



Church Chatter

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A Message From Pastor Pat

The Hardest Part

Hurt We Carry,

Hope We Find

Our Lenten walk begins on March 5th with an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 in the evening. In this gentle, meditative service we are reminded of our mortality with the simple words, "You are dust and to dust you will return." Beyond a reminder of our mortality, we are also reminded of our shared humanity. We are all of the same substance. Life is breathed into us by our Creator so that we might embody life to one another.

At Christmas we are reminded of God's coming to share the human experience in the Incarnation of Jesus. In this profound act of love and solidarity, we are reminded that God's spirit is breathed into us so that we might embody Christ to one another.

Yet we know that the stuff of life gets in the way. We disappoint each other, we hurt each other, our relationships get broken (sometimes in ways that baffle us). Being human is no easy thing, yet it is the very

essence of life lived in this mortal Christlike body.

Join us this Lenten season as we explore "*The Hardest Part, hurt we carry, hope we find.*" Beginning on Ash Wednesday we will explore being human. Each Sunday we will explore a different part of this tender and terrible thing we call life; and in the midst of it all we will discover the unique hope that is ours as people of faith.

I hope you will join us on Sundays for worship AND for the Lenten Study group which will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Holdridge Library. These sessions will give us an opportunity to dig a little deeper and more personally into each aspect of the life that is ours and the life we share.

This is an important and timely study as we enter the healing process in our Peace and Reconciliation Process. Many have strained relationships with long-standing friends and neighbors within the church. Some have

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relationships that have been completely severed by disagreement or being on different sides of a conflict or an issue. The stuff of life has gotten in the way. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Corinthians that when “one suffers, the whole body suffers” (1 Corinthians 12:26). Coming together to explore the hurts we carry we will discover the hope that is ours. It is the foundation of becoming a healthy vital church that will be ready to welcome new leadership in the fullness of time.

As I have said and written many times, you do not need to be a member to participate. And, you do not need to have a specific issue with a specific person. There is tremendous power in bearing witness to our sisters and brothers in Christ creating space for the Spirit to bring reconciliation. I cannot encourage you strongly enough to be part of this process. Even if you have not been able to participate in previous sessions, I encourage you to come and be a part of this healing and empowering process. Our next Peace and Reconciliation Meeting is on March 15th from 9:30-2:30. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board between the offices.

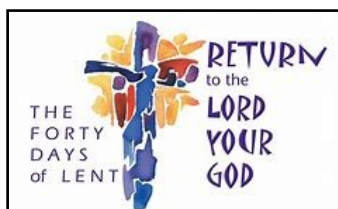
Yours in the work of healing and growing stronger,
Pastor Pat

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



March Birthdays

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Michelle Damm | 3/3 |
| Jack Allyn | 3/4 |
| Sophie Allyn | 3/4 |
| Vicki DiFilippo | 3/4 |
| Dot Fossett | 3/7 |
| Kadin McCarthy | 3/9 |
| Donna Clark | 3/9 |
| Jeanne Allyn | 3/10 |
| Alicia Rohrer | 3/12 |
| Karen Rhoades | 3/14 |
| Rich Denton | 3/18 |
| Luca DiFilippo | 3/18 |
| Oakley Dunn | 3/19 |
| Kathie Saums | 3/19 |
| Carrie Burger | 3/22 |
| Holly Rust | 3/22 |
| Steve Burger | 3/24 |
| Samantha Barnes | 3/25 |
| Brenda Foltz | 3/26 |
| Ed Lamb II | 3/27 |
| Bill Saums | 3/27 |



March Anniversaries

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Ken & Carrie Burger | 3/10 |
| Rob & Sue Burns | 3/10 |
| Ken & Joyce Garstka | 3/10 |
| Ed Lamb & Marlane Bernier | 3/20 |
| Steve & Kim Williams | 3/22 |

Getting to Know You and Getting to Know LCC
We will hold an informal gathering on Sunday, March 23rd at 11:00 a.m. in the Holdridge Library.
If you are new to the church or even someone who has been coming for a long time and would just like a chance to find out more about LCC while helping us know more about you, please join us!
Child care will be provided.

