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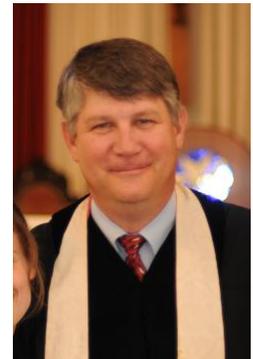
Pastoral Reflections

The Reverend David F. Peters, Minister

An excerpt from 2020 Annual Report

As February comes around and our Annual Meeting, it's time once again to review the ways we've grown as a church over the past year. This year our accomplishments seem particularly remarkable in light of all the ways the COVID 19 Pandemic has required us to adapt and to stretch ourselves with new skills and ways of being a church.

Little did we know when the gavel came down on the 2020 Annual Meeting in February, that it would be the last congregation-wide gathering for the rest of the year. Early in the year came news of a new deadly virus and by March 17, lockdowns were ordered and we plunged overnight into the world of virtual ministry. After research, we invested in a subscription to Zoom to allow us to have a more interactive experience. We purchased cameras, microphones, wired in our sound system.



What started out as a sprint to just past-Easter in April, became a marathon of a longer duration as the country could not contain the spread and we found that in-person worship was a long way off. The Deacons sprang into action, reaching out to the church members and friends through phone calls and handwritten notes to keep everyone connected. I focused on those who were the most vulnerable.

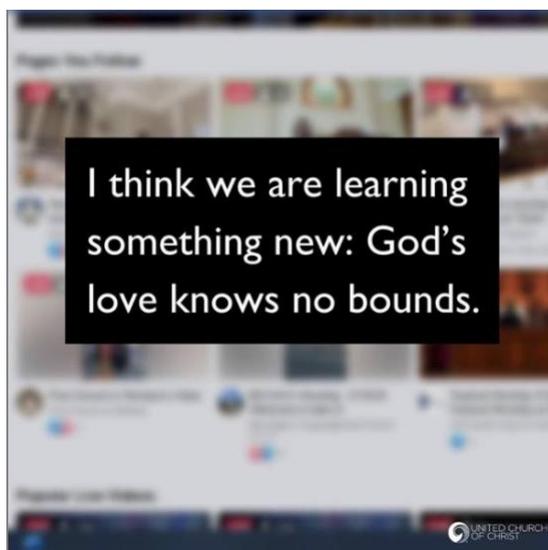
The church beefed up its website with resources for children, adults, and those who were starting to feel the effects of being shuttered or quarantined for their and the community's health. I filmed a weekly series of Church Mystery Tours aimed at bringing a visual and fun way to see places in the church buildings and property and to leave with a thought to ponder. It was well received and I am told shared widely across the country and to many outside our membership.

We applied and received the first of the U.S. government's Payroll Protection Program loans. The church had to show a decrease in income for a set period and subsequently received a low interest loan amounting to 2.5 months of payroll. This loan of \$25,700 which has been tentatively approved to be forgiven, roughly equals the public fundraisers that we could not have due to the COVID Pandemic. (i.e. Trivia Nights, Rummage Sale, Beef Barbecue, Tag Sale, Chili Cook-off, Country Church Christmas Fair). Because the congregation continued faithful to your historical generosity, we were fine. The great news is that we did not have to draw \$25,000 from our invested funds for the second time in two years!

The mission teams for Loaves and Fishes and Daily Bread continued to function although in COVID-modified ways. We supported the Southern New England UCC Conference's RIP Medical Debt relief initiative with a \$250 contribution which through the program erased approximately \$25,000 of medical debt, something of which we can all be proud! The Mission Committee will report on some of the other ways mission work continued.

Funerals this year were either conducted in small family groups at the gravesides or with masks and social distancing in funeral homes. Weddings were rescheduled or adjusted, with drastically reduced attendees. One upshot was that I noticed that they were more basic, sweeter, more meaning-filled weddings. A baptism was celebrated outside during a summer service. I will remember each one as special.

As we came to the summer, we once again started worshiping in person. We continued a virtual presence because some people were understandably uncomfortable being out in public. We saw new faces from both near and far away, as well. Sandy initially broadcast from home but found being in the Meetinghouse and with the addition of a cantor/ soloist, brought alive the hymns and the solos.



