

faith matters

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



Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
In-person and Virtual
*Face Mask are optional for
those fully vaccinated.*

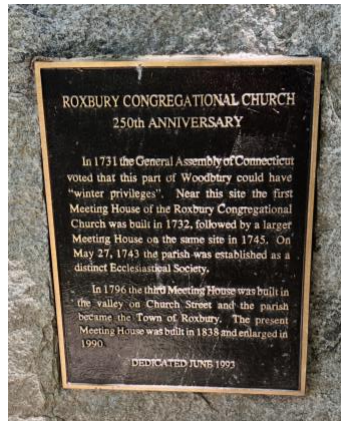
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Pastoral Reflections Rev. David Peters

This past month, following the Memorial Day observance, I drove up to the Old Roxbury town center. For those who are unfamiliar with this location, it is at the end of Lower County Road where it meets Old Roxbury Road coming up the hill from Rt 67. There is where the first and second meetinghouses of our Church as well as the first building of the Christ Episcopal Church. The buildings were located in the corner of the current cemetery there. Probably would be better to describe it as the cemetery surrounded the meetinghouse.

Walking around in this cemetery, we can see the faded headstones of our first minister, Rev'd Thomas Canfield who served right out of Yale Seminary from 1743 until his death at 75 in 1795. Yes, that is 52 years as their minister! I know many of you kid me that I am the longest serving minister, but let me assure you that I will not even come close!



One story that is important to come away with from a cemetery walk about is that the church has been dealing with change for years here in Roxbury. In 1796, the church moved its location to a new “center” of town down in the valley where we are located now. (Also interesting is that this happened the year after the Rev'd Canfield died.)

While I am not suggesting that we should look at moving the church building, we need to be open where we need to be moving as far as our mission and ministry.

It is no surprise that people are flocking to the meetinghouse for a Sunday worship service. If we are to be about the work that Christ calls us, we will need to hit the road and bring that message to others.

I am grateful for Thomas Canfield's ministry and what those early pilgrims did to share the faith and remain flexible and nimble in the cause of Christ.



With Appreciation
and Love,
David

Rummage/Bake Sale

Our May 20th Rummage/Bake Sale was a great success in so many ways. First, when we opened the doors at 9:00 a.m., the line of people was out to the road! That always makes me so happy to see :) Second, we had a large turnout throughout the day - I think the rain helped. Third, we had wonderful workers, both during the week prior when we unpack, sort, arrange and price donations. Fourth, we had wonderful workers during the actual sale. Fifth, we had wonderful workers who helped pack up everything that was left. Sixth, we had great bakers for our bake table, which is always a huge draw. Seventh, we had wonderful donations and wonderful folks who bought them. Eighth, we had wonderful volunteers to set Fellowship Hall up prior to the sale and put everything back after the sale. Ninth, we had wonderful volunteers who consolidated and manned the Sunday-after-church sale. Tenth, as of this writing, we made \$2,448!

As you can see, I used the word "wonderful" seven times. Just know how wonderful you all are! A HUGE Thank You to each and every one of you who helped in any way to make this event a success. It is a team effort, and our team won! Next year, you all get a raise in pay :)

Even though the actual sale is over, it is NOT REALLY over! On Monday, I took a number of sterling silver items to a jewelry store and received a check for \$150 (included in the \$2,448 total). I will be taking jewelry to a consignment shop, and that will bring in more \$\$'s. We helped Joseph Ochieng and his God Provides Ministry, Int'l. organization by giving him all the clothing and accessories and whatever household items he wanted. He gives them free of charge to those who need them. Then, we have to get the last leftovers to the First Congregational Church of Washington for their big sale in July.

Even though this event is a LOT of work, I love chairing it year after year. I love everything about it, and I love going home afterwards to sit down, relax and count all the money :)

Thank you, Sue Stauffacher
Faith Matters

Thank you

... to everyone who participated in Church Work Day on Saturday, May 13th including the members of our Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack. We got a lot accomplished!

