



The
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South Britain Congregational Church, South Britain, CT 06487
203.264.5890 United Church of Christ · “God is Still Speaking”
June/July 2019



PASTORAL
SEARCH
COMMITTEE

Negotiations with our endorsed candidate have ceased, and our process to find a Settled Pastor has resumed. We ask for your support and prayers as we strive to find that special spiritual leader our Church seeks and rightly deserves. While our committee is of course disappointed, we are united in trusting God and His timing. The silver lining however is that Reverend Dave Buchan will stay with us until we call a Settled Pastor.

Hoping all have a blessed Summer,
Jennifer Naylor, Carl Dunn, Dave Ferraro, Francesca Sergi, John Shepherd, Ian Lowell and
Krista Judson

LEAVE ROOM TO FLY

A celebrated Japanese artist exhibited a rather large painting showing, down in the left hand corner, a tree with a number of small birds perched on a limb. The rest of the canvas was bare. When he was asked if he didn't intend to paint anything more to fill the blank space, he said, "Oh, no. I have to leave room for the birds to fly."

I sometimes feel that there is so much going on in our lives that there is no room for us to fly. Our schedules are tight. We cart children from school to soccer to dance lessons. We go from meeting to meeting. Even in retirement we say, "I'm busier now than when I was working!" We run at top speed – in all directions – and collapse when we get home at night. And come morning we start all over again.

For a healthy life, like the birds in the Japanese painting, we all need room to fly. We need some time for ourselves. We need some time with our families. And we also need some time to draw closer to God – as the Bible puts it, to be still and to know that God is God. Summer, with its more relaxed pace, is an ideal time for worship, study and growth. Remember the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*"...they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles..." (40:31)*

This summer may there be room to fly in your life – and may you soar like Isaiah's eagles!

Our worship service continues at 10:00 Sunday mornings during the summer.

In Christ,

Dave Buchan
Bridge Interim Minister

BULLETIN BOARD

- Every Sunday:** Choir, 9 am; Worship, 10 am; Coffee Hour in the Parish House following the service
- First Sunday:** Communion during worship
- Every Tuesday:** Knit-Wits, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Bible Study, 1:00 to 2:00 pm
Master Chorale, 6 to 10 pm
- Every Friday:** AA Meeting, 7 to 8:30 pm
- First Wednesday:** First Wednesday Women's Group, 6 pm (no dinner in May)
- Second Thursday:** Evening Bible Study, 7 pm

(There will not be a July newsletter – this issue covers June and July)

June

- Saturday, June 1:** All-Church Workday
- Sunday, June 2:** Board of Faith Formation, 9 am; Board of Outreach, 9 am; Deacons, 11:30 am; Sandwich Brigade following worship
- Wednesday, June 5:** First Wednesday Women's Group, 6 pm
- Thursday, June 6:** Staff Meeting, 3 pm; Property Committee, 7 pm

<p>The Church Retreat planned for Saturday, June 8 has been cancelled until the Fall.</p>

- Sunday, June 9:** Finance, 9 am
- Thursday, June 13:** Evening Bible Study, 7 pm
- Sunday, June 16:** Father's Day
- June 20:** Trustees, 7 pm
- Saturday, June 22:** Family Game Night, 6 pm
- Sunday, June 23:** "Bring a Friend" Sunday, 10 am
- Wednesday, June 26:** Council, 7 pm

July

- Thursday, July 4:** Independence Day
- Sunday, July 7:** Board of Outreach, 9 am; Sandwich Brigade following worship
- Thursday, July 11:** Evening Bible Study
- Sunday, July 14:** Finance, 9 am, Deacons, 11:30 am
- Wednesday, July 17:** August newsletter deadline
- Thursday, July 18:** Trustees, 7 pm
- Wednesday, July 24:** Council, 7 pm

IN OUR PRAYERS

Ken and JoAnn Bolin's daughter-in-law Jessica
Gene Clair
Joan and Ralph Kubista's daughter Lauren Dahm
Ann Ferraro and her sister Katy
"Baby Smidge" Elliott
Edward and Betsy Fleming
 John's parents and John
Ginni Garis
Joyce Hornbecker
Marge Humiston
Jonah Locke
Madeline Grace, Mimi Kuehn's cousin's
 13 year old daughter

Nancy Maher
Cynthia Mather
Char Moll's mother
Gordon Morehouse
Margie and Ray Nichols
 great granddaughter Madison
Bob Plourde
Don Sharpe's sister Sue
Evelyn Vargoshe
Eileen Yade, Eileen Major's mother
Kay Zachos



PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE IN OR PLANNING TO BE IN THE HOSPITAL. WE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP YOU IN OUR PRAYERS.

