



MEETINGHOUSE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF GREENWICH

monthly



March 2019

- March 3** Church School
Communion Sunday
- March 6** Ash Wednesday
Lenten Community
Dinners Begin
- March 31** Communion
Interfaith Field Trip

See inside for complete calendar

WORSHIP WITH US

Every Sunday at 10 am

FCCOG declares itself to be open and affirming: open to all for participation, membership, leadership, and employment, and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.

Valentine's at First Church



Valentine's Day Tea at Edgehill

The annual Valentine's Day Tea for FCCOG members residing at Edgehill was well-attended. Hostesses were members of several Caring Ministry programs: Cyndy Anderson, Mary-Ann Assing, Sheila Bennett, and Linnea Stenberg. The church school children made lovely Valentine cards for the attendees. We were honored to have all three Pastors join us: Avery Manchester, Carla Dietz, and Patrick Collins.



From the Interim Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

This month of March will be my seventh serving you as your Interim Senior Pastor. I can say with sincerity that I have grown to know and love your community and the effort you put into doing God's work in the world. It is a blessing to be with you.

This month we will be moving into the Season of Lent which promises to be a time of earnest reflection about our church as well as on the wider human culture in which we live and move. Reverend Patrick has already asked us to refrain from our standard "Committee Meetings" during Lent in favor of meals shared and conversation between us. In that context, we have come up with a Wednesday Night Program and Dinner schedule to which all are invited. Patrick and I are preparing the programs and Committees have been invited to provide the simple Lenten meals. We will start off on Ash Wednesday with the topic "How Hungry Am I?" discussion led by Patrick and your Church Staff will prepare the meal! We hope you will participate in some or all of the 6:00pm Wednesday Night Lent Programs. Below is the tentative schedule which might change some, but not much.

Each Pastor will be responsible for a program during the Dinner which will start around 6:00 with ample time for folks to come in as they can after work. Committees/Staff will provide the dinner food. Please consider these evenings to be "**Sacred Conversations**" defined this way:

1. We actively love one another
2. We listen for what the Spirit is saying to the church
3. We take Community Responsibility



March 6	Patrick	<i>How Hungry Am I?</i>
March 13	Carla	<i>Should We Build Walls?</i>
March 20	Patrick	<i>Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread</i>
March 27	Carla	<i>Where's Jesus during Lent?</i>
April 3	Carla	<i>Where's Jesus after Easter?</i>
April 10	Patrick	<i>Every Table is an Altar</i>

The following services are scheduled for the rest of the season:

April 18	Patrick, Carla, Avery	7 pm Maundy Thursday Service
April 19		Good Friday music program
April 21	Patrick	6 am Easter Sunrise Service
	Carla, Avery	9 am Easter Service
	Patrick	11 am Easter Service

May God bless us as we enter this special, sacred time of reflection and community building.

Grace & Peace,
Carla
 Reverend Carla Dietz

Senior Pastor Search Committee Report

After 5 months of hard work, the FCCOG Settled Pastor Search Committee has finalized the Church Profile and is preparing to open the call for candidates!

We are confident that the Church Profile is an honest representation of FCCOG and will attract the candidate whom God is calling to us. The profile drew upon our committee's understanding of our church and congregation, but relied even more heavily on the feedback we received from the Congregational Survey as well as meetings with staff members. For those of you who were unable to attend the December Quarterly Meeting, you can find a summary of the survey in the Church Office.

We are seeking a Senior Pastor who will provide thought-provoking spiritual guidance from the pulpit while lovingly and enthusiastically becoming an active member of our church and community. The new Senior Pastor will listen to the congregation's ideas, while providing leadership, continuity and vision, as well as will work hand in hand with the congregation, lay leaders and staff to develop and implement the strategic vision.

Over the next few months, we would expect to receive profiles from ministers across the country who wish to be considered for our position. Each of these candidates will be thoroughly evaluated for potential fit from their Profile, as well as by other available resources. If a candidate appears to be a potential fit from this initial review, we then begin an interview process.

We know that the question on everyone's mind is - How long will it be until we have our next Senior Pastor? We wish we could answer this, but we cannot. We do not know when we will find the candidate God is calling to us, but rest assured the committee is dedicated, working hard and focused on finding the right Senior Pastor for FCCOG.

Proverbs 3: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."*

The congregation's support has been critical in our work and we would like to thank everyone for that support.

