



**At the First Congregational Church, UCC of Wallingford, CT,
we have discerned the following vision and mission
for our faith lives together:**

Vision

Our faith – rooted in the compassion and teachings of Jesus Christ – is the foundation of our love for one another and service to the world around us.

We offer a home for those seeking deeper meaning or purpose in their lives through the exploration of Jesus Christ's teachings. The love and compassion found in those teachings commit us to uplift each individual and celebrate our shared humanity.

Mission

We will foster spiritual growth, loving communication, and mutual care, thereby empowering us to confront issues that impact our community and the world, including poverty, isolation, and exclusion.

We commit to developing a nurturing environment where all are loved, valued, and inspired to meaningful participation in the life of the church. Through our Christian faith, compassion, and service, we will dedicate ourselves to making a positive impact on the lives of people in our community and beyond.



The First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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A Note from the Pastor's Desk



One of the stories I remember all too vividly from my childhood is the story of the little boy who cried wolf. I remember my parents asking me or one of my siblings “are you being the little boy who cried wolf?” whenever they thought we were lying or perhaps seriously exaggerating the truth. For those of you who don’t know the story, a little boy cried, “Wolf!” when he wanted attention. There was no wolf, but he knew that crying wolf would get people to come to him to help him. He did that several times. For the first few times he cried, “Wolf!” people came running to save him. But the fourth time he cried, “Wolf!” there really was a wolf, but nobody came, because he had done it so many times before when there was no wolf, no one believed him. The fourth time, nobody came, and the little boy was eaten by the wolf.

I had really hoped my June Pastor’s column would be one reveling in the joys of spring and new life – of the promise of resurrection and rebirth and renewal- a column rejoicing in all the wonderful things happening at First Church of Wallingford. Maybe, if all goes well, I will write that column for the July Spire.

This month’s message is one that I did not know I would need to write when I started here in December. I did not know in December that a \$1.25 million endowment would not be enough to sustain First Congregational Church for generations to come. I thought a strategic Capital Campaign in the future, a planned giving initiative soon, and a robust pledge campaign now would be what was needed to proceed with my interim agenda. What I did not understand in December is that in order to support the existing program and maintain and beautify the physical plant, we have *exceeded* the recommended 4% draw on the endowment by more than \$85,000 this year. Once all our bills are paid for fiscal year 2022-23, that extra draw over the last several years will have reduced the accessible portion of the endowment to just \$750,000. At the rate we are drawing on the endowment, the accessible portion of the endowment will be down to \$0 within 6 years. It is hard to imagine that such a vital church will not have the resources to continue to exist within 6 years.

First Church of Wallingford has faithfully served the Wallingford community for close to 350 years. What are we going to do to ensure the church will not just exist, but thrive for 350 years more?

One of the unexpected tasks I am taking on as your interim pastor is to take a multi-faceted approach to financial viability. Stewardship education is being implemented now, and Planned Giving education and a Capital Campaign are being considered for the not-too-distant future. But before we look at the larger picture of financial viability, I am looking at the current Stewardship Campaign as an indicator of whether there is a commitment to funding a budget that will sustain the ministry of the church without needing to draw down the principal of the endowment or cut current programs. The solution to the situation in which we find ourselves is not easy. The primary resource we are looking toward to stop the financial hemorrhage and meet the budget is for church members and friends to prayerfully consider substantially increasing their giving to the church.

The second is a robust effort to increase revenue by sharing our facilities with compatible users at a fair market rate. (with a reduced rate for non- profits) A last resort would be cut programs, staff, and defer needed maintenance. What happens now is up to you.

The information I just shared with you is the hard-to-hear truth. We need to get over our distaste for talking about money and begin to explore how our giving reflects our understanding of our blessings and our understanding of who God calls us to be as a Christian community. No one is going to bail us out of this quandary but us. I am not crying, "Wolf," when there is no wolf. There is a wolf. I am calling us to honest conversations, to pray, and to act to stabilize the future of this church so it might serve generations to come.

In Faith,

Pastor Meredith



A Message from the Moderators

In very short order, the Annual Meeting will be upon us, and one of the most important topics of discussion will be the Vision Board and Ministry Team model that, upon approval by a vote in that meeting, will replace the board and committee organizational structure under which we presently operate. The Ministry Teams proposal has been very positively received by everyone to whom creators Debbie Voelker and Lorraine Westervelt have introduced it, and we are moving ahead under the assumption that the vote will be for approval.

