE MEETING HOUSE



Marilyn Nelson

On Sunday, November 20th 4:00 PM we will be treated to a reading of her poetry by Marilyn Nelson and a reception in her honor. Marilyn is a member of our church and a former Poet Laureate of the state of Connecticut. In celebration of the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church Marilyn has published a volume of original poetry entitled "The Meeting House". This is an extraordinary new work that beautifully illuminates many aspects of our church's history. Marilyn also credits a close collaboration with Carolyn Wakeman, one of our church historians.

Following the reading there will be a reception in her honor.  
"The Meetinghouse" will also be available for purchase for \$15



# Church Business News



## 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

### 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.



# More Church Business News



## 2017 Stewardship Campaign Invites Each Member and Friend to **MAKE AN INVESTMENT IN OUR CHURCH'S LIFE-CHANGING MISSION!**

As of October 25, (four weeks after Stewardship Sunday), we have received responses from 165 members and friends totaling \$327,628 toward our 2017 Stewardship Campaign goal of \$630,000. **THANK YOU!!** However, these numbers are below the numbers reported at this time last year. In fact, the number of commitments are down by 7 percent and the dollars committed are down by 11 percent. **We have some catching up to do!**

However, as we take a closer look, there is an encouraging discovery: among our campaign participants of \$2,000 or more from this time last year, there remain 18 who have not yet returned their response cards. Two have moved away and are not expected to renew. Gifts from the other 16 last year totaled over \$59,000. Most of these people are active in attending services and in the life of our church.

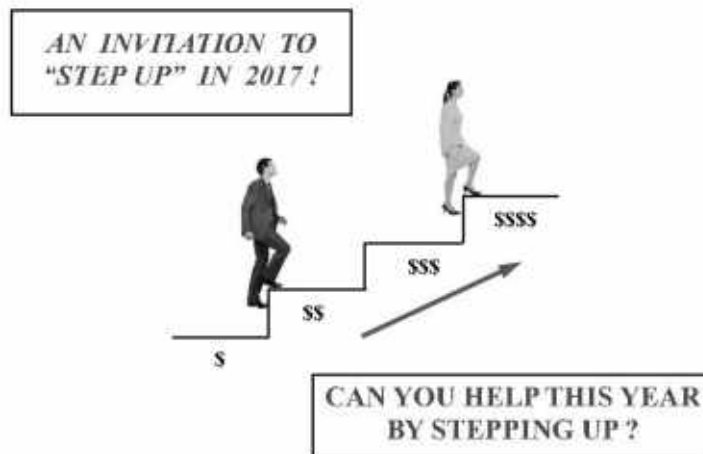
On the challenging side, we have mourned a number of deaths this past year, including several among our largest donors. Their gifts last year totaled over \$24,000, a sum that will have to be made up by new or increased gifts.

We are including this early status report because it is important that you, as investors and shareholders, are apprised of events as they occur. To help us **pick up the pace**, we ask that you do the following:

1. **Read the stories of life-changing experiences** by five of our members on the inside of the 2017 stewardship brochure. Listen to and reflect on the testimonials presented at each Sunday's service.
2. **Consult the stairs-step visual** on the back of the brochure. Consider privately and prayerfully if you can step up this year.
3. **If you cannot step up**, please bear in mind that whatever you can give will be gratefully received. All gifts count, and just "stepping in" means a lot!
4. **Return your response card** to the church office at your earliest convenience. Your timely response will help make a difference!

Thank you for your generosity -- of time, talent, and resources!

**The Board of Stewardship:** Barbara Smith (Chair), Emily Fisher, Wendy Knight, Mike Long,  
 Sandy Long, Chuck Lynch,  
 Wayne Mountz, Paul Stigliano,  
 Matt Winkler





# Tree of Life Church News



## **Tree of Life Journey 2017**

**The Wisdom of Jesus, Mohammed and The Prophets of Israel  
(Peace be upon them)**

**March 8 to March 18, 2017 · Extension to Bosnia, March 18 to March 22**

Space is limited to a maximum of 25 travelers, and so please apply as soon as possible if you would like to reserve your place for this journey. You can find an application on our website, [www.tolef.org](http://www.tolef.org). You can also contact Mary Tomassetti at [Mary@tolef.org](mailto:Mary@tolef.org).