The Senior Pastor Search Committee

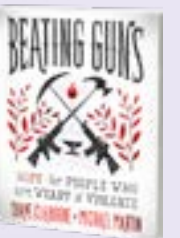
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Avery's Book Corner

My strong recommendation for March is **Beating Guns, Hope for People Who are**

Weary of Violence by Shane Claiborne and Michael Martin, Brazos Press. Richard Rohr wrote, "This book could change America and awaken Christianity!" Urgent invitation especially now.



Music & Arts

by Dr. Craig Scott Symons

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS LIVE



Our popular Sunday Afternoons Live series is held in the acoustic splendor of the First Church Auditorium. Each Sunday at 4 pm, a wonderful performance by outstanding local and national artists will surely delight all in attendance. Refreshments and light sweets are included in your \$25 admission. As always, school-age children are free!

Sunday, March 3: 'Scape Trio

Versatile and dynamic, 'Scape Trio engages the senses on the concert stage, NYC's finest art galleries, adds musical flair to private events. Enjoy the variety of their performances with music from Baroque to Contemporary! For more information, visit www.josephdermody.com/scapetrio.

Sunday, March 10: Off Sounders with special guests The Grace Notes

The Off Sounders is a men's acappella singing group that been performing in the Greenwich area and beyond since 1956. The group's repertoire includes traditional, spiritual, classical, jazz, pop, show tunes, good old rock and roll, country western and seasonal music. For more information, visit www.offsounders.com.



The Grace Notes personify the belief that music can inspire, delight, and even heal the human soul. Their mission is to share the joy of music with the community, always striving to provide the highest caliber of performance to entertain, lift spirits, and brighten hearts with the gift of music.



From the Parish Nurse

by Sue Asselin, RN

Preparing for the unthinkable

Much is in the recent news about mass shootings, and perhaps the most appalling of all, those at houses of worship. Perhaps incidents like this were always around, but media didn't spread the word as fast. Freedom of the press (and other media) is of course a cornerstone of our democracy, but we can certainly observe that there are pros and cons to constant media presence. On the positive side, the news media can increase awareness of events and issues, but at its worst it can promote fear and even panic. Like so many instances in life, a balance must be sought. In the case of church shootings, I believe somewhere between denial and fear, lies the balance: preparation.



The Wellness Committee and the Church Council continue to give thoughtful consideration to the best ways to prepare for such situations. We have always tried to improve safety for our members and visitors at First Church. We would like to add to the measures we already have in place (pointing out emergency exits, maintaining fire alarms & fire extinguishers, AED & CPR training), by providing training for responding to "active shooter" situations.

Active Shooter Response Training

- Open to All-

Date: Tuesday, March 26

Time: 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Lounge

Presented by Community Impact Officers from the Greenwich Police Department, the class will cover techniques to minimize injuries in the case of an active shooter in church or elsewhere in the community. Attendees will increase their awareness, and learn more about what they might do to assist others or alert authorities in such situations.

Please contact your parish nurse: Sue Asselin, to register for the class, or to ask any questions: susana@fccog.org or church ext 821.

Volunteer Opportunity

First Church Volunteer Day @ Neighbor to Neighbor

Please join other church members to stock the food pantry and sort and display donated clothing and linens.

Date: Saturday, March 9

Time: 8:30-10:30 or 10:30-12:30

Location: Neighbor to Neighbor, 248 East Putnam Road, Greenwich.



This is a great opportunity for a parent/child team or and adult and friend.

Children under 15 years of age need to be accompanied by an adult.

Interested or have questions? Please email Donna Hascher (donna.hascher@gmail.com).

For more information about Neighbor to Neighbor, visit www.ntngreenwich.org.

March is National Nutrition Month

On a recent Sunday, the Wellness Committee hosted a "Healthier Community Hour" during which we offered some healthy snack choices. We hope to inspire many other groups hosting Community Hour to do the same. Some healthy snack ideas for Community Hour include: fresh fruit, veggies and dip, yogurt, boiled eggs, whole grain crackers, cheese, high fiber muffins, multigrain breads, nuts, dried fruits, hummus, cherry tomatoes. Please label any items with nuts and place them in the center of the table out of reach of little ones. Feel free to speak with the sextons to have them adjust the food amounts they prepare, based on what you're bringing. You may also call Sue Asselin, your parish nurse with any questions, at ext 821.



