

# May 2024



Dear Friends,

Since David Good's death, I've been rereading his collection of sermons, *A Place of Grace*, which chronicles the history of a good many of our partnerships. The very first of those partnerships was started 40 years ago this year, when the Board of Missions voted to open a partnership with the people of Green Grass in South Dakota. Here is how David described the origin of that relationship in 2012, on the cusp of his retirement:

The Board of Missions was sitting in what is now called the Harriet Hoag Room and we were talking and dreaming about a different way of being engaged (in the world). As important as the task is to decide how our mission dollars are to be spent, we wanted to explore the possibility of becoming personally involved with another place and another culture, thinking of the mission of the church as being all about trying to bring the human family closer together...

One of our church members, Ramona McNamara, being from South Dakota as she was, suggested that we look into the possibility of fostering such a friendship with the Native Americans of that state. Little did we know at that time all the wonderful adventures and deeply meaningful experiences that would be born out of that suggestion in 1984. I remember one of our young people sharing with me that he learned to pray out in South Dakota. For me, that and that alone makes it all worthwhile. In our wildest dreams we never anticipated that in this friendship, over 300 members and friends of our church would travel some 2000 miles out there, and over the years we've had many visitors from out there (*APoG*, pg. 233).

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# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FCCOL

## Senior Choir Schedule

Here is the May schedule:

**Wed., May 1:** Rehearsal at 7:30 pm

**Sun., May 5:** Singing at the 10:00 am service with a rehearsal at 9:15 am

**Wed., May 8:** Rehearsal at 7:30 pm

**Sun., May 12:** Singing at the 10:00 am service with a rehearsal at 9:15 am

**Wed., May 15:** Rehearsal at 7:30 pm

**Sun., May 19:** Singing at the 10:00 am service with a rehearsal at 9:15 am

**Wed., May 22:** Rehearsal at 7:30 pm

**Sun., May 26:** Singing at the 10:00 am service with a rehearsal at 9:15 am.

Many thanks to all,  
Simon

## The Old Lyme Ringers

### Handbell Notes

The Old Lyme Ringers had a very successful ringing season during this winter and early spring, playing a number of Sundays either as a quartet or as the whole ensemble. As the season progressed, it became increasingly apparent to the group that more bells were needed to round out the requirements and expectations of the pieces that the group was practicing and playing. Thus, a special fund has been formed to add another octave of 12 bells to our already existing set of 37 bells. Our goal is \$4,010 to cover the cost of the bells and their case. Already one-fourth of the goal has been reached. If this project interests you, your gift, above and beyond your pledge commitment, would be most appreciated. Individual bells can be

given as a memorial and can be inscribed on the bell handle. The Old Lyme Ringers look forward to ringing with added beauty to the worship services of FCCOL. Any questions can be directed to Bob McCracken or to Gary Jungkeit by email at [gjungkeit@charter.net](mailto:gjungkeit@charter.net).

## LBS May Luncheon

We welcome everyone to come join us for some fellowship, delicious food, and an entertaining and informative program at the Ladies Benevolent Society luncheon on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2pm. In charge of our kitchen yet again, Chef Rick will be serving a meal reminiscent of a Spring picnic consisting of pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, and pickled beets, followed with a light sweet and tasty dessert.



The post meal program, beginning at 1pm, is a presentation by Marta Daniels, Curator of the Chester Historical Society. She will be speaking on the life and legacy of Constance Baker Motley (1921-2005), a civil rights attorney and distinguished Federal Judge who

brought inspiration to many in very challenging times. Born and raised in New Haven, Constance resided in Chester, CT for over 40 years and her original property on Cedar Lake is now a part of the CT Freedom Trail.

Suggested donation for the luncheon and program is \$5 per person, plus a nonperishable food item for our food bank or a package of disposable diapers for our the luncheon. Please call the FCCOL office at (860) 434-8686 by Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> to make a reservation so we can be sure to have enough food prepared for all to enjoy.



## Ladies Who Stitch (LWS)

April Mondays flew by again and since we do not work on Memorial Day we have only six more working Mondays before our summer break. On June 17th we will be packing up and storing our supplies to make room for White Elephant Sale preparations. Our creations will still be available in the Partnership Store on a limited basis during the summer.

This past month, we are especially



grateful for a huge donation of fabric, sewing supplies, and more from the estate of Helen Burke, one of our former members who passed away in 2022. Helen is the lady who made over 500 beautiful t-shirt dresses which the Crosbys shipped to their Haitian outreach location in Des Chapelle. Such donations of yarn, fabric and supplies have enabled us to set reasonable prices for our creations. We like to say that we offer “guilt-free” shopping since all of our proceeds directly fund the many missions and programs of LBS/FCCOL.

Through June 10th, we will continue to accept donations of greeting cards (for making gift tags), socks (for Alliance for Living), and jeans (for New London Homeless Hospitality Center). Donations can be left on the Sheffield stage clearly marked for LWS.

