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A Message From Pastor Pat

Ash Wednesday and Lent are just around the corner. This year we will share in the Work of Imagination. Lent begins in the tension between love and loss. It does not rush to resolution, but invites us to slow down, to turn with honesty, and to journey with Jesus through wildness, confrontation, and cross. Along the way we listen to voices from the margins, learn from stories of resistance and renewal and remember that God meets us not in strength but in surrender.

This is the Work of Imagination: to envision a world remade by mercy, to trust that healing is possible even in the shadow of empire, and to practice love that outlasts despair. Lent calls us to this holy labor—not as a solitary act, but as a communal path toward transformation.

See you along the way to Jerusalem.

Faithfully,
Pastor Pat

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**, which is February 18th this year.

Join us for our Ash Wednesday worship service in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Please Keep the Following People and Families in Your Prayers

Thank you for keeping these people in your prayers this month. It is our intent to continue to review and update the list as the information becomes available. That is where we need your help. If you know of someone who would like to be on the list, or be removed, please contact the church office (860) 464-9926 or Jeanne Allyn (860) 464-9316. Please include the name of the person to be added/ deleted as well as your contact information.

Thank you!

- Doug C.
- Bill Dawson
- Fred
- Family of Dave Foltz
- Joan Jirsa
- Cindy M.
- Johanna Nolan
- Family of Jim Sorensen
- Roy Warren
- Marge Wilson

From the Pastor's Desk

Office Hours

Wednesdays & Thursday
9:00a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Other times are available by appointment, please don't hesitate to ask!

Email: pliberty57@gmail.com
Cell: (401) 499-7752

Ledyard Congregational Church wishes the following people happy birthdays and anniversaries and a blessed year ahead!

February Birthdays

Laurie Schilke	2/4
Margo Lippman	2/7
Roy Belhumeur	2/9
Christopher Blomstedt	2/9
Allie Fedors	2/9
Henry Denton	2/10
Will Barnes	2/12
Warren Dolphin	2/17
Alexander Engel	2/18
Carol Gauthier	2/19
Kerry Tashea	2/19
Tommy Burns	2/20
Kelly Lamb-Strickler	2/25
Ben Rust	2/26
Jake Fedors	2/28

February Anniversaries

Jim & Pam Ball	2/28

Our next **wheelchair accessible Sunday** worship service will be on February 1, 2026 when we will worship in Fellowship Hall.

Welcome New Members

New members will be received on February 1, 2026. If you are interested in joining, but missed the new members class, please let Pastor Pat know right away.

Did you Know?

We have new hearing assistance devices to assist the hearing-impaired during worship services. See the Tech Team before worship to try one!

Sunday, February 8th Worship Service

Join us for a dialog sermon with Pastor Pat and Annah Perch from the Homeless Hospitality Center in New London.

Love & blessings for our members & their families who serve our country.

Troy Hedman	Kyle Murphy
Tye Frazer	Oliver Murphy

Keeping You Informed

This Chatter newsletter is filled with articles to help keep you up to date on all that's happening at LCC.

Additionally, the church office sends out a weekly email blast which contains information about our Sunday worship service and highlights of upcoming events. We encourage you to read. If you do not already receive the weekly email blast, please contact the church office via email at: ledyard.cong.church@gmail.com and you will be added to the list. Note, you can unsubscribe at any time.

Key-Code and/or FOB Holders

If you have a key-code and/or FOB, you are expected to let yourself into the building. Durning office hours, use the ring camera just to let Bridney know you are here, then let yourself in.

All Visitors

Please ring the door chime and our admin will respond as quickly as possible. Please be patient.

Thank you

February Scripture Readings

Sunday February 1

Fourth Sunday after Christmas Day

Micah 6:1-8 • Psalm 15 • 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 • Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday February 8

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) • Psalm 112:1-9 (10) • 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) • Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday February 15

Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 24:12-18 • Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 • 2 Peter 1:16-21 • Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday February 22

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 • Psalm 32 • Romans 5:12-19 • Matthew 4:1-11

Lenten Study Group

Join us for a **Lenten Study Group. Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning February 19th**. We will meet in the Holdridge Library.

