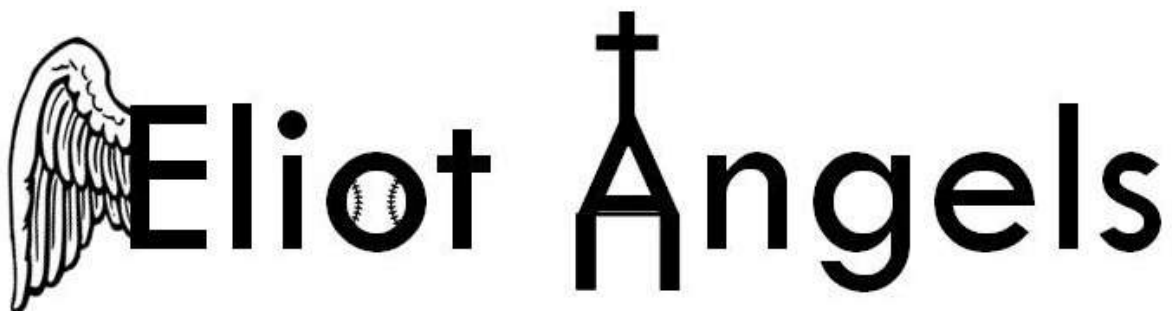


First Congregational Church of Eliot
United Church of Christ
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
THE ECHO |
NOVEMBER 2017

PASTOR: REV. DR. BETH HOFFMAN



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Be a fan of FCCE! Be a team player and help us hit a stewardship home run! Turn in your pledge card with your faith promise and help this be a World Series Championship of Giving. November 19th will be the Sunday of gift celebration but turning your promise in early will give your team the runs batted in for success!

LADIES CIRCLE

On Wednesday Oct. 4, 11 ladies met.

Barbara Sullivan and Janice Bowden served cider and donuts for refreshments. Many can goods were brought in for Project Share to help the Lions Baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Our November meeting will be on Monday Nov. 6 at 9:30 a.m. When we will start to set up for the Christmas Carole Fair which will be on Saturday November 11.

The ladies were asked to bake for the bake table for the fair. Especially needed are pies and loaves of white or wheat, etc bread. **SMALL** cookies for the Cookie Walk. We will be pricing items for the fair each Monday night at the Craft Meeting.

If you have made items for the fair, try to bring them in before the day of the fair. Items for the White Elephant Room may be brought in to the Craft Room at any time. Please no junk, just good items to sell.

Gift Certificates for the raffle are needed. Tickets for the raffle will be \$1 each or \$5.00 for 6 tickets.

Volunteer to help set up, work the day of the fair and clean up at the end of the day.

Our Thrift Shop will be doing bag sales until the end of October, at which time we will close for the year.

All ladies are welcome to join us on the first Wednesday of each month.



THRIFT SHOP

CLOSED FOR THE YEAR

**WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING ITEMS
WE WILL START ALL OVER AGAIN IN MARCH
THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED OR
BOUGHT FROM US THIS SUMMER.**

PROJECT SHARE

It is time to think again about the Project Share Program that is coordinated by the Eliot Lions Club. As you know, this program is a coordinated effort to collect and distribute nonperishable food to those families in need in Eliot. Our church plays a very important role in this program. First of all, members bring in food donations to the church. Donations can be deposited in the box under the table in the church narthex. The school system also has a program for collecting food for Project Share.

Our church will again donate the use of the Thrift Shop area to store all food collected, which is then delivered to the families. Some of our members have helped with the sorting and packing of the food for individual families. For this year, the dates people need to be aware of for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are the following :food will be brought to our church around 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (11/16/17 for Thanksgiving and 12/14/17 for Christmas). We will begin the process of sorting on those two days. The completion of sorting, plus packing, will be completed starting at 9:00 on 11/17/17 and 12/15/17. The food will be delivered to the families on 11/18/17 and 12/16/17 by the Boy Scouts.

On behalf of the Eliot Lions Club, I would to again thank our church for its important role in making this great service happen.-Dick Bogh



CHRISTMAS CAROLE FAIR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11th
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CRAFTS & GIFTS



Fingerless gloves, Knitted/crocheted baby items, scarfs, mittens, socks, handmade jewelry

RAFFLES

Gift certificates, food and gift baskets

THE BAKERY SHOPPE

Homemade Pies, Breads, Cookies, Bars, Scones, Brownies and more

THE CANDY SHOPPE

Fudge, Nuts and Special Treats!

CHILDREN'S

SHOPPING ROOM

Gifts \$1 and under. Volunteers help with shopping and wrapping

JEWELRY

Vintage Necklaces, Bracelets and more!

FOOD COURT

Breakfast Sandwiches, Lobster Rolls, Corn Chowder, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs
Apple Pie and Sundaes for dessert!