Questions: Contact Eunice via email - [eunicetaylor@me.com](mailto:eunicetaylor@me.com)

## Sunday School

### God’s Neighborhood—Jolene Brandt

As many of you know, our Youth Group and chaperones just got back from our Walking in Their Footsteps-Civil Rights Tour. A huge thank you to all of you for your support for this trip! We had an incredible time full of learning and building connections with one another.

How inspiring the youth of the 50’s and 60’s were walking the Edmond Pettus Bridge and fighting with a non-violent approach for their right to vote in 1965. How inspiring it was to learn more about the bus boycott, the sit-ins, and the children’s march. From visiting the Ebenezer Baptist Church where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was pastor, to visiting the Civil and Human Rights Museum, listening to JoAnne Bland and her story of being given a peppermint from Dr. MLK Jr. every time she saw him. Touring Dexter Ave with two amazing professors from Alabama State University. And the

heartbreak of facing our American history of slavery at the Legacy Museum. The only way to describe this trip is to say it was extraordinary. So, again thank you so much for your support in helping to make it happen. Photos from our trip are on pages 8-9.

**Saturday May 11th at 2pm:** Youth Group invited to help at the homeless/feral cat non-profit. The kids can come and work with 5 kittens born of a homeless mom cat in New London. They will be 8 weeks old at the time. We will weigh, check for fleas, ear mites, check their heart, and overall condition, do a blood test, and vaccinate. Meet at FCCOL at 1:15pm to drop off kids and to drive to the nonprofit. Reach out to me if you’d like to be a chaperone. Jolene Brandt , 860-460-9511.

**Sunday May 19th at 10am:** During Sunday School our youth will be preparing for Children’s Sunday on June 9th.

**Sunday May 26th at 10am:** This is Memorial Day Weekend; the nursery will be open for the usual time. Our Sunday School Teachers will see you June 2nd! Have a great weekend!

## Confirmation

**Sunday, May 5th:** Our Confirmation Class will meet in the library with mentors for our final class and to share a meal together from 4:00-6:00 pm.

**Sunday, May 12th:** Confirmation Ceremony will be held with students and mentors during worship service at 10:00 am.

## New Member Orientations and Reception

Orientations will be on Sundays, May 5th and 12th after service in the Library. The welcome Ceremony will be Sunday, May 19th during our 10:00 am worship service followed by a Luncheon to welcome our newest members !

## Progressive Bible Study

Thursday mornings 11:00-12:00  
What’s Love Got To Do With It?  
Come each week or just drop in to catch up on the latest soap opera unfolding in the book of Genesis!

## Middlesex Association of UCC Churches

Will hold their annual meeting at The First Church of Middletown on Monday, May 20th, at 6:30 pm. Please join us for updates on the United Church of Christ and our area UCC churches.

## Adult Forum

Sunday, June 2nd, Church member Bob Potter will share his expertise on contemporary Black artists: **Power and Remembrance: Reclaiming Black Lives Through Art.**

Throughout the history of Western art, people of color have been relegated to unidentified, subservient, and marginalized roles, or have been completely absent in paintings presented by major museums. African American artists Romare Bearden, Amy Sherald, Kerry James Marshall, and Kehinde Wiley confront this reality creating powerful images of the black experience in history, popular culture and American life. In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., this lecture will explore the art and lives of these artists through examples of their work, biographical profiles, historic context and in videos where the artists share their own personal journeys as artists.

## Grief Group

Join us for our monthly support group for those living with grief and loss. Wednesday May 22nd, 5:30-6:30 pm.

## Memorials

Sally Anne M. D’Aquila  
Rev. David W. Good

Those forty years have brought wonderful adventures, but they've brought a good many changes as well. David is gone now, of course, but so too are many of those in South Dakota with whom this partnership was forged. The biggest shift of all, perhaps, is that the Green Grass Church, the original body with whom we were partnered, is no longer a functioning church community. But it's also true that Covid interrupted our pattern of visits in the summertime. Believe it or not, our last visit to Green Grass was in 2019.

This summer we intend to change that. In the final week of June, we're hoping that a small group of travelers will visit South Dakota once again, in hopes of rekindling and perhaps reimagining what the relationship between our two communities might be, both now and in the future. We need the group to be nimble, which is to say, flexible. And we'd be especially interested if there are those who have traveled to Green Grass before, and who feel a special affinity for the place, and the people who live there. The Green Grass partnership has been the foundation for much of the work we do throughout the world, and it forms a crucial piece of our identity at FCCOL. It was once a fire that roared, around which many people gathered. Changes in life circumstances, death, a global pandemic and the sheer passage of time have cooled that fire, so that now it is a bed of glowing embers. This summer, we wish to see if we might stoke the flames yet again.

If you're interested in traveling during the last week of June, let me know. And if you have thoughts about how to stoke this flame once again, please share it with me, or with others on the Green Grass committee. We would welcome your insights.

In the meantime, stay human. I'll see you soon...  
Steve



### Revisiting Green Grass in June 2024

Reading: *Metamorphoses*, by Ovid; *Dante: Poet of the Secular World*, by Erich Auerbach; *The Nichomachean Ethics*, by Aristotle; *Confessions*, by Augustine; *God of the Oppressed*, by James Cone; *Trauma and Grace*, by Serene Jones.

