



The Gargoyle

The Pastor's Musings



By Reverend Lee Ireland

As we go into the month of November and walk toward Thanksgiving, I feel there is much for which we can be thankful for this year, and that with these blessings, we are also being invited into a role that many didn't realize would fall on our shoulders. I believe that at this time in history, we are being invited/called into being a voice of hope and trust in this part of the world.

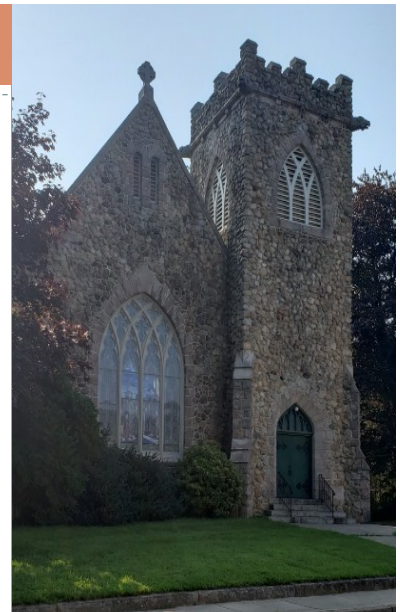
As I'm writing this, I'm watching "Finding Your Roots" on PBS which I find to be one of the most fascinating shows on TV these days. Tonight, there are 2 women who are learning about their grandparents they knew nothing about. Henry Gates has a team that can do the historical research that helps them to learn about their names and some of the details of their lives. I've discovered that one of the fascinating pieces of my work here at the Groton Congregational Church is getting to know the stories of the families that have helped to keep your congregation alive and that many of your families have been here through the 300 years. Such as: the Orkney family, the Avery Family, the Blaisdell family and/or the Barnum family. As one who is 'from away' and has no relatives nearby, (although I have learned that the Rugh family are distant relatives of mine.) it's fascinating for me to hear how your families have been here for generations and know each other well. I'm aware that your families have been sharing Thanksgiving meals through all these years and stories have been passed down on how to make the potatoes and the side dishes and how to cook the turkey and the pumpkin pie. I'm sure you each have a family favorite specialty. [Your roots are deep here.](#)

For those of us who are coming into your midst, though, we are coming from different roots in one respect; but we are interweaving our stories with yours knowing that we have all consciously chosen "to root ourselves in the love of God and Jesus" and his choices to be the servant of God's love who could lead us all into the ways of salvation. As we say each Sunday, "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." Let us continue to celebrate and be grateful for the freedom we have to share of who we are and be freed from those who would try to shape us into their image of "who we should be" instead of who God created us to be. Since we know of this precious gift and call from God to us – let us give thanks for this free gift as we choose to stand in our relationship with God and each other and BE those who want to invite others into this freedom and love.

I know that on November 13th the Stewardship Committee is offering a Luncheon to give thanks for the ways in which you have joined them in making the ministry strong and vital here and helping us to continue to be a Beacon of Light and support to one another and those who are seeking.. We hope you can join us. May God continue to surprise us as we walk together each day.

I wish you peace and blessings this day,

Rev. Lee A. Ireland



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Sanctuary Flowers

Honor that special person or occasion with a floral donation to the Sanctuary.

To do so, please contact the church office at the number above if you would like to have your floral donation dedication printed in the bulletin and announced at worship.



A Message From Our Parish Visitor

If you know of anyone in need of a phone call or a visit, please contact Connie Stoddard or the church office at the number above.

Open Conversation & Dreams

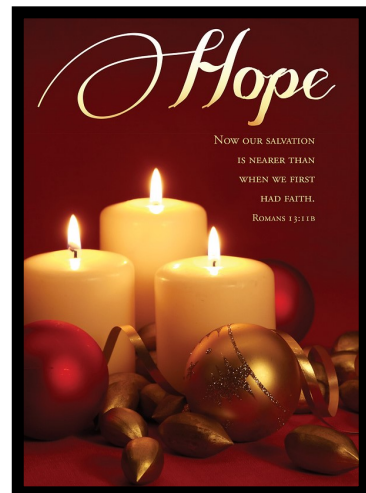
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During my sermon on Oct 23, I reflected upon the passage from Joel 2: 28 where we hear God offering the Jewish people: *"Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions."*

I stated that I was curious as to what dreams you folks are having as we go into this fall and next year, and what visions you are sensing for the future of our church.

