



*The Mount Carmel Congregational Church
(A United Church of Christ)
3285 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518*

Newsletter for September, 2021

Dear Friends and Members,

I hope you have been able to enjoy some summer fun despite the continuing pandemic. We are all anxious to get back to “normal”, whatever that is. It is frustrating to still have to be patient with the situation. I am so grateful for you who have been coming out to worship. Many of my colleagues have had far less people in their pews.

Great thanks to Keith Amato, Sara Kroon, and Rick Terry for their wonderful sermons. I am very happy to have our new administrative assistant on board. Every week on Thursday morning at 9am the staff meets together to discuss the coming week so please contact us if you have any concerns.

Deb Wooley is working hard to get the Sunday School up and running for the fall. Please let your friends with children know we will begin Sunday School on September 26th. We look forward to our Rally Day on Sunday September 12th.

We will also be blessing our Prayer Shawls that Sunday. The Craft group has continued to knit prayer shawls during the entire pandemic and we have fifteen to bless. I would also like to thank our volunteer musicians that have provided music for us this summer. Our search committee has completed our profile and will be meeting with our associate conference minister Michael Ciba to begin the search process for your permanent minister.

Let me know if you would like a visit or a call.

Blessings,
Rev. Olivia Robinson

Happy Birthday Wishes Go to the Following:

Diane Scott	September 3 rd
Gordon Williams	September 9 th
Lynn Campo	September 12 th
Katie O'Neil	September 20 th
Bev Churchill	September 24 th
Karen Amato	September 24 th
Lee Campo	September 28 th

If you would like to add your name to our birthday list, you can contact our office administrator Aren by phone or by the Church email. As always, we will celebrate August birthdays on the last Sunday of the month, September 26th, at coffee hour. Feel free to stop by and celebrate with us! ***Note: To clarify, cake will be donated by volunteer staff each month. Cake/cupcakes may be store-bought or baked, whichever is more convenient for volunteers.**

PASTORAL VISITS

If you are planning on having a procedure done at one of the local hospitals, please let Reverend Olivia know so that she can plan a pastoral visit - (203) 248-7408. Hospitals no longer call local churches with information about their patients. The church depends on others letting us know, and we thank you in advance for your assistance.

Our September Worship

For the month of September, we will be returning to worship in the Sanctuary. Please join us at 10 am for service!

September 5th, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Labor Day Sunday - Holy Communion

Scriptures:

Psalm 146
James 1:22-25
Mark 7:24-37

Sermon:

“Be Opened”
- Rev. Olivia Robinson

September 12th, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Rally Day – Picnic After Church
Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Scriptures:

Psalm 116:1-9

Sermon: James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38
“Who Are You, Jesus?”
- Rev. Olivia Robinson

September 19th, 2021 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 54
James 3:13 - 4:3
Mark 9:30-37

Sermon: “Come As A Little Child”
- Rev. Olivia Robinson

September 26th, 2021 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Birthday Celebration at Coffee Hour!

Scriptures: Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Sermon: “Courage for Community”
- Rev. Olivia Robinson

After Service we will have **Second Hour**, a presentation by Jim O’Neil detailing his time in Jordan.

From the Treasurer: If you have any questions, I can be reached at treasurer@mccucc.com – Ellen August 2021

August 2021

Income:	Pledges and Offerings:	\$5,993.00
	Other Income:	\$1,300.00
	Investment Income:	\$7,000.00
	Total Income:	\$14,293.00

(Partial Proceeds from sale of Parsonage for balance payment on window replacements)

Expenses:	Total Expenses:	\$16,162.00
Net Income (Loss):		(\$1,869.00)

Name Our Newsletter!

Help us start off the new liturgical year by helping us come up with a new name for our newsletter! Please submit name nominations by email or phone by Sunday, September 19th. We will then hold a vote for the final name on Sunday, September 26th.

Rally Day Picnic

Please join us for our Rally Day Picnic immediately following church service on Sunday, September 12th, weather permitting. There will be several picnic tables available outside in the grove and a few tables set up in the Church Hall as well. We do also encourage you to bring your own chair to sit outside if you wish.

Our very own Boy Scout Troop 600 will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs outside in the grove, weather permitting. Chips, salads, and sodas will be provided. Cookies, brownies, and other desserts would also be welcome. Monetary donations for the hamburgers and hot dogs would be greatly appreciated.

Please see Debbie if you would like to help in any way. Thank you.