With the help of our lay leadership, we live-streamed Easter services outside on the hilltop, our summer services on the front lawn, as well as our Christmas Eve service on the front lawn of the Chapel. We taped Christmas caroling outside, socially distanced and shared it online to all to bring cheer and spirit to those in need of it. We offered a Blue Christmas Service to the community online. We welcomed two new members.

After it was raised as a possibility at our October semi-annual meeting, a group gathered and put together a successful Christmas Fair with online and modified outdoor in-person components. It was successful bringing forward approx. \$6,000 to go against the first quarter 2021 operating expenses.

The bottom line was that the church, in adapting to a pandemic and discovered a new way of being church!

And to you the congregation, members, friends and community members: Thank you for your support of this congregation as we, together, seek to share God's love with each other, our community, and the world. You help to make this a better place. It is because of you that I have continued to feel called to be here for 30+ years because in you, I found a people of faith, love and dedication.

Grace and Peace,

David



ANNUAL MEETING, February 14, 2021, 11:45 a.m.

ONLINE

Notice and Call is hereby given of the 277th Annual Meeting of the Roxbury Congregational Church, Inc., of Roxbury, Connecticut, to be held Sunday, February 14, 2021, following the morning service of worship, on Zoom for the following purposes:

1. To receive Annual Reports from the officers and committees for the year 2020;
2. To act upon any such business arising from such reports;
3. To act upon the proposed Budget for 2021;
4. To receive the report of the Nominating Committee;
5. To elect officers, boards, and committees beginning in the year 2021;
6. To act upon other such business which may properly come before the meeting.

To attend, you can just stay on Zoom after worship.

If you are not attending worship :-o Use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/623572023?pwd=SjBxeII1b3BQZmRjTmM3alc0QnE0dz09>

Meeting ID: 623 572 023 Passcode: 718688

We ask that you keep your microphone on MUTE when not speaking at the meeting.

All members of the congregation are urged to attend. Please speak with **Rev. Peters** at 860-355-1978, or **Brian Neff** at 860- 354-3177 if you have any questions.

thank you

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.

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

*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 of Roxbury Garage – snow plowing.
Consider getting your gas from Mark's Roxbury Garage.

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



2021 Stewardship Campaign

The period of November through January is the busiest for the Stewardship Committee, and this year was true to form. With the pandemic this year, we had to modify and streamline our campaign and sent out an annual appeal letter. Handwritten thank you letters went out to those who responded immediately. Then, came the dry season with only a few responses. Then, with a second letter and a generous number of continued pledges, the promises increased. At the time of this printing, we have reached \$121,424.00 with 68 pledges received (up from 61 in 2020).

Now we shall work on a planned giving brochure.

Offering envelopes for 2020 are available.

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.

Colby Steve, and Mike

New Pew Cushions Arrive

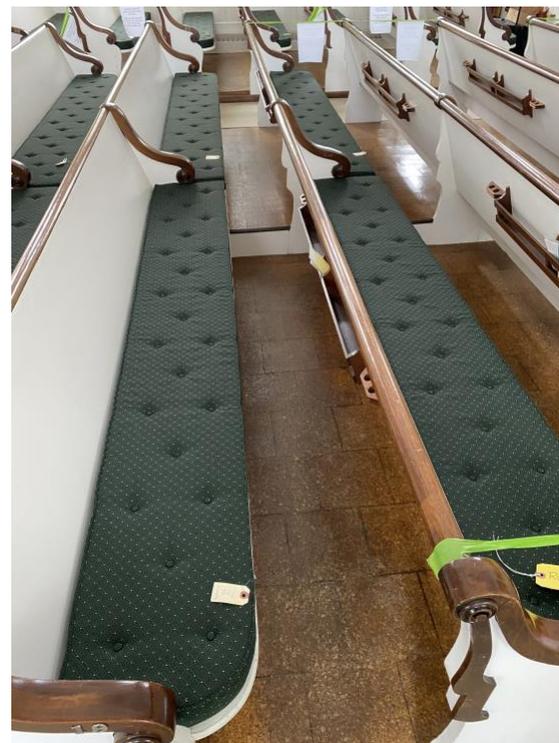
On Tuesday, February 2, a truck from Kansas arrived with our new pew cushions to replace the old cushions that anyone who has sat on them, knows have lost their bounce. They are firmer and more supportive in a deep green patterned fabric.

The cushions were installed on the main level as well as the balcony pews which did not receive new cushions the last time around and curiously, there was one pew which had a cushion from two generations ago. It had torn fabric and looked like it was stuffed with horsehair!

