

# News from the Hill

The Congregational  
Church of Easton

September 2018

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Their **VOICE**  
goes out through  
*all the earth,*  
and their **WORDS** to the  
*end of the world.*



*Psalm 19:4*

## Meditations from the Pastor

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me”.  
Matthew 10: 40

What does it mean to be welcoming? This is a question discussed in many churches. But how often do we live the spirit of welcome in our daily lives. Whenever there are guests in our homes there is a certain way that we want them to feel. In my house, I tend to like people to feel very comfortable. I like them to feel like my home is their home and as such they have the freedom to help themselves to my refrigerator and are often offered food and tea. I like to live by the adage that my home is your home. I feel the same about churches. In our churches, we should work to make our community feel like home. But what does that look like.

A home provides a place to be ourselves, opportunities to grow and find support, opportunities to test our skills, and build new ones. A church home works so that each person has the opportunity to learn how to recognize their light and make that light shine in the world. We do this in many ways.

Here are just a few:

- Sunday Attendance helps people feel part a community
- Offering a variety of service projects and ways to get involved
- Offering a welcome package that says who we are and what makes us unique
- Offering educational opportunities for young families and adults of all ages
- Offering opportunities for fellowship and trust building
- Always extending an invitation

These are just a few ways that we extend our hospitality. Remember what Jesus said in our Gospels, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me”. We are called to live welcoming lives because through our hospitality we reveal to the world our love of Christ and the joy of the message. This September let’s remember to be intentional in how we welcome people to our community. Let’s offer one another our support.

**Church Family Picnic**  
**Saturday, September 22nd 2 PM**

## A Note from Reverend Amanda

Madeleine Rose Ostrove was born on August 24, 2018 at 8:22AM weighing in at 7lbs 10oz after a long labor and a c-section. But we are absolutely in love with her. We have been very tired with some sleepless nights. She is adjusting well to her new home and her puppy is adjusting well to her. I am continuing to heal well but I still have some pain every day which reminds me that I need to take it easy. Maddie has had her first doctor's appointment where she made back her birth weight. And she is making all of her new born milestones. I miss everyone and look forward to seeing everyone in 6 weeks when I finish healing. We appreciate all the kind cards and thoughts you have been sending our way.



Come meet Madeleine at the picnic – Saturday, September 22 at 2 PM

## Board and Committee Reports

### Deacons

By now, most of you already that Madeleine Rose Ostrove was born August 24<sup>th</sup>. Reverend Amanda is now on maternity leave and will return to our pulpit on October 7, 2018. Congratulations and warm best wishes to the family.

In the meantime, Mr. Doug Halley will be leading our worship time. He is not a stranger to our church family and is a welcome addition to our worship experiences during Rev. Amanda's leave.

All Deacon meeting minutes are readily available at the church office. The next Deacons meeting will be October 7, 2018 at 11:30 AM

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### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join us for Kick-off Sunday  
September 9th at 10:00 AM

### Children's Worship and Education

This is the perfect opportunity to bring friends, neighbors, people new to town to join us for our first day of Children's Worship, followed by an ice cream social and time of fellowship.

This promises to be a fun Sunday event filled with new beginnings and fellowship.

We hope to see you there!

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### TURN AROUND CHURCH COMMITTEE

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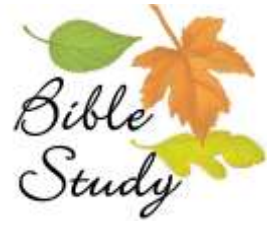
#### Ways to Support our Turnaround Process

- Regular church attendance and giving
- Inviting friends, family, and neighbors to join us on Sunday mornings
- Support our many outreach projects
- Sharing ideas for church growth, fellowship, education, and finance
- Volunteering to sit on committees

## Board and Committee Reports

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### Bible Study



We finished our Spring Bible study on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed our study of 1 Samuel and look forward to continuing on with the story of King David and the story of King Solomon in the fall with the study of 2 Samuel.