The two of us see wonderful possibilities, and we are convinced that you will as well. As you know, there will be six Ministries (Worship, Faith Formation, Congregational Care, Mission and Outreach, Membership, and Administration), under which will be dozens of opportunities to join smaller teams that devote their time to a particular task or project. Gone will be the long multi-year committee commitments, the responsibility for a whole range of tasks, and time-consuming duty to carry out functions you might not really be interested in.

In its place will be a fresh approach. To be clear, all of the usual work and customary tasks of the church still need to be accomplished. But, the hope is that with this model, the customary tasks will be redistributed in much more manageable portions, much more specifically designed to bring out the joy in church participation. Are meaningful worship experiences important to you? We have a team for you in Worship Ministry. Do you like to assist with receptions? Then the Hospitality Team is perfect for you. Do you value the social events that bring our church family together in fellowship? Then the Fellowship Team needs you. If working with young people is your forte, you will find fulfillment on the Youth Group team or the Church School team. Do you have creative fundraising ideas? Let us point you toward the Administrative Ministry coordinators. Those are just some of the many possibilities.

We cannot do this without you and your passion and your ministry. We are asking every single member and friend of the First Congregational Church of Wallingford to look through all the possible team experiences available under this Ministry model. We are positive that you will find a thoroughly comfortable and fulfilling place to join with others with similar interests. We then ask for you to come forward and joyfully volunteer to share some of the time and talent that make you a special and valued member of this church family. And, by all means, if you have questions about how all of this will work, please ask!

Our church is not just a beautiful building to which we come to worship God. It is the people in it, working together to make a strong faith family, that make this a special place to be. You have special talents and interests that your faith family welcomes and needs. We ask you to please find your niche and sign up. If you will do that, you will find it to be a very uplifting and joyful experience, even in the few hours a month of your time that you can afford to spend.

We welcome you with open arms.

Peace to all,

Steve and Lori



Call to The Annual Meeting

June 11, 2023

To the members of The First Congregational Church of Wallingford, Connecticut: Notice is hereby given of the 347th Annual Meeting of the Church to be held Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 11:15 a.m. via hybrid meeting, both in person in Congregational Hall and via the Zoom application for the following purposes:

1. To receive Annual Reports from Ministers, Officeholders, Boards, Committees, and organizations of the Church;
2. To act upon any business arising from such reports;
3. Discussion and action regarding changing the organizational structure of the church from the present Board and Committee structure to the Vision Board and Ministry Team structure;
4. Discussion and action to substitute a pilot implementation of the proposed organizational structure with a Vision Board & Ministries of Teams for references in Article V - IX of the By-Laws regarding the Council, Boards and Committees. During this pilot, which will run from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024, the Moderators and Treasurer will continue as the signatory authorities as authorized by a positive vote of the church members attending the Annual Meeting of the Church and also by authorizing the election of the Vision Board in lieu of the Council and the Administration Ministry functioning in lieu of the Board of Trustees;
5. Discussion and action on allowing the Board of Trustees/Administration Ministry to establish a lease of church property to DISH TV to house their transmission equipment in the church steeple and a small space in Congregational Hall;
6. To act upon the Proposed Budget for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024;
7. To receive the Report of the Nominating Committee;
8. To elect Officeholders, Vision Board and Team Coordinators for 2023-2024;
9. To act upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

Steve Knight and Lori Folk-Barron

Co-Moderators



A Message from the Flower Committee

Altar Flower Sponsors Needed!

The **2023 Altar Flower** sign up calendar can be found in the Narthex.

Sponsors are needed for the following dates:

June 11	August 13	September 10
July 2	August 20	September 17
July 23		

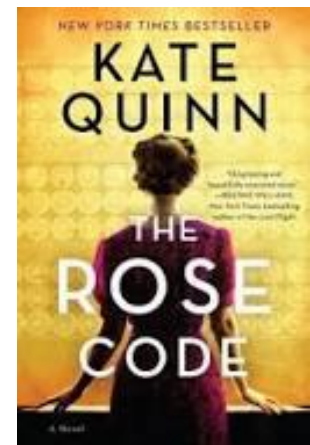
If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for any of these dates and cannot make it into church to sign up, please call the church office or email Lori at lorifolkbarron@gmail.com.