We are grateful for all the years of use for the old cushions and for all the many people who've sat on them. We look forward to using the new ones in person as soon as we are able to meet in person once again!



Jace from Waggoners Co. of Kansas installs the cushions in the balcony.



The new cushions installed



Souper Bowl of Caring – Sunday, February 7
You are invited to participate and help our youth as they raise money and collect food for our chosen feed program, Daily Bread. You are invited to make a donation by check or on the church's website (roxburychurch.org/org) to support Daily Bread and/or drop off a bag of nonperishables in the church entrance foyer (Narthex) Join the movement transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Lenten Gift Bags for Kids

Watch for the announcement of special gift bags for your children during Lent. They will be available in the Narthex the second week of February. They will contain activity items, a special gift as well as a Bible especially for our younger members.

Annual Meeting Sunday, February 14 11:45 a.m.

Join in our Annual Meeting online after worship on Sunday, February 14. 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.

Annual Reports for 2020 can be found on our website at:

<https://www.roxburychurch.org/documents-a-links.html>



Lenten Study 2021 Forgiveness: the Spiritual Path to Grace

Sponsored by Southbury UCC and Roxbury Church.

Led by Rev. Susan Murtha, Interim Pastor
and Rev. Peters

Four Wednesday evenings on Zoom.

Program link:

<https://uccsouthbury.zoom.us/j/99007061563?pwd=SIR3QVdYMmRrdnRBY2xNQ09jSFo2dz09>
Meeting ID: 990 0706 1563 Passcode: 582546

Mind Full, or Mindful?



Mindfulness Continues

Mindfulness Meditation continues to meet on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. Please contact Charlie Stauffacher at 860-354-1274 for more information. Check out the church's Mindful Meditation page for meeting links and further information.

2021 Calendar

All events listed are tentative as of 2/1/2021 – Others will be added

February 7 Seminary Sunday – Online Worship led by Andover Newton Seminary Students
February 14 Boy Scout Sunday Worship
February 14 Annual Meeting (Online), 11:45 a.m.
February 17 Ash Wednesday; Lent begins
February 21 First Sunday in Lent
February 24 Lenten Study #1, 7 p.m.
February 28 Second Sunday in Lent

March 3 Lenten Study #2, 7 p.m.
March 7 Third Sunday in Lent
March 10 Lenten Study #3, 7 p.m.
March 12 Red Cross Blood Drive
March 14 Forth Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time begins
March 14 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
March 17 Lenten Study #4, 7 p.m.
March 21 Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 28 Palm Sunday

April 1 Maundy Thursday
April 2 Good Friday
April 4 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 10:30 a.m.
April 22 Earth Day

May 2 Ladies Luncheon (tentative)
May 7 Red Cross Blood Drive
May 8 Spring Church Work Day
May 9 Mother's Day
May 23 Pentecost Strengthen the Church Offering
May 30 Trinity Sunday
May 31 Memorial Day Holiday

Rummage Sale – Late May
Art at the Meetinghouse - June
Trivia Nights – Late spring, mid summer, and mid fall
Spring Church Picnic
Beef Barbecue – Early August
Tag Sale – Late August

Scam Alert

Scams are all about in these days. Especially among kind, generous people like you!
Some of these scams have an email being received from the minister or other church official looking for help or donations particularly by buying gift cards. Neither the Roxbury Congregational Church nor Rev. Peters will seek contributions in this way. If ever in doubt, do not click on any links and if you want, phone Rev. Peters if you have any questions. Sad that we have to even put this warning out there.



Lighting the Steeple

The Steeple can be lit in loving memory or someone or in celebration for a month. We ask for a donation of \$25 to the Memorial Fund. Contact Rev. Peters to make arrangements.

The Meetinghouse Steeple lighting schedule:

January: in loving memory of the late Jacqueline M. S. Winterkorn, Ph.D., M.D.

February: in loving memory of Gene McClendon by Lynn & Bill Fichtel.

March: in loving memory of Lil Gillies, sister of Charlie Stauffacher by Charlie.

Parish Register

Deaths *=church member

January 12, 2021: **Donald Blyn**, 93, (husband of Betty Blyn) died at home. A graveside service was held January 16, 2021 at the Roxbury Center Cemetery with Rev. Peters officiating.

January 29, 2021: **Peter L. Rossiter***, 83, husband of Gaila died at home. A service will be held in the spring.

