

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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Pastoral Reflections

The Reverend David F. Peters, Minister

Resilience for Our Times (reprinted from Voices)

Do you remember the old, first-generation GPS units for your car? They mounted on your windshield, and you would type in your destination, and it would map your route and guide you by an obnoxious voice? I thought it humorous when I would miss a turn or decide to take a shortcut was not in the GPS assigned route, you would get this voice that would say, “RECALCULATING!” It would go through some gyrations and come up with a new course with numerous twists and turns now. Ah, the early days of GPS!



In these past six months, many of us, myself included, have felt like we are hearing “recalculating” multiple times a day. The Coronavirus-19 pandemic and the continual unknowns and procedures have me feeling like I am led continuously down dead-end roads and having to stop and recalculate. Maybe you have felt the same way. One day we are to do this, the next something else. Even our elected leaders and scientists are not agreeing. And this leaves many of us bewildered, confused, anxious, and even fearful. We need resilience to get us through this.

Fortitude or Resilience was among “the natural virtues” taught by the church.

In the Stoic tradition, resilience was the engine of deliverance. The words of Seneca, a Roman philosopher, are illustrative:

For by looking forward to everything which can happen as though it would happen to him, he takes the sting out of all evils, which can make no difference to those who expect it and are prepared to meet it: evil only comes hard upon those who have lived without giving it a thought and whose attention has been exclusively directed to happiness. Disease, captivity, disaster, conflagration, are none of them unexpected: I always knew with what disorderly company Nature had associated me. -Seneca, Of Peace of Mind XI

In these days, if we are to remain healthy mentally and spiritually, we need to work on our resilience, “the capacity to do what needs to be done, whatever the challenges,” as Frederick Schmidt writes in a recent periodical, which is the basis for this column.

In our tradition, resilience is about availability to the purposes of God. Tissier de Mallerai puts it this way, “to dominate fear in order to accomplish the difficult good. Resilience is usually not a very exciting action. Not

very sexy in and of itself. Sometimes, working on one's resilience has nothing to do with what is immediately in front of you.

What is important to remember is that when we lack resilience, we move ahead of God, as we seek to deal with our own anxiety. Resilient people learn to live with that anxiety and attention to tasks and their performance – even mundane, unrelated tasks – leaves a place for God to act or, if need be – come to our assistance in a place where anxiety is unlikely to go away. The earthly life of Jesus, from beginning to end, illustrates this point.

Resilience also entails setting aside the list for relevance and the passion for being at the center of life's drama. We work to set aside obsessions that are petty. We can live comfortably with our new pandemic lives; we feel the fear, but we are not controlled or overwhelmed by it. As Schmidt puts it, "People who fail to cultivate fortitude (resilience) often place themselves in dramas of their own making and then focus on the desire to be delivered. They are, in that respect, a burden on God, rather than a companion.

Resilience is needed for the church as well. The church, including the one I serve, has enjoyed the ability to exist for an increasingly small percentage of the population. In the 1950s, we could focus on ourselves because we were dominant in the communities that we existed. As we have seen our percentage decrease, we have not refocused our efforts on the broader community. In the strange compartmentalization that is so characteristic nowadays, we failed to acknowledge how hard life is and can be. On balance, the church ignored the struggles of communities and especially in our cities and regional centers. COVID has awakened our attention and caused us to see that the church is more than an institution to be maintained but a Gospel to be lived out in the community.

As is so often the case, that testing has revealed weaknesses in our spiritual lives and practice. And we have also discovered the importance of the time-tested virtues that the church once cultivated.

The church and spiritual practices help us to regain the most advantageous position and direction for our lives in these trying times. As we started out in a sprint in March, it turned into a marathon in mid-spring, and now we are finding that our spiritual reserves are running out as we have no specific timeline set.

The COVID-19 pandemic has uprooted our lives and shown us that we have some spiritual work to do. By striving to be resilient and focused beyond ourselves to a loving and ever-present God, we have an excellent path to go down. And this one does not have any dead-ends or need for recalculations needed.