Each week we will explore a different topic starting with "the season of Lent is less a discipline of denial and more a discipline or orienting ourselves toward justice". We will continue with "God has little patience for oppressive systems or those who benefit from them". Week three's topic centers around "God's love is bigger than words or rules that try to shut people out". Four, "we can trust real shepherding refuses to pit people against each other for profit or use them as pawns in a pursuit of power. Faithful leadership encourages us to turn towards each other and imagine the healing made possible when we commit to each other's flourishing". Week five, "we participate in a world to which we sometimes make concessions. But we belong to the reign of God, which asks for our whole hearts, honoring and empowering our full selves". Palm Sunday's message is "the invitation to friends of Jesus long ago is still ours today: bring your palms, your signs of life, and lay them down; let them make a path we might all walk on towards our hope" and culminating with the Easter message "each time we choose compassion over fear, we live resurrections".

A message from

MISSIONS

Linda Davis Food Pantry Donations

For February the food pantry is asking for black tea and small cans of baked beans. When you grocery shop, please add a few items for the pantry to your cart. Then bring in your items on Sundays and place them under the table in the front of the sanctuary. You can also drop off items in the tote under the walkway to the church offices or in the box inside the Atrium.

On the first Sunday of each month, we will dedicate all the donations from the previous month as part of our morning offerings and then start collecting a new food item.

Valentine's Workshop
Sunday, February 8th

Everyone is invited to join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday February 8th following our morning worship service for a Valentines making workshop.

All materials will be provided for you to help make valentines for some of our older members and friends and/or for someone special that you know.

We all had a wonderful time doing this last year and are looking forward to creating more valentines for a special someone. Hope you will join us.

February Community Supper
Thursday February 19th
5:30 p.m. in
Fellowship Hall

Our February theme is **Hearty and Heartfelt Foods.** Not to worry, there will be plenty of different foods to choose from! Come and see what our amazing cooks come up with.

This **FREE** supper is open to all! Come and sit for a while. Enjoy a hot meal, conversation, and community! There is a sign-up sheet for both food items and helpers on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please consider adding your name wherever you can. Then come!

Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday, February 25th 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Having people sign up to donate ahead of time is helpful! That way we can be sure we have enough staff on hand to expedite the process. It's easy to do! You can use the QR code on the poster on page 7, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Not sure of your schedule? Walk-ins are always welcome!

If you are interested in volunteering during the drive or donating snacks (wrapped individually), please contact Jill Thorne at gbthorne@sbcglobal.net or via phone 860-912-0924. Your help is always welcome!

We continue to be committed to holding Blood Drives as an ongoing mission of our church and are grateful for the support we receive from our community and church members and friends.

Your Mission's committee continues to be amazed and grateful for the ongoing support from our church family in all our outreach endeavors.

We continue to meet and define our mission and brainstorm new ideas. We welcome any ideas/suggestions. You can contact Meredith Schuft at chrisandmeri@gmavt.net (802) 363-3808 and/or Jill Thorne at gbthorne@sbcglobal.net (860) 912-0924.

LCC
— ANNUAL —
MEETING

OUR ANNUAL MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, FOLLOWING OUR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Looking for Greeters for Sunday Morning Worship Service

We are looking for people to help with greeting people to our Sunday morning wordship services. It's a great way to lend a hand in welcoming everyone.

If you are interested being one of our happy and friendly greeters on Sundays, please speak with Beth Ayer after church or contact her via email: girlsmomX3@comcast.net or by phone: (860) 608-5951.

Just a friendly reminder...

MARCH Chatter Deadline is **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th.** Please email your article to me by the 15th at: chrisandmeri@gmavt.net.

As a reminder, putting the Chatter together is like trying to put a puzzle together without knowing how many pieces or what the size of those pieces will be until I get everyone's submissions.

The Chatter has also increased form 12 to 20 pages , which has added significant time to the production time!

Thank You, Meredith Schuft

Please let the church office know if someone is ill, hospitalized or in need of a visit or phone call! 806-464-9926.

