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### Support Groups at Our Church

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. - Women's AA

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

Thursdays:

Shoreline Soup Kitchen - Meal Served Inside, 5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - AA

## **This Week - October 20 - 27, 2024**

- Sunday** - Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. ((Live-Stream at 10:00 a.m.)  
Faith Explorers/TEAM (Sunday School). (10:00 a.m.)  
Teen Issues, 10:00 a.m.  
**Harvest Dinner Theater, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**
- Monday** - Cappella Cantorum Rehearsal, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Women's AA, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday** - Exercise Class with Dale, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
CT River Valley Symphonic Band Rehearsal, 6:00-9:15 p.m.
- Wednesday** - DRCC Teen Coffee Night at Deep River Roasters, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Christmas Faire Craft Night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.
- Thursday** - Shoreline Soup Kitchen - **Meal Served Inside** at 5:00 p.m.  
Senior Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.  
A.A., 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday** - Annual Fountain Hill Cemetery Walk, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Girl Scout Event-Founders Birthday/Halloween, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
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Teen Issues, 10:00 a.m.  
(Joyful Pumpkin Festival/UNICEF/ Costume Parade/Coin for a  
Coin/ Great Pumpkin Launch  
Involvement Fair Coffee Hour, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

### **Birthdays This Week**

Nathan Hougrand, Bud Miller, Maya Moen (Today); Lisa Bibbiani, Chip Medlin, Rick Nolin, Dave Warner, Elizabeth Tulledege, Oscar Jamieson (21); Joyce Grassl, Tori Mudge, Jane Vieira (22); Rachel Daly (23); Judy Skinner (24); Carlyn Mineau, Alyssa Rankin, Susan Miron, Kathy Watson (25); Fred Phinney, Jr. (26).

**Happy Anniversary:** Peggie & Rich Sypher (20); Craig & Beth Szymanski (21).

### **Deacons on Duty for October 2024**

**Carol Zuppe** is Deacon on Call, **Marilyn Guffey** is Sanctuary Rep., and **Anne Bartlett** is arranging for Lay Readers and Flowers.

**Next Sunday is Joyful Pumpkin Sunday! All are invited to bring a decorated pumpkin to place in front of the church for worship next week!**

### **Are You Interested in Becoming a Member of DRCC?**

We will be scheduling a New Member Sunday in the near future. Please speak to Pastor Tim or Pastor Cheryl or call the church office if you would like to learn about membership.

## Confirmation 2.0

An opportunity for adults to gather together and remember or re-learn the teachings of the church traditionally taught to Confirmation students. Pastor Cheryl will lead a 4 part series. The first date is **Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30-12:30.**

## FAITH EXPLORERS

Our Faith Explorers 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 lesson this week will be on how God Can Help Us Be Kind and how We Can Trust God to Work Things Out For the Best. Our activity will be decorating pumpkins for Rev. Tim's Joyful Pumpkin Festival.**

**TEAM** will be planning our upcoming October and November programs with Art.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

### UNICEF Message/Costume Parade/Bring a Friend

We will be celebrating Halloween this year by having a UNICEF message, costume parade and treats on Sunday, October 27. Children of the Sunday School can wear appropriate costumes to Church and meet their teachers in the Fellowship Hall by 9:40 am. During the parade through the Sanctuary, we'll listen to a UNICEF message and then go outside for games and activities. **AND THE BEST PART...EVERYONE CAN BRING A FRIEND SO THEY CAN HAVE FUN TOO!!**

## COIN FOR A COIN

The 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade class will be in the Narthex on October 27 for their annual exchange of a Coin for a Coin. Give them a metal coin (quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies) and you get a Chocolate Coin. This is a fun way for us to add to our UNICEF collection in which the children of our Sunday School take part during their routine of Trick or Treating!

## JOYFUL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL – Church Wide

The Congregation is invited to bring in decorated pumpkins and be part of Rev. Tim's Annual Joyful Pumpkin Festival! A church wide event for all ages! Pumpkins should be placed in front of the sanctuary prior to 9:45 am for all to see.

## GREAT PUMPKIN LAUNCH

After the 10:00 service stay for The Great Pumpkin Launch! Watch for the "SPLAT" as a pumpkin is tossed from a bucket truck to the ground below! Be sure to join the fun!

