

*The First Congregational Church  
of Old Lyme*  
OCTOBER 2016



Dear friends,

On a recent Friday night, several members of our community gathered in Lyme to celebrate Darin Hamou's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was a joyous occasion. A meal of delicious Syrian food had been prepared, and several friends had driven down from Worcester, MA, also newly arrived in the United States from Syria. We couldn't have complex conversations, because language remains a challenge. But the bonds of affection nevertheless ran deep. We all felt sadness, and more than that, over the conditions in Syria that forced millions, the Hamous among them, to flee their country. Even so, the spirit of the evening was joyful, and at one point we joined in a circle and danced a traditional Syrian dance. A song was playing via YouTube, and the Hamous showed us the pattern of movement for our feet. Some among us (um, me!) struggled to learn the steps, simple as they were. Others of us caught on quickly. But there was laughter all around. After a while, I stepped back and marveled at the scene, in all of its improbability. In a house just off Rt. 156 in Lyme, a family of Syrian refugees was leading a group of folks from Connecticut in Middle Eastern dance moves. Connecticut suburbanites and Muslim men and women moved together in unison and when it was all over, we hugged each other good night, eager for the next visit.

That dance is a kind of parable for all that afflicts the world today. There's plenty to cause us concern right about now. We're living in an age of political refugees. We're living in an age of environmental degradation, when a fossil fuel company flagrantly defies the rights of indigenous peoples as it lays an oil pipeline across a Native American Reservation. We're living in an age when one of our presidential candidates openly stokes far right racism, courting it and bringing it into the mainstream, while simultaneously inviting violence against his opponent. We're living in an age when fear of the other (whether constituted by religion, race, ideology, or what have you) threatens to render us isolated and paranoid, cut off from one another. But I would suggest that the appropriate response is something like that dance – a resolute will to keep our feet moving, to stay in rhythm and to find ways to affirm one another, even against the backdrop of so much that feels unsettling. I offer that dance on a Friday night as a metaphor for all that our faith calls us to be in an anxious time.

At the end of the Bible, in the book of Revelation, a poetic vision occurs, in which a new heaven and a new earth are born. It's a timeless vision, given to each generation to enact. In truth, I believe it's occurring all around us, if only we can see it. It certainly was apparent at that Friday celebration. But it's present in other ways as well. Recently, several of our members returned from the Standing Rock Reservation, where they've witnessed the vast encampment of protesters at the Sacred Stone Camp, trying to prevent an oil pipeline from being installed across tribal land. One might expect a somber report about the encampment, a sense of impending doom. Instead, they recount a scene of joy, of hope, of expectation and solidarity. They report on a scene of shared life, of communal prayer, and yes, of dancing. I believe that spirit exists because participants are gaining a sense that another world is possible, akin to the poetic vision of Revelation. Even now, that spirit is being born in that huge encampment of people, and the joy is contagious.

In just a few weeks, our Wheels of Justice participants will depart for the South, learning from the legacy of the Civil Rights movement, while connecting with individuals and communities inspired by that poetic vision in Revelation. Many of the realities we'll confront will be painful, whether in Charleston, Montgomery, or Cherokee, N.C. But I'm confident we'll also encounter moments like that Syrian dance in Lyme, or the sacred prayers at the Standing Rock Reservation.

It's an honor to be in relationship with those keeping that dance and those prayers alive. They remind us of who and what we're called to be in a moment like this – not yielding to cynicism, fear, apathy, or isolation. We too are called to keep the dance alive, even in a moment of creeping anxiety, giving birth to the new spirit witnessed in Revelation, witnessed at the Sacred Stone Camp, witnessed on Rt. 156 in Lyme. I hope we stay alert to those moments, and help to create them when we can.

In faith,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Steve".



# Church News



## **Blessing of the Animals**

**OCTOBER 4 PM**

**Please join with friends in bringing your pets...large, small, furry, scaly or plush in appreciation and gratitude for our faithful friends (stuffed animals welcome too) on the FCCOL front lawn. There will be treats for dogs, cats, bunnies and humans! Come have your picture taken with your pet!**

## **LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY LUNCHEON**

*Tuesday, October 11*

**Fellowship Hall at noon**

**We celebrate the first anniversary of our own  
Braiden Sunshine**

### *Weddings*

*Hautaniemi/Hoagland August 28, 2016*

*Cosmini/Makowski September 10, 2016*

*Neville/Candelet September 24, 2016*

### *Baptisms*

*Maxton Atlas McCarthy, son of Staci Price-McCarthy and Stephen McCarthy  
September 25, 2016*

