



PROVERBS 16:3 “Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.”

This idea of counting our blessings isn't so we can stockpile benefits for ourselves. It's so we can **SHARE** those blessings with others. We shouldn't merely look out for our own Personal interests, But also for the interest of others. **GENEROSITY** is the **KEY TO HAPPINESS**.

In times of tragedy, we often hear cries of “Count your Blessings”. Often misplaced words with someone going through hardship. That hardship must first be processed on an individual basis – exploring your first memory of loving yourself or struggling with how to. What do you need to learn or unlearn? Unfold the layers of your story and find the root of your self-love process. What has meaning in our life at that moment.

Eventually, the hope is to see oneself in the same warm glow that we may see oneself in the same warm glow that we may see others that touch our hearts.

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Our light will eventually become abundant and recognize the joy again. That we deserve to take up space in this world.

It will reach the pinnacle when our heart becomes soft and filled with love despite that hurts we will face. We are children of God. We are learning to allow our pain to teach us, not harden us.

So, we give space to those in grief and to show them that we are simply present in their time of need. Ever patient to let them take the lead and never give advice or ask questions. Just be present and listen. That will be your greatest gift.

Blessings to you my brothers and sisters,
Dennis



Condolences



Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Reverend Kenneth A. Frazier who joined the Church Eternal & Triumphant on Thursday, April 27, 2023. We will continue to keep his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.



ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Those that did not hear Kristen, Scott and Zephyr had a house fire on Mother's Day night. Kris is now staying in a rental home with her family until they rebuilt their home which will take about a year's time. In the future months when we have a better idea of their needs and we will let you know what can be done if you would like to help.



GWIM FOOD BANK DONATIONS



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Peanut Butter & Jelly, Canned Meats, Cold Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Juice, tuna, canned soups-stews-chili, canned fruits, canned vegetables, beans (canned or dried), rice pouches, etc. Other

donations will be welcomed, but these will be the main focus. The food basket will be available each week in the Narthex.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

**Beginning June 30th through
September 1st the Church**

Office will be closing at noon on Fridays.





Scholarship News!

On Sunday, June 11, 2023 - Scholarship Sunday following the Worship service, we will be having a Special Coffee hour for Scholarship Recipients, their families, and members of the church. If anyone would like to bring something please check with Cathy Crouse.



JUNE "BIRTHDAY" WISHES

Happy Birthday to the following Church Members



Mike Sugrue 6/1
Preston Larrabee 6/3
Liliya Bikbova 6/7
Sarah Hughes 6/10
Jill Rodriguez 6/12
Alan Walker 6/15
Melanie Gagnon 6/16
Bonnie Gagnon 6/17
Norm Sizelove 6/18

Richard Casey 6/19
Sandra Post 6/24
Cindy Merrick 6/24
Emma Gray 6/25
Christine Phelan 6/26
Phillip Read Mason, Jr. 6/26
Leanne Elwell 6/26
Joseph Trenske 6/28



From the Director of Music/Youth/ Building Superintendent

As summer approaches and vacation time is upon us, the end of the season for most church events is also here. Sunday, June 18 will be Music Sunday and the end of the choir season. Music Sunday is the day in which we recognize our music program and those that share their time and talent with us. Though it marks the end of the season there are still some programs that will take place.

Terrific Tuesday is coming up in July and one Tuesday in August. As always we will more than likely need some donations, however, we ask that you would please check with the office to see what is needed.

Secondly, we can always use your time as First Church sponsors two weeks and Waterbury Baptist Ministries sponsors two weeks. So if you would like to volunteer let us know! Over the course of the next 2-3 months we also do maintenance that is difficult to do during the normal course of the year, so please check with the office as some areas may not be accessible.

Stewart Crouse



**First Congregational Church & Waterbury
Baptist Ministries present:
Terrific Tuesdays in July & Aug 2023**
*Sponsored in part by
First Church Outreach*

July 11th	ROCKIN Heartbeats
July 18th	Mateo Macias
July 25th	Will & Jan Band
August 1st	Bomba Band

Volunteers needed for: Set-up, serving and clean-up from 5 pm to 7 pm Serving hot dogs, chips & beverage. Come, bring a friend, a lawn chair enjoy the evenings! We know that these are popular concerts and hope that you will use the opportunity for introducing your friends and neighbors to our lively and spirited church.



We need beef hotdog donations!!





**ATTENTION
MEMBERS:
WE NEED YOUR
DONATIONS!!**

**Patrons' Page in the Terrific
Tuesday Program booklet!**

A DONATION FROM OUR MEMBERS AND WATERBURY BAPTIST MINISTRIES MEMBERS. **A PATRON DONATION WILL BE \$25.00.** IF ANYONE IS ABLE AND WANTS TO MAKE A DONATION PLEASE SEND IN YOUR CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25.00 IN THE MEMO PLEASE PUT TERRIFIC TUESDAYS.

WE ARE HOPING THAT THIS WILL ALL COME TOGETHER ONCE AGAIN AS IT DID IN YEAR'S PAST!! **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS BY JUNE 30TH.** WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU CAN DO!!

