

# The Judea Journal

The First Congregational Church, UCC ,  
An Open and Affirming Congregation of the UCC



## Blessed to Me

By the Rev. Cheryl Anderson, Pastor

*“Praise the Lord! You who serve the Lord — praise! Praise the Lord’s name! Let the Lord’s name be blessed from now until forever from now! From sunrise to sunset, let the Lord’s name be praised! The Lord is high over all the nations; God’s glory is higher than the skies!” — Psalm 113*

“From sunrise to sunset” and all throughout our every 24 hours, God is with us. What if we saw our sleeping and waking, the rituals of our getting up and getting out, the rhythms of our work, play, and rest, as rife with blessing? Our worship series this month will introduce us to an ancient spirituality where the spirit of Christ resides within and all around us. Celtic Christianity sees God in all things, and God’s presence and blessings in every encounter and every moment of our day.

The ancient Christian practice of “blessing” encourages us to recognize the sacred in the mundane things and tasks of life. The Celts believed in “thin” places – places where the boundary between our day-to-day world and the sacred was “thin” and sometimes transparent. The ancient practice of “pilgrimage,”

takes the pilgrim to new places with the expectation of encountering God. As we approach the summer vacation time, we can plan our trips with an intent to notice the sacred everywhere we go.

Remember to bring back a small amount of water from a river, ocean, pool, pond, or lake that you visit this summer. As we mix and bless the waters, we symbolically bring back and share with our faith community, the blessings that we have received on our pilgrimages.

We are on a pilgrimage together. For the next nine months, along with our usual events and worship, you and I are preparing for my retirement at the end of February, 2019, and getting everything ready to welcome a new pastor. By filling out the “CAT Scan” questionnaire, you have already helped the search committee with their work of preparing a church profile to post on the United Church of Christ job opportunities list. That will be complete soon and next they will be receiving profiles from qualified candidates and conducting interviews.

John Lintner and I will be

## Worship Schedule

June

- June 3- 10:00 am Worship Svc\*\*
- June 10 - 10:00 am Youth Sunday \*
- June 17 - 10:00 am Worship Svc\*
- June 24- 10:00 am Worship Svc\*

\*\* Children in Sunday School room in Parish House during the entire service

\* Sunday School and Childcare Available

+ Children in worship the whole time

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leading a process to update the church purpose statement and covenant in our bylaws; which will give potential candidates a more accurate picture of this congregation. There will be three opportunities for you to participate in an “Appreciative Inquiry” process that will give us the raw materials to write a covenant that truly expresses the

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DEACONS OF THE MONTH: WAYNE HILEMAN AND TBD (JUNE)						
DATE	USHERS & GREETERS	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	WELCOME ANNOUNC’M’TS	NURSERY	SUNDAY SCHOOL	COFFEE HOUR
<b>JUNE 3</b> NEW MEMBERS ANNUAL MTG	Michelle and Maddy Gorra, Ben and Andrew Grinnell	Trish Grinnell	Dan Lovallo	TBD	Carrie Loyd	OPEN
<b>JUNE 10</b> YOUTH SUNDAY	Youth TBD	Youth TBD	Judie Gorra	TBD	Carrie Loyd	Helen Hughes
<b>JUNE 17</b> OUTDOOR SERVICE	Helen Hughes and John Minnis	Madeline Gorra	Dan Lovallo	TBD	Carrie Loyd	Deacons
<b>JUNE 24</b>	Michael and Abigail Gorra	Wayne Hileman	Wayne Hileman	TBD	Carrie Loyd	Parsons-Glintonkamp

♦ *The Communion server marked with an asterisk is assigned to bring the bread.*

***If you are scheduled and cannot do it for some reason, please make arrangements for a replacement and then notify Karen in the church office.***

### **SIMPLIFIED COFFEE HOUR**

Our Deacons have out their heads together and come up with a simplified format so it will be easier for more people to volunteer host. A few simple items:

- Dip and chips (salsa or hummus, etc. and any kind of chip)
- Fruit or veggies
- Finger desserts
- Cheese and crackers
- Half and Half (for coffee/tea)

Instructions for making the coffee are on the back of the cabinet door where the coffee and tea are stored. 20 cups is usually enough.