LCC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

WRITING GROUP

Bring your favorite writing tools — journals, tablet, laptop, etc. We will discuss writing ideas, have time to write, and have time the share ideas.

Every Monday 9:30-11:00 a.m.

In the Holdridge Library @ Ledyard Congregational Church

722 Colonel Ledyard Hwy, Ledyard, CT

ALL ARE WELCOME

No matter race, creed, gender, or identity, we welcome you to enjoy a free space to created and share!

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.
- The family of Ruth Celotto
- Bill Dawson
- Fred
- Joan Jirsa
- Jody Lees and family at the passing of her husband Dave
- Cindy M.
- Johanna Nolan
- The Family of Jim Seaton
- Jim Sorensen
- Roy Warren
- Marge Wilson



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

Troy Hedman Kyle Murphy
Tye Frazer Oliver Murphy

March Scripture Readings

Sunday March 2

Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35 • Psalm 99 • 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
• Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Sunday March 9

First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 • Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 • Romans 10:8b-13
• Luke 4:1-13

Sunday March 16

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 • Psalm 27 • Philippians 3:17-4:1
• Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

Sunday March 23

Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9 • Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

Sunday March 30

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 • Psalm 32 • 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Hospitality Committee



Bonnie Denton is the new Bell Choir Director and has resigned from co-chairing the Hospitality Committee with Jill Thorne. The responsibilities of this committee are organizing the group of Coffee Hour hostesses, sending cards for a variety of reasons, and visiting people in need of a personal visit. Pastor Pat is more than willing to hold a simple training session for prospective visitors. So far, there are just a few volunteers, yet there are many who

could use a visit. There are no rules for visits; anyone can visit anyone of their choosing. The Hospitality Committee can simply keep track of who receives visits and who is in need.

Please let Jill Thorne know if you are interested in visiting anyone or have actually been visiting. And co-chairing this particular committee is not a lot of work! So it would be wonderful if someone would step up. I can be reached via email: "Jill Thorne" <gbthorne@sbcglobal.net> or by phone:(860) 912-0924.

**Our Rainbow Bench
Caps & Lids!**



**Our Next Bottle Cap
Sorting Party will be on
Sunday, March 16th**

Our sorting party on Sunday February 2nd went well with several people helping out. A big thanks to Ellen Seeman for organizing it along with a big new chart of acceptable items. After sorting out the Not Acceptable and those that needed further washing our bag weighted in at 17.2lbs! So, only 182.8 pounds to go!

The list of "acceptable" caps and lids keeps growing, so be sure to check the poster in Fellowship Hall to make sure you aren't throwing away something good! And take a flyer with you to refer to at home!

It will take a while to collect all the caps & lids needed, so don't hesitate to put out your own container at work or school. Ask your family and neighbors to help out as well. Every cap & lid collected is one less ending up in the landfill!

Thank you for helping us work towards our rainbow bench. Hope you will join us on Sunday, March 16th!

Faith Formation & Missions

**New Child Care
Provider!**

The Faith Formation Team is very pleased to announce the hiring of Kristie Lindgren as our Child Care provider for our younger children. Beginning this Sunday, February 23rd., Kristie will be available in the Crib Room from 9:00-11:00 to care for children who are too young for Sunday School. On Sundays when there are meetings, such as the Annual Meeting, Kristie will provide Child Care until 12:00. In addition to Kristie, there will be one volunteer from the church to assist. We are excited to



add Kristie to our staff and know you join us in welcoming her!



LENT



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is March 5th this year. Join us for our Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00 p.m.

FREE!



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, March 1st

The featured organization will be Ledyard High School Music Booster.

Saturday, April 5th

The featured organization will be Days for Girls.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Lenten Study

Our Lenten Study will focus on the book, THE HARDEST PART.

