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# News from the Hill . . .

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## Meditations from the Pastor

*“If we let our worries overpower our faith in God, we do not give the word of God the opportunity to produce God’s truth in our lives”.*

Nicole C. Calhoun

September is a perfect time to think about rededicating ourselves to the work of God. As summer comes to an end, many of us are thinking about getting back into the swing of things. So I would like to call each of us to think about God, his call upon our lives, and our church family here in Easton. Consider how you plan to support your church this year.

There are so many opportunities to participate in a variety of activities and projects. Each of these offer the opportunity to work on the strength of our faith which can bring us through the challenging times we are in. Do not allow for fears to hinder your relationship with God. Instead insist on connecting with God. Attend worship either in person or online. Join in our committee meetings. Share ideas for projects and fundraisers. Support our outreach opportunities. There are so many ways to volunteer! Bring your children to Sunday School, join our Bible Study and invite your friends to join you.

If you have been supporting the church for years, perhaps now is the time to consider joining the church and in so doing committing to our church family and committing to the continued journey in our relationship with God. Commitment is essential to the Christian life, to truly connect with God and building a faith that will see you through the challenges of the world around us. So this fall recommit yourself to us and discover new and exciting ways to connect with God. Even try something new and discover just how God speaks to us through all avenues of life. Remember when we commit to God, when we choose God over fears, worries, stresses, and work then we are giving space for the word of God to work and to create in our lives and in our world. Discover where God is leading you together with us.



**Children’s Church Kickoff**  
Sunday, September 12

**Fall Bible Study**  
Begins Wednesday, September 15

**Guided Meditation**  
Begins Thursday, September 16

**Church Family Picnic**  
Saturday, September 18th  
(rain date of Sunday September 19th)

**Bridgeport Rescue Mission Food Kitchen**  
Tuesday, September 21

**Congregational Meeting**  
September 26th following worship



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## Boards and Committee Reports



### Deacons

#### BOARD of DEACONS

Given more than a year of “social distancing” our hope is that you still find solace in the adapting ways and means of the fellowship of our church family.

With COVID-19 limitations still interrupting our peace of mind and activities, remote worship access will continue as well as in-person worship. More detailed directives are spelled out elsewhere in this publication. Keep yourself safe.

Weather permitting, our August 29 worship will be held outside our beautiful church building. We are requesting that, for your comfort, you “BYOC”-bring your own lawn chair.

Amanda will be away Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup> so that worship will be via YouTube. September communion will be on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Looking ahead, to enjoying good fellowship and outstanding food, we will be holding the Church Family Picnic on September 18th at 2:00 PM. We are requesting that you sign up for assisting in executing the event, for food contribution and the number attending.

The deacons have been working with Rev. Amanda and Council, on a new 3 year contract with Rev. Amanda. We plan to bring this to congregational meeting on September 26th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

If your life needs re-purposing ( and even if it doesn't), the Deacons encourage each of you to call or email a church family member/friend as a means of continuing our close family fellowship and to add a bright spot to your day. The next Deacon's meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM.

Board member are: Daisy Colonnese, Jon Stock, Leon March, Sara Trup, & Nathalie Taranto

#### Call to Congregational Meeting

Please mark your calendars for September 26th following worship in the church sanctuary we will be have a congregational meeting. There will be a zoom option as well. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend. A warn will coming shortly.

### Facilities

We are in negotiations with the oil company for an oil purchase plan and service contract.

More details to follow

#### Worship Information

Due to the mask mandate instituted by the first selectman, we have gone back to wearing masks in worship. We still encourage people to sing, participate in responsive and unison readings and prayers, and to share in the time of prayer. Please note, if the delta variant is a cause for concern you may also join us online via the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88440646436?pwd=REEzdGVIVVhFNTFwMkZSMHlpU29LZz09>

If you are joining via zoom, please remember that you can participate in the time of prayer and children's talk by unmuting yourselves. We hope that these restrictions will only be a temporary measure. Thank you for your patience.

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### Christian Education



#### Children's Worship and Education

Children's worship and education begins again on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Children attend worship with their families in the church until after the children's talk when they will go over to the fellowship hall for

children's worship. There will be an ice cream social coffee hour that Sunday to celebrate. We hope all the children will be able to attend.

This Year's Sunday School Teacher: Connie Wing with Sara Scoran serving as a substitute

#### Fall Bible Study

Please join us for our Fall Bible Study starting on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM in the Bishop Room. All people are invited to join us. We will be studying Genesis 11:30-25:18 where we will be studying Abraham and Sarah and the promises of God to their family. Join us for one session or come for all. It is a 9 week course. All you need is a

Bible, notebook, and pencil. If you need help with any of these supplies, please speak to Rev. Amanda.

This year will be a hybrid of online via zoom and in person. The link and information is located below. All sessions will be in person and online.



Bible Study Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86929899126>

Meeting ID: 869 2989 9126

By phone: 1-929-205-6099

#### Guided Meditation

Join us on Thursday Evenings starting

Thursday, September 16th at 7:00 PM

Via Zoom for our first ever guided meditation series. This will be a weekly offering and a great way to destress and connect with God. We hope to see you there.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89414286446>

Meeting ID: 894 1428 6446

By Phone: 1-929-205-6099

## Boards and Committee Reports

### TAC Turnaround Committee

This year we will be offering new opportunities to be involved in the life of our church. We will be offering Virtual Guided Meditation on Thursday evenings at 7PM. We will be beginning our Outreach Sundays again, looking into more outdoor worship opportunities, and exploring more options for fundraisers like our Cookie Walk. One of the easiest ways to help is to send Rev. Amanda your ideas of programs and fundraisers.