## NURSERY

DRCC's nursery is in **need of at least one more volunteer** for our 1 – 4 year olds, starting this Sunday October 20. If you are available for an hour on Sunday mornings, once or twice a month, it would be greatly appreciated. Prayerfully consider nurturing our little ones in this very special role. Bible story books, prayer shells, snacks and supplies are all provided. Please see Sybil for more information.

## HARVEST DINNER THEATER – **TODAY (Sunday, October 20)**

**TODAY @ 5:00 pm** – Menu to include salad (homemade dressing), baked ham, homemade baked beans, homemade cornbread and homemade apple crisp followed by entertainment acts of our talented congregation. **Tickets are on sale now in the Fellowship Hall.**

**TALENT NEEDED** – Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, write poetry? We are looking for your talent for the dinner theater on October 20. Sign-up in Fellowship Hall, see Sybil.

## Would you like to learn more about what our Boards and Committees do?

Join us during both coffee hours on **October 27<sup>th</sup>**. Some of our Boards and Committees will be available to talk about what they do and how you can be involved. This is a perfect opportunity for you to find a way to serve our church community. If you are a Board or Committee that would like to be involved please email Chelsea at [yandfm@deeprivercc.org](mailto:yandfm@deeprivercc.org)

**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

## RaiseRight Gift Cards

### STOCK UP FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Buy gift cards from over 750 top brands (local and national stores) to use for your daily purchases or as gifts for the upcoming holidays. It's the easiest way to create opportunities for DRCC and the people that matter most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted shopping. You buy a gift card & get the full value / The brand gives back, nothing extra comes out of your pocket / DRCC earns money. Gift card fundraising is a great way for DRCC to earn money!

### ADAMS GIFT CARDS

We also have **Adams Gift Cards** readily available each week in \$25, \$50 or \$100 increments for your groceries or as gifts and DRCC earns 5% of the card value. See Elizabeth Root in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday or email Sybil at [ChristianEd@deeprivercc.org](mailto:ChristianEd@deeprivercc.org) to place an order; we can deliver in the local area

## Teen Coffee Night at Deep River Roasters!

Join us for our first DRCC Teen coffee night at Deep River Roasters on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-6 p.m. All teens are welcome, and we hope you can join us for coffee, conversation, and fun! Please let Chelsea know at [yandfm@deeprivercc.org](mailto:yandfm@deeprivercc.org) if you can join.

## Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee introduced the theme for the 2025 pledge year-GRATEFUL. We have had an amazing response! Eric Brown gave us an update on Sunday: \$55,667.00 pledged so far from 23 pledge units. Susan Lighty gave an inspiring message about what our church means to her. Stay tuned for more good news today!

## DRCC Cornerstone Fellowship

Cornerstone Fellowship was formed this year to help maintain, strengthen, and protect our church home. *Why?*

In 2024, Deep River Congregational Church needed full roof replacement, structural repairs, and maintenance of the church, bell tower, sanctuary and parsonage. Work is ongoing and will cost more than \$200,000.

Cornerstone Fellowship supporters are helping DRCC to cover the cost, avoid long-term interest payments, and seed a fund to cover future building maintenance.

To learn more, reach out to Tom Lindner (860-575-0871), Katie Russell (917-826-6886), Alison Karam (860-906-6264) or Bethany Parks – or visit our website to donate online: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-2329/campaign/C-150N6>

Thank you to all the leadership givers and caring supporters who have already contributed to this campaign!

## VETERANS CELEBRATION

T.E.A.M. will be hosting our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Celebration on Sunday, November 10. All Veterans and their families are invited to a breakfast buffet at 9:00 am. Come early, before the 10:00 service, or stay after the 8:30 service and enjoy a variety of delicious food prepared by the Sunday School students! Veterans will also be honored at both services. **You may invite friends or relatives in the community who are Veterans too!** Please R.S.V.P. if you would like to attend by contacting Sybil at [ChristianEd@deeprivercc.org](mailto:ChristianEd@deeprivercc.org) or call Kris in the Church office at 860.526.5045. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

