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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

Soup Kitchen (inside) 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays – AA

This Week – December 22 - 29, 2024

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Carol Sings, 8:20 and 9:45 a.m.

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.

Set-Up Pageant Scenery following 10:00 worship

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, 11:45 -1:30 p.m.

Monday - Women’s AA, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Exercise with Dale, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve

Christmas Pageant, 5:30 p.m.

Candlelight Communion Service, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Christmas Day, Office Closed

Thursday - Shoreline Soup Kitchen, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Sunday - First Sunday After Christmas

Family Worship Service, 10:00 a.m. (no 8:30 service)

Good King Wenceslas Pageant, 10:00 a.m.

Birthdays This Week

Tyler Beemer, Ken Houghtaling (Today); Victoria Chiappa, Roger Cole, Brooks Rozelle, Celia Robbins, Barbara Leclerc (23); Nicholas DeGrand (24); Jennifer Roberts, CJ Ashton, Sandy Farrell (25); Britney Nemeth, Joshua West (26); Ashley (Cobb) Anthony, Heather (David) Gallagher, Benjamin Graham, Ann Marie Martin, Pat Van Kirk (27); Alicia Becker, Krista Ducoff, Julian LaPlace, Caterina Wilson (28).

Happy Anniversary: Craig & Dayle Larson (27).

Deacons on Duty for December 2024

Jane Syme is Deacon on Call, Kelley Frazier is Sanctuary Rep., and Dorothy DeMichael is arranging for Lay Readers and Flowers.

The Poinsettias are given by members and friends of the congregation in memory and in celebration of loved ones.

Our Ushers this morning are Greer & Jessica Richardson.

Thank you to Jim Caronna for doing the live stream today.

Please join us for Family Fellowship following both services, hosted by our Board of Deacons.

There are 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)

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.

MOVIE MORNING - 10am in the Nellie Prann Room

On the morning of December 22, our **Faith Explorers** will gather to watch a Christmas movie and enjoy some holiday treats. All children should go directly to the Nellie Prann Room and not into the Sanctuary. Parents should pick-up in the Nellie Prann Room after the worship service.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - 2nd REHEARSAL

Calling all Angels, Wisemen & Shepherds! We need you for the 81st Annual Christmas Pageant held on Christmas Eve. All youth and children of DRCC are invited to participate and should attend the final rehearsal on December 22 at 11:30 in the Sanctuary. The Christmas Pageant will be held at 5:30 pm on December 24. Contact Sybil or Amanda Higgins for more information at 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.

Looking for Storage Bins/Totes

If you have clean storage bins/totes that you would like to part with, please bring them in and leave for Sybil. All sizes and colors (or clear, preferred) will do, but they must have a fitting lid. Thank you in advance.

Stewardship

Jeanie Quigley gave an update for the Stewardship Committee on Sunday. We are all so pleased with the generous response we have received! \$244,630 has been pledged so far. If you haven't sent in your pledge yet, you still have the opportunity to send or bring one in. There are additional pledge cards in the church office and in the Narthex if you need one. Please remember to fill out the time and Talent portion as well. Stay tuned for more good news this Sunday!

Nuts for Sale for Last Minute Christmas Baking!

Extras of all the varieties were ordered, so if you didn't get to pre-order, you can still purchase nuts for holiday baking or snacking! There are Pecans, Praline Pecans, Chocolate Amaretto Pecans, Cashews, Chocolate Peanuts, and Chocolate Raisins. Your purchases benefit the Chancel Handbell Choir.

RaiseRight Gift Cards

Look for Elizabeth in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday to place orders through RaiseRight. Use gift cards for your own personal use or give to friends and relatives. Purchase as presents for birthdays, anniversaries, or other upcoming celebrations. You can earn money for the church by ordering shopping cards for various brands, but plan ahead for only **one** order will be sent per month.

New Year's Celebrations

If you need food for New Year's celebrations, shop at our local Adams Hometown Market in Deep River, but be sure to see Elizabeth first. She has gift cards, which are readily available to purchase, to buy your groceries and DRCC earns 5% of the card's value!

CPR Class for DRCC Members!

A **Community CPR Class** for our church members will be held on **Saturday, January 18th, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** at the **Deep River Ambulance** building. The cost is \$25 per person and there are 20 spaces available.

Family Fellowship Skating Day at Bushnell Park

Join us January 5th for ice skating fun at Bushnell Park in Hartford. We will meet in the front of church after the 10 o'clock service to caravan to Hartford. It's completely free and open to everyone! Cookies and hot cocoa will also be provided. Please let Chelsea Ehmke know at yandfm@deeprivercc.org if you can make it!

DRCC Cornerstone Fellowship Update

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 date, Cornerstone Fellowship members have pledged \$156,000 with \$146,000 paid. We hope more will join in helping us reach our goal!

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-Z3Z9/campaign/C-150N6>

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

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 name.