*And to keep it green:*

Please use the ceramic mugs (top shelf) in the coffee cabinet so we can eliminate the need for the disposable hot cups — Please use the spoons and plates in the drawers and cabinets near the counter. Use the small dishwasher to clean them but don't run it unless it is full.

Put the Britta water pitcher on the coffee/tea table with a few (glass) water glasses.

Please sign up on the list in the church hall on the bulletin board, or by emailing the church office. If you've never done it, but want to, ask a Deacon of the Month for some help.

### **HOST IS NEEDED for Sunday, June 3.**

Please sign up on the list(s) on the bulletin board in Wersebe Hall (near the kitchen) or email or call the office (860) 868-0569.

If you are new to hosting, ask about the full guidelines document that goes into more detail (if you need that) also posted on the board and also on our website!



## Meet Our Staff



**Rev. Cheryl Anderson**, Pastor  
**Carrie Loyd**, Christian Ed Superintendent  
**Jesse Ofgang**, Organist  
and Principal Musician  
**Kathleen Sauvageau**, Bookkeeper  
**Karen Esslinger**, Admin. Assistant  
**Al Trowbridge**, Sexton  
**Ministers:** All the Members

**Pastor Cheryl** works Wednesday through Sundays.  
Daily schedule varies based on congregational needs.  
It is best to call for an appointment.

### Church Office Hours

**Karen** - Mondays and Wednesdays, 1 pm—5:30 pm  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am—1:30 pm

**Kathleen** - Wednesdays, 9 am —2:00 pm  
(860) 868-0569 or admin@firstchurchwashingtonct.org

## The Council's Corner

### Council Members

**Cheryl P. Anderson**, Pastor 860-868-0569, ext 11  
**Trish Grinnell**, Moderator, 860-799-0190  
**Tony Vengrove**, Vice-Moderator/ Stewardship,  
860-799-0054  
**Peter Armstrong**, Treasurer, 860-921-7152  
**Millie Johnson**, Christian Ed  
**Wayne Hileman**, Deacons, 860-868-7235  
**Steve Wadelton**, Finance, 860-868-9822  
**Jim Esslinger**, Missions Interim, 860-919-5207  
**John Lintner**, Personnel, 860-868-0019  
**Lee Parsons**, Trustee, 860-946-7798

**Annual Meeting : June 3**

## Call to Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 3 in Wersebe Hall,  
Immediately following worship.

### Agenda:

- Approval of minutes from the March 25 meeting
- Treasurer's Report: Review  
& vote on annual budget
- Review & vote on changes to the By-Laws as shown in the column to the right (changes in italics)
- Review & vote on the nominating slate for any open positions beginning July 1
- Pastoral search committee report
- Ministry reports
- Green Fair
- Old Business
- New Business

See you there! *Trish Grinnell*, Moderator

## Proposed Changes to the By-Laws

### ARTICLE VI: GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT

#### SECTION 6: TREASURER

C. The Treasurer shall be financially compensated in an amount agreeable to the Treasurer and Council. *In the event of a hired Bookkeeper, the Treasurer shall oversee the Bookkeeper, and shall be a volunteer position. The Bookkeeper shall be financially compensated and considered a staff member of the Church.*

### ARTICLE VII: ADVISORY BOARDS, TEAMS, AND COMMITTEES

#### SECTION 2: FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. The Finance Committee shall be composed of the Treasurer of the Church, *the Bookkeeper if applicable*, and three members elected annually by the Church.



**One Great Hour of Sharing, an annual appeal from the United Church of Christ, provides SEEDS of HOPE and a hand up for people all around the world.**

We have an opportunity to combine our gifts with the power of congregations across the US to help make a huge difference in the lives of people in the greatest needs.

