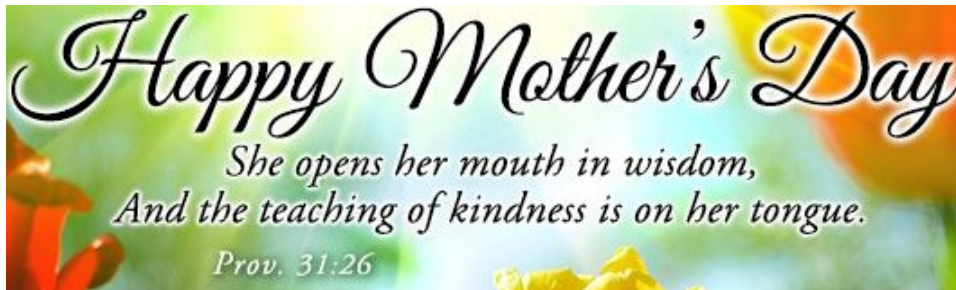


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May 2024



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Honesty & Frustration with Challenges



Holy Week. Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday. Good Friday. Easter Sunrise Service. Easter Service. What a moving experience, from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week to resurrection on Easter morning. And now, we are moving into Spring. The grass is growing. The trees - maples, oaks, birch, dogwood, and many others - are producing the buds which will soon turn

into leaves. The flowering trees are gracing us with their awesome beauty. Rebirth – like resurrection – is bringing our part of the world back to life from the dormant winter months. Isn't it wonderful? The birds are singing their spring songs. The robins are greeting the morning sun. The chickadee is singing spring soon. Everything is so ALIVE!

Like spring, we at the Groton Congregational Church are moving forward and full of life as we have just had an amazing Lenten period which included Holy Week and the experiences of witnessing and sharing the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. We have traveled together from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday. We witnessed His spectacular entry into Jerusalem and His last supper with His disciples. We witnessed His heartbreaking execution. And, we were there with Mary Magdalene entering the tomb at day break on Easter morning and finding the tomb empty. And, we were there when Jesus spoke to her – yes, He has risen. May we now jointly experience the moving forward in following Jesus as He appears and shows He is alive before His ascension to heaven. He is RISEN.

During the month of April, Rev Christine Caton was with us on the first Sunday. This was her last Pulpit Supply day with us and she lead us through worship and communion. Many of you have spoken to me about her leadership abilities and sermons. And, yes, it would be wonderful if she were to remain with us. Unfortunately, she was contacted by her Presbyterian office to fill the pulpit of a local church which is experiencing difficulties. She was back in our pulpit to lead two memorial services.

May's schedule is as follows:

May 5 – Rev Joan Cianci will lead our worship (sermon title: Robert's Rules No More) and communion service

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Honesty & Frustration with Challenges

May 12 – Guest Teacher Chuck Barnum will present the meditation.

May 19 – Guest Teacher Charity Dell will lead us through Pentecost Sunday and be sure to wear **RED** that day.

May 26 – Guest Teacher Rachael Candee will present the meditation. The Transition Team has been busy working under Rev Issac Lawson's leadership at the SNEUCC Conference Office. There are two documents which the Transition Team has been working very diligently on and have found quite challenging: The Local Church Profile for Churches Seeking an Interim Pastor and Congregational Opportunity Form. Both of these documents have been completed and have been submitted to SNEUCC conference office. The next step is for them to be reviewed and posted to the National UCC ministerial opportunities web site for any minister to review and if a discernment is felt, to submit their profile to the Transition Team for consideration.

The next step: When an intentional interim minister has been identified and on board, the intentional interim minister will provide worship leadership on Sunday morning as well as guiding the Transition Team in the development of a church profile (approximately 22 pages long). When the Church Profile has been sent to the SNEUCC conference office, the steps outlined in our church bylaws will be followed to form a Search and Call Committee. Their responsibility will be to review and interview potential candidates responding to the Church Profile. The Transition Team will dissolve when the intentional interim pastor leaves and a settled pastor is called.