### *Memorials*

*Charles Ludington Bell*

*Sally Handy*

*Ronald Foster Lewis*

*Francis Merrill Libby*

*James Noyes*

*Marilynn Rinek*



# Church News



## Growing Through Grief Group, Friday, October 14, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor

“Listening is the oldest and perhaps the most powerful tool of healing. It is often through the quality of our listening and not the wisdom of our words that we are able to affect the most profound changes in the people around us.” (Rachel Naomi Remen). There are many different kinds of loss, and sharing one’s feelings and listening to others share their feelings, can be a source of healing and grace. Come join our Growing Through Grief Group as we meet once a month this fall. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be *Friday, October 14, at 10:00 a.m.* in the Hoag Room. And if this day and/or time does not work for you but you are still interested in the group, contact the Rev. Joan Priest, who will be leading the group, 860-434-4629.

## Care-Givers Support Group, Friday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. in the Hoag Parlor

### *No Greater Gift*

If we tried to define a caregiver –  
we would find it hard to explain

For there are so many of us acknowledged  
by this name

We may be a loving spouse, a sibling,  
parent or friend

A professional caregiver, a volunteer –  
the list goes on without end.

Yet we are all united by a common bond we share

Our wish to ease the burden of the loves  
ones in our care

The road may not be easy –  
we may stumble along the way

But our Courage will sustain us and  
guide us through each day.

- - Lorraine Kember

Come join our Care-givers Support Group as we meet once a month this fall. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be *Friday, October 21, at 10:00 a.m.* in the Hoag Room. If you are interested in this group but this day and/or time does not work for you, please contact the Rev. Joan Priest, who will be leading this group, 860-434-4629.

## LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY LAUNCHES FALL SEASON

The LBS kicks off the fall/winter season of luncheons and programs on *Tuesday, October 11*, with a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at noon. We celebrate the first anniversary of our own Braiden Sunshine exploding onto the national scene in Season 9 of NBC’s *The Voice*. Braiden’s break-out song was “Feeling Good.” He had an extraordinary run, surviving in the show from September until the December semi-finals. Here, we know Braiden as a long-time member of the FCCOL “All-Age Choir,” Silver Hammer, and other local bands. Lyme’s own Braiden is now a junior at L-OL High School. This is a chance to hear Braiden again, and to ask him to reflect about experiencing the trajectory toward national stardom, and the inevitable aftermath of joys, sorrows, and surprises. “A whirlwind!” reports his grandmother, Puchita Ely. The cost of the 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 *Friday, October 7*, to ensure a place at the Luncheon.

### 350th Anniversary Poetry

Marilyn Nelson, a member of our church and a former Poet Laureate of the State of Connecticut, has just published a volume of original poems in celebration of the 350th anniversary of our church. This is an extraordinary work and should have a place with your treasured books to read and re-read. These are available in the church office for \$15. Thank you Marilyn!

### 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.



# Church Business News



## A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

During the summertime, when many of us are vacationing or traveling, our financial receipts from members and friends naturally slow down a bit. We are still able to pay our bills, but we hope that everyone will review their commitments and bring them up to date as the fall season begins. Recently, our bookkeeper Julie sent out statements so you can check your and the church's records are in agreement. Thank you all for so generously supporting the work of our church!

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 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



## *The 2017 Stewardship Campaign Asks Members and Friends To Make an Investment in Our Church's Life-Changing Mission (and to "Step Up" if you can!)*

The 2017 Stewardship Campaign was announced at both services on Sunday, September 25, with a reception between services hosted by the members of the Board of Stewardship and featuring Braiden Sunshine, a member of our church, six-time survivor of the national telecast of "The Voice," and featured performer this summer at the Florence Griswold Museum's Summerfest and at the Katharine Hepburn Theatre.

This year's campaign asks each of you to "make an investment" in our church's life-changing mission. The theme is laid out in the brochure, which will be displayed in the pews during the campaign and was included in the mailing that went out to all members and close friends on Monday, September 26. The brochure features on the inside centerfold stories written by five members who have played lead roles in life-enhancing ministries our church supports: Margie and Peter Brandt on their children's experience in our Sunday School, Fred Behringer on his weekly service at the Homeless Hospitality Center in New London, **Louise Lynch on the Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry**, **Faye Richardson on resettling a Syrian refugee family in Lyme**, and Bruce Anderson on his participation in the church choir. We are especially grateful to Mike Long, a member the Board of Stewardship, for editing the stories written by the people featured, finding photos to accompany them, laying out the design, and writing headlines and front page copy.



