# The Prospectus







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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The new year is upon us, and as is the custom for many people, it will be a time for new beginnings, new dreams, new goals, and of course, New Year's resolutions. I don't always make New Year's resolutions. Some years I do, some years I don't -- I suspect it usually has something to do with how much free time I have to reflect on such things. There are other people I know, however, who are more consistent. I have one friend who is so religious about her new year's resolutions, that every year, she types up a document -- usually several pages long -- with a list of resolutions that includes short term goals, long term goals, and an action plan with a clearly laid out time line for how she intends to accomplish and keep her resolutions. As an added measure of accountability, she then sends this list to several of her closest friends, which of course in no way makes any of the rest of us feel inadequate or lazy at all about our own New Year's resolutions -- or lack thereof.

The truth is, New Year's resolutions can sometimes be frivolous. Still, this year, I would like to make an argument in favor of New Year's resolutions. Not necessarily the kind that have to do with losing weight or going to the gym more often -- though those are certainly worthy goals. Rather, I'm talking about the kinds of resolutions we make with the aim of transformation -- with the aim of becoming better people -- kinder, more courageous, more educated, or more compassionate. Resolutions to become more spiritually minded and more devoted to prayer or meditation practices. Resolutions to be less selfish and more giving of our time, our resources, and our hearts.

So go ahead and make those resolutions, and know that God is there in the midst of it all. God is there in the midst of who we were, who we are, and who we will become. Old and new. Alpha and Omega. Yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

See you in 2016,

Rev. Kristen

**People to Pray for During the Week** 

Roger Allen
Jennie Bayse
Louise Beach
Gloria Benson
Kirsten Berube

Rev Carmen Cavallaro

Janet Cronn

Gayle Gourley

Jillian DiTommaso Jake Dzubak Peter Creasey Judy Fiengo Gwenn Fischer Joan Hart Mary Ellen Pearce
Al Hamilton Tina Sierra
Arnie Koehler Joan Slapikas
Barbara Koshier Dave Stewart
Lindy Jacobson Babette Strumpf
Linda Jerzierny Fred Strumpf, Jr
Georgianna Tata

Michael Lohne Andrew Vilardo
Sheryl Mann Kathy Vander Eyk
Dennis McGuire Sherie Wilson
Barbara Menturweck Ellen Woods

Ed Mitoraj Lois Nemet

Prayers for our Military, including

PFC Marissa Bainer
Jon Conlon
Darren Hale, Jr., Afghanistan
A1C Johnny Dee, Washington

A1C Johnny Dee, Washington 118th Med Bn Pvt Michael LeBlanc, Ft. Benning GA Lcpl Alex Theil, Ft. Leonardwood, MO Christopher Chucta, Turkey
Thomas Greene, Afghanistan
Kenny Jeannin, Ft. Drumm, NY
FC James Kabusk, Cherry Point, NC
Jonathan Saxton, Fairfield, CA

Jonathan Saxton, Fairfield, CA ACAN Jessica Zielonka, Norfolk, VA

<u>Glendale</u>

Jo Collins Roy Schellhardt <u>Paradigm</u>

Thomas Brunetti, Jr.

Anthony DiTommaso

Jim Jackson, Marine

Raymond & Shirley Stewart

**Prayers of Concern for our Extended Family** 

Diane & Lonzia (friends of Rick and Tina Sierra)

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) David Knapp (Rev. Phyllis' brother) 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) Josh Morgan (friend of Glenn and Denise Warme) 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) Kathryn Reynolds (Rev. Phyllis' sister) 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)





#### A quick note:

I hope you all had a blessed and joyous Christmas Holiday. I pray the New Year is filled with peace and good health.

As we come in the New Year, I remind all chairpersons of each Board and Committee to have their yearly reports into the Secretary office ASAP. We will be having our Annual meeting in February (date to be announced) and these reports are important and the report takes time to put together.

Also elections will take place. If you are interested in helping out on a particular Board or Committee contact a member of the Nominating Committee and see what is available.

The chair of the committee is Sheryl Mann. A couple of other members are Sherie Wilson, Michael Normand and Tim Beach.

Blessings,

Christine Creasey, Moderator



### A quick note from your Moderator

I wanted to thank all of you for your patience and donations to get the elevator up and running. It's been a long time desire to have one and we did it!!!!

We did have to borrow money from the loan we secured so, if you're like Peter and myself, try and get your pledges paid up sooner than later.

We will be planning an "official" dedication in the Spring, we will be inviting special folks, benefactors, and local business owners that also made donations. We will have ministers from local churches and the Connecticut Conference join us as well.

