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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 - January 12 - 19, 2025**

- Sunday** - Baptism of the Lord  
Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.  
Faith Explorers, TEAM & Teen Issues, 10:00 a.m.  
**All Boards Meeting, 11:30 a.m.**
- Monday** - Cappella Cantorum, Registration & Rehearsal, 7:00- 9:30 p.m.  
Girl Scouts Service Unit Meeting, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Women's AA, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday** - Exercise Class with Dale, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.  
Board of Trustees, 7:00 p.m. (in person)  
CT River Valley Symphonic Band Rehearsal, 6:30 - 9:15 p.m.
- Wednesday** - Girl Scout Troop Meetings, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Service of Peace & Healing, 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday** - Shoreline Soup Kitchen, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
A.A., 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday** - Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.  
Faith Explorers, TEAM & Teen Issues, 10:00 a.m.  
Christmas Faire Chairs Meeting, 11:15 a.m. (Upper Room)

### **Birthdays This Week**

Donald Dione, Robert O. Rankin (Today); Jen Garner (13); Sandy Freudenstein, Lisa Cataldo, Annetta Sekula (14); Peter Foster, Jim Zwernemann (15); Geordie Martin, Nicholas Van Wyngaarden, Cassidy McCormick (17); Larry Graves, Jr., Shelby Olson, Melissa Symonds-Alsback, William Greer (18).

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

A **new member orientation** will be held following the 10:00 service on **Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **All Boards Meeting Today**

**The annual All Boards Meeting of the church will be held after church today, following Coffee Hour.** All elected committee and board members are asked to gather in the Upper Room at 11:30 a.m. We will divide into individual boards and committees to organize, elect officers, and plan for the year to come.

### **Deacons on Duty for January 2025**

Sally Marston is **Deacon on Call**, Gary Savona is **Sanctuary Rep.**, and Carol Zuppe is arranging for **Lay Readers and Flowers.**

**Thank you to Dennis Raley for directing the choir and playing the organ for our services today.**

## 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. We will then go directly to our classrooms for our Advent and weekly lessons.

**Our curriculum for January will be on Following Jesus and His Miracles.** This week's lesson will be about how Nothing Should Get In the Way of Following Jesus and Jesus Can Do Anything.

**TEAM will be meeting with Art as they continue their Fruit of the Spirits project.**

## WEAR YOUR PJs & HAVE BREAKFAST AT CHURCH – January 19

Faith Explorers and TEAM students along with their teachers are invited to wear their pajamas to church on Sunday, January 19. During the 10:00 service our Sunday School teachers will be making the students breakfast. **BE SURE TO BRING A FRIEND!!! In order to plan for food, please email Sybil if your child(ren) will be attending; [christianed@deeperivercc.org](mailto:christianed@deeperivercc.org).**

## SCOUT SUNDAY

Scout Sunday will be held on February 2. All current Scouts are welcome to attend worship in uniform. Area Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are invited to our celebration. We will celebrate this day with a Scout themed coffee hour to include trail mix, s'mores and more!

Looking for some Girl and Boys Scouts or a Scout troop who would like to speak during the service. The message should only be a few minutes about your experiences in Scouting. Please contact Sybil for more details.

If you are an Eagle Scout or earned the highest rank for Girl Scouts (Gold Award, 1st Class, Eaglet), contact the church office with award earned and year so you can be recognized in the bulletin. *Note: We do have the list from last year, please call to confirm or to add if need be.*

## CHILI COOK-OFF COMPETITION – TEAMS NOW FORMING-SIGN UP TODAY!

**Warm up for the "Big Game" on Sunday, February 9, by joining us on the culinary gridiron in a battle of gastronomic proportions. Twelve teams will be facing off in Fellowship Hall following the 10:00 service in our 10th Annual Chili Cook Off. Come taste and vote for your favorite chili, as your vote will help decide our "Chili Champion" for 2025. There will be both meat and vegetarian entries. Chili will be available for purchase. Take a pint home to enjoy during the big game. What better way to start off the Super Bowl festivities than enjoying this delicious competition! Proceeds go to the Souper Bowl collection which benefits the Shoreline Soup Kitchen. Contact Sybil at [ChristianEd@deeperivercc.org](mailto:ChristianEd@deeperivercc.org) to reserve your spot or click here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hc8K7xLcsg-MHTqtqSiSVWqQFL3T-d9zDxpYiBiEE2k/edit?usp=sharing>**

## CPR Class for DRCC Members!

A **Community CPR Class for our church members** will be held on **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 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. Checks can be made out to DRCC with CPR Class on the memo line.

