

SEPTEMBER 2023



Dear Friends,

Another year is about to begin, and we've been readying ourselves around FCCOL - for September 10th, when our Homecoming Sunday shall occur, but really for all of the many activities that will shortly begin again. It's an exciting time of year, and while it's been good to see those who have shown up at the Meetinghouse this summer, I've missed seeing those of you who were away. In truth, I was too, which shall make Homecoming Sunday all the better.

As we've gone about preparing for the year, a particular question has circulated in my mind. It's actually the very first question in the entire Bible, and it's asked by God of Adam and Eve in the third chapter of Genesis: "Where are you?" It's a question that can be heard in a lot of different ways. It could be heard in the sense of "You don't come around anymore, where've you been?" Or it could be heard in the sense of a person who is deeply interested in the life of

another, asking, "Where are you on life's journey? What are you going through now? Where are you?"

Lately, though, I've been hearing the question with a different valence, with the accent falling on "Where." The action of the story takes place in the Garden of Eden, of course, but the place itself, or at least Adam and Eve's relationship to it, has changed after eating the fruit. Innocence has been lost, which means that a new kind of perception is required. God's question can thus be understood to be asking Adam and Eve to discern the nature of the place in which they dwell, to focus not only on the physical characteristics of the place, but on their changed relationship to it. Heard in that way, it's an invitation extended to all human beings to reflect on the following sorts of questions: Where, exactly, am I right now? What are the characteristics of the place in which I am located? How am I to be related to that which is

around me? Is it a hospitable place that I now occupy, or is it filled with danger? What are the roiling undercurrents that make this place what it is, and how shall I make it my own - if, that is, such a thing is possible? How has the place in which I stand changed over time, and what are the features that have been continuous and long lasting? Understood in that way, God's question of Adam and Eve becomes a perennial feature of what it is to be alive, as we all seek to answer the question, "Where, precisely, am I right now?"

That question has taken on a special significance for all of us of late, as we've sought to understand the changing world around us. Climate emergencies are now features of our lives, as fires, floods, excessive heat, and storms shift our relationship to the places we live. Those emergencies, paired with the political and economic instability of many countries, has increased the flow of migration,

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FCCOL

The Brant family!



Welcome Jolene Brant!

We are delighted that church member Jolene Brant has joined our staff as our new Coordinator for Sunday School and Youth Group! She and her husband, Philip Brant, have two boys—Noah is 13 years old, and Anderson is 8 years old. They have lived in Old Lyme for six years and been a part of our God's Neighborhood program.

Noah is in eighth grade at the Lyme-Old Lyme middle school and Anderson is in third grade at Mile Creek. Jolene has thirteen years experience parenting and volunteering at the boys' schools, and she is looking forward to supporting our programming and families for Sunday school this year and beyond!

If you have ideas to share or have any questions for her—Jolene's info is below:
Cell: 860-460-9511
Email: jmbrant2023@gmail.com

Help with Sunday Flowers.

We hope to start a schedule of members and friends who would like to provide pulpit flowers each 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 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!

Senior Choir

Here is the Senior Choir schedule for September 2023.

To all members of the Senior Choir - I am very much looking forward to the start of a new season and hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer!

Here is the September schedule:

Wednesday, September 6: Rehearsal at 7:30 pm WELCOME BACK!!

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

Wednesday, September 13: Rehearsal at 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 17: Singing at the 10:00 am with a rehearsal at 9:15 am

Wednesday, September 20: Rehearsal at 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 24: Singing at the 10:00 am service with a rehearsal at 9:15 am

Wednesday, September 27: NO REHEARSAL

Many thanks and best wishes to all, Simon

**Homecoming Sunday:
September 10th at 10 am.**

Ladies Who Stitch

A White Elephant Sale September Bonus!

- **What?** Sale! Women's Jeans - Sizes 2-18 - \$6 each
- **Where?** Sheffield Auditorium
- **When?** September Mondays - 11, 18 & 25 - And Saturday, September 16th
- **What Time?** 10 am - 2 pm
- **Why?** During the WES Intake, women's jeans were set aside due to lack of space to sell them in the Women's Department. This year, Ladies Who Stitch have sorted and tagged 65 pairs and are offering them, first come first served, for the bargain price of \$6 each. All proceeds go to LBS/FCCOL of course.

