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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 – GIFTS FOR GRADS & DADS

Purchase GL Scrip cards this month to celebrate **Grads and Dads!** Select from a large variety of gift cards as presents (**Cabela's, Lowe's, Home Depot, Amazon, Target, Walmart, Stop & Shop, Dunkin', Dairy Queen** and more). Also remember 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, nothing extra comes out of your pocket. **Plan ahead** for only **one** order is sent per month. We also have **Adams Gift Cards** readily available each week in \$25, \$50 or \$100 increments for your groceries or as gifts; DRCC earns 5% of the card value. See Elizabeth in the Fellowship Hall after worship or email Sybil at ChristianEd@deeprivercc.org to place an order; we can deliver in the local area.

This Week – May 12 - 19, 2024

Sunday-

MOTHER'S DAY

Early Worship, 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Teen Issues, 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service/Live Stream, 10:00 a.m.

Monday -

Transitions Academy, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Women's AA, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday -

Transitions Academy, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Exercise Class 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.

Thursday -

Transitions Academy, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Shoreline Soup Kitchen, Curb-side Pick-Up, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Trustees, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Senior Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

A.A., 7:00 p.m.

Saturday -

Memorial Service for Gay Sherman, 2:00 p.m.

Parking Lot being used for Wedding at River Wind Inn, 3:00-8:00 p.m.

Sunday -

PENTECOST SUNDAY - REMEMBER TO WEAR RED!!

YOUTH SUNDAY CELEBRATION, 10:00 A.M.

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.

Birthdays This Week

David Beaudoin (Today); Connor Douglas, Bill Paulsen, Peyton Riebold (7); Cindy Euston (8); Dick Lee (9); Peter Balisciano, Maureen Fudge, Brandon Budney (10); Sally Marston, Katie Alsback, Aaron Brooks (11).

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 the Lord's Prayer and Psalm 23. 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!

YOUTH SUNDAY

We will be **honoring all our youth on Pentecost Sunday, May 19.** This will be a celebration during the 10:00 worship service with the children entering the Sanctuary waving red streamers and then participating in the first part of the service. In addition, the youth who attended Bible classes will receive their personalized Bible. We will then go back to our classrooms until family fellowship in which we will enjoy Sundae Sunday!

A volunteer photographer is needed to take pictures from the balcony of our celebration of our youth. Not cell phone photos, but someone with a "real" camera. Please see Sybil if you can help!

We will continue to hold Sunday School classes for the following three Sundays, with a final outside celebration of games and treats on June 9.

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

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.

The Board of Christian Service had to postpone next Saturday's baby shower to benefit **Safe Futures Women's Shelter in New London** until fall. **They are still collecting the following items, so please donate what you can.**

Diapers size 2,3,4,5 and pull ups 5,6

Onesies size 9 months, 12 months, 18 months

Clothing for babies and toddlers new or gently used - Spring and summer styles

Baby toiletries : shampoo, soap, diaper rash cream, wipes

Baby wraps or carriers

Bibs

Socks in all sizes

Shoes for children

PAC n plays new only

No stuffed animals

No car seats unless new

Blankets light weight both for children or moms

Sheets and towels for moms and children - can be gently used or new

The Board of Christian Service would like to remind you about the local blood drives. There is always an urgent need.

May Blood Drives

05/14/2024 | 01:00 PM - 06:00 PM - **Haddam Volunteer Fire Department**, 439

Saybrook Rd. Route 154, Higganum

05/16/2024 | 01:00 PM - 06:00 PM - **Lyme Fire Company**, 213 Hamburg Rd., Lyme

05/16/2024 | 01:00 PM - 06:00 PM - **Lutheran Church of Madison**, 9 Britton Lane,

Madison

05/17/2024 | 12:00 PM - 05:30 PM - **Essex Town Hall**, 29 West Avenue,

Essex

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

Claudia (wrist surgery)

Pete & Anne Foster (illness)

All those families grieving the

recent loss of a loved one

(especially the Walsh,

Lockwood & Sherman families)

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

Rita Doug LaFaille

Melanie Lynn (addiction)

Janet Kusins Cristi Stroudt

Maureen Donna Sheldon

Nancy Stadalnik Harper Darrow

Georgia Davis Nathan

Kathy Geraghty Kevin (ALS)

Gretchen Donald Savona

Marion Stiehl Tom Walsh (hip)

Pam Collura Judy McCauley

(fall)

Rev. Lee Ireland Mickey Thompson

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

High School and College Graduates

It's hard to believe it is graduation time already. It is customary to publish a list of both our high school and college graduates in the Online Newsletter, Sunday Bulletin Announcements, and the Messenger.

Please contact Kris in the church office with the following information for **High School grads:** Name of the high school & Future plans, (Armed services, college & major, gap year, trade school, work?)

For **college graduates**, please include the name of the college and major). (860-526-5045 or officedrcc@deeperivercc.org. Thank you. **If we don't hear from you, we won't be able to include your graduate's information.**

PENTECOST is May 19th. The color of the Spirit is RED. Join us in creating a vision of Pentecost in our pews by wearing RED (or orange or yellow).