



The Prospectus

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Kristen's Corner

Dear family in Christ,

We spend this Lent not only discerning our relationship with God, but discerning the future of this church. As you know, my last Sunday as your Designated Pastor will be March 13th, 2016.

There is good news for you in this transition: you will have the opportunity to work with a new minister, probably another Interim, to address the patterns of conflict that keep repeating throughout the decades. You will have the chance to look at your history, reevaluate your church's mission and strengthen your relationship with the Connecticut Conference and Naugatuck Valley Association. You will have the chance to process the report generated from your Situational Support Consultation. You will have the chance to heal from the experience of the past four months with the help of a new pastor.

And then there is hard news: while our mutual love and affection remain, our professional relationship as pastor and parishioner must come to an end on March 13th. I will no longer be your Pastor. I will no longer be visiting you at home or in the hospital. I will no longer be leading worship or conducting funerals, weddings, or baptisms. The ethical guidelines for clergy insist that I refrain from being present with you or attending any special events for a period of at least one year; this is so you can more easily form a relationship with your new pastor. Although your pastoral search is still ongoing, I have every confidence that the Board of Deacons will soon identify a fine candidate who will lead you through the next part of your interim period.

In the end, the Good News remains: God goes with us, whether we are gathered or scattered. In Christ, we are one body, united, no matter where our journeys lead us. I trust you will continue to pray for me, even as I continue to pray for each of you. Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

I hope to be able to say goodbye to each of you in these next few weeks. In particular, I hope you will join us in worship on March 13th, as we say a goodbye to each other that is both sad and joyful.

May God's peace be yours in this season of Lent and always,

Rev. Kristen

Christian Education News

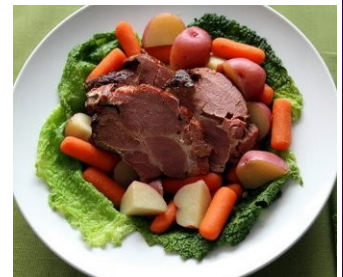


Christian Education will be sponsoring its annual Silver Lake Auction on **Saturday March 5th**. It will start at 6:00 pm with dinner provided by our Men's Club. There is a free will offering for dinner, which the Men's Club donates to the scholarships for Silver Lake Summer Camp. The auction will start at approximately 7:00 pm.

All items auctioned are donated and all the proceeds go directly toward sending our church students to Silver Lake Summer Camp. Silver Lake Summer Camp is for anyone entering 4th grade in September up through High School. We look forward to seeing you there!

Men's Club St. Patrick's Dinner

The Prospect Congregational Church Men's Club Presents 23rd Annual St. Patrick's Dinner on **Saturday, March 12th**, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The dinner costs \$10.00 per person and consists of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, Potatoes and more! Call the Church Office at 203-758-4872 to make reservations. Please leave a message if there is no answer.



Evening Women's Fellowship News

The next Evening Women's meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16th, at 6:30pm and we will begin setting up for our Annual Flea Market.

We will be having our Annual Flea Market on **Saturday, March 19th**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers to help break down tables immediately following the Market. If you have any donations, please leave them in Spellman Hall.

Tables are available for \$25.00 each, admission is a 25 cent donation, and there will be refreshments available. For more information please contact Diana Trumbley at 203-558-4782 or Judy Zhitomi at 203-758-6584.

Elevator Update

The Finance Committee is requesting that the members of the congregation insure their original pledges for the elevator are met. If possible, we are also requesting that additional donations are made to the church to reduce the principal amount before the construction loan turns into a regular loan.

Construction loan for the elevator:

Please note the following status of the construction loan for the elevator with Ion Bank:

- A transfer of \$14,000 was made from the elevator account to the loan principal
- A donation of \$2,000 was made by the Evening Women against the loan principal
- An additional personal gift of \$2,000 was made to the elevator loan principal
- The current status of the elevator loan shows a balance owed of \$86,000 on the principal

Please contact the Finance Committee if you have any questions.

Ken Mann

Discount Power

The Prospect Congregational Church continues to be a Broker for Discount Power. Discount Power is a discount electricity supplier located in Shelton, CT and has now gone to a policy of only offering fixed rates to their customers.

Recently Discount Power introduced a new fixed rate program for residential customers of \$.0725/kWh for 10 months for new customers and \$.077/kWh for 12 months for existing customers even if you have a contract with them at a higher rate. Currently the Eversource rate is \$.0955/kWh. As you may or may not know, Discount Power supplies only the electricity. Eversource or UI will continue to supply your bill and all service. Discount Power will give the church \$.002 for every kWh used by our customers. This is a WIN/WIN for both the church and our customers.

