

*The hosts for the Fellowship Hour this morning are the Kiem Family,
Mary Bradford and the Second through Sixth Graders of God's Neighborhood.*

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The Nursery is open today with Miss Miriame.  
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Clothing Drive: Our Winter Clothing Drive is ongoing until November 17th. If you have any donations to drop off on a day other than Sunday, please put them on the stage in the Sheffield Auditorium. You will not miss the location, but it's the bags and boxes to the left on the stage if you are coming in from outside. Please reach out to Jolene Brant if you have any questions or concerns at 860-460-9511. We are collecting the clothing, outerwear, and small toiletries in order to provide to those in need for this winter.

Diaper Bank Saturday will be distributing diapers on November 4th, from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. We are in need of size 4 diapers. Our babies appear to be growing out of sizes 2 and 3 quickly, while many babies are staying in the larger sizes longer.

Senior Center Luncheons: The Lymes' Senior center will be holding their luncheons in the Church's Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week for the foreseeable future while their facility on Town Woods Road undergoes a major renovation. Any questions about attending the luncheons should be directed to the Senior Center's executive Director, Stephanie Gould, who can be reached at 860-514-5425.

Youth Group Night: FCCOL Youth Group Night at the Kate Theater in Old Saybrook!! On November 1st at 5:30 pm we will be meeting for pizza and then going to the new musical, Stand Up, & Speak Out, featuring our own high school student, Ace Bairos. The musical addresses the effects that exclusion and negativity have on our youth and informs students about ways that they can Stand UP against the cycle of insensitivity.

A March in Washington D.C. is planned for next Saturday (November 4) in support of a cease-fire in Gaza and Israel, and urging a rapid response of humanitarian aid. The march will be from 2 to 5 in D.C. and a bus will be running from New Haven for those who want to attend. Some of the members of Tree of Life will be making the journey. Please contact Carleen at 860-304-2070 (by text or phone call) if you'd like more information.

Adult Forum: Following our church service on Sunday, November 5th, all are invited to an Adult Forum in Sheffield Auditorium. Come and hear the voices and stories of people with trans and gender-diverse experience in a conversation moderated by Kathryn Tierney, APRN, Medical Director of the Middlesex Health Center for Gender Medicine and Wellness. The organizers ask that all who attend bring open hearts and lots of questions.

Women's Fall Retreat. Please join us on Friday **November 10th**, 10 - 2:30. Email the church office to register at fccol@fccol.org.

The Lyme-Old Lyme Refugee Resettlement Committee is preparing for a new refugee family and we are in need of 3 **twin-bed box springs, new** or slightly used. The house we are preparing has 2 bedrooms (for children likely) and each has twin beds, but currently there are no boxsprings. Please email the Housing Chair, Cathy Stevens, at cvtsnevets@gmail.com to discuss delivery. Thank you in advance, *Juliette Meeus and Carole Otto*, Co-Chairs.

New Member Orientation: Interested in learning more about FCCOL and church membership? Join us for a welcome orientation after church on Sunday, November 12th, at 11:30 am in the Sheffield Auditorium. We'll have a chance to get to know one another over coffee and answer questions about FCCOL and this journey of faith we're on together! New Member Sunday will be November 19th at the 10:00 am service.

LBS Luncheon: Come join us for some fellowship, delicious food, and musical entertainment at the Ladies Benevolent Society luncheon on Tuesday, November 14th from noon to 2pm. Chicken Cordon Bleu with complimentary sides, and a wonderful dessert buffet is to be the luncheon menu, and the post meal program, beginning at 1pm, will be a musical performance by the Lyme-Old Lyme Choral Ensemble directed by Kristine Pekar.

Suggested donation is \$5 per person, plus a nonperishable food item or a package of disposable diapers for the Food or Diaper Banks. If you plan to join us at the luncheon, please call the FCCOL office at (860) 434-8686 by Friday, November 10th to make a reservation so we can be sure to have enough food prepared for all to enjoy.

Help with Sunday Flowers. We're scheduling members and friends who would like to provide pulpit flowers for a week. If desired, flowers can be given in memory of a loved one, with the loved one(s) mentioned in the bulletin. This system worked well before the disruption of Covid. Flowers or greenery can be fresh from your garden or ordered from florist. A house plant from home displayed for the morning would be lovely, as well. To sign up for a future week, please call Jill Harned, 603-398-9004. Thank you.

Calendar of Events and Meetings

LWS Monday, October 30th at 10:00 am in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Senior Center Luncheon Tuesday, October 31st at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Center Luncheon Wednesday, November 1st at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Night Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 pm in Old Saybrook.

Senior Choir Wednesday, November 1st at 7:30 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium.

Bible Study Thursday, November 2nd at 11:00 am in the Library.

Senior Center Luncheon Thursday, November 2nd at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Forum Sunday, November 5th at 11:30am in the Sheffield Auditorium.