



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS -March 9, 2025**

### **This Week (March 9-16, 2025)**

- Sunday** - First Sunday in Lent  
Daylight Saving Time Begins  
Worship Services, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. (Livestream at 10:00)  
Faith Explorers, TEAM & Teen Issues, 10:00 a.m.
- Monday** - Church Council, 7:00 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.
- Wednesday** - Chancel Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 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 March 2025**

**Dave Baucum** is Deacon on Call, **Art Robbins** is Sanctuary Rep., and **Jane Syme** is arranging for Lay Readers and Flowers.

## **ACTIVITIES DURING LENT**

### **COFFEE CONVERSATIONS**

Each Monday morning starting on March 10<sup>th</sup> through Lent @ 10am in the Upper Room. Join Pastor Cheryl in conversations about faith, church, weather, current happenings, or any other topic that arises.

### **Lenten Potluck Suppers**

Please Join us at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 12, 26 & April 9**. Bring a dish to share (salad or main dish-no desserts) along with your own set-ups (plate, silverware, cup and hopefully a cloth napkin to save on paper products). We will supply the bread/butter and beverages. A variety of songs, prayers, Bible verses and possibly some Bible Trivia will be part of the after-dinner activities. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT @ DRCC**

Each Wednesday night in Fellowship Hall, you are invited to join in a Lenten activity. All activities begin at 6pm.

- 3/12 Potluck Dinner & Activity led by Board of CE  
3/19 Worship with Celtic Theme  
3/26 Potluck Dinner & Activity led by Board of Deacons  
4/2 Contemplative Worship  
4/9 Potluck Dinner & Activity led by CONECT & Board of Christian Service

### **CORNERSTONE CAMPAIGN**

**Much work is being done to protect our beloved Deep River Congregational Church.**

In 2024 and into 2025, DRCC has been undergoing full roof replacement, structural repairs, and maintenance of the church, bell tower, sanctuary and parsonage. **Trustees estimate the total cost will be more than \$200,000.**

A small Cornerstone Fellowship team has been working to raise the money needed to complete the repairs, avoid long-term interest payments, and seed a fund to cover future building maintenance.

**Cornerstone Fellowship pledges now total more than \$167,000 (83% of the campaign goal). We deeply appreciate the support given to date!**

If you have not yet donated and would like to help, or if you have questions on the campaign or work being done, feel free to reach out to Tom Lindner (860-575-0871), Katie Russell (917-826-6886) or Alison Karam (860-906-6264).

**Pledge forms are in Cornerstone Fellowship envelopes on a table in the church narthex. You may also give securely online by going to:**

**<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z3Z9/campaign/C-150N6>**

*Thank you!*

**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 pass them on to shut-ins from our church when she makes her visit.

### **\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\***

Our Summer Faith Adventures program (VBS) will be held August 18-22 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm; ages 5-year-olds through entering 6th grade. All in the community are welcome, so be sure to invite your friends! More information will be coming soon.

## FAITH EXPLORERS

Our Faith Explorers will be meeting today, Sunday, March 9.  
Our theme for March is The Christian Life and our lessons this week are:  
The Bible Teaches Us How to Live and How Jesus Cares About Us All the Time. TEAM will be meeting with Art Robbins.

Classroom for our littlest of friends is open! Chelsey Hood has volunteered to lead the toddlers to four-year-olds each week with lively Christian lessons, age-appropriate crafts, and Bible stories. Chelsey is a teacher by profession, and we look forward to her creativity and enthusiasm with this age group. We encourage our little friends to go to class this Sunday and say hello to Miss Chelsey!

## Youth Bibles

Our Sunday School will be offering Youth Bible Classes for those in 3rd through 8th grade during the Season of Lent. Classes start Sunday, March 9 from 9 am - 9:45 am for six weeks. Bibles will be presented to the children on Youth Sunday in May. In order to prepare the proper amount of materials, please let Sybil know if your child will be attending: [ChristianEd@deeperivercc.org](mailto:ChristianEd@deeperivercc.org).

## 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 give or leave them for Sybil.

## RaiseRight Announcement

Let's get **(s)hopping** for Easter!! **Did you know the bunny likes to hide gift cards in Easter baskets?** We have a wonderful assortment to help the Easter Bunny to include cards for McDonalds, Dairy Queen, Starbucks, various clothing stores and more! You also can use shopping cards for your own personal use, friends and relatives for birthdays, anniversaries, or other upcoming celebrations, like **Easter!** You can earn money for the church by ordering gifts cards for various brands from the GL Scrip program. Plan ahead for only **one** order will be sent per month. And for the adults be sure to get your Adams Cards before you go shopping for Easter dinner! We 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.

**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 prayer, please get permission from the person before asking to add their name.

## PRAYER REQUESTS from the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Baby McKenna  
Phil Hamilton (health concerns)  
Hal Jones got engaged  
Michael (struggling with addiction)  
Family of Lillian Beardsley  
People of the Ukraine  
Carol Sheridan (new home)

## PRAYER REQUESTS from the week of Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dick Bogart & Bill Paulsen & Eileen Sypher & Armando Santi & Sheryl (healing from surgery)  
Curtis (cancer has metastasized)  
BJ Hopkins (pneumonia)  
Kris & Tom (safe travels)  
Chuck Tower's granddaughter  
Joe (healing from surgery)  
Family of Tom Ressler who died on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>  
Kim & Anthony F (safe travel)

## Long Term Requests:

Claire Rider	Art & Lori		
Ed Bushnell	McCarthy Family	Lori Wilson	Mark Bruscoe
Dottie Davis	Linda & Dan	Erica	Matt Peno
Chester A.	Ben T.	Mary Karam	Kathy & Ron
Jerry Clark, Jr.	Rita W.	Doug LaFaille	Nancy S
Jean Morrow	Kathy Geraghty	Kevin (ALS)	
Robert (Russ brother)	Jim Snow	Bill Paulsen	Jay Brenneman
Jason L.	Dulcie Jensen	Adam (seizures)	

Sharon Netsch (Hospice)  
All those affected by addiction  
All those families grieving the loss of a loved one  
All those affected by natural disasters, violence, war, & political unrest  
ALL Health Care & Essential Workers, First Responders  
Our troops, Veterans & National Guard  
Residents in nursing homes  
All who are dealing with cancer (Elizabeth C., Sylvia Tiezzi, Abbie, Bohde, Nicole, Mark, Mason, Robin, Anna, Ralph, 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)