



WE HAVE HOPE FOR TODAY, KNOWING THROUGH GOD WE CAN BE FORGIVEN.

THERE IS NO GREATER GIFT THE WORLD WILL EVER RECEIVE:
SO WE RESPOND TO THIS GIFT BY OFFERING UP OURSELVES, FOR
THE HOLY ONE TO DO WITH US AS HE PLEASES.

WE ARE NO LONGER OUR OWN, WE ARE HIS TREASURES.

IN RETURN FOR THIS GIFT WE RESPOND BY GIVING HIM THANKS.
FOR WE DID NOT RECEIVE WHAT WE DESERVED, BUT INSTEAD
RECEIVE MERCY FROM ABOVE.

WE RESPOND TO THIS GIFT BY LOVING AND SERVING, THOSE WHOM
GOD LOVES.

WE IMITATE OUR SAVIOR BY CARING FOR THE LEAST, THE LAST,
AND THE LOST.

HE IS THE GREATEST GIFT THAT YOU AND I WILL EVER RECEIVE. HE
ASKS WE RESPOND IN GRATITUDE GIVING THANKS FOR HIS GREAT
MERCY.

SO MAY OUR HEARTS APPLAUD HIM AND CONTINUE TO DO SO.
WE HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT WE HAVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON
GIVING:

A SAVIOR WHO KEEPS ON LOVING

NOW I CAN DANCE HERE

NOW I CAN SING HERE

NOW I CAN CELEBRATE HERE

FOR THERE IS REBIRTH HERE

THERE IS LIBERATION HERE

A FREEDOM THAT NO ONE CAN TAKE AWAY.

LET US BE BOLD IN OUR AWAKENING OF A NEW SEASON OF
INSPIRATION IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR LORD, JESUS THE CHRIST!

BLESSINGS,

Dennis



**GWIM FOOD BANK
DONATIONS
GWIM IS IN NEED OF THE
FOLLOWING:**

Food Pantry Donations Needed Barbara Dublin contacted us. The Food Pantry needs currently are: barbecue sauce, tuna fish, garlic powder, garlic salt, canned chicken, canned beans. They do not need cereal.

Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cold Cereal, Mac & Cheese, 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.



SEPTEMBER "BIRTHDAY" WISHES

Happy Birthday to the following Church Members!

Averie Sharma 9/1
Parker Elwell 9/3
Pearlette Stephenson 9/5
Nicholas DeLauri 9/5
Patricia McGuire 9/7
Noah Santoro 9/7

Richard DeLauri 9/15
Eli Hirbour 9/17
Elaine Maynard 9/25
Bill Gemske 9/26
Diane Currier 9/27



WISH LIST FOR SAFE HAVEN SHELTER

- ◆ Liquid Laundry detergent
- ◆ Canned Juice
- ◆ Dish Detergent
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Jars of Baby Food
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Women's socks (new)
- ◆ Videos
- ◆ Nintendo Games
- ◆ Women's Underwear (new)
- ◆ *Wash Cloths*
- ◆ *Gift Certificates*
- ◆ Pillow Cases - Pillows
- ◆ Hair Brushes
- ◆ Diapers (large & ex-large)
- ◆ Cleaning Supplies
- ◆ Baby Cereal
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ School Supplies
- ◆ Children's Socks (new)
- ◆ Large Bath towels
- ◆ Fitted twin sheets

Safe Haven currently provides the following bilingual (English/Spanish) services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault: up to 60 days of shelter for women and their children; individual and peer group counseling; 24 hour crisis hotlines for domestic violence and sexual assault; legal advocacy information and referral; community education for adults and children; and court based family violence victim advocacy. Please bring all your donations for Safe Haven on the third Sunday.





NOTES FROM OUR Director of Music

Where did summer go!? It's hard to believe we are already back into September, with that I have planned a full slate of programs. Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday September 7th at 7:15 pm and with that, anyone interested in playing bells will begin Thursday September 14th at 6:00pm. Bell Choir will alternate every other week, this will also allow us to incorporate Music of the Light on the weeks we do not have bell choir and some of our musicians are only available on Thursday evenings therefore, having Music of the Light about an hour before choir rehearsal allows them to take part.

Tuesday, September 12 at 6:00pm, we will host one more Terrific Tuesday type program featuring The Back & Forth Band. "Welcome Back!" the program will start at 6:00pm outside if the weather is cooperative inside if it isn't. Hotdogs will be at 7, so we will need donations of all beef hotdogs and rolls and if you're available to assist that night please let us know!

Y.E.S, Youth Engaged in Service in previous years was a week of service projects and activities for youth; it will now be offered starting Sunday, September 24th from 11:15am to 11:45am to discuss what the program is and our goals for the rest of the year. The program is geared for ages 11 & up. The goal of the program will be to choose a project for the month, be more involved with our local communities and become young leaders in the church. Each month will be a different topic and project and I encourage parents and other adults who are interested in the program to attend the first meeting.

Season 3 of the Chosen is now available; we will be viewing season 3 on Wednesday evening's beginning on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to share; viewings will be every other Wednesday.

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Haunted House/Halloween Party will be October 27th & 28th, setup will almost the entire month of October, if you are interested in volunteering your time please let us know!

Church Fair will be Saturday, November 11 from 10:00am-3:00pm; applications are available in the office. Space is going quickly and we already have 4 vendors signed up! For more information contact Stewart Crouse.

Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday, December 10th at 4:00pm, as always we would love to you take part in this Christmas Tradition, let us know how you would like to help!

Stewart W.Crouse
Director of Music



Condolences

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Dorothy (Messner) West who joined the Church Eternal & Triumphant on Monday, August 14, 2023. We will continue to keep her family and friends in our thoughts and prayers.



Looking ahead!



Haunted House Halloween Party- OCTOBER 2023

Friday, October 27th & Saturday, October 28th
At First Congregational Church
222 West Main Street Waterbury!
games – crafts – trick or treating – snacks

Come and enjoy! Wear your costumes!
Time of event: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. both nights!

Reservations a must!
Call 203-757-0331 by the 20th
Cost: \$2.00 Adults - \$1.00 per Child