We will meet on Sunday mornings at 8:30 starting on Sunday, March 9th.

Hope you will join us.

From the Historian's Desk



Getting to know our history

I thought I'd provide some of the backstory to the establishment of our ecclesiastical society in October 1725, so you will understand the context of the event. How did we get to that point?

As many of you know, Groton Congregational Church is our "mother" church, and the First Congregational Church of New London is our "grandmother" church. The path led through these congregations over about three quarters of a century to the request for our own church.

Originally, of course, the area was inhabited by several Native American tribes, including the Pequots, Mohegans and others. In the 1640s, shortly after the end of the Pequot War, John Winthrop, Jr., the adventurous son of the governor of Massachusetts, took an interest in the area. As a trained scientist with an interest in minerals, he obtained in 1640 a grant of land at "Pequod" for iron works, and he quickly moved to settle the area with English. Pequod refers to the area around the mouth of what we now call the Thames River. Winthrop

managed to work with the native Americans still in the area, and relations were generally peaceful.

In 1650, Rev. Richard Blinman arrived in the new settlement being formed by Winthrop. Rev. Blinman brought with him most of his congregation from Gloucester, Massachusetts, and they established a church on the hillside on the west bank of the river. Over the next fifty years the settlement spread north and across the river to the east. The river was a major source of transportation, but it was also an impediment for those residents on the east side to get to church and do business in town. Soon they sought permission to hold services on the east side of the river, and it was not long before they were given permission from the General Assembly to incorporate as a separate town.

Groton, established in 1704/5, and named after Winthrop's hometown

in England, was laid out as a large town, especially long from north to south, with considerable distance from the north border with Preston to the coast. There had long been settlers in the northern part of Groton, as families like Robert Allyn's went up the river to settle (Allyn's Point). By 1725, several families had lived in North Groton for substantial time, including people with names like Geer, Williams, Spicer, Bill, Avery, Lester and Morgan.

Very quickly, those in the north, nearer Preston, began to complain that it was unreasonably far to travel to church in Groton, especially in light of the poor condition of the roads in those early days. Transportation played a major part in justifying the repeated requests to separate.

To be continued....

Carol Ganz, LCC Church Historian



The Bill Dinner Will be Held on Saturday, September 20, 2025

NOTE: Please change your calendars – The date of the **Bill Dinner** kick-off to our anniversary celebration has been moved due to scheduling issues.

If you'd like to help with this fun event, please contact Dave Holdridge or Dolly Hayes (for the dinner portion).

Faith Formation and Sunday School



It's been a busy time in Sunday School with many fun opportunities for hands-on learning. We have focused on the theme that God Is Love. Love to a child manifests in so many different ways. We learned from the children that we experience love when we see a friend we know but haven't seen for a while, when we get hugs when we are hurt or not feeling well, when we cuddle on the couch with parents and siblings to enjoy a book or movie, when we dance to good music. We share love when we help do the dishes, or stand up for a friend if they have fallen or had their feelings hurt. The topic of love is huge, and includes the welcome we feel when we are at church.

We are also exploring Love as a means of caring for the environment. To that end, we enjoyed learning more about recycling as we sorted and weighed the plastic caps that we are collecting for our Rainbow Bench Project. To date, we have approximately 17 lbs. of plastic caps, with a minimum goal of collecting 200 lbs. Our children are seeing, first hand, the quick accumulation of plastic, and the need to have effective recycling. Luca has taken on the role of the Sunday School

spokesperson for the project, and after our first sorting and weighing event he said, "We have about 17 pounds of plastic. We are on our way to 200 for the bench! The most important part of the sorting is that we learned more about what can be used and what can't be used. Let's keep collecting, everyone!!" Luca's voice is infectious, and as we work with Missions, and with all of your help, we can achieve what the children tell us is a very big goal!

