

faith matters

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**We are a community
seeking to share God's Love!**

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Pastoral Reflections

The Reverend David F. Peters, Minister



A Pastoral Note to Our Congregation

(adapted from a note by friend and colleague, Rev. Max Grant, with permission) This was read during worship on Sunday, September 30, 2018 and it has been suggested that I print it here for a wider audience.

This past week has been a long and difficult one for many. It's difficult to know how to talk about it. It's hard to know just how to thread the needle in a divided and contentious time. I know that. We are all just that much quicker to go to our "political place" right now. But whatever that political place might be for any of us, it is easy to see how the news of the week could be something beyond upsetting. For some, the news was nothing short of re-traumatizing.

And I want to speak about that. Because some of you have reached out to me. In talking with my colleagues, they have had the same reaction from their congregations as well. I've also encountered many more voices in my social media circles. And I have been reminded that the reality of violence, and especially of sexual assault, is far more common than we ever come close to naming.

Even so, it is hard to name. And it says something that even I grappled with bringing it up, even among people as kind and thoughtful and faithful as I know this congregation to be. But church, 1 in 5 women is raped during her lifetime. More broadly, sexual assault happens to even more, and of course, happens both to women and to men, girls and boys. The impact of that violence is all around us, and among us, and in us. We come together as a faith community that shares joys and concerns.

So, this violence is the concern I bring to church today as a son, a husband, father, colleague, friend, and church member, as well as your pastor.

Church, it may surprise you to hear that there are many people throughout the country who are staying home from their faith communities this weekend, because they can't bear the thought of hearing people they otherwise love so dearly, speaking so carelessly about events that sound all too familiar to survivors. And they're right, because many faith communities don't do well with these issues. We cannot be complicit in their silence.

And so this morning, I just find myself wanting to remind all of us that survivors and their families need something from us. They need to know that our commitment to their healing is more than just some sort of get-well card. They need to know that when the Gospel calls us to be peacemakers, we know that this means dismantling violence and the systems that perpetuate it. However long that may take. They need to know that when Jesus calls us to lives of repentance and renewal, we know that he is calling us to become people of conscience and personal responsibility... to be the people who remember that everything we do is in the sight of

God, and that our lives must answer, hard as that may be. They need to know that as they seek healing and a renewed sense of self-worth, we know their worth...their dignity...the fact that they were created in the image of God, even in moments when they might not see any of that just now. They need to know that while the details of their experiences are theirs to share or not to share, and while some in church may know and others may not, they are safe here. That their stories are safe here. They need to know that we know we must see to it that this is so. And they need to know that our love for them is unchanged, just as God's love for them is unchanged, whether what happened, happened last weekend, or fifty years ago. We have to make that commitment.

Second, what anyone most needs at any one stage of their healing is something only they can say. Some need to speak and be heard. Others need personal space, and very strong boundaries. Some need to pray. Others find that they cannot. Our call is not to rush in with solutions, or even necessarily to show up armed for battle on their behalf. Our call is to offer sanctuary in every way we can, whatever that might look like.

Third, if something has happened to you or to someone that you love, please remember that I am here to help in any way I can. But having said that, the church and its ministry are far greater than its professionals. In many ways, we are the least of it. Because it takes all of us together to be the church of Jesus Christ. Clergy are a good start. But we are just a start. Transforming the world takes all of us.

Finally, if nothing else, let the churches be the ones who remember that even if others do not, Jesus sees. Jesus knows. Jesus weeps. Let our witness be shaped by that promise. For his promise is not only that with time, healing is possible. His promise is that in the fullness of time, all that is hidden will be made known. In the fullness of time, God's justice shall roll down like the waters, and God's love shall transform all things. And on that day, in the fullness of time, it is his promise that the silenced and the powerless shall inherit the earth.

God says it, and I believe it. May the church proclaim it, not only with our lips, but with our lives until the final trumpet shall sound.

In Christ's Sprit,
Rev. David Peters
Minister

**Call to the
Semi-Annual Meeting**

Notice is hereby given of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Roxbury Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Roxbury, Connecticut, to be held following Fellowship Hour, in Meetinghouse, Sunday, October 14, 2018, for the purpose of receiving reports of the standing committees of the church

All members of the congregation are asked to attend.

