

# Main Street Musing

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF SOUTH WINDSOR

October 2018

Friends,

Knowing that something delicious is available only once a year is surely what makes it even more desirable. The rare appearance and limited supply of many native and/or regional and seasonal delicacies such as strawberries, corn, shad, striped bass, bay scallops (only available during the months that have an 'r' in them!) and many others, including apples, makes the anticipation and enjoyment of such fruits of God's creation irresistible.

Macoun apples happen to be a seasonal favorite of mine. Waiting for their yearly debut is half the fun, but, of course, eating them is the other half. I know that somewhere around September 20<sup>th</sup> every year, give or take, they make their expected but always scrumptious, spectacular entrance once again, crisp and tangy, into late November. NYApplecountry.com describes them as: "Extra-sweet and aromatic, very juicy, tender, snow-white flesh." I agree with that description, especially the "juicy!"

When I was a seminary student in St. Louis, my sister would send me a care package every fall and in it would be Macouns. Heaven! I doled them out judiciously to my friends who swooned over them. I will be taking some with me on vacation to see friends from New England, now living in the Midwest. As far as I know, Macouns are only available in the northeast. I've even checked in Oregon.

When fall wanes, so does my annual Macoun experience. Yes, you can keep them in cold storage, but somehow, they are just not the same. Alas and alack, till we meet again sweet Macouns.

There is, however, a treasure that is perhaps overlooked precisely because it *is* available to all of us, all year round, even though we may not partake of what it has to offer as often as we can or should. It is not edible, but it nourishes mind, body and soul. It sustains our lives. That treasure is God's love.

Unlike the passing pleasure of a few bites, a few months, or a few years, God's love surrounds us in all times: good and bad, whether we are hungry or sated, sad or happy, warm or cold, alone or in company. God's love is there for the plucking should we so choose to avail ourselves of that particular orchard which produces fruit all year through. From the soft pink and white blossoms of early spirituality to the ripening of a mature and fruitful relationship with God, the opportunity to be loved is there for the harvest.

Come – reap the bounty! Fill your bushel basket with the lusciousness of that love and share the deliciousness with all you know, a heaven-on-earth experience. The lyrics of the song, "Nature Boy," made famous by popular standards crooner Nat King Cole, say it well: *"The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return."*

Come, feast with us this October as we delight in God's love, do our mission work, enjoy the Heritage Fair, celebrate World Communion Sunday, hear the preaching and teaching of Rev. Dr. Clinton J. McCann, Jr., internationally renowned Old Testament and Psalms scholar (Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis), enjoy the South Windsor Cultural Arts Concert here, hand out candy on Main Street for Halloween, and worship the Lord, who makes all things possible.

In Christ,

Nina





*Church Committee*  
*Jean Jackson*  
*Church Clerk*

September 11, 2018 Church  
Committee Highlights -

- Treasurer - August income was \$16,734.50. Expenses were \$24,444.75. Cash on hand is \$2,536.23. Deficit for August is \$7,710.25; deficit year-to-date is \$8,639.61. Income was high due to \$13,000.00 taken from the trust fund to cover project expenses.
- Investments -In July the account saw an investment gain of \$52,404.00. \$17,000.00 was withdrawn to cover expenses, resulting in a net gain of \$35,404.00. The end value for July was \$1,852,305.43. In August the account saw an investment gain of \$20,883. \$13,000.00 was withdrawn to cover project expenses, resulting in a net gain of \$7,883. The end value for August is \$1,860,188.24.
- Next meeting of the Church Committee is October 9, 2018. All are invited to attend, whether or not you serve on a committee or board.

*Stewardship Campaign for 2018*

You may be pleasantly surprised (or not) that we decided this year to have a “no frills” Stewardship Campaign. No Stewardship moments for what seems like pleading for your money, even though our church and our programs need your support more than ever. The church committee voted this year to take a different approach from our campaigns of the past, as we are finding it tough to get volunteers to do the work needed for an extensive campaign. You will receive a letter with a pledge card around the beginning of November. Stewardship Sunday will be November 25 and we ask that you bring in your pledge cards at that time. Of course, you are always welcome to send in your pledge card earlier if you would like. We hope everyone will take a long and thoughtful look at just how much of a financial and/or physical commitment each of us can make in support of the many wonderful programs and services this church provides.

