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

It never ceases to amaze me the many expressions of community that the Roxbury Church is involved in. In smaller towns, a church can be vital to the health and wellbeing of a community.

Take our church for example. Besides the normal, expected roles of providing worship opportunities, support for its members during life cycle events of birth, nurture of children and young people, marriage, aging and at the time of dying and death, the Roxbury Church seeks to be involved in many other ways.

The Roxbury Church seeks to be seen and experienced more than a historic building with people to attend to carry on a religious rite based in a book written over thousands of years. We seek to make the whole community better. We provide and promote activities that bring people together and share with food, conversation, and healthy, fun competition. As members of the congregation and as clergy, we provide leadership to town boards, committees, and organizations hopefully demonstrating the spirit and vision that we speak of at the church.

We also go beyond by learning about and taking action on those things that stretch, expand and enrich our town and region. Our latest programs around mental health awareness and environmental awareness and action are included in this. We also are the Church while we share our concerns around feeding the needy in our town and region, when we work to ensure affordable housing is available for those who are downsizing or our young families seeking to move back to the community when housing is scarce or unaffordable or not right-sized.

We are the church when we have as a policy that we don't just grant money as an expression of our Christian mission, but seek to also learn about mission partners, have a real relationship with them including them to be present in the flesh among us.

We are the church when we pause and reflect how we can best share God's love in our community in changing times. Old models, once relevant are now not as effective. What can be held on to and what should be let go. As Christian thinker, Phyllis Tickle put it, "the church must undergo a great rummage sale. We must go through the house and seek what we want to keep and what should be given away."

I celebrate our church and I hope do too. I am proud of who we are and the spirit of adventure and experimentation that you are bring to the church. May we continue in the years to come.

Grace and Peace, David

Bryan Nurnberger of Simply Smiles To be Mission Partner Speaker On Sunday, June 2

We will be welcoming back to Roxbury, Bryan Nurnberger, Founder and President of Simply Smiles, a CT-based non-profit that seeks to provide for bright futures for needy children in different

parts of the world.



The Roxbury Church has had mission teams travel to both Mexico and South Dakota to work with Bryan and this outstanding organization. He will speak during worship and be available afterwards for questions and discussion.

Celebrating our Music Ministry Sunday, June 23,10:30 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.



Church Picnic Sunday, June 23 After worship



The annual Church Picnic will celebrate the gift of music in worship and in the life of our Church. The Fellowship Committee is planning to provide sandwiches to share and they are asking everyone to bring a side dish to share.

In case of rain, the picnic will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Rummage/Bake Sale June 29 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Our church Rummage/Bake Sale is right around the corner - Saturday, June 29 from 9:00 - 2:00. It is time to start putting aside your clean unwanted clothing and household items. We take gently-used clothing, linens, garden items, plants, small furniture, kitchen items, working small appliances, etc. If you are undecided, you may call Sue Stauffacher at 860-354-1274 before 7:00 p.m. to ask.



Rummage Sale – con't.

Clothing donations MUST be either on hangars or folded boxes. Clothing in garbage bags or plastic grocery bags will NOT be accepted. We will be taking items for the sale beginning Sunday, June 23. The earlier in the week, the better for us workers so we don't have a last-minute crunch. The parking lot door will be open all week.

At 1:30, we offer a \$5 bag sale - everything you can fit into a paper grocery bag for \$5. We provide the bags.

Many of you just love to bake, so please plan to bake for the sale. Some people come just for our wonderful baked goodies:) Also, please volunteer to be a helper as this is a team effort. We offer free coffee all day.

I hope to see you there, either as a worker or a buyer of our treasures. Thank you, Sue

Thank you

- ... to everyone who participated in Church Work Day on Saturday, May 11, We got a lot accomplished!
- ...to Pat Fraley who has spruced up our gardens around the church property and for weeding the front walks.
- ...to Frank and Howie White who volunteered their time to pick up brush and sticks from the church lawns.
- ... to all those who volunteer on Sundays

Pledge Statements to be Sent Out

The Church Office will be mailing out pledge statements for the first half of 2024. 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.