New Pew Cushions

We took delivery of new pew cushions for the Meetinghouse on Monday, January 31 thanks to a generous donor. They replace the current ones which are at least 35 years old and the ones used in the balcony which were even older. The new ones are constructed with sturdy premium foam which is expected to hold up for many years to come.

If you have any use for the old cushions or know of a charity that could use them, you are welcome to come by and take them.

See article and photos, p.3

Trustee Projects

While 2020 produced many challenges, our church has much to be thankful. 2020 challenged people, churches, communities, and nations. It reminded us that life is precious and the church community provides important valuable connections in times of turmoil.

The Trustees are pleased to report that in spite of the pandemic our church was able to operate without withdrawing funds from our endowment account. This was accomplished by a combination of stimulus funds, expense control and pledges kept. The federal stimulus loan (PPP) check for \$25,731 nearly equaled funds normally raised by various church fundraisers. We applied for and received word of the approval of 100% of the amount. Church expenses were extremely well managed while not diminishing our mission and ministries. Pledges were generally maintained.

While normal monthly meetings were curtailed the trustees did meet as needed during the year. Issues addressed included the PPP loan approval process, infrastructure and additional expenses due to the pandemic, virtual worship music copywrites, approved the replacement of the Meetinghouse pew cushions, funded by a generous church family. Also, we dealt with Trees needing cutting down, rotted woodwork at the church and parsonage, replacement of meetinghouse ceiling fans, arranging for continued garbage collection, insurance contracts, generator discussions, and ongoing financial oversight.

A few well deserved “thank yous” to Chris Steers for addressing the building wood issues and to David Peters who was able to adjust from well-established and comfortable ways of operating. The receipt of the PPP loan was of critical importance to the operation of the church in 2020. Rev. Peters had to quickly adapt to the new financial reality that we faced and he did so with grace for the benefit of us all.

We would also like to thank Cathy Racz for all her work as Treasurer and Kevin Dumas who continues to maintain our accounting records. Having access

to their timely financial reports was a blessing given the uncertainty of the unfolding pandemic.

Looking forward our presented budget has to be flexible due to uncertainties of the ongoing pandemic. We are starting the new year with less of a cash balance cushion than last year and receipt of an additional stimulus check in 2021 is hoped for but not guaranteed. Please be as generous as you can be with your love, life, and treasure!!

Charlie Meade, Chair
Bill Steers, Chris Steers, Dale Pinchbeck, Tom Farrell

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

10	Regina Kay
12	Julie Whitney
18	Brett & Bernie Kibbe (A)
19	Tiffany Horton
19	Dawn Collette
19	Zachary Collette
24	Matthew Collette
26	Jean Neff
27	Diana de Vries

Silver Lake Conference Center News

Registration for above events at
silverlakeect.org

Registration for the 2021 season is now open.
NEW for 2021 – “Conferences” (camps) are two
weeks in length.

Open House for Camp May 16, 2021

The theme is “Creation Speaks.” Sessions are for
youth in grades 5 in the fall through high school.

Watch a video to know more about this summer:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCEqIMH-RzI&feature=youtu.be>

Silver Lake 2021 Summer Sessions
Theme: Creation Speaks

Session 1: June 28 – July 9

Down & Dirty

- 5th – 6th graders: Speak for the Trees
- 7th – 9th graders: Exploring God’s Creation
- 7th – 9th graders: Earth Avengers
- 10th – post grad: My Roots Go Down

Session 2: July 12 -23

Water World

- 5th – 6th graders: Wet and Wild
- 7th – 9th graders: Bon Voyage!
- 7th – 9th graders: We Come from the Water
- 10th – post grad: River of Dreams

Session 3: July 26 – Aug. 6

JuST Camp

- 5th – 6th graders: Causing a Commotion
- 7th – 9th graders: Stepping Stones
- 7th – 9th graders: Power Up
- 10th – post grad: Live Your Mission

“grade” is the grade entering in September

Upcoming Events at “the Lake”

March 20 or 27 Maple Sugaring - Intergenerational
family days at the Lake.

April 30 Spring Action Work Weekend
Grades 9-12



Visit Silver Lake for a Day!

Bring yourself, your family, your roommates, or
your friends for some time outside surrounded by
the beauty of God's creation at Silver Lake
Conference Center. Available on Sundays,
Wednesdays, and Fridays; sign up online for a day
(or multiple dates) and enjoy a safe outdoor
experience.

