

# *faith matters*

The Roxbury Congregational Church  
*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Continuing Testament  
Extravagant Welcome  
Changing Lives



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## ***Get on Board!***

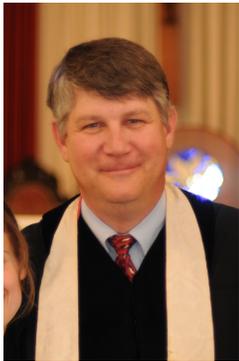
This month we begin our stewardship campaign, but it will be a little different this year. The theme is “Get on Board,” and you’ll see a big locomotive high on the wall of Fellowship Hall. Every time we receive a pledge, we’ll add a passenger car for whoever got on board. We hope and pray that we can add a lot of cars to our train before we have to put on the caboose and depart for glory. Pledging can be as simple as a phone call to say you intend to give a certain amount during the year, or it can be as complicated as filling out an electronic funds transfer authorization so that you don’t have to remember anything more during the year. Pledging is crucial to the life and ministry of the church, because it makes it possible to plan the year’s mission activities and budget for staff and meetinghouse needs. So, similar to the election-day advice for political victory, pledge early and often, and get on board the train to glory. AMEN.”

*Colby Kalisher and David Lincicome*

*This year’s Stewardship Campaign officially kicked off on Sunday, September 25 and will continue through Stewardship Sunday, November 13 when the pledges received will be officially dedicated during worship.*

## ***Pastoral Reflections***

The Reverend David F. Peters, Minister



As the days become a little grayer and cooler with the advent of autumn, many of us see this as a time to ready our houses for the upcoming days of winter. We look around them, try to keep our gutters clean of leaves and dirt, we check for leaks around our foundations and put away the things that are not needed anymore. You might look for the right time to mow the lawn and trim the bushes and grass one last time. It is all part of having a house.

While Susan and I do not live in our own house, the home that we live in belongs to someone else – you as a congregation. It has always been funny to fill out form when they ask house: own or rent? We do neither so how do we fill that in? Anyways, we treat the Parsonage as if we personally own it. We work on it, fix things as they come up, paint as needed and keep it in good shape as stewards of what we have been given as the Minister and family. The congregation has been good about paying for supplies for this maintenance and we provide labor.

All of us together are stewards of the properties that have been handed down to us from previous generations. Picture the people who in 1838 pooled together the money and probably the labor and materials to build our beautiful meetinghouse. Through the years generation after generation have worked and loved this building and passed it on. The same can be said of the parish house addition built not too many years ago in 1988 and first used in 1989.

Through the years the functions of the church have changed and continue to change dramatically. Back in the 1700's and 1800's, the church was the center of the town, being the government for "Shippauge" and overseeing all forms of support and authority of those early inhabitants of Roxbury. The church was the place where everyone went. Change happened over the years as the town's populations swelled and shrank. In these years, we see a shrinking of the younger families, as they cannot afford the houses that remain in town, some of which were enlarged and became priced out of reach as a starter home.

The church, both here in Roxbury and on a wider scale has changed as individualism and society have diminished the stated need for an organized religion, preferring more the smorgasbord approach of picking up a spiritual practice here and there. I worry about whether any of these practices give people the depth of experience and interaction to grow roots to be supported during trying times or crisis.

With that in mind, I would like to encourage you to look around your church, a place that encourages you to dig deep and establish spiritual and nurturing roots. It is a place where you can be involved in supportive actions to make a difference in the world and extend your reach beyond Roxbury to the wider world.

I encourage you to think about this as our Stewardship campaign, under the leadership of David Lincicome invite you to **get on board** and make a generous pledge for the work of our congregation in 2017.

With Gratitude and Love,

*David*

## **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 9, 2016, for the purpose of receiving reports of the standing committees of the church*

*All members of the congregation are asked to attend.*

*Nancy Glover,  
Church Clerk*

# *thank you*

To **Chris Childs** for offering to head up Trivia Night again next year. This year's night was very successful and a lot of fun.

To **Pat Fraley** for affixing labels with our new *Gloria* inside the back covers of our hymnals.

To **Jeannie Steers** for the beautiful train car graphics to be used in our Stewardship Campaign. Look for them to start appearing in Fellowship Hall. Make a pledge and adopt a car!

To **Tina Brockett, Dawn Collette and Megan Hodge** for stepping up to teach Sunday School and **Des Desmond** and **David Lincicome** as back-ups.