In the coming weeks, I will be available at coffee hour to greet you and will be glad to listen if any of you want to share some dreams. I would be glad to do a more formal Dream class on November 20 around 11:40am. We could also set up an evening Zoom session if there's interest.

Then at 4 PM on Nov 20, we hope you can join us for the monthly Intergenerational Gathering Time that will include a Presentation that the CT Conference created for the Confirmation Retreats up at Silver Lake. I led many of them. During this time, we will invite you to consider how you can participate in our congregation, and we will act out some of the parts. Hopefully we'll also hear about the "Visions" some are having about the future of our church. This time will also include the decorating of gingerbread cookies and I believe some cold and hot beverages.



Advent begins
Join us Sunday, November 27th

Missions Message

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the drive for the Homeless Hospitality Center in New London. We have received some very nice thank you letters from them. Some total numbers are 24 pairs of underwear, 128 pairs of socks, 25 deodorants, 20 shaving cream, 10 toothpastes as well as lots of plasticware, bowls, plates, cereal and oatmeal.



November is Missions busiest month. Right now, we are doing a drive for new hats, scarves, gloves/mittens to help support the United Way. This will continue through **November 20th**.

Items for the **red wagon** will be dedicated to helping put together **Thanksgiving baskets** at Groton Human Services. Some specific items they are asking for are canned vegetable/fruit, gravy, instant mashed potatoes, canned soup etc.



Grammy's Jammies will be starting soon -look for display in Dutton hall.

Also, there will be a display with tags for items for our **Adopt a Family** through Groton Human Services. We have requested a family with 3 to 4 children.

Both these campaigns will run through December 4th.



There are openings on the Missions' Committee- any questions about what it's about- ask any or all of us 😊😊

Thanks for everyone's support!!!

Your mission committee
Anne, Beth and Penny

Stewardship Message



For the past few Sundays, you have heard Stewardship Moments that speak to the 2023 theme of “From Bread to Cup to Faith to Giving” and the different ways we can embody, embrace and connect to that image in the form of pledges.

On **November 13th** - Stewardship Sunday - pledge cards will be collected and blessed for the many ways in which they will be used. We hope that after service, you will be able to join your church family at the table for a warm and wonderful meal of fellowship.

Please consider what you can offer in the form of pledges to Groton Congregational Church: what each of us is able to bring to the table, be it time, talent or treasure. We give *because* of our faith in the bread and cup.

God's blessings be upon you.

Your Stewardship Committee,

Cathy Johnson, Sue Stottlemeyer, Phyllis Meyer, Doris Pulaski,
Melissa Beaupre



Music Committee



Time to prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas! “Let Us Adore Him”, a Christmas celebration for choir, narrator, and more, by Robert C. Lau, will be offered at the Sunday, December 11th worship service at 10 AM. Director of Music Sue Stottlemeyer will lead the festive work, which includes traditional carols and more contemporary musical offerings.

In addition, our handbell choir continues to play a variety of classic and contemporary devotions throughout the harvest and holiday seasons. All church members and friends are welcome to come to rehearsals on Thursday evenings, 6:30 PM for the handbells and 7:30 PM for the adult choir.

We also invite input to our music program at Music Committee meetings. The next meeting of the Music Committee will be **Sunday, November 6th, at 11 AM** in the sanctuary near the organ console.

Janice Kimball, chair

Deacons Message



While waiting ...

"Advent does not lead to nervous tension stemming from expectation of something spectacular about to happen. On the contrary, it leads to a growing inner stillness and joy allowing me to realize that he for whom I am waiting has already arrived and speaks to me in the silence of my heart.

Just as a mother feels the child grow in her and is not surprised on the day of the birth, but joyfully receives the one she learned to know during her waiting, so Jesus can be born in my life slowly and steadily and be received as the one I learned to know while waiting."

—Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Genesee Diary*

Advent has always been my favorite liturgical season; the Coming of the Christ Child has always filled me with immense gratitude and joy. I watch in Hope as the Shepherds arrive at the stable, I pray for the Peace that God promises us, I sing with Joy as the Angels proclaim His birth, and I am amazed by the Love that God, in the form of a little baby, offers to all who open their hearts to Him.

