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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:

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

7:00 p.m. - AA

This Week - November 17 - 24, 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.

Family Fellowship for Annetta Sekula, following both services.

Monday - Cappella Cantorum Potluck Supper, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
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.
Board of Christian Education, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom))

Wednesday - Staff Meeting, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Girl Scout Troop Meeting, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.
Service of Peace and Healing, 7:00 - 7:30 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 - Cappella Cantorum Extra Rehearsal, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
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.
Confirmation 2.0, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Decorate an Ornament for the Community Tree, 11:30 - 12:30
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service/St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
Old Saybrook, 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays This Week

Rebecca Mozzochi, Peter Norris, Jonathan Winterstein, Stephen Vincelette (Today);
Andrew Pandiani, Kelsey Pandiani (18); Maleena Frazier, Nicole Negron, Susan
Rozelle (19); Katelyn Eaman (20); Chelsea MacDonald, Phyllis Haut, Deb Van
Wyngaarden, Pam Adanti (21); Michele Roise, Kristen Luddy, Keith Taylor, Michael
Roise (23).

Happy Anniversary: Kelsey Lindner Santi & Maxi Santi (18); Steve & Kathy David
(23).

Deacons on Duty for November 2024

Eric Brown is Deacon on Call, **Greer Richardson** is Sanctuary Rep., and **Stu Palmer**
is arranging for Lay Readers and Flowers.

Are You Interested in Becoming a Member of DRCC?

A **new member orientation** will be held following the 10:00 service on **Sunday
January 26th at 11:30 a.m.** **New Member Sunday** will take place on **Sunday
February 2, 2025**. Please speak to Pastor Tim or Pastor Cheryl or call the church
office if you would like to learn about membership.

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 Good Friends Comfort Each Other When They're Sad and how God Deserves Credit for All Good Things.**

TEAM will be meeting this Sunday with Art.

The Great American Turkey Hunt - Sunday, November 24 @ 10:00 am

FIND THE GOLDEN TURKEY - Our Faith Explorers will be searching for rubber turkeys, but the hunt will also be on for the coveted **GOLDEN TURKEY**. Come see if you can find him. Search high and low; those with a keen eye will see him lurking!!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Calling all Angels, Wisemen & Shepherds! We need you for the Christmas Pageant held on Christmas Eve. All youth and children of DRCC are invited to participate and should attend the rehearsals on Sunday, December 15 @ 11:30 am and December 22 after the scenery is set up. The Christmas Pageant will be held at 5:30 pm on December 24. Contact Sybil or Amanda Higgins for more information @ ChristianEd@deeprivercc.org. To ensure we have enough costumes, please let Sybil know if you will be participating in the pageant.

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 visit.

Stewardship

Kris Lindner gave an update for the Stewardship Committee. We continue to have an amazing response! \$179,518.00 pledged so far from 91 pledge units. Thank you to Mike Thompson, who will share his special message of gratefulness. Commitment Sunday is November 24th. Stay tuned for more good news this Sunday!

Church World Service Blanket Program

For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

Our Board of Christian Service members will be in Fellowship Hall after services today and next Sunday collecting donations of \$10.00 per blanket.

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 56 Great Hammock Road, Old Saybrook, Sunday, November 24th at 4:00 p.m. Pastor Tim and Pastor Cheryl are participating.

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!

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

November Blood Drives

11/18/2024	12:00 PM - 06:15 PM - Westbrook Elks Lodge, 142 Seaside Avenue, Westbrook
11/22/2024	12:00 PM - 04:30 PM - Essex Town Hall, 29 West Avenue, Essex
11/22/2024	11:00 AM - 04:30 PM - Saybrook Point Pavilion, 155 College St., Old Saybrook
11/25/2024	12:00 PM - 05:00 PM, Andrews Memorial Town Hall, 54 East Main Street, Clinton.

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Poinsettias-Please Order by Wednesday, December 11th

Traditionally, we decorate our Sanctuary with Poinsettias on Christmas Music Sunday, which falls on December 22nd this year. The flowers are given in memory and in celebration of loved ones or events. The 4 ½ inch plants are \$5.00 and the larger, 6 ½ inch plants are \$10.00. There are order forms in the Narthex and the Church Office. You may purchase the plant to take home with you following the 10:00 service on Dec. 22nd, or you may wish to donate the plant to be distributed to our "Treasured Members," those who have been ill, suffered a loss, or is a shut in. Be sure to indicate on your order, whether you will take your poinsettia home or donate it. Please contact Kris in the Church Office with any questions: 860-526-5045 or officedrcc@deeprivercc.org. Thank you.

