



OCTOBER 2025 REFLECTION

Time to harvest our sustenance of not only our physical nourishment but of our spiritual heart and mind.

Let us harvest the lessons of the past and just dig, pick, and hoe. And nurture the roots of the present, for now is when you flourish and grow. Start planting for the future; set your goals in a row. Spade the bed well for all your dreams to grow.

Remember that grief is a natural predator, so learn to tolerate some damage. Protect your garden with daily prayers, for this will help you manage. Bury the criticism and complaining, for they are injurious pests.

Sow the seed of love wherever you may go; for joy, love, and laughter are surely bound to grow. Although the thorns of life may be here to stay, just sprout a smile along the way and be thankful for what you have today!

So plant yourself deep in a bed of faith, and pack it down solid and tight. Drench daily with positive thinking, and keep saturated just right. Mulch often with forgiveness, for this will help you grow.

Quickly remove any seeds of worry, for they will soon germinate, and keep out the weeds of despair. Nourish disappointments with hope whenever it is needed, and always stay cool and shaded when you feel irritated or heated.

Trim away guilt or depression, for they create decay, and cultivate with happy memories as often as every day.

Blessings

Rev Dennis



OCTOBER WISHES

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

Steven Sugrue 10/1
Melissa Saliva 10/6
Franca Grzybowski 10/7
Madilyn Chalker 10/7
Robin Griskus 10/10
Juan Ortiz 10/10
Karen Cotner 10/11
Joanne Mason 10/11
Sarah Cooley 10/11
Karen Elwell 10/14
Kimberly Walters 10/14

Krista Walters 10/16
Joanna Fitzgerald 10/17
Daria Deaquiar 10/21
Erin Hughes 10/20
Catherine Crouse 10/20
Matthew Reed 10/22
George Walters, Jr. 10/23
Dorothy Parker 10/28
Marilyn St. George 10/29
Linda Lindsay 10/30
Matthew Elwell 10/30





ATTENTION MEMBERS
“Adult Bible Study”
Every Tuesday evening 6 pm
upstairs classroom.
“Grace Gathering”
Every Thursday afternoon at
2:30 pm in the Hearth Room.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



GWIM FOOD BANK DONATIONS

GWIM IS IN NEED OF THE

FOLLOWING: Mayonnaise, 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.



Food Pantry
Donations Needed



TIME CHANGE

Daylight Savings time ends Sunday, November 2, 2025. at 2:00 a.m. Please set your clocks **back** one hour before going to sleep on Saturday evening, November 1st.



**Our Annual Holiday Fair is
November 15th
(see poster insert) time on poster is
11-3 it should be 10-3**



**WISH LIST FOR
SAFE HAVEN SHELTER
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- ◆ 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.

Please bring all your donations for Safe Haven on the third Sunday.



**NOTES FROM OUR
DIRECTOR OF
MUSIC/YOUTH/
Maintenance Super**

Happy October! We have a busy month ahead of us with our regular events coming up quickly. First a huge thank you to all that supported the fall organ recital and to our reception committee, that put out a wonderful spread for after the concert. Through freewill offering we raised almost \$1000 to benefit the Greater Waterbury Safe Haven with around 90 people in attendance, we are also thankful for Safe Haven being here with their information.

Bell Choir will meet Thursday's at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary with Chancel choir following at 7:30 pm.

Haunted House/Halloween Party preparations are underway, if you are interested in helping out please let us know!

Christian Cinema will be viewing The Chosen on October 1,15 beginning at 6:00pm, please bring an entree or dessert to share!

The Church Fair will be Saturday, November 15 10:00 am-3:00 pm, applications for vendors are available in the church office. Price for non members is \$15.00.

Stewart Crouse

Dear members, we need your help!

October 24th and 25th will be our annual Haunted House/Halloween Party and once again I am calling upon the generosity of the congregation to donate candy and decorations for the cause. We will begin collecting donations on October 13th and right up until the 23rd. Furthermore, if you are interested in volunteering for setup, operation, or take down, please contact me (Stewart Crouse at 706-9824). There is a little something for everyone to do.



Haunted House Halloween Party SEE POSTER INSERT WITH DETAILS!



**.Waterbury Lion's Club Health Foundation
Wednesday, October 29, 2025
Ziti & Meatball Dinner - 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm
First Congregational Church**

222 West Main Street, Waterbury
Adults: \$10.00 – Children (10 & under) \$5.00
Entertainment, Fun, Food, & Fund Raising
Supporting the Vision Impaired in our
Community

