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Worship Service |
Every Sunday at 10:00 am

Communion Service |
1st Sunday each month

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Belfry Echoes

Easter 2023



Easter Sunrise Service | April 9, 2023 at 6:15AM
Indian Hill Golf Course
111 Golf Street, Newington, CT 06111

Easter Morning Worship | April 9, 2023
9AM & 11AM

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a message
FROM THE PASTOR



The Importance of *Rest* and *Renewal*

The long tradition of this congregation has been to encourage your pastor to take a sabbatical. The sabbatical is for rest, study and renewal. This spring, I will be celebrating 10 years of service as your Senior Pastor. In my call agreement, I am given a 3 month sabbatical every 5 years of service. So beginning the first of May, I have planned a sabbatical. I also have 5 weeks of vacation, and therefore will be off May, June, July and most of August. I will return to the office on Monday August 28th.

I am aware that this is a gift and I am extremely grateful. At the same time, it is very needed. Pastors work almost every weekend of the year. My hours often go from morning 'til night. I am on call most every day. I will admit it is tiring. The past 5 years have been very challenging for all of us. Taking intentional time off, allows me time to rest, study, and an opportunity to strengthen my own faith journey.

I have a stack of books that I want to read, I have a list of podcasts that I want to listen to, and my favorite Bible to spend time with. I plan to attend the Festival of Homiletics and visit other churches. Jon and I have planned a trip to Scotland to visit our daughter and a trip out west to visit family.

During this time, Rev. Ed Cornell will cover 10 hours a week and preach twice a month. Jim Mulrooney has also agreed to preach once a month as well as Rev. Sara Salomon Wilson. Rev. Janet Stoddard will be available for pastoral care and for any funerals that may arise.

In some ways, this seems like a very long time for me to be away. Yet, I have complete trust in the members of this congregation. The Church is truly the people of the congregation. This will enable all of you to work together, take on leadership, and share in the ministry of this community.

Serving together,

Rev. Melanie Enfield

Pastor

Upcoming Services

Join us in our Holy Week & Easter Services!

Holy Week

SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday | Sunday, April 2nd, 10AM
If you'd like to join the Palm Parade, meet us in Fellowship Hall at 9:55am.



Maundy Thursday |
Thursday, April 6th, 7PM
in the Sanctuary

**Youth & Adult choirs Ave Verum
Corpus – Edward Elgar**



Good Friday |
Friday, April 7th, 7PM
in the Sanctuary



Easter Sunrise Service |
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EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

APRIL 9TH, 2023 | 9AM & 11AM

"Love Wins" Rev. Melanie Enfield

Music – Brass, timpani, organ, handbells, choirs. Hallelujah chorus – Handel; He Is Risen Now – John Purifoy; Toccata (Symphony No. 5) – C.M. Widor

Upcoming Events



Program on Alzheimer's | April 16th, 11AM

Join in the informative conversation about Alzheimer's following Morning Worship.



ASP Car Wash | April 22nd, 10AM-2PM

We need volunteers to help clear out and clean up the building closets of the church. Sign up in the Narthex

Church Work Day | April 29th

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Confirmation Sunday | April 30th, 10AM

To be confirmed: Andrew Alemany, Ryan Austin, Tim Belanger, Sage Campbell, Mikobin Foster-Salters, Noah Helvie Noah Martinchek, Willow Shaw, Kyla Stamilio and Leah Turner



Family First Friday | March 31st & May 5th, 6PM

This special Service for children and families will feature stories, songs with hand motions and bells!



Annual Meeting | May 7th, 11AM



Spring Pops Concert | May 21st, 4PM

West Side Story medley; Sondheim and Bacharach tributes; Praise His Holy Name by Keith Hampton.



SING TO THE LORD! Music of the Church with Peter Niedmann | April 13th, 20th, and 27th, 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Choir Room

3 weeks of fascinating exploration of church music.

Session 1 - Legacy of Praise: A whirlwind survey of the entire history of church music in 90 minutes. Listen to how styles evolved over time into what we hear today.

Session 2 - Deep Dive: Take apart and listen how several stunning choral pieces are constructed, and why they touch us so deeply.

Session 3 - Pipes and Voices: Hands-on demonstration of our pipe organ, and a fun session building an actual tiny pipe organ together. Listen to and learn how some famous organ pieces are put together. Also, a look at some favorite hymns and the reason we love them.

(You can come to any one session, or all three!)

Announcements



Global Ministries

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
and the United Church of Christ

You Can Still Sponsor a Child this Year!

We have been actively sponsoring 3 children, 1 from the Philippines and 2 from India. It costs just \$30 per month to sponsor each child. If you are interested in helping these children remain fed and clothed, please let us know the month(s) you would like to sponsor them. Thank you for your generosity.



Annual Reports | Chairs of all Boards and Committees please remember that **Annual Reports are due April 16th**. Please send your reports to Beth at officeadmin@newingtonucc.org



Got Lunch

The Got Lunch Food Drive will take place June 10th. Food items to donate: Peanut Butter, Jam/Jelly, Tuna fish, Canned Chicken, and Mayonnaise. Got Lunch Newington distribution begins June 18th.



ASP | 2023 Love Strong has 42 adult and youth who will serve in Appalachia this summer. We meet monthly to prepare our hearts, soul, mind and strength.

Your support is needed: keep us in your prayers, buy some stock and receive a letter, get your car washed on April 22 10am-2pm in the church parking lot and save up your donations for the annual ASP tag sale on June 3rd.



Southern New England Conference

United Church of Christ

Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

G.R.O.W. Together REGIONAL GATHERINGS
South Central Region | April 15th, 9AM - 12PM

The purpose of these regional gatherings is to strengthen connection and covenant among our local churches, associations and the conference. All authorized ministers, local church leaders and association volunteers are invited.

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Kathryn Roman is a middle school Spanish teacher who loves reading, dancing, and exercise like BodyRoc in West Hartford. She also loves spending time with her family, especially her two daughters, Leila and Elyanna, who you will usually find attached to her hip.

Michelle Veilleux, a Newington resident, is very happy to be joining Church of Christ, Congregational and is looking forward to what the future may hold. She is very passionate about her faith, family and helping others.

Betsy Gaudian is a single woman who is newly retired from her career as a diabetes medical professional. She is a Plainville resident now working in Hospice part-time. She is very crafty, loves her home, skiing, water sports and adventures.



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Easter Memorial Fund

Each Easter we have memorial flowers in the Sanctuary during our Easter Services. It is a chance to memorialize loved ones during the Easter season. After the Easter Service, the plants are delivered to members in our congregation who are bereaved, ill, or are no longer able to attend services. Funds that are collected in excess of the money needed to purchase the plants will be donated to various missions of the church. If you wish to make a contribution, please make your check payable to Church of Christ, Congregational, put "Easter Memorial Fund" on the memo line, and return it along with this completed form to the Church Office by

Sunday, April 2nd.



PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONTRIBUTION OF:

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... TO THIS YEAR'S EASTER MEMORIAL FUND

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