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Support Groups at Our Church

Mondays at 7:00 - Women's AA

First Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. - AA Executive

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. - AA

Shoreline Soup Kitchen

Curbside Pick-up, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

RaiseRight GIFT CARDS – CELEBRATE MOTHERS AND COLLEGE GRADUATES! Orders Due Today.

Let's celebrate our mothers and college graduates in May for things they enjoy, like candy, restaurants, retail stores, coffee, and flowers. Select from a large variety of gift cards (Amazon, Target, Walmart, Stop & Shop, Lowe's, Kohl's, Dunkin', Dairy Queen and more) as presents for birthdays, anniversaries, or other upcoming celebrations. When you buy a gift card, you get its full value and the vendor gives a percentage to DRCC. Plan ahead, for only **one** order is sent per month. **Adams Gift Cards** are readily available each week in \$25, \$50 or \$100 increments for your groceries or as gifts; DRCC earns 5% of the card value. Call Elizabeth Root (203-430-1426) or email Sybil at ChristianEd@deeprivercc.org for more information or to place an order.

This Week - April 28 - May 5, 2024

- Sunday-** Early Worship, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Teen Issues, 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service/Live Stream, 10:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Monday -** Transitions Academy, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Women's AA, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday -** Transitions Academy, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Exercise with Dale, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
CT River Valley Symphonic Band Rehearsal, 6:00 - 9:15 p.m.
- Wednesday -** Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
Girl Scouts, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
AA Executive Meeting, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday -** Transitions Academy, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Shoreline Soup Kitchen, Curb-side Pick-Up, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Senior Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
A.A., 7:00 p.m.
- Friday -** Transitions Academy, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- Saturday -** Guiding Eyes for the Blind Puppy Training, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Set-Up for Sunday's Food Fair, 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday -** Early Worship, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Teen Issues, 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service/Live Stream, 10:00 a.m.
International Food & Craft Fair following both services

Flowers for Worship

If you volunteer to place flowers in church on a given Sunday, and you do not wish to take them with you, Elizabeth Root has offered to take them and pass on to shut ins from our church, when she makes her visits.

Birthdays This Week

Hope Blundon, Karen Moore, Lily Resnisky (Today); Ed Falsey, Rhonda Forristall (29); Pamela Rankin, Andi Kate Resnisky (30); Karen Vradenburgh, Whitney Jefferson (1); Matthew Gesick, Ed Munster, Jeff Rowland, Jordan Harding (2); Terri Daniels, Brian West (3); Sarah Hardy, Jennifer Juke (4).

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR & CRAFT SHOW - SUNDAY, MAY 5

WE NEED CRAFTERS AND COOKERS!

Join us on Sunday, May 5 for the 2nd Annual International Food Fair and Craft Show. The congregation will taste delicious dishes from around the world all made from family recipes. You will also be able to view crafts created by our congregation representing their faith. Our young people will be participating as well with their fairy and gnome houses. **If you would like to display a craft or make a favorite family recipe, see Chelsea or Sybil or email:** yandfm@deeprivercc.org & ChristianEd@deeprivercc.org. You can also sign up in the Fellowship Hall or by clicking here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1HluDvrbU1duzKp9nuxteakU6p-NSSxhL4xNBCMKtORE/edit?usp=sharing>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School will be meeting this Sunday. Please go into the Sanctuary and sit in the front rows with Sybil and your teachers. We will leave together during the hymn of dismissal and gather in the fellowship hall. Our lessons for all ages will be We Are the Church and We Share with Each Other. Spread the good word about our Sunday School program. It is open to all in the community, so bring your friends and neighbors. Join the fun and participate in all the activities we offer!

FAIRY/ GNOME HOUSES - MAY 5

The Sunday School will be making Fairy/Gnome houses during Sunday School on Sunday, May 5. Start finding your special box and collecting sticks, pebbles, and other recycled items you would like to use to make your house. As the date nears you can also collect grass, moss, and leaves. These will be displayed for all to see as part of the craft portion of the International Food Fair & Craft Show on the same date.

