

The Scribe

September 2023

As I sit here looking out my window at another beautiful warm summer day, it is hard to believe that summer is coming to a close. As schools are getting ready to open once again, and folks are returning from vacations and family gatherings, let us celebrate a new season together here at Dunns Corner. It is my hope that everyone, everyone, can find a way to become involved here this fall. It is my hope that you will join in a few things happening this fall in the area of study, worship, fellowship and service. Try something new – come to a bible study, sign up to help with a fellowship hour or ask about ushering on a Sunday morning, try out a choir rehearsal, sign up to cook for the Warm Shelter, volunteer to help with the Christmas Bazaar. On Sunday, September 10, Rally Day, each committee and organization here will have a display in our fellowship hall, so that everyone can search for that place to serve here and in our community, as we continue to build a strong Christian community here. A community of care and grace and love. Welcome back travelers, hope to see you soon.

One thing I will miss as we move into a new season are the beautiful Sunday's we have had this summer worshipping at the Chapel in the Pines

Pastor Joan



RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 10

Rally Day is our day to celebrate being back together at the start of the new church year.

Rally Day is our time to learn what each of the various parts of the church are doing or plans for the new year.

Rally Day is our opportunity to offer to help one or more of these groups.

Rally Day is our time to commit to our being a rich community of all members and friends.

Please come – right after each service.



SEW GOOD SOULS

We are so pleased we had such a productive sewing season in 2023 and a great quilt show. Going from 50 quilts in a show to 80 and having 72 visitors instead of the 42 we had last year was remarkable. And we have set our dates for 2024 already. Our large yellow sign has been attracting visitors and this year I put a larger ad in the Westerly "things to do" section promoting the show. We do have flyers that we post in local libraries and Post Offices, but we need to do a better job on that next year. We would love to have someone from the Westerly Sun visit one of our workshops and promote our show in July, so if anyone in the congregation has a contact with the Sun, please let Lois Gardner know. Also, anyone interested in helping us do promotion, we would love to have you part of our team. Contact Lois Gardner at ltgardnerari@yahoo.com

Sew, what's new? We have learned that the women of the Chikumbuso Project would prefer to wear a skirt and T-shirt instead of the sundresses the younger girls wear. We can easily start making skirts in the new year, but we will need to do some kind of fundraising to purchase T-shirts. We recently spent \$430 for bias tape for sundress straps, and we will be needing to purchase batting for our quilts in 2024. Needless to say we have been using up a lot of products! Right now I am thinking of having a dollar donation container in Fellowship Hall each Sunday. If you have some change or a real dollar bill (who carries cash anymore??) to put in the container we may have a good start to be able to purchase T-shirts in 2024.

If you or if you know of someone cleaning out their sewing room, please let them know we are still collecting 100% cotton fabric, flannel fabric, and cotton trims. If they need assistance in cleaning out their sewing room, they can contact Lois Gardner at ltgardnerari@yahoo.com

At the August meeting we began a series of discussions regarding how to address a changing church. During this time of transition, we need to look at where we are today and where the church needs to adjust to community in a changing society. We also began a practice of a monthly update on the Pastoral Nominating Committee as they proceed. The congregation will receive regular updates as well. Much goes into the duties of the PNC. First there needs to be a church profile developed describing who we are to prospective clergy, finances of what we can afford to pay for salary and housing and finally the review of resumes of candidates. All this must be reviewed and approved by the Presbytery.



from our
Session

As we approach the fall, programs will return introduced by Rally Day September 10. Many volunteers are needed to keep the church operating. The church bazaar planning has begun, which is our biggest fundraiser. The music programs will resume. Volunteers are regularly needed for liturgists, hosting fellowship hour, baking for W.A.R.M., assistance with child care and visitation of shut-ins.

The Mission Committee is helping to move the next refugee family in on August 21. Many thanks to all who supported them. This is a family of five, parents and three children. The work of our Mission Committee is phenomenal!

This coming year we look forward to two concerts. Shoreline Ringers under the direction of Maestro Andy Wallace will return. Congratulations to Andy! Also, a male chorus called the Barn Stormers will be scheduled.