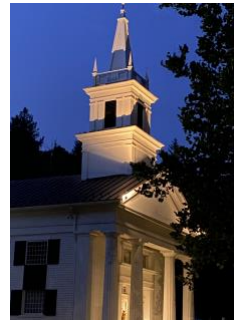
...to David Lincicome and Pat Fraley who have spruced up our gardens around the church property and to Pat for weeding the front walks.

Pledge Statements to be Sent Out

The Church Office will be mailing out pledge statements for the first half of 2023. If you made a pledge we appreciate you keeping that current if you have your payments spread out. The Trustees count on those funds for our financial commitments throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact our Church Collector, Beverly Wolmer. Thank you for your ongoing generosity!

Steeple Lighting

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



June: Karen S. Bailey

In celebration of family and loved ones

July: Samantha Steinis

In memory of Rosemary Ermini

August: Patricia Lowe

*In memory of Bucky Lowe
& Tammy Hinckley*

September: Luanne Awlasewicz

In memory of Diane Meade

October: Jeanne Steers

*In memory of Roger & Claudette
Guillemette*

November Open

December: Luanne & Tom Awlasewicz

In memory of Joey Awlasewicz

Congratulations 2023 Graduates

Shepaug High School

Kate Roush (St. Andrews University, Scotland)

West Point Military Academy

Jordan Fredericks (2nd Lt.- Army)

From the Parish Register

Funeral / Memorial Services

May 15: Barbara L. Peters, who died on February 15, 2023 in Meriden, CT. A graveside service was held at the In Memoriam Cemetery, Wallingford, CT with Rev. Peters officiating.

Mission Matters

On April 30, May 7 and May 14 we sold Mother's Day cards to benefit women in poor nations with wool blankets distributed by Church World Services each year. Our sales totaled over \$200, thus twenty blankets were provided to the needy.

Father's Day Cards



Our Mission Committee is currently selling Father's Day cards to benefit Church World Services. The Father's Day cards, available for sale, from June 4 through 18th, will benefit CWS Tools.

CWS helps families in the United States and around the world in the wake of natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes. They also provide people with resources and skills necessary to build or rebuild sustainable lives and communities.

To learn more, please visit cwsglobal.org

Church Classifieds

For Sale: Ethan Allen round 30" glass table top on metal base. Has 2 metal chairs with two, wheat colored, cushions. Was \$1,300 new. Excellent condition.

Price - \$400. If interested, call Sue S. at 860-354-1274 before 7:00 p.m.

Celebrating our Music Ministry

Sunday, June 18, 10:30 a.m. during worship

Be sure to attend worship this date as we thank our choir members as well as Minister of Music, Sandy Kleisner for the gift of music that enhances our worship.



Star Island
Isles of Shoals, NH

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.

Their 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.

For more information and register for Summer 2023 Conferences, go to their website starisland.org.

For questions speak with Charlie & Sue Stauffacher or Nancy Desmond. Church Scholarships are available, see Rev. Peters.

www.starisland.org

Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center

223 Low Road, Sharon, CT
860-364-5526

at Silver Lake! The Camp is American Camping Association certified.

Summer Youth Conferences - 2023

Registrations are now open!

Registration is still open. There are openings!

Learn more about summer camp at Silver Lake, view the 2023 summer brochure, and look through the upcoming sessions at <https://www.silverlakect.org/summercamp>

The Summer Conferences feature week-long sessions for those entering grades 4-12 in the fall.

Also, there are Family Camps- half-week sessions! Silver Lake provides life-changing experiences of God's love in creation! Speak with Rev. David with any questions as well to apply for a scholarship from the Church to go towards the cost of a session



Silver Lake is a camp and retreat center of our Southern New England Conference, UCC. Each year it hosts and sponsors Summer Camp sessions, Local Church retreats, family retreats, and family day outings "in God's backyard!" For more information about Silver Lake: go to silverlakect.org

Save the Date!