New Requests
Pastor Cheryl (upcoming surgery)
Steve Bibbiani (upcoming surgery)
Helen Rankin (recovering at home)
Carol Nedobity (recovering at Aaron Manor)
Family of Bonnie Hunter
Family of Bill Taylor
All those who are traveling for Christmas
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 Linda & Dan
 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 Griselle
 Kathy King (fall) Jason L
 Dulcie Jensen Jessica
 Beth (tumor) Nancy & Bill
 Kathy (Judy's sister) Benjamin
 Raleigh (heart) Meagan
 Jimmy & Dean Maureen &
 Paul
 Curtis Brenda
 Amato
 Bill Russ's brother
 Robert
 Joe (difficult time) Marilyn M
 Maxi, Kelsey, Dante (traveling)

 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, Carol Perone, Danny McLean,
 Terry, Gianna Porcelli (in remission, but
 still needs prayer)



*Lullaby
 to the tune "Gift of Love"*

*Child of my heart, born in the night,
 Come to our sleeping, and abide,
 All will be well, with you beside
 Until we wake at morning's light.
 Child of the shadows, Star-born One,
 Whisper a word to calm our fears,
 Comfort and calm in time of tears,
 In darkness be our morning sun.
 Child of the moon, our Night-time Song,
 Let holy tunes attend our rest,
 With joyful dreams may we be blessed
 That peace may fill us all night long.
 Child of the manger, Joy, Delight,
 Come to the shadowed realms of earth
 Where ready hearts may give you birth
 That love may dwell in darkest night.*

--Timothy Haut

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



Poinsettias

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Given in memory and in celebration of Loved Ones

Given by:

Sandy & Renee Alonzo

*Anne Bartlett
Joyce, Sarah, & Nathan Bugbee
The Chiappa Family*

*Bev Coulter
Donna & Don Dione
Jim & Jennie Dudley
and Maggie Klunk*

*Bess, Cole, & Cade Ensinger
Cindy Filacchione
Harry Gates*

*Steve Gephard &
Leslie MacLise-Kane
Evelyn Grohs*

*Marilyn Guffey
Claudia & Jon Hardy*

*Tim & Phyllis Haut
Gail, David & Nancy Howard
Melissa Jacobsen
Waldemar E. Jacobson
Bruce & Susan Lighty*

Tom & Kris Lindner

*Macgregor & Christensen
Families
Sally Marston
Jayne Mather*

In Loving Memory of:

*Charlotte Thorpe, David Thorpe
Al & Arlene Alonzo
Gil Bartlett
David Bugbee, Ed & Bobbie Hemmann
Beloved Dad, Ben Chiappa
Great-Grandma Naigy
Jack Coulter
Parry Roberts & Ruth & Robert Dione
Trudy Ann Dudley
Christopher Terrance Dudley
James R. & Marion D. Dudley
Walter P. & Jennie S. Dudley
Luella (Dudley) Pittman
Richard H. & Edna E. (Dudley) Brockett
Clifford Dudley
Lillian (Dudley) Lindner Haser
Hap Lindner and Herb Haser
Dennis Ensinger & Kenneth Bradford
Frances & Guido (my parents)
Carolyn Dolle Gates
Vincent & Evelyn Gates
Margery Gephard
Jewett MacLise
My husband, Don Grohs
My mother, Annie Anderson
My daughter, Lisa May
Ed & Trudy Harding
Pat & Dick Hardy
Alison Harding McNealey
JoAnn Lockwood
Gilbert & Eunice Howard
Glenn Jacobsen
Family & Good Neighbors
Those we hold in our memories
and in our hearts
Diane Lindner Sexton,
Tom's beloved sister
Mr. & Mrs. James S. Macgregor, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Christensen
Tom & Marion Marston
Tom Griffin, Gilbert Mather, and many
cherished family members*

Given by:

*Shana Monks
Barbara Paddon*

*Jeanie Quigley
Judy & Dean Roberts*

*Elizabeth Root
Katie Russell
Kathy & Gary Savona*

*Brad Smith
Mickey Thompson
Charles & Judith Tower*

*Kathy Watson
Bernadette & Michael Zawacki*

In Loving Memory of:

*Reagan and Lucy
Carolyn Gates, Robert Paddon,
Ruth & Carl Miller
My sister, Mary Vise
Thomas & Ann Reilly
Allan & Alice Roberts
Wilhelmina Meier
E. Arthur Root, my son
Clara Russell & Emy Marvin
Paul & Milly King, Frank & Gladys Savona,
Aunt Betty Lou. Uncle Butchley &
Uncle Tommy
My parents, Eleanor & Maynard Smith
Oscar & Barbara Tubman
Ronald & Elaine Tower
Joe & Lillian Agostinelli
David Watson & Betty Tracy
Past Loved Ones*



Given by:

*A Friend
Appreciative Church Member*

*Anne Bartlett
Diane Brooks
Jim & Cheryl Caronna
Susan & Abraham Chamie*

*Bess, Cole, & Cade Ensinger
Cindy Filacchione
Claudia & Jon Hardy
Tim & Phyllis Haut
Sybil Higgins*

*Waldemar E. Jacobson
Russ & Bonnie Jensen*

Kris & Tom Lindner

Kris Lindner

Jayne Mather

*Rick & Lorrie Morrow
Judy & Dean Roberts
Elizabeth Root*

*Art & Lori Tirrell
Bernadette & Michael Zawacki*

In Celebration of:

*Elizabeth & Sybil
Sybil Higgins for all the wonderful gifts she
brings to the children & adults of our church
Family
Marion Stiehl & Christmas
Our return to Deep River
Our much loved grandchildren, Andrea, Ethan
& Zoe.*

*Ted & Barbara Mackenzie
The joy Isabella brings to our lives!
Jack, Lil, & Owen
Our children & grandchildren
My mother, Elizabeth Root, for all she does
at DRCC*

*The Seasons & spirit of the time of year
In love & honor of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ*

*Our beloved grandson,
Dante Maximo Lindner Santi*

*Pastor Tim & Pastor Cheryl
My Office Angels:*

*Anne, Ann, & Carol
Charles Nancarrow, who will be 19 on
Christmas Day. Happy Birthday!*

*Four beautiful granddaughters
Jennifer & Katie Roberts
Sybil & Family, Holly & Family,
Grandchildren, & great grandchildren,
Taylor, Chris, Jr., & Audrey*

*Our church family
Present Loved Ones*