Thank you!

Worship Readers

If you would like to be added to the list of volunteers to be a worship reader please contact Beth Smith (fraugurusan@yahoo.com).

Constructive Dialog Workshop A Janet Barnett Grant Opportunity

In typical Janet fashion, we are saving a spot for you in the upcoming **Constructive Dialog Workshop**

Date: Saturday March 14, 2026 (Janet's birthday)
Time: 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., light lunch included
Presented by: John Holdridge, from Waynflete High School, Portland, Maine

The purpose is to engage participants in a workshop that:

- Utilizes a story exchange to build empathy among participants
- Considers the mindset and skills required for participation in constructive dialogue across differences
- Provides an opportunity to participate in a facilitated dialogue session

Registration is required **and** easy. Please sign up on a clipboard at Sunday coffee hour or by contacting the LCC office: 860-464-9926.

Sponsored b our Social Justic Team and funded thought a Janet Barnett Memorial Grant.

Winter WEATHER

LCC'S WINTER WEATHER GUIDLINES

During the winter months, should our Sunday worship service be canceled due to inclement weather, please watch for an email from the church office and/or check the church website: ledyardcongregational.org

PROSTATE CANCER Support Group

The Prostate Cancer Support Group is now meeting at John and Donna Clark's home.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month from 7:00-8:30pm.

All men are welcome to join us. Spouses are welcome as well!

For meeting location and questions please contact John Clark at 860 464 7651. Thank you.

United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all. We are the United Church of Christ.

Next Caps & Lids Sorting Party, Saturday, February 7th at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our **Sorting Party** on Sunday, November 9th. We added another 30 pounds and we still have bags left to sort! We need your help to get more sorting done. It's a really simple and fun process and it's rewarding to see the progress we are making towards our end goal of 200 lbs. So, come for breakfast and stay to help sort!

Save the Date! We will have another "weigh-in" with the Kids to Mark our Progress on Feb. 15th

Not sure if a cap or lid is acceptable? Check out the large chart on the table in Fellowship Hall and be sure to take a flyer with you to refer to at home. PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CAPS AND LIDS ARE **CLEAN! ALSO, SOLO LIDS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**.

A big thank you goes to Ellen Seeman who brought us the idea for this project! The involvement from our church members, community members and lots of our family members has been truly rewarding!

Thank you from Missions and Faith Formation

Join us for

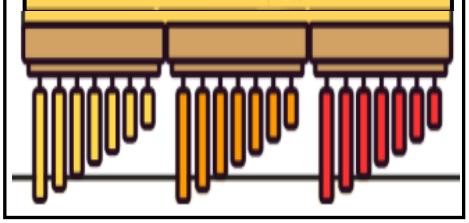
FAMILY CHIME TIME

We have begun to play and experiment with different ways of making music with some of our youngest church members! We're starting with singing and getting to know how Boom whackers work and will eventually learn to ring hand chimes.

When do we rehearse?

We meet most Sunday mornings directly after Sunday School for 15-20 minutes and all ages are welcome to join us in a fun exploration of creativity and expression.

Please direct any questions you might have to Bonnie Denton. 860.389.1862.



Blood Drive
Ledyard Congregational Church

Fellowship Hall
722 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard

Wednesday, February 25, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: LedyardCong to schedule an appointment.

Scan to be directed to RapidPass

Come give blood 1/26-2/28 for a $20 e-gift card to your choice of merchant. See rcblood.org/heart

Scan to be directed to Appt. schedule

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

Our Community Prayer Box

Everyone is welcome to leave your prayer requests in our Community Prayer Requests box, located in the driveway of our parking lot across and down a bit from Valentino's restaurant. You can also email your prayers to prayerslcc@gmail.com.

Prayers may include prayers of celebration, of concern & healing and/or prayers of comfort. Prayer requests are collected weekly and lifted up in prayer at our Sunday morning worship service and also included in our prayer chain ministry.

Let's use faith to united us!