Pat Fraley,
Church Clerk

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To those organized the celebration of Sandy Kleisner's 20th Anniversary as our Minister of Music. They include Sue Stauffacher, Bill Jayne, Cathy Racz, Ray Fitch and David Lincicome. Thank you to all who contributed to the purse for Sandy as well to Genie Jayne who crafted the beautiful quilt given to her on behalf of the choir.

To the Fellowship Committee and Steve Ross for organizing the first Outdoor Movie Night on the church front lawn.

To those who helped with the receptions for Ambruso & Charpentier memorial services, including Joan Temple and Judy Larson.

Parish Register

Baptism

September 23, 2018: Mikayla Anne Gregorio, born March 27, 2018 in Hartford, CT, daughter of Alicia Megan Alfson-Gregorio and Paul David Gregorio. Godparents are Rebecca Karin and Christopher Alfson.

Deaths & Funerals

September 6, 2018: John (Jack A) Ambruso, died August 30, 2018 in Danbury. A Memorial Service was held in the Meetinghouse with Rev. Peters officiating. Burial will be private.

September 22, 2018: Shirley Ann Charpentier, died August 27, 2018 in New Milford. A Memorial Service was held in the Meetinghouse with Rev. Peters officiating. Burial will in private

Stewardship: Let Your Light Shine in 2019!



¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

Our Stewardship Theme this year is “Let it Shine” based on the words of Matthew. We are called to take the light, the spirit, the resources, that we have been so graciously given and to let that light shine!

You will be hearing a member of the congregation each week speaking about what the Roxbury Church means to them personally and why they support the church with their time, talent, and treasure. The Stewardship Committee invites you to do the same.

You will receive a letter this month with a pledge form and commitment letter inside. We ask that you do us the favor of returning to completed to the church by Sunday, November 11 or place it in the offering plate that day.

With your generous support, we, together can make a BIG difference and let it, God's love, SHINE!

Stewardship Committee members:

David Lincicome, Colby Kalisher, and Mike Wilcox. Rev. Peters: ex-officio

Upcoming calendar

First Sundays = Communion
Second Sundays = Children's Sermon
Third Sundays = Faith Stories
Fourth Sundays = Mission Moments

- October 6, 2018 Spaghetti Supper 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (Men's Group)
October 14, 2018 Semi-Annual Meeting after Worship
Blessing of the Animals 1:00 p.m.
October 20, 2018 Progressive Supper (Fellowship Committee / David Lincicome)
October 21, 2018 Church Hike at Hidden Valley Reserve – meet at church at 12:30 p.m.
October 27, 2018 Trivia Night 6:30 p.m. (Chris Childs & Joan Temple)
October 28, 2018 Laity Sunday (Deacons coordinate)
- November 4, 2018 All Saints Sunday – Dedication of Memorials
Daylight Saving Time ends
November 10, 2018 Fall Church Workday 9:00 a.m. (Trustees)
November 16, 2018 Red Cross Blood Drive 1- 6 p.m. (Brooke Wheeler)
November 25, 2018 Santa Fund begins
- December 1, 2018 Country Church Christmas Fair 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
December 9, 2018 Santa Fund gifts are received
Victorian Christmas 5:00 p.m.
December 16, 2018 Christmas Caroling 12:00 p.m.
December 24, 2018 Christmas Eve Services:
7:30 p.m. Lessons & Carols
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service

November Faith Matters
Church Newsletter Deadline: October 15th

Upcoming

Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, October 6

Bring the whole family! All you can eat spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread, beverage and dessert from 5 until 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This event benefits the outreach mission of our church. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids aged 12 and under. Toddlers are free. Tickets will be available at the door.

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 7

On October 7th we mark and celebrate World Communion Sunday. We acknowledge that we are all interconnected in God's love and care for all humanity. We witness that, as members of the wider church, it is our mission to show forgiveness, share love, and offer financial assistance.