May God be with you on your journey in the days ahead. Peace,

David



Call to the Semi-Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Roxbury Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Roxbury, Connecticut, to be held at 11:45 a.m. in the Meetinghouse Sunday, October 11, 2020, for the purpose of receiving reports of the standing committees of the church and for any other discussion that may arise for the good of the church and its ministries. The meeting will also be presented live on Zoom, so worshippers that day can just stay connected following worship for the meeting.

All members of the congregation are asked to attend.

Pat Fraley,
Church Clerk

Thursday Church Tour

Each Thursday, David records a video from a mystery location on the Church properties. Try to guess where he is this week and click on the link below to see and hear about that place and what it could mean for you! Go to our Church's YouTube Channel:

<https://tinyurl.com/RoxburyCyoutube>
which can also be accessed from the Church's website, roxburychurch.org

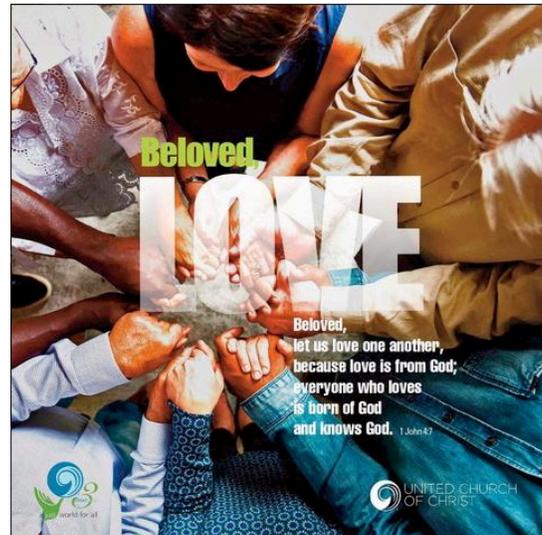
Parish Register

Marriage

September 19, 2020: **Kathryn Elizabeth Bartlett** and **Christopher David Zygmunt, Jr.** were married by Rev. Peters at her grandmother's home in New Hartford, CT.



*Our Stewardship Pledge Campaign
Financial Giving
for the work of the church in 2021
begins this month.*



*thank
you*

...to those who have kept up your pledges current even though you may not be present in-person on Sundays during the pandemic.
...Custodian Bruce Rossiter for all the extra cleaning and maintenance he has done this past few months.

Attention College Parents

Many of our young people are away at school and we like to keep in touch with them through the newsletter and e-mail. If one of your adult children has moved to a new address in the past six months, please call the church office to give it to us or email it to david@roxburychurch.org. We feel this is an important on-going work of our congregation

Worship in the Coming Weeks

We've begun to worship inside in the Meetinghouse once again. Meeting inside entails social distancing procedures including the following:

- You must wear a mask
- Upon arrival:
 - a. Your temperature will be taken (100.4 or above will be asked to return home.)
 - b. Each person is asked to use hand sanitizer
 - c. Everyone needs to sign-in on the form in the Narthex. (This is the case we have a person with COVID-19 attend worship – so we can do contact tracing.
- You (individuals or household groups) must sit socially distanced from each other (min. 6 feet) only in open pews. Others are taped off. Please do not remove the tape.
- We ask that you not shake hands, hug, or be closer than 6 feet from those who are not from your household.
- You are discouraged from using the restrooms. (We cannot be cleaning between each use.) In the event of emergency need, please use the Handicap Restroom and we ask that you spray all surface touched with the sanitizing spray there.
- There will be offering plates for your pledges and offerings at each doorway.
- We will not be singing hymns and there will be no social hour following.
- We ask after worship to nod a greeting or wave to one another.

PLEASE do not put the church leadership in the position of having to enforce these!

Lastly, if the health situation worsens or if we note folks disregarding these items, we will go back to virtual worship only. We care about each one of you and will not put you in a situation of uncertainty and mistrust of your safety.