Ledyard Congregational Church Social Justice Team

When it comes to addressing issues of social injustice, it is easy to feel overwhelmed. The roots of injustice are so large and our ability to personally address injustice in the world is so small. At the end of most SJT discussions on social justice issues, we are left with the question, "what can we do"? There is never an easy answer. Yet, we do not lose heart. There are things we can all do. First, we should listen to the marginalized, believe them, and seek to understand. There may be issues about which we have strong or long-held beliefs that are borne from and persist out of ignorance. A good place to start is to read books, listen to podcasts, or watch documentaries by representatives from marginalized groups. We can then examine our own hearts and minds and address any beliefs and behaviors that perpetuate injustice or, by inaction, allow injustice to persist. Finally, when we see something, we say something. In our families, social circles, workplace, and church we can stand up for justice and marginalized groups. By starting with ourselves and our immediate sphere of influence, we can begin to make a difference.

Upcoming Events:

- **Dialog Sermon with the New London Homeless Hospitality Center:** Sunday, February 8th
- **Constructive Dialog Workshop:** Saturday, March 14th (9 am – 1:30 pm) in the Fellowship Hall. Hosted by John Holdridge, this is an opportunity for our church family to hone our skills in empathy and communication so that when we see something, we can say something in a constructive manner!
- **Race Workshop:** Saturday, April 25th from 1-5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. As recommended above, this is an excellent opportunity to listen, believe, and enhance our understanding.

LCC Social Justice Team Next Meeting, January 15th @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.

The LCC Social Justice Team meets the 3rd Thursday of every month from 4:00 -5:00 p.m. in the Holdridge Library followed by the Pop-In Prayer in the Lester room and a Community Supper in Fellowship Hall.

Pop-In Prayer: Thursday, February 19th at 5 pm in the Lester Room. The theme for February is Appreciation of our Multiracial Community. Whether praying silently or aloud, this is a time to share our praises and concerns with each other as we share them with God.

FREE! Pancake Breakfast

Join us the first Saturday of each month in Fellowship Hall from 7:30-10:00 a.m. Enjoy a delicious breakfast of fresh hot coffee, orange juice, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and chip beef!
Come and sit for a while.
Enjoy conversation and fellowship!

Each month, all profits from the free-will donations will go to support the featured organization.

Saturday, February 7th
All donations will go to our local **Girls Scout troops 63060 and 63155**. Donations will be used to fund activities and experiences for the girls.

Saturday, March 7th
Our sponsoring organization will be the **Ledyard High School Misic Boosters**. This is always a fun and lively breakfast that you won't want to miss!.

Saturday, April 4th
All donations will go to help fund the **Ledyard Camp Scholarship program**. .

Thank you for your continuing support for all the organizations!

ALL ARE WELCOME. JOINS US!

Women's FELLOWSHIP

JOIN US FOR A

Tea Party

Our February Meeting Will Take Place on Tuesday, February 10th 1:00-3:00 p.m. (exact time to still be confirmed) in Social Hall

Please join us for a Valentine's Tea Party catered by Joanna Thomas, owner of **Twisted Sugar Cake Design**. Save the date and time and watch for more detail in an upcoming email with RSVP instructions.

March Meeting
Tuesday, March 10th
Time TBD

Women's Fellowship will be gathering on Tuesday, March 10th to assemble **Spring Cheer Baskets** for people we believe would enjoy them and appreciate being remembered. All materials will be provided. We just need the baskets to be put together and to be ready to deliver. If you are able to deliver one or two, you can take the baskets with you. We have now done this for the last few years and it has been heartwarming to see how much the baskets are appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE!
Tuesday, April 14th
Luncheon Out

On Tuesday, April 14th we are planning for a luncheon out. Details are still being worked out so if you have a favorite restaurant you would like to recommend, we would love to hear from you! Look for more details in the March Chatter and in the weekly Eblasts.

Tuesday May 12th Meeting
6:00-7:30 p.m. Note Time Change!
Social Hall

Our Tuesday meeting is our year-end meeting where we gather earlier for a light supper of salads and desserts! This is also a time when we spend some time brainstorming possible programs and activates for the upcoming year. We can call it our "chat and plan" meeting!