Other LWS News

After a lovely summer break, we will begin working again on Monday, September 11th, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Sheffield Auditorium. Come join, visit or shop with us. The Partnership Store will be open and the sale of jeans will continue while the jeans last.

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

Ladies Benevolent Society

The first LBS Luncheon of the season will be on Tuesday, September 12, noon to 2 pm. The luncheon meal and dessert will be followed at 1 pm by a program on Connecticut women who have shattered the glass ceilings long sheltering men working in science and health careers. Louisa Lacurci, Education Director for the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame, will present an illustrated slide talk, followed by a Q-and-A discussion with the audience.

The price of admission to the Luncheon is a donation of at least \$5, accompanied by a donation of canned goods for the food pantry or a donation of disposable diapers. As always, please call the Church office at 860-434-8686 to confirm your attendance so that we can be sure of food enough for all.

Writing at the Well

Join us on Friday, September 22, 10:00-11:30am, as we meet to write pages together. Using informal writing prompts, participants give voice to memories and the stories that make up our lives. No writing experience necessary...just a willingness to pay attention and tap into the well-spring. Meeting in the library.

Adult Education

Our Adult Forum series begins Sunday September 24th with the Stewardship-sponsored Community Conversation following the 10 am service. Stay tuned for additional programming for the Fall and Spring from our Adult Education Committee.

Food or Diapers?

These were the headlines of *The Day*, New London's newspaper, Sunday edition on July 23, 2023. The Covid pandemic response is over. Temporary subsidy payments implemented to help those

in need during Covid have also ended.

Unfortunately, the aftermath of this pandemic is far from over. The cost of everything has increased: food, household goods, fuel, clothing, electricity, rent, car repairs. The list goes on. It is not anticipated that the cost of these goods and services will return to Pre-Covid level (anytime soon).

Those severely impacted by the aftermath are persons of color; underemployed, many without medical benefits; the working-class poor, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities. These are the guests who frequent the Diaper Bank and Food Pantry. They now have less disposable income than pre-Covid years.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as food stamps, does NOT cover the cost of diapers, baby wipes, and any other non-food items. Food insecurity and diapers are closely interrelated. With the recent changes in our laws effecting woman's reproductive right, new legislation is gaining traction. Many states are now proposing bills to fund diapers, but this lawmaking process takes time and babies still need diapers now! This is the bottom line.

The FCCOL Diaper Bank continues to operate in support of our guests, some who we now call friends and neighbors. This ministry saw an unmet need, and the FCCOL and community at large responded.

Diapers are distributed the first Saturday of every month, in cooperation with the Food Pantry. Donations of diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, & 6 are currently needed. Baby wipes are also greatly appreciated.

Grief and Loss Group: Healing in Good Company

"Hope" is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all

- Emily Dickinson

This monthly support group is for those who have lost a loved one and those struggling with other losses. Next meeting: Wednesday September 27th 5:30-6:30 pm. Meet in Hoag Parlor.

Bible Study begins Thursday, September 28th, from 11-12.

This fall we'll begin our study with the Book of Ruth from the Old Testament. Considered one of the most beautiful pieces of literature in the bible, the Book of Ruth is hardly a simple story. In just four short chapters, there's calamity, exile, gender issues, scandal, and sexualized stereotypes. Read on! Through her words and actions, the protagonist, Ruth, leads us to think beyond borders and the arbitrary lines we draw around "the stranger." Supplementary text: *Borders and Belonging: The Book of Ruth: A Story for our Times* by Peadraig O'Tuama and Glenn Jordan, (2021).

Memorials

Anita Ballek
Jane Clark
Jeanne Clark
Michele Delmhorst
Kenneth Harold Maynard
Melodie Peters
Mark Testori
Janet VanWagenen

FINAL WHITE ELEPHANT SALE REPORT FOR 2023



The weather although rainy on Friday helped make this the best sale ever! If you can't go to the beach, then shop at WES. Early on Friday the crowds were large and enthusiastic and ready to go. Lines stretched down to CTK parking entrance. The quality was generally up but the volume varied from prior years amongst departments. This was a challenging year with numerous health issues including the passing of Mark Testori .