Bible Study

Bible Study begins again on September 8th at 7pm over Zoom. Try it out sometime! Learn, laugh, get to know some people better! You can come anytime. We discuss the scriptures I will be preaching on and sometimes it leads to discussions about many things. We also tend to end in prayer if you need some extra prayer!

-Rev. Olivia

Outreach

Neighbors In Need is our next church-wide special mission offering. Monies from this offering help support homeless and immigrant communities. "One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry." Two-thirds of this offering supports ministries of justice and compassion in the U. S. Due to the pandemic, we don't have envelopes to put in the pews. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check out to the church with "NIN offering" in the memo line. We will collect the offering October 3, 2021 as part of World Communion Sunday.

Thank you, Debbie

Music Changes For Fall

We are going to start a bell choir using our two octaves of choir chimes. I have found music for various configurations of bell players from four to six. The music is not difficult but must be rehearsed regularly to make a good ensemble. I have four people that have expressed an interest in playing the bells. If you are interested in giving this a try let me know. I think the rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. This could also change according to the people who want to participate. I'm hoping that when the mask mandates are lifted and we can sing as a choir again this group will continue. If you have a special talent and would like to sing or play a solo during worship we would love to hear from you. I would be able to rehearse with anyone who is interested. Email me at lyndapedersen@att.net

Tag Sale

The next tag/craft sale is scheduled for October 16th from 9am-2pm. Table spaces are \$20 each. Please call Vera at (203) 239-7135 to make a reservation.

We will be selling Cabot cheese and will hold a NO BAKE bake sale. There will also be a snack bar, church craft, and tag tables.

The Craft Committee meets every Wednesday morning at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall.

Thank you, The Craft Committee

Christian Education News

Church School Startup Date: We will begin church school, Sunday, September 26th. As is our custom, children will go to church first and will be dismissed after the Children's Sermon for class. If you have not registered your child, you may do so on that day. Please see Debbie Wooley, Dir CE.

Teachers & Helpers: Our teachers and helpers this year are Debbie Wooley, Katie O'Neil, Sara Kroon, Rick Terry, & Jordan Ioime. If you would like to join us on our adventure, please see Debbie.

Animal Blessings

In celebration of Saint Francis Day, we will be holding an Animal Blessing event on Saturday, October 2nd in the Outdoor Grove. All are welcome to attend and have their animal blessed.

Deacons

We are still looking for 2 new deacons. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Parish Hall Rentals

If you or anyone you know would be interested in renting out our parish hall to host a meeting, service, or a small private event, please feel free to contact our office by phone or email for scheduling, rates, and conditions.

Coffee Hour Servers

Now that we are getting back to church and our coffee hour, please continue to use up the Styrofoam supplies. We will eventually switch to paper products but we have an abundance of Styrofoam to use up first.

Thanks, Housekeeping Committee

Social Media

We have a new Facebook Page and a new Instagram! Please check us out at:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mountcarmelchurch1/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Mount-Carmel-Congregational-Church-104002948638641>

GENERAL ANNOUCEMENTS

Joys and Concerns. If you wish to have a joy or concern announced during worship, please forward to them to Aren at mountcarmelchurch1@gmail.com or call the church office at (203) 248-7408.

Committee Openings. These committees need volunteer members to meet their minimum requirements as specified by the bylaws: Deacons-2 more; Trustees-1 more; Music Committee-3 more. If you would like to try out a committee (attend a meeting with no obligations), please contact the committee chair(s): Leon Fiftal-Music; Bev Jurkiewicz-Deacons; Val Duffy and Diane Scott-Trustees.

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Church Website: www.mccucc.weebly.com

203-248-7408

Pastor:	The Rev. Olivia Robinson
Music Director:	Mrs. Lynda Pedersen
Office Admin:	Mr. Aren Alberico
Director of CE:	Mrs. Debbie Wooley
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Clerk:	Beverly Jurkiewicz
Board of Deacons:	Bev Jurkiewicz, Chair
Board of Trustees:	Val Duffy, Co-Chair: Valerieduffy1234@gmail.com Diane Scott, Co-Chair: DianeScott@iname.com



ALL SNEUCC
WOMEN
ARE INVITED!!

Please join us for our
Outdoor Fall gathering

WHERE: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
CANTERBURY, CT

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
(RAIN DATE – SATURDAY, SEPT. 25, 2021)

8:45AM - REGISTRATION, COFFEE, DISPLAY TABLES OPEN

WHAT: GUEST SPEAKER: SUSAN SCHOENBERGER,
HARTFORD SEMINARY

OTHER ACTIVITIES: CWS PROJECT
2021 RECOGNIZED WOMEN
AWARDS
WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

FOOD: "COFFEE & MORE" AND LUNCH

REGISTRATION: \$20.00 – (\$25 AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2021).