Stewardship campaign will begin. This year will be more challenging in that our church donations are down and we are experiencing a cash flow problem. During this time of transition our need will be greater. One big hurdle we will face calling a new pastor will be the cost of affordable housing in this area.

So lets all pitch in to make this coming season the best yet. AG



REFUGEE
Resettlement

Mission Committee

A group of dedicated church members & friends traveled to Providence on Monday, August 21st to set up an apartment for a soon to be arriving Syrian family of 5. Mom, dad, a 5yr. Old girl and 2 boys 9 and 12 yrs. Old.

In addition to all the Walmart items purchased by several church members for the apartment, the Sew Good Souls donated 3 beautiful hand-sewn quilts for the children.

Thank you all for your generosity!!



DEACONS CORNER

The Deacons of the church are busy reaching out to meet needs in the congregation and the community. Although our Board of Deacons is actively involved in many endeavors, some current activities are highlighted below. Deacons continue to seek and grow as a community where God's love and kindness are available for all.

Warm Shelter Dinner: **Swiss Chicken Dinners** are back, sign up in Fellowship Hall. Remember we are the first Saturday of the month - **September 2nd**- church will be open from 8 am - 2 pm to accept donations. Please use all disposable containers.

Jonnycake: We continue to greatly appreciate all the donations received! As we turn to fall we could use the following items:

Condiments - Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Pickles, Olives, Relish, etc.

Adult Cereal - Cold and Oatmeal

Soup

Black Beans

Spaghetti Sauce

Thank you for your support!

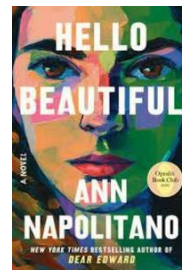
We need your help! Please be sure to visit the bulletin board just inside Fellowship Hall. There you'll find information and sign ups for everything from upcoming events and activities to Coffee Fellowship, Communion servers, Sunday morning flowers, WARM dinners and more. Hope you'll stop by the board regularly and find various ways to participate!

Deacons who are faithfully serving the congregation are:

Pam Ganz, Yvette Drurey, Dianne Lowther, Sandy Santy, Doreen Smith, Jeanne Pietraallo, Sue Rieger, Marilyn Brandyberry, Sharon Joiner, Sue Eldredge, Bonnie Krauss, and Cheryl Remsbecker

Presbyterian Women Book Club

Our first in person/zoom book club will be held at 7pm on Monday September 25th. We will discuss the book *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. Anyone interested contact Sue Rieger at talltreesue1@gmail.com.



Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord (Psalm 100)

It seems to me that everybody sings at one point in time or another...we sing in the shower, we sing to the radio in our car, we sing to a tiny baby to lull them to sleep. It makes us feel good! Well, that's the feeling I've gotten over the past 30+ years singing in DCCCP's choir.

My career was in a very fast paced, high stress environment – I looked forward to our Thursday evening rehearsal as an oasis of calmness where my mind focused only on the music. Now retired, my “choir family” is an important, happy part of my week. On Sunday mornings, singing for not only the congregation but also our good Lord, brings pleasure that's hard to describe but absolutely real.

Whether you're young (our kids sang in the choir throughout their teen years) or more “mature”, bass, tenor, alto, soprano (or not even sure), experienced or a novice – there's a warm welcoming group of folks who would love to have you join the fun (and it is!) on Thursday evenings between 7 and 8:30 pm.

There are no auditions!!! Nobody will call to say, “Why weren't you at rehearsal?” (Although somebody might call to check and make sure you're OK – sort of like family). And everyone's there to help and support each other – especially our Director, Andy Wallace, who has the patience of Job, a great smile and a mind open to questions and suggestions.

And you don't have to commit forever and a day. If you would like to “stick your toe in the water before diving in headfirst”, you could start, as many have in the past, by joining us to for the upcoming fall season which includes all the wonderful Advent and Christmas music. Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 7th, at 7 pm in the downstairs choir room.