FIRST WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S GROUP



**The first Wednesday of each month
6:00 pm
The Tavern
(inside the Heritage Hotel)**

Cost is \$20 per person for a buffet dinner (non-refundable)

Come for fellowship, laughter and to share a meal together

**You must RSVP and pay prior to the evening
Sign up and pay during coffee hour**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Joseph Parisi	11	Michael Aldo	26	John Jenney
2	Nathan Cimelus		Joyce Hornbecker		Kelly Lavoy
	Steven Hanna	13	Brad Lewis	27	Amy DeWitt
3	Michael Cihal	14	R. Nathan Lewis		Wanda Isbell
	Scott Marciniec	15	Jennifer Bass	28	Janet Hanson
4	Emily Hayden	19	Jennifer Naylor	29	Dave Blersch
6	Craige Wilds		Joseph Simpson		Taylor Pettingill
8	Maggie Lavoy		Karen Zarcone		June Tschauder
	Michael Schaake	23	Edna Bookstaver	30	June Bennett
9	Jayden Flick	24	Robert Isbell		Maggie Warner
10	Nichole Nardecchia-Guertin		Carly Markward		
	Robin Stiles		Mark Riefenhauser		
	Rick Warner	25	Scott Schaake		
	Sarai Wilds		Suzanne Schlump		
	MaKenzie Zeno				

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Catie Hanna	13	Amy Dunn
2	Gwen Brinley	14	Madeleine Wuest
	Susan Grobnagger	15	Sharon Stiles
	Krista Judson	17	Kay Zachos
	Beverly Stoddard	18	Joanne Seymour
3	Cathy Ostar	20	Ed Wildman
4	Owen Troy	21	Jean Mitchell
5	Joan Taylor	22	Judy Grimes
	Sue Valenti	24	John Watson
6	Glenn Mackbach	25	Kimberly Hein
	Samantha Mackbach	26	Parker Thomas
7	Jean Dunn	27	Sue Bennett
8	Harrison Wilds	28	Shen-Yee Lecko
9	Roger Tashjian	31	Laura Bennett
10	Ken Bolin		Beth Miller
11	Lee Rushton		

SOUTHBURY FAITH IN ACTION (SoFIA)

MANY, MANY thanks to ALL who helped make Homefront Day 2019 a wonderful success. From those who spent the day with us on Saturday, to those who donated water and soda and everyone in-between, we could not have done it without EACH of you!!! Thank you for make a difference in the lives of this wonderful family. Hope to see you next spring!! Ever grateful, Southbury Faith in Action (SoFIA)

BOARD OF OUTREACH

In honor of Father's Day, we have chosen Save-a-Suit located in Bethel for our June Outreach Offering. **Save-A-Suit is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that provides our former military and college graduates with professional business attire and the confidence needed to succeed.**

We will have a clothing rack and a box in the Gathering Room for the collection of men's suits, blazers, ties, dress shirts, sweaters, shoes, and belts. They also accept ladies' business attire. For a complete list please visit saveasuit.org/dropoff. The last day of the collection is Sunday, June 30th. As always, monetary donations are also welcome.

Our July and August Outreach Offering will be earmarked for a local animal charity which has yet to be decided. Details will be printed in the July bulletins as well as in the Parishioners Post.

We collected and donated 63 cans of soup to the SFB in April. We raised \$500 for Homefront. Our clothing swap yielded \$160 and we supplemented to \$300 for Project Period Waterbury. Thanks to everyone who donated.