Bottom line

Best ever by far!! Total Gross 2-day bank deposit sales were => **\$93,144**

Adding in left over funds from last year, post sales, etc. - this year's final gross was **\$93,452**

Of the [21] departments [11] exceeded 2022 sales with [6] making new all time records.

Luxury	\$11,575
Jewelry	\$8,472
Flowers and baskets	\$6,335
Small Furniture	\$5,503
Books	\$4,417
Knick knacks	\$2,600

Women's was again tops at \$15,707 [2nd best ever]

Thanks to everyone who helped make this such a success. The LBS board meets periodically to review applicants for the sale proceeds and will be doing so to distribute this years proceeds.

Next year will be our 86th sale. Dates are July 12th and 13th

Bob Davis – WES chairman

Departments

<u>Departments</u>	<u>2023 Net sales</u>
Appliances	2,383
Art Works	6,495
Baked goods	585
Books & Music	4,417
Children Books	695
Children Clothing	1,447
Coffee and donuts	377
Flowers & baskets	6,335
Food	606
Large Furniture	1,898
Jewelry	8,472
Kitchenware	2,939
Knick knacks	2,600
Linens	6,310
Luxury [incl. instruments]	11,575
Men's Clothing	3,762
Pots and Pans	1,666
Small Furniture	5,053
Sporting Goods	5,888
Toys	2,384
Women's	15,707
Misc.	\$15

Dept Sales	\$91,607
General expenses	-\$12,498
Net WES Sales	\$79,108

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The Environmental Corner

It would be hard to be tuned in to the news at all this summer and NOT be alarmed at the rapidly changing climate and the devastation these changes are causing. It might be tempting to “look away” and lose hope – but I am sure that is the one thing we shouldn’t do! As we learned from the climate movie “The Letter,” our hope for the future lies in our commitment to living in community, recognizing our interdependence, and making responsible choices that recognize the fragility as well as the beauty of creation.

To that end, I have a few suggestions. Here goes:

Try to purchase as little plastics as possible. Make that a goal for your purchasing all around. Here are some companies I like that make a concerted effort to package responsibly: Grove Co., Dirty Labs, Inc. (funny name for a laundry detergent producer – but it’s good stuff), and Earth Breeze. Some of these companies sell products in concentrates so you can get reusable spray bottles. Very handy! J.R. Watkins is also a good company for all kinds of cleaning supplies. You might save on your order if you convince a friend or neighbor to order with you – and you’re bringing them aboard this project as well.

Make good choices at the grocery store. Lots of products come packaged in cardboard. Orange Juice might not be on sale in its cardboard packaging – but that just might still be worth it!

Compost all food scraps. (but not meat scraps) Composters are available at hardware and supply stores.

Strive for vegetarian meals as much as possible.

Talk with whoever advises you on investments and work toward investing in renewable energy production, while divesting in fossil fuel.

Make whatever small changes you can make in your daily habits to save electricity and gas consumption.

When possible, make purchasing choices that move you toward more and more efficient appliances and vehicles.

Look into solar installation and heat pumps for your home. There are some very good tax incentives in the works right now.

Don’t lose heart. We’re in this together. Carleen

Environmental Committee

Join us at the next Climate March on September 17 in New York City. Some of us are taking the train down to the city that Sunday to add our voices and vote with our bodies.

The science is clear: what the world needs now is a rapid and just transition to an energy and economic system that is efficient, fair, and universal. A system based on clean energy sources, and produced with respect for nature and the sovereign rights of Indigenous peoples.

This September, the global climate justice movement will escalate our actions in order to strengthen and broaden existing struggles and campaigns, and together WE WILL end fossil fuels.

A Global Climate Strike is planned by Fridays for Future on September 15, and a March to End Fossil Fuels will be held in New York on September 17.

<https://www.endfossilfuels.us/>

A Book to Read Together

Matthew Desmond’s new book “Poverty by America” is a heart-wrenching but important book about the social insecurity and financial instability that ravage so many people in our country. It’s not an “easy read” but it would be a *good read* to process with others. Join us if you can Thursday October 12th at 4:30 in the church library.