Book Club News



Our last book is “The Rose Code” by Kate Quinn.
Our meeting will be June 27 at 6:30 PM in the Guild Room.
Hope to see everyone there and remember we will be finalizing our list of books for next year.

Thanks to everyone for a fabulous literary year!



Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl ministry creates beautiful comforting shawls, lap robes, and blankets for you to give to your loved ones in need. We also create the Baptismal blankets that are given to each child baptized in our church.

Each shawl and blanket are blessed in our prayer circle. We are blessed with the opportunity to share our love and concern for others through something tangible.

We meet the third Monday of most months. If you would like to join us, please let us know. If you would like to make shawls or baptismal blankets but cannot come to meetings, let us know that as well and we will provide patterns and support.

Please ask one of the deacons or Kathy Janis for a shawl. You may call or text Kathy Janis at 203-376-1173 or kathrynmjanis@gmail.com with any questions or requests.



The ministry of ushering is a crucial part of worship because it is one of the most visible ministries in the church, nevertheless the usher performs a major role in ensuring that people see and experience that.

People feel invited to serve the church through a welcoming ministry. The church usher duties can be summed up in a few words – making people feel welcome at church, assisting the Pastor with people management, assisting with seating, collecting offering, and maintaining a safe environment. Currently, we have five rotating teams. Usher teams are only needed no more than once a month.

If you are interested in joining the ushering ministry, please contact Tony Annunziata at (203) 500-9542



The First Congregational Church is sponsoring a 10-day trip to Iceland May 15-24, 2024. This exciting Collette adventure features tours of cities, villages, farms, museums, mountains, beaches, bays, glaciers, volcanic craters, lava fields, waterfalls, fjords, thermal pools and more! You will enjoy a nature cruise, a cruise along icebergs, time in the warm mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon, the local flora and fauna, and of course, the local cuisine!

Join us on Thursday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m., in Congregational Hall, for a presentation with additional details about this amazing tour. For advanced information, email Debby Voelker (debvoelker@sbcglobal.net) for a brochure.

This tour, "Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice," not only offers a fabulous travel opportunity, it also is a fund-raising event for our congregation. The First Congregational Church will receive a commission based on the number of travelers who participate. A limited number of seats has been reserved for this tour, and registration, which will begin at the June 22nd travel presentation, will be on a first-come, first-served basis.



A note from the Minister of Music



JOIN In on **Sunday May 28, 2023** at 10 a.m. worship. This is Confirmation Sunday and the last Sunday of the church school's regular year. An intergenerational group of church people will sing and play on a variety of instruments a composition called "Mungu ni Mwema" a traditional Swahili song which has been paired by Mark Burrows the composer/arranger of this work with the song "God Is So Good". You will see people playing instruments you didn't know played. It is a fun piece, and I hope you will join in singing with us or try a percussion instrument.

As the summer approaches the regular rehearsals of the choirs will be winding down. The summer Sundays are great opportunities to sing or play something during the service. I am delighted some "new" people will be singing/playing on May 28. Quartets, trios, duets of handbell players are rehearsing to play in the summer. Children studying instruments of any sort would benefit by playing. Chances are we will be worshipping in Congregational Hall which is a cooler and more informal setting. There are 12 Sundays available starting on June 18 to Sept. 3. Contact Jeanette (gross7jeanette1@gmail.com) if you have an idea how you could share your talent.

P.S. Have you ever played a kazoo?





June is LGBT Pride Month

Pride Month is a time to celebrate the LGBTQ+ culture, support their rights and reflect on the history of the LGBTQ+ movement in America and throughout the world.

Common activities include parades, protests and memorials for members of the community that have lost their lives to hate crimes and HIV/AIDS. The first pride parade took place in New York City in 1970 to honor the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall uprising, and it is estimated there were three to five thousand marchers. Participants in recent parades number in the millions, and the pride movement has now spread across the country and the world. Pride parades are known for their colorfully designed floats and attire and exuberant expressions of pride.

