



The Bolton Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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The vision of the Bolton Congregational Church UCC is to be true to the model and example set by the early Church of the Apostles, in our own time.



Super Sundae!!

September 22nd

As the summer comes to an end, we look forward to the church school year ahead!

Our first day of church school will be on Sunday September 22nd. Join us for our annual Super Sundae Sunday! **Please be aware that we will not be returning to two services and the church service will remain at 9:30am and church school will fall accordingly**, with the children leaving about half way through the service. We will continue with our current curriculum *Spill the Beans*. We will also continue with two classrooms, pre-k/kindergarten and 1st-7th.

I know our church is in another transition period, but I am committed to the youth of our church and the CE Board is as well. Together we are trying to come up with new and unique ways of engaging the youth and families or our congregation and our community. We need the support of the entire congregation in our efforts to do this. We all know that we are a great church with a wonderful group of people, let's continue to bring that to our surrounding community.

Jessica Romeo

Let us
WORSHIP
Together

THE 15TH ANNUAL BCC GOLF TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2019



WILLOW BROOK COUNTRY CLUB
SOUTH WINDSOR

REGISTRATION: \$90.00
(INCLUDES GREENS FEES, CART,
BEVERAGES, SNACKS, AND AN ALL-
YOU-CAN-EAT LUNCH!)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Pick up a registration form on the table in the narthex, or
click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Pastoral Search Committee

An Intentional Interim Minister provides for the ongoing worship life of the congregation, offers basic pastoral care and administrative leadership, and helps guide a church through the unique complexities, challenges and opportunities inherent in an "in-between time." This minister will have specific training to help a congregation address complex issues such as:

- Conflict with the previous pastor
- Conflict related to denominational identity

- The sense of loss experienced by members after an unusually long or successful pastorate

The interim period offers a prime time for reenergizing the church, a time for clarification and spiritual renewal. Churches that take advantage of this period for intentional focus on issues of identity, mission, and renewal have found that the church is stronger and healthier as a result. The success of the next settled pastorate is directly affected by the way in which the members of the church have taken the time necessary to address these developmental tasks.

The committee is currently looking for a candidate willing to work 25-30 hours per week. Duties would be as follows:

- Preparation and delivery of **ONE** Sunday service
- One board meeting per week
- Monthly church council meeting
- Transition conversations
- Limited office hours
- Pastoral care as needed
- Miscellaneous events

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with any of the committee members:

Dan McLennon
Lloyd Pedersen
Alan Potter
Sarah Young
Susan MacDonald

Respectfully yours,
Susan MacDonald
Interim Committee Chair

Office Hours

I hope you all enjoyed your summer! It went by too fast! I want to take a moment and thank you all for being so gracious and flexible with me. My schooling can make my life pretty hectic and it is so nice to be surrounded by such understanding individuals. This semester will prove to be a difficult one for me. My hours have changed drastically from what they were last semester.

Just a bit of background... We pick our clinical hours based on a lottery. You pick a number out of a hat and that's the order in which everyone picks his or her clinical. Unfortunately, the number I picked was second to last.

I will be at the hospital every Tuesday from 6:00am-3:30pm. I have a 4 hours class every Wednesday and

also a few lab days thrown into the mix on Mondays throughout the semester.

At first I was concerned about how I could make this work but after much thought I have come up with a solution that is beneficial for both the Church and myself. A good chunk of what I do, can be done from home. Things like the Church Chirps, monitoring emails, and even most of the Signpost can all be done from home. I will be working 5-10 hours a week from home (depending on the needs of the Church for that week) and I will be coming into the Church Office on **Thursdays and Fridays from 3:30pm-5:30pm**. I will also be coming in on Saturdays as well; but I do not yet know what time (I am waiting for my son's soccer schedule to be released). My reduced hours for the next couple of months will save the Church money but also save me some of my sanity.

As many of you already know, I am always reachable by email and even by phone. I am confident I can support your needs, even with these reduced hours. I live only 5 minutes away and am *always* willing to stop in for whatever you may need, even on my off hours.

And also, this is only temporary. A few short months and this semester will be over! Apparently, the 3rd semester of nursing school can be the hardest; they want to make sure you have what it takes!

I hope you will stick by me during these next few months. If you have any concerns/questions please do not hesitate to contact me!

Heather
Hamilton
Church Office
Manager



Senior Choir will begin on Wednesday, September 11th, at **6:30 p.m.** We are always looking for singers—so come join the fun!!