To reach this point in the search and call process has been challenging and yes, frustrating as there have been times when the process seemed to be at a complete stand-still. Still moving, but seeming to just be so slow. However, utilizing our team's resources and assets, we looked at what needed doing and we have kept moving forward. The one simple facet which has kept us moving forward is knowing we are NOT doing this alone, that God is with us, guiding us as we move forward - He has been by our side, traveling with us, encouraging us. We are not alone on this journey. This journey has not been a lonely journey as it is a journey with God by our side – always by our side.

Peace and Blessings to Each and Everyone

Charles (Chuck) Barnum. Chair, Board of Deacons



Groton
Congregational
Church



*Sanctuary
Flowers*

Honor that special person or occasion with a floral donation to the Sanctuary. Contact the church office 860-445-7409 .

Organ Repair Fund

It has come to my attention through playing the organ and consulting with the Foley Baker Organ Company that our Moeller Pipe Organ needs major repair. The pneumatic system inside the console needs to be repaired. Because of wear and tear, some of the stops do not play as required. Our instrument, which is valued at over a million dollars, needs work done at an estimate of \$32,165.00.

The Trustees have approved an organ repair fund, and a line item has been created in our budget. The organ company cannot do the work until next year, so we have time to begin raising funds.

I am always optimistic, and I am sure we will find a way to take care of this beautiful instrument which has served the church since 1963.

Sue Stottlemeyer
Director of Music



Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship has been busy providing receptions for Funeral Services for Roz Wommack on 4/20, James Dougherty on 4/27 and Barbara Dutton on 5/4. Many thanks to all who provided foods and helped make everything go smoothly.

We are now working on the Yard Sale to be held on **May 18th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** items for sale may be dropped off at the church Tuesday- 4/14 - 4/17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. There will be a large bake sale the day of the sale so there will not be a bake sale on Mother's Day 5/12. It would be great to see more of our parishioners on the day of the sale. You give us much needed support.

On **June 11th** there will be our annual **Ladies Night Out**. Details will be announced and also posted.

Sally Turner

The PDK Garden

In my garden I would first plant five rows of peas:

Preparedness,
Promptness,
Perseverance,
Politeness, and
Prayer.



Next to them I would plant three rows of squash:

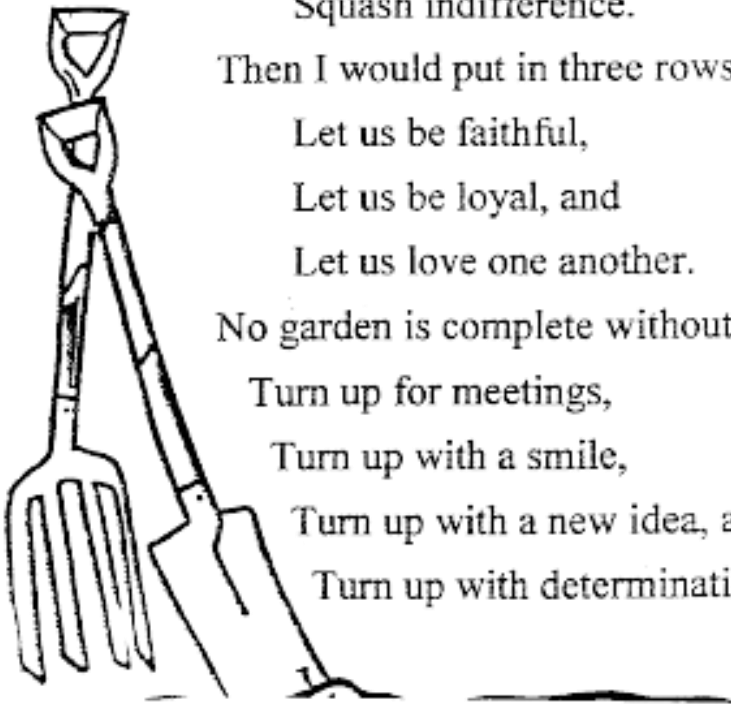
Squash gossip,
Squash criticism, and
Squash indifference.