NOTE: Our financial commitment to Silver Lake and CWS Haiti
will continue due to Covid interruption.



SNE Women's Connection
OUTDOOR FALL GATHERING
2021 REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, September 18, 2021
at

First Congregational Church of Canterbury
6 South Canterbury Road, Canterbury, CT 06331
(Rain date the following Saturday 9/25/21)

Print form (black/white), fill out, return with check payable to CTWUCC to:
Martha Lape, 20 Towpath Lane, Cheshire, CT 06410
\$20 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021; \$25 AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

NAME _____

NOTE: *If you are completing this form for someone else, please include your contact information as well.*

TELEPHONE _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CHURCH AND TOWN: _____

CHECK ONE (if necessary): VEGETARIAN: _____ VEGAN: _____ GLUTEN FREE _____

I AM HAPPY TO MAKE A \$5.00 DONATION TOWARD SUPPLIES FOR THE CHURCH WORLD SERVICE EDUCATION (School) KITS TO BE ASSEMBLED AT THE MEETING. Please add the \$5 to your registration check and note in the memo line "Additional \$5 for kits".

I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND, BUT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE
OFFERING: **Silver Lake and CWS Haiti** AMOUNT OF CHECK: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: CTWUCC, write "Offering 2021" in memo and send to:
Martha Lape, 20 Towpath Lane, Cheshire, CT 06410

Our Rally Day Picnic

*Join us for our church cookout
out in the grove. Bring your
chair.*

**Sunday, Sept 12 at
11:00 am**

**Our Boy Scout Troop will be
cooking hamburgers & hot dogs.**



2021-22 Weekend Programs at Silver Lake

Register Sept. 1 online at www.silverlakeect.org!

Christmas AT THE LAKE

Begin the season of Advent at Silver Lake.

Cider & Cocoa by the Campfire
Christmas Crafts • Advent Reflection
Adventure Program • Lunch & Snacks

Two ways to participate!

FAMILY DAY

Dec. 4, 2021

10 am - 4 pm

\$50/\$40 tiered pricing per person

Registration opens Sept. 1 online at www.silverlakeect.org.

OVERNIGHT RETREAT

4th-6th graders & 7th - 8th graders

Dec. 10-12, 2021

\$125 per person

Registration opens Sept. 1 online at www.silverlakeect.org.

Maple SUGARING

March 18-20, 2022

for 6th through 8th graders

From tap to table, experience nature's renewal and its sweet gifts at Silver Lake March 18, 7 p.m., to March 20, 11 a.m. We will tap the camp's sugar maple trees, collect the sap, and boil it over a big outdoor stove as we participate in the transformation of sap into syrup. See firsthand God's gift of Resurrection in the coming Spring.

Registration opens Sept. 1 at www.silverlakeect.org. The cost for the weekend is \$125.



Save the Date Give something back to Silver Lake!

Catch up with old friends, make new friends, and work hard to prepare YOUR conference center for the coming season. From chopping wood to repairing buildings, moving picnic tables to raking leaves, there's a project for everyone, high schoolers through adult. More information will be available after Sept. 1.