Neighbors in Need Offering

Sunday, October 7

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on Sunday, October 7th, is a special offering of the UCC. Your contributions to the NIN special mission offering support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States including the Council for American Indian Ministries. If you missed donating to this effective mission program, please know that specially-marked envelopes are on the Opportunity Table and will be received during October.

RCC Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 14

After worship in Meetinghouse

Come and participate in our congregational process. Be a part of what is happening here!

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 14

1 p.m. on the meetinghouse steps.

Bring your pet for a special blessing and a gift. Open to the whole community.

Church Hike

Sunday, October 21

Meet at the church and travel together to hike in the Hidden Valley Preserve along the banks of the Shepaug River in Washington Depot. Bring snacks and drinks along for this fairly level hike on the old railbed of the Shepaug Railroad. Questions: Jeanne Steers

Trivia Night

Saturday, October 27

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Trivia starts at 7 p.m. Gather your smartest (or just most fun) friends and book a table ASAP! Cost is \$75 per table for teams of six or less. Individual players welcome! Bring your own beverages and snacks. Checks to be made out to Roxbury Congregational Church. For more information or to reserve your table, contact **Chris Childs** at 860-355-9067.

Laity Sunday

Sunday, October 28

A worship service lead by members of our congregation. If you would like to participate, please speak with Board of Deacons chair, **Charlie Stauffacher**.

Church Fall Work Day

Saturday, November 10

9 a.m. – Noon

Tasks for all abilities, inside and out. Help make our church shine and look cared for and help save repair costs.

You can rake, prune, clear dead weeds, shut off water valves, wipe away fingerprints, just to name a few of the tasks available. Please bring your rakes, gloves, rags, and anything else you think might be useful and spend some time working along side your friends in the congregation.

Everyone is welcome to join the Men's Fellowship for breakfast beforehand beginning at 8:00 a.m.



**Community Mindfulness
Meditation Class**
Begins Oct 6

A six-session mindfulness class will be held on consecutive Saturdays beginning on October 6 and ending on November 10 here at the Roxbury Congregational Church. Each session will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon and is free of charge. The program will focus on the central practice of sitting meditation along with mindful eating, mindful walking, and mindfulness of emotions and thoughts.

Mindfulness, according to Jon Kabat-Zinn, is “Paying attention in a particular way: on purpose, in the present moment and non-judgmentally.”

Mindfulness meditation helps people deal with the stress of work or family, or simply the anxiety of living in these troubled times. Some people come to mindfulness practice to help with mental clarity and focus or to improve their sleep. It has been shown to be effective in preventing and treating depression, increasing body satisfaction, and reducing implicit age and racial bias.

The facilitator is Cheryl Anderson, who has been practicing a variety of types of meditation since 1972, and has taught meditation and other contemplative practices for over 20 years. Cheryl is the Pastor of First Congregational Church in Washington. She trained at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Washington DC in leading contemplative practice groups and retreats.

For further information, please contact **Ray Fitch** (203) 586-9599 or **Charlie Stauffacher** (860) 354-1274, before 8 pm. All are welcome to this non-denominational Community program.



Community Yoga
Tuesdays 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Yoga classes are being offered every Tuesday afternoon from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Roxbury Congregational Church which sponsors the classes. The sessions, which are open to community members, are led by Suzanne Fitch.

Join Suzanne as she leads in Dynamic Flow Yoga. The sessions are open to newcomers and those new to the practice of yoga. Yoga is said to be for the purpose of uniting the mind, body and spirit. A meditative practice which also helps with stretching and building strength.

You are invited to come and wear comfortable clothes, a yoga mat and \$10 per session. A portion of the fee supports the Roxbury Fuel Assistance Fund.

October Birthdays

- 1 Caroline Kibbe
- 2 Hailie Collette
- 13 Heidi Neff
- 14 Brian Neff
- 18 Billy Steers
- 19 Rick Heyniger
- 22 Charlie Stauffacher
- 25 Susan Zappulla -Peters
- 27 Matthew & Dawn Collette

youth matters

Youth Fellowship

Our Youth Group meeting will be on Sunday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m. tentatively planned to be a hike to the Pinnacle that overlooks Lake Waramaug in New Preston.