Youth & Family News

We have a group going to the UCC Regional Youth Event happening July 28th-31st at Silver Lake. This is open to grades 6-12, so those going into 7th grade in the fall through those who will have recently graduated. The cost is \$375 per person and the church is willing to cover half of the cost, bringing the cost down to \$187.50 a person! Silver Lake is beautiful and they have lots of fun activities planned, as well as service projects. The link to register is here:

<https://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=399&campCode=slc&idSession=453171>

Questions? Please contact Chelsea Ehmke: yandfm@deeperivercc.org

Scholarships for Silver Lake Camp are available from the Middlesex Association. Please contact Heidi Lee, Association Treasurer, at heidi.lee@snet.net for more information and an application form. Application deadline is May 1, 2024.

The Chancel Handbell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 p. m. in the Pop Euston (Bell Choir) Room. See Claudia Hardy if you are interested in participating!

On Saturday, May 11, the CT River Valley Symphonic Band will present a spring concert here in the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m.

The **Second Annual Pasta Dinner**, sponsored by the Deep River Fire Dept. and Deep River Elementary School PTO, will be held on Saturday, May 4th at the Deep River Firehouse from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$15.00 for Seniors. Children under 16 are free. Sarah LaPorte will have tickets during Family Fellowship time on Sunday.

Middletown PRIDE Fest is June 1, 2024. Churches in the Middlesex Association are invited to join together and attend the Middletown PRIDE Parade. If you would like to join in walking in the parade, meet at 12:30 at First Church in Middletown. The parade route is 1 mile long.

PRAYERS ARE NEEDED: The unity of prayers from members and friends of DRCC mean so much to the recipients. You may not know the names, but God knows their needs and circumstances as you lift them up. Contact Kris Lindner (860-526-5045) or officedrcc@deeperivercc.org. If you know someone in need of prayers, please get permission from the person before asking to add their names.

New Requests

Family of Wilbur Eldridge
Family of Jerry Clark, Sr.
Family of Joey Lockwood
Family of Gay Sherman, especially her son Chauncy and sisters, Bethany & Robin
Rev. Lee Ireland
Mickey Thompson
Lynette Thompson
Safe travels for Kelsey, Maxi, & Dante as they leave for Argentina on May 1
All those families grieving the recent loss of a loved one
All those around the world affected by natural disasters, violence, war, & political unrest

Long Term Requests:

Claire Rider	Art & Lori
Ed Bushnell	McCarthy Family
Mark Bruscoe	Dottie Davis
Erica	Matt Peno
Jon	Mary Karam
Jerry Clark, Jr.	Noah Krebs
Sharon Netsch (Hospice)	
Kathy & Ron	Carrie
Dale	Ben T.
Conner	Bill Taylor
(Hospice)	
Lori Wilson	Zachary
Aimee	Benjamin

Continued Prayers

ALL Health Care & Essential Workers, First Responders
Our troops, Veterans & National Guard Residents in nursing homes
Jill
Melanie
Rita (amputation)
Janet Kusins
Maureen
Nancy Stadalnik
Georgia Davis
Kathy Geraghty
Gretchen
Logan (hospital)
Pam Collura
Doug LaFaille
Lynn (addiction)
Ashley
Cristi Strout
Donna Sheldon
Harper Darrow
Nathan
Kevin (ALS)
Donald Savona
Marion Stiehl
Judy McCauley (fall)

All who are dealing with cancer (Denny Schultz, Elizabeth C., Sylvia Tiezzi, Abbie, Bohde, Nicole, Tom Foster, Mark, Mason, Robin, Anna, Ralph, Lillian Beardsley, Matthew, Ken Butterworth, Sheila K, Bailey, Linda, Bob N. Sandy)

Please review these lists. If you have requested prayers for someone and their status has changed, please contact me in the office. Perhaps prayers have been answered and the name can be removed, or a new need for prayer has come up. I like to keep the lists updated, but I need your help. Thank you so much. ~Kris

With Sincere Appreciation

Since my mother died, I have received dozens of heartfelt cards and notes from members of our congregation. I can't thank each of you enough for your kindness, thoughtfulness and compassion. Your outreach has meant the world to me as I grieve my mother's passing which has been very difficult for me, compounded by the fact she died on the same date as my father (Tuesday, March 19th) exactly 61 years to the day apart. From the bottom of my heart thank you sincerely for your many kindnesses and especially for your prayers. Much love, Jane Vieira

Cemetery Clean-up Saturday, May 5th at 9:00 a.m.

Please join the cemetery committee to help clean our Essex Street Cemetery: pick up sticks, clean the flower beds, edging, etc. See Sally Marston for more information.