Then I would put in three rows of lettuce:

Let us be faithful,
Let us be loyal, and
Let us love one another.

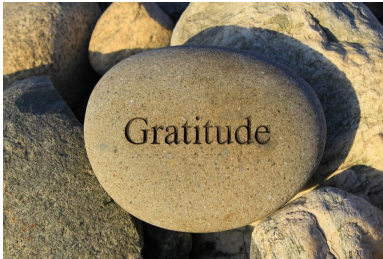
No garden is complete without turnips:

Turn up for meetings,
Turn up with a smile,
Turn up with a new idea, and
Turn up with determination.



Anonymous

Being Thankful



If you were not in attendance for the Sunday morning worship service on April 21 to hear Cathy Johnson and her Message for All on prayer, may I suggest/recommend you take a moment to go to [our YouTube channel](#) and listen to her message.

Her message has had me thinking about prayer – not so much as a petition to the Lord for intersection, but to be thankful for my/our blessings. I am sure you have heard this line sometime from Psalm 107:1 -

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

According to some of the things I have read and heard, people who are intentionally grateful for what they have report better sleep, fewer symptoms of illness, and overall more happiness. Those are impressive benefits! Have you ever considered keeping a “gratitude journal”, writing down five (5) things you are grateful for each week?

If you are a biblical scholar, you already know scripture has long promoted the practice of gratitude. From meals and marriage (1 Timothy 4:3-5) to the beauties of creation (Psalm 104), the Bible has called us to see such things as gifts and to thank the Lord for them. Psalm 107 lists five things Israel could be especially grateful for: their rescue from the desert (vv 4-9), their release from captivity (vv 10-16), healing from disease (vv 18-22), safety at sea (vv 23-32), and their flourishing in a barren land (vv 33-42). And, hear these words: “give thanks to the Lord” the psalm repeats, for these are all signs of God’s “unfailing love” (vv 8, 15, 21, and 31).

Why not stop and get a notepad or even use the back of an envelope and write down five (5) things you are grateful for right now? Let me make a few suggestions to get you started: how about the meal you just enjoyed, or maybe something positive which has happened in your life, or as you are sitting there thinking, do you hear the birds singing outside, or how about the comfort of your dwelling, or gratitude for the loved ones in your life?

Stop and reflect on these suggestions or even more unlisted things you can be grateful for. Each is a GIFT and a SIGN of God’s unfailing love. In your prayers, be sure to thank the Lord for ALL your gifts.

Peace and Blessings to you –
Chuck Barnum (Ch, BoD)

Sally Turner, Kevin Measimer, Doris Pulaski, Mary Alapa, Lew Clark, & James Kerrigan

Trustees

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Per our Bylaws, the Trustees are entrusted with, among other things, “...the care and custody of the property of the church and have charge of its financial affairs.”

We encourage members of the various church committees and boards (as well as all church members) to have available at their meetings, copies of the Bylaws and Procedures Guidelines for reference purposes. They come in handy for planning events that you or your group may want to sponsor or have general operational questions or need clarifications.

When submitting a request to the Trustees, we ask that the following procedures be followed:

- Send an email or written letter (this can be placed in the Trustee box outside of the church office) to the Trustees (current members are Cathy Johnson, Phyllis Meyer, Bonnie Geisler, Richard Stottlemyer, and Sue Blaisdell). Email addresses can be found in the Church Directory.
- In the subject line, please indicate the group or committee name that the request is coming from (e.g., Women’s Fellowship, Deacons, Missions, etc.).
- In the body of the email or letter, describe what it is that is being sought (use of Dutton Hall, permission to raise funds and for whom, use of outside property, etc.). Provide as much information as possible. Use of the sanctuary falls under the purview of the Deacons.
- State the date or time period at issue. If the request involves use of the building, check with the church office to see if there is anything on the calendar for that date. If the request is not of an urgent nature, the Trustees will address it at their next meeting (first Sunday of the month, after service, or as needed). If an immediate response is needed, the Trustees will address accordingly.