Respectfully submitted  
Terry Belknap



*Moderator's Report*  
*September 2018*

As I was listening to people give their committee reports at our last Super Tuesday meeting (9/11), I thought to myself, for a small church we have an incredible group of hard working members that continue to keep our church running, while serving our community, church members and those in need so well. Whether it be the Trustees that are making much needed improvements to keep our facilities running, the UCW that provides such wonderful food for so many events, Missions for their outreach to the needs of local people, the Deacons for their planning and help on our services, Christian Ed for sharing the teachings of Jesus to our youth, or the people performing financial and the internal functions of the church, they are all doing an incredible job. And there are so many more that share their time and talents with us. **I have a**



**request from all of you reading this note - Please stop and thank our working members for all they do.** I guarantee you will make their day!

If you would like to get a better understanding of what goes on behind the scenes, please come and join us at one or more of our Super Tuesday meetings. If you have never been to a meeting, you will be amazed at what is going on. The meeting usually runs about an hour and a half and is the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 6:30. Please come and listen to our folks at work for our beloved old church.

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*Kamilla's Kolumn*

I hope everybody had a great summer. I welcome the return of the musical talents of our choir. Choir rehearsals have resumed on

Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. As always we welcome new members. Music background or music notes reading is not

necessary. Just come up and join our beautiful, talented and dedicated crew. We laugh, sing, play and just have a great time.



See you there!  
Musically yours,  
Kamilla

### *Mission Committee News*

Mary Anne Novak, Missions Chair

Missions is moving full steam ahead as we coordinate projects for the year. We continue our partnership with Interval House as well as looking into other ways we can help our local communities. We recently spoke with Interval House and they continue to recover from the flood in the spring. We have found they have an urgent need for pajamas for the women and were very grateful for our support last year! Missions has decided, instead of waiting until Christmas, we will help them now with pajamas. They were delivered in late September. We are still planning on helping them with gift cards and bus passes in early December, however, so please keep this in mind as you plan your holiday charitable giving. We are reaching out to other organizations and welcome any suggestions you may have.

### *Heritage Day*

Jean Trotman

Heritage Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 6 from 9-4 at East Windsor Hill. Judy Borre and I will



*Celebrate Our Heritage*

be there shortly after 8 to set up. We are looking for people to help us man our booth in 2 hour shifts from 8-

4. You do not need to be a historian. We have posters listing key events in our church's history as well as a variety of pamphlets with information that you can refer to. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or you can call Jean Trotman at 860-289-7637.

### *Member Recognition Sunday*

Mary Crittenden, Deacon Chair

In appreciation of our long term members, we celebrated with them on Sunday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. We



recognized those that have been members for various length of time: namely twenty-five years or more with those achieving forty to fifty and fifty or more being recognized with a small gift. The Sunday

Service was followed by coffee and goodies in Fellowship Hall.

### *Members Recognized -09/23/2018*

50+

Betsy Addington  
Lee Anderson  
Rachel Anderson  
Terry Belknap  
Carol Birden  
Doris Burgdorf  
Iva Burnham  
David Chapman  
Les Clapp  
Lorraine Clapp  
Janet Clarke  
Joan DeGiacomo  
Merle Dinse  
Gail Jackson  
Anne King  
Marcia Magee  
Carol Mattera  
Jim McGuire  
Bev Nielsen  
Robert Peck  
Robert Pelton  
Janet Prior  
Marilyn Senger  
Kip Shepard  
Tim Shepard  
Robert Starr III  
Jonathan Starr  
Edie Starr  
Beverly Stewart  
Carol Toconis  
Elsie Woolam

40+

Carole Bancroft  
Ruth Bombara  
Allen Caffyn  
Brad Case  
Joan Clapp  
Lauren Clarke  
Linda Dalpe  
Art Dunham  
Lee Dunham  
Phillip Dunham  
Bill Fraize  
Jenifer Gossett  
Lisa Horsfield  
Jean Jackson  
Cathy Lee Levine  
James McGuire  
Sheila McIntosh  
Evelyn Merrill  
Roger Merrill  
Bruce Nielsen  
Bayard Pelton  
Jill Phillips  
Elizabeth  
Quenneville  
Chevy Ricketts  
Robert Starr IV  
Jean Trotman  
Chipper Woolam  
Chuck Woolam

25 +

Beverly Anderson  
Craig Anderson  
Gail Anderson  
Bruce Burnham  
Debra Burnham  
George Cox  
Jerry Dalpe  
Kip Dalpe  
Kyle Dalpe  
Dennis Dezelon  
Suzanne Dezelon  
Keith Dunham  
Erica Fearn  
Ingrid Fraize  
Jen Graham  
Scott Horsfield  
John Howard  
Wendy Hutchinson  
Doreen Jackson  
Stefan Klein  
Shirley Lawton  
Sean Lawton  
Vicky Margiott  
Cliff McClellan  
Matt McGuire  
Silvia Mikkola  
Della Mitchell  
John Mitchell

