
NEWS FROM THE HILL
OCTOBER 2016
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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

WHO SAID IT?

My fellow Americans,
ask not what your
country can do
for you,
ask what you can do
for your country.

OK, this one is a gift!



John F. Kennedy

“As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life”.

1 Timothy 6: 18-19

I have been contemplating hope a lot lately. With our turnaround church effort, I am constantly reminded of the hope that burns brightly in our community. A hope that is based in an ever deepening sense of faith in God and his mission for our church family. I am reminded that hope is not based in assets, what we have or don't have, but is based in the work that we do with our hands. Hope is seen in our mission work with covenant to care, in the meals we provide through our food kitchen each month, in the Christian Education we provide, in the aid we give each month when we provide for our food pantry, in our fellowship events, and our care for another. Hope is not something that we are born with, but rather something we work on and we work towards. Our scriptures constantly remind us to be working on our faith, on the hope that we live through the actions that we do.

In a world where there is so much violence, so much hate, it is our actions in life that help to inspire people to a life lived in faith, a life lived in the hope of God's promised future. We are called to reach out to people to show our support, to spread God's compassion, to care for one another. To see each other and the world, as if it were through God's eyes. So as we prepare for another Fall, where school has started and we are back to all of our obligations, let's not forget to find a way to live lives to serve another. We can do so through supporting our soup kitchen, giving toiletries to the Merton House, calling in on friends and family who might not get out, or reaching out to neighbors who might need a helping hand. It is up to us to spread the love, hope, and compassion of God that will help make this world a better place. So please remember to check out the rest of the newsletter to see what opportunities we are having to participate in making this world a better place.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We had our first day of Sunday School on September 18th and we thank everyone who helped to make that day a success! Please know it is never too late to bring your kids to Sunday School and friends are always welcome!

Just as a reminder:

- Curriculum: All Together Now by Group
- Teachers: Suzanne Lovejoy, Marj Klar, and Sara Scoran

Fall theme: The Exodus

We ask that you keep your eyes peeled for updates and ways to help support our newly formed Sunday School program.



WHO SAID IT?

Before anything else,
preparation is the key
to success.



FALL BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

We continue to use the MacArthur Bible study curriculum as our guide through the study of Ruth and Esther. We meet on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Bishop Room. This is be a nine week study which will reveal the historical context of the scriptures, the intent behind their writing, the origins, messages they impart, and the promises and advice they still hold for us today. It is never too late to join us in our study. So stop by.

Alexander Graham Bell

BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD OF DEACONS

At our meeting on September 11, Reverend Amanda proposed changes to our worship order to include Sunday School students attending worship before departing to their class. She further proposed some modifications in the duties of the monthly Confirming Deacon. Most suggestions were endorsed by us Deacons. See whether you notice any of the changes.



DEACONS MEETING
Sunday
October 9th
11:30 a.m. Bishop Room

CHRISTIAN
OUTREACH
Monday
October 27th
9:00 a.m. Bishop Room

COUNCIL MEETING
Sunday
October 23rd
11:30 a.m. Bishop Room

TAC MEETING
Sunday
October 30th
11:30 a.m. Bishop Room

STEWARDS OF OUR FACILITIES

As a church, we have recently been blessed with a benefactress who has allowed for us to be good stewards of our facilities. With her inspiration, many other anonymous donors from within and outside of our congregation have stepped up to help us with other projects as they arise. This is another way to help our church as it works to rebuild our community. The pre-school's continued support helped with the repainting of the Old Academy building, repairing and extending the fencing, and many other needs that occasionally arise. These donations have made replacing a door in the Old Academy Building possible and has helped us not only repair the damage from the wind storm on the steeple but prevent the same damage from happening elsewhere on the steeple, and they have helped to replace the shutters on the church completing the refurbishing of the outside of the building. It has allowed us to begin the process of refurbishing the church sanctuary as well. The anonymous donations that come in throughout the year cannot all be listed. So, we applaud all of our stewards that come through for us in all of our needs. We know that it is the inspiration of God that leads them forward in all the different types of giving they participate in. We thank God for the answered prayers and the generosity upon their hearts. So if you are looking for extra ways to give or notice something in need of repair and would like to help, please do not hesitate to contact us. What our buildings look like is a reflection of the life and dedication of our members past and present.