Whether you are purchasing your electricity from Eversource, UI or another discounted electricity supplier, please check a recent bill to see what rate you are currently paying to determine how much money you can save. Then go to our Discount Power web site at discountpowerinc.com/pccenergy, click on the green get started button and follow their directions. You can also email us at pccucc@snet.net and we will email or call you back to answer any questions you might have. We would also be happy to sign you up if that is what you would like. Also, feel free to speak to us about Discount Power during coffee hour after church on Sundays.

Gary Arndt and Tina Soderberg, Finance Committee Members

Lent and Easter Happenings

Lenten Soup Suppers: continue each Wednesday at 6:00 pm for the remainder of Lent

Palm Sunday: Sunday, March 20th, worship at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, March 24th, Service at 7:00 pm

Good Friday: Friday, March 25th, Service at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday: Sunday, March 27th, Sunrise Service on the Green at 6:00 am

Easter Breakfast: Following the Sunrise Service

Easter Worship: Sunday, March 27th, Sanctuary Services at 8:00 am and 10:00 am



One Great Hour of Sharing

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, United Church of Christ members reach out in the name of Christ to:

Build sustainable communities. OGHS supports self-help programs in more than 80 nations to build sustainable communities that enable people and communities to stand against and rise above hunger, disease, illiteracy, and other forces of injustice that deny and destroy dignity.

Respond to disaster. OGHS provides emergency and long-term assistance to people in the aftermath of hurricanes, tornados, storms, floods, tidal waves, fires, explosions, technological disasters, civil strife, war, or other natural or human-caused events. On average, OGHS responds to a disaster once every 2.5 days.

Minister to refugees. OGHS responds with advocacy and help, hope and hospitality for people who have been uprooted from their home of origin. More than 30 million of the world's people are uprooted at any given time.

The United Church of Christ unites with Christians in eight other Protestant denominations and Church World Service in One Great Hour of Sharing, thus multiplying the effectiveness and extent of our witness many times over.

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Sunday, March 6th!

PCC Window Stickers for Sale!

The Sr. High Youth Group is selling PCC Window stickers to raise money for them to attend the National Youth Event in July. Sticker are available during coffee hour or in the Church Office. They are \$5.00 each. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Hudson, Kayla Reilly, Jon Normand or any member of the youth group.



Pen/Stylus Fundraiser



We are selling pens that also act as a stylus that you can use on all your tablets and mobile phones. We have 6 colors and as a Holiday Special we are asking for a donation of \$7 each or if you donate \$20 you will receive 3 pens/stylus. If you purchase a plain stylus at a local office supply store they run from \$12 and up. The pens are engraved with church information so people will remember where to go if they want another. See Sandi Stewart during coffee hour or you can also find information on our website where you can also order pens.

March Birthdays



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| 2 Stacy Jacobson | 11 Allyson (Czarsty) Coward | 18 Emma Smith |
| 3 Tom McGarvey, Jr. | 12 Sherie Wilson | 24 Renee Kelly |
| Samantha Cross | 13 Ron Peach | 25 Stewart Wilson |
| 6 Larry Holt | 14 Meredith Lohne | Howard Jacobson |
| Tom Wright | 15 Jessica Patrick | 26 Michael Normand |
| 8 Tom Einhorn | Jessica D'Aniello | 28 William Edwards, Sr. |
| Debra Holt | 17 Olivia Erin Kelly | 30 Reyna Burns |
| 9 Ashley Jacobson | | |

Clothing Drive to Benefit Troop 115 of Naugatuck

March 19, 2016 from 9:30 am- 3:00 pm at the Naugatuck Town Green Gazebo. We are collecting clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, hats, linens, toys (preferably boxed), and bicycles. Please contact Venessa at [203-437-1002](tel:203-437-1002) for more information.

Acts 4 Ministry Seeks Sponsors

Acts 4 Ministry, Inc., the non-denominational, non-profit in Waterbury, is seeking sponsors for their annual fundraising reception, “Inspiration: Inspiring acts of love”, on Friday, April 1st from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Palace Theater. The event will feature the “Survivors Swing Band” performing music from the 1920s to 1940s. Sponsorships are being offered from Inspirational at \$2,500 to Motivational at \$1,500, Influential at \$1,000, Beneficial at \$500 and Friend at \$250. Sponsorship deadline is March 25. To learn more, contact Acts 4 Ministry Inc. Executive Director, Sarah Elizabeth Carabetta at 203-574-2287 or via email to executivedirector@acts4.org. Individual tickets are \$45 and can be secured at www.acts4.org, www.palacetheaterct.org, or by U.S. Mailing check to Acts 4 Ministry, PO Box 4524, Waterbury, CT 06704, or at Acts 4 Ministry at 1713 Thomaston Avenue, Waterbury, Mondays through Fridays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and select Saturdays.

