

NOVEMBER 2023



Dear Friends,

A family member is practicing the flute in our living room as I write this letter. For the moment, only the repeated notes of her music fill the air. There's a crackling fire in the woodstove and late afternoon light pouring through a window. Peace is here. And I hope, wherever you are.

A favorite quote by Dag Hammarskold, comes to mind:

*I am being driven forward into an unknown land.
The pass grows steeper, the air colder and sharper.
A wind from my unknown goal stirs the strings of expectation.*

Still the question: Shall I ever get there?

*There where life resounds,
a clear pure note in the silence.*
—Dag Hammarskjöld, *Markings*

Shall we ever get there?

That is today's prayer as the drumbeat of a ground invasion into Gaza grows imminent. We are all aware of the relentless suffering and heartache of those in Gaza awaiting sufficient humanitarian aid. And, too, the grief of hundreds of families from Southern Israel and around the world still waiting for a word of hope about their beloved's release after being kidnapped. Personally, we are mourning the death of a cousin's niece, age 22, who was killed in the raid in Southern Israel on October 7th. And, emails from our Tree of Life partnership friends in Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jericho sound more and more desperate as the military occupation intensifies in the WestBank.

How long, O Lord? Cries the psalmist.

By the time this letter is mailed out, I hope tensions have quieted and somehow, a cease-fire and clear pathway to a just and sustaining peace finds the light.

Reading the writings of wisdom figures at this time of turmoil helps me move from despair to hope. Known and respected as a global peacemaker in his time, Dag Hammarskold's private meditations, *Markings*, revealed a person of deep spirituality and deep sense of responsibility to his neighbor. He served as Secretary General to the United Nations during the Korean War and when tensions between East and West were extremely divided. Likewise, he was awarded the Nobel Peace prize in 1961 posthumously, after losing his life in a plane crash on the way to brokering peace in Congo's civil crisis. Sixty years later and his words still resound:

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FCCOL

Senior Choir

To all members of the Senior Choir – thank you for your lovely singing in October!

Here is the November schedule:

Wednesday, November 1:

Rehearsal at 7:30 pm

Sunday, November 5:

Singing at the 10:00 am service with a rehearsal at 9:15 am

Wednesday, November 8:

Rehearsal at 7:30 pm

Sunday, November 12:

Singing at the 10:00 am with a rehearsal at 9:15 am

Wednesday, November 15:

Rehearsal at 7:30 pm

Sunday, November 19:

Singing at the 10:00 am service with a rehearsal at 9:15 am

Wednesday, November 22:

No Rehearsal: HAPPY THANKGIVING!!

Sunday, November 26:

Singing at the 10:00 am service with a rehearsal at 9:15 am

Wednesday, November 29:

Rehearsal at 7:30 pm

Many thanks and best wishes to all, Simon

Ladies Who Stitch

September and October have been busy and productive for the Ladies Who Stitch. Our September jean sale was a great success – selling over 30 pairs of women's jeans and then donating the remaining pairs to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center. We look forward to repeating this effort next September.

With holidays approaching, we are stocking up on great gifts – potholders, baby blankets, fin-



gerless mitts, scarves, hats and mittens, napkins, and yes, our popular “Bernie Mittens!” Most of our creations are available in the Partnership Store which is open on Sundays after the service, and Mondays while we are working. Also, mark your calendars for the Elephants in Winter Sale (December 2 & 3) and the Partnership Sale (December 9 & 10).

In addition to making things to sell, we also make many donations. Recipients of our donations have included: FCCOL's White Elephant Sale, The New London Homeless Hospitality Center, the FCCOL youth clothing drive, FCCOL ministers when gifts are needed, the Old Lyme Historical Society, St. John's Episcopal church in Niantic, Goodwill, and God's Neighborhood when costume mending is needed.

Although many of us also work at home, we look forward to meeting together every Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Sheffield Auditorium. We welcome visitors, shoppers, and new members during this time.

Questions: Contact Eunice via email – eunicetaylor@me.com.