DEAR FRIENDS, CONTINUED

sifting the very population of the planet. Meanwhile, the aftershocks of January 6 continue to be felt in the criminal indictments of the former President, rollbacks of the reproductive rights of women continue to spread, and small towns across the US, including our own, continue to be roiled by efforts to control what sorts of books, and what sorts of lives, are visible within our communities. These are the sorts of shifts that force upon us the question posed by God in the book of Genesis, “Where, exactly, are you right now?” Or as Shakespeare memorably put it at the beginning of *Twelfth Night*, when his heroine Viola washes ashore in a strange place after being shipwrecked, “What country, friends, is this?”

Tom Piazza, who many of us know from visits to New Orleans, has recently published a novel that asks a very similar set of questions. It’s called *The Auburn Conference*. It imagines a late 19th century literature conference set in upstate New York, in which Herman Melville, Mark Twain, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Frederick Douglass, Walt Whitman, and Emily Dickinson all converge in the lingering aftermath of the Civil War to answer the question, “What is America?” Things don’t go well. A riot ensues. But some profound insights do as well. Through a miracle of imagination, Tom allows each of those writers to come alive again as flesh and blood personages (rather than museum pieces). And he allows us to see our own dislocated social moment, in all of its many contradictions, as already contained, in embryonic form, within the very best minds and writers that the United States has ever produced. *The Auburn Conference* is, in my estimation, Tom’s finest piece of writing,

which is saying quite a lot, because he has written a handful of my favorite books of all time.

Tom will be with us at FCCOL on Sunday, September 17th. He’ll join us for our service at 10:00, and then he’ll be staying for an adult forum afterwards, talking more about the book, and any other topics about which we might wish to ask (his passion for the ritual life of New Orleans, say, or learning to box with Norman Mailer, or developing a friendship with John Prine, or figuring out how to write in the voices of Twain, or Stowe, or Melville, or writing outstanding pieces of literature, like *Blues and Trouble*, *A Free State*, and *City of Refuge*). Perhaps most of all, we’ll address that most basic and fundamental question, given poignant expression in the Book of Genesis: Where, exactly, are we right now? Or, to return to *Twelfth Night*, what country, friends, is this?

Throughout the fall season, we’ll be asking those and related questions at FCCOL: what dispositions and qualities is this particular moment asking of us as people of faith? How might we not only discern where we are right now, but work to create the kind of place we wish to bequeath to future generations? What habits (truth telling? hope? generosity? creativity? seeking justice? conservation?) are we being asked to cultivate at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme? Who does God call us to be as the world shifts around us? Come and see, as together we seek to discern just where we are, and who we are called to be. Like those first humans that God addresses in the Book of Genesis, we can trust that we too shall manage to find a way in a time and in a place that feels both un-

familiar, and yet strangely like home.

See you at the Meetinghouse,



Reading: *God: A Biography*, by Jack Miles; *In the Belly of the Whale*, by Sjon; *The Waste Land: A Biography of a Poem*, by Matthew Hollis; *Midnight’s Children*, by Salman Rushdie; *Waiting for the Barbarians*, by J.M. Coetzee; *Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare*, by Stephen Greenblatt; *Purgatorio*, by Dante; *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, by James Joyce.

Listening: Miles Davis, the second quintet albums (*E.S.P.*, *Miles Smiles*, *Sorcerer*, *Nefertiti*, *Miles in the Sky*, *Filles de Kilimanjaro*); Van Morrison, *No Guru, No Method, No Teacher*, and *Hymns to the Silence*; Hozier, “Francesca.”

Watching: *Silo* (Apple TV); *Turn Every Page: The Adventures of Robert Caro and Robert Gottlieb* (Amazon Prime); *Barbie*.

GIVING MATTERS

(THE FIRST IN A SERIES)

Every year at about this time – as most of you are well aware – we launch the church’s annual Stewardship, or financial campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to ask all our members and friends, if they are able, to provide commitments to fund our church’s operations for the following year. And, each year, many questions arise that we try to answer individually. This time we thought it useful, and in fact important, to provide this information more broadly to the congregation in a level of detail that we can’t possibly include in a short fundraising letter. Questions like: What is the church’s total spending for the year? What do my contributions actually support? How much of this spending is supported by individual contributions? How many people contribute each year? How much do they give? How much should I give? Why do we need commitments, why can’t I just contribute in the offering plate? Why does the church ask for increased commitments each year? What if I find during the year that I can’t meet the commitment?

