

FELLOWSHIP OF CONCERN

Patricia Marohn

Rob MacNaught

The family of Diane Panizza

Declan

The family of Suzanne Stecker

Beverly

Jamie Angilly

*We also remember those who are shut-in
or facing long-term illnesses:*

Sue Schrier

Marilyn Robinson

Chet Longley

Eleanor Brierley

Jeanette Boyd

Joe Willcox

Delores Maisonet

If you would like to have a name added to the prayer list, please send an email to the church office at egumc@aol.com. Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks, unless otherwise requested.

Announcements and Opportunities for Participation and Service

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Sunday School is offered for all children from age 3 - 12th grade. The children are welcome to come up to the chancel for the Children's Moment and then we will proceed down the center aisle for Sunday School. Children can be picked up from the Sunday School classrooms in the back hallway immediately following the request service.

CONFIRMATION is open to youth grades 8 and up. If your child is interested in being Confirmed, please contact Betsyaulisio@gmail.com. We will be starting up in January so please let me know ASAP if your youth wants to participate.

MUSIC TIDINGS



"Come and Find the Quiet Center" was written by New Zealander Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020), a prolific writer of hymn texts appearing in more than 100 collections. The hymn opens with an invitation to center our hearts - to "be at peace, and simply be." Embracing the silence, we are then reminded that God "speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base," and raises courage that enables our faith to grow. From that inward journey and newfound sense of strength, we are assured that, in the Spirit, we can be "open to each other's pain" and "let our loves and fears unravel." We are not called to live in peaceful and calm isolation but to share, with a "heart to care," the fullness of life's journey with others. [Renée N. Boone, umcdiscipleship.org]

Whatever your age - whether your abilities are professional or your interests are traditional or contemporary - there's a place for you! Anyone involved in the Music Ministry will be happy to answer your questions or direct you to someone who can.

2024 Memorial Flower Book is ready!

Sunday flowers in the Sanctuary are a beautiful way to honor or memorialize loved ones. There is a signup book on the Welcome Table in the Narthex where you can sign up for a particular date. The florist keeps costs down for churches by reusing containers and vases. If you have any extras (even if they did not come from them), you are welcome to leave them in the basket in the Narthex and they will be picked up weekly.



*Thank
You!*

Dear Friends,

The Church Staff would like to thank the congregation for their generous gifts that were shared with us over the Christmas season. It is a pleasure to be a part of the church family and to know the difference our work makes in your lives. We appreciate this remembrance and wish you all the best as 2024 begins.

Good wishes for a bright and happy new year!

With thanks,

Betsy Aulisio, Wendy Black, Pastor Thom Blackstone, Erin Condit, Parker Jones, Mona Stephens, and Beth Yerger

A Reminder...

Have you moved? Changed phone numbers? Switched up email addresses? No longer have that landline? Please let the office know! We would like to have your most current contact information to be included in the newest directory.

News from the Missions Corner—A continued thanks to our congregation for their continued generous support to our neighbors in need!

January Monthly Mission

Our January monthly mission is to help Mathewson Street by donating warm bedding for those who need to sleep in the cold. They ask for sleeping bags to 30 degrees, tarps (8’x8’), blankets, towels and sheets.

Immigrant Families and Open Closet

We continue to collect items for Open Closet that is helping immigrant families. They are in need of men’s pants and shoes and infant and children’s clothing, shoes and infant blankets. Please no furniture. The thrift store is still open, accepting other clothing, shoes and small household items. They do not accept furniture or electronic items!

Mathewson Street UMC

They are back doing their monthly breakfast, with our help the fourth Sunday of every month. Please use sign-up genius if you are interested in helping out. They continue to prepare and serve over 1,000 meals weekly. **As of now they are in need of canned food items, boxed macaroni and cheese, and granola bars. There is a wagon in front of the church for these donations.**

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*Thank You!* Dear Methodist Church,  
To all, thanks so much for the lovely prayer shawl I received recently, from member Linda Richmond. I feel the power of prayer. I am being treated for a Lymphoma and I really appreciate the prayers. Yours, Beverly Castelli  
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We are a Reconciling Congregation
The United Methodist Church in East Greenwich strives to be a place of open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We believe in Christ’s commandment to love our neighbor and commit ourselves to be disciples rooted in compassion and caring for one another. We firmly support, welcome, and offer sanctuary to all people, including those of every gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital and socioeconomic status, age, faith history, education, and physical and mental ability into the full ministry of the church. While we recognize that there are differences among us, we believe that we can love alike even though we may not think alike. It is in this spirit that we invite all people to join us in our faith journey.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
Sunday, January 21st	
Worship.....	8:15am
Worship and Sunday School.....	10am
Confirmation Information Meeting.....	11am
Monday, January 22nd	
Church Council Meeting.....	7pm
Tuesday, January 23rd	
Worship Committee Meeting	6:30pm
Bells of Praise Rehearsal.....	6:45pm
Wednesday, January 24th	
Voices of Praise Rehearsal.....	6:30pm
Thursday, January 25th	
Praise Band Practice.....	7pm
Saturday, January 27th	
Mathewson Street Pancake Production.....	9-11am
Sunday, January 28th	
Mathewson Street Friendship Breakfast.....	6:30-9am
Worship.....	8:15am
Worship and Sunday School.....	10am

Church Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-12pm
Wednesday 9:30am-12:30pm
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Attendance on January 14th 2024 ~ 115
8:15am ~ 25 10:00am ~ 90