Bible Study: The Book of Ruth

Join us Thursdays from 11 – 12 in the Library or on Zoom.

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: Unexpected Gifts

Join us on Friday, November 10th 10:00–2:30 pm.

As the leaves change and light grows precious, join us for a day apart as we enter a sacred rhythm for storytelling, friendship and quiet reflection along the Connecticut River. Bring a friend or just yourself! \$10 offering. Lunch provided. Location: Home of Susan and Bill Switzer, 12 Andrews Road, Essex CT. Facilitators: Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager and Susan Switzer. To register email the office at fccol@fccol.org.



Sabina Jungkeit, Karen and Paul Stigliano volunteering at the Diaper Bank.

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 Pakar.

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.

Grief and Loss Group: Healing in Good Company

This monthly support group is for those who have lost a loved one and those struggling with other losses. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 29th 5:30 -6:30. Meet in Hoag Parlor. Co-Facilitated by Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager and Mary McGannon Kollman.

Memorials

Ann Whitaker
Barbara Colburn
Carol Levy
David Sams
Dick Shook
Joan Bonvicin
Marshall Dean
Sue Wood

Holiday Sales in December

There are going to be two unique and different sales held at FCCOL to help all shoppers, young and old, get everything they could possibly need for the 2023 holiday season. Seriously...gifts and decorations, dinnerware and olive oils, mittens and wrapping paper. Two different sales on two different weekends!

On December 2nd (9am-3pm) and December 3rd (9am-1pm), LBS will have the always popular Elephants-in-Winter sale. All the holiday items collected during the intake days for the White Elephant Sale this past July will be arranged throughout the

Sheffield Auditorium and sold at bargain basement prices. If you've come to this sale before, you know from experience the vast assortment of delightful treasures that await. If this will be your first time attending, you will find Christmas decorations, greens and wreaths, holiday china and glassware, linens and sweaters and stockings, toys, books, CD's and DVD's, paper goods, lights, candles, and ornaments.

On December 9th (9am-3pm) and December 10th (9am-1pm), the Partnership Committees of FCCOL will have their third annual Holiday Sale in the Fellowship Room. Here is your chance to get beautiful, thoughtful and unusual gifts for everyone on your holiday list. There will be Haitian arts and crafts, Palestinian olive oil and soaps, Lakota jewelry and crafts, and (of course) one-of-a-kind handmade items from "The Ladies Who Stitch". Everything for sale is wonderfully unique, and the support provided to the partnerships helps so many.

Come and shop, immerse yourselves in the holiday spirit, meet old acquaintances and make new friends. These sales would make the Grinch smile!

The Old Lyme Ringers

The Old Lyme Ringers begin a new season of ringing at its first rehearsal on Wednesday, January 10, at 6:30 pm. We are a fun group of people who enjoy making music together. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please send Gary Jungkeit an email at gjungkeit@charter.net. Both experienced and new ringers are encouraged to contact Gary!

Dan Wood, Farm Manager at White Gate Farm .



Thank you from the Shoreline Soup Kitchens to all the farms who grew and donated produce this year.

In addition to the over 10,000 pounds of produce grown by the Common Good Garden in Old Saybrook and the Lyme Old Lyme Food Share Garden on Town Woods Road, SSK&P is very grateful to the farm stands in our area who have donated an additional 8,000 pounds of vegetables. Please support them when you are shopping for vegetables, and thank them for their generosity. They are:

- Viggiano's in Old Saybrook
- Scott's in Old Saybrook
- Scott's in Essex
- Smiths Acres in Niantic
- White Gate Farm in East Lyme