All events listed are tentative as of 6/1/2023

June 4	Father's Day Card sale for Church World Service – Tools of Hope
June 10	Art Show Drop off 10-4
June 11	Father's Day Card sale for Church World Service – Tools of Hope
June 16, 17 & 18	Art at the Meetinghouse F: 6-9 p, Sat. 10a - 5 p, Sun 12-3p Fellowship Hall
June 18	Father's Day
	Music Ministry Appreciation Day
July & August	Worship time is at 9:30 a.m.
	Rev. Peters on Vacation (July) and Sabbatical (August through August 26)
August 26	Beef Barbecue 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Church grounds
September 9	Tag Sale, 9 a.m. -2 p.m. Church grounds
September 10	United Worship with Episcopal Church at Apple Lane with Picnic 10:30 a.m.
October 14	Progressive Supper

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

4	David Lincicome
9	Steve Ross
12	Kevin Dumas
14	Diana Dumas
16	Michael Temple
16	Barbara Biafore
23	Barbara Cover

18th Annual “Art at the Meetinghouse”

— A Juried Art Show —

Featuring over 100 Works of Art!

At the

Roxbury Congregational Church

24 Church Street

Roxbury, Connecticut



June 16, 17 & 18, 2023

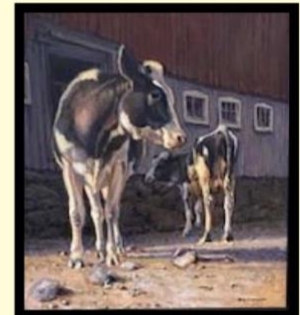
Free Admission

Hours:

Friday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



Visit www.roxburychurch.org, or
call Charlie Meade with questions 203 775 1434

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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. Gifts made to the church for a specific purpose must be agreed upon beforehand by the Board of Trustees.

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.

Note: Undesignated Bequests are, by policy, split 10% for mission projects with the remainder split 50/50 between the Church's Investment Account, with growth and interest only being used, and the Capital Reserve Fund, used for capital improvements and ministry opportunities. Recently, monies from the Peck bequest were used for 2 cameras for virtual worship and for incidentals for the new generator.

Litchfield South Association of the United Church of Christ

Our Church is a member of this Association of 16 local UCC congregations and clergy in southern Litchfield County. They meet as a large gathering of delegates each May and October in one of the churches for a meal and a program of interest to the churches. The Church and Ministry Committee meets on a monthly basis and is in charge of oversight of clergy and congregations particular around ethics as well as the shepherding of those who wish to become ordained clergy.

The Association just announced a new website to learn more:
<https://litchfieldsouthreg.wixsite.com/litchfieldsouth>



Word & Sacrament for June 2023

Underlined scriptures are for Lay Readers

Sunday, June 4

Trinity Sunday

Gen 1:1-2:4a Psalms 8

2 Cor 13:11-13 Matt 28:16-20

Greeters: Carol Goodwin

Reader: Barbara Biafore

Zoom Tech: Charlie Stauffacher

Refreshments: Charlie Meade

Sunday, June 11

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 12:1-9 and Psalms 33:1-12 or

Hos 5:15-6:6 and Psalms 50:7-15

Rom 4:13-25 Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

Greeters: Pat Fraley & Joan Temple

Reader: Joan Temple

Zoom Tech: Barbara Cover

Refreshments: Fellowship Committee (Picnic)

Sunday, June 18

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 18:1-15, (21:1-7) and Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19 or

Ex 19:2-8a and Psalms 100

Rom 5:1-8 Matt 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

Greeters: Mark & Beverly Wolmer

Reader: Mark Wolmer

Zoom Tech: Charlie Stauffacher

Refreshments: _____

Sunday, June 25

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 21:8-21 and Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17 or

Jer 20:7-13 and Psalms 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18

Rom 6:1b-11 Matt 10:24-39

Greeters: Phil & Diana deVries

Reader: Diana deVries

Zoom Tech: Barbara Cover

Refreshments: _____

2023 Flower Calendar

The 2023 Flower Calendar is posted in Fellowship Hall. If you have a particular day/date on which you would like to place flowers on the altar, please add your name to the calendar or call the church office. Please write clearly and add any memorial or celebratory dedication you wish printed in the bulletin.