Our Fall Bible Study will begin on  
October 10, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

#### **Next St. Luke/St. Paul's Food Kitchen** – Menu for September 18<sup>th</sup>

Chicken – any style – or your specialty, Starches, Vegetables, Salad, Fruit, Desserts

We served 71 meals on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to our cooks/bakers/shoppers

Cynthia Landry, Barbara van Achterberg, Trish Lane, Connie Wing, Daisy Colonnese, Suzanne Herlihy, Jane Kondratovich, Sue Farmer, Susan March, Caren Laskay, the Glasers, Claudia Nielsen

And our Preparers, Transporters and Servers –

Sara Scoran, Barbara Trup, Barbara van Achterberg, Suzanne Herlihy, Sue Farmer, Cynthia Landry

#### **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. They are delivered the day of the food kitchen and can be** dropped off at the Old Academy building during the month.

Merton House

We continue to collect sample or travel sized toiletries for Merton House. Please drop them off anytime and place in the basket at the entrance to the church hall.

*Your donations are greatly appreciated.*



## STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship



We are officially half way throughout the year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have generously pledged their support through monetary donations so far this year.

And if you have not yet pledged, it is not too late. We need the generosity of all of our members to make this a successful year. If you are a friend of the church, your donations are also greatly appreciated.

Please see the pledge card below to fill out and mail in for the rest of the year. **And if you already have pledged, please don't forget your pledging over the summer.**



We are planning our 3rd Annual *Cookie Walk* for  
Saturday, December 2nd.

**We're looking for bakers who can make 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. A sign up sheet will be in the church hall soon.

We would like to collect our first batch of cookies by October 30<sup>th</sup>

Our Annual Church Family Picnic has  
been changed to  
Saturday, September 22nd  
beginning at 2 pm

Please contact the church office if you will be attending.

Please let us know if you will also be bringing a dish to share

We hope to see you there!



# Serving Schedule



## September Confirming and Welcoming Deacon — Daisy Colonnese

	Offering	Collectors	Coffee Hour
September 2	The Marches	D. Colonnese, M. Perkins	B. van Achterberg
September 9	P. McCarty & N. Taranto	The Glasers	B. Trup, S. Baczewski
September 16	D. Colonnese, T. Linley	The Twomblys	S. Lovejoy
September 23	S. Lovejoy & N. Taranto	N. Taranto, C. Partridge	N. Taranto
September 30	The Marches	D. Colonnese	J. Stock



## October Confirming and Welcoming Deacon — Jonathan Stock

	Ushers & Offering	Collectors	Coffee Hour
October 7	The Marches	N. Taranto & C. Partridge	B. van Achterberg
October 14	P. McCarty & N. Taranto	D. Colonnese & M. Perkins	
October 21	D. Colonnese & T. Linley	The Twomblys	
October 28	S. Lovejoy & N. Taranto	The Glasers	

If you would like to participate in worship by doing the offering, or hosting coffee hour, please call a member of the Board of Deacons or call or email the church office. If you are unable to serve as assigned, please contact the church office.

*Altar Flower and Coffee Hour Hosting for 2018*  
**Please see our *Flower Calendar* if you would like to celebrate a special date of a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion. You may order or provide the flowers yourself or have the office order them.**

Hosting a *Coffee Hour* is a wonderful way also to celebrate a special occasion.

- Why: Celebrating a special day with your church family, to welcome people to a moment of fellowship.
- How: Call the church office or send an email if you would like to be on our rotation to host Coffee Hour or would like to just do a special date.



# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10 Worship w/Communion 11 Coffee Hour	3  Office Closed	4	5	6  9/11 Memorial Ceremony Sherwood Island State Park	7	8
9 <b>Kick-off Sunday</b> 10 Worship 10:15 Children's Time 11 <b>Ice Cream                Social</b>	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10 Worship 10:15 Children's Time 11 Coffee Hour	17	18  3:45 Food Kitchen	19	20	21	22  <b>2 PM            Church            Family            Picnic</b>
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Note: Change of Date  
Saturday  
September 22

Call or email if you can attend!