

faith matters

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Pastoral Reflections

The Reverend David F. Peters, Minister

A Word of Appreciation

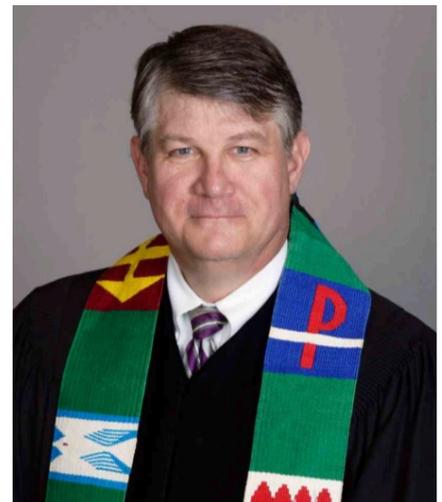
I went to the store to buy thank you cards to send to the folks here at the church who have made such difference in the life and ministry of the Roxbury Church and assisted me in carrying out the work that I do. Well, it went from three packages to four to five and finally, my mind was filled to overflowing with all of your names and the ways, large and small that you have made a difference through the Roxbury Church. I finally decided that I could send to all because it would be literally everyone (300+)!

So I want to say thank you for all you have done, the words of support, and constructive comments, the financial support, the visits to the sick and lonely, the participation in fundraisers and fun nights of fellowship, the work around the buildings and grounds, the planning, dreaming and plotting. ALL go to make this a vital and vibrant community of faith here in Roxbury. We continue to be an important part of the fabric of our community and region and I imagine that we will be called on even more in the months to come.

I continue to be in love with you and as a gathered community. There is nothing quite like it any other place. My friends say, wow, how can you stay in one place for 32 years? It is YOU! And very near the top of my prayers of gratitude is this place.

So as we mark the end of one year and look forward to the year ahead, I invite you to join me to have hope, give love and share the joy of being in community, the Christian community known as the Roxbury Congregational Church, UCC.

With a full heart!
With love and appreciation,
Rev. David





ANNUAL MEETING, February 10, 2019

Notice and Call is hereby given of the 275th Annual Meeting of the Roxbury Congregational Church, Inc., of Roxbury, Connecticut, to be held Sunday, February 10, 2019, following the morning service of worship, beginning

with a pot-luck luncheon in Fellowship Hall, for the following purposes:

1. To receive Annual Reports from the officers and committees for the year 2018;
2. To act upon any such business arising from such reports;
3. To act upon the proposed Budget for 2019;
4. To receive the report of the Nominating Committee;
5. To elect officers, boards, and committees beginning in the year 2019;
6. To act upon other such business which may properly come before the meeting.

All members of the congregation are urged to attend. Childcare is provided. The meeting will begin with a potluck luncheon. The business portion will take place during dessert. You are asked to bring a dish to share, large enough for eight servings. The ovens are available to reheat food. Drinks will be provided. Please speak with **Rev. Peters** at 860-355-1978, or **Brian Neff** at 860-354-3177 if you have any questions.

thank you

To **everyone** who continues to bring food pantry donations during these cold winter months.

To **everyone** who purchased Gift Cards (Cash for Causes) during 2018. This on-going fundraiser contributed \$2,963.65 to the operating budget last year. This total includes LaBonne's receipts and Amazon Smile. Amazing what we can do together!

To all those who decorated for the Victorian Christmas event as well as those who baked and hosted. To **Mark Wolmer** and his musical group, **Montage**.

To everyone who read, greeted, put out luminaria, and sang during the Christmas Eve services.

To those who stepped up to un- "Deck the Halls," taking down decorations and packing them away for next year.

Thank you to these businesses for your in-kind donations!

Please consider using them and be sure to thank them for supporting our church:



Mark Lowe and Earth Artist Excavating – snow plowing.

Fran Hodges of RRR Services for garbage and recycling removal.

Kevin Dumas & Dumas & Co. for accounting services for the church.