Going forward, as we move into spring, the children will begin planning for this year's garden. This is another opportunity for hands-on learning as we plant seeds, watch them sprout and care for them until they are ready to be planted outdoors. All of this active learning is a way of showing that even children, or perhaps especially children, are spreading God's love on earth.

The next Faith Formation Meeting is Wednesday, February 12th at 12 noon.

Everyone is invited to attend.



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).

Continuing Education Our Whole Lives Taking Flight Video number 1: Celebrating 25 Years of Our Whole Lives

This is the most recent OWL Webinar. For those of us for whom the language and practice of understanding that our sexual identity is both spiritual and a human right seems new, it may help to watch this video to see that the Church has known for over 25 years the importance of affirming, including, and supporting every one of God's children. Actually this support began twenty years before it was named Our Whole Lives. Knowing how and why being open and affirming is integral to our spiritual journey helps ground us at this time when people who may feel threatened or frightened in our current political landscape must be welcome here at Ledyard Congregational Church.

Here is a link to this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRFzGKxH9kQ&list=PL6VgfHt6zEy7n42hGl14bEcQh85cbqa6&index=1>



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 9th!



PROSTATE CANCER

Support Group

The Prostate cancer Support Group is now meeting at the Ledyard Congregational Church, 722 Colonel Ledyard Highway in Ledyard.

We will meet in the Lester Room 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 more information and questions please contact John Clark at (860) 464-7651 Thank you.

Issues of the Church Chatter Are Available on the Church Website



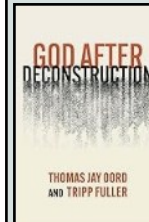
Did you know you can find this issue of the Chatter plus the past two months on the church website?

Just go to:

ledyardcongregational.org and click on the Chatter drop down box.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY GROUP

7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Holdridge Library



The Book Study Group continues to meet on Wednesday nights. We are currently reading

God After Deconstruction. All are welcome and 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!



Ledyard Congregational Church Social Justice Committee

Mission:

The LCC Social Justice Committee believes that social justice is one of the core values and roles of the Church. Our mission is to help Ledyard Congregational Church embody the message that "Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." We will work with the congregation and social justice organizations to love our neighbors by fostering a church and community environment that is diverse, inclusive, safe, and welcoming; encouraging the

implementation of practices, projects, and events that help educate ourselves and our community on social justice issues; and advocating locally on issues that impact marginalized groups in our community.

Vision:

The LCC Social Justice Committee affirms that every human being is created in the image of God and we are committed to the right of every human being to live free from discrimination. No person should be victimized, marginalized, or discriminated against in our community on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, disability, education level, political affiliation, or citizenship

status. We support dialogue, education, and action. We reject hatred, bigotry, and "othering" in all forms.

When:

The Social Justice Committee meets at the church at 4:30 pm on the third Thursday of every month (coinciding with Community Supper nights). Come for the justice, stay for the supper!

Interested?

For more information see: Anita M., Bobbi B., Tom B., Beth S., Sara H., Pat B., or Pastor Pat.



A message from

MISSIONS

**Valentine's Workshop
Sunday, February 2nd**



**Valentine's Day Card
Making Workshop** on
Sunday February 2nd got
a slow start, but a few
people eventually came over and
helped make cards for some of our
older members and friends. (Two
men took the opportunity to make
valentines for their wives.)

**Tote for Linda Davis
Food Pantry Donations**

In an effort to make it easier to
donate to the food pantry, we will
continue focusing on one food group
each month. **March will be
condiments, with a specific need for
ketchup and mayo.** As you grocery
shop each week, add these items for
the pantry to your list. 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.

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.

**Our March Community Supper will
be held on Thursday March 20th
5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Our March theme is a variety of
Irish dishes. 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 and join us for a fun
evening!