If you're looking for a personal invitation, this is it. If you have questions or just want to learn more, I would be delighted to hear from you. ivangowen@gmail.com or 401-474-7765. Join us and make a joyful noise.

Meet our New Members – Marty Gallagher and Dan Charette



Each new member brings fresh ideas and a different perspective to us – refreshing for all. Please welcome Marty and Dan, as you have welcomed each of us as we join this congregation.

If you are a visitor among us, we hope you feel part of this community. If you want to learn more about us, call Pastor Joan or Linda Griffin.

We're always eager to visit and tell you more about DCCCP.





Holiday Bazaar & Raffle

Saturday, November 19th, 2023
9 am to 2 pm

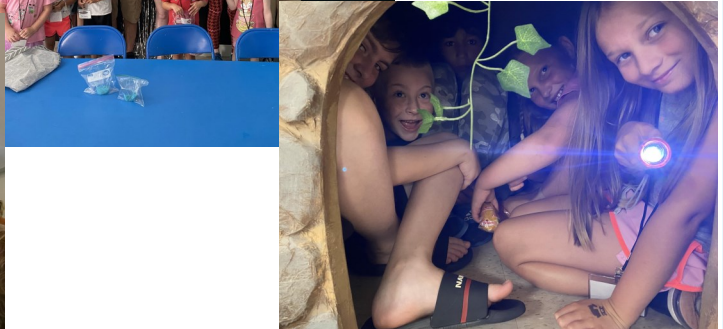
The Planning for the Christmas bazaar has begun. We are excited to start planning. To make this successful, we need everyone's help. We need folks to help with each of the Bazaar Favorites including the Cookie Walk, Bake Sale, Pastors pies, Jewelry, Raffles, Luncheon, Crafts, and other ideas. If you have any questions about the bazaar, please contact Laurie Berry @ lsberry12@gmail.com or 860-501-7801



Four members of our **Teen Team** recently participated in the Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina. During the week-long conference they participated in small group discussions and activities, listened to keynote speakers, went to a waterfall and on a hike, and fellowshiped with youth groups from Florida and North Carolina! We thank everyone who supported our trip in any capacity!



Thank you to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School a success. With the donations and help of all the Volunteers hard work, we blasted off into our space theme VBS with Songs, Fun science experiments, Bible lessons, and more. We had children attend our VBS from the Early Learning Center, friends, family, and a few children who had never been to church before. If you are interested in helping at future events, consider joining the Christian education committee. We have monthly meetings where we brainstorm ideas for upcoming events for the youth of our church and community. If you are interested, please contact Amanda McLintock: AmandaMcLintock@gmail.com





Women's Retreat

October 27th - 28th, 2023

‘BIBLICAL WISDOM FOR THE MODERN WOMAN.’

Marilyn Brandyberry and Mary Slattery will lead us as we explore the big impact of those little words, “Yes, No and Why.” When women look at our schedules, we consider the impact of saying “Yes.” But when we say yes to one thing, we are also saying no to something else. It is important to determine why we say yes to some things. What is our best yes? Discern God’s plan for spending your time and talents wisely. Deepen your relationship with God and His Word while learning to say your best yes to Him.

AND . . . in addition to our study sessions, we will have time for games, jigsaw puzzles and s’mores around the campfire. Learn, play, share, and get to know one another better!

WHERE Camp Wightman, 207 Coal Pit Hill Rd., Griswold, Connecticut

ARRIVAL Check in 4:00 pm, Friday, Oct. 27th. Dinner served at 6pm.

DEPARTURE Check out 4:00 pm, Saturday, Oct. 28th

COST \$115 per person - includes accommodations and three meals: Friday dinner plus Saturday breakfast and lunch. (*Rooms sleep two, three, or four. You may choose your roommate*)

Cost for attending on Saturday only is \$65.

STUDY BOOK **Included in the fee** is the book, “The Best Yes: Making Wise Decisions in the Midst of Endless Demands,” by Lysa TerKerst, and the companion workbook.

BLESS OTHERS Scholarships – No woman left behind! Please call Cathy Kellers to discuss financial aid.

