

In Our Prayers

Those who mourn the passing of Brian Kirmil**John J D’Andrea, close friend of the Savanellis who passed away very suddenly** The family of Emma V. May** Amanda Otfinoski, victim of a hit and run** Megan Perkowski **Alexander Karacsonyi **Cousin Jean Farrell and Aunt Joyce Gorsky (the McKenna Family) **A Friend Diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer** Mark and Lynn Bailey (friends of John and Sherry Perkowski)** Tim Keogh** Ann Hebert (Lori Fast-Minkema’s friend)** Charmaine Craggs** Ashley Sibley (Bernie and Tony’s great-niece)** Pam Savanelli** Hayden Steinhilper (serving our country)** Kimberly Eames-Burgett (friend of Lori Folk Barron)**Tom Jastermsky** Connie Ferrara (Sue Keogh’s mom)** Gabe and Jude Heidenis (Bernie and Tony’s grandsons)**Jack Grotti (friend of Sally Coleman)** Wendy Riddle Brod (Sandy Week’s sister)** Cathy Kovi** Holly Arce (Daughter-in-law of Manuel Arce and Deborah Sinon)** Kyle Denson (friend of Kristen Hinckley)** Sandy McCume** Betsy-Sue Eisenman** Hazel Rickes (Kristen Hinckley’s grandmother)**Anne Stevens (Ken’s mother)** Judy and Eric Rickes (Kristen Hinckley’s parents)**Janice Frey**David Lick** Beverly Lastig** Those around the world who live in areas of conflict.



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At the First Congregational Church, UCC of Wallingford, CT, we have discerned the following vision and mission for our faith lives together:

Vision

Our faith – rooted in the compassion and teachings of Jesus Christ – is the foundation of our love for one another and service to the world around us.

We offer a home for those seeking deeper meaning or purpose in their lives through the exploration of Jesus Christ’s teachings. The love and compassion found in those teachings commit us to up lift each individual and celebrate our shared humanity.

Mission

We will foster spiritual growth, loving communication, and mutual care, thereby empowering us to confront issues that impact our community and the world, including poverty, isolation, and exclusion.

We commit to developing a nurturing environment where all are loved, valued, and inspired to meaningful participation in the life of the church. Through our Christian faith, compassion, and service, we will dedicate ourselves to making a positive impact on the lives of people in our community and beyond.

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**First Sunday
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

+ Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Cantilena* Rheinberger

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC *Shepherd Me, O God* setting, David Lasky

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Architect of the universe, Creator of heaven and earth,

All: We join together in awe and wonder to praise Your name.

One: Spirit of Life, breathing life into all and moving us to justice,

All: We worship as one body with many gifts of use to the world.

One: Jesus Christ, the True Son, who lived and died and lives again for us,

All: We follow Your way, Your truth, and Your life as disciples.

One: Holy God, Blessed Three-In One,
Though we do not fully understand, we trust in You,

All: And worship, follow, and join with You on this Journey of faith.

+HYMN Praise With Joy the World's Creator NCH #273

UNISON PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Holy God, we confess that we continue to try to put You in a box when you constantly show us Your love cannot be contained. We confess that we tried to put borders on your love that knows no bounds. We confess that in our self-righteousness we have condemned others to the point of harm. We have been unjust, unkind, unloving, completely antithetical to the ways you taught us through our

ancestors, the prophets, and Your own son. Call us into accountability. Help us to learn our painful truth of systemic sin, even within our churches, and guide us into ways of reparation and restoration. Help us to let go of what we cannot control or change but to work on what we can, to better ourselves and the world around us. Call us to love all our neighbors as ourselves as we strive to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. In Your name we pray. Amen

CLEARING OUR CONSCIENCE WITH GOD

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HONORING OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

ANTHEM *Listen with Your Heart* Brad Nix

LESSON FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:5-13
(Pew Bible NT p. 5)

THE MESSAGE - "Give Us Today Our Daily Bread"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO SHARE

OFFERTORY MUSIC *The Plans I Have for You* Allen Pote

*THE DOXOLOGY

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together" NCH #330

THE COMMUNION

+HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy NCH #277

+COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION

+ RESPONSE *God is So Good* Trad.

POSTLUDE *Toccata in E Minor* Johann Pachelbel

Announcements

Welcome to the First Congregational Church of Wallingford! If you are visiting with us this morning, we extend a special welcome and greeting to you. First Church is a part of the United Church of Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

The flowers on the altar are given in honor of Kathleen Filkins' birthday on June 3rd by her mom, Cynthia Mansfield.

Serving the church today are: Callie Shingler, Liturgist; (8:00) Ken Stevens and Loise Zemina, Greeters; (10:00) Charmaine Craig, David Wells, Greeters; Holly Francke, David Wells, Charmaine Craig and Louise Zemina, Deacons; Tony Annunziata, Ann Gygax, Russ Hinkley and Bernice Annunziata, Ushers; and Rick Voelker, Chimes.

It is a joy to celebrate life transitions with four of our High School Seniors this morning. Congratulations and blessings to Lauren Hinckley, Nele Koepfer, Ryan Villano, and Mac Cady. Thank you to our Scholarship Committee for raising money, receiving applications and making decisions to support our young people embarking on a new chapter in their lives. Heartfelt thanks to John Bau, Karen Blakeslee, Ann Gygax, Bernice Annunziata, and Tony Annunziata.

The concept of Pride Month started with the Stonewall riots that began on June 28th, 1969. These riots for gay liberation lasted several days after the police raided a gay bar called the Stonewall Inn in lower Manhattan in New York City. The following year, various cities throughout the United States held marches to commemorate the Stonewall riots and further push for gay liberation and rights. Over the following years the pride movement spread, and the number of LGBT groups quickly increased. In June 1999, President Bill Clinton declared the anniversary of the Stonewall riots every June as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month. In 2011, President Barack Obama expanded the officially recognized pride month to include all the LGBTQ+ community. President Obama further honored the origins of pride month when in 2016 he created the Stonewall National Monument which comprises the 7.7 acres around the Stonewall Inn.

We are off to a good start! As of May 31, we have received 70 pledges totaling \$163,000 toward our goal of \$345,502. Our average yearly pledge is up to \$2,328! Thank you for your generosity! Intent to give forms are available in the Narthex or church office.

Rev. Dr. Meredith Jeffers, Interim Minister
Dr. Jeanette Gross, Minister of Music
Ms. Maureen Czentnar, Office Manager
Mr. Tony Annunziata, Church Sexton
Ms. Kayla Perkowski, Sunday School Coordinator