Our group meets the last Sunday of each month and is open to all young people in grades 6-12. For more information, contact **Rev. Peters**.

Church School

Church School began on Sunday, September 9. We are continuing to use the Holy Moly! curriculum which focus on learning biblical stories and basics for our younger children.

If you would like to assist in teaching in one of a four-week block, please speak with a member of the Christian Education Committee or **Rev. Peters**.

Attention College Parents

Many of our young people are away at school and we like to keep in touch with them through the newsletter and e-mail. If one of your adult children has moved to a new address in the past six months, please call the church office to give it to us or email it to david@roxburychurch.org. We feel this is an important on-going work of our congregation

fellowship matters

Progressive Supper

Saturday, October 20, 5:30 p.m.

For more than twenty years, a Progressive Supper has been the highlight of the Roxbury Congregational Church fellowship calendar. The Progressive Supper is a gala evening of eating and socializing, during which each couple follows its own secret itinerary, eating each course of a four-course dinner in a different home with a different mix of people. Singles are welcome to choose a traveling

companion or to travel alone. At the end of the evening, all participants meet together for the dessert course in one large home.

This year again, we are extending an invitation to everyone in the Roxbury community to participate. It is a wonderful way to meet and get to know Roxbury neighbors.

Sign-up is required, the earlier the better. If you can host six or more for a course in your home [appetizers; soup & salad; or main course] please sign up for that course and indicate your maximum number of diners including yourselves [usually six, eight or ten].

Don't be daunted by gourmet expectations – this is about fellowship, not food. If you cannot host a course in your home, you may be able to participate by bringing a dessert to share, provided there are enough hosts for the courses.

Look for the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall as the event approaches or call **David Lincicome** (203) 948-2008 to sign up, or if you have any questions. You will receive your itinerary in the mail a few days before the Progressive Supper. Keep it secret so it will be a surprise when you show up for each course!

Word & Sacrament for October 2018

Deacons of the Month: **Pat Fraley & Mike Wilcox**
Counter: **Tina Brockett**

Underlined scriptures are for Lay Readers

Sunday, October 7

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

Job 1: 1; 2: 1-10; Psalm 26 or
Genesis 2: 18-24; Psalm 8
Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12
Mark 10: 2-16

Greeters: **Carol Goodwin & Sara Jane Bird**
Reader: **Sara Jane Bird**
Fellowship Hour:
Flowers: **Nancy German**

Sunday, October 14

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Semi-Annual Meeting after worship

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22: 1-15 or
Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90: 12-17
Hebrews 4: 12-16
Mark 10: 17-31

Greeters: **Joan Temple & Pat Fraley**
Reader: **Joan or Pat**
Fellowship Hour: **Dick & Nancy Callahan**
Flowers:

Sunday, October 21

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38: 1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c or
Isaiah 53: 4-12; Psalm 91: 9-16
Hebrews 5: 1-10
Mark 10: 35-45

Greeters: **Phil & Diana de Vries**
Reader: **Phil de Vries**
Fellowship Hour:
Flowers:

Sunday, October 28

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Laity Sunday

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34: 1-8, (19-22) or
Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Psalm 126
Hebrews 7: 23-28
Mark 10: 46-52

Greeters: **Mark & Karen Carlson**
Reader: **Mark Carlson**
Fellowship Hour:
Flowers:

So Your Minister Can Help / Support

If you are hospitalized and desire pastoral support, you or your family should notify our minister of the hospitalization beforehand or as soon as possible during, by calling 860-355-1978. Or his cell 203-770-6721. With the new federal regulations, he is not able to find this information from the hospital.

mission matters



January Opportunity with Simply Smiles in Mexico

From Jasmine at the Simply Smiles office:

I want to reach out and let you know about two upcoming volunteer

opportunities at the **Simply Smiles Home for Children in Oaxaca, Mexico:**

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- January 12-19, 2019
- January 19-26, 2019

If you are interested in traveling to Mexico and join others in volunteering there in Oaxaca, please contact Jasmine Martier at jasmine@simplysmiles.org

(You are responsible for all costs)

Food Pantry

Food Pantry donations continue to be needed as we head into the colder seasons. You are encouraged as you do your shopping to fill an extra bag with nonperishable food items for Daily Bread. This Danbury pantry serves many working-poor and the homeless. Your donations can be placed in the basket in Fellowship Hall under the Opportunity Table and are one way to share God's love with the world.

