

# Main Street Musing

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SOUTH WINDSOR



August 2023

## *Welcome Bridge Pastor Linda Huff!*

We are very pleased to welcome Reverend Linda Huff as our Bridge



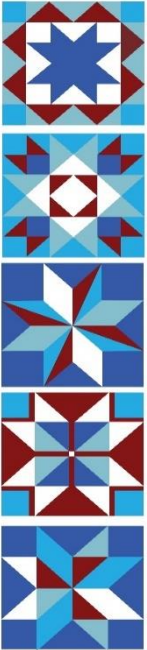
Pastor for the summer. Rev. Linda's office hours are Wednesdays from 9:30am-1:30pm – if you haven't had a chance, stop by and say hello! She would love to meet you. Here's a little about Rev. Linda:

*I have lived in Newington CT for the last 10 months with my two housemates Cynthia and Tashi and my dog Fancy in a historic house built in 1899. This represents a major change in my life; until recently I was living in Bloomfield. I call this period of my life: "My year of Transition". I have a long-*

*standing career as an ordained pastor of the UCC, serving in churches in Maine and Connecticut in a variety of positions, including Intentional Interims. The last 14 years I was a Hospice Bereavement Coordinator for Masonicare Hospice in East Hartford. I retired in Nov. of 2022 and sold my Bloomfield house 3 months later. The hospice work and preaching often overlapped. I am working on starting a Life Coaching Business this summer as well as supply preaching. My long-term goal is to return to Maine in Mid-2024.*

### Lap Quilt Presentation

The lap quilt presentations have continued, honoring some very special local veterans. These quilts were made during the Sewin4Servicemen events, held here at the church and hosted and organized by our own Judy Borré. Judy, along with some First Church members, presented the quilts and thanked each person for their service to our country. It was a beautiful tribute to these well deserving honorees.



## *Historian's Column*

Mary Crittenden

### Part 1

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet" is a popular adage from William Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*.

So, what is in a name? Juliet observes that even if Romeo had a different name, he'd still be Romeo. The name does not change him. Our church has had many names. This month I am writing about our different names, when and why the change.



The Colonial Court on May 10, 1694, in response to the sixth petition of the families living east of the Great River, gave permission to hire a minister and named the "church" the Second Ecclesiastical Society (SEC) of Windsor. Thus, we are a daughter church to the one in Windsor. Our name has changed several times, but we are a continuation of that society and for many years legally retained the Ecclesiastical Society as part of our name.

Originally, people had settled at or near the area of South Windsor called East Windsor Hill. As more people settled east of the river the settlement spread out and some complained that they had too far to travel to attend. Think about it. It is ten miles between East Hartford and Enfield. That meant that the people both south and north of the building for SES of Windsor were traveling as much as five plus miles on foot or horse. People

south of East Windsor Hill wanted to move the church a bit south and the People north of the church wanted to have a shorter distance to go. In 1752, the colonial court gave the northern section permission to hire a minister and their name was The Fourth

Ecclesiastical Society of

Windsor. It was also called the North Society.



In 1768, all of the settled area east of the river separated from the town of Windsor with the area called East Windsor. For that reason, our name changed to the First Ecclesiastical Society of East Windsor. Then in 1845, South Windsor separated from East Windsor and had another name change. We became the First Ecclesiastical Society of South Windsor.

Whew! Four names and yet the location of the first three buildings were all in the same community. As the community's name changed so did ours. We have gotten to the point in our story that part of our name is South Windsor. However, even though we are still in South Windsor, we still have more name changes to come.

Like both Romeo and the rose, the name changes do not reflect changes in who we are.

### *SW Community Chorus Concert*

A very special concert will take place in our First Church sanctuary on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The incredibly talented



South Windsor Community Chorus will perform their latest selections for us all to enjoy. They have been hard at work practicing this summer on Monday evenings in lower Fellowship Hall and they are excited to share their amazing music. We are honored to have them perform here. The concert is FREE and open to the public! Please spread the word. A reception will follow in lower Fellowship Hall.