From **Jonathan and Lauren Lord:**  
(Baptism Sept. 18) *Thank you for the beautiful service and for blessing our sweet Madeline. We are blessed to have her grow within a wonderful community.*

## **Have you seen?**

These items were borrowed but have yet to be returned:

The blue hand truck from the parish house

A 10" white light-weight table from the barn.

If you have any items borrowed from the church, please return them. Thank you. Note: If you are going to borrow an item, you must clear it first with the church office. Tables from Fellowship Hall and the matching brown chairs cannot be borrowed.

## *youth matters*

### **Youth Fellowship**

Our Youth Group began meeting on Sunday, September 18 with a Mystery Ride to the Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon. We participated in the dedication of the newly-renovated Lodge where we hope to have a retreat. Silver Lake is owned and operated by our Connecticut Conference of the UCC of which our church is a part.

Next meeting is tentatively planned to be a hike to the Pinnacle that overlooks Lake Waramaug in New Preston.

Our group meets once a 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 11. We are continuing to use our new curriculums 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**.

# Upcoming calendar

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

*Worship Service returned to 10:30 a.m.  
 The first Sunday of September.*

OCTOBER 2	World Communion Sunday Neighbors in Need Offering	10:30 a.m.
October 9	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Blessing of the Animals	11:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
October 16	Laity Sunday Worship New Member Orientation Dinner Train (adults) at Essex	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
October 23	New Member Reception, during worship	10:30 a.m.
NOVEMBER 6	All Saints Sunday – Communion Dedication of Memorials	<i>Daylight Saving ends</i> 10:30 a.m.
November 12	Men’s Breakfast Church Fall Work Day Progressive Supper (adults)	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. – Noon 5:30 p.m.
November 13	Stewardship Sunday	10:30 a.m.
November 24	Thanksgiving Day – <i>Run For A Cure</i>	9:00 am.
November 27	First Sunday in Advent Worship	10:30 a.m.
DECEMBER 3	Country Church Christmas Fair	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
December 10	Victorian Christmas Service	5:00 p.m.
December 11	Christmas Caroling to shut-ins & others	Noon
December 24	<i>Christmas Eve Services:</i> Family Service of Lessons & Carols Candlelight Communion	7:30 p.m. 11:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day Worship	10:30 a.m.
JANUARY 8, 2017	Community Messiah Sing <i>tentative</i>	4:00 p.m.

# Upcoming

## **World Communion Sunday** **Sunday, October 2**

October 2 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 2**

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on Sunday, October 2, is a special offering of the UCC. Your support of the NIN special mission offering provides small grants that such as that given to an Indianapolis UCC which was able to feed 950 needy students in their community. With your support, Neighbors in Need is able to help its members live out their beliefs through acts of service. Please give generously.

## **RCC Semi-Annual Meeting** **Sunday, October 9**

*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 9**

*1 p.m.*  
*On the meetinghouse steps.*  
*Bring your pet for a Special Blessing and a Gift.*  
*Open to the whole community.*

## **Laity Sunday** **Sunday, October 16**

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

**New Member Orientation**  
**Sunday, October 16**  
*After worship.*

**Dinner Train**  
**Sunday, October 16**  
*Board in Essex*  
*At 4:30 p.m.*

**New Member Reception**  
**Sunday, October 23**  
*During worship.*

**Church Fall Work Day**  
**Saturday, November 12**  
*9 a.m. – Noon*

**Progressive Supper (adults)**  
**Saturday, November 12**  
*5:30 p.m.*  
*(see details, page 5)*

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**LSA Fall Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 19, 6:00 p.m.**  
Begins with dinner and meeting follows at the First Congregational Church of Litchfield, UCC. The meeting is of representatives of the UCC congregations in southern Litchfield County and is responsible for the oversight and authorizing of our clergy and the member congregations, including ours.

We have openings for two delegates from our congregation beyond those who are elected officers (Rev. Peters and David Lincicome)

Interested? See **Rev. Peters** for details.

# Ongoing

## Community Yoga

**Tuesday mornings** 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Fellowship Hall, \$10

50% to Roxbury Fuel Assistance

Newcomers welcome!

Suzanne Fitch, leader, 860-355-1764

# fellowship matters

## Dinner Train

**Sunday, October 16**

Train boarding at 4:30 pm.