As Henri Nouwen reflects, Advent is not about the expectation of something spectacular about to happen, it is about the quiet serenity that comes as we once again find Jesus in our hearts.

This year, the Deacons pray for peace, love, and hope for our congregation as we begin a new church year. We wish all who gather with us here and in spirit an Advent and Christmas season full of hope, peace, love, and joy.

In His Service,
Sue Blaisdell



Women's Fellowship



The Women's Fellowship Holiday Bazaar is November 5th 9am to 2pm.

We are seeking donations for the silent auction. Some suggestions are—gift cards and themed gift baskets.

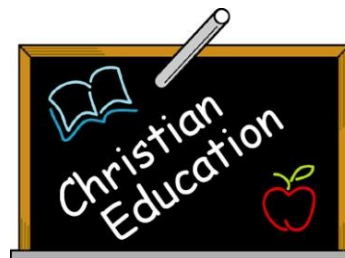
If you would like to help receive donations of items there is a sign-up sheet on the midway bulletin board. Please see Penny or a member of Women's Fellowship for more information on donations and drop off times.

Sally Turner

Christian Education

Our beautifully redecorated, clean, and resourceful **nursery room is open** for parents to bring their young children during worship hours. This fall we are looking forward to re-establishing certified nursery attendants so that families may be helped through this service.

A **survey of Christian Education** program needs and aspirations has been distributed to church families of children under 18 years of age. While we seek input from as many people as possible, the Leaders' Meeting has promoted a pilot class during the worship hour for children. With the endorsement of Rev. Lee Ireland, I am preparing lessons based on newly published and Bible-based 86-page material from the UCC Pilgrim Press, God's Blue Earth.



If you sense a call to help with nursery, or with Bible class for grade-school children, please call me at 860-235-0494. Thank you and God bless you!

Janice Kimball, for the Christian Education Committee



Community Meals



We are pleased to announce that our Community Meals program, with the cooperation of our Trustees, our Missions Committee, and our Women's Fellowship, will indeed be serving **hot sit-down meals on Saturdays beginning on November 12th from 12PM to 1 PM.** ALL ARE INVITED TO COME!

For the day of the Holiday Craft Fair in Dutton Hall, **Saturday, November 5th**, we will distribute bag lunches in the parking lot of Bill Memorial Library.

We continue to accept volunteer help for the program, which will be operating in Dutton Hall and the kitchen on Saturdays between 9 AM and 1:30 PM. Meals to be brought to local shut-ins may be arranged through me at 860-235-0494. Monetary donations are likewise important, as we aim to sustain this community service. Thanks to all who have given support and time for this ministry in Christ!

Janice Kimball, volunteer

The Holiday Recital Returns!

The piano music students of Janice Kimball request your attendance at their festive Holiday Music Extravaganza, to be held in Dutton Hall on **Saturday, December 17th at 3 PM**. A variety of Christmas, holiday, and classical offerings by enthusiastic young musicians (and young-at-heart students as well) will be featured. The program is free of charge and light refreshments will follow the program. We thank the Board of Trustees for their kind sponsorship! Mark your calendars now!

Janice Kimball, instructor



Silver Lake News

A promotional graphic for Fall Action Weekend. It features a blue box on the left with white text: "FALL ACTION WEEKEND NOV. 18-20", "youth grades 9-12", "adults 18+", and "REGISTRATION REQUIRED". To the right is a photo of a person in a red shirt and orange hat chopping wood. Below the photo is a large pile of cut logs. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with the text "www.SilverLakeCT.org/events" and "SILVER LAKE Camp & Retreat Center".

Join us for Fall Action Weekend - November 18-20

From chopping wood to repairing buildings, moving picnic tables to raking leaves, there's a project for everyone, high schoolers through adult.

Grades 9-12 - registration required

Cost is \$45 per person.

Scholarship funds are available. Email Ruth for information.

Adults 18+ - registration required

Adult registration is free, donations greatly appreciated.

Visit <https://www.silverlakect.org/> for more information and to register for the above.