Frank and Howie White for mowing our lawns at the church and parsonage, the spring and fall lawn clean up as well as misc. tasks.

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.

2019 Stewardship Campaign

This year's Stewardship campaign began last year on November 6th, when we sent everyone a letter inviting one and all to let their light shine, spreading God's love from our church community into the world. We put a cloud of darkness on the wall around Fellowship Hall, and posted a light on that cloud for each pledge we received, covering almost all of it.

So far, we have received 50 pledges for a total of \$119,832.00, compared with 55 pledges totaling \$123,875.00 at this time last year. Eleven pledges that were made last year have not yet been renewed for this year. These amounted to \$15,630.00 last year, and we are now working on contacting those eleven families to see if we can get a renewed commitment from them. We are in the process of sending handwritten "Thank You" notes to those who have pledged.

We have 120-plus member families and friends, and are grateful that almost half of these have pledged this year. We remind those who have not pledged that it's never too late to pledge, or at least make a one-time gift to the work of the church!

We thank God for the continuing generosity of our members and friends that makes it possible for us to continue to share God's love within our church family, in our community, and in the wider world. We praise God for the many opportunities our church gives us to grow in spirit and service.

Offering envelopes for 2019 are available in Fellowship Hall. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please take one of the unassigned boxes and note on the clipboard which box you have taken. PLEASE discard all envelopes from previous years. The numbers on the envelopes are used to credit your pledge with weekly contributions. When old envelopes are used and someone else is currently assigned that number, the wrong account will be credited. (From **Cathy Racz Church Collector**).

Parish Register

Funerals

January 16, 2019: **Anita "Mickey" Preston**, age 82, died January 13, 2019 in Danbury, CT A funeral service was held at the Cornell Funeral Home in Danbury, with Rev. Peters officiating. Burial was private at the convenience of the family. Our sympathies and prayers go out to Mickey's family and many friends including her son, Jim Beckman and granddaughter's Michelle and Jamie.

Super Saturday Workshops

Saturday, March 16 8-3:30 p.m.

Minnechaug Regional High School
621 Main Street Wilbraham, MA

Join us for a full day of worship, workshops and networking. All are welcome! Super Saturdays are growing in popularity - **REGISTER EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

Great Day, Great Price! Cost includes morning worship, 2 workshops, an optional lunch activity, continental breakfast, lunch, marketplace and closing worship.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 2, 2019 REGISTER EARLY.

upcoming



Men's Group Breakfast **Every Second Saturday** **Saturday, February 9** **8 a.m.**

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 and community 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*. In 2019, we will be sponsoring 2 Spaghetti Suppers to support our ministries here in Roxbury and beyond.

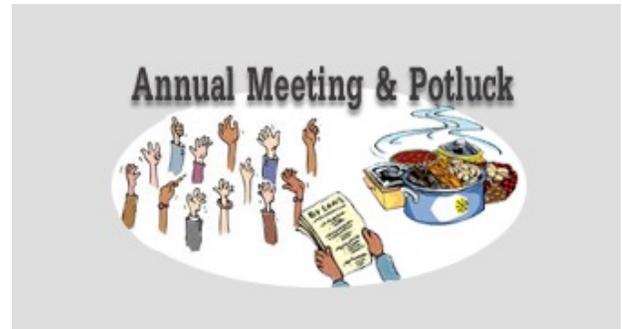
For more information, please speak to either Charlie Meade or Charlie Stauffacher.

Community Yoga Update

Our Yoga Group is meeting each Tuesday at 4:15 until 5:30 p.m. Newcomers and those new to the practice of yoga are welcome to attend.

We thank **Suzanne Fitch** for volunteering her time and expertise in leading this group with half of the fees going to the Roxbury Citizen Relief Fund.

Please note: this group is presently on winter hiatus.



Annual Meeting **Sunday, February 10** **Noon**

Be sure to mark your calendar for our Annual Meeting coming up on Sunday, February 11 after church. 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. There is a potluck luncheon and an opportunity to be involved in the congregational process.