Listening: *Bleachers* (self-titled album); Kim Gordon, *The Collective*; Waxahatchee, *Tiger's Blood*.

Watching: *3 Body Problem* (Netflix); *Silver Dollar Road* (Amazon) - the latter is from director Raoul Peck, one of the most exciting film makers and ethical/political theorists working right now. Highly recommended, as are all of his films (*I Am Not Your Negro*, *The Young Karl Marx*, *Exterminate all the Brutes*, *Lumumba*, *Sometimes in April*, *Moloch Tropicale*, *Murder in Pacot*, etc).



## Board of Missions: Spring Seeds for Hope

In its first two meetings, the Board of Missions has funded \$1000 to Fresh New London, and \$500 to the Lyme/Old Lyme Food Share Garden to assist with their start up costs of the 2024 growing season. Fresh New London operates several gardens around the city working with families and youth to bring fresh produce to families in need while building community. We sent \$500 to the Martin Luther King Presbyterian Church in Springfield to assist in their rebuilding after an arsonist burned their building In April, we commit-

ted \$26,900 in FCCOL partnerships, mission education, committees, projects and an initial benevolence to the UCC. In all, we have allocated almost half of our budgeted funds. Over the next few months our board members will be busy visiting and learning about several of the local agencies that we have supported in the past and will be sharing that information in the FCCOL newsletter. We welcome your comments and thoughts as we work to help our neighbors, near and far.

Erik Johannessen, Chair



4 Generations of McCrackens



"The Angel" by Mariette Brown, inspired by Dante's Purgatorio.



## BLOOD DRIVE

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the First Congregation Church of Old Lyme on Thursday, May 9th from 1-6pm. Please see the link below to make an appointment before arriving. What are the benefits of donating blood? reduce stress, improve your emotional well-being, benefit your physical health, help get rid of negative feelings, provide a sense of belonging and reduce isolation. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

### Writing at the Well

The next meeting will be Friday, May 17th at 10:00 am in the Library. In this monthly spirituality group, we write and dip into the wellspring of the inward journey. No writing experience necessary.



The start of the FCCOL Mens Golf. Church members Gordon Hurlbert and Lloyd Johnson enjoyed a beautiful day at Fenwick!

# For the Love of the Environment

## The Sea Saw

A few weeks ago I took a walk around Fenwick with a friend. We went out onto the beach and saw a cool thing. I'm not sure I would have noticed if it weren't pointed out, but we were looking at a beach restoration project. Evan Griswold graciously explains:

"After a rock groin was built on a neighboring property, it changed the current at the Fenwick Land Trust's property next door. The beach and dune began to erode, threatening the salt marsh protected by the Land Trust.

After much study of the situation, and of the alternatives available to deal with it, the Land Trust and the Borough of Fenwick chose a protection scheme known as Wave Attenuation. The idea is fairly simple: set up a series of partial barriers just offshore using rock ballast or concrete devices to prevent waves, and especially storm waves, from reaching the shore full force. When the wave hits the device, its energy is captured and diverted so that its erosive force is nullified. The calmer water coming to shore is able to carry sand into the shore to rebuild the beach and prevent further erosion.

The Fenwick project was overseen by UConn and funded by a combination of public and private funds."

This looks quite successful after only a year or two. There are staggered piles of riprap off the beach which blunt the impact of the waves. The water comes swirling in instead of pounding in. Plugs of grass are planted on the dune above the beach to stabilize it. Stuff is accumulating in the tideline inside the barrier: sand, cobbles, snails, barnacles, seaweeds, etc. A net was laid down initially to stabilize things and is held in place with heavy stakes, which at this

point are getting buried by the deposits. You only notice them above the tideline.

When I look at this effort, I see a conflict played out. On the one hand, here is an example of working *with* nature to facilitate repairing what was endangered. On the other hand, the placement of the rock groin in the first place is an example of a more forceful effort to create a private beach. It's unfortunate that a more nature based solution wasn't explored to create the beach that the wall was meant to do. It's like a see-saw. We *are* learning to fix what we wreck. But wouldn't it be easier (and less expensive!) all around if we were able to work *with* nature, without needing to push and bend it to our will? I understand sometimes disruption is unavoidable, but at least we are rediscovering\* tools -and in some cases using them- to mitigate it.

\*Apparently local Indigenous people used these same wave attenuation techniques to develop and protect mussel and oyster beds before we came along.

By Mariette Brown



## TAKE ACTION TO STOP THE PLASTIC CRISIS



Plastic is a pervasive part of our everyday lives. From packaging to household items to clothing, it is in everything and wreaking havoc on our ecosystems and bodies. According to a [2022 global plastics outlook report](#) by the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), global plastics production reached 460 million tons in 2019 and contributed to 3.4% of global greenhouse gas emissions. The report also found that plastic waste generation doubled from 2000 to

2019 to reach 353 million tons, two-thirds of which were plastics with useful lifetimes of less than five years. Plastic recycling has failed to keep up with increased consumption, [particularly in the United States](#), because most plastic is [not truly recyclable](#). Instead, it ends up landfilled, incinerated, or uncollected accumulating on land and in the water. As the plastic breaks down into smaller polymers known as microplastics, it is ingested by organisms and finds its way up the food chain, including into our own bodies.