THE COOKIE WALK

16 Feet of ALL Kinds of Cookies!

WHITE ELEPHANT

Used Items at BEST Prices!

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>****</p> <p>weekly Worship 10am</p> | | | <p>1</p> <p>**1-7pm Banjo ~ Weekly</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Exercise 8am ** Bluegrass 4-7pm (Weekly)</p> | <p>3</p> <p>Exercise 8am</p> | <p>4</p> |
| <p>5</p> <p>8:30 Choir ****</p>  <p>Communion</p> | <p>6</p> <p>9:30am Ladies Circle 7pm Craft Group</p> | <p>7</p> <p>Deacons 6pm</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Prop. Bd. 5:30pm **</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Exercise 8am Garden Club 12-3:30pm **</p> | <p>10</p> <p>Exercise 8am</p> | <p>11</p> <div style="border: 2px solid brown; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>Christmas Carole Fair 8am to 1pm</i></p> </div> |
| <p>12</p> <p>8:30 Choir ****</p> <p>C.E. Penny Collection</p> | <p>13</p> <p>7pm Craft Group</p> | <p>14</p> <p>Council 6pm</p> | <p>15</p> <p>**</p> | <p>16</p> <p>Exercise 8am **</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Exercise 8am</p> | <p>18</p> |
| <p>19</p> <p>****</p> <p>Finance Committee 11:30 12:30 Choir</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p> <p>OPERATION TURKEY SANDWICH ASSEMBLY starting at 5PM</p> | <p>23</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>  | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> |
| <p>26</p> <p>8:30 Choir ****</p> <p>C.E. 11:30</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> <p>Exercise 8am Garden Club 9am to 1pm</p> | | |

Holiday Take Away Café

Friday, December 8

4:00-7:00 pm

Enjoy your holidays!!
Save on time...pick up
homemade meals & goodies
for your family, friends and
freezer!

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COUNCIL/BOARD/TEAM HIGHLIGHTS for NOVEMBER

FINANCE: Jan McMullen, Treasurer, reported that she will need \$6484 to meet the payroll and outstanding bills by the end of October. There are 2 Sundays left this month.

PROPERTY Smith Brothers have repaired and waxed the floor in the large room in the Parish Hall. Jeff Pelkey has finished the coating of the sidewalks and the parking lot with amazing results!. The repair of the bottom section on the side of the parish hall was canceled because of the pending weather and has not been rescheduled. Estimates are being looked into for siding for the parish hall and the church and windows for the parish hall. Mark is looking into the possibility of putting useable WiFi in the church. Mark is looking into why we are being charged different rates for electricity in the church and the parish hall. Mark has made new doors for the outside trash containers and added new paint. This should keep out the raccoons,

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Lydia has set up a monthly schedule for Church School. She has been able to secure the help of a number of people in the church for each Sunday. In December, she will be taking the Sunday School as a whole to work on the Christmas Pageant . She is very happy that there is interest in a confirmation class. Talk to her or Pastor Beth if you know someone wants to take part.

LADIES CIRCLE: Canned goods were brought in for Project Share. The Thrift Shop will close on Saturday October 28. The Monday night Craft Group has started pricing articles made for the November 11 fair. Gift certificates are needed for the Raffle. Doris has Raffle tickets.

MISSION Our church put together 5 buckets which were taken to Portland to be combined with 300 others from UCC churches in Maine.

Many other churches and groups contributed as well to be given to Church World Service to help people in the hurricanes.

STEWARDSHIP Baseball score board is in the back of the church. The heads of the teams have met and will be dividing up people into teams.

OPERATION TURKEY SANDWICH is underway!

PASTOR NOTES

The dedicating of the memorial garden will be in the Spring.

Christmas Eve December 24 evening service will be at 5 P.M There will be a regular morning service at 10 a. m.. Signs will be made to announce the different time of evening service

Pastoral Care Needs have been great in the month of October.

BUDGET PLANNING Jan asked that the budget from the various committees be ready for the November meeting.



NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVANTS

Fellowship Hour

5 Sonya Quinn and Pastor Beth
12 Laurie Tory and Loretta Downey
19 Sue Beattie and Loraine Boyer
26 Diane Burbank and Joanne Cultrera

Looking ahead to December

3 Jennifer Swanson and Pastor Beth
10 Jane Spinney and Joan Pelkey
17 Joan Donhauser and Julie Pelkey
24 Christmas Eve day, no fellowship hr.
31- Peggy Gray and Robin Wheeler

Liturgists

5 Pastor Beth
12 Laurie Tory
19 Richard Donhuaser *stewardship day*
26 Mark Hoffman

Ushers

5 Brad and Jen Swanson
12 David and Paula Caswell
19 Duane Bateman and Loriane Boyer
26 Linda Downey and Laurie Troy

Nursery

We always have a caregiver available for our littlest ones.