#### 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

**Idea Sharing:** Please share your thoughts and ideas for new projects and ways to improve our turnaround process. And consider joining us for a meeting.

### Bible Quiz



In what city was Jesus born?

1

- A. Nazareth
- B. Rome
- C. Bethlehem

What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert ?

2

- A. Crickets
- B. Ants
- C. Locusts

How many books are in the New Testament?

3

- A. 30
- B. 4
- C. 27

Answers 1: c 2: c 3: c

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### Board of Christian Outreach

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The Food Kitchen for Bridgeport Rescue Mission— Menu for September 21 and October 19  
Chicken—any style—or your specialty. Mac and Cheese, Vegetables, Salad, Fruit,  
Desserts

Please see the sign up sheet at the church hall or call the church office or email during the week.  
For questions or to make monetary donations towards miscellaneous items, please contact the office.

We could always use more volunteers to transport. Please note that we will not be meeting at the church  
until 4 PM on Food Kitchen Tuesdays.

Food may be dropped off and put in the refrigerator ahead of time. Please mark that it is for Soup Kitchen.  
Paper/pens/tape are next to the refrigerator.

On the day of the soup kitchen, food should be fully defrosted and delivered to the church hall by 3PM.  
Volunteers are asked to arrive by 4 PM to help load cars. We will carpool to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission in Bridgeport, leaving Easton church hall at 4:00 PM.

Thanks to our cooks, bakers and shoppers: Sara Scoran, Daisy Colonnese, Suzanne Lovejoy, Suzanne Herlihy, Jane Kondratovich, Connie Wing, Linda Blake, Caren Laskay, Susan March, Cynthia Landry, Rev. Amanda,, Sue Farmer.

Thanks to our preppers and transporters: Cynthia Landry, Sara Scoran, and Rev. Amanda

Bridgeport Rescue Mission 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.*

## Board and Committee Reports



A big thank you to all who donated school supplies and backpacks.

We wish them a great year!

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### Outreach Sunday October 10th

On October 10th, as part of the worship experience, we will be participating in a congregation wide outreach project. We are collecting sanitary products to be donated to Merton. We would like to make both little bags for both men and women. These packages help with personal care. Please note the list below of donated items. We are collecting 20 of each thing.

Please only donate new items, nothing used please.

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|------------------|---------------|
| • Hand Sanitizer | • Soap        |
| • Tissues        | • Shampoo     |
| • Toothbrushes   | • Conditioner |
| • Tooth Paste    | • Razors      |
| • Deodorant      | • Shave cream |
| • Mouthwash      |               |

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### News from the Senior Center

Covid-19 and The Delta Variant-The Facts — Friday, September 3rd at 10 a.m. at the ESC  
Senior Medicare Patrol Hybrid Zoom Presentation — Friday September 24th at 12 noon

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### SNEUCC: Southern New England United Church of Christ

For up to date information from the denomination check out the new website of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ.

<https://www.sneucc.org/>

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#### *Altar Flower*

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 (\$35).

# Congregational Church of Easton

## Children's Worship Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents' name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Main Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

All children begin in church and leave with teachers for class after the Children's Talk. Parents may pick up children at the Old Academy Building after worship.

### Vital Information

Food Allergies (please circle) Y N

(List): \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Concerns (please circle) Y N (Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Doctor Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### Permission

I hereby give permission for my child or legal ward to attend Sunday School at the  
Congregational Church of Easton.

Signature	Name	Date
_____	_____	_____

Note: Sunday School teachers have permission to photograph/film the minor(s) attending in any manner or form for any lawful purposes associated with this church.

Mail to:  
The Congregational Church of Easton  
PO Box 37  
Easton, CT. 06612

Or: Scan and Email: [echurch@snet.net](mailto:echurch@snet.net)

### Upcoming Events

Kick Off Sunday September 12th — Children Christian Ed starts

Church Family Picnic September 18th at 2PM (rain date September 19th following worship)

Bible Study starts September 15th — 3:30 PM Bishop Room hybrid with Zoom (link in Bible Study Article)

Guided Meditation Weekly September 16th at 7PM

Outreach Sunday October 10th — During worship—see article

### Serving Schedule

**September Welcoming and Confirming Deacon — Daisy Colonnese**

**October Welcoming and Confirming Deacon — Jon Stock**

If you would like to participate in worship by doing the offering , 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.

*And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.*

*Matthew 18:5*



# September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
<b>5</b> You Tube Worship No in -person services	<b>6</b> Office Closed 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Kick Off</b> 10:00 AM Wor- ship with Com- munion 10:15 AM Chil- dren Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 3:30 Bible Study	<b>16</b> 7 PM Guided Meditation	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 2 PM Church Family Picnic (rain date 19th)
<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Wor- ship 10:15 AM Chil- dren Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 4:00 pm Food Kitchen 	<b>22</b> 3:30 Bible Study	<b>23</b> 12 Outreach 7 PM Guided Meditation	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Wor- ship 10:15 AM Chil- dren Worship TAC Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 3:30 Bible Study	<b>30</b> 7 PM Guided Meditation	<b>31</b>	

# October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion Deacons	4	5	6 3:30 Bible Study	7 7 PM Guided Meditation	8	9
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