

# The Judea Journal

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



## In two words, who ARE we?

By the Rev. Dr. Robyn Gray, Pastor

Back in 1997, Apple kicked off an ad campaign that used the tagline “Think Different.” That campaign, along with the iMac computer, brought the then-struggling computer company back to prominence as a technology leader (keep in mind this was 10 years before the ubiquitous iPhone would come into being). While this ad campaign may have rankled language purists (shouldn’t it be “Think Differently?”), it acted as a touchstone for the entire company as Apple worked its way back to

being an innovation leader. When designers or managers got to a sticking point in a project, they could go back to the tagline and ask themselves “does this approach meet the criterion to Think Different?” Apple employees weren’t being asked to think in divergent ways, but instead to try unusual approaches to old problems. Twenty years ago I wouldn’t have thought twice about how to make a call on a wireless land line phone. Last month I had to

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## GAME NIGHT!

**WHERE:** First Congregational Church Hall  
(6 Kirby Rd, Washington)

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 9 from 4—9 pm

**COST:** \$5 per person; \$20 for a family of 4 or more

**BENEFITTING:** First Congregational Church  
and Washington Environmental Council

**(50/50%)**



### Worship Schedule

*June*

**June 2** - 10 am Worship Svc with Communion\*\*

**June 9** - 10 am Worship Svc\*

**June 16** -10 am OUTDOOR  
Worship Svc @ Pavilion

**June 23** - 10 am Worship Svc\*

**June 30**- 10 am Worship Svc\*

\* Sunday School and Childcare Available

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

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This special evening of fun is hosted by our FCC Youth Group. There will be board games and even **environmentally friendly prizes!** Open to the community at large.... Come and bring the whole family!

## From the Pastor (continued from page 1)

pause a moment to remember how to get a dial tone to come up on my newly set up home phone. This is a striking, if mundane, example of how far the implementation of “Think Different” by Apple’s engineers and designers have changed our experience of making telephone calls.

If we had a two-word tagline that would define our First Congregational community and its mission, what do you think it would look like? What verb would you include? What descriptor? What two-word tagline do you think would help us as we move forward into the

2020s and help discern new programs or different approaches to what we do now? Southwest Airlines used its identity as THE low-cost airline as a litmus test to approve any new program or service. If the new idea didn’t pass the test, it wouldn’t be approved out in the field. In that light, is there an idea or self-identification that we could use for the same purpose? Is there a catchy slogan we could remind each other of when we got to a crossroads during a budget meeting to help us make a decision? What phrase could we point to twenty years from now that would illustrate how we

creatively brought the Gospel to our community?

As we get into the more relaxed and less chaotic days of summer, if your mind wanders to a place that creates a catchy tagline that describes our community, I would love to hear what it is. Drop an email or share it after church one Sunday.

Stay safe this summer, sign up to help with the Green Fair if you can, and don’t forget the sunscreen!

*Pastor Robyn*

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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 2</b> COMMUNION	Cara Michalski*, Helen Hughes, John Lintner, Emma Lewis	Katie Grinnell	Dan Lovallo	TBD	Carrie Loyd	Grinnell and Parsons Families
<b>JUNE 9</b> ANNUAL MTG	Alyssa, Caroline, and Lee Parsons	Carole Glintonkamp	Wayne Hileman	TBD	Carrie Loyd	Helen Hughes
<b>JUNE 16</b> PAVILION	Karen and Jim Esslinger	Trish Grinnell	Dan Lovallo	TBD	Carrie Loyd	Deacons (Strawberry Shortcake!)
<b>JUNE 23</b>	Michael and Abigail Gorra	Kate Vengrove	Wayne Hileman	TBD	Carrie Loyd	Annie and Armin Baur
<b>JUNE 30</b>	Jack and Jane Boyer	Dan Lovallo	Dan Lovallo	TBD	Carrie Loyd	The Vengrove Family

♦ *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.*

## staff

**Rev. Robyn Gray, Pastor**

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- *Saturday through Wednesday.*

*It is best to call for an appointment.*

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**Ministers:** All the Members

### YES!

## We are having our “River” Service!

Our **Annual River Service (Sort of), Youth Sunday and Strawberry Shortcake Social** will indeed take place on **Sunday, June 16** at 10 am at the Pavilion near Washington Primary School on School Street, Washington Depot.

The service will celebrate our youth and bless our graduating seniors this year: Abby Gorra, Caroline and Alyssa Parsons (*photos on right*)

The Strawberry Shortcake Social is hosted by our Deacons.

Come! Bring a friend, too!



**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS ARE NEEDED through July and August.** Please sign up on the list 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 guidelines document also posted on the board and also on our website!

## The Council's Corner

### Council Members

**Pastor (see staff list)**

**Trish Grinnell, Moderator, 860-799-0190**

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### Call to Quarterly Congregational Meeting

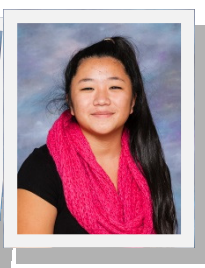
Sunday, June 9 in Wersebe Hall,  
Immediately following worship.

Agenda:

- Approval of minutes from the March Quarterly meeting
- Ministry Committee Reports
- Review & vote on the Nominating Committee and Treasurer's Reports
- Safe Church Review of Changes and Vote
- Green Fair
- Old and New Business

See you there!

*Trish Grinnell*, Moderator





**What goes in your bin?**  
**What stays out?**  
**Why recycle?**  
**Where does it go?**  
**Can I really save money?**

Come to this FREE fun family-friendly event to learn where our garbage and recycling really goes. Why is it important to recycle? What really should go in your bin?