I wish you all a blessed New Year filled with joy, love and peace.

Blessings,

Christine Creasey

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C.E. News

Foster grandparent we will not be going to Paradigm in January, we will go again the first Sunday in February.

Christian will be meeting the Second Sunday in January for our monthly meeting instead of the first Sunday.

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#### January Birthdays Katie (Blakeslee) Cyr 21 Kristy Holley 2 Linda Theriault Elaine (Steeves) DiTommaso Amy (Greatorex) Corvino 24 Gary Arndt 7 Arrol McGarvey Peg Goddard Darlyne Wadhams Christopher Mattice 26 Nicholas Dirga Robin Wright 11 Ruth Voegeli Megan Wester 29 Loriessa Holley Al Hamilton 31 12 Dayna Chucta 13 14 Craig Mann 15 Marianne Mullen 18 Kelsey Mitchell

#### February Birthdays

1	Doug Patrick	22	George Arndt
<b>7</b> 3	Deborah Doody		Scott Arndt
4	Amanda Linsley	24	Alexandra Cross
7	Mary Koch	25	Louise Stamat
•	Jean Harvey		T.J. Snyder
	Michael Lohne	26	Erica (Milton) LaFrance
13 14	Bill Brown	27	Dave Holley
<b>7</b> 15	Kathy Arndt		•
19	Katié Greatorex		

Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 6:30pm Lasagna Dinner \$13.00

> Includes: Pasta Fagioli Caesar Salad **Assorted Desserts** Beverage

#### Third Sampler Dinner

Bob Harvey and Diana Trumbley will be hosting another Friday night dinner on Friday February 5th, 2016. This dinner will be a Meatloaf Sampler Dinner, where we will have the chance to sample several different Meatloaves. They will be made by different people, and you will be given a sample of each. We may even vote for your favorite one. We will also have mashed potatoes, salad, drinks, and desert. The cost will be \$8.00 per person. Please sign up by placing your name on the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall, so we know how many to plan for. And if you think you have a great meatloaf and want to enter it please contact Diana or Bob.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **DINNER & SHOW EVENT**

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On Saturday, Feb 20th, the P.C.C. Music Committee, along with the P.C.C. Youth Group will be hosting a "Dinner & Show" Fundraiser in support of the Youth Group's trip to the National Youth Event held in Florida in July. Dinner will be served in Fellowship Hall at 6pm, with the entertainment presented in the Sanctuary at 7:15pm, or whenever dinner is finished. The theme for the show  $\bigstar$ ☆ will be "Remember Yester-Year: Rock n' Roll through the 50's & 60's". Details regarding ticket prices and dinner menu to follow. For more information, please contact Erik Soderberg at (203)525-7190. Thank You.

The Sr. High Youth Group is selling PCC Window stickers to raise money for them to attend the National Youth Event in July. Stickers 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.

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**Pen/Stylus Fundraiser:** We have ordered 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. This is a church fundraiser and would make great Christmas gifts for anyone on your list or as a stocking stuffer. You can find information on our website where you can also order pens.

## January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Deacon of the Month: Sandy Pavlowski					1	2
3 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hr	7p Deacons Mtg	5	6 6:30 Confirmation Class 7:30p Choir	7	8	9 6:30p Lasagna Dinner
10 8:30a Monthly Breakfast 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hr 11:15 CE Mtg	11	7p BOT Mtg	7:30p Choir	14	15	16  Youth Group Fundraiser Dinner
17 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hr/ Casseroles 11:15 Finance Mtg	7p Council Mtg	19	20 6:30p Evening Women's 6:30 Confirmation Class	21	22	23
24 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hr	25	26	7:30p Choir	28	29	Noon-Noon Homeless Awareness Sleepout
31 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hr						

## February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:30 Confirmation Class	4	5 6p Meatloaf Sampler Dinner	6
	7p Deacons' Mtg		7:30p Choir			
7 10a Worship Foster Grand- parent Program 11a Coffee Hr 11:15 CE Mtg	8 7p Committee Night	9 7p BOT Mtg	10 7p Ash Wednesday Service	11	12	13
14 8:30a Monthly Breakfast 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hr 11:15 Finance Committee Mtg	7p Council	16	6:30p Evening Women's 6:30 Confirma- tion Class 7:30p Choir	18	19 30 Hr. Famine	Dinner And A Show
21 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hr/ Casseroles	22	23	24 7:30p Choir	25	26	27
28 10a Worship 11a Coffee Hr	29				Deacon of the Month: Judy Kennelly	