Looking ahead to August, we will need lots of extra hands on Sunday, August 3. Not only will we be making 400 sandwiches for GWIM, but we'll be filling 20 backpacks for children in

Waterbury. We have purchased the backpacks but are in need of school supplies to fill them. The children range in age from elementary school students to high schoolers. There will be a box in the Gathering Room for contributions. The last day of the collection will be August 3.

Friendship Sunday
June 23
Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend to church.



JUNE 22 --- FAMILY GAME NIGHT --- JUNE 22

Come for an evening of fun, laughter and friendly competition! June 22, kicking off at 6:00 pm, FAMILY GAME NIGHT at SBCC. A variety of games for all ages, lessons on games you've always wanted to learn (dominos, cribbage, etc.) and lots of fellowship. Snacks and beverages provided. Bring a friend or two – open to the community! Grab a game and grab a table (or bring your own family friendly game with you). Enjoy a 'screen free' evening of fun.

BOARD OF FAITH FORMATION

- Our plot at the community garden to benefit the Southbury Food Bank is starting to come together. At this time, we are graciously accepting donations at coffee hour to help defray the cost of the plot rental, soil, supplies, and plants. If you would like to help us with our gardening, we are putting together a weekly schedule for weeding and watering duties. It will require a couple of trips during the week to keep our garden looking good. All are welcome. Please contact Amy Smith at 203-509-5283 or amybsmith1120@gmail.com; or Krista Judson at sbcc_ce@yahoo.com
- Also. I want to thank the Faith Formation committee, young adults and the congregation for all your support this past year.

Blessings
Krista

SOUTHBURY OLD TOWN HALL MUSEUM TO CELEBRATE STATEWIDE CONNECTICUT OPEN HOUSE DAY ON JUNE 8

Festivities Designed to Build Awareness of State's Cultural and Tourism Assets Among Residents

What: The Old Town Hall in Southbury, CT will be participating in the 15th Annual Connecticut Open House Day – a unified celebration of the state's fascinating world of art, history, and tourism. During this one-day event, the Southbury Old Town Hall, along with more than 200 other organizations and attractions throughout the state, will open its doors to visitors.

When: June 8, 2019, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
House June 8, 2019, 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

**Southbury Old Town Hall Museum Open
Early Innovation – South Britain
Walking Tour**

Registration: No registration is required for the Old Town Hall Open House. Registration is required for the Early Innovation – South Britain Walking Tour and is open to only 25 attendees. The walk is not ADA compliant, requires walking shoes. Please register by calling, leaving a message at 203-405-3124 or email to: info@southburyhistory.org

Parking for both the Open House and the Walking Tour can be found in the parking lot of the South Britain Congregational Church, 693 S Britain Rd, Southbury, CT.

Directions: the museum is located at 624 S Britain Rd, Southbury, CT 06488. Using Your GPS. South Britain is a village in the Town of Southbury. When using GPS, be sure to enter the address in the GPS as “Southbury”.

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2019 Graduates

Rob Crowdis	Southern CT State University - Degree in Computer Science
Luke Naylor	Pomperaug High School
Nicholas	Grandson of Richard and Evelyn Vargashe – Graduating from veterinary school in September
Jack Potz	Hofstra University with a BA. Majored in Economics with minor in music and global studies
Rebecca Sabetta	Graduating from North Branford High School - Granddaughter of Audrey and Don Sharpe
John Shepherd	Pomperaug High School
Zach Smith	Pomperaug High School
Isabella Watson	Pomperaug High School
Harrison Wilds	University of New England - Bachelor of Science in Biology



2019 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Natalie Dahl	Ramapo College of Nursing
Christina Lewis	Naugatuck Valley Community College
R. Nathan Lewis	Western Governor's University
Jennifer Miller	University of Vermont
William Miller	University of Massachusetts
Heather Mitchell	University of Connecticut
Sherman Mitchell	University of Lynchburg
Joseph Naylor	Endicott College
Luke Naylor	Ohio State University
Christopher Potz	University of New Haven
Michael Schaake	University of Connecticut
John Shepherd	Quinnipiac University
Jenifer Troy	Naugatuck Valley Community College
Owen Troy	University of New Haven
Isabella Watson	Boston University
John Watson	Pace University
Hunter Wilds	University of Colorado