[In 2019](#), the United Church of Christ General Synod proclaimed the Earth is an original gift from God, created as a mutually sustaining ecosystem, not to be destroyed or abused. As people of faith, we are called to be good stewards of the Earth and its resources, protecting it from human harm. While as individuals we must make our own lifestyle adjustments to reduce and eliminate

our own plastic consumption, petrochemical and consumer product corporations must be held accountable for the waste management of their harmful products. They must move away from plastic and toward more environmentally friendly materials.

**Today, urge Congress to stop the plastic pollution crisis by passing the [Break Free from Plastic Pollution Act of 2023](#) (S. 3127/ H.R. 6053).** This bill would shift responsibility for plastic pollution from consumers upstream to the producers of these products. It would also, eliminate non-recyclable single-use plastic products, set new clean air and water standards for plastic facilities, and establish programs that encourage more recyclable, reusable, and refillable products.

Let us be faithful stewards of the world that God lovingly created and left in our care and call on our elected officials to act today.



## Diaper Bank Saturday

May 4, and June 1

No Diaper Bank in July due to  
White Elephant Sale

Potty training, on average, begins between ages 2 and 3 years. Most toddlers are no longer wearing diapers by 4 years old. **The Diaper Bank is in need of sizes 4, 5, and 6.** We currently have a surplus of sizes 1, 2, and 3. As babies grow, they move through these smaller sizes quickly.

### SIZE 4

Babies and toddlers who wear size 4 diapers weigh between 22 – 37 lbs. Age range: 18 – 36 months. Babies, on average, use 5 – 7 diapers daily at this stage.

### Size 5

Toddlers wearing this size weigh over 27 lbs. They are older than 3 years. The number of diapers needed, varies daily.

### Size 6

Toddlers wearing this size weigh over 35lbs. They are older than 4 years. The number of diapers needed, varies daily.

## Crosby Fund for Haitian Education Presentation and Dinner, Sunday, May 19th.

### Join us for a Haitian Dinner!

If you would like to learn more about our work in Haiti, please join us Sunday, May 19th at 5:30pm at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme for a presentation and an authentic "Haitian Dinner" prepared and catered by Mommy's Restaurant of Norwich. For reservations please call the church at 860-434-8686. Suggested donation: \$10 per person.  
<https://crosbyfund.org/support/>





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# White Elephant Sale 2024 July 12th and 13th

Get out your calendars out and mark these dates;  
**Friday, July 12th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**and Saturday, July 13th from 8:00 am - Noon.**

This is a good time of the year to sort through the cellar and attic to put aside some of those treasures for this years sale. Hold those goodies until first intake day, **Thurs. 6/27 through Wed. 7/3 for 6 days** with time out on Sunday. Last year was our best ever sale so looking for big things this year.

### Where we are in need of Volunteers:

**Children's clothes** - Co-chair and volunteers to sort and price clothing.

**Large Furniture** - Co-chair and volunteers to sort and price clothing.

**Parking Lot** - Big crew needed to manage two parking lots both days - call the office or Sean at 860-215-1740

**Small Furniture (tools, outdoor furniture and more)**  
Workers needed for sorting, pricing on Thursday 7/11/24 and selling on Friday and Saturday 7/12/24 – 7/13/24.

**Intake Volunteers** - We need a daily staff of 6-8 folks to help unload cars and sort donations 6/27 to 7/3 from 9-2 pm (not Sunday 6/30.) Please call the office 860-434-8686 and volunteer - it will help us to ensure daily staffing needs.

**All are welcome for as long as you can stay, even if you just drop in and help. Great way to meet folks and see what the WES is all about. Thank you in advance**

For a list of the items that we will accept and pictures of past years' fair including the YouTube videos, please look for more info on the church website [www.fccol.org](http://www.fccol.org).

If interested in volunteering, please call the church 860-434-8686 or any one of the following area coordinators: Anita Allen (860)227-6850, Bob Davis (860) 884-7568, Nathalie Fogg (860)451-8460, Roxie Gallagher (860) 227-4649, Jane Marolda (860) 859-2497

## June

| Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|
| <b>20</b><br>Pre Set -Up<br>Inside<br><br>hang signs<br>move tables,<br>etc. | <b>21</b><br>Pre Set -Up<br>Inside<br><br>milk crates,<br>tubs, etc. | <b>22</b><br>Set -Up<br>Inside<br><br>9am -12pm |

| Thursday                               | Friday   | Saturday                               |
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| <b>27</b><br><br>INTAKE<br>9:00 - 2:00 | <b>28</b><br><br>INTAKE<br>9:00 - 2:00<br><i>Workers Lunch</i> | <b>29</b><br><br>INTAKE<br>9:00 - 2:00 |

