A Message from Pastor Linda Hatch

As I walked through the lower level of the Newman Wing this week, I saw on the wall in Jodie’s “office” some of the words from 1 Corinthians 13. What spoke to me of this interim time together here at Old South was: Love is patient, and Hopes all things. That names a good way to surround our work together in conversation. Patience that simply loves is far different than the way of the world, which wants immediate answers and works in a hurried way.

Moving into the Chapel I read the Justice and Witness Ministry Statement, which says, we are called to do justice, live peace, and build community. The love with which we live that out and look forward into the future with hope needs to be patient.

Going up the stairs in my walk through I saw the tree with the words: Rooted in Faith, Growing in Love, Reaching for Justice. There is much need for a house of worship so rooted and growing and reaching ever into this world today. There is a deep need for who you are, what you do, and how you live together in this place and in this time.

Our interim time process and its conversations are intentionally built on a Conversation Covenant that all may speak safely and be heard, that all listen deeply and see the other’s life experience, and all walk on together in faith. This Covenant, which will be framed by the Transition Team, will hold this congregation through discovering who it is now moving into the future with clarity about its shared goals and deepest spiritual meanings. As these common values, dreams, and desires come together with the reality of the church’s resources then there is what is needed for a search that finds the settled minister for this church moving into the future.
I finished my walk through in the sanctuary looking up at the words: *holiness becomes your house O Lord, forever.* Worship is where we come together, where we are connected in the flow of the Holy Spirit’s movement and love to be led and empowered, united through the intentional and patient work of Love. That is to fulfil the words of your structure (PRINCIPLES AND BYLAWS – article 2) for a deeper *unity within this Church and the Church Universal.*

There is much to see and much to be led by in a walk through this house of worship, fellowship, and unity. Blessings abound in our work,

*Linda*

**Would you like to meet with Rev. Linda?** She is working in town on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays and is available to meet with you. Linda will be in the office when she doesn’t have appointments or meetings. Please feel free to contact Pastor Linda at 356-7573 or email her at Linda@FarmingtonUCC.org

**Executive Council**

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When I write to the congregation in our monthly newsletter, I usually discuss some activity that's underway or soon to happen, something along the lines of an important vote or a capital campaign. Chalk it up to my pragmatic bent. This month, by contrast, I'd rather talk about the kinds of activities that votes and fundraising are meant to support, activities that represent the real reason that Old South exists: mission.

I'm probably influenced by the fact that I happen to be in the middle of my half-month volunteer shift for Annie's Beanpole, our free medical equipment lending service. I'm getting four phone calls per day from people asking for canes, walkers, wheelchairs, tub transfer benches, toilet extenders, and more. It's been about six months since I last took a shift, and I'm struck by the gratitude that borrowers express, gratitude for the fact that we offer this service while their insurance companies hem and haw and finally reject their requests to have these basic needs covered. Providing people with, say, a rolling walker makes the difference between their living and their merely existing. It can be a challenge to fit Annie's into my work day but it's worth it: we can be proud to offer this service to our town and the surrounding region. Jesus asked us to minister to "the least of these," and Annie's Beanpole is a powerful reminder that many of us are just one slip, one illness, one medical problem away from being "least."

Nor is this all the mission that goes on at Old South. To give just a few examples: our youth just finished a successful season of running Coat & Cupboard, offering free warm clothing to all comers once a month (including some brutally cold winter mornings!). The Community Lunch served 170 meals last month, which included taking the trouble to deliver 100 lunches to people's homes. And not too long from now we'll start our third year of offering free summer lunches to kids and their parents, this time at a new venue that we hope will reach even more people than before.

Sometimes we really do have to concentrate on practical matters like votes, fundraising, brickwork repair, investment policies, and the like. There's no getting around that, but it's good to keep in mind that all of those things are means to an end. That end is mission, and I think that our faith community does a pretty good job of focusing its energies outward to serve the world around us.

Chris Magri
Happy May, Everyone! What a beautiful time of year! As I write this, there's still about two feet of snow in my yard, but I am hopeful that by the time you read this, it is gone or almost gone.

As far as finances go, we are making good progress. We did have to spend more for snow removal as you might recall from March's report. We also had some work done on the boiler for both the church and Holman Mission House and fire suppression work in the kitchen at the church as required routine maintenance.

At the time of printing of the last Telstar, I had yet to receive our quarterly statements on our investment accounts. The market value as of 3/31/17 are as follows:

- Holman Trust: $304,074.56 - 3% increase since 12/31/16
- Endowment: $1,008,101.88 - 3% increase since 12/31/16

At the printing of the Telstar, our income to date is $79,424 and expenses are $81,192.

