

faith matters

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

Continuing Testament
Extravagant Welcome
Changing Lives



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Pastoral Reflections

The Reverend David F. Peters, Minister

It was a different kind of Christmas this year for many. For some, it was the busyness of the season, the shopping, cleaning and the work. For others, it was the mood of the country with a sense of worry, anxiety and fear. I heard this from many of you. For our family, it was the decline and finally the death of our beloved Marian, Susan's mother, my mother in law at age 97. She is resting at peace now after months of pain and tiredness. Susan and I we preparing ourselves for a Christmas without Kyla and Kirby as their work was not going to allow them to be home. A bright side of Marian's passing was that they were able, although briefly, to be home for Christmas.

Susan and I are most appreciative for the support that our church staff and members have given to us during these days. We will miss her, and know that life will be different from here on out. Some things will change and others will remain the same.

As we come to a new year your church is looking carefully at how it interacts with the wider community. While we serve one another, we also serve the world as our primary charge from Christ. We explored this together during a dialog sermon on Christmas Eve morning. I talked about the background of the lectionary scriptures for the morning, then posed some questions for the congregation to ponder and share responses. I then wrapped it up with some concluding comments. It was a way for worship to be more interactive and Faith Matters

less of one person talking and all others just listening, something of particular importance to millennials.

We are experimenting with live streaming the worship services from time to time on Facebook. You will see it at worship time (10:30 a.m.) live on my personal page (David Peters). After worship, I will post it to the church's Facebook page. While we would love to have you in worship, we know that sometimes, you may be ill or out of town and want to watch the service. I will be posting a sample bulletin on the church webpage to show the flow of the service.

Like in life, some things change and others stay the same. As your minister, I am very grateful and privileged to be your pastor and I am available to you when called on to minister with you and to you as we go forward together.

Happy New Year – I look forward to a great 2018!
See you in Church.
In Christ's spirit,
David

thank you

Christmas Fair

Once again, a great success thanks to everyone who helped: organizers, workers, donators, shoppers, cashiers, servers, decorators, those who helped to set up and clean up. Thank you, thank you, thank you **ONE AND ALL!!** Thanks to the Make A Home Foundation in Waterbury who came and picked up the remainders from Nice Twice.

Santa Fund

Thanks to **Diana deVries** and **Heidi Neff** for organizing the Santa Fund. Thanks to everyone who bought, sorted and bagged gifts to deliver to the New Milford Social Services Agency. We collected over \$200 for Christmas Meals and Books. We are happy to have helped make Christmas brighter and more enjoyable for many families, thanks to your spirit of giving.

Advent & Christmas Eve Service

Thank you

- to those who read during the Lessons and Carols and Communion services.
- to those families who lit the Advent and Christ Candles
- to the choir and soloists who sang so beautifully
- to **the Collette family** for setting up the luminaries
- to **Sandy Kleisner** for all the extra efforts to coordinate the music and rehearse.
- to **Nancy Glover** for all the behind the scenes things that need to happen to have a successful Christmas time, including extra bulletins during a very busy week!
- to those who donated poinsettias which decorated the Meetinghouse.
- to those who generously donated Christmas Eve to the Minister's Discretionary Fund - used to help those in need and for special ministry opportunities.

Victorian Christmas

- to those who helped decorate the Meetinghouse and Fellowship Hall and hosted the reception following.
- the members of the caroling group, Montage, who provided Victorian Christmas melodies..

Thank you to **Bruce**, (and at times, **Cole and Noah**) **Rossiter** for working to have a clean and attractive church and facilities. We appreciate all that you do behind the scenes.

Christmas Caroling

- thank you to those who caroled, bringing holiday cheer to those who might need it.
- and to **David Lincicome** for hosting the lunch afterwards.

Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross

Thanks to everyone who placed cards on the Christmas Fund Tree in Fellowship Hall: **Sara Jane Bird, Des & Nancy Desmond, Cesira Farrell & Steve, Ray & Patty Fichtel, Susan, David, Kyla and Kirby Peters, Steve & Linda Ross, Ted & Martha Schwerdtle, Dori Squire, Sue & Charlie Stauffacher, Mike & Dottie Wilcox, Mark & Bev Wolmer & The St. Patrick's Women's Guild** in appreciation for being part of our Christmas Fair. Thanks for the generosity of everyone who made financial contributions totaling more than \$200 which was passed on to the UCC Pension Board. Thanks to the Mission Committee for coordinating this project.