“One thing Pride isn’t

Pride is not a one-time event—it is an ongoing commitment to advocate for the LGBTQ+ community.

While the LGBTQ+ community has made legislative and cultural gains, the struggle for equality is far from over in the United States and the world. LGBTQ+ people face hate crimes, discrimination, and in some countries, it is illegal to be LGBTQ+. During this month, make a commitment to advocate for LGBTQ+ people year-round and continue to educate yourself on the issues impacting this community.” (Leslie University website).

Ways to show your support during Pride Month (and all year long):

- Social media is a simple way to show your support. Post positive memes, quotes or personal messages.
- Research nonprofit organizations whose mission is to support the LGBTQ+ community and make a donation or volunteer your time.
- Stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ individuals in your life.
- Read a book written by an LGBTQ+ author.
- Visit the Open and Affirming Coalition United Church of Christ website at <https://openandaffirming.org>, and sign up for their newsletter.
- Visit the ONA table in Congregational Hall during coffee hour and borrow a book, take a pride pin, or take a copy of *“Seven Ways to Be a Better LGBTQ+ Ally”*.
- *Read about the Stonewall uprising and other historically significant events impacting the LGBTQ+ community.*

*“Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”
(Romans 15:7)*



ONA SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us to discuss

This Is How It Always Is by Laurie Frankel

Thursday, August 17th at 7:00 pm

In the Guild Room

Copies available to borrow at the ONA table during coffee hour.

“This Is How It Always Is explores the travails of a modern family, where challenges about a child's gender are the same as any other struggles of growing up. A bold, honest, heartbreaking story about the choices parents make, and how life goes on, but not always according to plan.”



Christian Renewal Weekend

June 2-4 for Women

Could you use a spiritual boost? A Christian Renewal Weekend has been created to do just that. These Weekends have been crafted to help you draw closer to Jesus and feel inspired and empowered to come back to this church with renewed energy and enthusiasm to serve our Lord.

We are Footsteps in the Sand, a community of Christians from a number of churches in this area that seeks to bring people closer to Christ. Our mission is to develop people for the local church and encourage Christian action. This has been made all the more urgent as churches try to recover from three years of the pandemic.

Our non-denominational community has been holding retreats for over 40 years and more than 4,000 people in this area have attended, including people from First Congregational Church of Wallingford.

Footsteps Weekends are conducted by a team of 21 volunteers including two clergy. After attending a Weekend, people come back feeling renewed and energized to work with their pastor in serving their church.

If you would like to know more contact Bob or Lorraine Westervelt or go to our website Footsteps-Sand.org.

RUMMAGE SALE



For close to 50 years the rummage sale at our church has benefitted many individuals in town, in the area, and countries beyond the United States. It's been a very firm, solid, and stable committed mission project that we can be grateful for and proud of. This past spring rummage sale, I believe, has topped **ALL** of our previous sales regarding how much money we made for the church. At the time I happily submit this note for the Spire, our total amount taken in for the 3 days was **\$3,123.12 !!!**

It was a wonderful sale with so many of you donating clothes and household goods, your many volunteer hours to set up tables, sort, fold, and hang up everything, and/or your help working the days of the sale to keep everything neat in tidy piles, being a cashier or by welcoming all the people that came, and finally by being there to break everything down and clean the room!! A total church effort!!

I am truly grateful to all of you who played a part in making this rummage sale a wonderful success! Your helping hands and loving spirit were definitely on full display! Thank you so much!

In Christian love,

Bernie Annunziata

THE DIAPER CORNER AT DCF



Thank you for your support on building our new diaper corner. This is located at the DCF Meriden/Wallingford office for needy families to take. We will have a box downstairs and continue to collect supplies to keep the corner well stocked.



HOME GOODS DRIVE
at
First Congregational Church
23 South Main Street, Wallingford

Date: Saturday, June 17, 2022
Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

YOUR DONATION WILL BENEFIT
IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services)

IRIS is a non-profit agency whose mission is to help refugees and other displaced people establish new lives, strengthen hope, and contribute to the vitality of Connecticut's communities.

This will be a drive through event. Collection will be at the rear entrance of the church.

Drive sponsored by the Board of Community and World Service.