Providing food to our needy neighbors....

**Two of our  
vital  
ministries.**



Resettling displaced refugees.....

The back panel of the brochure shows Treasurer Bob McCracken's updated stair step visual from last year's brochure, with an invitation once again to "step up" if you can for 2017. Last year's campaign exceeded Stewardship's all-time high in 2007 primarily because 165 of you were able to "step up," an increase from 89 the year before. We recognize that not everyone will be able to step up, and assure you that whatever you can give will be warmly accepted and deeply appreciated. However, we need to continue and even accelerate the growth from last year to fund the things that our church depends on and that our members feel an ownership in as stakeholders.

We greatly appreciate your enormous generosity of time, talents, and resources. Please be assured that all members of our Board would welcome your call if you have any questions or concerns. Their contact information is available from the church office (860-434-8686).

Members of 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.



# Tree of Life Church News



## **Wheels of Justice: America, Palestine, and Global Solidarity**

*Wheels of Justice* is a ten-day sojourn through the American South, inspired by the Freedom Riders of 1961. As various struggles for human and civil rights have erupted across the globe in the past several years, it has become increasingly clear that each of these struggles is inextricably linked – by common challenges and by shared tactics of resistance. This journey is designed for those who believe that another world is possible, for those who wish to have their spirits and consciences quickened, for those with religion and without it, for those who wish to connect things up. It is a journey for those who wish to listen, to witness, and to act against the ongoing legacy of colonialism and its varied aftershocks.

### **Journey Details**

**Dates:** October 16<sup>th</sup> through October 25<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** Cost includes all ground travel, two meals per day, snacks and drinks on the bus, entry fees and accommodations.

There are two price points– which do you prefer (check one)?

Sleeping in Hotels - \$1,100

Accommodations at a modest hotel/motel each night of the Journey.

Local Immersion - \$500

Accommodations at a modest hotel/motel a few nights, but mostly sleeping on church floors, host homes, tents on a lawn, or maybe even hammocks in a tree.

Payment is due now to secure your seat. There are only 15 seats available, so jump on soon! Make checks payable to **TOLHT** and leave in the church office or send to:

Tree of Life 2 Ferry Road Old Lyme CT 06371

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



# 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

October 2— Blessing of the Animals will take place at 4 p.m.  
Please come to help pass out treats and take pictures of animals!  
Bring your favorite pet! During the morning we are preparing for the afternoon by making some popcorn, cookies, and the backdrop for our photo shoot!  
Also, we will get the baskets of treats ready for the animals.

October 9—During this three-or four-day weekend, we will be helping the younger children to plant bulbs and other plants to be good to wild animals next to the PK-K room.

October 16— In the morning we will be sketching the world on a wall as we talk about different partnerships the church participates in. We will be going to the Bushy Hill Ropes Course at 11 am. This is for anyone grades 6 to 12 (including friends you want to bring along!). RSVP to Lisa Daggart ([LisaDaggart@gmail.com](mailto:LisaDaggart@gmail.com)) by Oct. 7 if you would like to go. We will be organizing carpools from church and will be leaving Bushy Hill at 2.

October 23—During the morning we will be painting a mural of the world in the Pilgrim Fellowship room and talk about our church partnerships and missions around the world. Please bring a smock or wear clothes that may get paint on them.

October 30—During the morning we are planning to visit with friends from some faraway places and hear about life in those areas. Also on this day Mary Tomassetti is looking for PFers to help with the Wheels of Justice Festival from 2-7 p.m. Email Mary at [mary@tolef.org](mailto:mary@tolef.org) to let her know if you can help!

Save the Date:

November 13 for Breakfast Run for JPF and SPF

November 27 for SPF New London Soup Kitchen



# '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



Thank you all for such a good start to the new choral season at FCCOL! It's good to have you back and to welcome some new singers to the choir! Thank you for joining us!!