PUZZLE 56

BIBLE WOMEN

ABIGAIL

JUDITH

NAOMI

SARAH

BILHAH

LEAH

ORPAH

TABITHA

CANDACE

LYDIA

PHOEBE

TAMAR

DEBORAH

MARTHA

REBEKAH

VASHTI

DELILAH

MARY

RUTH

ZIPPORAH

DINAH

MIRIAM

SALOME

ESTHER

EVE

HAGAR

HULDAH

JAEL

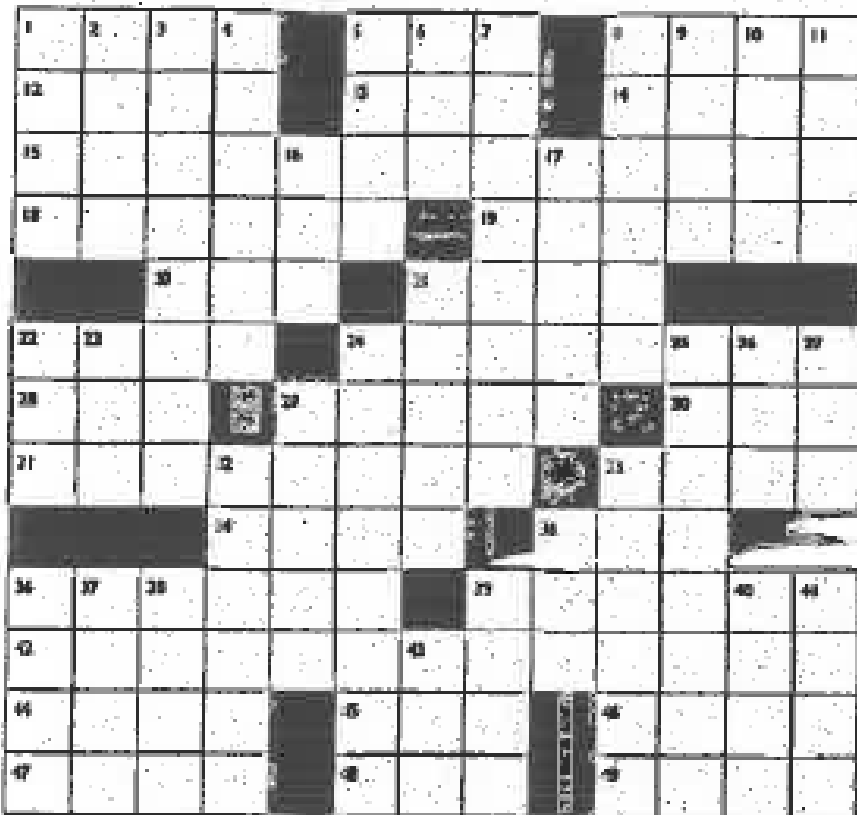
JEMIMA

JOANNA

JOCHEBED

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BEING NEIGHBORLY



ACROSS

- 1 Facts, for short
 5 Goblin or fairy
 8 Christian Business Men's Committee
 12 Bound (Ps. 29:6)
 13 Sticky substance
 14 Cookie brand
 15 Second great commandment (pt. 1, cont. in 42-across)
 18 Sleeper's sounds
 19 Jesus as divine and human
 20 Sprinted
 21 Skirt length
 22 Raised platform
 24 Green-eyed (Ps. 103, NY)
 28 Seaward
 29 *Children of Crisis* author, Robert ____
 30 Capture game
 31 Gifts (Gen. 24:53)
 33 Disrespectful
 34 Adj. modifiers
 35 Face Lsr.
 36 Female Shaker founder: 2 wds.
 39 Baptist preacher ____ Rogers
 42 Second great commandment (pt. 2; Lev. 19:18)
 44 Taken back, in brief
 45 C.T. bk.
 46 Corporate name pt.
 47 Cry of despair (Num. 24:23)

- 48 Cylinder thickness: abbr.
 49 Small amount: 2 wds. (Gen. 50:10)

DOWN

- 1 Afflictions (Ps. 35:13)
 2 Lighted sign
 3 Preferred (Gen. 25:28)
 4 Dramatic musicals
 5 Psyches
 6 Counselor or Gehrig
 7 Pardons (Ps. 103:3)
 8 Revise a manuscript together
 9 Periphery (1 Kings 7:23)
 10 Precedes phone or poll
 11 Al, Ferdinand, or Mindy
 16 Japanese currency
 17 Computer network workstations
 21 Sloughs
 22 Skip
 23 Cont. so. of Eur.
 24 Transmitted (Ezra 1:12)
 25 Compliant (Dout. 13:18)
 26 Egypt-Syria alliance
 27 Pepper's prefix (Beard's title)
 29 Relinquishes
 32 Tossed or garden
 33 Iran's ancient name (Ezra 1:2)
 35 Drug compendium: abbr.
 36 ____ cadabra
 37 "The First ____," (card)
 38 ____ AARP Bulletin (magazine)

- 39 Ecuador Indian tribe: formerly
 40 Opp. of bap
 41 St. John's island
 43 Overseas Crusades, Inc.

Silver Lake's Fall Fundraisers



15th Annual Silver Lake Golf Tournament

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

The Country Club of Waterbury

\$220 per golfer

*Includes Greens Fees, Breakfast,
Lunch and Soft Beverages*

www.silverlakect.org/golf

Sponsorship &
Underwriter
Opportunities
Available

Silver Lake Award Celebration

Join members of the Silver Lake community to honor 2020 Silver Lake Award recipient:

Valerie Tutson

Sunday, October 3, 2021

2-5 pm

\$60 per person

A Villa Louisa - Bolton, CT



www.silverlakect.org/silverlakeaward