

Women's Fellowship Yearbook

2016-2017



First Congregational
Church of Greenwich

**The Women's Fellowship Board
2016-2017**

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The Rummage Room

The Rummage Room, located at 191 Sound Beach Avenue in Old Greenwich, is run by Women's Fellowship. A true outreach project, profits from The Rummage Room are allocated yearly to charitable organizations which serve women, children and families locally, nationally and internationally. Since inception, over \$4.5 million has been donated. For more information on the allocations process, contact Melanie Garnett at garnetts@optonline.net or Sheila Bennett at sheilabennett@optonline.net.

You can support The Rummage Room in three ways: **donate your gently used goods, volunteer your time, and shop there often!** A wish list of needed/wanted items appears regularly in the *Meetinghouse Monthly*, the weekly church bulletin and on the church website at www.fccog.org/about-us/the-rummage-room.

Stop by and say hello to our manager, Leanne Meyer, and all the volunteers who make The Rummage Room hum. Please consider volunteering for a regular shift or helping out for seasonal transition needs. You'll enjoy rewarding work that makes a real difference in our local and larger community.

Shop Hours:

Mon -Fri 10 am-5 pm & Sat 10 am-1 pm

Donation Hours:

Mon-Thurs 9:30 am - 4:30 pm;

Fri & Sat 9:30 am-12:30 pm

(203) 637-1875

Women's Fellowship Programs

How you can get involved

Ongoing

Bridge

A schedule has been established for bridge pairings to play against one another from September–May with a playoff in early June. This is a delightful opportunity to meet other women in the church and enjoy a monthly bridge game. If you are interested in learning more about the bridge program, contact Pat Geismar at pat.geismar@gmail.com.

Hats Off

All of the many hats we wear are removed during our women's book discussion group. *Hats Off* meets on Thursdays from 10–11:30 am in the Binney Conference Room beginning in September and running through May. Check the *Meetinghouse Monthly* for the latest books being read. The first selection of this year is *Essays in Humanism* by Albert Einstein.

Kettle Quilters

Quilters of various experience levels meet Monday mornings from 9 am–Noon and 7-9 pm Monday evenings in the Binney Conference Room to work on a future heirloom quilt which will be raffled off at our Annual Meeting in May. Fabric we love, stitch we must, each other's company we enjoy! With happy thoughts, our quilters gather together to complete our 47th annual quilt. Come and join us!

Nights Off

Nights Off generally meets on the third Monday night of each month and includes activities such as cooking for shut-ins, service projects, movie nights, or just unwinding in good company. Upcoming events will be announced in the *Meetinghouse Monthly*, the weekly church bulletin, weekly e-blasts and the church website at www.fccog.org. If you have any questions or would like to host a *Nights Off* gathering, please contact Annette Bergh at amvb58@aol.com and put "Nights Off" in the subject.

Tai Chi

Come and experience the many wonderful benefits of Tai Chi exercises. Tai Chi can help enhance flexibility, strength and balance, and provide a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. Classes are held Wednesdays at 8 am and Thursdays at 9 am in the Auditorium or Memory Garden when weather allows. Only \$10 per class and drop-ins are welcome. Join us!

Events

January 2017– Afternoon Tea with Guest Speaker
(more info to follow)

February 5, 2017 – “Souper” Bowl Sunday Fundraiser

Our sixth annual Soup Sale is our only planned fundraiser for the year. We make our favorite soup or chili recipes, label and package them in quart sized containers and sell them during Community Hour. Enjoy while you're watching the Super Bowl or keep for a later date.

Wednesday May 10, 2017 **Annual Spring Luncheon and Quilt Raffle**

Enjoy camaraderie, a delicious meal, an engaging program, including election of officers and approval of allocations, and the excitement of the 47th Annual Quilt Raffle!

Mission Statement of the Women's Fellowship

As women of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, we are a fellowship united in a ministry to better the world around us as we deepen and share our Christian faith through:

- Outreach opportunities that contribute time, talent and treasure to our local and global communities.
- Programs that enrich the mind, body and spirit.
- Fellowship activities that foster community and support.

Women's Fellowship Activities

Women's Fellowship brings the women of First Church together through social events, service projects, and educational opportunities. If you are a woman and are a member of, or active in, First Church, then you are a member of Women's Fellowship!

This booklet provides an overview of some of our current activities and programs. The Women's Fellowship Board generally meets on the second Thursday of the month.

Please share your thoughts and ideas for new programs with us by contacting the Women's Fellowship President, Annette Bergh, at amvb58@aol.com.

Watch for our announcements during the year and please consider being an active part of this vibrant and vital ministry in our church!

Special Volunteer Opportunities: We currently need a Co-President, a Vice President, and a *Nights Off* chair. If you are interested, please contact Shirley Flierl, Beth Press, Mary Fike or Laura Erickson.

All women members of First Congregational Church are automatically members of Women's Fellowship and we hope everyone will become involved. Please let us know your interests by emailing Annette Bergh at amvb58@aol.com or checking off the form below and returning it to the Church Office:

- Rummage Room Hats Off Tai Chi
- Bridge Kettle Quilters Quilt Raffle
- Soup Sale Nights Off Other:

I have a special interest or talent I would like to pursue with the help of Women's Fellowship: _____

Name: _____

Phone: (h) _____ or (c) _____

Email: _____

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