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

<b>Sunday, October 2</b>	Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am
<b>Wednesday, October 5</b>	Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, October 9</b>	Singing at the 9:00 am service with a rehearsal at 8:15am
<b>Wednesday, October 12</b>	Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, October 16</b>	Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am
<b>Wednesday, October 19</b>	Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, October 23</b>	Singing at the 9:00 am service with a rehearsal at 8:15 am
<b>Wednesday, October 26</b>	Rehearsal at 7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, October 30</b>	Singing at the 11:00 am service with a rehearsal at 10:15 am

Simon

Simon Holt  
(860) 705-3037

# LBS Budget

## LADIES BENEVOLENT SOCIETY BUDGET FOR 2017 (8/23/16)

For posting in the October 2016 newsletter; to be voted on at Annual Luncheon, Tues. 8 November 2016.

### LBS NEEDS

WES expenses	12,500
Postage, paper	50
Luncheon expenses, programs	2,500
Kitchen equipment and supplies	300
Miscellaneous (reserved for unexpected expenses)	1,500
Sewing group supplies	300
Reimbursement of LBS groceries for NL Soup Kitchen ministry	400
<b>Total LBS internal needs:</b>	<b>\$17,550</b>

### MISSION GIFTS

FCCOL Pledge	20,000
FCCOL Christian Education	4,000
FCCOL Parsonage Maintenance Fund	5,000
FCCOL Sunday Coffee Hours	350
FCCOL Major Maintenance Escrow Fund	5,000
FCCOL Ministers' Discretionary Fund	5,000
Church World Service / One Great Hour of Sharing	3,000
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
Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.	500
The Riverfront Children's Center, Inc., Groton	2,000
A Sacred Place: The Barbara Fund	1,500
Safe Futures, New London	2,000
Tree of Life Conference	1,000
Tribal Crafts	3,000
Warm the Children	500
<b>Total LBS Mission commitments</b>	<b>\$ 74,550</b>

**TOTAL LBS Budget for 2017    \$ 92,100**

# Adult Enrichment Programs

## BOOK STUDY

On *Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>*, following the 11:00 service, we'll gather to discuss the book *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. As with our recent choice of *Evicted* this book by Wilkerson leads us through many of the issues, both historical and current, that our "Wheels of Justice" bus trip will be exploring. So this is an excellent way for those of us at home to join in the bus trip even if we cannot be aboard the bus! We'll gather in the church library as soon as the later service ends. Please bring a sandwich and we'll provide some beverage. Call Carleen at 860-434-0058 if you have any questions!

## BIBLE STUDY

This fall Becky Crosby will lead 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 beginning October 13th 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 3:30 pm*, in the Hoag Parlor, October 5 & 19. 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 4:30 p.m. on *Wednesdays* October 12 & 26, 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.

## WHO AM I?

If you have been thinking about coming to the class to be with others in deepening our spiritual understanding, this is a good time to do so. **Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Hoag Parlor.**

## OCTOBER ADULT FORUMS

Our Fall forums will begin on **October 9<sup>th</sup>** with our own member, David Ogle, presenting a talk he entitles "Crazy Presidential Campaigns...And their Even crazier Aftermaths (And You Think This One is Weird)." David was executive director of the Connecticut Legislature for a good many years, and enjoys looking at our nation's politics with both an historical eye and a well-tuned eye on current realities. His talks are always both fun and informative.

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** We'll welcome Cathy Zall, director of the Homeless Hospitality Center of New London. Cathy served as our Associate Minister before taking on her role as HHC director. She will talk with us about how current changes socially and politically are affecting the work of the Homeless Hospitality Center. For those who read the book *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond, this forum will present interesting parallels.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** Bob Steele, former Congressman and current legislative advocate, will present information to us about Connecticut's casino experience and the current proposal to legalize off-reservation casino gambling in our state. He will address the issue of gambling's effects within our society.

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** Governor Lowell Weicker will once again join us on the eve of a national election. His forums are always informative. You won't want to miss this!

Looking ahead: On **November 6<sup>th</sup>** we'll be able to hear about some of the experiences of the "Wheels of Justice" bus tour.

## 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.

# October 2016

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1
9:00am 9:00 AM Service 11:00am 11:00 AM 12:30pm Wheels Mtg (L) 4:00pm Blsg of Animals	10:00am Sewing Group (S) 7:00pm AA (S)	11:30am Staff Mtg 1:00pm AA Day Mtg (S) 7:30pm BOS (L)	3:30pm Writing Group (H) 7:30pm Sr. Choir (S)	9:30am Who Am I (H) Patsy McCook 7:30pm Search Committee (SRJ)	4:00pm Moore/Twiss (R)	FP/SK 1:00pm Francis Libby 1:00pm Hospitality Mtg 4:00pm Half/Darren(W)
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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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