Regarding placement of signs on the church lawn: as it came to our attention a few years ago, since we are located in a historic district of the City, there is a zoning ordinance regarding the length of time that we can have signs on our lawn. If a church committee would like to advertise an event (or promote some type of church-related matter) by use of signs on our lawn, they must first seek permission of the Trustees, using the procedure described above. Once the request is granted, Connie Stoddard has agreed to be our point-person with the City in terms of contact and obtaining permission. Thank you, Connie!

“Property”, as used in the Bylaws, comes in many forms, not just the physical. Property includes the church’s website and Facebook Page (social media). These are, in essence, a virtual door to our church and contribute to a first and lasting impression. We want to be sure we are following all legal and media rules.

The Trustees have appointed Sue Blaisdell as our website administrator; this decision was made based on her education and experience in the field.

Sue is in the process of updating the website; it is a work-in-progress. Due to the volume of requests and suggestions being made, a new email address has been established through which inquiries, suggestions and photographs can be sent: webmaster@grotoncongregational.org

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Trustees

(please do not use Sue's personal email address for website-related matters). Please keep in mind that some photographs may be deemed not suitable based on quality or applicable subject matter. Any individuals in the proposed photographs must have signed a media consent release form; these forms can be found on the table in the Midway and should be submitted to the office. Any requests for updates that are outside of necessary and custom revisions should be forwarded to the Trustees for consideration.

It is important that all content uploaded to the website be in keeping with the image that we want to present as a faith-based community.

In a similar regard, the Trustees voted to remove the church's use of and affiliation with X/Twitter. This decision was based on antisemitic comments by its owner and the support of pro-Nazi posts. We felt that this particular networking site does not align with our church and faith values. The account has been deactivated.

Recently you heard from Sue Stottlemeyer regarding the need for expensive organ repairs. As relayed, the Trustees approved her request for the establishment of a fund for the collection of donations towards the repairs. Be on the lookout for special donation envelopes or use your own!

As you may or may not know, I (Cathy Johnson) was the representative of Groton Congregational for the Groton Bank Day, Inc. organization. For the past few years, its main focus was promoting the Groton Bank area. One of the major events it undertook was planning and managing Groton Heights Open House Day (in conjunction with CT Open House Day, which has been, and continues to be, held yearly in June). Funds raised to conduct the event went toward shuttle buses, informational flyers, banners, marketing, etc. The other member organizations were Avery -Copp Museum, Avery Memorial Association (Ebenezer Avery House), Bill Memorial Library of Groton and Fort Griswold Battlefield State Park Foundation, Inc.

About a year ago, the difficult decision was made to disband the organization. As part of the dissolution process, any remaining funds were to be evenly distributed among the member organizations. As Groton Congregational was a member, it received a check in the amount of \$639.82. The Trustees voted that these funds go to the newly created Organ Repair Fund.

If you go to the church's website (grotonucc.org) you'll see, in the upper, right-hand corner, a "Give" button. When that button is clicked on, a viewer will be directed to a page where they can donate using PayPal or with a debit or credit card and, once an amount and method of payment is inserted, the donor will be given the option of submitting a note/directive of where (what fund) they would like their donation to be applied to.

In addition to the Organ Repair Fund envelopes, there is another envelope located in the pew backs and into which donations can be specified. If money in the collection plate is not somehow marked for a specific fund, then it will go into the General Fund – there is no other way for the Treasurer to know the donor's intent. Thank you for your continued support of the various areas within our church family.

Due to a resignation and the death of Barbara Dutton, the Trustees have two vacancies on the board. If you would like to suggest someone, please let Bill Blaisdell (Nominating) know.

