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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 5 - 12, 2024

- 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
- Monday -** Transitions Academy, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Church Council, 7:00 p.m.
Women's AA, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday -** Transitions Academy, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
No Exercise Class Today
CT River Valley Symphonic Band Rehearsal, 6:00 - 9:15 p.m.
- Wednesday -** Staff Meeting
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.
Valley Shore Clergy, 12:00 p.m.
Shoreline Soup Kitchen, Curb-side Pick-Up, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Board of Christian Service, 7:00 p.m.
Senior Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
A.A., 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday -** **CT River Valley Symphonic Band Concert, 4:00 p.m.**
- 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.

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

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).

On Saturday, May 11, the CT River Valley Symphonic Band will present a spring concert featuring MARCH MUSIC. Join us in the DRCC Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m.

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. This Sunday we will be making our fairy/gnome houses and reviewing Psalms 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!

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. And on Sunday morning gather grass, moss, and leaves. Be sure to bring with you, so we can make a village with all our boxes. These will be displayed for all to see as part of the craft portion of the International Food Fair & Craft Show following the 10:00 service; then you can take them home with you.

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@deeprivercc.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.

Baby Shower to Support Safe Futures Shelter

The Board of Christian Service is hosting a baby shower at the church to benefit Safe Futures women's shelter in New London on May 18th from 3p.m.-5p.m.

To attend, RSVP to Andrea Chiappa at andreaeva3@gmail.com by May 11th. There will be food, games, and fellowship. The event is free, but participants are asked to bring one or more items from the following list:

- Diapers size 2,3,4,5 and pull ups 5,6
- Onesies sizes 9 months, 12 months, 18 months
- Wipes
- Clothing for babies and toddlers new or gently used
- Spring and summer styles
- Baby toiletries: shampoo, soap, diaper rash cream
- 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.

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@deeprivercc.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 Gail Walsh
Family of Joey Lockwood
Family of Gay Sherman, especially her son Chauncy and sisters, Bethany & Robin
Tom Walsh (broken hip)
Lynette Thompson
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 Brusco	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 Doug LaFaille
Melanie Lynn (addiction)
Rita (amputation) Ashley
Janet Kusins Cristi Stroudt
Maureen Donna Sheldon
Nancy Stadalnik Harper Darrow
Georgia Davis Nathan
Kathy Geraghty Kevin (ALS)
Gretchen Donald Savona
Logan (hospital) Marion Stiehl
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

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

May Blood Drives

05/10/2024 | 11:00 AM - 04 - **Andrews Memorial Town Hall**, 54 East Main Street, Clinton

05/10/2024 | 11:00 AM - 04 - **First Congregational Church**, 2 Ferry Road, Old Lyme

05/10/2024 | 11:00 AM - 04 - **Saybrook Point Pavilion**, 155 College St., Old Saybrook

05/14/2024 | 01:00 PM - 06:00 PM - **Haddam Volunteer Fire Department**, 439 Saybrook Rd. Route 154, Higganum