All services will also be Virtual on our Zoom Channel and Facebook Live.



Sharing our Faith Stories

Members of the congregation are invited to share their faith stories during worship on the third Sunday of each month. By articulating our own experience we invite other people to reflect on their own faith journey and recognize God's presence in their lives. Next opportunity will be October 11th. To prepare a faith story, start by answering the following questions:

- How do I experience God's presence in my life?
- How does the church, or this particular congregation, help me to recognize God's presence in my life?
- How do I live out my faith, my call to ministry, in my daily life?
- How did I get to this point on my faith journey?

Faith Stories are 3-5 minutes in length.

If you feel called to share your story, please contact Rev. Peters.

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Upcoming

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 4

On October 4th we mark and celebrate World Communion Sunday. We acknowledge that we are all interconnected in God's love and care with all humanity. We witness that, as members of the wider church, it is our mission to show forgiveness, share love, and offer financial assistance.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4



1 p.m. on the Church Front lawn. Bring your pet for a special blessing and a gift. Open to the whole community.

Neighbors in Need Offering

Sunday, October 11

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on Sunday, October 11th, is a special offering of the UCC. Your contributions to the NIN special mission offering support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States including the Council for American Indian Ministries. If you missed donating to this effective mission program, please know that specially-marked envelopes are on the Opportunity Table and will be received during October.

RCC Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 11

After worship in Meetinghouse

Come and participate in our congregational process. Be a part of what is happening here!

Laity Sunday

Sunday, October 18

A worship service lead by members of our congregation. If you would like to participate, please speak with Board of Deacons chair, Mike Wilcox. deacons@roxburychurch.org

Litchfield South Association Meeting

October 20, 7:00 p.m. – on Zoom

Clergy and delegates of the 15 LSA UCC



congregations will meet on October 20th beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

We are excited to have with us as our presenter and vespers leader, the Rev. Dr. Sarah Drummond, the Founding Dean of the Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School in New Haven.

She is a wonderful and engaging speaker. She will share with us the topic: "The Road Ahead – our Church's GPS is in need of recalculating. (A vision for the present and future.)"

Our official delegates are Diane and Charlie Meade and David Lincicome. All are welcome to join us from your home computers as we ponder the church, especially post-COVID. If you are interested, please speak with Rev. David to get the info for connecting.

Upcoming calendar

*Join us on Sunday Mornings – 10:30 a.m.
Physically Distanced – Spiritually Connected*

- October 4 World Communion Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Daily Bread Offering
Blessing of the Animals 1:00 p.m.
- October 11 Neighbors in Need Offering
Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting 11:45 a.m.
- November 1 All Saints Sunday –
Dedication of Memorials 10:30 a.m.
Daylight Saving Time Ends
- November 15 Stewardship Sunday 10:30 a.m.
- November 26 Thanksgiving –
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service – details to be announced.

You will note that all public fundraisers including Trivia Nights Suppers and the Christmas Fair are being held off until 2021 because of the COVID pandemic.

Ongoing

Daily Bread Food Pantry

The Daily Bread Food Pantry team distributes food the second Monday of the month from 9 a.m. until noon. The number of households visiting Daily Bread has increased enormously. It has been challenging to keep their shelves stocked.

You can help!

Next time you go to the grocery store, please pick up an extra bag of basic food items and drop them off in the Church Narthex (front doors always unlocked) and leave on the cart there. Our team will bring them down to the Pantry.

Items needed include:

Non-perishables: canned tuna, peanut butter, black beans, kidney beans, rice, pasta, tomato sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables

Financial Gifts are much appreciated as well.

Checks can be made out to RCC and Daily Bread in the Memo. If you would like to help or have questions, please speak with Sue Stauffacher at 860-354-1274.

Loaves and Fishes

Help serve the evening Meal at Loaves and Fishes on the fourth Wednesday of each month beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Richmond Town Center in New Milford. It is on the Green just north of the Congregational Church. Parking is behind the building. We need **three** servers each month to serve the already prepared meal and clean up afterward. Usually out by 6:00 p.m at the latest. Please speak with Mike Wilcox at 860-354-1274 if you are interested.

