

**WELCOME ~ MAY 21, 2023**

We're glad you've joined us for worship today.

Please know that whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

**If you're visiting, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card** (found in the pews or on the back tables) and place it in an offering box, to help us better connect with you.

Looking for more information about the church?

Please feel free to ask the church office during the week.

Masking is optional and masks may be found on the back tables

*The flowers this morning are given by the Kerr family  
in loving memory of Roscoe & Louise Bristol and Marion Bristol Kerr.*

**Welcome Rev. Linda Huff**

I have lived in Newington CT for the last 6 months with my two housemates Cynthia and Tashi and my dog Fancy in a historic house built in 1899. This represents a major change in my life, until recently I was living in Bloomfield. I call this period of my life: "My Year of Transition". I have a long-standing career of ordained pastor UCC serving churches in Maine and Connecticut in a variety of positions, including Intentional Interims. The last 14 years I was a Hospice Bereavement Coordinator for Masonicare Hospice in East Hartford. I retired in Nov. of 2022 and sold my Bloomfield house 3 months later. The hospice work and preaching overlapped at certain times. I am working on starting a Life Coaching Business this summer. My long-term goal is to return to Maine in Mid-2024.

**Yard Goats Game** - We are taking ticket reservations for a Yard Goats Game on **June 9th at 7:10 pm**. Tickets are priced at \$10.00 each with a limit of 6 tickets per family. Check your calendar and hope you can make it!

**Missions & Outreach**

**Hands of Grace** - For the month of May we will be collecting toiletries and 64 oz. bottles of juice for Hands of Grace, an outreach of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Hartford. Hands of Grace offers help with food, clothing and household goods.

**Fourth Sunday Food Collection** - Next Sunday is our food collection of non perishable foods for the local food bank. Please put items in the red wagon near the sanctuary door towards the hallway.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*We gather as a welcoming community in worship, learning, service and fellowship to embody Christ's message of love, compassion and justice.  
Joining faith with action, both within and beyond our church,  
we strive to build a community that serves all.*

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An Open and Affirming Church

**The Strawberry Festival** - This is a fun, busy event with many hands needed to make it successful. We need to fill the positions required in order to hold the festival on Father's Day, June 18. The festival would be SHORTCAKE - TAKE OUT ONLY. We have fewer slots to fill but hullers and bakers are required. The decision whether the festival can be HELD or NOT depends on how many positions are filled by Sunday, May 28 to allow time to advertise the event. Church attendance has increased but is still very light and we cannot commit to holding the festival if we don't have the people to work. Please respond by signing up at church or by calling Donna Hammond at 860-693-8676 or 860-882-8375 by May 28.

**Ministers:** Every Member

**Director of Music:** Mary Lou Keefe

**Sexton:** Walt LeGeyt

**Camera:** Steve Byko

**Coffee Hour:** Rebecca Glinsman

**Dir. of Faith Formation:** Dr. Hollace Bristol

**Asst. Dir. of Faith Formation:** Karen Needham

**Office Manager:** Kristen DiMattia

**Duty Deacons:** Kristin Oswald & Tim Lundgren

| Sunday 21  | Monday 22                                | Tuesday 23 | Wednesday 24 | Thursday 25 | Friday 26 | Saturday 27 |
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| <b>Worship 10 am</b><br><i>Moment for Missions</i><br><b>Second Hour</b> | <b>Choir 5 pm</b><br>ACA/Al-Anon<br>7 pm | AA 7 pm    |              |             |           | AA 11 pm    |