Mindfulness Sessions Continue



The very popular Mindfulness Sessions are being continued under the leadership of **Charlie Stauffacher** and **Ray Fitch**. Each Saturday morning beginning at 10:30 a.m. until noon, the gathered group of community members from Roxbury and beyond explore the different ways of being mindful of themselves and their surroundings.

Newcomers are welcome.

Upcoming calendar

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

JANUARY 2019

January 5 Church Christmastide Party – Adult Fellowship 7 p.m.
 January 6 Worship including Communion 10:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 3 Worship including Communion 10:30 a.m.
 February 9 Trivia Night! 7:00 p.m.
 February 10 Annual Congregational Meeting & Lunch 11:45 a.m.

MARCH 2 Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser 5:00 p.m.
 March 3 Worship including Communion 10:30 a.m.
 March 6 Ash Wednesday – Lent begins Service 7 p.m.
 March 10 First Sunday in Lent – Daylight Saving Time begins

Adult Lenten Study I Noon
 March 17 Adult Lenten Study II Noon
 March 24 Adult Lenten Study III Noon
 March 30 Jazz Concert with Doug White Quintet 7:00 p.m.
 March 31 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering 10:30 a.m.
 Adult Lenten Study IV Noon

APRIL 7 Worship including Communion
 Adult Study V
 April 14 Palm Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
 April 18 Maundy Thursday Community Tenebrae Dinner 6:30 p.m.
 April 19 Good Friday
 April 21 Easter Day
 Sunrise Service – Breakfast follows 6:00 a.m.
 Celebration Worship 10:30 a.m.

MAY 5 Ladies Luncheon 12 noon
 May 11 Spring Church Work Day 9 a.m. – 12p.m.
 May 12 Mother's Day
 May 18 Rummage and Bake Sale 9:00a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 May 27 Memorial Day Holiday Parade 10:00 a.m.

JUNE 9 Pentecost – Rite of Confirmation 10:30 a.m.
 Church Family Day Picnic
 June 14-16 Art at the Meetinghouse – Roxbury Regional Art Show & Sale
 June 16 Father's Day – Celebration of the Ministry of Music including Choir

JULY & AUGUST 9:30 a.m. Worship time
 Rev. Peters on Vacation(July) & Sabbatical (August)
 August 24 Beef Barbecue 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

trustee matters

As the COLD months continue...

Please remember to close the doors to the restrooms and the kitchen when you are finished using them. This not only helps the church conserve energy but **keeps the pipes from freezing.**

These areas all have thermostats and are separate heating zones. The thermostats are programmed to return to lower settings at preset times each day. If you want to put heat on, simply push the up arrow on the thermostat to 64 degrees. This will get the room to a comfortable level. When you leave you can push the RUN button to return to the pre-set level.

There are buckets of sand and eco-friendly salt at the entrances to the building. Please use sparingly.

Current Trustee Projects

Your Board of Trustees has been busy working on a number of projects to keep our buildings and grounds in good repair and energy efficient. These projects include:

- Re-insulating the areas above the kitchen and bathrooms. Increased to R49, the current building code value.
- Removing the 1000 gallon oil tank and replacing with two above ground tanks – scheduled for after the heating season ends. This includes an approval from the Historic District Commission.
- Re-bidding the Property and Liability insurance. We are continuing with the UCC Insurance Boards policy.
- We have awarded a bid to Westchester Tree Service (Bo Davies) to remove the large Cottonwood tree between the Chapel and the Parsonage which is threatening to fall and hit one of these buildings.

- We have repaired the dishwasher which had a faulting relay in the nearly 30-year-old machine.
- We have contracted to do a Building and Property Appraisal. The last one completed was over 15 years ago and is necessary for insurance purposes.
- The church was donated a diesel generator for use at the church. We are working to have it installed and connected to our electrical system later this spring.

