

## MAY REFLECTION 2025

A young child taught me how to make a cross from a strand of palm. At first she didn't quite remember the steps. But after trial and error and with some help of smart popcorn ingested, she provided me with the expertise of making the perfect triumphant cross. It was perfect because she made it her way.

We all have the story when the grade school teacher told us to draw a tree "her way". That the essence of our educational system is making everyone like everyone else. But Jesus taught another way. R. D. Laing says, "we are satisfied when we've made people like ourselves out of our children: frustrated, sick, blind, deaf, but with high IQ.'s"

Jesus would say the loving person is not satisfied only to be unique, to develop their uniqueness, and to fight to maintain their uniqueness. That person wants to be the greatest, because they realize that this is something they can give away. Just like that excited child that taught me how to make a cross.

R. D. Laing wrote, the politics of experience, it is one of the most beautiful gifts a person can offer. In this small paperback he talks of human potential and its development. He makes a statement, which I think is one of the most beautiful I have ever read. It's just the way he writes. He says,

“We think much less than what we know. We know much less than what we love. We love much less than what there is. And to this precise extent, we are much less than what we are.”

How do you like that? Think about that for a moment.

We have the potential to see and feel, touch, smell, that we never dreamed of. But we have forgotten how to do it. These are the things we want to be doing, if we care about ourselves. Let us all learn from the child within and make crosses out of Palms.



Loving peace  
Dennis



**Springtime word scramble answers:** frog, butterfly, grass, earthworm, sunlight, bud, dandelion, flower, bee, ladybug, bloom, green



## Scholarship Sunday News!

On Sunday, **June 8, 2025** - following the 10 am Worship Service, the Scholarship Committee will be hosting a reception for Scholarship Recipients, their families, and members of the church. It would be greatly appreciated if members could help the committee by bringing cookies or finger sandwiches. You may drop them off in the kitchen before the service.

Thanking you in Advance!  
Scholarship Committee



**Happy Birthday to the following Church Members:**

Marilyn Dabbo 5/1  
Amanda Kane 5/3  
Melissa Lundeen 5/7  
Jennifer St. George 5/11  
Kadriya Bikbova 5/14  
Garret Post 5/17

Benjamin St. George 5/21  
Joseph Hughes 5/21  
Lexie Sharma 5/23  
Jaclyn Sharma 5/23  
Stewart Crouse 5/23  
Cooper Sweeney 5/31

## LOOKING AHEAD!!

### TERRIFIC TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE FOR 2025

July 8th      6pm  
July 15th     6pm

July 22<sup>nd</sup>    6pm  
July 29<sup>th</sup>     6pm

### ATTENTION MEMBERS:

#### **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 AGAIN AS IT DID IN THE PAST! PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS BY JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU CAN DO!!



### **From the Director of Music/Youth**

We hope everyone had a wonderful and Blessed Easter with the major holidays behind us. We begin to look at the summer months upcoming events. Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00 pm The Chosen continues, potluck style please bring a dish or dessert to share, viewing begins at 6:30pm. Thursday May 8, Bell & Chancel Choirs return to Thursdays with Bell Choir at 6:30pm and Chancel Choir at 7:30pm.

Coming up over the summer Terrific Tuesday sponsored by First Congregational Church of Waterbury & Waterbury Baptist Ministries dates and groups to be announced.

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September, Fall Concert with date to be announced, Ronald Ebrecht returns to the organ. In July, I will be attending a gala at The Palace Theater as the First Congregational Church will be presented a legacy award by City Youth Theater for our unwavering support of their youth theater program. Since first meeting here several years ago, the program has embraced many city youth and gone on to produce many first rate shows, Hairspray is the current project that will take place in May, I will post dates as soon as they become available.

Thank you to all who donated, helped or attended our annual Easter Egg Hunt, while none of us expected to wake up to snow that morning, those who came had a wonderful time. It was a great opportunity to see some people we haven't seen in a while and meet some new ones. I can't express the level of importance of these programs because they are in fact community outreach.

While there are still programs taking place over the summer months, general maintenance will be taking place, certain areas might be closed for work. I will try to keep everyone posted.

For further program information and summer building work schedules please check our FaceBook page or feel free to contact me through the church office email me at [stewartcrouse@comcast.net](mailto:stewartcrouse@comcast.net).

May God continue to Bless all of you!

Stewart Crouse



## ***WISH LIST FOR SAFE HAVEN SHELTER***

- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Body Wash
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Deodorant
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Women's socks (new)
- ◆ Women's Body lotion
- ◆ Women's Underwear (new)
- ◆ Hair Brushes/combs
- ◆ Diapers (large & ex-large)
- ◆ Sanitary Napkins/Tampons
- ◆ Children's Socks (new)
- ◆ Children's Underwear(new)
- ◆ Baby lotion/baby wash
- ◆ Wash Cloths/ loofah's
- ◆ Gift Certificates

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.

All information obtained through counseling remains confidential. They do not subscribe to Caller I. D. Please bring all your donations for Safe Haven on the third Sunday of the month and put your items in the little house in the Narthex.



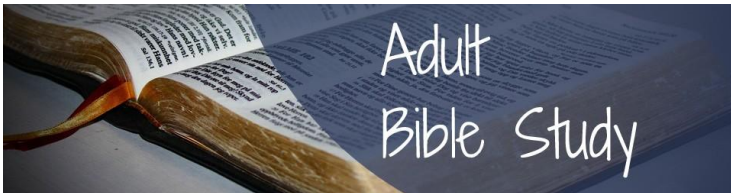


### **Attention Members:**

If you need to have anything put into the bulletin please make sure that I receive that information before

Wednesday of that given week. If you need to put something in the newsletter, please make sure that I receive it by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, to be put in the following month's news.

**Thank you so much, Roxanne**



**Adult Bible Study will be every Tuesday Evening at 6 pm . They will be held on the second floor in the newly renovated classroom. All are welcome! COME JOIN US!**





## Spring Tea Saturday

May 17, 2025  
Clinton Hall  
2:00 pm

Sponsored by the  
Fellowship, Lunch & Laughs Group

Reservations required by May 9<sup>th</sup>, please note dietary  
needs at time of reservation.

All proceeds go towards the refurbishment of the  
kitchen - Cost per person \$15.00

Any questions call:  
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Karen Cotner at 203-528-7086