**On Sunday, June 3**, you will have the opportunity to make your contribution to the One Great Hour of Sharing annual offering. Just make your check payable to FCC with OGHS in the memo line. Then bring your donation to church on June 3 (also Annual Meeting date), or send it to the church office at:

PO Box 1285, Washington, CT 06793. Or give online at [www.firstchurchwashingtonct.org](http://www.firstchurchwashingtonct.org) and click "Donate" and enter your donation into the spot labeled for "One Great Hour of Sharing".

## Wild West Prom



Yes, the second annual Church Prom is on June 9th and the theme is Western!! Everyone is welcome.

Grab your cowboy boots, your Stetson hat, and blue jeans, and get ready to ho-down!

**Prom is from 6-10pm -**

**Pot Luck Dinner provided by the Youth Group, from 6-7pm.**

Tickets are \$10 and will be available during coffee hour. Nominations are currently being taken for your favorite prom Royalty couple!

## Youth Sunday will be on Sunday, June 10th @ 10 AM in the Meeting House!



Come bid farewell to our graduating seniors, Katie Grinnell, Riley Brady, and Alexa Lewis - and hear about everything ALL of the kids have been doing this year.



### Environmental Stewardship Meeting

**WHEN: Thursday, June 14, 6-8 PM**

**WHERE: Parish House**

**WHAT: Pot Luck Supper and Meeting**

**AGENDA:** Follow up on the topic of plastics, a discussion of what we have already done within the church buildings toward being more environmentally responsible as well as specific environmental goals we might like to pursue as a church moving over the coming year.

## Annual Outdoor Service "Down by the River," followed by Strawberry Shortcake

10 am, Sunday, June 17 (Fathers' Day) at 60 River Road, Washington Depot.

Since Susan and Conrad will be moving, this may be our very last service at this location so don't miss it! As is the tradition now, our youth will be arriving by inner tube. Unless you are a chaperone, you can arrive by car to Susan and Conrad's home/property. Come and bring a friend to this casual service and time of fellowship afterward, hosted by our Deacons. Golf cart transportation is available on the property for anyone who is mobility impaired.

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## Flowers and Steeple Lighting Memorials

### Flowers



- June 3 Given by Helen Rauch Hughes  
in memory of her mother, Marjorie Rauch
- June 10 In honor of my adopted grandson, PFC Patrick McCall, US Marine Corp,  
given by Debbie Swigart
- June 17 Given by Debbie Swigart and Family in loving memory of  
her parents, Melora and Paul Herold
- June 24 Given by Her Family in loving memory of Barbara McConnell Daniell, married in this  
sanctuary to Harry W. Daniell on June 22, 1952

### Steeple Lighting

- June 3 Given by Helen Rauch Hughes in memory of her mother, Marjorie Rauch  
Given by Barbara Nye in loving memory of Norman Strojny
- June 10 Given by Barbara Nye in loving memory of family who have "gone home" before me  
Given by Pastor Cheryl and Gailyn Terkelsen  
in loving memory of Priscilla, Herbert and Dean Anderson  
Given by Her Family in loving memory of Barbara McConnell Daniell, married in this  
sanctuary to Harry W. Daniell on June 22, 1952
- June 17 In memory of Reverend Lee A. Neuhaus and Kurt P. Neuhaus
- June 24 Given by The Reichs in loving memory of Stephen C. Reich

#### ***Have you noticed the flowers on the Meeting House apron (porch)?***

They are a gift in memory of deceased members of our New Beginnings family  
Arthur Kass, Dana Gibson, David Cregeau, Dick Mason, Ed Thompson, Eddie Munson,  
Estelle Bronson, Jean Potter, Joyce Browne and Kevin Hawks.

*Flowers are \$68 per week. Steeple Lighting is \$25 per week.*

If you wish to sponsor flowers or steeple lighting at any time during the year to honor or remember  
someone or something, please contact Karen in the church office to check date availability.