Save the Date for our May Bake Sale Saturday, May 16th.

We are making plans to hold a bake sale during the Ledyard Garden's Annual Plant Sale on **Saturday, May 16th**. We have been able to resume this activity after a few years off due to Covid and they have proven very successful both with our customers and in profits of over $1,000! Watch for more details to follow.

The Program Committee for 2025-26 is Beth Smith, Meredith Schuft, and Jill Thorne. Please contact any one of us if you have a program idea you'd like to suggest. Watch for more updates in the monthly Chatter, weekly E-blast and emails!

Women's Fellowship is open to anyone who would like to join us for any of our activities. You do not need to be a member or even a regular attendee of LCC. Feel free to bring a friend!

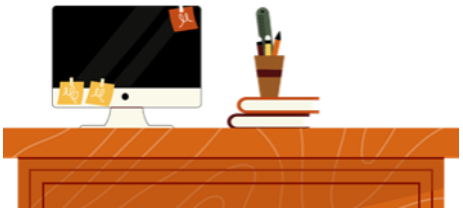
All are Welcome!

Issues of the Church Chatter Are Available on the Church Website

Did you know you can find this issue of the Chatter plus the past two months on the church website?

Just go to: ledyardcongregational.org and click on the Chatter drop down box.

From the Historian's Desk



We saw last month that the only business enacted at the first meeting of North Groton Ecclesiastical Society was the election of committee men. Minutes for those early meetings present just the bare bones of what happened, the actual decisions that were made. By February they were ready to move forward with several steps to quickly begin conducting services.

The second meeting was held just a month later, on Thursday, February 3, at Joshua Bill's. This Joshua Bill was the great-great-grandfather of our benefactor Henry Bill. The day was fair, after a few days of wintry weather and the society got down to important business. They first voted that "Mr. Samuell Sebury (or Sum other Preacher of the Gospel in Case he Refeuse) Should be called to Preach among us for the Space of ten weeks." A committee was chosen to accomplish this: Lieut. Christopher Avery, Ensign John Dean and Sgt. Bellows.

Secondly, they voted that whoever was called to preach should be paid twenty shillings a week, and that the money should be raised by contribution, to be collected and paid by Capt. Morgan. The preaching was to be divided between three different homes – four Sundays at Capt. John Morgan's, four at William Morgan, Jr.'s, and two at Mr. Ralph Stodard, Sr.'s.

Third, a committee of Capt. Morgan, John Dean, Ralph Stodard and Joshua Bill should arrange for the county surveyor to come and run the line between the two societies. It is not clear why it would take four men to hire the surveyor!

It appears that Samuel Seabury, a recent Harvard graduate not yet settled at any church or other employment, did preach for ten weeks. It is not clear just when he started, but the immediate next Sunday, February 6, and the following one, Feb. 13, were both fair. When the society met next, it was early May and they were looking for someone to preach immediately, so Samuel Seabury's term had apparently expired.

Getting to Know our Church Ancestors

Please Save the Date – Sunday afternoon, **March 29**, when we will gather to learn about some of our members from 1725 and through the years and share a pot luck meal. There is still time to pick an "ancestor" to research and present, but please let me know soon if you'd like to do so.

Carol Ganz, Church Historian

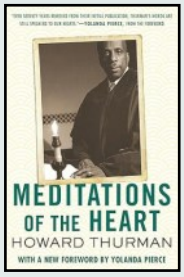
Help Needed for Church Council!

We are in need of a secretary to Council. The duties of this volunteer position involves taking notes at the Church Council meetings and distributing to Council members for review.

The Council meets monthly, but if you cannot attend a particular meeting, there are always people happy to fill in. It's a good way to know first-hand what's going on at church, too!

If you could help out, please contact either Chris Schuft: chrisschuft@gmavt.net or Bill Barnes: iambarnes@gmail.com.

WEDNEDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY GROUP
7:00-8:00 p.m.
in the
Holdridge Library



We will be finishing up **Meditations of the Heart** within the next few weeks and be ready to pick our next book. We are open to suggestions, so even if you haven't been part of this group in the past, but have a book you would like to explore, please feel free to forward any suggestions to Pastor Pat.

Then watch for an announcement in the weekly Eblast with information on our new book and the start up date and think about coming. All are welcome to join in our lively, thought-provoking, and just fun discussions.

Please enter through the atrium door by the church offices. Hope to see you there!

Deacons' Fund

Communion Sundays provide an opportunity to contribute to the Deacons' Fund. This fund is set aside for members of the congregation who have a financial emergency. It is also used for people in the local community experiencing an emergency. Envelopes for this special collection can be found in the pews on the first Sunday of the month.

February Community Supper

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Come join us at the
Ledyard Congregational Church
on the third Thursday of every month.

Thursday, February 19, 2026, our theme will be
Hearty and Heartfelt Foods
Come and see what our amazing cooks come up with.
There will be lots of great food to choose from!

Supper will be served at 5:30pm.

This **FREE** supper is open to all!

Come and sit for a while. Enjoy a hot meal, conversation, and community!

Enter through the double doors into Fellowship Hall (Bill Library side).

LCC Church Calendar

Our church calendar is on our website: ledyardcongregational.org and also on Breeze! The calendar is updated frequently so be sure to check it out often. All board and Committee chairs make sure that you update all your upcoming meetings and events!

Name Tags

We are all encouraged to wear name tags on Sundays. If you need a name tag or have misplaced yours and would like a new one, please contact Beth Smith. (fraugurusan@yahoo.com). Thank you!

Faith Formation and Sunday School

Communion Sunday is blessed by the participation of our children.

You may have noticed that on the first Sunday of the month, the Sunday School children are deeply involved in worship. As the lessons they learn each week deepen their relationship with our community, they are gaining practice and comfort in participating in Communion Sunday. We encourage the younger generation of Sunday School to collect the offering and the older children love passing Communion. From time to time, you will see children participating in the reading of scripture. Different personalities offer different strengths. Those who are not ready to be front and center often help in the background when they fill the mini communion cups of juice, light the candles by the altar, and display the hymn numbers. While the youngest children attend Sunday School for a short lesson, they return in time to participate in Communion. These kids love being involved and feel grown-up with a sense of responsibility in the congregation. Thank you for encouraging them as active members of the church and giving them a sense of belonging in our community.

Our Faith Formation Sunday School consists of three age groups: 4-7 year olds, 8-11 year olds, and 12 years and older. Our nursery is open for children under 4 years of age.

Faith Formation meets the second Wednesday of the month at 12 Noon in the Holdridge Library.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 11th.

All our welcome to join us!

A Future with Hope

2026 CLIMATE HOPE ART CONTEST

Below is the information from Sue Mueller, Lead Climate Hope Organizer, United Church of Christ.

For the fourth straight year, we are conducting a Climate Hope Art Contest. The theme this year is "A Future with Hope." Children and youth are invited to draw, paint, or color works of art that bring this theme to life.

Our theme comes from Jeremiah 29:11 which says, "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

We'll accept art submissions from February 6th to March 20th.

An online award ceremony for finalists will be held in April. In the ceremony, we will have winners for different age groups and an overall winner who will receive an all-expense paid trip to visit Washington, DC with a parent or guardian. The winner will advocate with the offices of their congress members, tour the Capitol, and learn how they can bring their faith values to life in the halls of power. The winning art will additionally serve as the 2026 artwork for the advocacy postcards of ***Climate Hope Affiliates****, a joint program of the United Church of Christ and Creation Justice Ministries that involves ecumenical chapters throughout the country.*

Please ask your Sunday School teacher for more information.

Monday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study Now Meets on Mondays!

Each week we meet on Monday morning from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Holdridge library and discuss the scripture for the upcoming Sunday in a relaxed and fun setting.

All are welcome!