## July

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                             | Saturday  |
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| <b>1</b><br>INTAKE<br>9:00 - 2:00  | <b>2</b><br>INTAKE<br>9:00 - 2:00  | <b>3</b><br>INTAKE<br>9:00 - 2:00<br><i>Workers Lunch</i>                                 | <b>4</b><br>HOLIDAY   | <b>5</b><br>CLOSED<br>Sort & Price | <b>6</b><br>CLOSED<br>Sort & Price  |
| <b>8</b><br>CLOSED<br>Sort & Price<br><br>For Sale. Move<br>Art to Narthex<br><br>Clean up and<br>Finalize inside<br>setup | <b>9</b><br>During Day<br>Big Tents &<br>Sport Goods<br><br>5-7 pm<br>Outside tables,<br>Plants, Baked<br>Goods, Coffee<br>Tents Go up | <b>10</b><br>CLOSED<br>Sort & Price<br><br>Finalize any<br>remaining<br>outside<br>Set-up | <b>11</b><br>SET-UP<br>OUTSIDE<br>8:00 AM ->><br><br><i>Workers<br/>Lunch</i> | <b>12</b><br><b>SALE 9-2pm</b>     | <b>13</b><br><b>SALE 8-12pm</b><br><br>CLEAN UP<br>AND SNACKS<br>after 12 |



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|--|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>WES Chairman</b>  | <b>Bob Davis</b>            | <b>860-434-7813 / 860-884-7568 cell</b> |
| <b><u>STAFF &amp; Support Departments</u></b>  |                             |   |
| Barn/Clean-up  | Mike Gentry                 | 860-434-1587/ 860-608-3223 cell         |
| Facilities   | Roxie Gallagher             | 860-227-4649                            |
| LBS president  | Jane Marolda                | 860-859-2497 860-608-0257cell           |
| LBS Treasurer  | Marianne Baez               | 860-443-2422                            |
| Parking & Road Signs   | Sean McCarty                | 860-215-1740                            |
| Put up Big Red Street Signs  | Fred Behringer              | 860-912-7883 cell                       |
| HH worker coordinator  | Henry May                   | 860-415-9180 / 860-575-6206 cell        |
| Posters/Banner   | Connie Hurtt                | 860-917-7102                            |
| Publicity  | Bill Belluzzi               | 201-563-9620                            |
|  | Olwen Logan                 | 860-460-4176                            |
| WES Sale Treasurer   | Alan Howell                 | 203-520-2905                            |
| Worker's Lunches   | Cathy Mathis                | 860-399-7714                            |
| Sat barn Set-up inside   | Dave Roberts                | 860-388-2588                            |
| Aprons   | Eunice Taylor               | 860-912-8164                            |
| <b>IN TAKE Area Coordinator</b>  | <b>Bob Davis</b>            | <b>860-434-7813</b>                     |
| <b>Intake Staffing</b>   | Betsy Webster               | 860-434-9457                            |
| <b>Drive way Intake &amp; Barns</b>  | Scott Mahon                 | 860-949-5422                            |
|  | Charlie Tatelbaum           | 860-965-7777                            |
| <b>Recycling unsold items</b>  | Deb Heminway                | 860-625-3144                            |
| <b>Sexton</b>  | Sean McCarty                | 860-215-1740                            |
| <b>FELLOWSHIP Area Coordinator</b>   | <b>Nathalie Fogg</b>        | <b>860-451-8460/475-306-1646</b>        |
| <b>Linens</b>  | Angie Falstrom              | 860-434-3194                            |
|  | Frani Ross - helper         | 860-434-3647                            |
| <b>Luxury</b>  | Jane Piro                   | 860-767-1722                            |
|  | Sandy Long                  | 860-434-5522                            |
| <b>Kitchenware</b>   | Sue Anteil                  | 860-598-9094                            |
|  | Chris Van Scoy              | 860-705-7524                            |
| <b>Knick Knacks</b>  | Sue Beeman                  | 860-367-4044                            |
| <b><u>SHEFFIELD, Narthex, Library, Hoag Area Coordinator Roxie Gallagher</u></b>       |                             |   |
| <b>Art Work &amp; Frames</b>   | Mary Ann Besier             | 860-434-1803                            |
| <b>Women's Clothes &amp; Accessories</b>   | Joanie May                  | 860-415-9180                            |
|  | Vici Bush                   | 860-434-3534                            |
|  | Roxie Gallagher             | 860-227-4649                            |
|  | Mary Dangremond – Access.   | 860-434-1494                            |
| <b>Worker Refreshments/7/12&amp;13</b>   | Cara Cheung                 | 713-371-2517                            |
| <b>Package Checking</b>  | Jolene Brant                | 860-460-9511                            |
| <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL Area Coordinator</b>  | <b>Anita Allen</b>          | <b>860-227-6850 cell</b>                |
| <b>Appliances</b>  | John Higgins                | 860-598-9607                            |
| <b>Books</b>   | Joan Overfield              | 203-260-3401                            |
|  | Wendy Knight                | 860-304-6665                            |
| <b>Children's Books</b>  | Liz & Bob Edmonstone        | 860-434-1760                            |
| <b>Children's Clothing</b>   | Judy LaRocque               | 860-803-4885                            |
| <b>Men's Clothing</b>  | Jayne Brundage              | 860-918-1321                            |
|  | Maria Cunha                 | 860-451-8918                            |
| <b>Pots and Pans [kitchen]</b>   | Mark Terwilliger            | 617-699-1920                            |
|  | Anita Allen                 | 860-227-6850 cell                       |
| <b>OUTSIDE Area 1 Coordinator</b>  | <b>Roxie Gallagher</b>      | <b>860-227-4649 cell</b>                |
| Baked Goods  | Fay Richardson              | 860-434-3349                            |
| <b>Flowers &amp; Baskets</b>   | Carson Shook                | 860-885-4984                            |
| <b>Food / Soda</b>   | Jack Hine                   | 860-304-7976                            |
|  | Eric Engdall                | 860-705-1787                            |
| <b>Food Court setup/take down</b>  | Nina Bazinet                | 860-287-2450                            |
|  | Carolyn Cook                | 860-434-9258                            |
| <b>OUTSIDE Area 2 Coordinator</b>  | <b>Bob Davis</b>            | <b>860-884-7568</b>                     |
| <b>Large Furniture</b>   | Allison Hine                | 860-304-1909                            |
| <b>Small Furniture</b>   | Bruce Noyes                 | 860-304-6474                            |
|  | Kotzan Family               | 860-434-7496                            |
| <b>Sporting Goods</b>  | Bob & Ellen Davis           | 860-434-7813                            |
|  | Dave Roberts                | 860-388-2588                            |
| <b><u>OUTSIDE Area 3, Jewelry &amp; Xmas Intake Area Coordinator Dave Pellerin</u></b> |                             |   |
| <b>Christmas intake [Boxing of]</b>  | Jane Marolda                | 860-859-2497/860-608-0257 cell          |
| <b>Intake hall [manager]</b>   | Dave Pellerin               | 860-885-8928                            |
| <b>Jewelry</b>   | Nina Bazinet                | 860-287-2450                            |
|  | Hildegard Rennhard - helper | 860-434-7484                            |
| <b>Donuts &amp; Coffee</b>   | Cathy Mathis                | 860-399-7714                            |
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# **Words of Remembrance and Pastoral Prayer for Rev. David W. Good at his Memorial Service**