Church Contacts:

- For Pastoral Concerns: Rev. David Peters
- For Worship Concerns: Deacon Chair: Mike Wilcox
- For Building issues: Charlie Meade
- Borrowing tables or chairs: Call Church Office and leave a message 355-1978 X2



Mindfulness Meditation Group

The Mindfulness Meditation Group continues to meet online using Zoom most Saturdays at 10:20 a.m. and outside the church, physically distanced on occasion. Please contact Charlie Stauffacher at 860-354-1274 for more information.

Mindfulness, according to Jon Kabat-Zinn, is “Paying attention in a particular way: on purpose, in the present moment and non-judgmentally.”

Mindfulness meditation helps people deal with the stress of work or family, or simply the anxiety of living in these troubled times. Some people come to mindfulness practice to help with mental clarity and focus or to improve their sleep. It has been shown to be effective in preventing and treating depression, increasing body satisfaction, and reducing implicit age and racial bias.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 | Caroline Kibbe |
| 2 | Hailie Collette |
| 13 | Heidi Neff |
| 14 | Brian Neff |
| 18 | Billy Steers |
| 19 | Rick Heyniger |
| 22 | Charlie Stauffacher |
| 25 | Susan Zappulla -Peters |
| 27 | Matthew & Dawn Collette |

Vote – November 3rd

From the earliest days of our republic, it has been our privilege and responsibility to vote to choose who will represent us and lead us into the future. This is democracy in action.

This year has the added complication of the election being during a pandemic. In CT we are able to vote either in person or by absentee ballot. More information about voting in CT can be found at: <https://howto.vote/vote/en/ct.html>

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 beforehand or as soon as possible during, by calling 860-355-1978. Or his cell 203-770-6721. With federal and COVID regulations, he is not able to find this information from the hospital.

Welcome to New Building Users

We welcome the following new users and groups to our building:

Fridays 10 a.m. - Noon

Knitting Group from the Roxbury Sr. Citizens Center.

Fridays in the Kitchen:

Erin Brinton (Josefson) will be baking for a farmers market and for orders for her new home business, Garnet Hill Farm.

This past month also saw the Roxbury EMS use the hall for continuing education classes.

Some of this community usage is because of the pandemic and the need for social distance space.



Looking for Ways to Share God's Love?

- Make a phone call to a neighbor, someone who is older or lives alone to check in on them.
- When at the store, pick up some items for either Daily Bread or the Roxbury Food Pantry. They can be dropped off at Christ Church Parish House Wed. or Fri. mornings. Or for Daily Bread inside the front door of the church. Daily Bread has double the number of clients now.
- If you are healthy and willing to help others with running errands, or some other need, please email Rev. Peters at david@roxburychurch.org.

Good Financial News for the Church

We applied for and received news this week that our application for the forgiveness of the Federal Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan was approved. This will relieve us of paying back \$25,700 which we received this spring. It roughly equals all the income we were counting on for fundraisers this year which we have not been able to have due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Trustees are most grateful for the continued offerings and pledges from members and friends. Special thanks to those who participate in our online electronic giving program through the Church Office, which is safe and secure.

Contact Rev. Peters if you would like to participate in electronic giving.

Word & Sacrament for October 2020

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

Deacons of the Month: Pat Fraley & Mike Wilcox

Underlined scriptures are for Lay Readers

Sunday, October 4

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Psalm 19

Matthew 21: 33-46

Greeters:

Reader:

Flowers:

Sunday, October 11

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

Semi-Annual Meeting after worship

Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23

Matthew 22: 1-14

Greeters:

Reader:

Flowers:

Sunday, October 18

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Laity Sunday

Psalm 99

Matthew 22: 15-22

Greeters:

Reader:

Flowers:

Sunday, October 25

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

Matthew 22: 34-46

Greeters:

Reader:

Flowers:

Santa Fund 2020

This year the Santa Fund will have a different format. We will be collecting gloves, mittens, and hats. All sizes acceptable. There will be a basket in the narthex where you can leave these new but unwrapped gifts any time before the 6th of December. You may also make a monetary donation to the Turkey Fund. Please mail this to the church or put it in the collection plate on Sundays. For more information, please speak with Diana deVries or Heidi Neff.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, begun here in 2009, has involved a number of people knitting together once a month at the monthly meeting at church, or by themselves. Each Prayer Shawl is prayerfully crafted into a warming gift, given to a person in need, ill, lonely, bereaved or on a special occasion. Pocket Prayer Squares are a portable and unisex version of the Prayer Shawl. There are Pocket Prayer Squares available in Fellowship Hall for you to take for yourself, a friend or to be distributed at a special occasion.

We are in need of some more Prayer Shawls to have on hand, there are easy to use patterns available. When you create one, be sure to let the church office know and we can bless it during worship and have it ready when the need arises.

If you know of someone who may like receiving a prayer shawl and yet to receive one, please speak with Rev. Peters.

For help with creating Pocket Prayer Squares, please speak with Jan Steers, 860-354-7210.

Cash for Causes – PLUS! Retail Gift Cards

Through a fundraising program called Scrip, we can purchase gift cards for grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement stores and more. Simply purchase the cards and use them instead of cash, checks or credit cards. A percentage of the purchase price of the cards is returned to our church.

This program is an expansion of the one already in place for Stop & Shop, Shop Rite and Big Y. You can still purchase cards for them, but all of the other retailers as well. If there are retailers you visit regularly, why not have pre-paid cards in your wallet? It makes “cents”!

A complete listing of participating retailers is posted in Fellowship Hall, or can be found on Scrip's website: shopwithscrip.com. If you would like to create an account to place orders online, please use Enrollment Code 8F15BD7143454 to link the account to RCC. For payment, you have the option to sign up for PrestoPay (similar to PayPal), or write a check to RCC.

Orders will be placed each Monday and the cards will be available for distribution the following Sunday. Orders *must* be prepaid.

As always, feel free to contact Heidi Neff at 860-354-3177 or heidineff@sbcglobal.net, with any questions you may have.

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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 the church's website: roxburychurch.org

Used Toner Cartridges and LaBonne's Receipts

The church has been collecting used toner cartridges since 2008 to return to Staples for church credit. It started out being \$3 for each cartridge, now it is \$2. Since 2008, I've returned 960 cartridges! They only take 10 per month, and sometimes I have more than that, so I keep the extra ones in my car waiting for the new month to appear.

That is a lot of credit dollars for the church, so keep those cartridges coming. There is a box for them in the coat closet in fellowship hall.

On another note, don't forget to bring in those LaBonne's receipts for their Cash for Charities Rebate Program. There's a box for them in Fellowship Hall. I collect them, tabulate them, and when I have about \$56,000 worth, I bring them to LaBonnies and they send us a check for one half of one percent of the total, which doesn't seem like a lot, but it all adds up to help the church in its ministry. We've been doing this since 2011.

Thank you,
Sue Stauffacher

We Count On Generous & Supportive People! We need YOU!

Please remember while we can't pass the plate for offering on Sundays, your offering to God of your resources - money and labor are still needed, particularly in these days.

For financial offerings, please mail your check into the church or sign up for electronic giving by speaking to Rev. Peters.

To give through our Church Website:
roxburychurch.org/give
You can make it a one-time gift or set up repeating donations here.



Our United Church of Christ Camp and Retreat Center, in nearby Sharon, CT.

Upcoming Events at Silver Lake

See Silver Lake website for the latest details

about Day Visits (to picnic, use fields, walk, meditate or just plain disconnect!)

and Overnight Family Retreats.

www.silverlakeect.org



Southern New England Conference
United Church of Christ
Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

New Executive Conference Minister for Southern New England Conference, UCC

On Saturday, September 26, the Rev. Darrell Goodwin was called to serve the Conference as its Executive Conference Minister.