LeAnne Morgan  
Andrew Nielsen  
David Prior  
Michele Regan  
Patricia Russo  
Dan Shaffer  
Nancy Shaffer  
Catherine Slack  
Cynthia Slater  
Jennifer Slater  
Karen Smith  
Liz Smith  
Tim Starr  
Carroll Stearns  
Nancy Stearns  
Chris Sweet  
Melody Treadwell  
Mark Tripp  
Barbara Ventura  
Joe Ventura  
Jeff Virr  
Heather Woble  
Barbara Wright  
Brad Wright  
Kathleen Young  
Beverly Zaugg  
Marty Zaugg  
Ray Zaugg

## Christian Education News

A journey with the twelve disciples of Jesus was the opening lesson for our children, as we continue our 'Back to Basics' theme. At some point in the future, as a thank you to Julie at Dari Delite for hosting our summer Bible Bites, a few visits will be made to our



members who are unable to make it to church (with their parents' permission). Caroline and Marlena Klein read a lovely thank you message to our congregation on Member

Recognition Day, September 23. Parents and families, if you were unable to make the opening day, please do not be discouraged. Mrs. Edie Starr, Director and our wonderful volunteers welcome you anytime! Thank you for your continuing support of this vital and growing ministry.

## Thank you

Art and Lee Dunham

To Our First Church Family

Every language has a word or words that are spoken to express gratitude. We are familiar with "Thank You." We are so thankful for the outpouring of love, shown in so many ways, during our journey through the dark days brought on by Sandy's death. We treasure your gift!!! And, too, we tender our deep thanks for the



after-services reception you provided for all our family and guests. Each one of you, and all, make up an extraordinary, wonderful, beautiful community of bringers of rainbows. Please accept from Phil, Tricia, Keith, Chelle, Alison, Malachi, Calib, Colin, Lee and Art heart-felt and love-filled thanks.

To United Church Women;

I have been remiss in extending my appreciation for the gift card to South Windsor Pizza. It came in very handy on those days that I flew out of the house without my lunch. I am touched by all of the little gestures of appreciation I receive as I perform the many tasks I undertake on behalf of the church. Blessings to all of you. Thank you..



Yours in Christ,  
Claudia Steele

## Trustees News

Carroll Stearns

A major recommendation of the environmental Study completed by Jim Senatro last spring was that the Trustees consider enlarging the church's electrical service from 200 to 400 Amps. Through



the summer the board has worked with Jim to develop a plan that would both correct the limitations and problems currently being experienced with our current service and make any significant

improvements in the future possible. We have now completed a plan, pending the finalization of cost and financing, which will address all these concerns.

We are hopeful that this project can be executed this fall. The process will require that the church be without power for 2 to three days. We are working with Nina to make alternate plans for carrying on church business during this period.

## Neighbor in Need Collection

October 7, 2018

On Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be receiving a collection for Neighbors in Need (NIN), which is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-

third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service

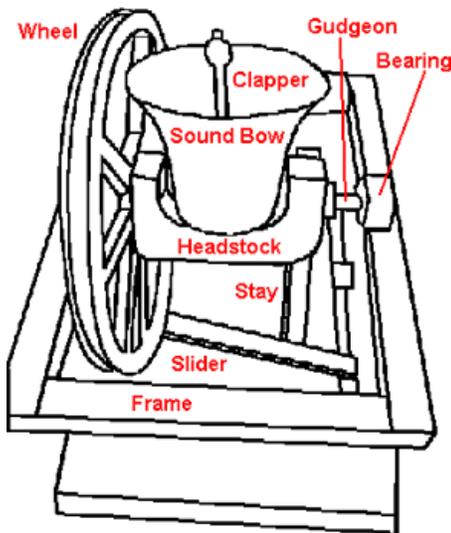
projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects ranging from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.