Our Food Pantry Coordinator Sue Stauffacher asks particularly for soup, preferably Progresso which you can get when it's on sale. Canned veggies are needed as are catsup, sugar, coffee, tea, rice,

laundry and dish soap. Also paper towels, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, diapers, and other non-food items are needed. Paper and plastic grocery bags are always needed for packing the items that each person receives.

There is a group who work at the food pantry monthly. When someone cannot make it, there are very few backup folks. Please consider volunteering to be a backup person when needed. It is only about three hours per month on the second Monday. Call **Sue Stauffacher** at 860-354-1274.

Special Fundraising Profits 2018

Trivia Night (March)	\$896.00
Chili Cook-off (April)	\$2,030.00
Spaghetti Dinner (April)	\$362.94
Rummage Sale (May)	\$1,974.42
Art Show (June)	\$2,841.26
Trivia Night (July)	\$1,006.00
Tag Sale (August)	\$850.05
Beef Barbecue (August)	\$2,176.75

Total to date: \$12,137.42

From **Bev Wolmer**, Church Treasurer

CWS Hygiene Kits

Thanks to everyone who donated items and those who will help assemble hygiene kits for the Church World Service project. Each kit contains a hand towel, wash cloth, comb, nail clippers, soap bar, toothbrush and Band-aids. The kits will be forwarded to hurricane relief efforts.

Country Church Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 1



Silent Auction Donations

We would like this to be our best silent auction ever so we are starting early to prepare! We are grateful for any item or service that you would be generous enough to offer. We can arrange pickup of your item if needed. This summer be on the lookout for items that you might be able to donate.

Perhaps you have a special item that you just don't use or need anymore that someone else could treasure or know someone who is downsizing.

Items such as:

*A Special Piece of Jewelry - Fine China-
Collector's Items - Art
A Special Piece of Antique Furniture - Sports
Memorabilia*

*Handmade Crafts - Artwork/Photography
Lunch with a Celebrity - A Massage or Facial
Dinner for Four Cooked at Your Home or at the
Winner's Home*

Also:

*Airline Miles - Gift Certificates - Gift Baskets
Theatre Tickets - Concert Tickets - Golf Tickets
Museum Tickets - Your Vacation Home for a Week
Your Time Share for a Week - Hobby Related Items*

*You may know of retailers or individuals who
provide services and may be happy to donate.
A Beauty Makeover – Babysitting - Housecleaning
Weeding - Spring Cleanup - A Hand Knit Sweater*

Church Christmas Fair Committee:

Beatriz Conroy 860-354-2529, **Charlie Meade** 860-354-1274
Cathy Racz 860-799-0180, **Linda Ross** 860-799-5421

Nice Twice Donations

It's time to start thinking about *Nice Twice* – the “stuff” area of our Country Church Fair. We need your donations of items that are clean and in good condition. These items may include household items, small furniture, books, small toys, knick knacks and almost anything else. No clothing, exercise equipment, televisions, computers older than five years or electronics.

Please bring your donations to Fellowship Hall early in the week prior to the Fair . We ask that you do not put anything in the shed. Also be sure that everything is clean so we don't have to wash it.

*Please call **Sue Stauffacher** at 860-354-1274 with questions.*

Cash for Causes – PLUS! Retail Gift Cards

Have you checked out the board in Fellowship Hall lately offering you nearly 300 ways to raise money for our church? Through a fundraising program called Scrip, we offer gift cards for grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement stores and more. Simply purchase the cards and use them instead of cash, checks or credit cards. A percentage of the purchase price of the cards is returned to our church.

This program is an expansion of the one already in place for Stop & Shop, Shop Rite and Big Y. You can still purchase cards for them, but all of the other retailers as well. If there are retailers you visit regularly, why not have pre-paid cards in your wallet? It makes “cents”!