*(Full but waiting list in case of cancelations)*



Adults are invited to join us as we carpool to Essex, CT (Route 9 exit 3, 1 hour and 15 minutes) to travel back in time and enjoy a first class meal on the Essex Clipper Dinner Train.

The 2 ½ hour trip will feature white linen table cloths, waiter service, bar service, and a four-course meal with a choice of Prime Rib, Seafood Newburg, Stuffed Chicken or Grilled Vegetable Ravioli. We will enjoy the beautiful scenery along the Connecticut River during the foliage season. Cost is \$80 per person. (Alcoholic drinks and tip are not included).

*(Rev. Peters works as a conductor on the Dinner Train on his days off. He and his wife, Susan will be joining us as passengers for this trip.)*

## Progressive Supper

**Saturday, November 12, 5:30 p.m.**

For almost 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.

Call **Jeanne Steers** (860) 354-7484 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!



### **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 or 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 to 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.*

# Word & Sacrament for October 2016

Deacons of the Month: **Pat Fraley & Mike Wilcox**  
Counter: **Kevin Dumas**

## Sunday, October 2

*Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering*  
*World Communion Sunday*

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

Lamentations 1: 1-16; Lamentations 3: 19-26 or  
Psalm 137 or Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4; Psalm 37: 1-9  
2 Timothy 1: 1-14  
Luke 17: 5-10

Greeters: **Chris & Janet Childs**  
Reader: **Chris Childs**  
Fellowship Hour: **Mark & Bev Wolmer**  
Flowers: **Barb Cover**, *loved ones*

## Sunday, October 9

*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66: 1-12 or  
2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111  
2 Timothy 2: 8-15  
Luke 17: 11-19

Greeters: **Shirley Charpentier & Joan Temple**  
Reader: **Shirley Charpentier**  
Fellowship Hour: **Steve & Linda Ross**  
Flowers: **Sue Stauffacher**, *Honor of Life*

## Sunday, October 16

*Laity Sunday*

*Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 31: 27-34; Psalm 119: 97-104 or  
Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 121  
2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4:5  
Luke 18: 1-8

Greeters: **The Racz Family**  
Reader: **Racz Family Member**  
Fellowship Hour: **Open & Available**  
Flowers: **Open & Available**

## Sunday, October 23

*New Member Reception during Worship*

*Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

Joel 2: 23-32; Psalm 65 or  
Sirach 35: 12-17 or Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22;  
Psalm 84: 1-7  
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18: 9-14

Greeters: **Open & Available**  
Reader: **Open & Available**  
Fellowship Hour: **Barbara & Vicki Cover**  
Flowers: **Nancy Glover**

## Sunday, October 30

*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4; Psalm 119: 137-144 or  
Isaiah 1: 10-18; Psalm 32: 1-7; 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4,  
11-12  
Luke 19: 1-10

Greeters: **Dawn & Autumn Collette**  
Reader: **Autumn Collette**  
Fellowship Hour: **Chuck & Doris Farrell**  
Flowers: **Elaine Matschke**

# mission matters

## Beef Barbecue Success

Saturday, August 27, 2016

### Special Fundraising Profits 2016

Rummage/Bake Sale	\$2963.75
Art Show	\$2353.90
Beef Barbecue	\$1594.93
Tag Sale	\$ 846.00 +
Cooper Estate Sale Refreshments	\$ 229.00
Trivia Night	\$1062.00
Chili Cook Off	\$1888.00
Cash for Causes (Grocery Cards through end of August)	\$1802.05