Deacon of the Month: Linda Gove

Church School Adventures NOVEMBER is GRATITUDE

5 Corn Maze Adventure Trip with Lydia and chaperones
12, 19, 26, Ann Bailey for sr class
and **Sherry Goodnough** for jr class

Sanctuary Steward

Linda Gove



Birthdays

- 1 - Dottie Edson
- 4 - Lauren Cultrera
- 4 - Tyler Small
- 9 - Walter Gove
- 13- Rebecca Schenk
- 14 - Beth Hoffman
- 15 - Kate Bonafede
- 20 - Jeanne Morin
- 21 - Liz Futterer
- 22 - Nancy Shapleigh
- 27 - Duane Bateman
- 30 - Joan Donhauser

SENIOR CHOIR NOW REHEARSES for ADVENT and CHRISTMAS as 8:30 AM on Sunday mornings. Ever wanted to try being in the choir? Now is the time. No week day practice!

Teams for Stewardship Season.

Send in your pledge/ faith promise and help
your team win the world series!

DON'T WAIT!
EACH CARD THAT COMES IN, EVEN IF IT IS
PROMISING A ONE TIME GIFT OR THE ENDLESS
GIFT OF PRAYER, IT SCORES A RUN!
LOOK AND SEE WHAT TEAM YOU ARE PLAYING
FOR.

TEAM JOHN: Jan McMullen Captain

Barzal Marice
Bicknell Richard & Suzanne
Bowden Janice
Brackett June
Charles & Jane Brooks
Pat Cress
Nancy Cultrera
Iola Gilman
Goodwin Mike & Cathy
Gosselin Bobbi
Grogan Betty
Hamm-Bland Marilyn
Hundley Bob & Nancy
Lankford Harry & Pam
McMullen Russ and Jan
Orr Chris & Kristin
Paulantonio Jean
Olivia Phipps
Richard & Judith Pruett
Seibert Mary
Shirk Larry & Carole
Seaward George & Sullivan Barbara
Swanson Brad and Jen
Taylor Jo Harriet
Vetter, Scott & Kate



TEAM LUKE: Peggy Gray, Captain

Beattie, Dave & Sue
Bryant, Judy
Bryce, Audrey & Roddy
Cultrera, Steve & Joanne
Cultrera, Lauren & Tyler Small
Downey Linda
Downey Loretta
Edson Dick & Dottie
Eldredge Brian & Susan
Eldredge Marion
Futterer, Liz & Sandy Norris
Goss Marcia
Gray Chris & Janelle
Gray David & Peggy
Grover Doris
Hoyt Nancy
Jenkins Helene
Koch, Jeff & Vicki
Lonergan, Jason & Jessica
Pike, Peter & Tina
Searles Helen
Spinney Jane
Tobey Alice
Tobey Dana
Wheeler David & Robin