Learn about the NEW state recycling guide, "What's In? What's Out?" and other recycling programs available for paint, mattresses, thermostats and electronic waste. You're guaranteed to learn something new! Jennifer Heaton-Jones the Executive Director of the regional, governmental, solid waste management and recycling authority, HRRRA, will give a one hour "Trash Talk".

**What's IN?**  
**What's OUT?**  
 A Guide to Recycling  
 Recycle CT

**WHEN: Thursday, June 20 @ 7 pm**  
**WHERE: Parish House Church Hall**  
**WHO'S WELCOME: EVERYONE! Bring your friends, neighbors and family**



## Flowers and Steeple Lighting Memorials

### Flowers

- June 2 Given by Helen Rauch Hughes in memory of her mother, Marjorie Rauch
- June 9 **OPEN**
- June 16 Given by Debbie Swigart and Family in loving memory of her parents, Melora and Paul Herold
- June 23 Given by Her Family in loving memory of Barbara McConnell Daniell, married in this sanctuary to Harry W. Daniell on June 22, 1952
- June 30 In honor of LGBTQ+ Pride Month, given by Pastor Robyn



### Steeple Lighting

- June 2 Given by Helen Rauch Hughes in memory of her mother, Marjorie Rauch  
Given by Barbara Nye in loving memory of Norman Strojny
- June 9 **OPEN**
- June 16 Given by Her Family in loving memory of Barbara McConnell Daniell, married in this sanctuary to Harry W. Daniell on June 22, 1952  
Given by Barbara Nye in loving memory of family who have "gone home" before me  
Given in loving memory by the Neuhaus Family
- June 23 Given by The Reichs in loving memory of Stephen C. Reich
- June 30 **OPEN**



## !!!GREEN FAIR: July 13, 2019!!!

Preparations for the Green Fair are underway. Michael Gorra and Scott Brady, Fair Co-Chairs, and the rest of the team **NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

At this stage of the game we are looking for 2 things:

### **1) Time commitments and 2) STUFF!**

**What kind of time commitment?** Well, anything you can give. Saying you are too busy is not acceptable. Fun is essential. We all are busy but we must find the time for fun and to make the 2018 edition another great fair. Let Karen know (in the church office) if you can help and we can connect you with something that suits your talents.

**What kind of stuff?** Again, anything you can part with, for the most part. Garden items - furniture, nice garden decorations, planters, garden tools in good condition, are always popular.

We need items for:

- NICE: **White Elephant** (Tag Sale)
- NICER: **Boutique**
- REALLY NICE: **Silent and Live Auctions** (*These things are **important to donate early** so we have time to promote them. Contact us soon if you have something great to donate.*)

It is easiest to list what we won't take:

- We won't take anything broken.
- We will take furniture but we won't take any mattresses nor any upholstered furniture.
- No electronics!

### **Go on your own special “stewardship hunt” and donate something REALLY GREAT!**

If the item is large and needs transportation or if you have a question whether we will accept the item, please call the church office (860-868-0569) or send an email to:

[admin@firstchurchwashingtonct.org](mailto:admin@firstchurchwashingtonct.org) website: [www.firstchurchwashingtonct.org](http://www.firstchurchwashingtonct.org)

**Office Hours: Mon & Wed- 1:00 – 5:30 pm; Tue & Thu- 9:00 am to 1:30 pm**

### **SPECIFIC HELP IS NEEDED FOR THESE ROLES:**

**\*\*After-Fair Management** – Chair. There are a ton of resources but we need someone to coordinate and see leftovers dispositioned and things go back to “normal”.

**\*\*Publicity Support** – A third person to help with promotion

**\*\*Donation Pickup Help** – Someone to help with truck “projects” or just willingness to be occasionally available to do pick up if larger items or large loads.

Please contact Mike Gorra, Scott Brady or the Church Office to volunteer or for more information.

# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Deadline for July-August Judea Journal content is Monday, June 17.</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
2 10 am Worship 1 pm Comfort Shawl Project	3 3:30 pm - Girl Scouts (PH)	4 9:30 AM - AA 12:15 pm -Rotary 6:30 PM- NB Divorce Support	5	6 4 pm - Yoga with Andrea	7 10 am - AA Meeting 6 pm - NB Pot Luck Supper	8 11 AM - Gunnery Alumni Convoc. 2 pm - Gunnery Memorial Svc (All in MH)
9 10 am Worship (New Members will be welcomed) w/Sunday School 11 am Annual Meeting TIME: GAME NITE!	10	11 9:30 AM - AA 6—8 pm WEC event 6:30 PM- NB Divorce Support	12 5:30/ 6:30 Compassionate Communication	13	14 10 am - AA Meeting 6 pm - NB Pot Luck Supper	15 4 pm - Landry Wedding on the Green
16 10 am Outdoor Svc at the Pavilion Strawberry Shortcake!	17 Judea Journal Deadline	18 9:30 AM - AA 12:15 pm -Rotary 6:30 PM- NB Divorce Support	19	20 6:30 PM Council 7 - 8:30 pm Trash Talk! (aka Recycling presentation)	21 10 am - AA Meeting 6 pm - NB Pot Luck Supper	22
23 10 am Worship 11 am - Deacons	24	25 9:30 AM - AA 6:30 PM- NB Divorce Support	26	27	28 10 am - AA Meeting 6 pm - NB Pot Luck Supper	29
30 10 am Worship Pride Sunday						



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.

**One Great HOUR OF SHARING**

**Please give generously June 9!**

As part of Our Church's Wider Mission, this special offering of the United Church of Christ carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis, providing sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

**Your donation makes possible more than we can imagine.**

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