## *Archivist Column* *Our Bell: Part II*

Mary Crittenden

How does our bell work? Let's start with the A-shaped cast iron support: the top of it supports the headstock that holds the bell with a bearing which allows the bell to swing. The swing of the bell is controlled on the other side by the big wheel. As the wheel turns it pulls the bell upward and then the

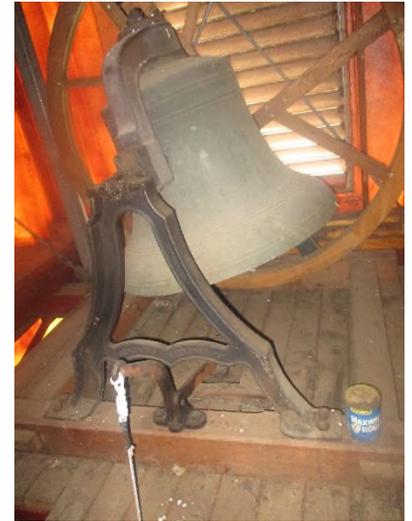


wheel pulls the bell and the wheel back so that the bell swings to its extreme in the direction. The wheel is pulled by the bell rope which goes in a channel on the rim of the wheel. As the rope is pulled it turns the wheel and that swings

the bell. The clapper inside the bell strikes the inside of the bell at each end of the bell swing.

Looking inside the bell one can see two bright shiny spots where the clapper has kept the area polished. If you want to toll the bell, it needs to hang still and be stuck by the tolling arm or uvula.

Looking at our photo one can see a rope tied to the tolling arm. The arm is hinged below the A-frame cross piece and moves up to strike the edge of the bell.



The name and location on the cast iron support is Meneely Co. West York N.Y. This company was founded by Andrew Meneely. The Times Union tells us that "Meneely was one of the greatest bell makers in American history and founder of the world-class Meneely Bell Foundry in West Troy, known today as Watervliet. More than 65,000 bells under the Meneely brand were cast between 1826 and 1952, when the business closed.

I would like to thank Stefan Klein for going up in the bell tower and taking several pictures of the bell for us.



## *Rolston String Quartet*

We will be hosting the South Windsor Cultural Arts Commission Concert on Sunday, October 28th at 3:00 p.m. This internationally recognized quartet is made of: Luri Lee (violin), Emily Kruspe (violin), Hezekiah Leung (viola) and Jonathan Lo (cello), and was formed in the summer of 2013 at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity's Chamber Music Residency. They take their name from Canadian violinist Thomas Rolston, founder and long-time director of the Music and Sound Programs at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity.

Luri Lee plays a Carlo Tononi violin, generously on loan from Shauna Rolston Shaw. Rolston String Quartet is endorsed by Jargar Strings of Denmark. United Church Women will be hosting the reception following the concert. Please sign-up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall with your donation. Please have your item to the church prior to the concert.



## *Holiday Fair Update*

Linda Dalpe

### **Raffle Baskets**

The following themes are being planned for our raffle baskets. If you have ideas or items to help make these baskets an amazing attraction to the fair contact, MaryAnne Novak or Linda Dalpe. A tub will be available in Fellowship Hall to leave much appreciated donations. If you have a connection with a business, Claudia Steele, our Administrative Assistant, can give you a letter from the church to give to them for tax purposes if they are willing to donate an item or gift certificate for one of the themed baskets. We are also looking for silent auction items. To date we have a very interesting cat themed basket.



Time for Me	Family Fun
UConn Fan	Tool Time
Staycation	Car Talk
Garden Paradise	Dinner Delight

### **New product lines**

During the summer, work continues on interesting items for the fair both in the workshop as well as at home. One particular theme that has garnered interest is the new “upcycled” and “green” corner with items that are protecting our environment. New products for our pet corner are being discussed and made. Painting, woodworking, crafting, knitting, sewing and crocheting projects are underway as we continue to look for new ideas that are currently in vogue.

### **Grandma’s Attic & Treasure Trove**

We will be taking in Grandma’s Attic and Treasure Trove items over the next several months, but will not be taking in furniture. If you have something that you think would be an addition to these booths, let us know.

### **Projects & Workshops**

All are welcome to come to the crafting nights held at 1090 Main St. Bring a friend, ideas, or something that you’d like to have help assembling. There is always much to do. It is, however, very helpful to know if you are coming so that table space and projects can be set out to be worked on. It is also very helpful to know if you are working on specific projects at home so that we don’t duplicate efforts.

The work dates for October are **10/1, 8, 15, 22, and 29<sup>th</sup>**; **Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** at 1090 Main Street. Should there be anyone who cannot attend during the evening sessions, there are some day projects that need to be worked on if you have the time in September. Contact Linda Dalpe to let her know of your availability at 860-528-1936 or email her at lindald001@aol.com.

### **Stay Informed and Talk It Up**

There will be a fair meeting to finalize preparations for the fair towards the end of summer/early fall once a date can be finalized when it doesn’t conflict with other events.