May: Patty Metzing - in memory of her mother June Kluepfel

June: Paul Metzing - in memory of his parents

William & Aida

<u>July</u>: Gaila Rossiter in memory of husband, Peter

August: _____

<u>September</u>: Patty Metzing - in memory of Anthony

and Elizabeth Perrotti

October: November:

December: Awlasewicz family - in memory of Joey

Congratulations 2024 Graduates

Shepaug High School

Cooper Awlasewicz – Naugatuck Valley C. C. Hailie Collette - Hudson College, ME Amanda Ashton Hodge – NW CT C. C. Lindsay Mulhare – Villanova University

University of Hartford

Autumn Collette, BA, Univ. of Hartford Elem.Ed Rebecca Racz BS, Florida Tech – Aviation Mgt. *If we missed someone, please contact the Church Office*.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

4: David Lincicome

9: Steve Ross

12: Kevin Dumas

14: Diana Dumas

16: Michael Temple

16: Barbara Biafore

19: Norm Cover

23:Barbara Cover

28: Norm and Barb Cover (A)

Let the Office know if you want yours listed.

Roxbury Church participating in honoring our Service Veterans

at Washington Field of Flags



The Lions Club of Washington will erect a Field of Flags on Memorial Day weekend. The field is dedicated to the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to those who have or are currently serving our country. The Roxbury Congregational Church sponsored (21) Members of our Congregation in this year's program and the donation was made anonymously. Each of those honored had their name displayed on a board on the front lawn of the Washington Town Hall with a flag placed in their name. We hope you were able to make it over to Washington Depot to view this display for yourself and appreciate the sacrifices made.

The Flags were put in place in front of the Washington Town Hall beginning Thursday, May 23, and will stayed up through Memorial Day weekend.

Those honored included: Roy Biafore, Richard Callahan, Matthew Collette – USMC, Chuck Farrell, Benjamin Farrell USANG, Brooke Fredericks USANG, Jordan Fredericks USA, John German USAF, Nance Glover USAF, Michael Josefson USANG, James Martin USA, Susan Stauffacher USAF, Cody Rossiter USAN Guard, Matthew Roush USAF, William Steers USAF, Billy Steers USAF, Merlin Temple, Sage Walker USMC, Russell Wheeler USA, Michael Wilcox, Mark Wolmer. Thank you all.

From the Parish Register

Baptism

May 19, 2024: Matthew Calvin Collette, son of Zachary Michael Collette and Emma Morrison Beaulieu Collette, was baptized by Rev. Peters in the Meetinghouse. Godparents are Grayson Beaulieu and Robert McCarthy. Matthew is grandson Matthew and Dawn Collette.

<u>Membership</u>

May 15, 2024: **Megan Hodge**; membership status changed to Affiliated Member. Primary Church Membership: Bridgewater Congregational Church.

Funeral / Memorial Services and Internments
May 5, 2024: **Diane Meade***, who died on June 26,
2022, age 69. A graveside burial in Great Oak
Cemetery with Rev. Peters officiating.

May 12, 2024: **Nancy W. Callahan***, who died December 13, 2022, Age 88. A graveside burial in Great Oak Cemetery with Rev. Peters officiating.

May 15, 2024: **Gene Guilbert,** died May 8, 2024, age 95. A graveside service and burial in Great Oak Cemetery with Rev. Peters officiating.

Mission Matters Father's Day Cards



Our Mission Committee is currently selling Father's Day cards for \$10 each, to benefit Church World Service. The Father's Day cards, available for sale, from June 2 through 16th, 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



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 2024 Conferences, go to their website starisland.org.

For questions speak with Charlie & Sue Stauffacher Rachel & Harry Gerowe 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

Summer Youth Conferences - 2024

Registrations are now open!

Conferences fill fast! - So plan now or you may not be able to attend when or what you desire!

Learn more about summer camp at Silver Lake, view the 2024 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 grant from the Church to go towards the cost of a session at Silver Lake!

The Camp is American Camping Association certified AND was recently named one of the best Summer Camps in the US by Newsweek Magazine!! Congratulations!!



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

Congratulations!

Last month Danbury Hospital held its annual Awards ceremony in recognition of National Emergency Medical Services Week. Awards included our own Tracey Cahill being named EMT of the Year and Roxbury EMS being named Service of the Year. Congratulations Tracey!!



Save the Date!

All events listed are tentative as of 6/1/2024

June 2 Father's Day Card sale
June 8 Art Show Drop off 10-4
June 9 Father's Day Card sale

June 14, 15, & 16 Art at the Meetinghouse F: 6-9 p, Sat. 10a - 5 p, Sun 12-3p Fellowship Hall

June 23 Spring Church Picnic on the front lawn (inside if raining)

Choir and Music Appreciation Day

June 29 Rummage & Bake Sale, 9-2 July & August Worship time is at 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Peters on Vacation (July) and Sabbatical (August through August 22)

August 31 Beef Barbecue 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Church grounds

September 1 United Worship with Episcopal Church at Apple Lane with Picnic 10:30 a.m.