Annual Meeting

January 15, 2023

ALL Reports Due

NO LATER THAN 10am ON

December 27, 2022

PLEASE SUBMIT FILES TO THE OFFICE VIA EMAIL
IN .DOC, .DOCX, .RTF. OR .PDF FORMATS

Nominations

Dear Friends,

It is time to seriously plan to fill current and upcoming vacancies among officers, boards, and committees. Because two years of Covid, changes in formats and timing of meetings, and other challenges we have many vacancies to fill. Looking back through annual reports it was found that the terms of service were not given on some.

The information on the opposite page is an attempt to reconstruct a "Proposed Slate". The slate lists those members with the last full year they are currently scheduled to serve. The names with an asterisk are friends who have already volunteered to step up.

There may very well be names that need to be added or removed and dates that need correction. Please contact me to fix any errors or omissions. Also, very importantly, contact me if you would like to fill one of the vacancies or leave a message with Lisa in the church office. This list is posted on the Midway bulletin board.

Things To Know

- 1-The proposed committee slate (opposite page) shows those committees with existing and upcoming vacancies.
- 2-The positions of moderator and assistant moderator are 3-year terms
- 3-The positions of treasurer, asst. treasurer, clerk and historian are 1-year terms
- 4-Members of the boards of deacons and trustees must be members of the church
- 5-Vacancies are shown as full committees; we should have at least 3 members on each committee except for the boards of deacons and trustees where full membership is preferred
- 6-The committee slate has been adjusted to stagger terms so that committees will have members laying over for the new members.

Bill Blaisdell



PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS, BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2023

<u>Moderator</u>	~ <u>Ingrid Measimer</u>	(25)	<u>Treasurer</u>	~ _____	(23)
<u>Asst. Moderator</u>	~ _____	(25)	<u>Asst. Treasurer(s)</u>	~ _____	(23)
<u>Clerk</u>	~ _____	(23)	<u>Historian</u>	~ _____	(23)

<u>Board of Trustees</u>	(3 year)	<u>Board of Deacons</u>	(3 year)	<u>Nominating Committee</u>	(3 year)
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<u>Lew Clark</u>	(23)	<u>Mary Alapa</u>	(23)	_____	(24)
<u>James Kerrigan</u> C	(23)	<u>Chuck Barnum</u>	(23)*	_____	(25)
<u>Marilyn Wright</u>	(23)	<u>Sue Blaisdell</u> C	(23)*	_____	(25)
<u>Ed Magown</u>	(24)*	<u>Sally Turner</u>	(23)*		
_____	(24)	<u>Anne Campbell</u>	(23)*		
_____	(25)	_____	(24)		
_____	(25)	<u>Doris Pulaski</u>	(25)*		

SNEC Conference Delegates (2 year)

_____ (25)
 _____ (25)

<u>Property Committee</u>	(2 year)	<u>Memorial Fund</u>	(2 year)	<u>Ushering Committee</u>	(2 year)
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<u>Sue Stottlemeyer</u>	(24)*	<u>Carolyn Hanover</u>	(23)	<u>Roz Womack</u>	(23)*
_____	(24)	<u>Marilyn Wright</u>	(23)	_____	(24)
_____	(25)	_____	(25)	_____	(25)
_____	(25)			_____	(25)

<u>Christian Education</u>	(2 year)	<u>Stewardship Committee</u>	(2 year)	<u>Missions Committee</u>	(2 year)
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<u>Janice Kimball</u>	(23)*	<u>Phyllis Meyer</u>	(23)	<u>Beth Chirillo</u>	(23)*
<u>Jill Martin</u>	(24)*	<u>Doris Pulaski</u>	(24)	<u>Penny Sullivan</u>	(24)*
_____	(24)	<u>Sue Stottlemeyer</u>	(24)*	_____	(24)
_____	(25)	<u>Melissa Beaupre</u>	(25)*	_____	(25)
_____	(25)	_____	(25)	_____	(25)

Music Committee (2 year)

Janice Kimball C (23)
Sally Turner (23)
 _____ (24)
 _____ (24)
 _____ (25)

Voting Your Values-It's a Matter of Faith!

By Rev. Victoria Alford Guest

Whenever you did one of these things for someone overlooked or ignored, you did it for me. ~ Matthew 25:40

Extreme weather events keep making headlines. Pakistan, Puerto Rico and Florida are just a few more recent examples of the devastating impact of the climate crisis, particularly on vulnerable communities. All around the globe, climate emergencies are impacting those who can least protect themselves against a changing climate and who have done the least to create the crisis.