Submitted in love,

Cathy Johnson

Chair, Board of Trustees



Community Meals will be served in Dutton Hall here at Groton Congregational Church UCC on Saturdays, May 11th and May 25th from Noon to 1 PM. Please watch for further announcements regarding our summer schedule!

Congratulations to Sadie Beatrice and Frank Sakowski for earning their certificates in food services!

Respectfully submitted by Janice Kimball, volunteer

2024 Church Directory

Please contact the office only if you have:

Moved
 Changed your phone number
 Changed your email address

or

Do not wish to be listed



Youth Group

Next meeting **May 13th 6pm-8pm** in the Youth Room.

Summer Hours Begin May 27th.

Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9am to 1pm through Labor Day.



WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!



For The Women's Fellowship Yard Sale

Bring your Gently Used:

Vintage/Unique/Collectibles

Glassware/Housewares

Jewelry

Oddities

Books, CDs, Toys



To:

Dutton Hall 10am to 2pm

May 14th-17th

No clothing or electronics please



YARD

Glassware, Housewares, Jewelry, Collectibles

Unique & Vintage Items

Bake Sale

SALE

Inside Dutton Hall & On the Lawn

MAY 18, 2024 9AM to 3PM
Groton Congregational Church
162 Monument St., Groton, CT

May Worship Services

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024 Rev. Joan Cianci Sermon- “Roberts Rules No More”	*Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12, 2024 Chuck Barnum	*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
Day of Pentecost May 19, 2024 Charity Dell	*Acts 2:1-21 or <i>Ezekiel 37:1-14</i>	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27 or <i>Acts 2:1-21</i>	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Trinity Sunday May 26, 2024 Rachel Candee	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29		Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17



BIBLE STUDY

Come join us on **Mondays at 11am in Dutton Hall**. If you can't come in person, **join us via Zoom**. Invitations are sent out every Friday afternoon. Currently we are studying the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts as both were written by Luke.

May 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2-Choir 7:30 PM	3	4-Barbra Dutton Memorial Service 1pm
5-Worship Service 10 AM Trustees 11:15AM	6-Bible Study 11 AM	7	8-Women's Fellowship 12:30PM	9-Choir 7:30 PM	10	11-Community Meals Noon-1PM
12-Worship Service 10 AM Deacons 11:30AM	13-Yard Sale set-up 10AM-2PM Bible Study 11 AM Youth Group 6PM-8PM	14-Yard Sale Drop off 10AM-2PM	15-Yard Sale Drop off 10AM-2PM	16-Yard Sale Drop off 10AM-2PM Choir 7:30 PM	17-Yard Sale Drop off 10AM-2PM	18-Yard Sale 9AM-3PM NO Community Meals
19-Worship Service 10 AM Music 11:30AM Stewardship Noon	20-Bible Study 11 AM	21	22	23-Handbells 6:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM	24	25-Community Meals Noon-1PM
26-Worship Service 10 AM	27-Office Closed Summer Office Hours Begin	28	29	30-Choir 7:30 PM	31	

SNEUCC Sends Letter Supporting Healthcare Bill



The Director for Human Resources for the Southern New England Conference recently sent a letter to Connecticut legislators in support of a proposed bill requiring all workplaces, regardless of the size of the organization, to offer paid sick time to employees.

"The Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ recognizes the benefits of expanding paid time off. We believe it allows our organization a greater opportunity to support staff when they are affected by an illness of any kind, and more significantly, pay them for the time they are out sick," Irma Reyes, Director for Human Resources and Staff Engagement, wrote in the letter.

"As a faith-based, non-profit organization, also known as a 'religious organization' located in three states, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, we are exempt from some of the normal employment laws applicable to other non-religious organizations. In perspective, as with the Federal Family Medical Leave Act, it is within our beliefs and values we implement a policy to comply with said law, under the same eligibility and qualifications of the program. To say this is to acknowledge that while voluntary, this is one way our organization considers all avenues, to protect the employment of our staff," she wrote.