ION Bank Community Rewards



The 7th Annual Community Awards Program by ION Bank can help PCC earn up to \$5,000. The ION Bank will donate a proportional share of \$50,000 to each local non-profit that receives at least 1% of the total votes. There will also be a special award of \$500 to 20 randomly selected organizations that receive less than 1% of the votes.

It's simple – vote for PCC by going to <https://cap.ionbank.com/cap2016/> and locating the church under the “Religion” heading. Voting will take place from January 4 through March 31, 2016. One vote per customer, however, for accounts with multiple owners, each owner may vote. Customers with multiple accounts may only vote once. Each customer can vote for only one organization.

March Scripture Readings

Sunday, March 6th - Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sunday, March 13th - Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Sunday, March 20th - Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40 (Liturgy of the Palms); Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49 (Liturgy of the Passion)

Maundy Thursday - Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday - Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday - Job 14:1-14; Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

Easter Sunday, March 27th - Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

From the Church Office

Greetings to you all! I want to take this moment to give you information about the best ways to give me information to be publicized within the church.

Articles for the Newsletter and Bulletin can be emailed to me at pccuccoffice@gmail.com. The deadline for the April Prospectus is Wednesday, March 23rd and information for the Bulletin should be sent by 11:00 am on Thursdays for inclusion in that week's Bulletin.

Regarding Building Use, please fill out the Building Use Forms provided by the Board of Trustees. You can find these forms in the Coat Closet in the top right mail box. The event is penciled in on the Calendar and the form is submitted to the Trustees for their approval. After Trustees' approval the event is then set on the Church's Schedule.

Regarding email communication, my goal is to send only one or two emails per week to everyone so that you don't become flooded with emails from the Church. Getting information to the Office will enable me to compile a weekly e-newsletter of sorts to keep you all in the loop.

Many thanks,

Debi

In Our Prayers

Roger Allen
Joan Hart
Mary Ellen Pearce
Jennie Bayse
Al Hamilton
Tina Sierra
Louise Beach
Joan Slapikas
Gloria Benson
Barbara Koshier
Dave Stewart
Kirsten Berube

Lindy Jacobson
Babette Strumpf
Rev. Carmen Cavallaro
Linda Jerzierny
Fred Strumpf, Jr
Janet Cronn
Georgianna Tata
Jillian DiTommaso
Michael Lohne
Andrew Vilardo
Jake Dzubak
Sheryl Mann

Kathy Vander Eyk
Peter Creasey
Dennis McGuire
Sherie Wilson
Judy Fiengo
Barbara Menturweck
Ellen Woods
Ed Mitoraj
Gayle Gourley
Lois Nemet
Katie Reed
David Bell

Glendale

Jo Collins
Roy Schellhardt

Paradigm

Raymond & Shirley Stewart
Bill Lushenat

Prayers for our Military, Including

PFC Marissa Bainer
Thomas Brunetti, Jr.
Christopher Chucta, Turkey
Jon Conlon
Anthony DiTommaso
Thomas Greene, Afghanistan
Darren Hale, Jr., Afghanistan
Jim Jackson, Marine

Kenny Jeannin, Ft. Drumm, NY
A1C Johnny Dee, Washington
118th Med Bn FC James Kabusk, Cherry
Point, NC
Jonathan Saxton, Fairfield, CA
Lcpl Alex Theil, Ft. Leonardwood, MO
ACAN Jessica Zielonka, Norfolk, VA

Prayers of Concern for our Extended Family

Sarah & Family (Christine Creasey's niece and family), **Tabitha** (Lindy Jacobson's niece), **Uncle Howard** (David Bell's uncle), **Yves Allard** (Erik Soderberg's Uncle), **Norman Anderson** (Babette Strumpf's brother), **James Bayse** (Jennie Bayse's father), **Anita Capen** (friend of Diane Cavallaro), **Robin Carlson** (friend of Sandy Pavlowski), **Mabel Caudill** (Linda Jerzierny's mother), **Mary Grace Cavallo**, **Carolyn Coleman** (friend of Mary Ellen Pearce), **Donald Covino** (brother of Carm Villani), **Joyce Cronin** (friend of Sandy Pavlowski), **Michael Dingle** (Louise Beach's nephew),