WHAT TO BRING Bible, journal or notebook, comfortable warm clothes and personal items, flashlight, sheets, your favorite pillow, 1-2 extra blankets (one is provided), pajamas, toiletries, bath soap, and towels (hand, bath or face – or all!).

REGISTRATION Send your completed registration form with a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit to the church office. We accept cash, or check payable to “DCCCP” with memo “Women’s Retreat.” Remaining payment of \$90 (\$40 for Saturday only) is due by Oct. 1, 2023. *Study guide and workbook included!*

\$25 Deposit must accompany registration form – Thank you!

CANCELLATIONS: If a participant cancels her attendance by Oct. 1, all monies will be refunded minus the non-refundable \$25.00 deposit.



Women's Retreat

October 27th - 28th, 2023

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address 1 _____ Address 2 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone(____) _____

I would like to room with _____

I would prefer to sleep on: Upper Bunk ___ Lower Bunk ___ No Preference ___

Special Dietary Needs* _____

Allergies _____

I will help with the following: *(We could use your help!)*

Activities _____ Music _____ Prayer _____ Hospitality _____

Total cost is \$115 for two-day, one night; or \$65 for Saturday only. Deposit of \$25.00 must accompany registration. Checks payable to: DCCCP with "Women's Retreat" in the memo line. Final payment of \$90 (\$40 for one day) is due by October 1st.

I would like to speak to someone about a scholarship (confidential) _____

By signing below, I acknowledge that Camp Wightman is an alcohol-free facility.

Signature: _____

Please place in the offering plate, mail to the Church office, or give to retreat volunteer on Sunday.

TOTAL PAID WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM:	
Deposit \$25 (required)	_____
Full cost \$115 for two-day	_____
\$65 for Saturday only	_____
I'd like to help with scholarships	_____
TOTAL PAID	_____

SEPTEMBER 2023 SABBATH DAY WORSHIP

Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Sunday, September 3 *Celebration of Holy Communion –Joan Priest*

Sermon: *Follow the Leader*

Text: Jesus said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

New Testament: Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday, September 10 *Joan Priest*

Sermon: *Following the light*

Text: Jesus said, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

New Testament: Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday, September 17 *Joan Priest*

Sermon: *The power of Forgiveness*

Text: Peter asked Jesus, “Lord, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

New Testament: Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday, September 24 *Guest Preacher*

Sermon: *Parable of the laborers in the vineyard*

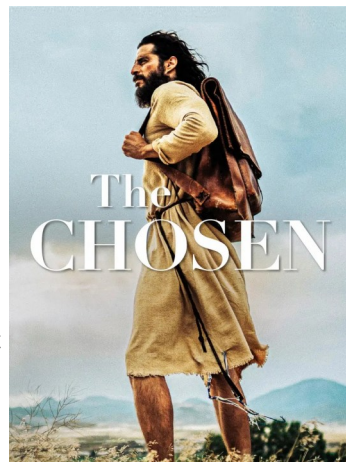
Text: Jesus said, “So the last will be first , and the first will be last.”

New Testament: Matthew 20:1-16

Worship

BIBLE STUDY

Great writing, powerful acting, varied costumes and dramatic sets. That is what you will enjoy when Tuesday Morning Bible Study resumes on August 29 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. We will be viewing and discussing Season Three of **The Chosen**. Those who have been a part of the discussions of Seasons 1 and 2 may wish to view the episodes again before the class begins. Those of you who haven't been a part of this class may wish to join in. This is a good time to engage with this class. There is time to binge on seasons 1 and 2 before the class meets. Simple download **The Chosen** app onto your smart TV, computer or tablet. The app is free, and you can view all episodes for free. If you have questions, get in touch with Linda Chaffee 377-8490. This series is a wonderful way to get to know the apostles in a personal way. (Warning: Season 1 Episode 1 is rather confusing. Once you get into the series you will understand the reason for the confusion.)