We are excited to provide an opportunity for
members of our community to enjoy some time at
our beautiful site, in a unique and different way.

Silver Lake Conference Center, a year round
outdoor ministry of the Southern New
England Conference of the United Church of Christ
in near-by Sharon, was founded in 1957, the same
year the United Church of Christ was formed.

We are called to covenant with God and with the
churches and people of the conference in the work
of forming life-sustaining leaders for the church and
the world, by offering:

- Experiences of inclusive and nurturing
Christian community
- Opportunities to grow and participate as
Christ’s disciples
- A model of sustainable environmental
stewardship of God’s world.

Scholarships are available – speak with Rev. Peters.



Star Island

Isles of Shoals, NH



Star island is looking ahead to the 2021 season with the hope that Star Island can open. Though there are still many uncertainties around the pandemic, the Star Island staff, Board and many others are considering various scenarios for 2021. We expect to open registration for 2021 conferences in early March.

Mission

Our mission since 1915 is to hold and maintain Star Island and such other property as the Corporation may hold or acquire, as a center for religious, educational, and kindred purposes consistent with the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the United Church of Christ.



Vision

Our vision is to create on Star Island an environment that frees all who come to renew spiritually, explore matters of consequence, and gain knowledge about the world as it might ideally be.

Values

Star Island was founded on the traditions of Unitarian Universalism and the United Church of Christ. We strive to contribute to our world by providing a sacred and meaningful space for a vibrant intergenerational community. Our founders believed in liberal religious traditions, and we carry on with their mission today.



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

For more information, go to their website starisland.org. For questions speak with **Charlie & Sue Stauffacher** or **Des & Nancy Desmond**. Church Scholarships are available, see Rev. Peters.

www.starisland.org



missions outreach

Roxbury Congregational Church Missions Donations

	<u>2019 Donation</u>	<u>2020</u>
Andover Newton Seminary at Yale, New Haven, CT	\$200.00	\$200.00
Association of Religious Communities, Danbury, CT	\$200.00	\$200.00
Back Bay Mission, Biloxi, MS	\$200.00	\$200.00
Brian O'Connell Homeless Project, Naugatuck Valley	\$200.00	\$200.00
Church World Service (International)	\$200.00	\$200.00
Daily Bread Food Pantry, Danbury, CT	\$200.00	\$200.00
Fuller Center for Housing (US) Georgia	\$200.00	\$100.00
Global Ministries - Family Village Farm/Day School – Child Sponsorship (Fixed program amount)	\$300.00	\$300.00
Greenwood Counseling & Referrals - Litchfield	\$00.00	\$100.00
Women's Center of Greater Danbury	\$200.00	\$200.00
Heifer Project (International)	\$200.00	\$200.00
Holy Joe's Café Military US Chaplains - International	\$200.00	\$200.00
Loaves and Fishes Hospitality House, New Milford, CT	\$200.00	\$200.00
Roxbury Resident Relief	\$200.00	\$200.00
Seafarer's Friend, Maritime Ministry - Boston, MA	\$100.00	\$100.00
Silver Lake Conference Center, Sharon, CT	\$200.00	\$200.00
Simply Smiles, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and Oaxaca, Mexico	\$200.00	\$200.00
UCC Micro-loan Program (International)	\$200.00	\$200.00
United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries (International)	\$200.00	\$200.00
	<u>\$100.00</u>	\$100.00
	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00

Funding from Budget: \$2900 Acct # 850-004
 Individual Directed Mission Gift: \$600 Acct # 850-002

Hands-on Mission Opportunities

Daily Bread Food Pantry in Danbury – monthly distribution of non-perishables. Contact: Sue Stauffacher.

Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen – serves a meal monthly to approx. 26-30 people. A 3 person rotating team.

Contact: Mike Wilcox

Weekend Homeless Breakfast – provides cooked breakfast each Saturday and Sunday in New Milford for homeless and working poor – paused during COVID. Contact Charlie Meade.



The Cash for Causes program now being handled online thru Scrip until we are back in person for worship found at www.raiseright.com using a new and easier way to order cards from Scrips!

Just download the "Raise Right" app to your smartphone or desktop and load your existing account from Scrip. Currently, the Church's Enrollment Code is 8F15BD7143454

Your cards are sent directly to you! No longer do you have to contact and get cards from Heidi. AND the church seems to get more money now.

If you need help establishing and using an online account, please speak with Heidi Neff, the program coordinator at 860-354-3177.