TEAM MATTHEW

Richard Donhauser, Captain

Angis Neil & Katy

Bailey Ann

Bateman Duane

Berg, Gary & Sue

Bogh Richard & Carolyn

Boyer Loraine

Burbank Tom & Diane

Caswell David & Paula

Crosier John & Deb

Donhauser Richard & Joan

Dodge, Mark & Tina

Downey John & Susan

Gorman Joe

Gove Walter & Linda

Marshall John & Lisa

Masury Kaylee

McKenney Richard

Morin Al & Jeanne

Quinn Rob & Soyna

Scardina, Nick & Tina

Schontag John & Laura

Shapliegh, Nancy

Shiverick Dayle

Troy Shawn & Laurie



TEAM MARK: Mark Hoffman , Captain

Anderson-Wormwood, Sherri

Barthelemy, Nancy

Benedetto, Bob & Pam

Dennett, Peter

Eastwood Arthur & Paula

Emery, Dave

Fielders Cindy

Follum Rod & Faith

Goodnough Keith & Sherry

Goodnough, Alaina

Goodwin Kristina

Grondin-Bushe Shelby

Hartford, Fran & Sally

Healey Paul & Mary

Hoffman Mark & Beth

Jenkins, Bryan & Ann

Fontaine, Eric & Rachael

Lane, John & Liz

Lawrence, Mark & Tina

Pelkey Jeff & Julie

Pelkey, Joan

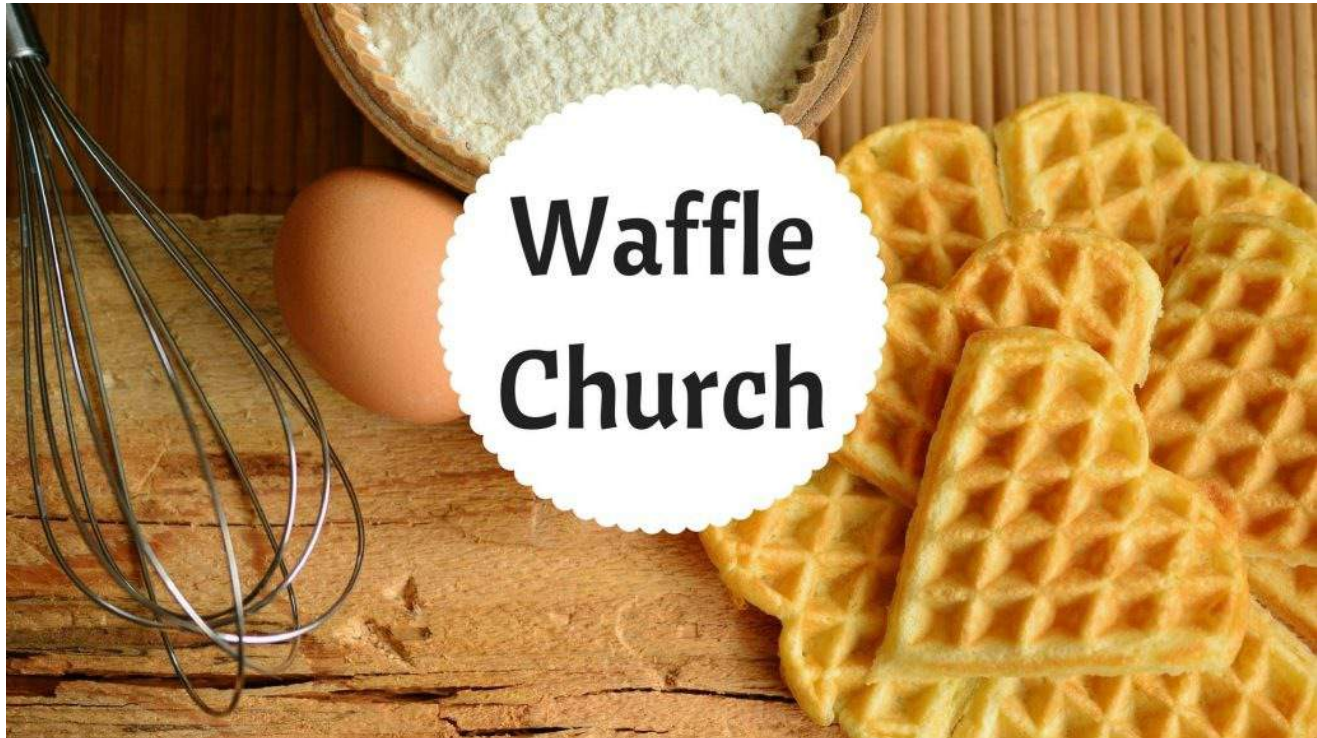
Roberge Josh & Rachael

Rodenhuis Heidi

Salzer George & Ann

Wood Scott & Carrie





Waffle Church

Pastor Beth is excited to say that, Yes is this coming in December! A new way to be church together.. **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6th at 6-7:15PM**

When should I arrive? We will start stirring batter at 5:30 and will begin worship at 6PM in the fellowship hall.

What happens at a Waffle Church service?

We sing and pray and hear the stories of Scripture. We celebrate communion by sharing bread and cup, then continue the celebration with waffles. Then we sing some more and clean-up the space before going on our way. There is often movement, and sometimes an invitation to visual art. Children and adults are invited to participate in every aspect of Waffle Church.

Why waffles?

Most everyone loves waffles; they are easy to make; they are delicious. Especially our waffles. Our volunteer waffle chefs makes the batter traditional waffles, gluten free waffles, and sometimes brownie waffles. Waffles actually trace their roots back to the iron used to prepare communion wafers for the church in medieval Europe. What a coincidence!

Is Waffle Church just for families and children?

Waffle Church is for everybody! All ages. Come alone. Come with friends. Come with a partner, a child, or a whole group. We may not all have children, but we have all BEEN children.

Is there communion? Are kids invited to join?

There is communion at every Waffle Church. We share the bread and cup together, and all are invited to the table of welcome. Children are particularly curious about communion and often gather closest to the table to hear the story and see the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. For communion, we use grape juice, not wine.

My child has special needs. What do I need to know?

Everyone is a child of God and welcome in worship. Your child is invited to participate in the way they know how. If it would be helpful to communicate with us ahead of time about your child's needs, please email us and we'll do our best to welcome your child.

How long does Waffle Church last?

Worship begins at 6PM and usually concludes by 7:15pm. Worship encompasses our waffle-eating and even our shared clean-up. If you need to leave early (for sleep or other engagements), you are welcome to do so.

SEE YOU THERE!