In closing, some of you have taken my suggestion and have come to me with your questions about finances. I urge you to continue to do so. Everyone deserves to feel they are loved, valued, and heard. In saying that, I want to encourage you to be at the May 7 meeting with the Transition Team. Unfortunately, due to a previous commitment I made before this meeting was scheduled, I will be unable to attend and I'm really sorry to say that. I recognize it seems odd or hypocritical that I would encourage you to attend something I won't be able to attend myself, but I still feel it is worth saying. This is a time for us to be open and honest about the direction we would like to see Old South take into the future. It is a great time to talk about the vision you have for us whether it be things you feel are working, and maybe some things that concern you. We will never be able to make everyone happy, but everyone should feel safe to voice their opinions.

In Peace,

Amanda Adams
Treasurer
"THERE'S A THREAD YOU FOLLOW"
(Taken from "The Way It Is", a poem by William Stafford)

"There's a thread (we) follow. It goes among things that change. But it doesn't change."

As I am writing this, in mid-April, I am pondering something Pastor Linda said recently. To paraphrase her comment: At Old South we put great value on welcoming all people and promoting a diverse community of faith. But, what is it, Pastor Linda questions, that holds us all together and runs beneath our diversity? What are our core values and our shared meanings?

It's a good question. It asks us to go deeper, to think about things we don't often talk about. What is the "thread (we) follow"? It may lead us to ask that question of ourselves. What is the "thread (I) follow"? ..... "you follow"?

In An Altar in the World, Barbara Brown Taylor tells us a story about being invited to speak at a church in Alabama. When she asks the priest what he would like her to talk about, he responds: "Come tell us what is saving your life now."

Taylor describes her inner response to this request: "It was as if he had swept his arm across a dusty table and brushed all the formal china to the ground. I did not have to say correct things that were true for everyone...All I had to do was figure out what my life depended on."

On May 7th, we are invited to join in the first of a series of important conversations facilitated by our Interim Transition Team. These conversations will help us to examine our shared meanings and our core values so that we can get to the heart of our church.

Hopefully, we will be able to set the "formal china" aside and speak of things that really matter to us. What is the thread that our spiritual lives depend upon in these uncertain times? How does Old South help us to hold onto that thread? How do we want our next settled pastor to help us hold onto the thread?

Each of us will find his or her own unique answers to these questions and yet, through our many voices some common threads may emerge. Come to our conversations and share your thoughts. Come to hear the thoughts of others. I'm looking forward to hearing what we all have to say!

Shelley Griffith
We currently have 75 pledge units for 2017 for a total of $124,174. If you have not submitted a pledge for this year, you may do so at any time.

The capital campaign brochure is ready for printing and will be distributed soon. In fact, the church family may have received it before reading this report.

The Holman Mission House has fire/smoke alarms installed as well as EXIT lighting signs. The lower level of the Newman Wing is now tied into the church alarm system. There are pull stations at exits and strobe horns in the restrooms.

Our investment funds showed positive growth through March. We are doing research on the Maine Conference investment fund which is more aggressive than the UCC investment fund.

Marilyn Hylan, Chair
NOTICE

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, OF FARMINGTON, MAINE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Church, the PROGRAM/NOMINATING ANNUAL MEETING thereof will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017, immediately following the worship service.

The purpose of the meeting is:
1. To approve the minutes of the May 15, 2016 Program/Nominating Annual Meeting;
2. To receive Annual Reports from boards and committees and to consider the same;
3. To elect officers and members of boards and committees;
4. To approve changes to the Bylaws;
5. To discuss the recently adopted Emergency Evacuation Policies & Procedures for the church campus;
6. To transact such other or further business that may properly come before said meeting.

Dated at Farmington, Maine, April 11, 2017

Kim Daellenbach, Clerk

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There will not be a regular coffee hour served on Annual Meeting Sunday. We are all encouraged to bring appetizers and snacks (fruit, cut up veggies, mini sandwiches or quiche, cheese and crackers, etc.) to share prior to the start of the meeting and we will settle down quickly to begin the business of the meeting. Water and coffee will be available. All are welcome to join us for the meeting; members of Old South will vote on the items in the call.

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News & Upcoming Events

Bread for Benefit
Sunday, May 21
following worship, prior to the Annual Meeting Vestry

Plain loaves $3
Herb and Assorted, $4

Women’s Retreat: Three Remaining Spaces!
The women’s retreat will be held at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford, Maine, May 26 – May 28, 2017. The $210 cost of the retreat includes accommodations, 6 meals, program expenses and more. Payment plans and confidential partial scholarships are available. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend.

