

Church Chatter

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A Message From Pastor Pat

"Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. Those days of soda and pretzels and beer. Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. Dust off the sun and moon and sing a song of cheer." Okay, the beer is optional. The song was released in 1963 and was sung by Nat King Cole. I remember hearing it from time to time as we made our way to the lake house. It was the reminder that summer was a time for a different pace.

These days it seems that summer isn't much different from any other time of the year. We are as busy as we are the rest of the time: work, family commitments, chores around the house and so much more. There is, however, a need to carve out a bit of time to enjoy the longer days and warm nights, if only for a few hours here and there. It can be a reminder for us that we are human beings and not human doings. We need time to decompress and take a break. Think of it as sabbath time, summer version. You don't need to go away or spend a lot of money; it

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is not contingent on location. It is simply a matter of claiming a different rhythm of time. Even if it is only an hour here or there to sit and simply be; to enjoy the lush green of trees and sharp blue of the sky is a gift that we can give ourselves.

I hope you will create and claim some time here and there to enjoy sabbath time, summer version.

Faithfully,
Pastor Pat

From the Pastor's Desk

Office Hours and Vacation Plans

Pastor Pat will be away most of July and early August, returning to the office on August 6th. We have a great line up of lay preachers to bring the Sunday message. Please attend church and give them your enthusiastic support.

Office Hours will resume on Wednesday, August 12th

Regular office hours are:
Wednesdays & Thursdays
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

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
- Carol Gauthier
- Joan Jirsa
- Gary Melanson
- Cindy M.
- Johanna Nolan
- Karen Rhoades
- Roy Warren
- Audrey Walker
- Marge Wilson

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



July Birthdays

Rob Busch	7/1
Sandy Fedors	7/2
Johanna Nolan	7/3
Bill Seeman	7/3
Steven Williams	7/10
Elliott Smith	7/13
Paul Busch	7/14
Terry Dunn, Jr.	7/15
Merrick Larkin	7/17
Jane Bliven	7/20
Phil Barbour	7/26
Jack O'Donnell	7/27
Lonnell Dunn III	7/29
Bexley Wessel	7/29
Jim Ball	7/31
Ty Curtis	7/31





August Birthdays

Rob Ayer	8/7
Dave Holdridge	8/9
Carol Ganz	8/11
Shea Geer	8/12
Jill Thorne	8/12
Frankie Conkey	8/14
Judy Hasson	8/16
Kevin Collins	8/17
Connor Hayes	8/17
Ellen Seeman	8/18
Pat Benda	8/21
Louise Holdridge	8/24
Abby Dunn	8/25
Robin Lippman	8/28
Adeline Wiswell	8/30
Matthew Hewes	8/31



July & August Anniversaries

Jim & Karen Rhoades	7/6
Matthew & Sheri Hewes	7/14
Terry & Sandy Fedors	8/5
Dave & Sara Holdridge	8/5
Terry & Abby Dunn	8/6
Jim & Tammy Austin	8/10
Roy & Aimee Belhumeur	8/10
Phil & Andrea Barbour	8/13
Sarah & Ben Hansen	8/18
Chris & Meredith Schuft	8/22
Dee & Rich Potter	8/24



July & August Scripture Readings



Sunday July 5

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13
 • Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 • Romans 7:15-25a
 • Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday July 12

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 • Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13
 • Romans 8:1-11 • Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday July 19

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 • Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19
 or Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 • Romans 8:12-25 • Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday July 26

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128 • 1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm
 119:129-136 • Romans 8:26-39 • Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sunday August 2

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 • Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
 • Romans 9:1-5 • Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday August 9

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b • 1 Kings 19:9-18
 Psalm 85:8-13 • Romans 10:5-15 • Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday August 16

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 • Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67
 • Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 • Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

Sunday August 23

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 • Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 • Romans 12:1-8
 • Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday August 30

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b • Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8
 • Romans 12:9-21 • Matthew 16:21-28

A message from

MISSIONS

**Linda C. Davis Food Pantry
Donations**

For the months of **July & August**, we will continue to collect **cereal and granola bars, peanut butter &**



crackers, cheese & crackers packages, and individual fruit

cups for the food pantry. 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.