This is all in addition to putting together the 2019 Operating and Mission budget. We are grateful to our Trustees ably led by Chris Childs.

fellowship matters

Thank you to Chris & Jeanne Steers for hosting the Epiphany Party on January 5.

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| April 21 | Easter Breakfast |
| May 5 | Ladies Luncheon |
| June 9 | Church Picnic |
| July/August | Sundaes on Saturday |
| August 25 | Summer Party |
| September 8 | Welcome Back Picnic |
| September 21 | Railroad Dinner Train |
| t.b.a. | Progressive Supper |
| December 15 | Victorian Christmas |
| December 22 | Caroling /Luncheon |

Silver Lake Conference Center Events

SPRING 2019

Counselor-in-Training Weekend 3/1/19 – 3/3/19

For youth age 15 by 6/15/19 to age 16.

For youth in grades 6-8 From tap to table, experience nature's renewal and its sweet gifts at Silver Lake March 22, 7 p.m., to March 24, 11 a.m. We will tap the camp's sugar maple trees, collect the sap, and boil it over a big outdoor stove as we participate in the transformation of sap into syrup. We will follow the same techniques used by Native Americans for thousands of years. See firsthand God's gift of Resurrection in the coming Spring.

Women's Yoga and Music Spirit Retreat 3/29/19-3/31/19.

Counselor Retreat 4/12/19 – 4/13/19.

Simply Smiles / Silver lake Mission Trip to Oaxaca, Mexico 4/13/19 – 4/20/19.



SUMMER CAMP 2019

Silver Lake 2019 *Summer Conferences* have been announced and registration is open for those entering grades 4-12 in the fall who wish to attend. Silver Lake is our UCC summer camp located in near-by Sharon, CT.

This year's Theme is "Peace Works;" Empowering the Next Generation of Peacemakers.

Youth Conferences run each week
First week begins Sunday June 23.
Last week begins week through August 4.
Faith Matters

There is also an off-site conferences at H.O.M.E. Coop I Orland, ME July 14-20.

An Open House will be held on Sunday, May 19 from 2- 4 pm. at Silver Lake. Take a tour, see the cabins and buildings. A visit to Silver Lake before camp is the best way for a first-time conferee to know what to expect and you might even meet a new friend who is going to the same week!

See **Rev. Peters** with questions.

Brochures are posted in Fellowship Hall or you can visit their website, www.silverlakeect.org. Scholarships are available.

Star Island Experience



Star Island, off the coast of Portsmouth, NH is a wonderful week-long time of renewal and enrichment for adults and youth alike.

Two week- long multi-generational conferences that might interest you:

Star Gathering 1 Family Conference

"Bodies are Beautiful" July 27, – August 3, 2019.

Star Gathering 2 Family Conference

"The Body – A Vehicle for Justice, Advocacy and Peace" August 3, 2019 – August 10, 2019.

For more information go to their website starisland.org. For questions speak with **Charlie & Sue Stauffacher** or **Des & Nancy Desmond**. Church Scholarships are available for both UCC experiences.

mission matters

Mission Opportunity

Shelter Breakfasts

at St. John's Episcopal in New Milford

On weekends, Charlie and Diane Meade coordinate a group of church volunteers who prepare and serve breakfast to our homeless and financially insecure neighbors at St. John's Episcopal Church in New Milford.

During the week, those who stay in the church hall there receive a voucher for a hot beverage and a breakfast sandwich at a store on Bank Street. On Saturdays and Sundays, they do not.

We need people to make breakfast beginning at 6:00 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Please contact **Charlie Meade** directly at 860-355-1584 and let him know of your willingness to help.

Mission Opportunity

Evening Meal Preparation

at Loaves & Fishes in New Milford

The fourth Wednesday of every month our church organizes a group of volunteers who serve a hot meal and a bag lunch to guests at the Loaves and Fishes Hospitality House in New Milford.

Bridgewater Store generously donates a hot prepared main course and delicious deserts.