Parish Register

Memorial Services *= current church member
December 3, 2017 ***Martha Denniston Baldwin**, died on September 17, 2017 in Maryland, age 82. Services were held in the Meetinghouse by Rev. Peters. Burial in Roxbury Center Cemetery.

December 17, 2017 **Sarah Houck**, 96, died April 19, 2017 in Seminole, FL. Memorial service was held in the Meetinghouse with burial in Roxbury Center Cemetery.

information matters

A few ways to be informed about the life of your church here in Roxbury:

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.

Roxbury Congregational Church Relational Covenant:

Every one of us is an essential part of our church community.

We will open our hearts and minds to one another.

We will let God's love flow through us.

We will focus on God's word.

We will speak honestly and respectfully.

We will speak to principles rather than personalities.

We will seek to do God's work.

Address Change

Molly Wright:

60 Balsam Drive, **Apt. 130 (new)**

Hallowell, ME 04347

Molly continues to keep in touch through the newsletter and says "I am proud of how the church is working together. I miss you all and hope you all had a wonderful holiday."

2018 Stewardship Campaign

You should have received in the mail your 2018 Stewardship Letter and Pledge Form. If you have not already done so, please return your Pledge Form as soon as possible so we can begin our planning for the year. Much like your own household, we, as a church, need to know what our budget will be for the year. This is dependent on the financial pledges of our congregation.

In order to carry out our work in the community, it is vital that we have the necessary financial support of each and every one of us. The Stewardship Committee asks that you prayerfully consider your contribution.

As with your household bills, the easiest, most convenient way to contribute is by automatic deduction from your bank account. This costs you nothing and ensures the church a consistent cash flow to pay our bills. It ensures that if you are away, you don't have to remember to write a check or remember to place it in the collection plate, both options if you choose.

If you haven't made your pledge for 2018, please consider it now. This is the only way our congregation is able to carry out our mission and we want you to be a part of it. Please speak **David Lincicome** or **Colby Kalisher** if you have any questions.

2018 Offering Envelopes Available

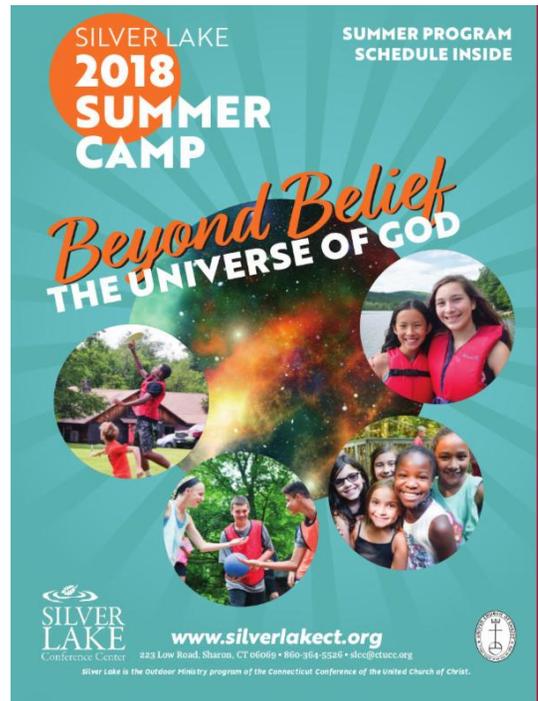
Offering envelopes are available for those who wish to use them. They are in a tray in Fellowship Hall, numbered and with names on them. If you do not see a box with your name, please take an unlabeled box and add your name to the list provided next to the number of the box you take. Any questions, see Nancy in the office or speak with Rev. Peters.

Note from the Treasurer: *PLEASE THROW/recycle AWAY 2017 ENVELOPES. DO NOT USE THEM. USE ONLY THE ONES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. OTHERWISE, IT LEADS TO CONFUSION.*

Youth Group

The youth group will gather on Sunday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m. for their monthly meeting. Youth Group is now open to all those in grades 6-12.

Silver Lake 2018 Summer Camp Schedule announced



On the Youth Bulletin Board near the Nursery Room, is the latest listing of Summer Camp offerings at Silver Lake. Registration opens on January 15, 2018. Some conferences (week-long camps) fill up fast!

Register and find out more info at:

<https://tinyurl.com/slcc2018>

Save \$50 – register by Jan 31 and use code: EARLY18 at checkout.

Silver Lake is a wonderful place owned by our CT Conference of the UCC and is located in Sharon, CT (about 1 hour away) It is a residential camp which runs from Sunday afternoon until Saturday morning. Many from our church have attended in the past. Speak with Rev. Peters for more information.

