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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:**

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

**AA at 7:00 p.m.**

### **This Week - February 16 - 23, 2025**

**Sunday -** Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.  
Faith Explorers, TEAM & Teen Issues, 10:00 a.m.  
Chili Cook-Off, 11:15 a.m.

**Monday - Presidents' Day, Office Closed**  
Cappella Cantorum, 6:30 - 9:00 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, 6:30 - 9:15 p.m.  
Board of Christian Education, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

**Wednesday -** Girl Scout Troop Meetings, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.

**Thursday -** Shoreline Soup Kitchen, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Senior Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.  
A.A., 7:00 p.m.

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### **Deacons on Duty for February 2025**

**Anne Bartlett is Deacon on Call, Eric Brown is Sanctuary Rep., and Kelley Frazier is** arranging for **Lay Readers and Flowers.**

### **TODAY'S CHILI COOK-OFF**

Please join us on the culinary gridiron in a battle of gastronomic proportions. Our teams will be facing off in Fellowship Hall following the 10:00 service today in our 10th Annual Sunday School Chili Cook Off. Come taste and vote for your favorite homemade chili. Your vote will help decide our "Chili Champion" for 2025. There will be both meat and meatless entries. What a better way to start off the Super Bowl festivities than enjoying this delicious competition!

- Each taster will be given voting tokens.
- After tasting and rating all the dishes, place the token into the voting cup to determine the best chili.
- You can purchase chili for a donation of \$5 a pint; all proceeds will support the Shoreline Soup Kitchen.
- Winner for "**Best Meat Chili**" and "**Best Meatless Chili**" will have bragging rights in Fellowship Hall for the year.

### **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 weekly lessons.

**Our curriculum for February will be on Jesus's Parables.** This week's lesson will be about how We Can Help People By Forgiving Them and God Wants Us To Love Our Enemies.

### "Souper" Bowl of Caring

Not a typo; just a great mission! Our Sunday School will be in the back of the Sanctuary for our own "Souper" Bowl Sunday on February 16, for the annual collection of coins to benefit the Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Food Pantries. This is a youth driven collection that engages people to give of themselves to make a difference in someone's life. Please be sure to clean out those spare change areas to help fill our soup pot! Contact Sybil with any questions.

### Noise Makers Needed!

If you have any hand-held noise makers from New Year's Eve, we could use them in Sunday School. We will only take party horns if they are in the original unopened packaging. Please leave or give to Sybil.

### RaiseRight Announcement

Order gift cards for your little Leprechauns! Adams & shopping cards for your own personal use, friends and relatives are available for birthdays, anniversaries, or other upcoming celebrations, like **St. Patrick's Day!** You can earn money for the church by ordering gifts cards for various brands from the RaiseRight program. Plan ahead for only **one** order will be sent per month. We also have **Adams Gift Cards** readily available in \$25, \$50 or \$100 increments for your groceries or as gifts and DRCC earns 5% of the card value. Call Elizabeth Root (203-430-1426) or email Sybil at [ChristianEd@deeperivercc.org](mailto:ChristianEd@deeperivercc.org) for more information or to place an order.

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

In 2024 and into 2025, Deep River Congregational Church is in need of 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, 67 Cornerstone Fellowship members have pledged \$159,143 with \$151,143 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-Z329/campaign/C-150N6>

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

**Nuts for Sale** - You can still purchase nuts for baking or snacking! You may still purchase praline pecans, cashews (1 bag left!), or regular pecans. Your purchases benefit the Chancel Handbell Choir.

**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

BJ Hopkins (pneumonia)  
Dick Bogart (surgery on Tuesday, 2/19)  
Tinkham family (Nancy Peluso's mom-memorial service on Sunday)  
Chuck Tower's granddaughter  
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 & those displaced by the wildfires in CA.

#### 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          |
| Chester (Cheryl's dad)  | Ben T.          |
| Conner                  | Linda & Dan     |
| Lori Wilson             | Zachary         |
| Aimee                   | Benja           |

#### Continued Prayers

ALL Health Care & Essential Workers,  
First Responders  
Our troops, Veterans & National Guard  
Residents in nursing homes  
Rita Doug LaFaille  
Nancy S. Bernadette  
Zawacki  
Kathy Geraghty Kevin (ALS)  
Jim Snow Bill Paulsen  
Dulcie Jensen Cindy  
Jason L Adam (seizures)  
Russ's brother Robert Jay Brenneman  
Joe (difficult time) Jean Morrow  
Helen Rankin Art Christianson  
Ashley

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, Deb Molander  
Calavas, Jim, Jeff)

**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.

### The BELLS are Back for Spring Ringing!!

We rehearse on **Wednesdays, 6:45-8:00 p.m.** Please join us - any level of musical ability is welcome. We play a variety of music that ranges from easy to a moderate level of difficulty. Let me know if you are interested: Claudia Hardy, Director (860-227-3858)