This Witness Journey will take us to Israel and occupied (colonized) Palestine and Syria (The Golan Heights) to meet with a variety of Israeli, Palestinian and Syrian voices of conscience. We hope to visit sites associated with Jesus, Mohammed and the prophets of Israel to learn from them and how their wisdom is relevant in the struggle for peace and human rights today. We hope to have the privilege of traveling with former refugees from Bosnia who by their presence and perspectives will help us to better understand the plight of the 6.5 million Palestinian refugees who languish in refugee camps in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Gaza and the West Bank. The prophet Amos, from the town of Tekoa, now an illegal Israeli settlement not far from Bethlehem, held up a plumb line to his society, saying, “something here is out of whack” and called for people of all generations to work toward that time when “justice would roll down like water and righteousness like an overflowing stream.”

Together with our Bosnian friends and neighbors, we will also have an optional extension for a few days in Bosnia-Herzegovina. 25 years ago a Muslim cellist played his hauntingly beautiful music even as Sarajevo was being destroyed by bombs and hatred. This memory will remind us that art is a very powerful force of resistance against the xenophobia and violence of today’s world.

This journey will be led by Dr. Reza Mansoor, President of the Islamic Association of Greater Hartford, The Rev. David W. Good, Minister Emeritus for The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, and Mary Tomassetti, Executive Director for the Tree of Life Educational Fund.





# Christian Education News



## Gods Neighborhood Sunday School

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

This year in God's Neighborhood we are excited to share activities and lessons about these fruits and making them part of our lives through our actions. We will be studying about one of these qualities each month and applying them to how we take care of others and the environment. We look forward to seeing you and remember friends are always welcome!

### Pilgrim Fellowship News

The Pilgrim Fellowships will be going to NYC for a Breakfast Run (with the Midnight Run organization) on November 13. Please consider donations of hats, socks, bags and toiletries to send with us! They can be dropped off by November 6. Thank you!

### **God's Neighborhood**

In November we will celebrate Patience, a Gift from God and a Fruit of the Spirit. We will visit and discuss stories from the Old and New Testament that will illustrate this theme.

**November 6** - We will hear the story of Bethesda, John 5:1-6.

**November 13** - Diversity Sunday-- Horizon Wings will visit and teach us about some special endangered birds.

**November 20** - We will learn about the Patience of Farmers. Parable of the Fig Tree Luke 13:6-9.

**November 27** - Advent activities and 1 Timothy 1: 5-6 (Waiting for a Visitor).

### **Pilgrim Fellowships**

**November 6** - Preparing for Breakfast Run. We want to distribute bags with toiletries and hats. We will compile them during the morning.

**November 13** - Breakfast Run and visit to Storefront school. This is for Grade 6 and older (or grades 4 and 5 with a parent). We will bring Crockpot Breakfasts! Leaving at 5:30 a.m. we will bring breakfast to the homeless of New York City and then visit with our friends at the Storefront School. We will begin our journey back about 12:45. RSVP to LISADOGGART@GMAIL.COM to let me know you are interested in going and if you can help with food. Adults, please let me know if you want to go and if you can drive. Thanks!

**November 20** - Food Insecurity discussion and project in the morning.

**November 27** - During the morning, we will be working on our Advent project designed to spread JOY. In the afternoon the SPF will serve dinner at the New London Community Meal Center. Meet at church at 3. RSVP if you want to serve and/or make food to send. LISADOGGART@GMAIL.COM

# 'God's Neighborhood' Sunday School Program

Christian Education for Children

Pre-K through Grade 12

Registration 2016-2017

New \_\_\_\_\_

Returning \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Preference: Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Release\*: Granted \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ (\*Children will not be identified by name.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to volunteer from time to time or help with special programs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Check which volunteer opportunities might interest you:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Help out in nursery
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday School Teacher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Youth Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Substitute Teacher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photography
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with potluck suppers and picnics
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with special crafts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Help with the Christmas Pageant and other special programs