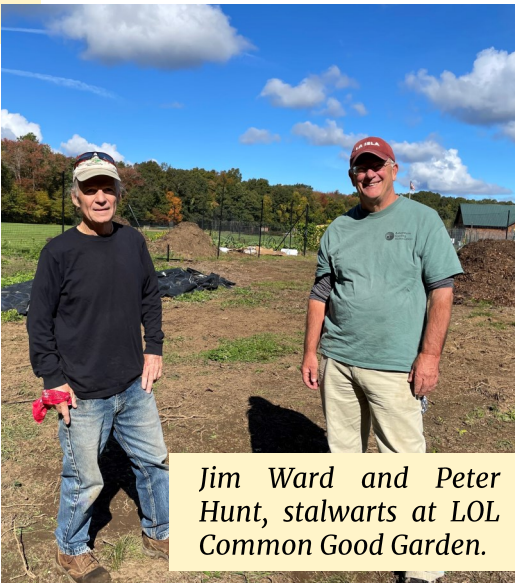
The Crosby Fund for Haitian Education

Many of you have asked me about our scholarship and education programs in Haiti during this very difficult time of gang violence, political insecurity, and economic hardship. We continue to operate at about 90% since we are 3 hours away from Port-au-Prince, where most of the gang activity is located. Our scholarship program for students in Pre-K through University study for 553 students continues. The primary and secondary students (Pre-K through High School) opened in September. The university, technical, and professional students opened in October. The university students going to school in Port-au-Prince have the greatest challenge with insecurity on the streets. Some universities are in more dangerous zones than others. Those in the more dangerous zones have gone to on-line learning and others have rented buildings in safer zones as an interim space to hold classes.

This past summer we held a summer camp for 112 children. The camp leaders said it was wonderful to see the children laughing and playing again. Our Education Center programs began in September as well with literacy classes for youth and

adults and after-school tutoring for students who need additional help.

Ted and I have not been able to travel to Haiti since April 2021 due to the insecurity. We hope and pray that 2024 will be a better year. The international community is helping with sanctions against gang leaders and the wealthy Haitians and Americans who subsidize them. They also have provided some support for the Haitian National Police, who are greatly outnumbered by the gangs. This support is good, but it is not enough. The U.N. called for a Multi-international Force to intervene and assist the Haitian National Police. Kenya has offered to lead such a force along with 15 other nations, mostly in the Caribbean, who declared they will offer some troops too. We will see how this all plays out. In the meantime, please keep the Haitians in your prayers. The Mission Board and LBS continue to help with support of our scholarship program, and the Mission Board also contributes to a food distribution program in Deschappelles. We are grateful for the support. If you are interested in our work and want to be informed, please send your contact information to Becky Crosby rtcros@ftcrosby.com.



Jim Ward and Peter Hunt, stalwarts at LOL Common Good Garden.



DEAR FRIENDS, CONTINUED

“You wake from dreams of doom and—for a moment—you know: beyond all the noise and the gestures, the only real thing, love’s calm unwavering flame in the half-light of an early dawn.”

Love’s flame continues to shine brightly here at FCCOL as we welcome new friends and familiar ones this month. On Sunday, November 5th, all are invited to 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.

Our Fall Retreat, *Unexpected Gifts*, will be held on Friday, November 10th. Please email the office if you’d like to join us from 10-

2:30. We’ll also host a new member orientation on Sunday, November 12th and welcome new members with a celebration on Sunday, November 19th. The Ladies Benevolent Association is holding their holiday luncheon on Tuesday, November 14th.

In addition, our FCCOL Youth group is continuing to collect winter gear for the annual Breakfast Run into New York City being held on Saturday, November 18th. They’ll also serve at the New London Community Meal Center on November 26th.

In this season of gratitude and uncertainty, may you find your way to FCCOL. The door is open and we are so grateful for your presence in our community! Happy Thanksgiving, too!

With love,



Reading: Markings by Dag Hammorskold; The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese; The Little Book of Racial Healing: Coming to the Table for Truth-Telling, Liberation, and Transformation by Tom DeWolf; We Have Always Been Here by Samra Habib; Democracy Awakening by Heather Cox Richardson. Watching: New Season of The British Baking Show; Are You There God, It’s Me Margaret (film); Maestro (Film), Lupin (Netflix series); The Lion King (on Broadway); The 12: A New Musical (Goodspeed Opera House); Stand Up & Speak Out! (The Kate).