This month we’ll start with the basic financial structure of the church – where the funding comes from and how is it spent.

2023 Budgeted Revenues:

Pledges and Offerings	\$ 666,000
Interest, Dividends and Endowment	\$ 137,140
Other Income	<u>\$ 114,335</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 917,475

Of the \$ 666,000 Pledges and Offerings, \$ 641,000 or fully 70% of the total revenues, comes from individuals, this year. Almost all of the Interest, Dividends and Endowment amount comes from a recurring annual contribution from the church’s endowment fund.

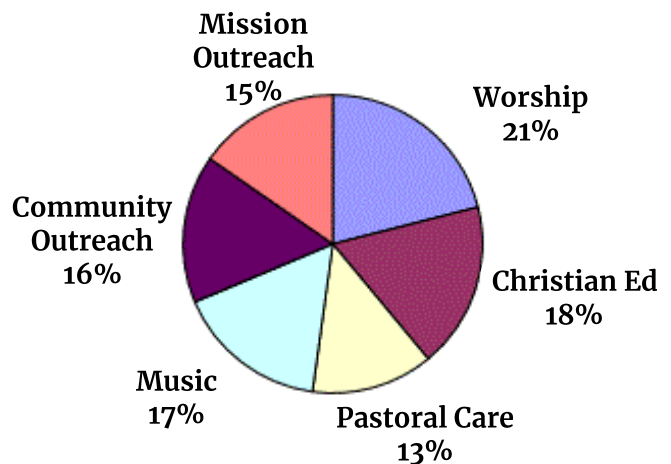
Other income deserves special explanation for this year (and for the 3 years preceding). Normally this other income is a much smaller percent of the total, resulting from building rentals (\$10,00 to \$15,000) and one-time special gifts. This year, to balance the budget, it was necessary for us to dig in to 2 balance sheets accounts that were contributed some years ago, and to use the remainder of the forgiven Payroll Protection Loans that were offered by the US Government during the pandemic years. Is important to note that these 2 sources are not repeatable in future years. More on that in later.

2023 Budgeted Expenses

Ministers	\$ 325,445
Christian Education	\$ 25,992
Music	\$ 53,583
Church Office	\$ 43,000
Property	\$ 171,917
Deacons	\$ 4,730
Lay Employees	\$ 188,054
Benevolence Giving	\$ 80,000
Other Expenses	\$ 24,755
Total Expenses	\$ 915,475

So, from an **accounting** standpoint, fully 75% of the church’s budget is devoted to staff and property.

However, from a **Mission** standpoint, here is where your financial resources are **INVESTED**:



Next month we will answer more of the above questions. In the meantime, if you have other questions of your own please call the church office (860-434-8686) or Bob McCracken (860-326-1206) and we will add them to the list!

Your Board of Stewardship and Bob McCracken,
Treasurer

GOD'S NEIGHBORHOOD



Welcome back to all our friends in God's Neighborhood! Our Sunday School program, God's Neighborhood, begins Sunday, September 10th! Following the service, parents and families are invited to an Open House downstairs in the Sunday School rooms to meet teachers, learn about our program and visit with one another. Reception sponsored by our Board of Youth Ed.

Our theme this year is called, *Everyone's Invited: Stories and Songs of Belonging from Around the World*. Each of our classes this fall will be exploring the practices of hospitality rooted in stories of scripture, our church community and partnerships with others around the world using music, drama, art and other curriculum experiences. Please submit a registration form for the child/children in your family on our opening day or as soon as you can!

We are very appreciative of the work D. Andrews offered us all as Coordinator of God's Neighborhood last year! While she was not able to continue in the role, we've hired a new Coordinator, Jolene Brant, who has already begun to organize for the fall program.

In other news, we have said goodbye to Miss Kim Wolcyk in the Nursery after her 15 years of providing childcare for us! We wish her well and welcome Miss Miriame Biuma Kazadi as our new babysitter with additional high school helpers.