We meet at the Richmond Center on the Green at 3 p.m. to prepare for a 4:30 serving. There is a volunteer mentor/supervisor to assist. Please sign up on the sheet on the Opportunity Table in Fellowship Hall if you can commit. Contact **Charlie Meade** at 860-355-1584 with questions.

Mission Opportunity

Daily Bread Food Pantry- Danbury

Our church serves the Daily Bread Food Pantry in Danbury on the second Monday morning of each month. Our team helps unpack donations and stock shelves, helps in food selection, restocks shelves at end of distribution. We have a core group but we can always use a backup for when someone can't make it.

Please continue to bring your non-perishable food contributions, especially during these cold winter months. They are collected during worship the first Sunday of the month, or you can place them in the coat closet in the hallway.

Please contact **Sue Stauffacher** at 860-354-1274 with questions. Thank you!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you know of someone who could use one of our Prayer Shawls, please let either **Jan Steers** or **Rev. Peters** know. They are great for someone going in for surgery, recuperating, or in need of that warm loving embrace. If you are interested in making one, please let us know as well.

SERRV Shop Open

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** or **Nancy Desmond**.

March Faith Matters Deadline: February 15th.

Email submissions to: Office@roxburychurch.org

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



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 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 need, 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.)

Word & Sacrament for February 2019

Deacons of the Month: Diane Meade & Ray Fitch

Counter:

Those scriptures underlined are the readings for Lay Readers

Sunday, February 3

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Psalm 71: 1-6

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Luke 4: 21-30

Greeters:

Reader:

Fellowship Hour:

Flowers:

Sunday, February 10

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 6: 1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

Greeters:

Reader:

Fellowship Hour: **Annual Meeting Potluck**

Flowers:

Sunday, February 17

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Luke 6: 17-26

Greeters:

Reader:

Fellowship Hour:

Flowers:

Sunday, February 24

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15; Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40

1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

Luke 6: 27-38

Greeters:

Reader:

Fellowship Hour:

Flowers:

2019 Flower Calendar

The 2019 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.

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

Cash for Causes – PLUS!

Retail Gift Cards

Have you checked out the list of participating stores on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall? Some of the stores give as much as 14% of the purchase price of the cards directly to the church. You can purchase these cards to use yourself or give as gifts. Some people do all their holiday shopping through the purchase of gift cards. All you have to do is see Heidi Neff after church, pre-pay and she will order the cards for you. Orders are placed each Monday and the cards are available the following Sunday. For more information contact **Heidi Neff** at 860-354-3177 or heidineff@sbcglobal.net, with any questions you may have.



Synod is a time to consider business of the National denomination as well as to worship, study, to laugh and be the church. He will be working on one of the Synod's committees and report to the whole gathering to consider issues affecting the church and the local congregations of the UCC.

Before attending, there will a number of CT Conference gatherings to discuss procedures, issues and to ready the delegation for GS 23!

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.

Shop Local & Support Shepaug Senior Project



AmazonSmile

Do you shop at Amazon.com? If you do you can contribute to our church's mission by linking your purchases to AmazonSmile. All you have to do is go to the church's website and click on the link. Amazon will make a donation of five percent of your purchase to Roxbury Church every time you make a purchase. You can also buy a cash card for Amazon from the church and then use it on AmazonSmile!

For her Senior Project at Shepaug, **Amy Lowe**, granddaughter of **Robert "Bucky" Lowe**, is creating a scholarship in his name - The Bucky Lowe Scholarship Fund. Bucky Lowe served our community in many capacities, most notably on the Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department, Board of Education and Board of Selectmen and of course here at the Congregational Church as Deacon, Trustee and volunteer, all for many years.