Betsy Kreuter and Diane Kretschmann set up for Community Hour

Church School & Faith Formation

Church School Schedule for March

Sunday, March 3	10am Worship and Regular Church School 2nd Grade "First" Communion 4 & 5th Grades cook chili
Sunday, March 10	10am Worship and Regular Church School
Sunday, March 17	10am Worship and Regular Church School
Sunday March 24	10am Worship and Regular Church School
Sunday March 31	10am Worship and Regular Church School

Never too early to think about CAMP!

Silver Lake, AKA "God's Backyard," is the Connecticut Conference UCC summer camp. If you have a child or teen between the ages of 8 (going into 4th Grade) and 18, don't miss the chance for them to experience this amazing place and its amazing grace.

Registration has already begun and since many conferences fill up quickly, please visit their website www.silverlakect.org TODAY and click on the registration button to register.



Special announcement for summer 2019!

Our own Patrick Collins will be co-leading a week for 8th, 9th and 10th graders, July 14-20.

Thanks to the generosity of the Women's Fellowship Allocations Committee, we have scholarship money available. Ask Patrick or Rosemary for details.

First Church Pre-School News



Get a jump start on your summer and plan to join us for our popular summer program especially designed for preschoolers.

Based on requests from our families, we have extended our summer program to 7 full weeks! Further, our program for 3's is extended from 3 days to 5 days per week!

Bouncy houses, water play, arts and crafts, sports, ice cream truck visits, Nature classroom activities, and so much more!

Call today at 203-637-5430 or email Melanie at melanieg@fccog.org.

Please visit www.firstchurchpreschool.org for more information.

We are also enrolling for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Come take a tour and see our Nature Classroom and learn more about our unique programming, such as Music Together, Rad Lab, and yoga. Spaces are filling, so don't delay!

Want to Own a Piece of First Church History?

All Meetinghouse church pews and red chairs are for sale. Please contact Steve Summerton at steves@fccog.org or call (203) 637-1791 x 838 for more information.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2019 Church Calendar Highlights

Sunday, March 3:	Sunday Afternoon Live Series Concert, 4pm, with 'Scape Trio
Wednesday, March 6:	Ash Wednesday Community Ash Marking, 7-9 am, Church parking lot Lenten Community Dinner, 6 pm, Auditorium
Thursday, March 7:	Hats Off Book Study, 10-11:30 am, Lounge
Monday, March 11:	Rummage Room Committee Meeting, 1-3 pm
Tuesday, March 12:	Church School Task Force Meeting, 7-9 pm, Rick's Room
Wednesday, March 13:	Women's Fellowship Board Meeting, 1-3 pm, Lounge Lenten Community Dinner, 6 pm, Auditorium
Thursday, March 14:	Hats Off Book Study, 10-11:30 am, Lounge WF Allocations Meeting, 7-9 pm, Binney Conference Room
Wednesday, March 20:	Lenten Community Dinner, 6 pm, Auditorium Church Council Meeting, 7-9 pm, Lounge
Thursday, March 21:	Hats Off Book Study, 10 - 11:30 am, Lounge
Tuesday, March 26:	Prayer Shawl Committee Meeting, 6:30-8 pm, Rick's Room Active Shooter Response Training, 7-8:30 pm, Lounge
Wednesday, March 27:	Lenten Community Dinner, 6 pm, Auditorium WF Allocation Meeting, 7-9 pm, Binney Conference Room
Sunday, March 31:	Confirmation Inter-Faith Field Trip, 11 am-5:30 pm, Off-site

Complete calendar at www.fccog.org

Budget Committee Report

For the first 6 months (July 1 – December 31, 2018) of the current Fiscal Year 2019, the Church (including the PreSchool) was ahead of Budget by +\$88,706 and +\$146,521 ahead of the same period in the previous fiscal year.

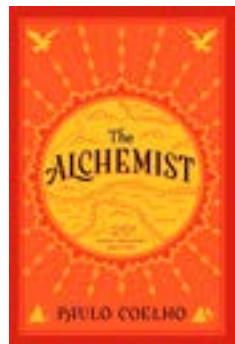
- The majority of the gain was in Church Compensation expenses (net of an increase in B&G – Operations expenses for temporary cleaning service costs), which were +\$51,528 ahead of Budget. The gains were due to pastoral and staff vacancies that have now been filled, so we should hold onto these gains, but they will not continue to grow.
- Building & Grounds – Parsonages expense was +\$14,950 better than Budget due to avoiding rental expense during the renovations on 11 Forest Avenue. We had budgeted \$20,000 for rental housing expense, but 15 Forest Avenue was used instead. This gain to Budget will last, but not repeat or grow.
- Preschool revenues less expenses came in at +\$18,034 ahead of Budget, thanks to strong enrollment starting in September. Enrollment was a large concern last Spring when we built the Budget, but there were many late enrollments that has helped a lot. Gains should continue for the rest of FY 2019 as enrollment continues higher than budgeted.
- Stewardship Pledges were ahead of Budget by +\$10,480, but Plate and Church School collections were -\$4,325 below Budget.