Mary Lou

CRAFTERS/STORE NEWS

For your shopping convenience, we are open on Tuesdays (10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.), on a self-serve basis on Sunday mornings and will continue opening on the first and third Saturday mornings in September and October (9:30 - 1:00). Whenever the Education Building is open or any functions are going on you are also able to shop on a self-serve basis. There are several containers throughout the Store for you to place your money, check, or I.O.U. into. We just ask that if you turn lights on to shop that you remember to turn them off as you leave. We will continue our 50% sale of household items for the month of September. We will, also, continue the 50% discount on all of our books (including books on tape), movies, and games as well as a 20% discount on our baby and children's items. During the summer months we began our trial opening of the Church Store on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9:30 - 1:00. We were happy to have several new guests who discovered the Store. They were delighted with the Store and happy to know that it was here at our church and said that they will not only return but will "spread the word". Perhaps you were not able to visit us during the summer months but hope that you, also, "spread the word" about the Store being available to everyone. Several items were purchased for teenagers going off to college or graduates going off on their own who had to fill dorm rooms or new apartment space. Think of us for some of that type of shopping. The Store is also the perfect place to buy your greeting cards, gift bags, children's books and games, cookbooks, gardening and craft books, jewelry, baby gifts, purses, and the list goes on. You can save a lot of money shopping at your Church Store while supporting the missions of the church. Shopping at your own Store = making a contribution to your own church. Thank you to everyone who has made donations. If you are in need of a donation receipt for your tax purposes, please do not hesitate to ask us for one. You can call me Lynn Ralston at 860-643-6788 or e-mail me at either bcc.chrchstr@gmail.com or lynn30145@aol.com

We hope that you all had a wonderful summer and welcome you back to a more regular church schedule

Lynn Ralston, For the Crafters/Store Volunteers

Prayer Shawl Ministry



We are a dedicated group of knitters meeting on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. year round in the lower level of the meetinghouse. We have provided hundreds of hand-knitted shawls and mantles for friends and family members of our church. There is never a

charge and anyone can make a request as a gift of caring, comfort, or for the joy of a celebration. We have some made ahead with a variety of colors and patterns, ready to

fill any requests.

We appreciate your generous support and donations of yarn, needles and money; this has enabled us to be self-supporting all these years.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and we enjoy teaching new knitters. It is a social evening. You can come anytime—come to learn, or share your patterns, or just to visit.

Dot Lessard



This September the Board of Missions is asking for your generous donations to support the Bolton Food Pantry, which is located at the Senior Center on Notch Road. The food pantry supports Bolton residents that are in need of food, toiletries, and cleaning supplies.

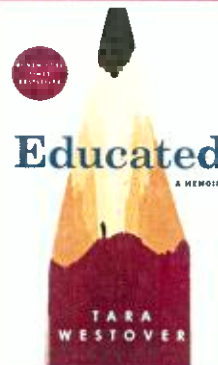
There is a list of suggested items on the table in the narthex. Please bring in your donations on any Sunday in September. Item donations can be made via a box in the narthex; monetary donations may be placed in the collection plate during service (be sure to mark your checks "Bolton Food Pantry"). Your support to this worthy cause is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

Trip Barnett

Board of Missions

Chandler Book Nook



"Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere."

Mary Schmich

We hope summer brought some adventure, much relaxation, and connection with family and friends. As we begin a new season, we are planning with much anticipation, our annual October Book Talk.

What: BookTalk on Educated: A Memoir

When: Sunday, October 27, 2019; 11:00

Where: Chandler Book Nook

Once again, First Church of West Hartford has loaned us multiple copies of the book. A review may be found on the Chandler Book Nook table in Chandler Hall. Copies for borrowing are located on the Book Nook table, as well. Please remember to sign out the book. A sign-up sheet for the October Book Talk will be posted in Chandler Hall in September.

The Library Ladies
Linda Brown
Denise McLennon

From the Heart

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"

BCC may be in the midst of changes but the truth of the quote above is at our core and will never change. One constant is how giving and kind people are at BCC. Is someone hurting? How can we help? Is someone in need? How can we help? I love the quote because it reminds us how connected we all are. It reminds us that we all go through difficult "seasons" in life and are blessed to have family, friends and our church to lean on to help us through. Faith is such a gift because it opens our eyes and our hearts making us aware of how we can be disciples and make a difference every single day.

One way "From the Heart" helps others is through our "Adopted Family" Program. The program helps individuals and families going through difficult times. How can you help? Glad you asked :)

In September, "From the Heart" is collecting non-perishable food kits that will provide both connection and time together as well as nutritional support. Suggested items are:

Taco Dinner Kits; Hamburger Helper (any variety); Jambalaya or other Rice Kits; Pasta & Sauce; Quick Bread Boxed Mixes; Blueberry Muffin Boxed Mixes; Any variety of dessert boxed mixes (brownies, cookies, cakes and frostings)

FTH collects any kind of non-perishable, paper product and personal items for our "Adopted Family" Program all year long - we hope you will help us in September to bring the gift of connection with our special food collection.

Thank you for your support!