February Red Cross Blood Drive



Thank you to all our donors
and volunteers at our
February Blood Drive. Our
next drive is scheduled for
Thursday, April 17th from 11:00
a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
Volunteers as well as snacks will be
needed. More information will be
available in the April Chatter.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Special
UCC Missions Offering to be
Received on Sunday, March 30th**

The theme for this year's offering is
Be the Light.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)
is a vital special mission offering of
the United Church of Christ. It
connects you to disaster relief,
refugee assistance, and
development efforts around the
globe. When disasters strike, or
when individuals are displaced due



to violence or poverty, OGHS
ensures immediate response and
ongoing recovery.

Here are a few examples of ways
your donations to OGHS help "Be the
light" as described on the UCC website.

Orfelina Portillo is an agricultural
technician working with families in
northern Honduras. Your contributions
to connect those who are doing
ministry—leaders who are empowered
to form partnerships to create programs
like Project Green, where Orfelina
shares her knowledge and skills to
address food security, thanks to Church
World Service (CWS) and the Mennonite
Social Action Commission (CASM).

The Council of Churches in Sierra Leone
(CCSL) has made significant strides in
empowering women and supporting
communities through transformative
programs. Serving approximately one
million church members and nearly
three million beneficiaries annually,
CCSL is committed to breaking barriers
and promoting women's leadership
across various sectors.

What better way to support a more
sustainable and hopeful future than to
support and educate future
generations? The YWCA of Palestine, a
United Church of Christ partner through

Global Ministries and supported by One Great Hour of Sharing, has engaged local Palestinian communities since 1893. Today, it offers programs of economic empowerment, women’s rights, youth leadership, and children’s education.

In the occupied Palestinian West Bank, The YWCA kindergarten in the Jalazone Refugee Camp near Ramallah is a sign of hope for a community that has endured over 75 years of displacement.

Be the light for leaders like Orfelina. Please give what you can to One Great Hour of Sharing! Thank you.

Easter Baskets for Safe Futures

Once again, we will be providing Easter Baskets for the children living in Safe futures housing. Watch for more detail in the April Newsletter and weekly Eblasts.



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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.

Thank you from your Board of Missions members, Vicky DiFilippo, Kathy Fletcher, Pastor Pat, Sara Holdridge, Anita Merando, Dee Potter, Meredith Schuft, Ellen Seeman, & Jill Thorne.

**March
Community Supper**

Irish Inspired Dishes

Thursday, March 20, 2025
**Come and see what our amazing
cooks come up with!**

**There will also be a variety of
salads, fruits, and of course desserts!**

**Ledyard Congregational Church
on the third Thursday of every month.**

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!**



*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!

**BIBLE STUDY
CONTINUES ON
WEDNESDAY
MORINNGS**



10:30—11:30 a.m.

Each week we meet on Wednesday morning in the Holdridge library and discuss the scripture for the upcoming Sunday in a relaxed and fun setting. All are welcome!

Women's FELLOWSHIP

March Meeting

Tuesday, March 11th

2:00-3:30 NOTE TIME CHANGE!

Fellowship Hall



Women's Fellowship will be gathering on Tuesday, March 11, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m., 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 to deliver. Last year we did this, and it was heartwarming to see how much the baskets were appreciated. We can also add people to the list if we realize we have left anyone out.

March Luncheon Out

Our March luncheon out will be held on Tuesday, March 25th. Details are still being worked out so watch for an update via email and in the weekly Eblast.

April Meeting

Tuesday, April 8th

7:00-8:30 Social Hall



The Connection

In April, our speaker will be Denetra

G. McBride, Program Director 3, for Coley, Hallie, and Hogan House Women's Recovery Support Programs through the Family and Child Services at The Connections. The Connection offers nationally recognized child welfare-focused programs that help families provide stable, loving homes for all children.