**by Rev. Carleen R. Gerber**

**April 21, 2024**

The task before me now is not a simple one. For David and I worked closely together for over 36 years. And we were far more than colleagues. We were friends and co-conspirators. We were dreamers. Together we dreamed of a better world. And we knew full well that there would be at least as many failures as successes in our quest; for the world is a complicated place. And impermanence is its reality.

But David was, relatively speaking, fearless. He was courageous and bold. He was a prophet in his own time. This is the definition of a prophet. A prophet critiques the dominant ideology, articulates the public pain, and seeks creative solutions. Indeed, David Good was a prophet.

He brought to his ministry a deep love of philosophy and theology, literature and poetry, which gave an incredible breadth and depth and strength to every task he undertook. One of his favorite passages of the Bible comes at the very end of the book of John. The gospel writer says, "There is much more that Jesus did. If it were all to be recorded in detail, I suppose the world could not hold the books that would be written."

In 1988, as a part of our time in South Africa with the Plowshares Institute, David and I met with the divinity school faculty of the University of South Africa. There we heard words that would change and shape my life. "Ultimately the goal of all Christian mission will be to build a world of religious pluralism." It was an emancipation proclamation that strengthened and broadened and deepened every partnership that ensued.

I believe the only words David said to me after our meeting with the University of South Africa were, "This is the school for you." And as others will attest, sometimes it was seemingly simple words of encouragement that started people off on a life-long quest.

For his confidence in me, for his resilience and tenacity, for his unwavering support, and for his stubborn witness to dreaming impossible dreams, I will always be grateful.

In the book of Isaiah, the 40<sup>th</sup> chapter, we find these words, "The Lord gives vigor to the weary, new strength to the exhausted. They who wait upon the Lord will gain new strength, they will soar as on eagle's wings; they will run and not faint, they will march on and not grow weary."

The statue of the Olympic runner was a gift from Wayne Southwick to this church. And it symbolized that Isaiah passage for David. She helps to remind us that David would want us to carry his work forward now.

He would want us to march on and not grow weary, to rise as on Eagle's wings. He would also want us to remember this passage, one of his favorites from the works of T.S. Eliot, found in the quartet *Dry Salvages*; "We are only undefeated because we have gone on trying."

Would you join me in prayer....

Merciful God, we have gathered here today because our loss is great. David Good was ours for a time, and now he has returned to You. And the place he occupied in our minds and souls – in our eyes and our hearts – feels so empty without him. He was a source of wisdom, of strength, of compassion and nurture. And we had come to rely on his steady presence as our guide and stay. And while we knew that we couldn't hold him here any longer, we hated to let him go.