The climate crisis fuels so much injustice. Corporate interests site sacrifice zones in black and brown neighborhoods. Droughts and superstorms set climate migration and political instability in motion. Wildfires destroy lives and livelihoods. Carbon pollution from burning fossil fuels increases the rate of asthma, cancer, and heart disease, especially in vulnerable communities. Habitat loss accelerates the risk that novel viruses like Covid 19 will spread from wildlife reservoirs to the human population threatening lives and causing economic volatility. Sooner or later, every justice issue intersects with the disruption that arises from the climate emergency.

As people of faith, we are called to see Christ in those too often ignored or disregarded. How we live out our faith matters. Voting is one of the ways that we can respond to the crisis and work to create a just world for all.

That is why we hope you will take a moment to explore the Faith Matters Voting Challenge and these two brief videos on the intersection of faith and voting from the Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, UCC Special Advisor on Climate Justice: <https://vimeo.com/748133789>; and Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker and Dr. John Grim, co-directors and co-founders of the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale <https://vimeo.com/748130603>. You can also check here for links to the text and video of a recent webinar with Jim Antal and Margaret Bullitt-Jonas on Preaching Climate Justice: A Conversation with Jim Antal and Margaret Bullitt-Jonas

Our vote matters, not just in the big national election years, but in all the local and state elections in between, because politicians pay attention to the priorities of people who vote.

Non-voters can send emails, write letters to the editor, go to protests, and put out campaign signs, but if they don't vote their priorities, they don't make it onto politicians' radar. To get elected, candidates use the public record to contact the people who actually show up and vote. Voters' priorities are the ones that matter to candidates, and the candidates who win are the ones who will end up implementing legislation.

There are not nearly enough voters in this country for whom the climate crisis is a priority. That is why the Environmental Ministries Team has partnered with the Environmental Voter Project (EVP) to promote the SNEUCC Creation Care Voter Pledge. The Environmental Voter Project is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization whose mission is to get more environmental supporters to vote in every election. The Environmental Voter Project does not endorse candidates or tell people how to vote. They follow up with each pledger, reminding them to vote in each of their upcoming elections - local, state, and national - because reminding someone of their pledge to vote can dramatically increase that person's likelihood of voting.

The SNEUCC Environmental Ministries Team also developed resources to mobilize your congregation as part of the Faith Matters Voting Challenge. You can download the brochure [here](#).

Persuading your congregation that voting is a matter of faith and mobilizing them to take the Creation Care Voter Pledge is the first step. But in the weeks and months and years ahead, we have more to do. We've got to get the word out to our communities and wider networks. You can even involve your children and youth in the effort by joining the national UCC Climate Hope Cards Art Contest which runs from October 4th to November 29th. For more information, reach out to Andy Wells-Bean at wellsbeana@ucc.org. Or register [here](#).

Join the Faith Matters Voting Challenge and explore ways that you can make the connection between faith and voting to elect legislators from all political perspectives at all levels who will act to reverse the climate crisis. Together we can make the climate crisis a priority, and only when it is a priority to voters will it become a priority to legislators. Every election matters.



The Rev. Victoria Alford Guest is co-chair of the SNEUCC Environmental Ministries Team and former pastor of the First Congregational Church in Natick, MA.

Karlsruhe

By John Dorhauer



In a meeting yesterday, I was invited to share about something that had recently brought me joy.

Although by this time I had been back from my trip to Karlsruhe, Germany, to attend the World Council of Churches gathering by more than a month, I nonetheless immediately thought of something that happened every day while we were there.

At 8:30 every morning, 10 days in a row, thousands of religious leaders from around the world would gather in the cool morning air of an outdoor amphitheater and spend an hour in worship with one another.

I would sit transformed by the experience – that is, when I wasn't moved to dance, which, believe it or not, happened often.

Color was one of the first things that struck me about what was different about this worship. Skin tones of every hue and shade, from the darkest brown and black to the palest white and everything in between would take the stage and sing, pray, preach or dance. And their clothes – the collective coats of many colors they were, bright fabrics of every make and shade, each bearing something unique to their culture and context.