Coley House, located in Bridgeport, Hallie House, located in Middletown, and Hogan House located in Hartford are, according to their website, "residential step-down program where pregnant and/or parenting women are required to participate in community-based substance use treatment while living in a safe and structured environment. Clients meet with their Case Manager on a weekly basis and attend daily psychoeducational groups. The program is designed to support women as they return to their communities as a healthy and productive parent in recovery". Back in 2020, the director of **Mother's Retreat**, a predecessor of the Coley, Hallie, and Hogan House programs, came and spoke about that program. We are excited to hear about these new programs and all they offer to help reunite and stabilize families after "difficult life challenges such as trauma, substance use, struggles with behavioral health, or homelessness". We hope you will be able to join us.

SAVE THE DATE!

May Bake Sale

We are making plans to hold a bake sale during the Ledyard Garden's Annual Plant Sale on **Saturday, May**



17th. We were able to resume this activity last year after a few years off and despite a raining day, made a profit of \$1,076.25! More details to follow.

Women's Fellowship is open to anyone who would like to join us. You do not need to be a member or even a regular attendee of Ledyard Congregational Church. Feel free to bring a friend.

Meredith Schuft, Chair

Email: chrisandmeri@gmavt.net

LICEAF Annual Appeal



LICEAF (Ledyard Inter-Church Emergency Fund, Inc.) a charitable organization, administers grants to residents of Ledyard-Gales Ferry who are faced with emergency financial needs. Examples are assistance with fuel and utility bills, food, rent and medical needs, not covered by other social programs.

You will soon be receiving a community-wide letter informing you of ways to donate. Please open it and consider donating to help our neighbors in need.

Wells for South Sudan Update

Last year, Gabriela taught us all about the importance of providing fresh drinking water to the people of South Sudan. When Gabriela first introduced the Sunday School students to this need, she told us that rather than go to school, young girls were sent to collect water to bring back to their homes. Not only did they miss getting their education, but the water wasn't always safe to drink, and many people suffered from drinking it. Gabriela met with LCC Missions Committee members to ask for their support, organized her friends to raise money at a Pancake Breakfast, and even made a presentation to the local Rotary Club. Gabriela submitted the funds that she raised

under the name, Team Ledyard.

This week, after learning that many non-profit organizations lost their funding, forcing the shutdown of electrical supply to some of the wells in South Sudan, we reached out to Wells for South Sudan for an update. Wells for South Sudan is based in Rochester and doesn't rely on government funds. Their projects are still on schedule. However, many of the refugee camps, medical clinics, food programs, and some other well projects completely lost their funding. UNICEF was among the organizations that were affected.

While the Team Ledyard well is still on target to be built soon (well #3 is

being built now, and Team Ledyard is #5), Wells For South

Sudan is looking to expand its reach. They are partnering with another nonprofit, Transform South Sudan, which operates the only health clinic within a 100-mile radius, treating many water borne illnesses. The goal is to drill an additional ten wells in the rural areas surrounding the clinic. Their fundraising efforts will begin sometime in March.

Gabriela's interest in South Sudan brings us all closer to the people in that region. As a congregation, in supporting Gabriela's goal, we made a huge difference in the lives of others.



Easter Flower Order Form — 2025

Would you like to help adorn the sanctuary with Easter flowers on Easter Sunday April 20th in honor of or in memory of a loved one? To do so, simply fill in the information below and make a check out to **Ledyard Congregational Church with Easter Flowers on the memo line**. Due to pastor Pat's allergy to lilies & hyacinths, a variety of potted spring flowers will be purchased at \$15.00 each. Mail the completed form along with your check to Ellen Seeman, 8 Darrows Ridge Rd., East Lyme, CT 06333 or leave it in the Clerk's mailbox outside the church offices. Orders must be received by **APRIL 13th**. Order forms are also available on the table in the Fellowship Hall.



Your Name(s): _____ Phone #: _____

Name(s) to be remembered:

Name(s) to be honored:

Numbers of plants ordered: _____ Check enclosed for \$ _____ (made out to: **Ledyard Congregational Church**)

Please indicated whether you will be picking up your plant after the Easter service _____ or wish to donate it _____.



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