But our hearts are full of prayers of gratitude for David's life.... for all he taught us...for all he gave us... for all the memories we hold dear. He was, himself, a morning star- that last star that boldly shines in the



heavens at dawn. And so we honor the star, the guide, the stay – that he was for all of us.

God of honor and truth, of wisdom and prophecy, we give you thanks this day for the justice work that defined so much of David's ministry among us...

for his devotion to the people of Green Grass and his willingness to understand and worship in their traditions...for his love of the people there and his respect for the ancient wisdom they carried with pride, even amidst the brokenness of their society... God, we give you thanks.

...for his devotion to the people of South Africa and the courage with which he walked beside them.... for his willingness to step into the danger of a violent State of Emergency and do the prophetic and hard work that their pain and tragedy asked of him... God, we give you thanks.

...for his devotion to the people of Haiti and his tireless quest to encourage and support the work of education in that beleaguered and impoverished land... God, we give you thanks.

...for the nearly 20 houses he helped to build in a decades long partnership with Habitat for Humanity and the Fuller Center for housing... and his foresight in establishing the first food pantry in this region of the shoreline... for his iron-clad dedication to the ideal that food and shelter are a God-given right for ALL people... God, we give you thanks.

...for his dream – his seemingly impossible dream – of bringing peace to the peoples of Israel and Palestine... for the courage and tenacity of his work there in spite of trial and obstruction and discouragement... for the witness to love and endurance and hope that he gave to the people of that war-torn land for over twenty years.... for his ability to see through the barriers to peace, and work tirelessly for justice and truth and mercy on their behalf.... God, we give you thanks.

And, this day, most of all we thank you, God of the ages, for the compassion and wisdom with which he led this congregation of gathered pilgrims and seekers.... for his skill as a counselor and listener...for the art and power of his preaching.... for the love and grace and acceptance that emanated so richly from his person.... for the joy he found so readily in the youth of this family of faith... and for the confidence he had in each of us as individuals - confidence that we would stand strong alongside him in the quest to build a more merciful, a more just, a more compassionate world for all God's children.

On this day we thank you for the tender mercies of all who helped care for David in these last few months of struggle. Most especially for the dedicated and tender care given him by Corinne, and by Tsholofelo, whom David called the last great gift to him from our South African partnership.

And now we ask that you, precious Lord, would support and guide and protect Corinne in the years to come. Grant to her the deep knowledge that David remains beside her because he loved her so; that his spirit is within her now – and beside her, always. Help us all to find him in the beauty of the early daffodils and the fragrant Spring lilacs which he so loved. Help us to remember him when the sky turns red with a glorious sunset and we grant to ourselves a night's rest before returning the next day to our quest for justice and peace. Help us to remember him when the great hymns of our faith, and the indelible poetry of the ages, and the enduring wisdoms of Biblical power infuse us with vision and purpose and strength.

And, most of all, God of love, help us to hear him calling us to rise to be the best that we can be as our remaining days on earth unfold. For we never do "know how high we are till we are called to rise...and then if we are true to plan, our statures touch the skies." And then, perhaps, just perhaps, nothing shall be impossible to us who dream.

All this we pray in the name of a God who is known by many names the world over ... Jesus the Christ, Allah, Yahweh, Wakan Tanka, Buddha, Unkulu Unkulu and more. A God who is known by names we have yet to even uncover – but a God who calls each of us by name and asks us to rise....

Amen.



FCCOL is establishing a Memorial Fund in memory of Rev. David W. Good

which we hope will continue to fund ministries to which David was devoted.

Please mark your donations "David Good Memorial."

Thank you.

## GIVING MATTERS

A sincere **THANK YOU** goes out to our members and friends who have committed to support the church's 2024 Stewardship financial campaign. As we have said many times, over 75% of the church's annual financial needs come from individual contributions from our members and friends, and so it is no cliché to say the church couldn't do it without you all. We have received commitments of \$578,699 from 277 pledgers. This is encouraging since the total exceeds the

2023 campaign. However, this total came from somewhat fewer givers than last year, which is of some concern. This also means that the average commitment continues to increase each year, so, we doubly appreciate the increased generosity of those who responded. Of the 277 commitments, 89 increased their amount over 2023, and 24 were responders for the first time.

However, a challenge still remains for 2024. Due to the re-

lentless march of inflation, our budget for the year still shows a deficit of expenses over expected income, even after a planned additional infusion of \$50,000 from the church endowment fund and a 25% reduction in benevolence giving. THANK YOU again to all those who have pledged. And we hope, that for those who are able, we can count on additional support for 2024.

The Boards of Stewardship and Trustees, and the Treasurer.

### Book for Sale

by Prue Allen  
The book entitled "Accidental Activist" is a first-hand account of her work with Martin Luther King Jr., during the civil Rights Movement. It is now for sale at Fellowship Coffee Hours after worship services. The book was self published and the price is \$40.