Goodwin, a pastor with experience in higher education and in varied ministry settings of the United Church of Christ – will be presented to Annual Meeting voters as the candidate to serve as the Southern New England Conference's first Executive Conference Minister.

Rev. Goodwin currently serves the Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Conferences as an Associate Conference Minister, offering care and support to the pastors and churches in the Nebraska Conference and supporting the work of search and call across the Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Conferences.

information matters

Faith Matters – Monthly Newsletter

Our church newsletter is mailed monthly to those who subscribe. Or you can pick it up in the Narthex (entrance) or in Fellowship Hall. It is also available at the Roxbury Market.

eFaith Matters – Twice Weekly email

We send out an email each Monday with the latest announcements, prayer requests and an inspirational piece and a Call to Worship on Fridays. Subscribe by sending an email to david@roxburychurch.org.

Church Website

The Church's website, roxburychurch.org, is chock-full of information and events. There are resources for the journey of life as well as pictures of our common life and links to related sites.

Meeting Minutes & Reports Board

This special bulletin board is on the landing just outside the Library / Office area. On it are posted the latest minutes and reports for all committees as well as financial reports.

As always, if you are seeking some information, please ask, as we strive to be as transparent and open as possible.



You can find Roxbury Church on Social Media

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/RoxburyChurch>

YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/RoxburyCyoutube>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RoxburyUCC>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/roxburyucc/>



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.

Our Church Operating and Mission Budget depends in small part to Invested Fund Income.

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 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.)

Roxbury Congregational Church, UCC

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 10:30 AM Worship	28 Yom Kippur	29 ■ 6:30 PM RAA CME	30 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	1 ■ 6:30 PM Deacons	2 David Peters' day off ■ 9:00 AM Erin B. Kitchen use ■ 10:00 AM Sr Knitting	3 ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
4 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 1:00 PM Blessing of the Animals	5	6	7 Colin Reilly's 25th Birthday ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	8 COVID Phase 3 starts David Peters' day off	9 ■ 9:00 AM Erin B. Kitchen use ■ 10:00 AM Sr Knitting	10 ■ 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
11 Neighbors in Need Offering ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 11:55 AM Semi-Annual Meeting	12 Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day ■ 9:00 AM Daily Bread Food Pantry team	13 Elizabeth ... 8th Birthday	14 Kendra Huber's 23rd Birthday ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 David Peters' day off ■ 9:00 AM Erin B. Kitchen use ■ 10:00 AM Sr Knitting	17 ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
18 LAITY SUNDAY ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 10:30 AM Worship ■ 11:45 AM Church Council	19	20 ■ 5:30 PM Spring LSA Meeting	21 ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	22 David Peters' day off	23 ■ 9:00 AM Erin B. Kitchen use ■ 10:00 AM Sr Knitting	24 Super Saturday ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation
25 ■ 6:00 AM Shelter Bkst ■ 10:30 AM Worship	26	27 David Peters' day off	28 ■ 3:00 PM Loaves & Fishes Meal ■ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	29 ■ 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	30 ■ 9:00 AM Erin B. Kitchen use ■ 10:00 AM Sr Knitting	31 Halloween ■ 10:30 AM Mindful Meditation

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Church Newsletter Deadline for the November issue: October 15th

Leadership Listing

(All 860- unless noted)

Ministers: The Congregation
 Moderator: Brian Neff, 354-3177
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 Librarian: Joan Temple, 350-0529

Secretary/Newsletter: Nancy Glover, 355-1978
 Minister of Music: Sandra Kleisner, 868-9040
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 Pastor: The Rev. David F. Peters,
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A Coloring Prayer for All Ages for When You Feel Anxious



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NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2020

Worship – Sundays 10:30 a.m.

Worship In-Person or on Zoom (link on web site) or Facebook Live (fb.com/RoxburyChurch)

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