Rev. David elected as Delegate to UCC General Synod

Rev. Peters has been elected to represent the Litchfield South Association at the United Church of Christ's General Synod, the biannual meeting of the national church. It will be held June 21 – 25, 2019 in Milwaukee, WI. The theme for the 32nd General Synod is based on the scripture Matthew 5:16 "In the same way let your light shine before others . "

Amy is raising money for the scholarship by selling ornaments for \$10/each. Handcrafted at Woodbury Pewter, these special pieces depict Bucky's beloved Scottish Highlands and make a great year-round decoration.

Buy yours today at the Town Hall or the Roxbury Market.

Thank you!!

February 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------|---|
| 27 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Confirmation Class ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments | 28 | 29 ■ 4:15 PM Yoga Class with Suzanne | 30 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scout Dens ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65 | 31 ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 1 ■ Groundhog Day | 2 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Mindfulness Group |
| 3 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments | 4 | 5 ■ Lunar New Year ■ 4:15 PM Yoga Class with Suzanne | 6 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scout Dens ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65 | 7 ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 7:00 PM Deacons | 8 | 9 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Mindfulness Group ■ 7:00 PM Trivia Night |
| 10 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments | 11 ■ 9:00 AM Daily Bread Food Pantry team | 12 ■ 4:15 PM Yoga Class with Suzanne | 13 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scout Dens ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65 | 14 ■ Valentine's Day ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) | 15 ■ Newsletter Deadline | 16 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Mindfulness Group |
| 17 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments ■ 11:45 AM Church Council | 18 ■ President's Day | 19 ■ 4:15 PM Yoga Class with Suzanne | 20 ■ 8:00 AM Minister's Coffee ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scout Dens ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 65 | 21 ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) | 22 | 23 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Mindfulness Group |
| 24 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 9:00 AM Choir ■ 10:30 AM Worship, Church School ■ 11:30 AM Refreshments | 25 | 26 ■ 4:15 PM Yoga Class with Suzanne | 27 ■ 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 | 28 ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 465 ■ 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 1 | 2 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Mindfulness Group ■ 5:00 PM Spaghetti Supper |

Leadership Listing – through February 10, 2019

(All 860- unless noted)

Ministers: The Congregation

Moderator: Brian Neff, 354-3177

Clerk: Patricia Fraley, 868-0051

Treasurer: Bev Wolmer, 355-3343

Collector: Cathy Raczy, 799-0180

Deacons: Charlie Stauffacher, 354-1274.

Trustees: Chris Childs 355-9067

Stewardship: David Lincicome, (203) 948-2008

Christian Education: Ray Fitch, (203)-586-9599

Missions:

Fellowship: Jeanne Steers, 354-7484

Pastoral Relations: Ray Fitch, (203) 586-9599

Men's Group: Charlie Meade 355-1584

Youth Group: Barb Cover, (203) 788-5823

Historian: Dale Pinchbeck, 355-4297

Librarian: Joan Temple, 350-0529

Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Nancy Glover,
355-1978

Minister of Music: Sandra Kleisner, 868-9040

Custodian: Bruce Rossiter

Pastor: The Rev. David F. Peters,
office: 355-1978 home: 355-8830
david@roxburychurch.org

After February 10, 2019, new officers and Committee Chairs will be elected.

**Roxbury Congregational Church
challenges you to join us for**



on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

**Doors open @ 6:30 pm / Trivia starts @ 7:00 pm
at the Roxbury Congregational Church**

Gather your smartest (or just most fun) friends and book a table ASAP!

\$75 per table (Teams of 6 or less)

Checks payable to Roxbury Congregational Church (Payable at the door)

Individual Players are welcome! (You will be on the wildcard teams :)

BYOB (*Bring your own beverages)

** Yes, this means "Adult Beverages" are allowed)*

BYOS (Bring your own snacks*)

**Forget the diet, bring carbs to improve your brain power!*

For more information or to reserve your table, contact:

Chris Childs @ 860-355-9067

or email: cc8018@att.com

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Roxbury, CT 06783

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faith matters

The Roxbury Congregational Church
A Congregation of the United Church of Christ
"We Are A Community Seeking To Share God's Love!"



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