There are new Volunteer Sheets in Fellowship Hall through September 7, 2025. Please sign up to be a Lay Reader (10:00), donate Flowers, Usher (10:00), or host Family Fellowship (8:30 or 10:00)

Join Us for a Special Christmas Music Concert

Church member, Jacob Wilson, is the Director of the Connecticut River Valley Symphonic Band. They have offered to present a concert of Christmas and holiday music here on Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 p.m.

NEED GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS?

Remember those important to you this Christmas season, like caring neighbors, refuse removal services, postal delivery, grocery store employees, or a friend/relative who helps you, can all be acknowledged with gift cards from stores such as: **LL Bean * Cabelas * Walgreens * McDonalds * Disney * Macys * Talbots * Exxon * Gulf * Kohls * Dunkin * Starbucks * Olive Garden * Omaha Steaks * Lowes * Home Depot * Stop & Shop * Walmart * Target** and the selection continues with cards from over 750 local and national stores. It's the easiest way to create opportunities for DRCC and the people who matter most to you. **You buy a gift card & get the full value / the brand gives back, nothing extra comes out of your pocket / DRCC earns money. No stores to go into, no extra time wasted shopping, no extra gas usage, and best of all no activation fees!**

Holiday Shopping at Adams?

If you need food for the upcoming holidays and shop at our local Adams Hometown Market in Deep River, be sure to see Elizabeth first. She has gift cards in \$25, \$50 or \$100 increments you can purchase to buy your own groceries or to give as a Christmas present and DRCC earns 5% of the card's value! It is a win, win for all!

Elizabeth Root will be in the Fellowship Hall weekly after both services. You can also call her at 203-430-1426, or email Sybil at ChristianEd@deeprivercc.org for more information or to place an order; we can deliver in the local area.

Area Church & Community Events

"Yuletide Quilt show & Holiday Bazaar" Saturday, November 23, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at United Congregational church of Haddam & Higganum, 905 Saybrook Road, Haddam. (Quilts, Basket & Quilt Raffle, Holiday Items, Vendors, Homemade Soup & Pie Lunch)

"Festival of Trees" December 6 & 7 (4-6 p.m.), & 8 (2-6 p.m.) at Deep River Historical Society

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
 Carol Zuppe (hip surgery tomorrow)
 Kurt Manning & Lindsey Pierce (married on Saturday)
 Family of Jim Hulteen
 Maxi, Kelsey, Dante (traveling)
 Brenda Amato (serious infection)
 All those devastated by Hurricanes
 Helene, Milton, & Oscar
 All those affected by addiction
 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:
 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 Peter Nucci
 Dan Hopkins Ron Larsen
 Kathy Kiing (fall) Rev. Martin Gibbs
 Bonnie Hunter Jim Zwernemann
 Jean Morrow Dulcie Jensen
 Jessica (Hospice) Lorensons
 Linda Cotton Cristi Stroud
 Cody Kim Dawn Radicchi
 Jeanie Q (improving) Mary
 Elizabeth Netsch Nancy & Bill
 Rev. Marty Gibbs David Clark
 Justin (Lyme disease) Griselle Deb
 Phinney Poretta (infection)
 Raleigh (heart) Maleena Frazier
 Meagan (recovery) Jimmy & Dean
 Maureen & Paul Curtis
 Sylvia Tiezzi (Aaron Manor)

 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, Danny McLean, Mark, Gianna Porcelli)

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 is a list of Christmas Faire needs on the Christian Service Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall with a list of needed ingredients for the Brick Oven, the Sweet Shoppe, and Setting up (Nov, 30th) and taking down

Kings Treasures

We are ready to collect your **giftable, gently used items to King's Treasurers!** Shoppers especially enjoy Christmas decor, toys, jewelry, and small appliances. We cannot accept furniture, clothing, or baby items. Please leave your treasures outside the church office M-F, 9-2, or on Sunday morning. Many thanks! Any questions, please contact Lorrie Morrow, 860-526-9387,

Calling All Cookie Bakers

The Christmas Faire Cookie Shoppe needs one more baker to make 6 dozen Shortbread Cookies Please see Kelley Frazier after the service or contact her at 860-391-1755 if you are interested. The recipe will be provided.

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.