NEW items needed for refugees and other displaced people include pots and pans, large/kitchen garbage cans, twin and queen bedding (sheets, blankets, comforters), tea kettles, baking sheets, can openers, cutting boards, silverware, plungers, and fire extinguishers. Cash donations or gift cards will be gratefully accepted as well!

As always, your donations are greatly appreciated. For questions, please contact Kathy Wallace at kathywacct@gmail.com or 203-745-9842.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THIS DRIVE!



SNEAKERS FOR SCOW

In July, the Board of Community and World Service will once again partner with the Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW) to collect NEW sneakers for SCOW families as they prepare for back to school.

A “Sneaker Wishlist” will be published in June...watch for it!

Any new sneaker donations and/or monetary gifts and gift cards (Walmart, Target, Kohl’s, etc.) that will allow purchase of new sneakers will be greatly appreciated.

Sneakers and monetary donations will be collected at the rear entrance of the church on:

Date: Saturday, July 8, 2023

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Questions? Please contact Lori Folk-Barron at lorifolkbarron@gmail.com or 203-314-9885.

A Letter from the Church Council

Dear Church Members and Friends,

The Church Council is proposing a new organizational structure for our church that is full of exciting potential! This proposal was developed by the Vision and Mission Implementation Team. The Ministry Teams Model, consisting of a Vision Board and six Ministries with Teams, would replace our current Council, Board and Committee format.

Advantages of the Ministry Teams Model:

- *Offers many flexible short-term opportunities for meaningful volunteer and project involvement that encourages every volunteer to follow their interests and contribute their special talents, skills and passions*
- *Inspires volunteerism as we share in the work of our church in new ways*
- *Reenergizes our commitment to living into our mission with creativity and love*
- *Welcomes participation from church members and friends (folks who aren't yet members, but who are seeking ways to connect and engage in ministry)*

The **Vision Board**, in lieu of the Church Council, would empower our work towards our church's vision and mission, and would delegate to **Ministry Teams** the authority to achieve these goals. It would serve as the executive body of the church between meetings of the congregation to manage our strategic issues. The Vision Board would be composed of the elected church officers (Moderators, Clerk and Treasurer), and a coordinator from each of the six Ministries. The Pastor would serve as an ex-officio member.

Six Ministries: **Worship; Faith Formation; Membership; Congregational Care; Mission and Outreach; and Administration** would be created to plan and implement the programs and ministries of our church. Each Ministry would include five elected coordinators, as well as volunteer team leaders and team members. As they do presently, church staff members would serve as resources and advisors to the Vision Board and the Ministries and their Teams.

Please review the enclosed outline of the six Ministries with teams that offer opportunities for each of us to support the work of our church. Members and friends are encouraged to volunteer for the team or teams that speak to their passions and talents without long-term commitments.

This new structure, already in place in many UCC churches, opens up almost endless possibilities for member participation and the joy that comes from working with others and contributing each person's unique talents in a comfortable and immediate way.

Sound exciting? Join us for a special informational session to learn more about this proposal on **Sunday, April 30**, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Yours in Christ,

Steve Knight

Lori Folk-Barron

Co-Moderators

PROPOSED MINISTRIES with TEAMS

WORSHIP MINISTRY

The Worship Ministry will assist the minister(s) with the Church's regular and special services of worship. It will provide for the supply of the pulpit in the absence of the Ordained Minister. It will determine the appropriateness of any use of the sanctuary and chapel.

Teams: Sacramental Ministry Team, Music Team, Flower Team, Greeters and Ushers Team, Sanctuary Tech Team

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

The Faith Formation Ministry will plan, coordinate, and implement spiritual and faith development programs for children, youth and adults.

Teams: Adult Education Team, Church School Team, Confirmation Team, Youth Group Team.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY

The Membership Ministry will design and carry out fellowship programs and events for members and for welcoming and recruiting new members to the congregation. It will develop and support communication avenues to inspire people. It will work to welcome our involvement in fundraising activities.

Teams: Communications Team, Fellowship Team, New Member Team, Nominating Team, Scholarship Team, Rummage Sale Team, Church Fair Team

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY

The Congregational Care Ministry will initiate and oversee plans and programs for the care and welfare of members.