Sunflowers from Jay Pinchbeck- 2016

*July/August
Faith Matters
Newsletter Deadline:
June 15th.*

Email submissions to: office@roxburychurch.org

Church Office Hours:

Thursdays & Fridays

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Easy Ways You Can Support Roxbury Church



Cash 4 Causes Card Program

We work primarily with these grocery stores:
Stop & Shop, Big Y and Shop Rite

Susan Zappulla-Peters 860-355-8830
(zappullapeters@mac.com) is the point of contact for the program.

It is hoped that you would consider getting in the habit, like some, to purchase your cards on a monthly basis

We would like to have the second Sunday of each Month be **Card Ordering Sunday**. We would like to have a set day so it is easy to remember to order and easy for the processing... Next Date: June 11

The concept is simple.

- You buy the card at the face value (ex. \$100) and we purchase a cash card from the store.
- They charge approx. 5% less and the church keeps the difference.
- You spend the same amount, but by using the card, your Church gets a 5% benefit!!

Contact Susan directly or speak with her on Sundays after worship. She will try to have a few cards for the different stores with her.

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.

Recycling Printer Cartridges

Drop off your used ink and toner cartridges at Church and we recycle them at Staples for store credit. Use the box in Fellowship Hall or the closet across from the Men's bathroom.

Supporting Third World Artisans



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. 355-8830.

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Strengthen the Church ■ 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 11:35 AM Refreshments	29 Memorial Day	30 David Peters' day off ■ 3:30 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	31 ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	1 ■ 7:00 PM Deacons	2 ■ 5:00 PM Art Show mtg	3 ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
4 ■ 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 11:35 AM Refreshments	5	6 David Peters' day off ■ 3:30 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	7 ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	8	9	10 ■ 8:00 AM Mens Break-fast ■ 9:00 AM Art Show Intake ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
11 ■ 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 11:35 AM Refreshments ■ 11:45 AM Spring Church Picnic	12 ■ 9:00 AM Daily Bread Food Pantry team	13 David Peters' day off ■ 3:30 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	14 Flag Day ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	15	16 ■ 6:00 PM Art Show Opening Reception	17 ■ 10:00 AM Art Show & Sale ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
18 Newsletter Deadline Father's Day ■ 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 11:35 AM Refreshments ■ 11:45 AM Council ■ 12:00 PM Art Show	19 Juneteenth	20 David Peters' day off ■ 3:30 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	21 ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	22	23	24 ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
25 ■ 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal ■ 10:30 AM Baptism Current ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 11:35 AM Refreshments	26	27 David Peters' day off ■ 3:30 PM Piano Lessons (Sandy)	28 ■ 3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes Meal ■ 6:00 PM Cub Scouts ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	29 Eid al-Adha ■ 7:00 PM Roxbury Housing Trust Directors	30	1 ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation

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leadership listing

(All 860- unless noted)

As of 6/1/23

Ministers: The Congregation

Moderator: Brian Neff, 354-3177

Clerk: Patricia Fraley, 868-0051

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Deacons: David Lincicome (203) 948-2008

Trustees: Bill Steers 354-7210

Stewardship: Brian Neff 354-3177

Missions: Charlie Stauffacher 354-1274

Fellowship: Jeanne Steers, 354-7484

Pastoral Relations: Jerry Smith 781-789-7823

Men's Group: Charlie Stauffacher, 354-1274

Historian: Dale Pinchbeck, 355-4297

Librarian: Joan Temple, 350-0529

Staff

Custodian: Bruce Rossiter

Secretary/Newsletter: Secretary, 355-1978

Minister of Music: Sandra Kleisner, 868-9040

sandy@roxburychurch.org

Pastor: The Rev. David F. Peters,

office: 355-1978 home: 355-8830

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NEWSLETTER – June 2023

Worship – Sundays 10:30 a.m. in person & online

We Are a Community Seeking to Share God's Love!

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