A complete listing of participating retailers is posted in Fellowship Hall, or can be found on Scrip's website: **shopwithscrip.com**. If you would like to create an account to place orders online, please use Enrollment Code 8F15BD7143454 to link the account to RCC. For payment, you have the option to sign up for PrestoPay (similar to PayPal), or write a check to RCC.

Orders will be placed each Monday and the cards will be available for distribution the following Sunday. Orders *must* be prepaid.

As always, feel free to contact **Heidi Neff** at 860-354-3177 or heidineff@sbcglobal.net, with any questions you may have.

AmazonSmile

Do you shop on Amazon.com? If so, eligible purchases can generate 0.5% back to our church. Go to smile.amazon.com to find out more! There is also a link on the eFaith Matters emails and the church's website: roxburychurch.org

SERRV Shop

SERRV is a nonprofit, fair trade organization dedicated to lifting disadvantaged artisans, farmers, and their families out of poverty. For more than 35 years, Serrv has partnered with what is at present, 55 small-scale artisan/farmer organizations and cooperatives in 25 countries around the world to create high-quality items using sustainable materials and production techniques.

SERRV helps artisans in developing countries who lack access to markets, business skills and tools for growth. In addition, to paying fair wages, they help to develop educational offerings, skill training, resources and other ways to grow sustainable businesses.

Our SERRV shop is located in Fellowship Hall. If you are looking to buy a unique gift and help others at the same time, take a moment to check out the jewelry, handicrafts, candles, tea, soup mixes and other offerings. If you don't see something you like, speak with **Susan Zappulla-Peters**.

Check out the SERRV website at www.serrv.org Looking to buy a unique gift and help others at the same time? Try SERRV! Our shop is open each Sunday after worship in Fellowship Hall with affordable jewelry, handicrafts, candles, tea, soup mixes and so on. If you are looking for a particular item from their catalog available at the booth speak with **Susan Zappulla-Peters**. (860-355-8830)

LaBonne's Receipts

A continuing thank you to everyone who contributes LaBonne's receipts to the church. This has been an on-going source of revenue to add to our mission funds. Please save your receipts and place them in the wooden box on the table in Fellowship Hall. Questions to **Sue Stauffacher** at 860-354-1274.



Our United Church of Christ Camp and Retreat Center, in nearby Sharon, CT.

www.silverlakect.org

Award/Garden Party Fundraiser

The Silver Lake Second Annual Garden Party and Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, October 14 from 2-5 p.m. at Farmington Gardens in Farmington, CT. The board will present the 2nd Annual Silver Lake Award to the Rev. Davida Foy Crabtree, a person whose life has been visibly shaped by the core values of Silver Lake. See website for reservations.

Other Upcoming Events at Silver Lake

2018 Shine 4 Justice for grades 9-12 on November 2-4th

2018 Fall Action Weekend for grades 9 through adult on November 16-18

See Silver Lake website for details.

Church Master Calendar

Because the church is busy, and use of the buildings by community groups has also increased dramatically, we have posted a master calendar of activities in the Church Library. Before you schedule a meeting or change a date, please check this calendar to be sure the space will not be occupied at the time. And please write your meeting on the calendar, or remove it if your plans change.

information matters

Faith Matters

Our church newsletter is mailed monthly to those who subscribe. Or you can pick it up in the Narthex (entrance) or in Fellowship Hall. It is also available at the Roxbury Market.

eFaith Matters

We send out an email each Monday with the latest announcements, prayer requests and an inspirational piece and a Call to Worship on Fridays. Subscribe by sending an email to david@roxburychurch.org.

Church Website

The Church's website, roxburychurch.org, is chock-full of information and events. There are resources for the journey of life as well as pictures of our common life and links to related sites.

Facebook

Our church's presence in social media is on facebook.com/roxburychurch

Here you will find another source of information and news as well as shared topics of religious and spiritual interest.

Meeting Minutes & Reports Board

This special bulletin board is on the landing just outside the Office Library area. On it are posted the latest minutes and reports for all committees as well as financial reports.

As always, if you are seeking some information, please ask, as we strive to be as transparent and open as possible.



Don't just make a plan,
make a difference!

