FALL 2026

CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

BELFRY ECHOES

CHURCH SCHOOL | 2026 - 2027

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Every Sunday at 10:00 am

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RALLY DAY 2026

BEE-LIEVE

Just as bees work together to build a hive and produce honey, Christians are called to work together, serve others, share God's love and grow in faith. Our children and youth are an integral part of our church "hive"!

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13 ,2026 | 10:00AM

YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF

FUSE

Middle School Youth Group meets twice each month throughout the school year. These meetings are focused on connection through fun activities. The goal is to connect our Middle School students with each other and offer them a greater understanding of the way our church serves others. FUSE is a great addition to the faith formation that they receive in church school and confirmation class.

Group Meeting in the Youth Room | Sept. 13 | 11:30am

SALT — Together, Serving and Learning

High School Youth Group meet twice per month throughout the school year. On the first Sunday of each month we will meet at Rev. Melanie's house for food, connection and faith discussion. The goal is to inspire our High School students to see and understand the needs around us and the opportunities available for them to help while we connect with each other as a church in the Newington community.

Dinner & Conversation at Melanie's | Sept. 13 | 5:00pm



CONFIRMATION 2026

Is your teen asking questions about faith, God, or what they believe? Confirmation is a welcoming place to explore those questions together. Designed for students in 8th grade and older, Confirmation is an opportunity to discover more about the Bible, the Christian faith, and how faith can make a difference in everyday life. There is plenty of room for questions, conversation, laughter, and learning, no matter where your teen is on their faith journey. Classes meet Wednesday evenings from 7:00–8:00 p.m. beginning September 23rd. If you'd like to learn more or sign up your teen, please contact Rev. Melanie Enfield.

Parent/Student Meeting September 23rd @ 6:30pm.

BEE THE CHURCH

We are excited for the fall and our new theme, BEE the Church! I do hope you catch the buzz with all that is happening!

As our congregation begins to prepare for new leadership, it is an important time to reflect on who we are and what it means to be the church. A church is so much more than a building, a pastor, or a Sunday morning worship service. The church is us, people who gather to worship, learn, serve, encourage one another, and share God's love with the world.

Just as bees have a remarkable way of working together, each of us has a part to play in the life of this congregation. This fall, I hope we will take time to discover and celebrate what makes our church special, while also asking where God may be calling us next. How can we continue to be a community where people experience God's love?

We have a lot to be excited about this fall, and I hope you will join in. Check out the activities, come to worship, participate in a Bible study, try something new, volunteer, invite a friend, or simply spend some time getting to know someone you haven't met yet.

Let's catch the buzz, find our place, and BEE the Church together!

Rev. Melanie Enfield

SERMON SCHEDULE

September 6th
Rev. Paul Goodman

September 13th: *Rally Day*
Rev. Melanie Enfield

September 20th
Rev. Leslie Jackson
Area Conference Minister

September 27th:
Rev. Melanie Enfield

A SEASON OF LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT

As we begin our pastoral search, September and October will be a time of **listening, gathering, and discerning God's call for our congregation.**

Guided by the UCC pastoral search process, we will explore three important questions:

Who Are We? Who Is God Calling Us to Be? Who Is Our Neighbor?

To help us listen and learn, we will conduct:

- **Purpose Walk Surveys**
- **Purpose Walk Stations in Fellowship Hall**
- **Listening Sessions**
- **Committee Priorities**
- **Community Interviews**

This is an opportunity for all of us to share our stories, hopes, concerns, and dreams for the future of our church.

Your voice matters! We invite everyone to participate, listen prayerfully, and help us discover where God is leading us next.

The Pastoral Search Committee

MISSION EVENTS

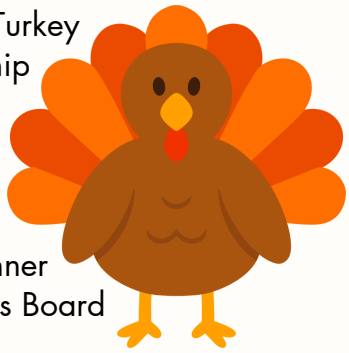
SUICIDE PREVENTION SUNDAY

Dr. Georgia Powell will be presenting a program on suicide prevention on **September 27th at 11:15am in the Gathering Place.**

HAND UP CENTER SUPPLIES DRIVE

Help us fill the shelves at the Hand Up Center for Neighborhood Promise. We are collecting cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items to help meet the needs of our neighbors in the community. Please bring your donations to the church and place them in the narthex. We will be collecting items through the end of September. Thank you for helping us share God's love in such a practical way!

PLUCK-A-TURKEY



The Missions Board has planned its annual Pluck-A-Turkey Thanksgiving Donation Drive to support the Friendship Service Center in New Britain. Donations will be collected from Sunday, October 18th through Sunday, November 22nd. Please place all items in the collection bin located in the Narthex. Thank you for helping to make this year's Thanksgiving dinner special for four families this November. The Missions Board is truly grateful for your kindness and support!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER | NOVEMBER 15TH

Rise Against Hunger works in countries worldwide to fight hunger, targeting communities facing high rates of food insecurity. We provide volunteer-packaged meals and other assistance, often through school feeding programs, to support nutrition, education and health for children and families facing hunger right now. We also partner with local leaders to implement sustainable agriculture and income-generating projects that support long-term solutions to food security and empower communities to become self-reliant and thrive. Please sign up in the Narthex or online to help! We need volunteers for the following tasks and timeframes:

Setup: 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Meal Preparation: 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Cleanup: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

COMMUNITY DINNER RETURNS!



Please join us for a Community Dinner on Saturdays, October 3rd & November 7th in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served from 4:30-6:00 pm

We would like to take this opportunity to come together, sit down, and enjoy a meal with neighbors, friends, and the wider community.
For more information call 860-666-4689 All Are Welcome!
In Kind Donations Accepted

STEWARDSHIP BEGINS SEPTEMBER 27TH



MUSIC



You may donate to support the concert series using Venmo @COCNewington.

You may prefer to send a check to the church or leave it in the offering plate at a service. Please make a note on your check ("concert series").

Thank you for your support!

Board of Music
Peter Niedmann, Artistic Director

WILL YOU HELP OUR CONCERT SERIES?

All our concerts at Church of Christ, Congregational, Newington are free admission. But we fund them through donations from the audiences and generous annual donors. If you've given in the past–thank you!

Would you please help us again this season? If you've never given, please consider helping present all of our concerts with a donation. Our concerts bring beauty and joy to our community.

The first concert of the season on September 20 at 7:00 is the YouTube sensation--The Low Darts. The band's videos have over 7.5 million views! Note-perfect performance of hit songs from the 70's and 80's.







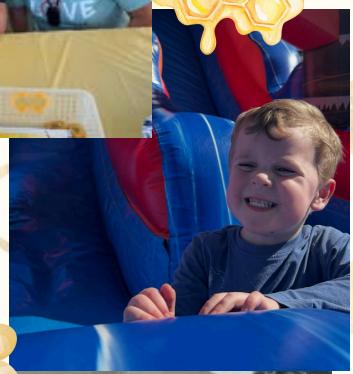


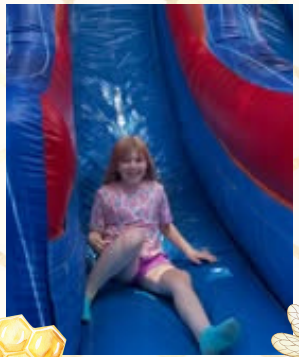












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