July dates available: Flowers: July 1, 8 and 15; Steeple Lighting: July 1 and 15

Call (860) 868-0569 or email to: [admin@firstchurchwashingtonct.org](mailto:admin@firstchurchwashingtonct.org)

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## Pastor's Message (cont'd from page 1)

ethos and values of this congregation. We hope that you will be able to participate either on Thursday, June 7 – 6:30-8:30pm; OR Saturday, June 23 – 10am-noon; OR Sunday, June 24, 11:30-1:30pm. Sign up by emailing or calling the church office, or on the sign-up sheet at church on Sunday.

It continues to be a blessing to minister with and to this talented and compassionate congregation in this beautiful community and I pray God's blessing on every Sunday that I get to worship with you in the coming months.

See you in church!



[Pastor.cheryl@firstchurchwashingtonct.org](mailto:Pastor.cheryl@firstchurchwashingtonct.org)



# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Deadline for July-August Judea Journal content is Thursday, June 14.</b>  <b>Submissions of news from our members is encouraged!</b> <b>Call or email the church office if you have any questions.</b>					1 10 am - AA Meeting 6 pm - NB Pot Luck Supper	2
3 <b>10 am Worship</b> <i>New Members Joining</i> <b>1 pm Comfort Shawl Project</b>	4 3:30 pm - Girl Scouts (PH) 6:30 pm - Single Life Discussion	5 9:30 am - AA 6:30 PM- NB Divorce Support	6 10:30 am - Book Study 4 pm - Gentle Yoga with Andrea 5:30/ 6:30 Compassionate Communication	7	8 10 am - AA Meeting 6 pm - NB Pot Luck Supper	9 11 am - Gunner Alumni Convocation 6 pm - All-Church Prom - <i>Western Theme</i>
10 <b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b> <b>10 am Worship (no Sunday School)</b>	11 3:30 pm - Daisy Scouts 6:30 pm - Single Life Discussion	12 9:30 am - AA 12:15 pm - Rotary 5:00 pm - WEC Scholarship Event 6:30 pm- NB Divorce Support	13 10:30 am - Book Study 4 pm - Gentle Yoga with Andrea 7:00 PM - Search Committee	14 6 pm - Green Team (environmental)	15 10 am - AA Meeting 6 pm - NB Pot Luck Supper	16 4 pm - Library Luminaries
17 <b>RIVER SVC</b> <b>10 am Worship</b> <b>1 pm Comfort Shawl Project</b>	18 3:30 pm - Girl Scouts (PH) 6:30 pm - Single Life Discussion	19 9:30 am- AA 6:30 pm- NB Divorce Support	20 10:30 am - Book Study 4 pm - Gentle Yoga with Andrea 7:00 pm - Prayer Group	21 Noon - LSA Clergy Lunch & Comm. On Ministry 6:30 pm Council Meeting	22 10 am - AA Meeting 6 pm - NB Pot Luck Supper	23 5 pm - Wedding on the Green (Kate and Kyle)
24 <b>10 am Worship</b> <b>11 am - Deacons</b>	25 6:30 pm - Single Life Discussion	26 9:30 am- AA 12:15 pm -Rotary 6:30 pm- NB Divorce Support	27	28	29 10 am - AA Meeting 6 pm - NB Pot Luck Supper	30



### June Birthdays

- 2.....Lyle Nichols
- 13.....Emma Evans
- 15.....Cara Michalski,  
Debbie Swigart
- 17.....Mary Rivers, Carrie Loyd
- 20.....Tony Vengrove
- 23.....Sheila Anson
- 24.....Scott Brady



Please let us know if we missed anyone so that we may update our database!!  
Contact Karen at (860) 868-0569.

**Want to get more involved with your church??**

Tell us what you love to do and we'll do our best to match you up with activities that ring your bells! Contact the church office for a paper or PDF version to be sent to you.

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