ON THE ENVIRONMENT



A Pope Like No Other

Very few people can speak with clarity on a wide range of topics, such as social justice, the plight of the world’s poor, and the environment, specifically climate change. One person who can and does is Pope Francis. A recent publication of ‘Inside Climate News’ summarized some of the Pope’s messaging on climate change and the urgency surrounding this subject. Readers of

this newsletter may be aware of a past reference to the Pope’s encyclical ‘Laudito Si’ published in 2015. Laudito Si is a carefully researched study documenting the adverse impact of the massive overuse of energy from the combustion of fossil fuels. In advance of the upcoming U.N. climate talks, Pope Francis is drawing attention to the fact that world economies are moving too slowly in transitioning to

sustainable energy sources. The Pope focuses on the responsibility of developed nations, specifically the U.S. Quoting the Pope, ‘Irresponsible western lifestyles push the world to the breaking point’ on climate.

The Pope is the leader of 1.3 billion Catholics and is clearly also a compelling global voice. Despite that, according to ‘Inside Climate News’, the Pope’s strong message is largely ignored by Catholic bishops in the U.S. This lack of engagement does not deter the 86 year old pontiff. However, as an encouraging note, the first African American cardinal, Wilton Gregory, is a climate change leader (as is the United Church of Christ).

For the environment committee, Donald Gonci

GOD'S NEIGHBORHOOD



November is here along with the nice cool mornings and cooler evenings and in God's Neighborhood, we are moving right along in our curriculum, *Everyone's Invited: Stories and Songs of Belonging from Around the World*. Every Sunday is such a gift getting to see your children's smiles and hear their laughter and feel their enthusiasm surrounding what we plan for them. We in God's Neighborhood are working to enrich their lives through activities and events that are modeling ways to welcome people and brighten someone's day in unexpected ways.

November 1st, FCCOL Youth Group Night at the Kate Theater in Old Saybrook!! At 5:30 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.

November 12th, Our FCCOL Youth Group will be cooking with the help of Bill Belluzzi, during Sunday School, making all of the food we will be needing to serve at the end of the month at the New London Community Meal Center. Two different kinds of chili, cornbread, and brownies.



November 18th, Breakfast Run! This event is organized through the Midnight Run Organization and will enrich our middle schoolers, high schoolers, and parents through direct giving of food and clothing to people in need in NYC. We will leave the church at 6am on our drive to the city, then to a specific location to set up tables with our breakfast food and winter clothing donations collected through the Winter Clothing Drive. We will be handing everything out for up to 2 hours. Then have lunch as a group and possibly take a walking tour through Harlem, which is still to be worked out. We will keep in touch with better details as they are received.



November 26th, Our FCCOL Youth Group will be serving in the evening to our neighbors in need at the New London Community Meal Center. We meet at the church at 4pm and we will all drive to New London together.

November 29th, Our FCCOL Youth Group will be serving at the New London Community Meal Center.

Images: Our Family Get-together at Josh and Kim Thompson's home (top left). Youth members on the first day of the Winter Clothing Drive on October 15th (to the left and above).

GIVING MATTERS (THE THIRD IN A SERIES)



When bad things happen, and we wonder what to do, it is very important that we remember that God's love is unlimited and unconditionally available to everyone.

Our Church is a source for that help. It reflects who we are. We assist by providing pastoral care and through our many mission and community outreach initiatives. This important work is enabled by generous financial and volunteer support donated by our Church members and friends - our Church family.

Donations and offerings pass through the Church like light through a prism. They enter unshaded and pass expansively out in every color of the rainbow.

From South Lyme, to South Dakota to South Africa and many places in between we help where and when help is needed. Unlike other non-profit organizations our mission is not narrowly defined. If help is requested, we respond. Like other non-profits, we depend on donations.

We request commitments from our Church family so we have a good idea at the beginning of the year what we can spend. We are financially responsible and well managed. So, we are a good place to do good.