Upcoming

Holiday Epiphany Party

Saturday, January 13

You are invited to a Holiday Epiphany Party on Saturday, January 13 from 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jeanne & Chris Steers, 19 Blueberry Lane in Roxbury. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and BYOB.

Annual Reports Due

January 20

The Annual Reports for 2017 for all standing committees and officers of the church are due by January 20. This is an important aspect of our church governance process. The reports need to be received in a timely manner in preparation for the Annual Meeting on February 11.

Please email them to office@roxburychurch.org or mail or hand deliver them to the office. Copies of last year's reports are available in the office if you need them for reference. Thank you!

Annual Meeting

February 11

Be sure to mark your calendar for our Annual Meeting coming up on Sunday, February 11. This is a time we hear the reports of the previous year and the nominees for the various openings for the officers and boards of the church. Join in our pot luck luncheon and in an opportunity to be involved in the congregational process.

Nominees Sought

The Nominating Committee has begun working to identify and contact people to fill vacancies on various boards and committees of the church. If you are called and asked to serve, please consider the request prayerfully. You have been chosen because you have characteristics appropriate to that position.

Nominating Committee includes:

Diane Meade diane.meade@gmail.com

and Sue Stauffacher susanjsta@yahoo.com

Faith Matters

The boards and committees are important to the mission of our church. Your dedication can make a tremendous impact on the viability of this church. If nominated, please make sure you understand and are willing to undertake the duties of the position. It may be helpful to speak with someone who has already held the position to ascertain what is expected and ensure that your time will be well spent.

Positions open include: Church Treasurer, Youth Deacon, Trustees (2) Christian Education Committee, Mission Committee, Fellowship Pastoral Relations, Flower Coordinators, Litchfield South Association delegates, Nominating Committee, Stewardship Committee.

If asked, please consider prayerfully as we strive to fill these positions that expire at the close of February 11's Annual Meeting.

Borrowing Church Property

This is a reminder that if you wish to borrow items owned by the church, such as tables and chairs, while these items are available for loan, we **must** keep track of who has them. If you wish to borrow items from the church, you must let either Rev. Peters or Nancy in the office know what you are taking and for how long so we can keep track and also to prevent possible conflicts with events for which they may be needed. Your continued adherence to this procedure will enable our continued loan of these items. Thank you.

Preview of 2018 Calendar

JANUARY 7	Communion	10:30 a.m.
FEBRUARY 4	Communion	10:30 a.m.
February 11	Annual Congregational Meeting & Lunch	11:45 a.m.
February 14	Ash Wednesday – Lent begins.	
February 18	First Sunday in Lent	
	Adult Lenten Study I	Noon
February 25	Adult Lenten Study II	Noon
MARCH 4	Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Adult Lenten Study III	Noon
March 11	One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received	
	Adult Lenten Study IV	Noon
	Daylight Saving Time begins	
March 18	Adult Lenten Study V	Noon
March 25	Palm Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
March 29	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Communion/Dinner	6:30 p.m.
March 30	Good Friday	
APRIL 1	Easter Day	
	Sunrise Service, Upper Grassy Hill	6:00 a.m.
	Breakfast Follows, Fellowship Hall	
	Easter Celebration Service with Communion	10:30 a.m.
April 15	Holy Java (tentative)	
April 22	Sell Church World Service (CWS) Mother's Day (MD) Cards	
April 30	Sell CWS MD Cards	
MAY 5	Spring Church Work Day	9:00 a.m. - Noon
MAY 6	Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Sell CWS MD Cards	
	Ladies Luncheon	Noon
May 12	Trivia Night (tentative)	
May 13	Mother's Day	
	Sell CWS Mother's Day Cards	
May 19	Rummage and Bake Sale	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
May 20	Pentecost/ Rite of Communion	10:30 a.m.
May 29	Memorial Day	Parade 10:00 a.m.
JUNE 3	Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Sell CWS Father's Day (FD) Cards	
June 10	Spring Church Celebration & Picnic	11:30 a.m.
	Sell CWS FD Cards	
June 17	Father's Day	
	Sell CWS FD Cards	
June 16, 17 & 18	Art Show in Fellowship Hall ~ Reception on Friday evening.	
June 17	Choir Appreciation Sunday during worship	10:30 a.m.