"From my perspective, as the Director of Human Resources and Staff Engagement, we indeed care about staff work and productivity, and more critically, we trust the most productive and effective work is done when staff are healthy and well," she wrote.

Executive Conference Minister the Rev. Darrell Goodwin [recently conducted a video interview](#) with State Sen. Julie Kushner (D-Danbury) and State Rep. Manny Sanchez (D-New Britain), cochairs of the Labor Committee. The two lawmakers talked about the importance of the bill, as currently only companies with more than 50 employees are required to offer paid sick time.

Goodwin asked them how churches could show support, and they encouraged churches to write emails to their legislators in support of the bill, and also said it would be helpful for churches that offer paid sick time to explain why they prioritize that even when not legally required to offer it.

He is encouraging churches to write their own letters, and invited them to use the letter from Reyes as a model. (Read the letter on the next page..)



SNEUCC Sends Letter Supporting Healthcare Bill

March 27, 2024

Senator Julie Kushner
Legislative Office Building
Room 3800
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Sick Leave Bill

Dear Senator Kushner,

Thank you for the urgency in your proposed bill requiring workplaces to offer employees 40- hours of paid sick time per year and expanding mandates to include all employers regardless of the size of their organization.

The Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ recognizes the benefits of expanding paid time off. We believe it allows our organization a greater opportunity to support staff when they are affected by an illness of any kind, and more significantly, pay them for the time they are out sick.

As a faith-based, non-profit organization, also known as a “religious organization” located in three states, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, we are exempt from some of the normal employment laws applicable to other non-religious organizations. In perspective, as with the Federal Family Medical Leave Act, it is within our beliefs and values we implement a policy to comply with said law, under the same eligibility and qualifications of the program. To say this is to acknowledge that while voluntary, this is one way our organization considers all avenues, to protect the employment of our staff.

Today, we are comforted by the continued support of our Executive Conference Minister, Rev. Darrell Goodwin, who unequivocally and intentionally prioritizes the health and well-being of all staff.

From my perspective, as the Director of Human Resources and Staff Engagement, we indeed care about staff work and productivity, and more critically, we trust the most productive and effective work is done when staff are healthy and well. In fact, “Health and Well-being” is one of the components of our Performance Management program, creating space to ensure staff sets time aside for their physical and mental wellbeing.

The Southern New England Conference, while unique to others, understands the importance of retaining our dedicated staff, and encourages staff to take time off when they are sick, so they may take care of themselves or their family members.

We want to keep our committed and exemplary staff on board; hence, the proposed mandatory requirement to expand our paid sick leave hours is necessary, and issuing requirements, by law, to expand our sick time off makes it essential to embed them into our normal paid sick leave policies.

Thank you for your time and dedication toward the enhancement of Paid Sick Leave.

Kind regards,
Irma Reyes, MSMOL
Director for Human Resources and Staff Engagement



Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson

God calls us into community. God desires for us a big, inclusive, expansive, welcoming community. One where "no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome." I call this a "big tent" community. God wants our congregations and our whole Christian movement to be a "big tent" where all can be genuinely welcomed.

The **Strengthen the Church Offering** supports congregations and initiatives that help us live into the United Church of Christ's "big tent" vision. Funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and renewal initiatives in existing congregations. Your conference and the national ministries work together to use these funds for projects that matter now and for the future of our movement.

Through this offering, we further our commitment to being a multi-racial/multi-cultural church that is accessible to all.

Will you join people across the UCC in making a gift to **Strengthen the Church**? Together, we can be the "big tent" God calls us to be.

**Learn more about the Strengthen the Church Offering
and download materials for the offering at
ucc.org/stc.**



The Strengthen the Church Offering reflects the commitment of all settings of the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations as we work to become a multi-cultural/multi-racial, accessible to all Christian movement.

From Holy Ground - A Prayer to Strengthen the Church

By Rev. Dave Long-Higgins, Conference Minister, Heartland Conference

Loving God,
Ground us anew
In Your deep desire
For a fullness of flourishing
Yearning to rise throughout
Your whole creation.