There will be NO Community Suppers in July & August.

**See You on
Thursday September 17th
5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**



**Church World Services
Tools Offering**

Tools for today, food for tomorrow
Thank you to everyone who made donations for the CWS Tools Program, which included gardening tools, seeds, honey bees, chickens, along with educational programs. A harvest of hope begins with you! Thank you for joining other generous donors and help families



reap a Harvest of Hope.

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

We are always looking for new projects and opportunities to reach out to other people and organizations and welcome your ideas and comments!

Thank you from Sue Burns, Kathy Fletcher, Dolly Hayes, Pastor Pat, Sara Holdridge, Anita Merando, Dee Potter, Meredith Schuft, Ellen Seeman, Kathy Smith, & Jill Thorne.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

We would love to have a few more individuals that could help host our Coffee Hours each Sunday morning! If you would be interested to help on either a regular basis, or just to fill in occasionally when needed, please contact Ellen Seeman at (860) 884-3414

LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT

Did you know that the Ledyard Lions Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids?

There is a box inside Fellowship Hall where you can drop off your items. Thank you!

Social Justice Project

Your social justice team has initiated an exercise that looks at social justice issues in our world and then what Scripture calls us to do to respond to those issues. This exercise requires you, the congregation, to participate. On the wall in fellowship hall is a mural the team created that illustrates areas of injustice and evil. On the table next to the mural are approximately 80 verses from the bible that may speak to what you see on the mural. Here's where you come in. We ask that you look through the verses and pick one or more that you think are relevant and speaks to the issues you see on the mural. Take the verse and paste it (glue sticks provided) onto the mural where you think it best fits.

Hope you all will participate as we explore the connections between the social justice issues and our response to those issues in light of

There will be
**No July
Pancake Breakfast**
at the Ledyard Congregational Church.

★ Enjoy your 4th of July celebrations and we will see you on Saturday, August 1st from 7:30-10:00 a.m. when the sponsoring organization will be the **Tri Town Trail Association!**

★ Come and learn more about Southeastern Connecticut's first regional recreation trail. When complete, it will be a 14-mile recreational trail through a natural, scenic valley that connects Bluff Point State Park in Groton through Ledyard to Preston!



Announcement!

The writing group is back!
We meet on Thursday,
from 1:00-2:30 p.m.
in the Holdridge Library.
All are welcome!

Sponsored by the LCC Women's Fellowship.



NO Community Suppers in July and August



Our community supper helpers will be taking a much needed break during July and August.



Enjoy your summer and see you on Thursday, September 17th at 5:30p.m.



Ledyard Congregational Church
Fellowship Hall



For more information about our church, use this QR code!



Great News on Our Caps & Lids Collection



It looks like we have successfully collected the 250 lbs. of caps and lids needed for our 8 foot Rainbow bench! Please hold off bringing in anymore until we can confirm that we do indeed have 250+ lbs. We are scheduled to pick up our bench on Saturday, October 24th. Thank you to everyone who has made this all possible, especially Ellen Seeman who initiated the idea and Pat Barnes who has been taking home bags and bags to sort and wash!

Our next step will be to figure out where we want to install our bench. Watch for further updates!

Your Board of Missions and Faith Formation.

Did you Know?



We have [hearing assistance devices](#) to assist the hearing-impaired during worship services.

See the Tech Team before worship to try one!



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).

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!



Update on the American Flag

With July 4th approaching, it seems appropriate to provide an overview of when the USA flag is displayed in the sanctuary or during worship in Fellowship Hall.