Annual Yard and Plant Sale Donations
The yard and plant sale date are June 2-3. We need your donations of books, household goods, and decorations. Start gathering those unwanted lamps, platters, pottery, crystal, exercise equipment, books, decorations, and more now! Donations are being accepted now (church office, Tuesday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Additional hours to be determined.). Please help us: no clothing, electronic items, or broken items. Thank you!
A MATTER OF CONCERN

When a visitor arrives on Sunday morning, not to worship, but to see the Pastor to ask about receiving assistance, please bring that person to join us in the sanctuary until the service is over. Following the service, the Pastor will speak with him or her. If the visitor if unable to stay for worship, please invite them to come to the office Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for assistance.

This is a measure taken to keep that person among us and in plain sight. It is a sign of the times and a needed safety precaution.

Thank you,
Pastor Linda and the Deacons

DON'T FORGET...

May Committee and Group Meetings

Christian Ed To be Announced
Deacons' Meeting Sunday, May 14, Matthew Room following worship
Financial Trustees Tuesday, May 9, HMH at 5:30 pm
Outreach, Justice, Witness Tuesday, May 16, Matthew Room at 6:30 pm
Property Trustees Tuesday, May 16, HMH at 6:30 pm
Pastoral Care Team Wednesday, May 3, 1:00 pm, HMH
Staff Meeting Tuesday, May 9, at 10:00 am, HMH

The Retirees Lunch will be on May 1. It will be a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share and join Dick and Lynda Giard for this monthly gathering in the Vestry at Noon on the first Monday of every month (October through June). For more information, contact Dick at 897-6228.

*****The deadline to submit articles for the June issue of Telstar is May 10.*****
Old South Warming Center Volunteers Seek help establish new Senior Center:
Old South Warming Center volunteers have been actively involved in helping establish a new senior center at the Farmington Community Center, and now they have some exciting news to share! The Senior Center is opening this coming Monday, May 1, 2017 at the Farmington Community Center. There will be games and puzzles, an opportunity to exercise in the gym upstairs, and after a hot noon meal, Nate Miller from SeniorsPlus will share information about all of the offerings available to seniors. On the first and third Mondays of each Month there will be a program after lunch.

Knitting Group to start
Myrna Vallette is beginning a group for those who would like to learn knitting skills or to brush up on current skills in order to make prayer shawls. The group will gather in the Newman Wing Chapel for its first meeting on May 16 from 1 - 2:30 pm. For more information contact Myrna at (myrna.vallette@gmail.com) or 778-4387.

Special Music for the Summer
Our wonderful choir will take a well-deserved break for the summer beginning June 18. If you are interested in providing special music on a Sunday between June 18 and September 3, please sign up on the sheet posted in the Vestry or call Phyllis in the church office (778-0424) to find out about open Sundays!
Outreach, Justice and Witness will be meeting in the Matthew Room at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, May 16. This is an open ministry with no fixed membership, and we encourage you to stop in, see what plans are in action and help us to serve God’s people both locally and globally.

Food Closet Item of the Month:
shampoo, toothpaste, and laundry detergent
Your donations of these items and other nonperishable food and toiletry items are welcome. You may bring items to the church, and donations will be delivered to Care and Share. Thank you for your continuing support of this ecumenical ministry.

Western Maine Underwearness Project

The Underwearness Project is an organization that collects underwear for children. Often, underwear and socks are items that children in families struggling to make ends meet are lacking. Underwear isn’t generally offered at thrift stores and the cost of new underwear and socks can add up for families.

Outreach, Justice and Witness has placed a collection box in the vestry at Old South. Please consider purchasing a package of underwear (underpants or undershirts) or socks, child through teen sizes, to donate. The Western Maine Underwearness Project organizers will distribute the items to places such as the homeless shelter and schools where they can be given out to kids in need.

On behalf of Outreach, Justice, and Witness,
Sherry Jenckes
Sunday School Thank You!

Thank you for your food and toiletry item contributions to the Lenten Labyrinth. Your participation in this annual drive to supply Care and Share with additional items during Lent makes a difference!

Thank You: Earth Day Every Day Recycling Volunteers with Outreach, Justice, Witness and the Fundraising Team

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with E Waste event on Earth Day, April 22, and to those of you who helped to set up in the cold and rain on Friday night, April 21, for this event. We received $2,409.66 in donations and feel happy in the knowledge that electronic equipment was appropriately recycled.