Like many churches, we are experiencing a decline in active membership and a decline in donations. This means that fewer of us need to do more if we are to keep pace and hopefully, increase the pace of our pastoral care and outreach. The needs for spiritual and social support are increasing. This concerns us all because our work benefits the entire community. So, please consider stepping up your Church support. A ten percent increase can make a meaningful difference.

We are in a sacred Covenant with our Church and each other to regularly worship together, serve the Church and our wider community and, provide financial support.



If you are a member of our Church family, and not currently involved as much as you would like to be, please consider increasing your participation in Church life. And please complete a commitment card. By doing this you will help us keep our missions and our operating margins aligned.

The services we provide are freely given but they are not free. We are not seeking sacrificial gifts, or gifts made from a guilty conscience, but gifts motivated by a generous Christian spirit.

When you are considering where your donations can make a difference in the lives of others, consider FCCOL. It is, a very good place to do good!

FROM YOUR BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Images: Our 2017 Immigration Fundraiser held in the Fellowship Hall (top). Stephanie Webster and Mike Sudano volunteering, on October 7th, at the SSKP Food Pantry held every Saturday in Fellowship Hall (left).

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP



What an absolute **honor and privilege** it is to stand here at the pulpit and address the congregation today. I'm Phil Brant. You may recognize me from such church services as those that included the **2023 Bell Choir**.

I never would have imagined that *I'd* have the **opportunity** to be in **THIS** exact spot where so many have stood before and delivered messages that **captivated and inspired me**.

I refer to this as an "**opportunity**," but when the church staff, which includes **my wife**, asked if I'd be willing to speak about stewardship I quickly recognized the correct answer to the request and said yes in spite of my hesitance.

So...I'm going to speak about stewardship. And since I'm standing in **THIS** exact spot I feel *obligated* to **captivate and inspire** all of you.

And that's a tall order to fill considering the quality of the messages delivered by those before me.

Remember in school when all of the students in your class had to give a presentation on a particular topic? If you were like me, **full of anxiety**, you either wanted to go first to rip off the *band aid of apprehension* and just **get it over with** or go **dead last** so that you'd have as much time as possible to prepare, but mostly to **ruminate and panic**.

The peril with choosing the latter is that there is a possibility that the kids that present before you **knock it out of the park** and set the bar so high that it's impossible for you to clear it.

I'm not sure I'm going last, but that bar of captivation and inspiration is **in the stratosphere**.

Last week's message from Ellen was stellar, Sean connected wonderfully with the kids, and who can forget Jim's message about agape love? (if you missed it I *highly* recommend you check the recorded service online).

To my surprise, when I was asked to speak today, neither *Steve* nor *Carleen* nor *Laura* requested a copy of my message for their perusal and approval. So they're taking a **bit of a risk** here having not heard me present before and having no idea what I'm about to say (**look back and smile**). **Imagine how nervous they must feel?**

Now, I haven't been nervous about speaking here for long, because my go-to strategy with tough situations like this is **avoidance and procrastination**. And since I didn't have to submit this in writing in advance, I didn't write it in advance.

In fact, this morning as I slowly awoke from glorious slumber, my head **popped off my pillow** and I realized...(gasp) **THAT'S TODAY**.

I like to think I work really well under pressure and come up with **brilliant** solutions in the heat of the moment. And that's what happened today. In a flash of **luminosity** I realized that I don't have to pen a speech myself, I could simply recite a work by someone who's already done the legwork. As I headed out the door this morning I grabbed a copy of a publication **perfectly** suited to promoting stewardship at FCCOL.

So today I'll be reading to everyone the *masterpiece* by Laura Numeroff, "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie."

This is a book I've read many times to my children. It's a **narrative about cause and effect, in circular, toppling domino** fashion. It begins with giving a mouse a cookie. The mouse then asks for milk, a straw, a napkin, a trim of his fur, a nap, a myriad of other requests, and then... eventually... **another cookie**, starting the cycle again, in a presumably **bigger and better fashion** limited only by your imagination!