September 7 Tag Sale, 9 a.m. -2 p.m. Church grounds

September 8 Homecoming Sunday – Choir beginnings again

Date to be set Progressive Supper

October 6 World Communion Sunday

- Neighbors In Need special offering

October 27 Laity Sunday

November 3 All Saints Sunday – Remembrance and Dedication of Memorials

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 10 Stewardship Sunday November 15 Blood Drive 12-6 December 1 Advent Begins

December 7 Country Church Christmas Fair
December 8 Santa Fund offering received
December 15 Olde Tyme Christmas 5:00 p.m.

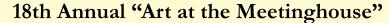
December 22 Christmas Fund-Veterans of the cross offering received

Christmas Caroling

December 24 Christmas Eve

7:30 p.m. A Service of Lessons and Carols 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service





— A Regional Juried Art Show & Sale —

Featuring over 100 Works of Art!

At the

Roxbury Congregational Church 24 Church Street Roxbury, Connecticut







June 14, 15 & 16, 2024 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

Corporate Sponsors include Wine & Spirits at Roxbury Station and Raymond James Financial Services. Proceeds to benefit the Mission Activities of the Roxbury Congregational Church

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Congregation's Classified

For Sale

Two vintage London Fog men's raincoats for sale. The one on the left has a zippered lining and the one on the right does not. They are both size 38 Regular. They are both in excellent condition. Asking \$50 each. If interested, call Sue Stauffacher at 860-354-1274 before 7:00 p.m. I will bring them to church for you to look at and try on.

Ed. Note: In the future classifieds can be posted on the "Community" bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.



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. If you would to discuss this more, please speak with Rev. David Peters.



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 you estate is subject to the federal estate tax, a charitable bequest can save significant tax dollars. Gifts made to the church <u>for a specific purpose</u> must be agreed upon <u>beforehand</u> 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 has a website to learn more: https://litchfieldsouthreg.wixsite.com/litchfieldsouth



Word & Sacrament for June 2024

<u>Underlined</u> scriptures are for Lay Readers

Sunday, June 2

Second Sunday after Pentecost 1 Sam 3:1-10, (11-20) and <u>Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18</u>

2 Cor 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6

Greeters: Paul & Patty Metzing

Reader: Patty Metzing Zoom Tech: Barbara Cover

Refreshments: Carol Goodwin, Joan Temple, & Vail

Barrett

Sunday, June 9

Third Sunday after Pentecost 1 Sam 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15) and Psalms 138

2 Cor 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

Greeters: Bill and Jan Steers

Reader: Bill Steers

Zoom Tech: Charlie Stauffacher

Refreshments:

Sunday, June 16

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Sam 15:34 – 16:13 and <u>Psalms 20</u>
2 Cor 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

Greeters: Mike Wilcox & Pat Fraley

Reader: Pat Fraley Zoom: Barbara Cover

Refreshments:

Sunday, June 23

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Sam 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 & Psalms 9:9-20
2 Cor 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

Greeters: Mark & Beverly Wolmer

Reader: Jerry Smith

Zoom Tech: Charlie Stauffacher

Refreshments: Fellowship Committee & Picnic

Sunday, June 30

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 2 Sam 1:1, 17-27 and 2 Cor 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

Greeters: Carol Goodwin and Vail Barrett

Reader: Vail Barrett

Zoom Tech: Barbara Cover Refreshments: Dale Pinchbeck

2024 Flower Calendar

The 2024 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.



Sunflower Photo by Jay Pinchbeck

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 <u>second Sunday of each</u> <u>Month</u> 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... <u>Next Date: June 11</u>

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.

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.

Faith Matters 10 June 2023

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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leadership listing

(All 860- unless noted)

As of April 1, 2024

Ministers: The Congregation

Moderator: Charlie Meade 898-0107 Clerk: Patricia Fraley, 868-0051 Treasurer: Dale Pinchbeck 355-2497

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Fellowship: Jeanne Steers, 354-7484 Stewardship: Sue Stauffacher 354-1274

Pastoral Relations: Mark Wolmer, Joan Temple,

Barb Cover

Men's Group: Charlie Stauffacher, 354-1274

Historian: Dale Pinchbeck, 355-4297 Librarian: Joan Temple, 350-0529

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Luanne Awlasewicz 355-1978

Minister of Music: Sandra Kleisner, 868-9040

sandy@roxburychurch.org

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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!