Old South's Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are in need of more prayer shawls! Please consider knitting or crocheting a prayer shawl, throw or lap blanket for this wonderful ministry. Contact the coordinator, Myrna Vallette (778-4387 or myrna.vallette@gmail.com) for guidelines and patterns. If you know of someone who is in need of a prayer shawl, please speak to Myrna Vallette or Phyllis Pederson and we'll help you pick one out.

Fair Trade Coffee Ordering

Old South members and friends may join the group ordering of fair-trade certified, wholesale coffee, tea, chocolate and food items from Equal Exchange. The next order deadline is by 6 pm Tuesday, May 2. Contact the coordinator, Myrna Vallette, at 778-4387, or by email at myrna.vallette@gmail.com, to order or to get more information.
Mission & Outreach

Summer Lunch Ministry

Before you know it, the long days of summer will be upon us, and the Lunch Program to feed local youth will begin again. The program runs Mondays through Thursday in Bjorn Park with volunteers needed from 11:50 am – 1:00 pm. If you are interested in learning more about this program or volunteering to help, please contact Randy Oakley roakley@roadrunner.com or 293-2368.

Volunteer Opportunity in Honduras
Honduras Partnership, Maine Conference UCC

The Maine UCC Honduras Partnership has plans to send a mission group to Honduras in October, and you could participate! The volunteer team is going to support a medical clinic in the mountain town of Subirana by building a security fence to protect the clinic and equipment. If you can’t see yourself doing heavy work don’t worry. You will be able to help by holding a baby while the mother works or encouraging others. With all the publicity Honduras received for violence in the last eight years, travel to Honduras may sound alarming, but Subirana is a small town in a safe region of the country, and our teams follow strict security procedures (no going out of the compound without supervision, no night driving, stay in pairs, and staying away from the cities where the violence has been notorious). In addition, the crime rate has gone down. The leader of the group will be May Schumacher of Buxton. This will be her tenth trip to lead with volunteers including both adults and youth. The cost should be around $1,300 or $1,400 plus spending money for snacks and church offerings. Air and land transportation is included. Please contact the leader, May Schumacher at schumacher@roadrunner.com to find out more or to sign up. For more information on the Maine Conference and the Honduras Partnership, you may also check this link to read about past and future trips, review application materials, and view photos: http://maineucc.org/honduras-partnership/
Community Lunch

The April Community Lunch served about 170 meals. We set a record with the number of deliveries and takeouts, with about 102 meals being delivered by our drivers and somewhere around 20 more meals being picked up or being taken home by someone who had come to eat with us.

Our May Community Lunch will be held on May 13th, and the menu will feature Chicken Stew with a biscuit. As always, God’s Kitchen Crew will be providing us with cake for dessert.

We always need help for these meals, so I hope you will take an opportunity to come in for an hour or so to help with the serving and cleanup. We will be ending the year in June, so there’s still time to come out and give us a hand.

Stan Wheeler
Rocell Marcellino, Co-chairs

Strengthen the Church Special Offering

On Sunday, June 4, we will be accepting contributions for the United Church of Christ Special Offering, Strengthen the Church. Your gift to Strengthen the Church builds the UCC’s future. From funding new congregations to invigorating existing ones, from fostering tomorrow’s leaders to nurturing today’s, Strengthen the Church grows our presence as a vibrant community of extravagant welcome. Your offerings are directed to the Maine Conference, Local Church Ministries and for the first time this year, The Still Speaking Ministry. Thank you for your continued generosity.
Annual Yard and Plant Sale volunteers needed: If you would like to help organize this annual fundraising event, please contact Brenda Scribner at 299-3686 today! The yard and plant sale date will be June 2-3. In addition to volunteers, we need your donations of books, household goods, and decorations. Start gathering those unwanted lamps, platters, pottery, crystal, exercise equipment, books, decorations, and more now! Donations are being accepted now during office hours. Please help us: no clothing, electronic items, or broken items. Thank you!

Ongoing Fundraising Programs

Hannaford and Merchant Gift Cards
Hannaford cards and merchant gift cards may be purchased on Sundays before Church and during coffee hour and at the church office during office hours. Check out the selection of ready to use gift cards of local, regional and on-line merchants at the Fundraising Committee Table or in the church office!