In our polity the Deacons are in charge of the worship space. After much deliberation and an intentional education process, the Deacons recommended to the Council that the USA and Christian flags be removed from the sanctuary altogether. In response to opposition from some members of the congregation, a compromise was reached to have the USA flag in the sanctuary (or Fellowship Hall) on major patriotic holidays. These were defined as Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day.

As often happens with compromise, no one gets exactly what they want, and everyone gets a piece of what they want. It's how we approach community life in a way that honors both perspectives. It is our hope that we can be forbearing with one another and honor the decision of the Deacons, which was made prayerfully and carefully.



Flowers for the Sanctuary

It has been a tradition that we have flowers provided for the altar each Sunday during the year. It is an opportunity for couples to celebrate anniversaries, a time to remember loved ones who have passed, recognize a special time, event or achievement, or simply to be grateful for the beauty in the world. There is a poster in the Fellowship Hall that you may choose a specific Sunday and sign up for, or you can simply contact me directly. The flowers you provide do not need to be anything fancy! The grocery stores sell inexpensive bouquets, you could bring fresh flowers or cuttings from your garden, or even a basket of apples in the fall would be lovely. There are *lots* of vases at church that are available for use. If you would like to provide flowers but need assistance in doing so, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will be happy to purchase flowers for you and bring them to the church or help in any way needed. And, if there is another person who would be interested in helping with flowers for the church during the year, that would be wonderful too! Thank you for your consideration



to add a touch of beauty to our Sunday services.

Ellen Seeman (860) 884-3414
evseeman@gmail.com



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.

 **Habitat for Humanity**
of Eastern Connecticut

ReStore

Shop - Donate - Volunteer

Plainfield ReStore
808 Norwich Road, 06374
860-564-7507

Waterford ReStore
82 Boston Post Road, 06385
860-437-3422

Store Hours:
Tuesday - Saturday, 10 to 5
Donations accepted between 10 and 4

Ledyard Congregational Church Social Justice Team

The Social Justice team has adopted Micah 6:8 as our guiding verse, *"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

**Public Witness for Peace the 3rd
Thursday of Every Month, 5:00-5:30**



Join us for Public
Witness for Peace
on the grass near
the Rainbow House

facing Colonel Ledyard Highway. This will be a monthly event, open to the community. We will gather together in prayer, reflection, and witness to stand publicly for Peace---an end to

**LCC Social Justice Team's Next
Meeting, Thursday July 16th
4:00-5:00 p.m.**

The LCC Social Justice Team meets the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Holdridge Library.

- 4:00—5:00 p.m.—SJT monthly meeting.
- 5:00—5:30 p.m.— Public Witness for Peace

All are welcome to
join us



war, personal peace, and the peace that comes with the commandment to *love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind and to love your as yourself.* We invite all to join us.

Save the Dates:

Plans are underway for guided excursions to learn more about the history of our area on Saturdays, August 22nd and September 12th.

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 blasts, and/or the monthly newsletter electronically, 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.

A Message From Your Music Ministry

The May pancake breakfast netted the Music Ministry over \$380.00 dollars to augment the regular budget for music and equipment. Many thanks to Dolly and the kitchen crew who whipped up the food, and to the music supporters who served tables, provided tech support, and made music. A good time was had by all! Especially now that summer is arriving, if you have any special music you'd like to provide during a worship service, please speak to Kimberly Perteet, Rob Ayer, or just sign-up on the poster in Fellowship Hall. We should be able to provide you with any type of support you'd like. -- Kimberly and Rob.

Lights Out and Doors Shut!



Don't forget to **turn out all lights** and **close all interior doors** when the building is not in use. This is necessary for managing energy costs and fire safety purposes.

THANK YOU!

LCC Search Committee

The Search and Call Committee has been meeting regularly since January. Following the survey results and the small group focus sessions, we have been gathering information to include in the church profile that is being posted for prospective candidates to view. This profile serves as the "resume" of our church. It highlights our history, our core values, our community ministries, and the specific gifts we are seeking in our next pastor. The profile is designed to give prospective candidates a clear, honest, and exciting picture of who we are and where God is leading us.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Will not be meeting during the month of July. We will resume meeting on Monday, August 10th.