### *Celebrating Merle's 100<sup>th</sup>!*



Our dear friend Merle Dinse is turning 100 years young and you are ALL invited to celebrate!! Join us on Saturday August 26 at the Dinse residence, 535 Clark Street, South Windsor from 11am-3pm. No gifts, however, a funny card would surely be enjoyed!

We hope you can join us on this special occasion. Food will be provided. A tent will provide shade for this outdoor celebration. Please park on the grass. Please RSVP to Leilani at 860-964-5644 and leave a message if she can't get to her phone. If you would like to speak to Merle directly, please feel free to call him at 813-713-5644. He would love to hear from you!

*Church Family News*

Joseph Charette	08/01	Sean Woble	08/16
Elizabeth Addington	08/02	Mark Weiland	08/22
Terry Belknap	08/04	Elsie Woolam	08/23
Jared Charette	08/07	Merle Dinse	08/27
Mary Crittenden	08/09	Doreen Jackson	08/27
Rachel Mathiau	08/11	Joseph Woble	08/28
Susan Ventura	08/14	Iva Burnham	08/31



Laura & Stefan Klein	08/06
Barbara & Brad Wright	08/11
Eddie & Robert Starr	08/18
Silvia & George Mikkola	08/25
Dawn & Jay Samsel	08/26
Lynda & Patrick Jones	08/26



Doris Burgdorf	Cliff McClellan
Joyce Coon	Della Mitchell
The Klein Family	Eddie & Bob Starr
Merle & Leilani Dinse	Brad & Barb Wright
Lisa Horsfield	Patty & Billy Cox
The Peck Family	



## *Heritage Day Fair*

Jean Trotman, Mary Crittenden, Judy Borré

Heritage Day is once again happening and is scheduled for

Sept.30th. This is one way we can make our Church more visible to the community, but it also means we need the congregation's support for set-up, take-down and manning our display during the event. Please mark your calendars. More information should be available later this summer.



## *Prayer Chain*

Rachel Anderson

We have an active prayer chain here at First Church. It is a confidential list of people we pray for as requested. The people on the chain remain confidential.



If you have names that you would like to add, please contact Rachel Anderson via phone or email. (860) 644-2157 or [leeandrachela@gmail.com](mailto:leeandrachela@gmail.com). Also, if anyone would like to join us on the chain, let me know, we would love to have you. It is not time consuming and is at your convenience.



## *Newsletter Deadline*

The next newsletter issue will be published in **September 2023**. Please send your submissions **and photos** to the church office by **August 11<sup>th</sup>** for inclusion: [firstchurchsw@gmail.com](mailto:firstchurchsw@gmail.com) Thank you.

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**DEADLINE**



## *Seeking Church Directory Updates*

It is about time for a new church directory. Please send any updates, including address, email or phone changes to the church office at [firstchurchsw@gmail.com](mailto:firstchurchsw@gmail.com) or call Carrie at (860) 528-7992 during office hours: Tues-Fri 9am-2pm.

Let's keep our church family connected!

## *Church Office Hours*

Hours will be Tuesday – Friday 9 am – 2 pm, unless otherwise noted.

# AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 10am worship in person and on zoom	7 SW Community Chorus 7-8:30pm	8 Church Committee Meeting 6:30pm	9	10 dumpster day	11 Newsletter Deadline	12
13 10am worship in person and on zoom	14 SW Community Chorus 7-8:30pm	15	16	17	18	19
20 10am worship in person and on zoom	21 SW Community Chorus 7-8:30pm	22	23	24	25 SW Community Chorus Concert 7pm in church sanctuary – free, all are welcome!	26 Merle's 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party 11am-3pm Dinse Residence 535 Clark Street RSVP to Lellani (860)964-5644
27 10am worship in person and on zoom	28 SW Community Chorus 7-8:30pm	29	30	31	1	2

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