Thank you for all that you are doing to make our fair such a well talked about and attended event with products that showcase the talent in our church family.

## *News from UCW*

Ingrid Fraize & Rachel Anderson, Co-Presidents  
The first meeting of the UCW was a delicious pot-luck dinner held on 9-12-18. We followed the fun and fellowship with a business meeting. We covered lots of business that needed to be addressed so we can have a great year ahead.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 6:30 PM.

Our speaker will talk about essential oils and how they are used. Join us and bring a friend!



Don’t forget Heritage Day 10-06-18 from 9-2 PM.

UCW will be providing refreshments for the S.W. Cultural Arts Concert on 10-28-18 at 3 PM. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

## *Hartford Marathon*

We will once again be the site for one of the music venues for the marathon on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please be mindful if planning on accessing Main Street. Be aware that the road will be closed between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Come cheer on our guest preacher and Nina’s professor, Clint McCann, as he runs the half!



## Church Family News



Eulie McNulty	10/05
Kevin Woolam	10/12
Courtney Neary	10/12
Jerry Dalpe	10/19
Liesl Dalpe	10/19
Sean Lopata	10/19
Michael Bombara	10/20
Eddie Starr	10/20
John McNulty	10/26



Bayard & Felicia Pelton	10/01
Kevin & Laurie Charette	10/04
David & Randi Chapman	10/04
Jeff & Christine Virr	10/07
Byron & Ana Smith	10/14
James & Terry Belknap	10/27
John & Amanda McNulty	10/30

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Joyce and Wayne Coon	Lorraine Clapp
Bev Neilsen	Shirley Lawton
Doris Burgdorf	Vibert Deane
Gail & Jim Jackson	Bruce Burnham
John Mitchell	



Send them a note today!

Bev Nielsen	Wayne & Joyce Coon
58 Pleasant Valley Road	Arbors at Hopbrook
South Windsor, CT 06074	403 W Center Street; Apt. 316
	Manchester, CT 06040

Lorraine Clapp  
1693 John Fitch Blvd  
South Windsor, CT 06074



11/4/2018

## Coffee Hour Hosts needed

The sign-up sheets for coffee hour are posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen window. Hosts are needed for October and November. There are dates available for the remainder of the year as well. Please check your calendars to see when you might be able to host this time of fellowship and conversation. Thank you to all that have hosted.



## Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter will be the October edition. Please have your articles in to the church office by 9 am on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. Articles can be submitted electronically or left in the Administrative Assistant's mailbox. The newsletter does not write itself!!!! We need your input. Thank you!

Don't Miss the  
**DEADLINE!**

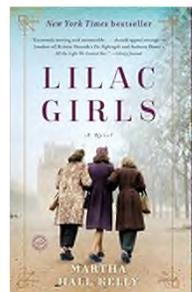
## Food Ingathering

On the second Sunday of the month (**October 14<sup>th</sup>**) we collect items for a food pantry. Suggested items include: Tuna, jarred pasta sauce (red and white), kid snacks, cereal, flavored oatmeal, pancake mixes/syrup, juice (100%), hearty soups and stews, rice, toiletries, paper goods, especially paper towels are needed. These items are distributed to the South Windsor Food and Fuel Bank, Manchester Area Conference of Churches and Interval House. These donations are appreciated greatly.



## Book Group

The next meeting of the Book Group will be October 17<sup>th</sup> at Noon. We will be discussing *Lilac Girls* by Martha Ann Kelly, a riveting WWII ensemble novel based on the true story of philanthropist Caroline Ferriday, who orchestrated the rescue of 35 Polish women from Ravensbruck concentration camp. Ferriday's estate is located in Bethlehem, CT. Bring a bag lunch.



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**Minister:** Rev. Nina Barlow Schmid  
**Organist:** Kamilla Mammedova  
**Administrative Assistant:** Claudia Steele  
**Sexton:** Katie Graham

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Creative Hands..... Every Wednesday at 10am**  
**Photo Archive Team.Every Wednesday at 2pm**  
**Holiday Fair Workshops ...Mondays at 6:30 pm**  
**Choir Rehearsal..... Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Heritage Day @ East Windsor Hill..... 10/6**  
**Church Committee ..... 10/9**  
**Hartford Marathon..... 10/13**  
**Rev. Dr. McCann..... 10/14**  
**Newsletter Article Deadline ..... 10/15**  
**Book Group ..... 10/17**  
**Rolston Quartet Concert..... 10/28**

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 —Henry Kissinger