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JULY & AUGUST	Sunday worship service time changes to 9:30 a.m. July / August	
	Sundaes on Saturdays	6:00-9:00 p.m.
	<i>Rev. Peters on Vacation (July)</i>	
July 7-14	Mission Trip to CRST – South Dakota	
August 18	Annual Tag Sale	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
August 19	Summer Party	
August 25	Beef Barbecue	5:00-7:00 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 2	Communion - 10:30 worship time resumes	
September 9	Homecoming Sunday - Church School begins, Picnic @ 11:30 a.m.	

Ongoing Events

Community Yoga

Tuesday mornings

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall, \$10

50% to Roxbury Fuel Assistance

Join Suzanne Fitch as she shares her passion for yoga. Suzanne has been teaching yoga for more than 15 years. She completed her 200-hour yoga teacher training last year. She has studied with various teachers in the area and has taken workshops with nationally-recognized teachers.

Suzanne wants to share her passion of yoga with the community. She teaches a dynamic flow style that is accessible to all. The class will increase your flexibility and strength and calm your mind.

When you attend, please bring a yoga mat and water. Wear comfortable clothing you can move in. The suggested donation for the class is \$10. The class meets for 90 minutes on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in our Fellowship Hall.

Men's Breakfast

January 13, 8:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

The Men's Fellowship breakfast is held the second Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. All men of the Church are welcome to come for great hospitality, food, and lively, informal

discussions and stories. Kitchen talk begins while the meal is being prepared around 7:30 a.m.

The Men's fellowship group has been the sponsoring organization for our annual *Juried Art Show*.

Snow Day Guidelines

When there is a significant snowstorm, our ordinary practice will be to proceed with worship as scheduled, unless an official emergency is declared or other factors make it prudent to cancel services. In the rare instance in which it is necessary to cancel worship, notification will be made via announcements on the church website, an email broadcast, and on our telephone answering message, as well as on local TV stations. Notice of cancellation or postponement of programs, meetings, and other church events will be made by the leaders of those events via telephone or email.

Above all, safety and common sense drive our routine, and we want those same guidelines to drive your decisions about coming to church during bad weather.

hospitality matters

Name Tags? Why Name Tags?

It is said that hearing one's name is the sweetest music! So please wear your own name tag and use the other person's name in conversation.

If you don't see a tag with your name on it, please inform Rev. Peters or let Nance in the office know. Thanks for being part of our extravagant welcome!

As we enter the COLD months...



We have been thankful, financially, for the above average temperatures these last months, but when we have cold weather, it is important that we be sure to take care of our building by:

- Closing all doors before exiting
- Turning off all lights before leaving
- Not unnecessarily turning up the heat
- Not using the "Hold" button on thermostats
- Using smaller spaces after hours for

meetings such as the Library or kitchen instead of the meetinghouse or hall.

All of these measures help to keep our heating bills down so we can use that money to fund ministries beyond us.

We also ask that if you see something that is broken or is in need of repair, to write it down and place it on the office door so that it can be promptly handled. Questions can be directed to Trustees **Bill Steers** or **Chris Childs**.

fellowship matters

Fellowship Events for 2018

(projected)

Epiphany Party for Adults

January 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

At Jeanne & Chris Steers, 19 Blueberry Hill Lane, Roxbury (off Chalybes Road)

Come and join your fellow church folks as we celebrate the holidays and at a more relaxed pace!

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

April 1	Easter Breakfast
April	Holy Java
May 6	Ladies' Luncheon
June 10	Spring Church Celebration
July/August	Sundaes on Saturday
August 19	Summer Party
September 9	Welcome Back Picnic
September	Progressive Supper
October	Dinner Train
October	Hay Ride
December	Victorian Christmas
December	Caroling

February Faith Matters Deadline:

January 15th.

Email submissions to: [Office@ roxburychurch.org](mailto:Office@roxburychurch.org)

Church Office Hours:
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

mission matters

An Opportunity to Share God's Love... at Loaves and Fishes

We continue to serve the meal on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen in New Milford.



We are seeking 3-4 volunteers each time, to help prepare, serve and clean up for about 11 – 20 people. We are seeking one of those to commit to being there each month, who can direct the team in procedures set out by the Soup Kitchen.

We have January 25 staffed already. If you would like to help, sign up on the Opportunity Table. If you are willing to commit to being there every month, please note that on the sign up sheet or speak with **Rev. Peters** or **Charlie Meade**, Acting Director of Loaves and Fishes.