Calling all Infants and Toddlers

We'd like to remind everyone that there is childcare available every Sunday in the crib room. Kristie provides a happy and safe environment for the children so that parents can participate in the morning worship in the sanctuary, so feel free to bring your children to the crib room before church. This childcare is for children under four years of age.

Please direct any questions to Anita (amerando@gmail.com) or anyone on the Board of Faith Formation.

Baby Gate Needed

Faith Formation is in need of a baby gate for the door to the crib room. If anyone has a gate they are no longer using, could you please let Anita (amerando@gmail.com) or anyone on the Board of Faith Formation know. Thank you!

Ledyard Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
Open and Affirming Statement and Non-Discrimination Declaration

Open and Affirming Statement

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." [Galatians 3:28]

As we are one in Christ, we are called to accept and respect one another. We commit ourselves to work diligently to end all oppression and discrimination which afflicts God's people in our society. We seek to explore new ways of affirming our faith in community according to the wisdom of the Gospel. We work, as individuals and as a community, to become more Christ-like in our love for one another.

Love is a unifying and strengthening force within the Christian faith, and we, the members of the Ledyard Congregational Church, hereby declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Church and welcome into full participation members and staff of every sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

Jesus teaches us to welcome all God's children. As we grow together in faith and love, we will strive to celebrate the diversity in which God has created us. As followers of Christ, we seek by this affirmation to be faithful to his commandment, "*love one another as I have loved you.*" [John 15:1]

Non-Discrimination Declaration

We welcome into full participation all who seek to follow Jesus, including persons of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith background, marital status and family structure, mental and physical ability, economic and social status, and educational background, to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our church family.

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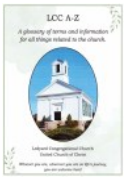

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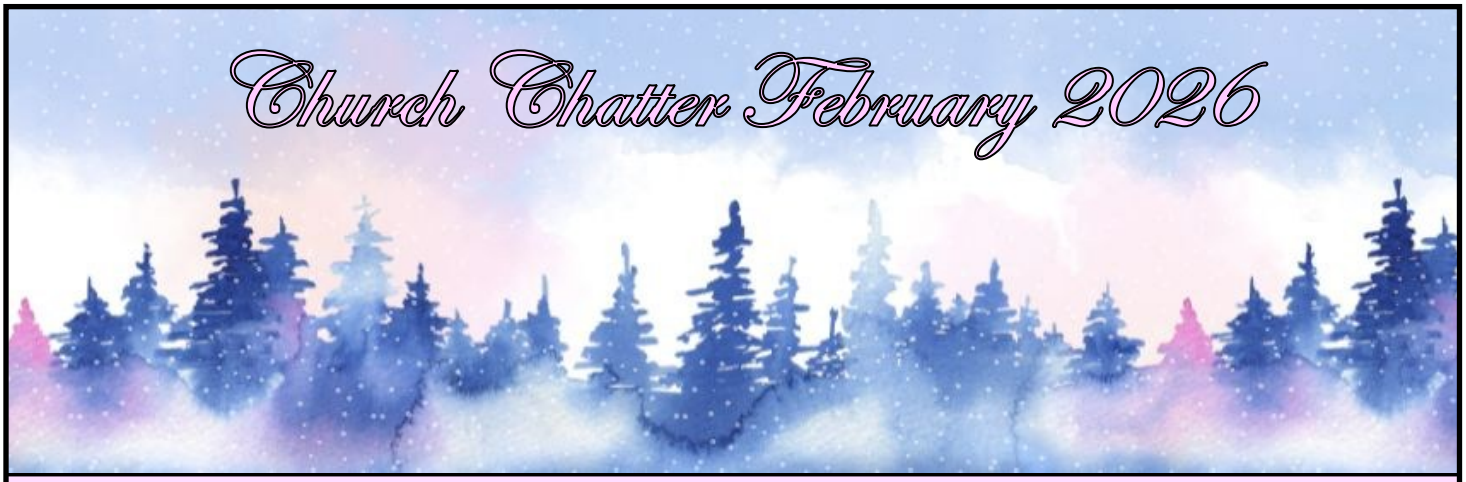

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