So we are off to a solid start for the Fiscal Year! With the outlook for the Pre-School much improved, the remaining major area of risk in the Budget is in the Stewardship Pledges for CY 2019. The Stewardship Committee is working hard, and thanks to the Matching Fund from a number of generous members, are getting closer to the goal. However, it is likely that there will be a lasting shortfall in CY 2019 Pledges impacting the 2nd half of FY 2019 and the 1st half of FY 2020. We should know better by the end of March how large this shortfall will be. Once again we are reminded as to how critical our Pledges are to the success of our Church.

Church Life

Hats Off Book Study Group

We have chosen our second read of 2019: "The Alchemist " by Paulo Coelho.



Originally written in Portuguese, it became a widely translated international bestseller.

"Paulo Coelho's masterpiece tells the magical story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure as extravagant as any ever found.

The story of the treasures Santiago finds along the way teaches us, as only a few stories can, about the essential wisdom of listening to our hearts, learning to read the omens strewn along life's path, and, above all, following our dreams.

Please join us on Thursday mornings in the lounge, from 10:00-11:30. Reserve your copy from our Greenwich Library. Any questions, please e-mail Debgar1@aol.com.

Church Life



Ash Wednesday at First Church

Start your morning on Ash Wednesday, March 6 with a new approach to a centuries-old Christian tradition. We are taking part in a new nationwide movement that has clergy and lay people visiting transit stops, street corners, coffee shops, and college campuses to mark the foreheads of interested passers-by with ashes and invite them to repent of past wrongdoing and invite them to experience the power of God's eternal love and grace in an informal way. Please join us in the parking lot of the First Congregational Church from 7 to 9 am.



Flowers

Please contact Judy Gordon at 203-627-8575 if you would like to provide flowers for the Sunday morning worship services in April, May or June.

Outreach Opportunity



Lenten Offering 2019

The world we live in, which God created, is overflowing with abundant food and resources. Despite the rich resources we have been given, meeting the most basic need for food is a daily challenge for many individuals and families locally, in the United States and the world. Our Lenten Offering and Project this year will focus on how we all have the ability to make a difference to our brothers and sisters struggling with food insecurity and hunger.

During this season of Lent the **Outreach Committee** suggests that you reflect on the blessings we receive and how we can eliminate hunger. On each Sunday in Lent, there will be a Mission Moment addressing the issue starting with the big picture, touching on what we currently do as a church and determining what one individual or family can do.

The Lenten Offering will culminate with a "Service Sunday" on April 28th during the 10am Worship hour. Members and guests of the church will be invited to serve at one of the Greenwich Community Gardens. We will also have a service activity at the church, which will be accessible to all who might not be able to dig around in a garden.



Visit greenwichcommunitygardens.org to see what they do!

From the Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee wishes to **THANK** everyone who have as of February 22 pledged to Stewardship 2019:

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| Mrs Persis Alden | Jane & Robert Finch | Mr & Mrs Clement Lepoutre | Mr & Mrs Arthur Robinson |
| David & Colleen Alfano | Mr & Mrs Richard Fraser | Catherine Lepoutre | Mrs Beth Rollins |
| Mrs Mary Ruth Allen | Mr & Mrs Donald Freeman | Mrs Virginia Liddel | Lori & Joseph Romano |
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| Mrs Judith Chapman | Ms Lynn Woodman Hawxhurst | Mr & Mrs John Norrgard | Mr Andrew Taylor |
| Mr & Mrs Glen Chidsey | Lucy Hedrick & Mr George Handley | Mr & Mrs Erik Norrgard | Mr & Mrs Andrew Tedford |
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| Thomas Clark | Mr & Mrs William Henry | Mrs & Mr Paul O'Gorman | Mr & Mrs Johann Thalheim |
| Mrs Maesie Clarkson Wylie | Mrs Janet Hermance | Paul & Cara Olmsted | Mrs Stella Thomas |
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| Jeffrey Cooper & Josephine Chen | Robert & Kristen Jacks | Michael Pastore & Mrs Robin Ducharme | Ms Anne Wachsmann |
| Mr & Rev Bradley Craig | Mr & Mrs Richard Jenkins | Ms Carolyn Paulus | Mary Webster |
| Ms Elizabeth Craig | Mr & Mrs Paul Johansen | Mr & Mrs William Penwell | Mr & Mrs Robert Weeks |
| Ms Jane Cumming | Mr & Mrs Thomas Johnson | Mr & Mrs C Robton Perelli-Minetti | Mr Stephen Weigner |
| Mr & Mrs Mark De Riemer | Mr & Mrs Wayne Jostrand | Anne & Friedrich Pfetsch | G Michael & Maria Weiksner |
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| Mr & Mrs Gregory Dempsey | Ken Kolb & Katherine McLennan | Mr & Mrs Zachariah Pratt | Thomas & Lori White |
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| Sean & Susan Doyle | Mr & Mrs Paul Kretschmann | Jean Raben | Andrew & Lesley Williams |
| Mrs Mary Durland | Ms Elizabeth Kreuter | Mr Tom Rawson | Mrs Betty Woodman |
| Christine Early | Scott & Keeley Kriskey | Mr & Mrs Gifford Reed | Ms Carolyn Paulus |
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| Ms Mary Fike & Mr Joseph Dowling | Shauna Leek | Lynn Robertson | Mr & Mrs Joshua Ziack |

If you have not yet had time to make your pledge, it is so easy to do so at www.iamfirstchurch.com

From The Kettle Quilters

Women's Fellowship 49th Annual Quilt Raffle:

Tickets on sale after church Sunday, March 31

The 2019 Women's Fellowship Raffle Quilt is a queen-sized contemporary pattern called "Around the Twist". We selected batik-type fabrics in muted blue-grays and greens for this quilt. The historical name of the quilt is "Round the Twist" similar to Celtic Twist designs from Ireland. The blocks are sewn together in a way that makes the fabrics appear to intertwine. Celtic knots were used primarily in decorating church monuments and manuscripts and trace their origins to the early Roman and Byzantine empires.



This quilt must be seen in person!

UPCOMING QUILT DISPLAY DATES

When: During Sunday Community Hours and the beginning of Women's Fellowship Luncheon (Wed. May 15)

Dates: March 31, April 14 and 28, May 5 and 12

TICKET SALES:

\$5 per ticket (500 tickets limit)

The Rummage Room in April (stay tuned for dates)
Church Office Week of April 23rd (closed for Easter)

Winning Ticket Drawing: Women's Fellowship Luncheon, 1pm

The winner need not be present to win.

All proceeds benefit local, national and international charities supporting women and children.

We are grateful to our ***dedicated group of Kettle Quilters*** who continue the tradition of providing a hand-stitched heirloom quilt year after year. We thank them and our faithful church community for their continued support of the mission of the Women's Fellowship.

Please contact **Ginny Breismeister** at GinnyB@fccog.org with any questions. Thank you!

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ #of Tickets: ____ x \$5.00 = Total Enclosed: \$_____

Email (if receiving ticket electronically) _____

Tickets will be held for me (check one): _____ at the luncheon _____ sent to me via mail

Please make checks out to "Women's Fellowship" and return this form and check to:

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich, Attn: Quilt Committee,
108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT 06870

Because the raffle is regulated by the state, we are unable to sell tickets online, therefore you must buy in person or send in a mail request. Participants must be 18 and older please.

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THE RUMMAGE ROOM is stocked full of lovely Spring clothing for all. We have saved lots of Spring items to stock the store. Come in and stock up on all the fun spring colors!

Shop Hours

Monday - Friday: 10am-5pm
Saturday - 10am - 1pm

Donations Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9.30am - 4.30pm
Friday and Saturday - 9.30am - 12.00pm

Manager Leanne's Wish List: Everything Spring. A special request for a size 46-48 Tuxedo! Donations were down this month, so clear out your closets, and take it down to the Rummage Room. We really appreciate it!

The **First Congregational Church** *of Greenwich*

A joyful community diverse in spiritual backgrounds and beliefs.

Ministers: The Members of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

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Associate Pastor: Rev. Patrick Collins, patrickc@fccog.org
Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care: Rev. Avery C. Manchester, averycoe@fccog.org
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