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BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

OCTOBER 18TH – ST. LUKE/ST. PAUL'S FOOD KITCHEN

Our menu is chicken—any style!

Side dishes of starch and vegetables, with salad, fruit and desserts

THANKS TO OUR SEPTEMBER FOOD KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to our cooks, bakers and shoppers!

Daisy Colonnese, Cynthia Landry, Barbara van Achterberg, Connie Wing, Sara Scoran, Phil Doremus, Janie Muir, Vera Knapp, Suzanne Herlihy, Jane Kondratovich, Rev. Amanda, Caren Laskay, Claudia Nielsen, Nancy Wintter, Marj Klar, Pat Davis.

September 20th we served 135 meals!

Prepped, transported and served by: Sara Scoran, Barbara van Achterberg,

ST. LUKE/ST. PAUL'S FOOD PANTRY

Non-perishable food is collected on the First Sunday of the month, when we share Communion and remember those in need of experiencing God's abundance. This month's challenge: two item from your pantries. They are delivered the day of the food kitchen and can be dropped off at the Old Academy building during the month. We also deliver gently used clothes and books/toys at this time.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for drivers and servers, especially those that have all-wheel or 4-wheel drive for the winter months to transport food and serve at the food kitchen. If you can help, please email the office.

MERTON HOUSE

We continue to partner with the Merton House to collect toiletries for those in need. We also continue to serve the food kitchen at St. Luke/St. Paul's in Bridgeport.

We continue to collect sample or travel sized toiletries for Merton House. These small items make a big difference to those in need.

If you can help, please drop them off anytime and place in the basket at the entrance to the church hall.



WHO SAID IT?

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

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UPCOMING OUTREACH PROJECTS

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Jorge Ball, our adopted social worker will be giving us names of families that are in need of help to provide a dinner for Thanksgiving. We provide “baskets” of non-perishables and a gift card for fresh veges/fruit. A sign up sheet will be available for providing food and/or gift cards. Extras are always welcome! Look for the sign up sheet in the church hall toward the end of October.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

If you would like to donate or assist in any way, please see the Menu in the Church Hall for sign-ups for food and serving. You can also contact the church office (phone: 203-261-2527 or email: echurch@snet.net) or Barbara van Achterberg (phone 203-261-2156 or email: barbaravanachterberg@gmail.com). This mission is only possible with many hands making light work! Thank you.

WHO SAID IT?

Most folks are as happy
as they make up their
minds to be.



OFFICE WISH LIST

Computer for the Office

Software for the computer

Blinds for the office windows

A new plastic mat for under the desk

(If you would like to help out with any of these,
please contact the church office for specifics.)

TURNAROUND COMMITTEE

This month we have a lot going on. We have begun to look at replacing the directional signage for our church that was damaged in one or all of the very heavy winters and storms we have had over the years. We are also putting on a Halloween Costume Exchange with the New Academy Pre-school on October 5th starting at 9AM for young families in town. Here they can bring their child's old costume and exchange it for a new one. We are also working on our second opportunity for a fundraiser. We are working on a *Cookie Walk* for December. We will be asking members to bake cookies to help with this venture so please keep an eye on the Sunday Announcements, the website, or the email where we will put out the call for volunteers and helpers. They will be needed. We thank everyone for their support and help in our turnaround process.

Abraham Lincoln

BOARDS & COMMITTIES

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MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE

Memorial Garden stones are a great way to honor our loved ones who have passed in the beautiful shade of our church's memorial garden. Niches are available for those seeking a restful place for their loved ones to be laid to rest. Please contact the church office for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Cookie Walk

NEXT FUNDRAISER COMING UP

We are looking to do a *Cookie Walk* this December and will be asking people to bake some delicious cookies for us to offer. If you like to bake, or know someone who does, please consider sharing your talent this holiday season. Keep your eye on your email because we will start asking people to begin baking this month.



Costume Exchange

HALLOWEEN COSTUME EXCHANGE

The Congregational Church of Easton, along with the support of the New Academy Preschool, will be offering a Costume Exchange on Wednesday, October 5th starting at 9:00AM in the church hall. People are encouraged to bring their child's old or outgrown Halloween costumes and exchange them with other families for costumes that fit and look great. All people are welcome to come. We hope to see you there!

