

News from the Hill

Rev. Amanda Ostrove, Pastor

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Meditations from the Pastor

"And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10: 24-25

As October rolls around and the leaves begin to change color and the weather gets a bit colder, this can be a wonderful time to reflect on thankfulness. October is a very important month for me and my family. October is my anniversary month with my husband marking 12 years of marriage for us. But also this October marks 12 years of service here in Easton. And I am thankful for all the love and support that I have received here.

This church has been my faith family for years. I have received comfort during multiple family losses. I was supported during illnesses and injuries. You celebrated with me and for me with the birth of both my children. And warmly welcomed them at both of their baptisms. So I am very grateful for the way that the church continues to renew my pastoral contract with you. I am grateful that you consider not only my needs but the needs of my family.

I am amazed at the work God has called me to do in this community and I am happy to be accepting another contract with you. I feel blessed to finally be adding my name to your membership rolls. And I hope that those of you who have not done so, will consider joining me in joining this wonderful community of faith. This community is more than just a group of Christians meeting on Sunday morning for worship, this community is family. If you are interested in joining our membership please speak with Rev. Amanda via phone at 203-261-2527 or email at pastor.cchurcheaston@gmail.com.

Remember that in our thankfulness God calls us to live more fully into love for one another and love for neighbor so please read on and mark your calendars to participate in all of our outreach and educational opportunities. That way we are working to build community together and to build a more loving and peaceful world just as God calls us to do.



Outreach Sunday
Sunday, October 10th

**Bridgeport Rescue
Mission Food Kitchen**
Tuesday, October 19th

Children's Worship
Sundays, 10:15 AM

Fall Bible Study
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
through November 10th

Guided Meditation
Thursday, 3:30 PM
through November 11th



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Board and Committee Reports

BOARD OF DEACONS

Rev. Amanda has accepted the invitation to continue as our Pastor, thus at a specially called meeting of the congregation, on September 26, 2021, the attending congregants voted to enter into another three year covenant with her.

Our agreement to covenant with her indicates that we are pledging our prayers and support in the stewardship of time, talent and monetary contributions. Support and input from each of us is vital and valuable to our church family and to her.

Congratulations Reverend Amanda! Our church family appreciates your faithfulness, creativity, enthusiasm and initiative.

Incidentally, October 10, is Pastor Appreciation Day which may be a perfect time to let Rev. Amanda know how much she is appreciated.

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 own day.

The next Deacon's meeting will be November 7th at 11:30 AM.

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



FACILITIES

Thank you to Pat McCarty for negotiating with Santa Energy for both our annual service contract and locking in the oil price for the season. The time and effort is much appreciated. We were able to lock in at 2.99/gallon for this season.

"Looking back over a lifetime, you see that love was the answer to everything."
—Ray Bradbury



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TAC Turnaround Committee

We want to thank TAC and all of the members of our congregation that came together to make our Church Family Picnic a wonderful fellowshiping event. Your hard work is greatly appreciated. TAC has been planning for our annual cookie walk in December. So if you haven't volunteered to bake yet please do so to the church office. Your help is greatly needed. Here are some ways to help support your church family.

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.

Children's Worship and Education

Children's worship and education started on September 8th. Children attend worship with their families in the church until after the children's talk and then go over for children's worship in the fellowship hall.

Any child is welcome to join us for Children's Worship on a Sunday morning.

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 15th 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

Boards and Committee Reports

Guided Meditation

Join us on Thursday Evenings through
Thursday, November 11, at 7:00 PM

Via Zoom for our first ever guided meditation series. This will be a weekly offering and a great way to de-stress 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

4th Annual Cookie Walk! Preparations are beginning!

Saturday, December 4th 9am—12pm



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. Please email the church office with what you plan to bake this year so we can put together order forms. We are asking each baker to make 10 dozen cookies each.

Thanksgiving Baskets for Covenant to Care

Jorge Ball, our adopted social worker, has provided us with names of families who are in need of help to provide a dinner for Thanksgiving. We provide "baskets" of non-perishables and a gift card for perishable needs. A sign up sheet will be available for providing food and/or gift cards. Extras are always welcome! The sign up sheet can be found in the church hall.

Baskets are due in the church hall by Sunday, November 21th.



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Board of Christian Outreach

The Food Kitchen for Bridgeport Rescue Mission— Menu for October 19 and November 16

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.

Due to the timing of our Family Picnic the weekend before, we were able to use the leftover food for the Soup Kitchen. Thank you to all who cooked, baked and shopped for the picnic and soup kitchen.

Thanks to our preppers and transporters: Sue Farmer, 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.

Congregational Service Project

Outreach Sunday 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 speak with Rev. Amanda to see what items are still needed.

Please only donate new items, nothing used please.

Serving Schedule

October Welcoming and Confirming Deacon — Jon Stock

November Welcoming and Confirming Deacon — Nathalie Taranto

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.

Altar Flower for 2021 and 2022

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).



News from the Community

FEA Fall Meeting

The Annual Fall Meeting of the Fairfield East Association is hereby called for Wednesday, October 27th, 2021. This will be a virtual meeting utilizing the ZOOM meeting platform. The virtual doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with worship.

To register for the meeting, please connect Rev. Amanda for information.

October 2021

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3 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion 10:15 am Children's Worship	4	5	6 10 AM Deacon's Meeting 3:30 Bible Study	7 7 PM Guided Meditation	8	9 Internment Service
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28 Advent Begins 10:00 a.m. Greening of the Church	29	30	31			



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