### Springtime Gardening/ Yard Work Help:

A group of Connecticut College students are ready to help you prepare your yards and gardens for the spring and summer. They are available to work most weekends starting in mid-March. Please contact their faculty mentor if interested, Prof Eileen Kane [ekane2@conncoll.edu](mailto:ekane2@conncoll.edu).

### Men Golfers

Anyone interested in getting together for a weekly outing every Monday at 8:30 am at Fenwick during the months of April and May? Contact Gordon Hurlbert, 860-803-1633. Casual and fun!





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## MAY 2024 CALENDAR

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| Apr 28  | 29   | 30  | May 1<br>10:00am Sr.Ctr. Lch (F/K)<br>4:00pm Missions Meeting (L)<br>5:15pm Yoga (F)<br>7:30pm Senior Choir (S) | 2<br>10:00am Sr.Ctr. Lch (F/K)<br>11:00am Bible Study (L)<br>6:30pm Endowment Corn (L)  | 3<br>Food Pantry Setup (F)<br>4:00pm Simon Request(S)                                       | 4<br>8:30am Diaper Bank<br>8:30am Food Pantry, 8:30 10:30(F)<br>9:15am Yoga(S)                                     |
| 5<br>10:00am Preaching: Steve<br>11:15am New Members Orientation (L)<br>4:00pm Conf Class w/ Mentors                      | 6<br>Carleen away 6-14<br>10:00am LWS, 10 2 (S)<br>7:00pm AA Evening (L)                             | 7<br>Carleen away 6-14<br>10:00am Sr.Ctr. Lch (F/K)<br>10:00am Staff Meeting<br>1:00pm AA (S)                                       | 8<br>Carleen away 6-14<br>10:00am Sr.Ctr. Lch (F/K)<br>5:15pm Yoga (F)<br>7:30pm Senior Choir (S)               | 9<br>Carleen away 6-14<br>9:30am Weavers, 9:30 1 (H/K)<br>10:00am Sr.Ctr. Lch (F/K)<br>11:00am Bible Study (L)<br>1:00pm Blood Drive(F) | 10<br>Carleen away 6-14<br>Food Pantry Setup (F)  | 11<br>Carleen away 6-14<br>8:30am Food Pantry, 8:30 10:30(F)<br>9:15am Yoga(S)<br>2:00pm Youth Group / Cat Shelter |
| 12<br>Carleen away 6-14<br>Mother's Day<br>10:00am Preaching: Steve<br>10:00am Confirmation Sunday<br>11:15am New Members | 13<br>Carleen away 6-14<br>10:00am LWS, 10 2 (S)<br>10:30am LBS Setup (F/K)<br>7:00pm AA Evening (L) | 14<br>Carleen away 6-14<br>10:00am Staff Meeting<br>12:00pm LBS Luncheon, Sr Lunch<br>1:00pm AA (S)<br>7:30pm Trustees (L)          | 15<br>10:00am Sr.Ctr. Lch (F/K)<br>5:15pm Yoga (F)<br>7:30pm Senior Choir (S)                                   | 16<br>11:00am Bible Study (L)<br>12:00pm Sr Ctr Lunch(F)<br>4:00pm Stewardship(L)<br>6:00pm WES Meeting (L)                             | 17<br>Food Pantry Setup (F)<br>Newsletter Deadline<br>10:00am SC Luncheon (S/K)             | 18<br>8:30am Food Pantry, 8:30 10:30(F)<br>9:15am Yoga(S)  |
| 19<br>10:00am New Members Reception and Luncheon<br>10:00am Preaching: Steve<br>5:30pm Haitian Dinner(F)                  | 20<br>10:00am LWS, 10 2 (S)<br>7:00pm AA Evening (L)   | 21<br>10:00am Staff Meeting<br>12:00pm Sr Lunch (F/LK)<br>1:00pm AA (S)   | 22<br>12:00pm Sr. Lunch (F/K)<br>5:15pm Yoga (F)<br>5:30pm Grief Group (H)<br>7:30pm Senior Choir (S)           | 23<br>11:00am Bible Study (L)<br>12:00pm Sr. Lunch (F/K)  | 24<br>Steve Away 24-27<br>Food Pantry Setup (F)   | 25<br>Steve Away 24-27<br>8:30am Food Pantry, 8:30 10:30(F)<br>9:15am Yoga(S)                                      |
| 26<br>Steve Away 24-27<br>Memorial Day<br>10:00am Preaching: Steve  | 27<br>Steve Away 24-27<br>Office Closed<br>10:00am LWS, 10 2 (S)<br>7:00pm AA Evening (L)            | 28<br>Newsletter folding<br>10:00am Staff Meeting<br>10:00am LBS (L)<br>12:00pm Sr. Lunch and<br>1:00pm AA (S)<br>7:00pm Deacons(L) | 29<br>12:00pm Sr. Lunch (F/K)<br>5:15pm Yoga (F)  | 30<br>11:00am Bible Study (L)<br>12:00pm Sr. Lunch (F/K)  | 31<br>Food Pantry Setup (F)<br>10:15am Sr Ctr Ever. Class(S)<br>5:30pm Cooke/Marino (R) LFN | Jun 1  |

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