Let us begin. (open book... pause)

I'm just kidding. I'm not going to read you a children's book. Sorry kids. (Close book, look back)

This is going somewhere, I promise! I promise I am going to describe a **cascading, recursive, positive-feedback phenomenon** related to stewardship at FCCOL that's *just like giving Numeroff's mouse a cookie...*

Alright...

Maybe to you this haphazard discourse seems like I'm in a **rudderless boat** just drifting in the current.

I feel like that was my relationship with church before finding FCCOL.

Before finding FCCOL, I would attend church **RELIGIOUSLY** - once at Christmas and once at Easter.

My spiritual boat was just drifting in the current, and I never threw anchor.

Well folks, I've **dropped anchor here**. And while I'm anchored here at FCCOL, I'll tell you my version of the children's book I've brought today. We all know that stewardship provides FCCOL the benefit of **permanence, prosperity and planning**, but there are benefits to all those who embark on the journey of stewardship as well.

Stewardship at FCCOL can be just like giving that mouse a cookie in that it can lead to many surprising outcomes. If I were to rewrite "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" to parallel my personal journey and my family's journey thus far related to **our** benefits from stewardship at FCCOL, it would be something like this:

YOUR RESULTS MAY VARY.

- If you become a steward of FCCOL, you'll feel a greater sense of **belonging to** and **connection with** your church.
- When you feel a greater sense of **belonging** and **connection** you'll attend church more often.

- When you attend church *more often* you'll be presented with "**opportunities**" to participate in church activities such as the **Bell Choir**.
- When presented with the **opportunity**, you, and perhaps your significant other will become *members* of the Bell Choir, having never done anything like that before.
- When you join the bell choir with your spouse, Wednesday nights with Gary and the rest of the choir members becomes your **date night**.
- When **bell choir is your date night**, you grow personally and your relationship with your spouse grows because both of you are now out of your comfort zones and you're learning a new skill and creating beautiful music with others.
- As your relationship with your spouse grows, you realize just *some* of the benefits of your choices thus far with FCCOL, and you **seek to become more involved**.
- As you **seek to become more involved**, you may even be asked to be the Sunday School Director as my wife Jolene has become.
- When you and your wife are **directly involved** in church activities, your *children* become more involved as well (not always by choice), but regardless, my boys Noah and Anderson are developing

a **foundation** for their future that's **reinforced by the church**.

- When your **entire family is present and engaged** with FCCOL, you may be asked to stand at the pulpit and address the congregation with a specific message.
- When you stand here...and **think and talk** about the **enrichment** of your life because of FCCOL, you **remain** a steward, **renew and reinvigorate** your stewardship, and **promote** stewardship to others.
- So... **Give that mouse a cookie!**

Thank you!
Philip Brant

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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.

Sue Mandeville: Transportation and/or accompaniment to professional or medical appointments, as well as outpatient surgeries and home stay following anesthesia. Airport, train or bus transport. Livery license, insured, references and medical training. Call Sue Mandeville 860-908-2310.

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Mediator, Lorelei Mitchell, is available to assist with family dilemmas, landlord-tenant disputes or workplace conflict. Mediation is a better alternative to litigation and can often transform relationships, while giving you a say in the outcome. To schedule a consultation, contact Lorelei at 860-536-0260 or loreleimitchell12@gmail.com.

Guli Gvelesiani: I lived in Old Lyme and worked for 7 years as a live-in caregiver for a church family. I can provide live-in caregiving for families in Old Lyme and other locations in CT. 860-391-5691.

Carolyn Randall: If anyone is flying somewhere for the holidays and you don't want to leave your car in long term parking, I will drive you to airport. Going South for the winter, I will drive you to airport—Bradley, Providence or JFK. Call me at 860-343-3573.

Professional Male Caregiver Available with car: My name is Aldrean and I'm available for full-time and/or live in caregiving. For more information and references contact Al at 917-957-3963.

We periodically receive requests to post notice of people who can be hired to help transport, help in light housekeeping or help by offering companionship to those who are housebound. We are not able to make recommendations; but their names and number are listed below:

. **Martha Durfee** 860-575-6518

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