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!



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

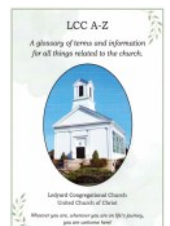
We welcome into full participation all who seek to follow Jesus, including persons of every age, gender, race, national origin, faith background, marital status and family structure, mental and physical ability, economic and social status, and educational background, to share in the life, leadership,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

Adopted at the Ledyard Congregational Church's Semi-Annual meeting August 24, 2025.

LCC A-Z

It's time for the LCC A-Z to be updated.

Please give Beth Smith any additions/deletions/edits by the end of June.



A link to the document is available in the weekly E-blast and hard copies are on the table in Fellowship Hall.

Women's FELLOWSHIP

Grandma's Attic

We held another successful Grandma's Attic in June taking in over \$800. Thanks to Dolly Hayes and Kathy Smith who continue to make this event happen each year. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped with setup and cleanup as well!

Summer Gathering

Thank you to Ellen and Bill Seeman for hosting our Summer Gathering at their home on Tuesday, June 23rd. It was wonderful to see and visit with so many people and the food selections were, as always, incredible. It was a lovely evening, despite a few rain showers!

Church Wide Sumer Worship Service and Picnic



We are planning to hold another Sunday worship service and picnic at Bluff Point

State Park sometime in August. Watch for more details in the weekly E-blasts.

We continue to make changes in the structure and organization of Women's Fellowship and have come up with several program ideas for 2026-2027 including some traditional events that we wish to

continue.

- We plan to fill both Fall and Spring Cheer baskets for people on our visiting list. These programs will take place in appropriate months.
- Sue Burns will again be chairing the Red Sleigh Bazaar in November. Thank you Sue!
- We plan to have a Christmas Open House in December.
- Luncheons out through the year
- Partnership activities with local charities, and much more.

Please continue to read the monthly Chatter newsletter during the year for more updates and news from Women's Fellowship.

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!



Church Picnic at Bluff Point.
Sunday, July 20, 2025.

Name Tags

In addition to your name, you now have options to add to your name tag:

- * The UCC "God is still speaking" rainbow comma
- * Gender neutral pronouns (She/Her/Hers; He/Him/His; They/Them/Theirs)
- * The role you have in church, such as Deacon, Trustee, Moderator, etc.



Don't wear your name tag because you don't like clipping it to your clothing? A lanyard is now available.

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!



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. Our next collection will take place on Sunday, July 5th.

From the Historian's Desk



Summer Hiatus

As we saw in May, the North Groton Society was unable to make a decision on locating the meetinghouse at their May 30 meeting, and they decided to pause until September 5 to meet again to discuss this and other business. Maybe some time to think and discuss would provide a clearer path. They would be busy with haying and other summer farm chores, and the committees could still work on locating a minister and other business. At the same time, Hempstead's Diary shows no interesting news, nor dramatic weather, to report in the area during that summer.

Following their lead, your Church Historian is taking the summer off from writing articles, not to relax, but to explore some other research. What can we discover about their beliefs in the absence of church records? What role did the institution of slavery have in the lives of our members and of the church? How did their new semi-independent status affect their relationship to Groton First Society?

Have a nice summer! We'll see you in September!

Carol Ganz, LCC Church Historian



Friends of Silver Lake

Do you believe Silver Lake is important? Was your life transformed there? Is outdoor ministry essential in a time when Earth is in trouble?