LaBonne's Receipts

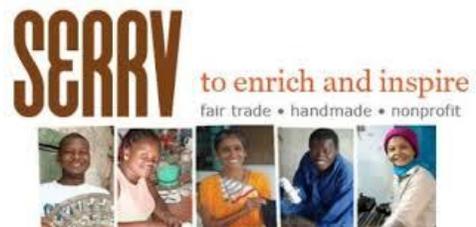
A continuing thank you to everyone who contributes LaBonne's receipts to the church. This has been an on-going source of revenue to add to our mission funds. Please save your receipts and place them in the wooden box on the table in Fellowship Hall. Questions to **Sue Stauffacher** at 860-354-1274.



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



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**.

Word & Sacrament for February 2021

Deacon of the Month: **Ray Fitch**

Those scriptures underlined are the readings for Lay Readers

Sunday, February 7

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Seminary Sunday

Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c

Mark 1: 29-39

Led by seminarians from Andover Newton Seminary

Cantor:

Sunday, February 14 –Boy Scout Sunday

Transfiguration

Psalm 50: 1-6

Mark 9: 2-9

Reader: Boy Scout Troop Member

Cantor:

Sunday, February 21

First Sunday in Lent

Psalm 25: 1-10

Mark 1: 9-15

Reader: Sue Stauffacher

Cantor:

Sunday, February 28

Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm 22: 23-31

Mark 8: 31-38

Reader: Barbara Biafore

Cantor:

Worship Service Info

Roxbury Church has suspended in-person worship as the COVID-19 numbers have risen. We still have worship online at Zoom and Facebook Live.

Please go to our

webpage roxburychurch.org/worship

for details on how to keep participating in worship.

Please remember: Wear your mask, wash your hands, and watch your social distance! We care about you and want you safe!

If there are any needs that we can help with, Rev. Peters is available by phone, email, or text for a pastoral ear and support.

2021 Flower Calendar

The 2021 Flower Calendar is now posted (optimistically!) 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. Federal regulations do not permit him to find this information directly from the hospital.



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

Your gift can create a lasting legacy

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

Types of Planned Gifts

Gifts through your will

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

Appreciated Stock

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

Charitable Remainder Trust

You can use under-performing appreciated assets to create steady income for the rest of your life. You receive a significant charitable deduction and the

capital gains tax is eliminated. Your trust can be professionally managed.

Charitable Lead Trusts

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

Gifts of Life Insurance.

This can be done either by purchasing a new life insurance policy or by contributing a policy which you currently own, but no longer need. Roxbury Congregational Church can be designated as the beneficiary of the policy, while you retain the right to change the beneficiary at a later date and otherwise retain ownership of the policy.

Benefits

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

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

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

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 10:30 AM Sunday Worship		2 David Peters' day off Groundhog Day ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 6:30 PM Karate	3 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 ■ 7:00 PM Deacons	5 ■ 10:00 AM Sr Knitting	6 ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
7 Seminary Sunday ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 10:30 AM Sunday Worship	8 ■ 9:00 AM Daily Bread Food Pantry team	9 David Peters' day off ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 6:30 PM Karate	10 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	11	12 Lunar New Year ■ 10:00 AM Sr Knitting	13 ■ 10:00 AM Peters David · 10am – 6pm · Dinner Train – Con- ductor · 12pm de- parture scheduled; 4pm departure not ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
14 Valentine's Day ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 10:30 AM Sunday Worship ■ 11:45 AM Annual Meeting	15 Newsletter Deadline President's Day	16 David Peters' day off ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 6:30 PM Karate	17 LENT Ash Wednesday ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	18	19 ■ 10:00 AM Sr Knitting	20 ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
21 LENT ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 10:30 AM Sunday Worship ■ 11:45 AM Church Council	22	23 David Peters' day off ■ 4:00 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy) ■ 6:30 PM Karate	24 ■ 3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes Meal ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Lenten Pro- gram Online	25	26 ■ 10:00 AM Sr Knitting	27 ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
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Church Newsletter Deadline for the March 2021 issue: February 15th

Leadership Listing (Through Feb. 14, 2021)

(All 860- unless noted)

Ministers: The Congregation
 Moderator: Brian Neff, 354-3177
 Clerk: Patricia Fraley, 868-0051
 Treasurer: Cathy Raczy, 799-0180
 Collector: Heidi Neff, 354-3177
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 Trustees: Charlie Meade, 354-1274
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