



162 Monument St.
Groton, CT 06340

NEWS FLASH!

November 26 – December 8 Edition

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GCC!

November 26, 2017

GROTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ~ *SPREADING GOD'S LOVE!*

Open & Affirming (ONA) ~ Let's Talk



What would it mean to be an "Open & Affirming" church? The Open & Affirming team will offer many opportunities to learn about and discuss this important potential step in our faith journey. So, ask your questions, share your concerns, and be part of this important decision!

We're here to help!

The ONA Team is offering another opportunity to socialize and learn with a showing of "For the Bible Tells Me So" on Sunday, December 3rd right after church. Come! Enjoy pizza, watch, interact, and do a little thinking.

The Annual Meeting is on Sunday, January 28, 2018; and we hope to be ready to vote on whether or not GCC becomes an Open and Affirming congregation.

Please contact a member of the ONA Team if you would like to have a one-on-one conversation. Contact information is available in the Church Directory. Let the office know if you need one! office@grotonucc.org

Elizabeth Chappell – Co-Chair
Bill Blaisdell
Lyn Potter
Cathy Johnson
Tom Potter-Co-Chair
Doris Pulaski
Sue Blaisdell
Nancy Moffat

Contact us at: www.grotonucc.org

Grammies Sweaters



We need 58 more to meet our goal of 108 sweaters and sweatshirts for the children at River Front Children's Center. Tags are on the Christmas

tree display in Dutton Hall. Please return all donations by December 10th. Contact Beth Chirillo at echirillo1@gmail.com for more information.

IT'S HERE! THE ALTERNATIVE GIFT CATALOGUE!



Just in time for the Holidays. Help spread the word about our Great Congregation and get your Christmas shopping done early!

To choose your gift visit the Missions table after service or contact Linda Fisher at: missions@grotonucc.org or (860) 324-1656

office@grotonucc.org 860-445-7409

Community Meals Program



Are you in need of a meal this week? Would you enjoy friendship and conversation? Every Saturday the Community Meals

team makes delicious sandwiches to go! You can pick up your sandwich any time between 12-1 PM. Or you are welcome to sit down, relax and enjoy your meal among friends.

We are always looking for volunteers to help make and distribute the lunches. Children are welcome and this is a great way for teens to get community service hours too!

We also welcome sponsors for our meals. Opportunities to sponsor a week or a month are available now for 2018!

For more information about the program, to volunteer or to make a donation contact Mary Howard noki85@gmail.com (860-912-9532) or Ellen Kerr Kerr_Ellen@yahoo.com (860-303-3438).

The Groton Congregational Church Choir and Handbell Choir will present

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 10, 2017

The presentation will include music and scripture readings for the Advent season.



Christmas Eve Services include the morning Worship service at **10:00 a.m.** and a Family Candlelight service at

8:00 p.m. on December 24th.

Please join us for this beautiful service of wonder and light as we welcome the baby Jesus into our heart and into the world.



12/2 ~ Brett Gullickson	12/11 ~ Alison Gregory
12/6 ~ Peter Chappell	12/16 ~ Sue Blaisdell
12/6 ~ Phyllis Gregory	12/20 ~ Bette Thomson
12/7 ~ Marilyn Goodman	12/22 ~ Jill Wilson
12/8 ~ Henry Shepherd	



VENDOR FAIR!

Sponsored by our Youth!

December 2, 2017

9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Vendors include: Pampered Chef, Sentsy, LuLaRoe, Essential Oils, Ruby Ribbon, Touch Stone Crystal, Isagenix, Fibi and Clo, Arbonne, Norwex, Plus Many More!

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