Friends of Silver Lake, Inc. is a new nonprofit formed to unite the dispersed community that values Silver Lake and to work toward a vision of future ministry in line with its historic mission. Created just after the announcement of Silver Lake's closing in November, FOSL is moving with strength to continue this sacred legacy's ministry. It is a membership organization and we encourage you to join in this future-oriented ministry. Whether you were ever a camper or simply loved retreats, served as a volunteer or just know others whose lives were transformed there, we hope you'll go to <https://www.friendsofsilverlake.com> and click on "Stay connected" to learn more and join this important movement of the Holy Spirit!

From Your Stewardship Committee



Please remember, our Church's expenses don't take a vacation.

When you are unable to attend Sunday worship you still have a few options to pay your pledge:

- You can make your pledge online. There is a QR code in the weekly Thursday email blast that will get you to our online giving page. (**You don't have to be a Breeze user**). If you are a Breeze user, you can go to the online giving page through a menu option in the app.
- Please feel free to stop by anytime that the church office is open and leave your pledge envelope in the Treasurer's mailbox outside the offices.
- If you prefer, you can also mail your pledge to the church at Ledyard Congregational Church, 722 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, CT 06339.
- If you don't pledge but are accustomed to placing a donation in the collection plate, you can make that donation using the same methods described above.

Thank you in advance for keeping "fulfill my pledge" on your to-do list, helping us continue to pay our bills.

Faith Formation and Sunday School



On June 7th we celebrated Children's Sunday Plus. It was wonderful to see all of the children and hear about their studies. We especially enjoyed the singing, sign language, and bells. The Board of Faith Formation is grateful for the wonderful volunteer teachers and assistants who bless us with their creative ideas and passion for teaching children. We appreciate all the families who entrust us with their children. Your participation in our Sunday School program is a blessing to the entire congregation.

Nursery

Throughout the summer, the nursery will remain open to receive children under four. We welcome volunteers to join Kristie and the young children. It's a lot of fun. Check in with Anita for details on this volunteer opportunity.

Summer Sunday School



Our teachers will take multi-age groups for craft and outdoor activities during Sunday worship.

NOW HIRING

**Director of Sunday School
Faith Formation**

Faith Formation Sunday School Coordinator Job

As our Sunday School attendance is growing, we are seeking a Faith Formation Coordinator. Check with Anita for more information.

Looking Ahead

Communication--Check your email and texts for updates as we seek out your ideas and share our plans for the restart of Sunday School in September.



September 13th

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 13th for Homecoming (Formerly Rally Day). This is the official restart of our regular Sunday School Program.

Adult Faith Formation

Planning is underway for adult faith formation activities that will take us into the community to learn more about living into our mission as followers of Jesus, united in Spirit and inspired by God's grace to bring Justice and Love to all.

Mark your Calendar:

There will be no Bible Study in July. Instead, please make plans to join

us on the following outings. There will be sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall, or you can call the church office to sign up.

July 13 at 10:30 a.m.



We will tour the New London Homeless Hospitality Center Tour. This will include a 45 minute tour followed by a

meeting with a staff member who can answer our questions.

Safe Futures Tour July 30 at 4:30



p.m. Following the tour we will have the

opportunity to meet with a staff member who can answer our questions.

July 18 at 2 p.m. Hempstead House

Tour. The Social Justice Team is collaborating with Faith Formation in arranging this tour. Spaces are limited and we are asking that you sign up in advance. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. More details to follow.

Next Meeting July 8th, 11 and Noon in the Holdridge Library

The Board of Faith Formation meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Adult FF meets at 11AM, and Sunday School FF meets at noon. All are invited to join us.

Public Witness for Peace

Ledyard Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ invites
our members and neighbors
to join us for our
Public Witness for Peace.

- When: the third Thursday of every month
- Time: 5:00– 5:30 p.m.
- Where: 722 Colonel Ledyard Highway on the grass near the Rainbow House facing Colonel Ledyard Highway. (Our West Parking lot.)

We will start with the ringing of our church bell and gather together, in song, in prayer, reflection and witness to stand publicly for Peace.

We invite all to join us.