Plant us deep
In the soil of Your love

Bursting open seeds
Often long-forgotten
Except by You
Bearing a strength
For blessing and healing
In a world of hurt.

Form Your self-giving
In our deepest selves

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Giving grace and space
For Your strength of soul
To rise anew in acts
Of joy-filled giving
Bearing unexpected hope
In a world weary with worry.

Grow us in Your Holy Ground
Supplying every needed nutrient
Of body, mind, and soul
In just the right amount
At just the right time
Giving rise to a beauty
And delight not of our making
Yet requiring our consent.

By this, O Love,
Strengthen the covenant

Of Your Christ-formed community
Gifting a renewed energy
To bear Your deep desire
Into a world that hungers
For resurrection risings.

Now, strengthen Your church
With Your self-giving Spirit
That we may strengthen others
For Your holy work of unfolding
Abundant, blessed, beloved, joy!

Yes, O Love, raise us up
From your Holy Ground
For nothing less than this
And let it be more than enough.

Amen.

**Through the Strengthen the Church Offering,
we help support the work of conferences and the
national setting as we become a multi-racial/
multi-cultural church.**





Women's Yoga and Music Spirit Retreat

May 3-5, 2024



\$235 per person
includes materials, instruction,
two nights' accommodations,
and four meals



Sign up online
www.SilverLakeCT.org

SUMMER CAMP at Silver Lake

www.SilverLakeCT.org

2024

Standard Program • Tiered Pricing: \$745 / \$670 / \$595
*Some programs may have slightly different pricing, or an additional program fee.

PRE-CAMP

FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND

All Ages • Saturday-Monday, May 25-27

WEEK 1

June 30-July 6

PIONEER WORK WEEK

Adults, 18+ • Friday-Wednesday, June 21-26

ALL AGES WEEK

Family Camp 1 | Counselors-In-Training (CIT) • Sunday - Wednesday
Family Camp 2 • Wednesday - Saturday

WEEK 2

July 7-13

PERFORMING ARTS WEEK

God Song | Sing Praise | Rock of Ages
grades 4-6 grades 7-9 grades 10-12

WEEK 3

July 14-20

FASTER, STRONGER, FURTHER - TOGETHER WEEK

Silver Lake Sampler | Fun in the Sun | Linked by Love
grades 4-6 grades 7-9 grades 10-12

WEEK 4

July 21-27

FUN IN THE SHADE WEEK

Bring on the Monsters | All Aboard! | Reel to Real
grades 4-6 grades 7-9 grades 10-12

WEEK 5

July 28-
August 3

REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT

Grades 7-12, with their adult leaders • Sunday - Wednesday

ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Adults, 18+ • Thursday - Saturday

SILVER LAKE
Camp & Retreat Center



LEARN
MORE



Our Vision

To continue our three-hundred year tradition of spiritual presence and service to the community

To live and grow in the spirit of Jesus Christ

To share our time, talents and resources in support of community and other missions, through which Jesus Christ might be made known to others

To welcome into the Groton Congregational Church family all those who share our love of Jesus Christ and our mission of community service.

To continue a tradition of caring, comfort and support for all those within the Groton Congregational Church family.



Bring Your Family to Our Family. We are Here to Celebrate Jesus Christ with You.

Located near historic Fort Griswold, by the banks of the Thames River, Groton Congregational Church, an Open & Affirming Church, welcomes you with open hearts, minds, and arms. We offer a warm and progressive environment for worshippers from all walks of life. Our motto is; *No matter who you are or where you are Life's Journey you are always welcome here.*

If you want to know the love of God and the wonderful plans God has in store for you, come and celebrate the love of Jesus with us through the spoken word and the joy of music.

**Sunday Worship begins at 10am.
Stay for After Worship Coffee Hour**

PLEASE
PLACE
STAMP
HERE

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Mailing Address Line 2
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