Teams: Good Cheer Team, Hospitality Team, Pastoral Relations Team, Visitation Team

MISSION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

The Mission and Outreach Ministry will be responsible for the education and involvement of the congregation in the needs and social concerns of local and worldwide communities.

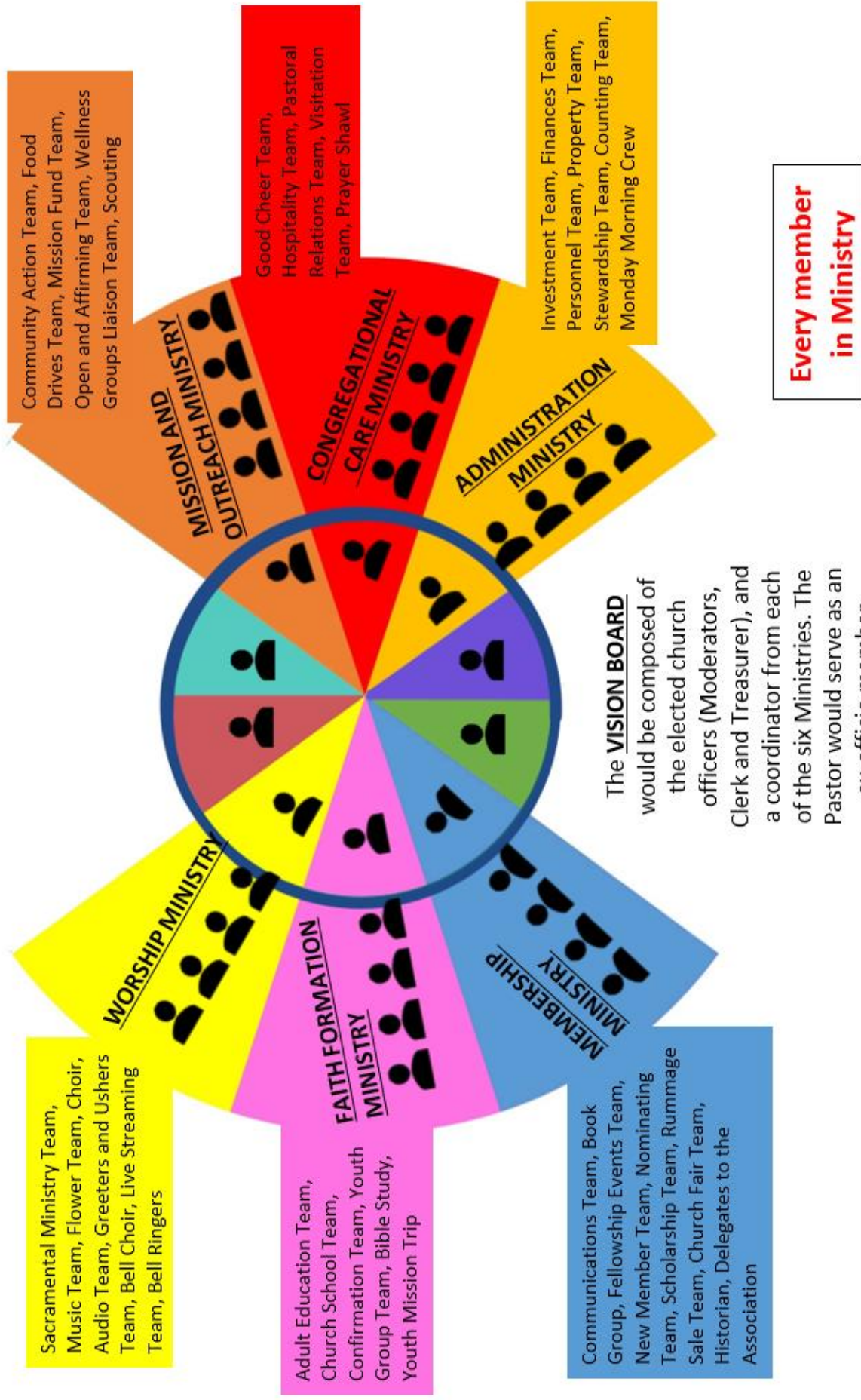
Teams: Community Action Team, Mission Fund Team, Open and Affirming Team, Wellness Groups Liaison Team.

ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY

The Administration Ministry will hold, care for and conserve the physical property of the Church and it will manage the investment and dispersal of funds of the Church. It will employ and oversee staff in conjunction with the Senior Minister as specified and appropriate. It will prepare a budget to submit to the Vision Board.

Teams: Investment Team, Finances Team, Personnel Team, Property Team, Stewardship Team

Proposed Organizational Structure with Ministry Groups of Teams



INTENTION OF GIVING
INVEST IN YOUR CHURCH! 2023-2024

Dt 16:17 "Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you."

Typically called a pledge form, this title invites all of us to support the total mission of our church with our time, talent, and treasure. Our new budget format incorporates our mission giving into the unified whole. Please include gifts meant for 'mission support' in your total. For example, Church Support of \$1200 and Mission Support of \$200 would now be a \$1400 contribution.

For the fiscal year, July 1-June 30, I intend to support our ministries by giving:

\$____ weekly or \$____ monthly or \$____ annually for a total of \$____yr.

For example:	\$15/week = \$780/year	\$150/month = \$1,800/year
	\$30/week = \$1,560/year	\$250/month = \$3,000/year
	100/week = \$5,200/year	\$400/month = \$4,800/year

There are several methods of giving: Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), Online via the church website, weekly envelopes, bill pay option with your bank, regular checks, or an annual gift. In addition, there are ways to give that provide a tax benefit for those over 70 ½ years of age. Please see the enclosed card for more information.

My preferred method of giving is:

- Weekly envelopes, check here. ____
- Existing EFT reflecting your 2023-2024 intention, check here. ____
- New EFT account, check here. ____ (enrollment form on the reverse)
- Online via the church website, check here. ____
- Bill-pay from checking account, check here. ____
- Cash or checks, check here. ____
- Annual gift, check here. ____
- RMD or QCD check here. ____

Please return this page to the church by May 21, 2023. Thank you!

Name: _____ Signature _____ Phone _____ Email _____

First Congregational Church of Wallingford
fccwcollector@gmail.com

ONLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IF THERE IS NEW INFORMATION

AUTHORIZATION FORM

First Congregational Church		UCC82540	
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE	
Type of Authorization Form:		New Authorization Change donation amount	Change banking information Discontinue electronic donation
Last Name	First Name		
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Email Address			
Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below) <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #)		Routing Number: _____ <i>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</i> Account Number: _____	
DATE OF FIRST DONATION:	FREQUENCY OF DONATION:	FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AMOUNT:	
July 1, 2023	Monthly on the 1st\	TOTAL	\$ _____
AGREEMENT I authorize the above church to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.			
Authorized Signature: _____			Date: _____



You may scan this QR code and go directly to the First Church giving page.

**Sketchbook Workshop
Drawing for the unsure artist**

June 10th 9:00 am



Featuring basic sketching skills for flora, fauna, and fungi.

June 10th, 9:00 a.m. in Congregational Hall

It will be open to adults and children with attending parents.

The only supplies needed: a sketch book and a pencil and an eraser.



Please bring these supplies with you. Watercolors will be available for those who wish to paint their drawings. This is a free fellowship activity sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

Please contact the church office 203-265-1691 to register your attendance.

First Congregational Church of Wallingford Welcomes Our Confirmands



Lauren Briglia is graduating from Moran Middle School and will attend Sheehan High School in the fall. Her parents are Michelle and Jason Briglia and she has two younger brothers. Lauren is a dancer and is also considering trying out for Field Hockey in the fall. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

Liam Geremia is graduating from Moran Middle School and will attend Sheehan High School in the fall. He is an avid snow boarder and plays football and lacrosse. He also enjoys snow mobiles and ATVs. His parents are Joe and Dawn Geremia and he has three siblings.

Sadie Tierney is completing her freshman year at Lyman Hall High School. Her parents are Amy and Jim, and she has a younger sister, Callie. She enjoyed Spring Break in Iceland on a school trip and she is a dancer and she plays Field Hockey at Lyman Hall. Sadie has been training in hopes of running indoor track next year.



Youth Group End of the Year Party

June 4th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

and

be on the lookout for Mission Trip Meetings!



Summer Sunday School Classes will run

June 25, July 9, 16, 23, and 30th

during the 10:00

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For news articles before then,
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