So, Tell me Again How I Log into Zoom to Join the Sunday Service?

Every week, in the email blast, below the first slide that invites you to “Join us for Worship” is a button that says “Click here for zoom meeting information and dial in numbers”. If you choose to join us online, click here and follow the instructions. It’s easy.

If you experience any problems with this link, please let us know by emailing the church office.
ledyard.cong.church@gmail.com

See you online!

LCC SEMI ANNUAL MEETING

**OUR SEMI-ANNUAL
MEETING WILL BE HELD
ON SUNDAY, AUGUST
23RD FOLLOWING
MORNING WORSHIP.**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 at chrisschuft@gmavt.net or Bill Barnes at: iambarnes@gmail.com

Thank you!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY GROUP

7:00-8:30 p.m.

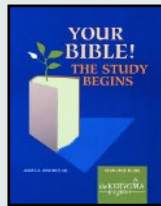
in the Holdridge Library

The **Wednesday Night Book Group** is now taking a break for the summer and will resume meeting on Wednesday, **September 16th** when we will begin the KERYGMA program which will continue through **October 28th**.



Kerygma is an innovative Bible Study program designed specifically for adults. Your Adult Faith Formation team put this study forward for all adults in the community of LCC. Kerygma offers a number of educational opportunities. Your Bible! The Study Begins is a comprehensive introduction to the Bible. This study will give you a working knowledge of how the Bible is put together, the various types of books in the Bible and how they fit together. Kerygma is lively, fun and informative.

Please join us for this exciting study.



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!

Not on Breeze yet? Contact Chris via email: chrisschuft@gmavt.net or via phone: 802-488-0802 and he will get you up and running.

July & August Worship Services



Worship services during the months of July and August will be held in Fellowship Hall. In addition to being wheelchair accessible, with the installation of the new air conditioners, Fellowship Hall will be a cooler option to the sanctuary during the summer months.

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



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 while learning more about the sponsoring organizations!

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

Saturday, July 4th

There will be NO Pancake Breakfast in July due to the holiday.

Saturday, August 1st

All donations will go to the **Tri Town Trail Association**.

Saturday, September 5th

All donations will go to **Tunnel to Towers**.

Saturday, October 3rd

All donations will go to **the Gales Ferry/Ledyard CROP Walk!**

Thank you for your continuing support for all the organizations!

ALL ARE WELCOME. JOINS US !

Our Mission

We are followers of Jesus, united in spirit and inspired by God's grace to bring justice and love to all.

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.



Looking for Greeters for Sunday Morning Worship Service

We are looking for people to help
with greeting people to our Sunday
morning worship 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](tel:8606085951).



SEPTEMBER Chatter
Deadline is **SATURDAY,**
AUGUST 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 increased from 12
to 20 pages , which has added
significant time to the production
time!

Thank You, Meredith Schuft

NUT FREE COFFEE HOUR

In the past we have asked that any foods containing nuts
be labeled. We recently decided, however, that to ensure
the safety of those in our congregation with severe
allergies, we must ask that all foods brought to coffee
hour are completely nut free.

All coffee hour hosts and alternates have been made
aware of this. We always welcome additional foods
brought in by others, though, so if you feel like baking
some week, please make sure the items are nut free.

To those with allergies, we hope you can
now enjoy the full array of goodies on
Sunday mornings!

To those involved in hosting or
providing help at coffee hour,
we thank you for making this
time of fellowship a very
special time of our week.

Chair Yoga Instructor

We are looking for a Chair Yoga
teacher who would be available
to teach a class once a week at
the Ledyard Congregational
Church in the fall.

Please contact Anita Merando at
armerando@gmail.com



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Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

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Monday through Thursday

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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www.ledyardcongregational.org

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. in the
Sanctuary, also via Zoom and
FaceBook.

Along with Sunday School, and
Nursery/Childcare

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Time Dated Material
Return Service Requested