Also, please let us know if you might be interested in joining our classroom volunteers! We are looking for another K-1 Teacher to co-teach two Sundays a month.

Other Classroom News:

K-1 with teacher, Rachael Jungkeit, and HS helpers

2-3 with teachers MaryBeth Franco and Kristen Byers and HS helpers

4-6 with Mary Bradford and HS helpers

Middle School Cafe: with teachers, Melissa Lambrecht DaPonte and Elijah Stiles and HS helpers.

Save the Dates:

Sunday, September 24th: Youth Group Party for middle and high schoolers at home of the Brant Family, 67 Whipoorwill Road, Old Lyme, 4-6 pm. We'll have some fun, eat pizza and plan our service projects for the coming year!

Sunday, October 1st: God's Neighborhood Party at Josh and Kim Thompson's home, 2 Littlefield Lane, 3-5 pm. Details to follow!

If you haven't seen it, we have a private FaceBook page, *FCCOL Families*, where we post announcements, share news and pictures only visible to families who are part of our God's Neighborhood Program. Please join our group to stay connected! We will continue to send out regular communica-

tions through weekly emails as well. By registering your children you will be included in these emails. Both High School aged youth and their parents will be included in email communications.

It's not too early to start collecting for our winter clothing drive for the Youth Group Breakfast Run to New York City and the Homeless Hospitality Center. We are hoping that you can help by dropping off winter clothes to FCCOL on the morning of October 1, 2023. Coats, hats, gloves, new socks, boots, sweatshirts and hoodies that are in good shape are needed to keep our neighbors warm!

See you on September 10th!

-Laura, Jolene and Mary

God's Neighborhood
Sunday School and Youth Group
Education Programs for Children and Youth
Pre-K through Grade 12
Registration 2023-2024

New _____ Returning _____
Name _____
Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____ Email _____
Special needs, allergies, diet restrictions _____
Child's special skills or talents _____

Name _____
Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____
Email _____
Special needs, allergies, diet restrictions _____
Child's special skills or talents _____

Name _____
Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Grade _____
Email _____
Special needs, allergies, diet restrictions _____
Child's special skills or talents _____

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 offsite service projects.
 - _____ 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? _____

EMPLOYMENT

Rab Nawaz/Kappri Painting, LLC

Free estimates. Power painting, power washing interior and exterior, gutter cleaning, wallpaper install and removal. 30+ years experience. Satisfaction guaranteed. The church has experience with this company. Kappripainting@gmail.com or 860-857-0326.

American Craftsmen needs America's help. Let me restore your family heirloom as a furniture maker of 33 years. 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.

Home Designer: Design & drawing from concept to construction documents for new homes, additions, and renovations. Servicing home owners, builders, and architects. Other services include drawings to help sell a house, develop & present an idea. Computer aided using DATA CAD12 - 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional. David S Nelson-Building Design Service DSNdesign@comcast.net or 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.

Professional Caregiver Available. For evening hours. For more information and references contact Sim at 203-833-2992.

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.

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.

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

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF OLD LYME

Staff

The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Jungkeit, Senior Minister (860-434-8686)
The Rev. Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Senior Associate Minister (860-304-9096)
The Rev. Carleen R. Gerber, Associate Minister (860-304-2070)
Simon D. Holt, Director of Music (860-705-3037)
The Rev. David W. Good, Minister Emeritus
The Rev. Rebecca T. Crosby, Minister for Haitian Outreach
Rebecca A. Francisco, a recent graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary,
serves as minister to the South Lyme Union Chapel.

Jolene Brant, Director of Christian Education/Junior & Senior Pilgrim Fellowship Leader
Rachael Jungkeit, Director of Children's Music
Robert McCracken, Church Administrator
Odile Irakiza, Church Office Manager
Julie Mardjekaj, Bookkeeper

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South Lyme Union Chapel Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Counseling and Psychotherapy Tel: 860-434-3813
Cary Walker, LCSW

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF OLD LYME,
Member U.C.C.

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Please e-mail the church office at fccol@fccol.org if you want to be removed from the newsletter mailing list and read it on the website. Please let us know if you would like an e-mail alert when the new issues are available on our website. Thanks for your help!