From **Heidi Neff**, Church Treasurer

### 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.

### Organizer: **Chris Childs**

Ombudsman: Rev. David Peters

### Area Leaders:

**Shopping:** Rev. David Peters

**Beef:** Chris Childs

**Corn:** Bill Steers

**Cole Slaw prep:** Diana deVries

**Drinks:** Gaila Rossiter.

**Set up:** David Lincicome

**Ice Cream:** David Lincicome

**Health License:** David Lincicome

**Waiters:** Sue Stauffacher

**Tickets:** Colby Kalisher

**Kitchen Clean up:** Gaila and Peter Rossiter

### Volunteers:

**Beef:** Mike Wilcox, Tari Tarlton, Ray Fitch, Chris Childs, Ziad -friend of David L.'s from Lebanon, Russ Wheeler.

**Corn:** Charlie Stauffacher, Chuck Farrell, Dale and Jay Pinchbeck, Tiffany Horton, Chris & Bill Steers.

**Cole Slaw:** Carol Goodwin, Sue Stauffacher, Heidi Neff, Diana de Vries, Linda Ross.

**Salad:** Robin Montesi.

**Drinks:** Steve Ross.

**Potatoes:** Peter Rossiter.

**Flowers:** Dariel Curren and Janet Childs.

**Set up tables:** Steve Ross, Chuck Farrell.

**Utensils/Napkin Assembly/Bread Slicers:** Doris Farrell, Charlie Stauffacher.

**Table Runners:** Sue Stauffacher, Autumn Collette.

**Servers:** David Lincicome, Charlie Stauffacher, Carol Goodwin, Dick and Nancy Callahan, Nadia Racz, Rebecca Racz.

**Tickets:** Colby Kalisher, Heidi Neff.

**Fudge Sauce:** Sterrett Kelsey.

**Dessert Servers:** Ray Fitch, Gaila Rossiter.

**Clean up:** Brian Neff, Mike Farrell, Carol Goodwin, Gaila and Peter Rossiter, Bill and Charlie Brockett, Sue & Charlie Stauffacher.

**Bread Donation/Pick-up:** Sue Stauffacher.

Many did double or triple duty – filling in whatever the need. Apologies if we missed anyone.

The event is a fundraiser for the church but also a community get-together, which is beyond monetary value.



**Country Church  
Christmas Fair  
Saturday, December 3**

*Fair Committee:*

**Dawn Collette** 860-354-2667,  
**Cathy Racz** 860-799-0180, or **Pam Wilhelm** 860-354-2200

**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  
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*

*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  
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*

**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 if you have any 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 now can purchase 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](http://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](mailto:heidineff@sbcglobal.net), with any questions you may have.

## **SERRV Shop**

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.

## **AmazonSmile**

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

### **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 as soon as possible, by calling 860-355-1978. With the new federal regulations, he is not able to find this information from the hospital.

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### **Wheelchair & Walker Relocated**

The wheelchair and walker which used to be in the Handicap Restroom across from the kitchen are now located in the hallway closet. It came to our attention that it was taking up room needed for a person in a wheelchair to use the bathroom. If you want to borrow the wheelchair or walker, please let the office know beforehand, in case someone else has reserved it.





*Our United Church of Christ Camp and Retreat Center, in nearby Sharon, CT.  
[www.silverlakeect.org](http://www.silverlakeect.org)*

**TAWFG Retreat  
October 28, 7:30 p.m.**

A retreat for youth in grades 9-12. The program runs from 7:30 p.m. on Friday through 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Gather for a weekend of conversation, worship, music, and exploration of spiritual practices at our beautiful conference center.

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**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.

**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](mailto:david@roxburychurch.org). We feel this is an important on-going work of our congregation

## *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](mailto:david@roxburychurch.org).

**Church Website**

The Church's website, [roxburychurch.org](http://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](https://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.

# October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 12:00 PM Confirmation Class	26	27 Rev. Peters day off ■ 9:30 AM Community Yoga	28 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	29	30	1 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast
2 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments	3 ■ 7:00 PM Fair Committee	4 Rev. Peters day off ■ 9:30 AM Community Yoga	5 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65 ■ 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	6 ■ 7:00 PM Deacons	7	8 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
9 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 11:45 AM Semi-Annual ■ 1:00 PM Blessing of Ani-	10 Columbus Day ■ 9:00 AM Daily Bread Food Pantry team	11 Rev. Peters day off ■ 9:30 AM Community Yoga	12 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	13	14	15 Newsletter Deadline ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast
16 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 11:45 AM New Member ■ 12:00 PM Mission Comm. ■ 2:00 PM Eagle Court of ■ 4:30 PM Dinner Train	17	18 Rev. Peters day off ■ 9:30 AM Community Yoga	19 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65 ■ 7:30 PM Church Council	20	21	22 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast
23 New Member Reception ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 1:00 PM Hayride	24	25 Rev. Peters day off ■ 9:30 AM Community Yoga ■ 7:30 PM Church Finance 101	26 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	27	28	29 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast
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Blessing of the Animals – October 9<sup>th</sup> 1 p.m.

Worship – Sundays 10:30 a.m.

Church School with Nursery

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