After color was sound. Oh, my, the sounds! Languages and dialects and accents from countries and cultures and communities all over the globe. No one translated anything, each sound was allowed to stand on its own. Intonation and facial expression and body language sometimes helped to enhance the meaning of words you did not recognize, but often you just let the words, though incomprehensible, stand on their own as offerings of love and praise to the God who heard them all and knew, even if I did not.

But the sound that really made the experience unlike any other I had ever had the pleasure of experiencing was the music. Guitars and pianos and drums and flutes and tambourines and maracas and more accompanying a choir that must have spent months preparing. The beats and rhythms of the music reflected something inherently known to each culture, often lifting us up out of chairs with the shuffling of our feet or the clapping of our hands or the grasping of our neighbor and with them dancing. Again, each song was also offered in its native tongue. Literal meaning gave way to imaginative musings about what God was hearing and what we were expressing.

I would arrive early every morning, discovering that for the hour or so before worship the choir and musicians would rehearse. So, for the better part of two hours I would be transported into what had to be something very akin to the throne-room of God Himself.

And while I soaked it all in, I knew that this was something I would experience rarely. I would not be given too many chances in a lifetime to worship authentically and without any appropriation in the language and rhythm and movement of this many peoples from that many places. It was, at the age of 61, a first such moment for me. I asked myself as I sat there under what circumstances this would happen again. I was hard-pressed to find an answer. I took it all in for what it was – a Pentecost moment I was privileged to have unfold for me over two weeks in Germany; a glimpse of something so sacred, so divine, so rare – a beloved community where borders and boundaries evaporated and people found common joy in the praise of their maker. I will call it a foretaste, a small sample of what God knows is possible – the planting of seeds that with love can blossom into the peace we all long for on this, our journey Into the Mystic.

Worship Watch

November Church Services

Proper 27 (32) Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost November 6, 2022 Sermon: "Make a Joyful Noise"	<u>Haggai 1:15b-2:9</u> <u>Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21</u> or <u>Psalm 98</u>	<u>Job 19:23-27a</u> <u>Psalm 17:1-9</u>	<u>2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17</u>	<u>Luke 20:27-38</u>
Proper 28 (33) Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost November 13, 2022 Sermon: "Sing a New song"	<u>Isaiah 65:17-25</u> <u>Isaiah 12</u> **	<u>Malachi 4:1-2a</u> <u>Psalm 98</u>	<u>2 Thessalonians 3:6-13</u>	<u>Luke 21:5-19</u>
Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34) Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 20, 2022 Sermon: "Hope in the Future"	<u>Jeremiah 23:1-6</u> <u>Luke 1:68-79</u> **	<u>Jeremiah 23:1-6</u> <u>Psalm 46</u>	<u>Colossians 1:11-20</u>	<u>Luke 23:33-43</u>
First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2022 Sermon "Keep Awake"	<u>Isaiah 2:1-5</u>	<u>Psalm 122</u>	<u>Romans 13:11-14</u>	<u>Matthew 24:36-44</u>

Bible Study – On Monday mornings at 11 AM, we've been gathering in person and/or via Zoom to create a community of people studying the lectionary biblical readings for the coming Sunday. If you're interested, we hope you can join us and share in the conversations in which we laugh and engage in learning from one another. I personally love listening to other people's insights and wisdom I had never heard before each week. Such a joy! —Reverend Lee



November 2022



Additional Meetings:

After Worship Coffee Hour—Every Sunday after Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> Trustees 5:30pm	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> Handbells 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Holiday Bazaar 9am-2pm
<i>6</i> Worship Service 10am Music Committee 11am	<i>7</i> Prayer & Bible Study 11am Youth Group 6pm-8pm	<i>8 Election</i> <i>Day</i>	<i>9</i> Women's Fellowship	<i>10</i> Handbells 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> Worship Service 10am Stewardship Luncheon	<i>14</i> Prayer & Bible Study 11am Youth Group 6pm-8pm Deacons 6pm Leaders 7pm	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Handbells 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> Worship Service 10am Intergenerational Gathering 4pm	<i>21</i> Prayer & Bible Study 11am Youth Group 6pm-8pm	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Thanksgiving</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> Worship Service 10am First Day of Advent	<i>28</i> Prayer & Bible Study 11am Youth Group 6pm-8pm	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>			

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.



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Bring Your Family to Our Family..

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.



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