Daily Bread Food Pantry Workers Needed

Our church serves the Daily Bread Food Pantry in Danbury on the second Monday morning of each month. We pack bags of food, register folks into the computer and give the food to the folks waiting in line.

As our responsibilities have increased, we need one or two more faithful workers. We need a person to help the recipients fill out the forms legibly so they can be entered into the computer database. We need another person to register the recipients into the computer.

We have a small, faithful group that does this monthly, but we need to add to the group. Speaking Spanish is helpful but not necessary.

Please contact **Sue Stauffacher** at 860-354-1274 to volunteer for this worthwhile endeavor. Thank you!

South Dakota Trip July 7-14, 2018

Simply Smiles



Mark your calendars! YOU are invited to be a part of the team that travels to South Dakota in 2018!

For more information or to put your name on the "interested list" speak with Rev. Peters.

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.

Word & Sacrament for January 2018

Deacons of the Month: Mike Wilcox with Pat Fraley assisting
Counter: **Chris Childs** Fellowship Coordinator: Jeanne Steers

First Sunday: Communion – Food Offering
Second Sunday – Children’s Sermon
Third Sunday – Faith Story
Fourth Sunday – Mission Highlight

Underlined scriptures are for Lay Readers

Sunday, January 7

First Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 1: 1-5; Psalm 29

Acts 19: 1-7

Mark 1: 4-11

Greeters: **Henry & Jean Neff**
Reader: **Shirley Charpentier**
Fellowship Hour: **Mark & Bev Wolmer**
Flowers:

Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday after Epiphany

1 Samuel 3: 1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

John 1: 43-51

Greeters: **Brockett Family**
Reader: **Brockett Family**
Fellowship Hour: **Ray Fitch**
Flowers: **Ray Fitch**

Sunday, January 21

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jonah 3: 1-5,10; Psalm 62: 5-12

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Mark 1: 14-20

Greeters: **Chuck & Doris Farrell**
Reader: **Dale Pinchbeck**
Fellowship Hour: **Bill & Jan Steers**
Flowers:

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20; Psalm 111

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Mark 1: 21-28

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Greeters: **Dawn, Hailie & Autumn Collette**
Reader: _____ **Collette**
Fellowship Hour:
Flowers:

2018 Flower Calendar

The 2018 Flower Calendar is now posted in Fellowship Hall. If you have a particular date/dates on which you would like to place flowers on the altar, please add your name to the calendar. Please write clearly and add any memorial or celebratory dedication you wish printed in the bulletin.



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.

Your church budget is supported, much like major universities, by using interest and appreciation from their invested funds. This is only possible because of the foresight of generous people like you adding to the Invested Funds of the Roxbury 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 Congregation 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 or speak with your financial planning specialist. (We have a few within the congregation.)

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. 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.

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. Questions? Speak with **Susan Zappulla-Peters**.

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 to find out more! There is also a link on the eFaith Matters emails and the church's website: roxburychurch.org

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.

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 New Year's Eve ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments	1 New Year's Day	2 Rev. Peters day off ■ 9:30 AM Community Yoga	3 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 5:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65 ■ 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 ■ 7:00 PM Deacons	5	6 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 6:30 PM Epiphany Party
7 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 11:45 AM Confirmation Class	8 ■ 9:00 AM Daily Bread Food Pantry team	9 Rev. Peters day off ■ 9:30 AM Community Yoga	10 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 5:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	11 ■ 7:00 PM Pack 465 meeting	12	13 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast
14 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 11:45 AM Fair Wrap up mtg	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Newsletter Deadline	16 Rev. Peters day off ■ 9:30 AM Community Yoga	17 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 5:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	18	19	20 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast
21 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments	22	23 Rev. Peters day off ■ 9:30 AM Community Yoga	24 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes Meal ■ 5:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	25	26	27 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast
28 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 2:00 PM Youth Group	29	30 Rev. Peters day off ■ 9:30 AM Community Yoga	31 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 5:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65	1 ■ 7:00 PM Deacons	2 Groundhog Day	3 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast

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Leadership Listing

(All 860- unless noted)

Ministers: The Congregation
Moderator: Brian Neff, 354-3177
Clerk: Patricia Fraley, 868-0051
Treasurer: Heidi Neff, 354-3177
Collector: Cathy Racz, 799-0180
Deacons: Charlie Stauffacher, 354-1274.
Trustees: Chris Childs 355-9067
Stewardship: David Lincicome, 203-948-2008
Christian Education: Position Open
Missions / Outreach: Bev Wolmer 355-3343
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