**PRAYERS ARE NEEDED:** The unity of prayers from members and friends of DRCC means 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](mailto: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

Deb Molander Calavas (cancer)  
Jean Morrow (health concerns)  
Helen Rankin (going to Aaron Manor)  
Cindy (health issues)  
Family of Bonnie Hunter (memorial service on 1/11)  
Family of Bill Ferrigno (Chiappa Family)  
Family of MaryAnn Atwood  
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  
Victims of the wildfires in CA.

### 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  
Nancy S.  
Kathy Geraghty  
Cheryl's dad, Chester  
Kathy Kiing (fall)  
Dulcie Jensen  
Beth (tumor)  
Benjamin  
Raleigh (heart)  
Jimmy & Dean  
Curtis  
Terry  
Joe (difficult time)  
Maxi, Kelsey, Dante (traveling)  
Cheryl (continued recovery)

Doug LaFaille
Harper Darrow
Kevin (ALS)
Griselle
Jason L
Jessica
Nancy & Bill
Carol Nedobity
Meagan
Maureen & Paul
Steve Bibbiani
Russ's brother Robert
Marilyn M

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))

**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

**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.

#### **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!

**The Board of Christian Service would like to remind you about the local blood drives. There is an urgent need, especially with the upcoming holidays.**

#### **January Blood Drives**

01/09/2025 | 01:30 PM - 06:30 PM - Deep River Ambulance Association, 284 West Elm Street, Deep River

01/13/2025 | 09:00 AM - 02:00 PM - Andrews Memorial Town Hall, 54 East Main Street, Clinton

01/15/2025 | 01:00 PM - 06:00 PM - Lutheran Church of Madison, 9 Britton Lane, Madison

01/16/2025 | 01:30 PM - 06:00 PM - East Haddam Senior Center, 15 Great Hillwood Road, Moodus

01/17/2025 | 12:00 PM - 05:30 PM - Essex Town Hall, 29 West Avenue, Essex

01/17/2025 | 11:00 AM - 04:30 PM - Saybrook Point Pavilion, 155 College St., Old Saybrook

01/20/2025 | 12:00 PM - 06:15 PM - Westbrook Elks Lodge, 142 Seaside Avenue, Westbrook

#### **RAISE RIGHT GIFT CARDS**

**Valentine's Day is just around the corner!**

Consider giving gift cards for things that your sweetheart enjoys; candy, retail stores, coffee, and flowers. Shopping & Adams cards can also be used for your own personal use, or for friends and relatives at birthdays, anniversaries, or other upcoming celebrations. Remember you earn money for the church by ordering cards from the RaiseRight program. Plan ahead though for only **one** order will be sent per month.

#### **Adams Shopping Cards**

We also have **Adams Shopping 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 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.

The Church has received a donation from someone's Retirement Distribution. The amount of the check is \$100 and was issued from National Financial Services, a clearing house for Fidelity Investments. However, there is not a name or account number on the check. Hopefully someone will come forward to let us know that this is their donation. Please call either Kris at the office or email Dayle at [treasurer@drcc.org](mailto:treasurer@drcc.org).

#### **Lost & Found**

A black, velvet purse with a gold chain was left at the Christmas Eve pageant. I have it here in the office, so please contact me if it is yours!

#### **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.

#### **Nuts for Sale**

**You can still purchase nuts for baking or snacking! Your purchases benefit the Chancel Handbell Choir.**