October is Stewardship month. Though we typically think of stewardship in terms of money, I encourage members to think of stewardship in terms of time and talents as well. For example, the Tuesday morning work crew helps keep the building in great shape, (which saves us a great deal of money), the choirs enrich the worship experience, hungry people are fed through time and donations at the Johnny Cake center and the W.A.R.M. Shelter, quilts are being made, bears are being given to people who need a lift. There are many, many more examples of stewardship DCCCP does that "if every one of them was written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have enough room for the books that would be written (John 21:25). Well, maybe not the whole world, but we do a lot for this community as we started as a community centered church and continue to be one.

In faith in Christ,
Bruce Yarnall, Stewardship Chair



Time, Talents & Treasure

SOCIAL PLANNING

As you may know there is a group from church that organizes social events for all to attend. If you are interested in joining, please come see us at our table on Rally day, or contact Cathy Kellers. Our next meeting is Mon, Sept 18th at 6pm. Thank you to all that responded to the social planning survey. We want to share the top five:

1. NYC Rockettes – be on the lookout for Dec 2024
2. Train Dinner – planning for Spring of 2024
3. Movie Night – See Below—Fri, Sept 22nd at 6:30
4. Progressive Meal – planning for Mar 2024
5. Hike – planning for Oct 2023
5. (yes there was a tie) Newport Tea

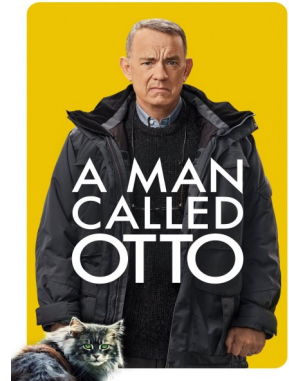
Also, as has been the tradition, December Mystic Movie Theater is being planned. The movie this year will be “**The Muppet Christmas Carol**”. We look forward to spending fellowship time with you all.

MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPT 22nd AT 6:30pm
AT DCCCP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

(BRING A CHAIR, BRING A FRIEND...POPCORN WILL BE PROVIDED)

Based on the 2012 novel A Man Called Ove by author Fredrik Backman, who drew inspiration from a real-life cranky man... and himself. Starring Tom Hanks as Otto.



"Do you enjoy social media? Facing people on Facebook? Instant gratification on Instagram?"

"The church office is looking for one or two media-savvy volunteers. You will post news about events and respond to questions and comments a few times a month.

"We are also looking for someone with a knowledge of WordPress to help update our website and transition to a new WordPress theme.

"Please let Nancy Fortin in the church office know if you are interested. We hope to hear from you soon!"



GriefShare®

GriefShare is a 13 week Christ centered seminar and support group where you can find help and healing for the loss of a loved one. We will meet weekly in the Meeting House on Sundays from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM starting on September 10, 2023

If you are interested in signing up or have questions, please contact Marilyn Brandyberry at mebrandyberry@gmail.com or (401) 662-3926.



A big "Thank You" to all of you for your prayers, thoughts, cards, calls and the many other ways you helped me recover from my back surgery in June. It made all the difference in my recovery. Thank you, God, for surrounding me with such a loving church community and, of course, for my wonderful family who were there through every step of the way. My Love to you all! Judy Nichipor

A note of thanks to **Charlestown Fence LLC**. For donating a portion of the fence installed for KidKare

Mr. Brown,

We want to thank you for the quality work you did installing our new fence protecting the kids in the field at the rear parking lot of our grounds. You did a fine job and now our children and care professionals can breathe a sigh of relief that they are safer. We also are touched and very grateful for your **generous donation** toward the cost of the job. **The \$1,092 portion of the work you donated is significant and much appreciated.**

Thank you again for your professionalism and generosity.

Sincerely,
Larry Fortin
DCCCP B&G Chair

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
					1	2 8 am-2 pm Deacons Collect Meals for the WARM Center (FH)
3 8 am Chapel in the Pines Worship 9 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Worship & Storytime 11 am Fellowship Hour Communion Sunday	4 	5 8:30 am Work Team 9:30 am Bible Study 5 pm Christian Ed Committee 5-7 pm Teen Time	6 1:30-3:30 Westerly Village (FH) 6-8 pm Cub Scouts	7 5:45-7 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30pm Chancel Choir	8	9
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