## Faire Workshop – Wednesday, Oct 23, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Please gather with us to make some fun ornaments for the Faire. No need to bring anything, we have all the supplies. Please let us know if you can join us. Many thanks, **Nancy and Pam**

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

### October Blood Drives

10/21/2024 | 12:00 PM – 05:00 PM – Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek, 55 East Kings Hwy, Chester

10/23/2024 | 01:00 PM – 06:00 PM – North Madison Volunteer Fire, 864 Opening Hill Road, Madison

10/30/2024 | 12:45 PM – 06:00 PM – First Congregational Church, 26 Meetinghouse Lane, Madison

**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](mailto: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

Sylvia Tiezza (CCU-Middlesex)  
Tim (cardioversion)  
Family of Jean Morris  
Family of Gillian Davis  
Family of Norman Manning  
Nancy & Bill  
Cynthia Tinkham (Aaron Manor)  
Rev. Marty Gibbs (Hospital)  
David Clark (surgery on Wednesday)  
Justin (Lyme disease)  
Art Tirrell (Gladeview)  
All those devastated by Hurricanes  
Helene & Milton  
All those families grieving the loss of a loved one  
All those around the world affected by natural disasters, violence, war, & political unrest

### Long Term Requests:

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| 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              |
| Baby McKenna            | Donna Sheldon         |

### Continued Prayers

ALL Health Care & Essential Workers, First Responders  
Our troops, Veterans & National Guard Residents in nursing homes  
Rita Doug LaFaille  
Nancy S. Harper Darrow  
Kathy Geraghty Kevin (ALS)  
Cheryl's dad, Chester Jeanie Quigley  
Tammy Welge Peter Nucci  
Dan Hopkins Ron Larsen  
Kathy Kiing (fall) Rev. Martin Gibbs  
Bonnie Hunter Jim Zwernemann  
Jean Morrow Dulcie  
Jessica (Hospice)  
Maxi, Kelsey, Dante (traveling)  
Linda Cotton Cristi Stroudt  
Cody Kim Dawn Radicchi

All who are dealing with cancer (Elizabeth C., Sylvia Tiezzi, Abbie, Bohde, Nicole, Mark, Mason, Robin, Anna, Ralph, Lillian Beardsley, Matthew, Bailey, Linda, Bob, Sue, Evan, Kathy Doering, Mark, Carol Perone)

**Please review the lists above.** 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

**There are lists of Christmas Faire needs can be picked up in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one!**

## Christmas Faire Needs

### Lantern Light Chocolate Booth

It's that time of year again - the 2024 Deep River Church Christmas Faire is right around the corner! Please consider helping us by donating from the below list:

- **4 lb. Butter**
- **Shelled Pistachios**
- **Hershey milk chocolate bars (no almonds-snack size bags are out for Halloween, but any Hershey milk chocolate will do)**

**Monetary donations are also appreciated** for needed items that are not on the above list. Items can be dropped off with Ann Lang or left with Kris in the church office by October 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for helping us out!

### The Brick Oven Needs:

- **Prego Pasta Sauce (no meat)**
- **Canned diced tomatoes**
- **Uncle Ben's long grain & wild rice**
- **Beef stock**
- **Vegetable stock**
- **Fresh items will be listed at a later date**

**The Country Delights Shoppe at the Christmas Faire is in search of the following items:** They may be dropped off at Sybil's office:

- Ladies' handkerchiefs
- 4 & 8 oz canning jars
- Vintage & costume jewelry
- UCONN memorabilia
- American & Clinton, CT articles of interest
- Tea Cups & unique coffee mugs
- Oriental, Portuguese, Irish, & Scottish items
- Lace doilies & other lace pieces
- NEW toiletries: hand & body cream, cologne, body wash & body spray
- Cachet pots for planters
- Collectables: Snow Babies, Byer Carolers, Annalee & Willowtree
- New books, games, and puzzles
- New baby boy & girl items
- New dishtowels & hand towels

### YOU CAN HELP US WITH OUR FAIRE BOOTH!

**Ye Olde Country Delights** is also looking for gift cards to help cover the cost of crafting supplies to: JoAnnes \* Walmart \* Michaels.

If easier, you can purchase these cards from Elizabeth at the RaiseRight table in the Fellowship Hall. Orders will be placed this Sunday evening.