Lost & Found



FOUND!

We still have a black folding umbrella that was found in the church. If you are missing one, please call the church office!

WHO SAID IT?

If we mean to have
heroes, statesmen and
philosophers,
we should have
learned women.



Abigail Adams

SERVING SCHEDULE

OCTOBER CONFIRMING AND WELCOMING DEACON — JONATHAN STOCK

	USHERS & OFFERING	COLLECTORS
October 2	Jonathan Stock and Maria Seaman	Nathalie Taranto and Carol Partridge
October 9	Vera Knapp and Nathalie Taranto	Daisy Colonnese and Marianne Perkins
October 16	The Glasers	The Twomblys
October 23	The McCartys	The Glasers
October 30	Marj Klar and Daisy Colonnese	Nathalie Taranto and Carol Partidge

NOVEMBER CONFIRMING AND WELCOMING DEACON — NATHALIE TARANTO

November 6	Maria Seaman and Suzanne Lovejoy	Daisy Colonnese and Marianne Perkins
November 13	The Marches	The Twomblys
November 20	Vera Knapp and Nathalie Taranto	The Glasers
November 27	The Glasers	Nathalie Taranto and Carol Partridge

All of our members and friends are invited to serve as Ushers. If you would like to participate, please call a member of the Board of Deacons or call Jeanne at the church office (203-261-2527).

If you are unable to serve as assigned, please contact the confirming Deacon for the month.



A donation of Altar Flowers for a Sunday worship would be a wonderful addition to our services in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries or special occasions. You may provide the flowers yourself, have a florist deliver them, or have the office order them (Irene's). There is a sign up sheet in the church hall. Call or e-mail the church office for more information.



Coffee Hour is an exciting part of our congregational life. Hosting a coffee hour is a great way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary with your church family. Perhaps you can join a friend in hosting a Sunday. The deacons will be glad to assist you. A sign-up sheet is in the Church Hall or of course you can call or e-mail the church office for more information.

Thank you!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>October is the fallen leaf, but it is also a wider horizon more clearly seen. It is the distant hills once more in sight, and the enduring constellations above them once again.</p> <p><i>Hal Borland</i></p>					1
2 10 a.m. Worship w/Communion 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Coffee Hour	3	4	5 9 a.m. Halloween Costume Exchange 3:30 Bible Study	6	7	8 
9 10 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Coffee Hour 11:30 Deacons Meeting 3:00 Cove	10 Columbus Day Offices Closed	11 	12 3:30 Bible Study	13	14	15
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BIBLE QUIZ

1

It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books doesn't mention autumn?



A. Matthew
C. Proverbs

B. Jeremiah
D. Jude

2

Where was Daniel living when officials of King Darius conspired to have Daniel thrown into the lions' den? Why was Daniel living there?



- A. Egypt; he wanted to see the pyramids built by his ancestors, the Hebrew slaves
- B. Jerusalem; he was serving as a priest in the temple
- C. Samaria; he was visiting his friend Micah
- D. Babylon; he was one of the Israelites who'd been taken into exile there

3

A beautiful psalm describes God's majesty and speaks of human dignity. Which of the following psalms describes people as having been crowned by God "with glory and honor"?

- A. Psalm 1
- B. Psalm 8
- C. Psalm 23
- D. Psalm 51



- 1. A (See Proverbs 20:4, ESV; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12.)
- 2. D (See Daniel 1:1-6 and 6:13.)
- 3. B (see verse 5, NRSV)

WHO SAID IT?

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.

I gave you a hint for this one!



Helen Keller

New Directory— a new directory is in the works. To insure correct and up to date information we have included a Directory Information form insert in this newsletter. Please fill it out and send in to the office (or email the info).

Directory Information

Family Name _____

First Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

The following information is for church records only.

No cell phone numbers or email addresses will be printed in the directory.

(Name/cell phone #) _____

(Name/cell phone #) _____

(Name/work phone #) _____

(Name/work phone #) _____

Email addresses

Name/Birthdates _____

Anniversary _____