Any special skills you'd like to share? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you new to FCCOL? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to become a member? \_\_\_\_\_



# SENIOR CHOIR



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

- Wednesday, November 2** Rehearsal at 7:30 pm with Violeta Chan-Scott.
- Sunday, November 6** Singing at the 9:00 am service with a rehearsal at 8:15am.
- Wednesday, November 9** Rehearsal at 7:30 pm with Violeta Chan-Scott.
- Sunday, November 13** Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am.
- Wednesday, November 16** Rehearsal at 7:30 pm.
- Sunday, November 20** Singing at the 9:00 am service with a rehearsal at 8:15 am.
- Monday, November 21** Ecumenical Service Rehearsal at 6:00 pm, Service at 7:00 pm.
- Wednesday, November 23** NO REHEARSAL - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- Sunday, November 27** Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am.
- Monday, November 28** Joint Rehearsal with Cappella Cantorum at 7:30 pm -  
John Winthrop Middle School.
- Wednesday, November 30** Joint Rehearsal with Cappella Cantorum and Orchestra at  
7:30 pm - John Winthrop Middle School.



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

On *Sunday, November 13th, at 12:00 noon* we will be discussing *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Pulitzer Prize winner Isabel Wilkerson. Join us for this gripping epic account of the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities. Led by Carleen and Martha Beaudoin.

## 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, November 2, 16 & 30*. 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 November 9 & 23**, 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.

## NOVEMBER ADULT FORUMS

**November 6** - Join us to hear reports and stories about the "Wheels of Justice" bus trip.

**November 13** - Chris Bugbee and Aletris Neils (Ted and Becky Crosby's son and daughter-in-law) will share their work tracking and researching "El Jefe," America's last known jaguar in southern Arizona. Their work was featured in the October 2016 Smithsonian magazine as the cover story. Bugbee and Neils are conservation ecologists living in Tucson, Arizona. Together they found the non-profit organization, Conservation Catalyst, that works tirelessly to protect endangered cats in this world. Neils is currently writing her Ph.D. dissertation on the elusive and endangered caracal in Namibia.

**November 20** - there will be no adult forum because it is Communion Sunday.

**November 27** - no 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 813-428-2728.

**Elder Driver** Will take Clients to and from Doctor's appointments, grocery stores, hair appointments and errands. 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.

# November 2016

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Sa	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Sa	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 30	31	Nov 1	2	3	4	5
Daylight Savings Time Julie's B Day 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Adult Forum 11:00am Worship Svc	LBS Set Up 10:00am Sewing Group (S) 7:00pm AA (S)	9:30am Staff Mtg 1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S) 7:00pm Endowment (L) 7:30pm BYE (H)	4:00pm Writing Group (H) 5:00pm Children's Choir (S) 7:30pm Sr. Choir (S)	9:30am Who Am I (H) Patsy McCook 10:45am Bible Study (L) 7:30pm BOS (L) 7:30pm Search	10:00am Grief Group (H) 4:00pm Neely/Turner (R)	FP/SK 2:30pm Neely/Turner (W) (SRU)
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00am Svc New Mem bx 10:00am Art Tour 11:00am Svc New 12:00pm New Membs 4:00pm Nelson Reading	Bill's Birthday 10:00am Sewing Group (S) 7:00pm AA (S) 7:00pm Thanksgiving	9:30am Staff Mtg 10:00am LBS Mtg (L) 1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S) 7:00pm Brd Deacons (L)	4:00pm Poetry Group (H) 5:00pm Children's Choir (S) 7:30pm Sr. Choir (S)	Thanksgiving	Office Closed	FP/SK
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Whenever you come to church....worship, church events, meetings, or just to visit....  
**PLEASE** bring some non-perishable food items each time to restock the food pantry.  
Please let us know if you have some time to volunteer at the food pantry and/or with food drives.  
**THANKS!**

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