Justine Egan (Kelly Evon's cousin), **Agatha Falcone** (Tina Sierra's mom), **Charlie Fortier** (brother of Anne Marie Burr), **Richard Fortier** (brother of Anne Marie Burr), **Justine Fortin** (grandson of Charlotte Geary), **Sam Gourley** (Gayle Gourley's father-in-law), **Anthony Guistinello** (Mary Ellen Pearce's Grandson), **Eddie Hannula** (Diana Trumbley's uncle), **Lloyd Hannula** (Diana Trumbley's dad), **Dianne Hart** (sister of Joan Hart and Janet Searles), **Fran Hart** (Mother of Joan Hart and Janet Searles), **Pam Hartnett** (Bob and Kathy Hartnett's daughter-in-law), **Ellie Held** (Barbara Rowe's sister), **Russell Held** (Barbara Rowe's nephew), **David Holley** (John Holley's dad), **Mary Hudson** (John Hudson's mother), **Paul Hudson** (John Hudson's dad), **Douglas Hughes** (Arlene Hughes' son), **Diane Humphrey** (Christine Creasey's sister), **Conall Hurley** (Howie Steeves' nephew), **Ingrid** (Sharon Blair's Sister), **Edna Kainer** (Sandy Pavlowski's grandmother), **Jackie LaCroix** (friend of Melissa Saxton), **Robert Luddy** (neighbor of Gwenn and Brad Fischer), **Bertha & Charles McCollough** (Sharry Sargeant's mother and father), **Madalyn McDaniel** (Barbara Menturweck's niece), **Dolores Mikishko**, **Carol Miner** (friend of Christine Creasey), **Christina Mitchell** (Mary Ellen Pearce's daughter-in-law), **Mary Nelson** (Barbara Menturweck's cousin), **Deolores Paonessa** (Sue Hudson's aunt), **Mark Peel** (friend of Mary Ellen Pearce), **Tiffany Perry** (friend of Kim Palmerie), **Teresa Preziosi** (Mary Ellen Pearce's niece), **Doreen Proul** (dear friend of Edie Sherwood), **Marion Raven** (John Raven's daughter-in-law, Kim Palmerie's Sister-in-law), **Matthew Raven** (John Raven's son), **Bill St. Jean** (Denise Masulli's brother), **Henry Sarbeski**, **Michelle Scotto-Lanzoni** (John Hudson's Cousin), **Jim Scully** (Howie and Deb Steeves' brother-in-law), **Dotty Searles** (John Searles' mom), **Ryan Sierra** (Rick and Tina Sierra's son), **Edward Smith** (son of Janet and Steve Cronn), **Lauren Stanczyk** (Friend of Lindy Jacobson), **Bob Steeves** (Howie Steeve's cousin), **Leslie Studwell** (Debbie Steeves' cousin), **Maggie Thompson** (friend of MaryEllen Pearce), **Sharon Trumbley** (Diana Trumbley's sister-in-law), **Bob Wallin** (friend of Rev. Carmen & Diane Cavallaro), **Jack Walsh** (student at Woodland High School), **Beverly Wyman** (Debbie Brooks' sister and Joan Slapikas' cousin), **Arthur Wood** (Christine Creasey's father), **Joan Wood** (Christine Creasey's Mom)

Daylight Savings



Super Saturday - Mar. 12, 2016 at 8:00 am

The Reverend Traci Blackmon - Community Leader, Civil Rights Activist and Pastor of Christ the King UCC in Florissant, Missouri - is the Keynote Speaker for this day of worship, workshops, and networking for lay and clergy leaders from across Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. Join us for a great day of learning and leadership.

Location: Killingly High School, 226 Putnam Pike, Killingly

\$54.00 Per Person or \$44.00 Per Person in Groups of 5 or more from a church.

Contact: Karen E. Ziel, Minister Faith Formation & Leadership
 United Church Center, 125 Sherman St., Hartford CT 06105. 860.761.7104.
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March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Deacon's 6p	2 Lenten Soup 6p Confirmation 6:30 p Choir 7:30p	3	4	5 Silver Lake Dinner and Auction 6p
6 Worship; Foster Grandparents 10a Coffee Hr. 11a CE Mtg. 11:15 Children's Choir Sr. Youth 6p	7 Deacon's 7p	8 BOT 7:00p	9 Lenten Soup 6p Choir 7:30p	10 Troop 258 Committee Mtg. 6p	11	12 Men's Club St. Patrick's Dinner 6p
13 Worship 10a Coffee Hr. 11a Children's Choir Sr. Youth 6p Daylight Savings	14 Committee Night 7p	15	16 Lenten Soup 6p Confirmation 6:30p Eve. Women's 6:30p Choir 7:30p	17	18 Flea Market Set up	19 Eve. Women's Flea Market 9am-2pm
20 Worship 10a Coffee Hr. 11a Finance Commit- tee 11:15a Casseroles Children's Choir Sr. Youth 6p	21 Council 7p	22	23 PNS 10:30a Lenten Soup 6p Choir 7:30p	24 PNS 10:30a Maundy Thursday Service 7p	25 Good Friday Service 7p	26
27 Sunrise Service 6a Breakfast Easter Worship at 8a and 10a Easter Sunday	28	29	30 Confirmation 6:30p Choir 7:30p	31		Deacon of the Month is Rick Normand

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