

Steeple Minute

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I look forward to our start of this new year together! Here are some events coming up:

January 1 – New Year’s Day Celebration! You’ll receive a Star Card today with a word to gift and grace your year ahead. We’ll celebrate communion as well. Thanks to Lars Nielson for leading this morning’s worship service! (John 1:1-5)

In the season of Epiphany we’ll focus on the beginning of Jesus’ ministry in the Gospel of Matthew. We’ll be discerning with the magi and Jesus’ disciples, “Where do we go from here?”

January 8 – Matthew 2:1-23 Epiphany Sunday “A New Way Home” What hopes do you bring as this new year begins? Where do you want to be at the close of 2023? What do you hope will happen this year in you, in our church community, in the wider world and communities in which we are a part?

January 15 – Matthew 3:1-17 “You Are Beloved” The Baptism of Jesus
On this Sunday we’ll have the opportunity to reflect on baptism and remember and affirm our baptisms.

January 22 – Matthew 4:1-17 “Remember Who You Are” I once read that Jesus is tempted in the wilderness not by “bad” things but things that were not his particular way and call. What helps you stay grounded and reminded in who you are?

January 29 – Matthew 4:18-22 “You are Called” This Sunday we look at what it means to be “called”. We’ll hear and share stories of where and how God is calling us today.

And a few special invitations:

Lent Brainstorming Party - Wednesday, January 11, 4:00-5:30 pm in the Ladies Parlor and on Zoom. Come for a fun gathering to brainstorm how we might bring Lent and Easter to life. No need to do anything but brainstorm your ideas.

Men’s Breakfast - Saturday, January 14, 10-12 at Ken Aldrich’s Home. Thanks to John Lofgren for coordinating! (603-444-8966)

You are Beloved: Baptism and Re-Affirmation of Baptism - Sunday, January 15 - 10:00 am
On this Sunday we’ll have the opportunity to reflect on baptism and remember and affirm our baptisms. If you haven’t been baptized and would like to know more about what that means, talk with Peter about an opportunity to be baptized today.

It has been a gift to get to know you this fall and I look forward this winter to getting to know you better and meet others I haven’t yet met. Glad to share a cup of coffee, conversation or meal with you this month. Give me a call at 206-484-9814 and we’ll find a time.

Blessings!

Peter



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January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 10:00 AM- Worship Service - Communion <i>Lars Nielson-Worship Leader</i>	2 OFFICE CLOSED SLLC CLOSED 7:00 PM – AA - FH	3	4 6:00 PM – Choir rehearsal- LP 7:00 PM-AA-FH	5 6:00 PM-AIAnon-LP 7 :00 PM-AA-FH	6 EPIPHANY 1:00 PM – Finance - CR Pastor's Sabbath	7 7:00 PM-AA-FH
8 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST 9:00 AM – Adult Bible Class – Revelation 10:00 AM-Worship Service <i>Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz</i>	9 5:30 PM – SLLC BOD - Zoom 7:00 PM – AA - FH	10 Happy Birthday! David Sundman	11 4:00 PM – Lent Brainstorming - LP 6:00 PM – Choir rehearsal- LP 7:00 PM-AA-FH	12 11:00 AM – Personnel – Pastor's office 6:00 PM-AIAnon-LP 6:30 PM – Council –Zoom 7 :00 PM-AA-FH	13 Pastor's Sabbath	14 10:00 AM – Men's Breakfast – Aldrich residence 7:00 PM-AA-FH
15 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPHIPHANY 9:00 AM – Adult Bible Class – Revelation 10:00 AM-Worship Service <i>Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz</i>	16 OFFICE CLOSED SLLC CLOSED 7:00 PM – AA - FH	17	18 6:00 PM – Choir rehearsal- LP 7:00 PM-AA-FH	19 6:00 PM-AIAnon-LP 7 :00 PM-AA-FH	20 Pastor's Sabbath Boy Scout Troop Barrington, RI Arrives	21 7:00 PM-AA-FH
22 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPHIPHANY 9:00 AM – Adult Bible Class – Revelation 10:00 AM-Worship Service <i>Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz</i> Boy Scout Troop Departs AM	23 Pastor Away 7:00 PM – AA - FH	24 Pastor Away Committee Reports due for the Annual Report	25 Pastor Away 6:00 PM – Choir rehearsal- LP 7:00 PM – AA – FH	26 Happy Birthday! Alice Muh Pastor Away 6:00 PM-AIAnon-LP 7 :00 PM-AA-FH	27 Pastor Away	28 7:00 PM-AA-FH
29 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPHIPHANY 9:00 AM – Adult Bible Class – Revelation 10:00 AM-Worship Service <i>TBD-Worship Leader</i>	30 7:00 PM – AA - FH	31	KEY: FH - Fellowship Hall LP - Ladies Parlor CR - Classroom			

PLANS FOR THE 220TH ANNUAL MEETING
of the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, U.C.C.
are underway for

SUNDAY, February 19, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M.

A quorum of 20 members is needed to conduct this meeting. Please be sure to save the date.
Thank you.

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SSID: FCC Guests
Password: fcc189main
Enjoy!

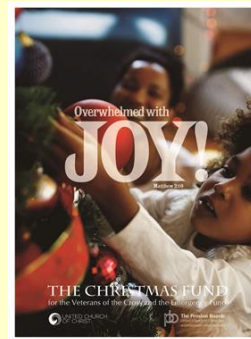
Financial Report

November 30, 2022	YTD
Member support:	\$125,810
Scheduled w/d from trust funds	\$ 1,917
Other Income:	\$ 11,252
Total Income:	\$138,979
Total Expenses:	\$133,568
Net:	\$ 5,411



Many Thanks!!

Christmas Fund – Special Offering



This fund is used for monthly pension and health benefits supplementation, and Christmas Thank You gift checks for retired clergy and lay employees; and emergency grants for individuals and families for over 100 years.

\$685 was raised ~ Thank you!

Christmas Eve Special Offering

To fund Tri-County CAP's Fuel Assistance program and our Local Needs / Emergency Relief Fund (formerly known as the Deacon's Fund) raised \$755.
Thank you.

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