Your gift can create a lasting legacy

For over 200 years people like you have been making bequests and life income gifts that have helped generations of church people. Just like you, shared God's love to the Roxbury community and the wider world. Perhaps this congregation has made a difference in your life, provided important support and comfort to a neighbor or friend, or inspiration that led you to change your life. Now you can honor that gift with one of your own. By your charitable financial plans including the church, you can make a difference in the future of the church.

Types of Planned Gifts

Gifts through your will

The Roxbury Congregational Church can be named as a beneficiary in your will and you can specify an outright gift of cash, securities, real estate of tangible personal property. If your estate is subject to the federal estate tax, a charitable bequest can save significant tax dollars.

Appreciated Stock

By making a gift of stock you receive an income tax deduction and eliminate the capital gains tax.

Charitable Remainder Trust

You can use under-performing appreciated assets to create steady income for the rest of your life. You receive a significant charitable deduction and the capital gains tax is eliminated. Your trust can be professionally managed.

Charitable Lead Trusts

A charitable lead trust can enhance your ability to make larger current gifts to the Roxbury Congregational Church and you can preserve assets for your family while still supporting the church. You can also reduce your taxable income and your estate tax.

Gifts of Life Insurance.

This can be done either by purchasing a new life insurance policy or by contributing a policy which you currently own, but no longer need.

Roxbury Congregational Church can be designated as the beneficiary of the policy, while you retain the right to change the beneficiary at a later date and otherwise retain ownership of the policy.

Benefits

- Tax advantages are substantial, especially on appreciated securities and properties.
- Total income, estate and capital gains tax savings and the probate expenses savings can come close the amount transferred.
- Many giving options can assure you of income for the rest of your life.
- Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime.
- You can modify your gift to a particular agreed-upon purpose.
- While unrestricted gifts allow the church to allocate funds to areas of greatest needs, we can also help you direct your giving to the areas where you have the greatest passions.

By making a planned gift to the Roxbury Congregational Church,
your **generosity will live into the future** and help ensure that this tradition, this faith community, continues.

For more information, please contact Rev. David Peters at the Church Office or speak with your financial planning specialist. (We have a few within the congregation.)

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 11:45 AM Pastoral ■ 2:00 PM Youth Group	1	2 Rev. Peters day off ■ 4:00 PM Yoga Class with Suzanne	3 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scout Dens ■ 7:00 PM Fair planning mtg ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout ■ 7:30 PM Choir Re-	4 ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 7:00 PM Deacons	5 ■ 6:30 PM Supper set up	6 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Mindfulness Program ■ 5:00 PM Spaghetti Supper 5-7p
7 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 11:45 AM Cleanup Bucket Assembly	8 Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day ■ 9:00 AM Daily Bread Food Pantry team	9 Rev. Peters day off ■ 4:00 PM Yoga Class with Suzanne	10 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scout Dens ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	11 ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 465	12	13 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast ■ 9:00 AM Fall Work Day ■ 10:30 AM Mindfulness Program
14 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 11:45 AM SemiAnnu- ■ 1:00 PM Blessing of	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 Rev. Peters day off ■ 4:00 PM Yoga Class with Suzanne	17 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 6:00 PM LSA Fall Mtg ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scout Dens ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	18 ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	19	20 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Mindfulness Program ■ 5:30 PM Progressive Supper
21 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 12:00 PM Church Hike	22	23 Rev. Peters day off ■ 4:00 PM Yoga Class with Suzanne	24 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes Meal ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scout Dens ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	25 ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	26	27 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Mindfulness Program ■ 7:00 PM Trivia Night
28 LAITY SUNDAY ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refresh- ■ 2:00 PM Youth Group	29	30 Rev. Peters day off ■ 4:00 PM Yoga Class with Suzanne	31 Halloween ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scout Dens ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	1 ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 7:00 PM Deacons	2	3 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 8:00 AM Cub Scout Pancake Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Mindfulness Program

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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2018

Worship – Sundays 10:30 a.m.

Church School with Nursery

“We Are A Community Seeking To Share God’s Love!”

No Matter Who You Are, or Where You Are on Life’s Journey, You Are Welcome Here!