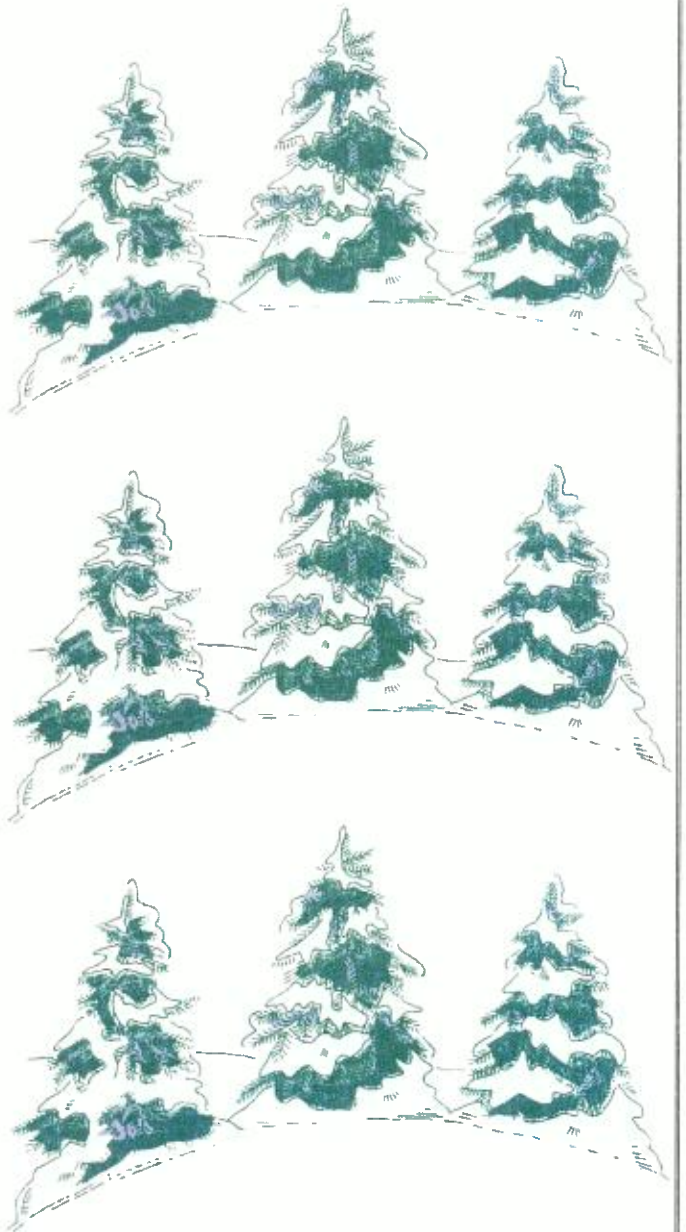
Laura Ann

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www.fromtheheartct.com



3rd Annual Festival of Trees

Our beloved Festival of Trees needs volunteers! If you are interested and able to help with this event; please contact Heather at the Church Office. This is a wonderful, successful, event for the Church... But we can't do it without volunteers ready to take it over!



2019-2020

Church School Registration Form

List all children (Infants – 8th Grade)

Family Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent or Adult Contact: _____

Child's Name: _____

Age _____ DOB _____ Grade _____

Allergies or other concerns?

Child's Name: _____

Age _____ DOB _____ Grade _____

Allergies or other concerns?

Child's Name: _____

Age _____ DOB _____ Grade _____

Allergies or other concerns?

Child's Name: _____

Age _____ DOB _____ Grade _____

Allergies or other concerns?

Parent Volunteer Opportunities (Check any):

Classroom Helper ___ Grade preferred _____




Provide food for teacher meetings _____

Help with pageants/special events _____

Please leave this form in the box in the narthex.



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Every Sunday:</i> † 9:30 a.m. - ONLY <i>Worship Services</i> <i>(unless otherwise noted)</i> † Church School at 10:00am service <i>(Unless otherwise noted)</i> Communion Sunday Board of Missions 10:30 a.m.	2	3 Crafters/Time to Socialize 10:00am <i>Church Store</i> <i>Open:</i> <i>10am-3pm</i> Board of Stewardship 6:30pm	4 Refuge Recovery Group 7:00pm	5 Office Hours 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	6 Office Hours 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon 7:30 pm	7 Golf Tournament 
8	9	10 Crafters/Time to Socialize 10:00am <i>Church Store</i> <i>Open:</i> <i>10am-3pm</i> <i>Finance Team</i> <i>6:30 p.m.</i>	11 Choir ~ 6:30pm Refuge Recovery Group 7:00pm Church Council 7:30 p.m.	12 Office Hours 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	13 Office Hours 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon 7:30 pm	14
15 Board of Christian Ed. 10:30 a.m.	16	17 Crafters/Time to Socialize 10:00am <i>Church Store</i> <i>Open:</i> <i>10am-3pm</i>	18 Choir ~ 6:30pm Refuge Recovery Group 7:00pm	19 Office Hours 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	20 Healers with Halos Office Hours 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon 7:30 pm	21
22  Sunday School Super Sunday! Church School Begins!	23 Prayer Shawl Gathering 7:00pm  HAPPY autumn	24 Crafters/Time to Socialize 10:00am <i>Church Store</i> <i>Open:</i> <i>10am-3pm</i>	25 Choir ~ 6:30pm Refuge Recovery Group 7:00pm Board of Deacons 7:30pm	26 Office Hours 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	27 Office Hours 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Al-Anon 7:30 pm	28
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