Do you shop at Amazon?
Be sure to do your shopping through Amazon Smile and Amazon will donate .5% of your total to Old South. There's no cost to you and once you choose Old South as your charity, there's nothing else you need to do. You can go to smile.amazon.com and click select on First Congregational of Farmington. Thank you to those of you who have been utilizing this giving method already!
Sunday School
Our final lessons of the year are focused on the days after the Resurrection. What did the disciples do in those first days? How did they react? And, how did they move from fear and doubt to courage and conviction? Our May/June Sunday School lessons will include:
May 7--Doubting Thomas (Luke 24, John 20)
May 14--A surprise at Galilee, and Peter’s promise (John 21)
May 21--Jesus ascends to heaven (Acts 1)
May 28--no Sunday School
June 4--Children’s Sunday

After June 4, we will not have children’s programming during the worship service. However, we will offer interactive “Kid Bulletins,” filled with games, coloring pages, and more, for children who are comfortable readers. For young children, we offer canvas bags with simple books, clipboards with coloring pages, and quiet toys. As always, the nursery is open and staffed, for toddlers and infants.

For children ages pre-K through grade 5 May 7, 14, 21 9:45 am to 10:30 am.

BBC (Middle and High School)
We’ll “put the pedal to the metal,” as the saying goes, to zoom through the final chapters of the book of Acts this month. There’s still a lot of excitement ahead: Shipwrecks! Ambushes! Poisonous snakes! Earthquakes! Kids falling out of windows (and unharmed, might I add!) Riots! And more...

For students in grades 6 – 12 May 7, 14, and 21 9:45 am to 10:30 am
God’s Kitchen Crew
It’s our final meeting of the year--Wednesday, May 10th--and what is our theme? Surprise! That’s right, you should “expect the unexpected” this month--including the flavor of the cakes we bake. (But, of course, it’s no surprise that the afternoon will be all about having fun!)

For children in grades 2 - 5
Wednesday, May 10
3:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Soup Group
We are back on track to make those yummy chicken pot pies, which we’d originally scheduled for April (but ended up making gallons of soup instead). So, grab an apron, roll up your sleeves, and let’s get started! The pies will then be available as folks in our church and greater community need them.

For students in grades 4 - 8
Monday, May 15, 2:00 - 4:45 pm

Youth Group
We have just two youth group meetings left for the year---May 14 and May 21. Why not close out our year together with two very different movies (or maybe, not so different?) about God. First, the 1977 comedy classic “Oh, God!” starring George Burns and John Denver. Then, we’ll fast-forward to a 2017 cinematic interpretation of God--”The Shack,” which is scheduled for DVD release in May.
As always, everyone’s welcome, so invite a friend or two!

For teens in grades 6 - 12
Youth Group meetings: April 9 and 30; 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Jodie’s house (164 Russell’s Mill Road)
**Bread for Benefit**
We sell bread once this month---May 21. Who's scheduled to work?
8:30 am bread prep shift: Tommy and Charlie
10:30 bread sellers: Ian and Henry
10:40 pot scrubbers: Abby and Clay

**Children’s Sunday: June 4**
Don't miss our joyous end-of-the-school-year celebratory worship service, Children’s Sunday, June 4th. We’ll be presenting Bibles to our 3rd graders, congratulating our graduating seniors, and more. The band “Hot Pockets” returns, as does our Children’s Choir. All kids and teens have a role to play in this worship service!

**Want more information about Youth Programs at Old South? Join our e-mail list!**
Every week we send updates and detailed information about what’s happening with kids and teens at Old South. To join the e-mail list, send a note to: Jodie@FarmingtonUCC.org.
Revised Common Lectionary
The Revised Common Lectionary is a list of Bible passages followed by the majority of mainline Christian churches, including the United Church of Christ. Pastor Linda will be following the Revised Common Lectionary each week. You will find the lectionary readings below for May.

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Easter Lily Memorials and Celebrations

Given in celebration of our families, past and present, by Stan and Donna Wheeler
Given in loving memory of Emma David by Ed David
Given in loving memory of Gayle Davis by Debbie and Rich Robinson
Given in loving memory of Bill and Dolores Robinson by Debbie and Rich Robinson
Given in loving memory of our parents by Mike and Linda Hatch
Given in loving memory of our parents and grandparents by Kathleen and Terry Lynch
Given in loving memory of Earland and Hilda Winter and Virginia Fair Hodgkins by Charley and Amanda Murray
Given in loving memory of Jerry and Steve Parr by Carolyn Parr and Sarah
Given in loving memory of Mary Ella and Clifford Rounds by Jean Stowe
Given in loving memory of Clarence and Rose Pederson by Bob and Phyllis Pederson
An Invitation from Shorey Chapel
Shorey Chapel Women’s Fellowship invites everyone in the community to meet with Global Ministries missionaries on Wednesday, May 17 at 2 p.m.

Don and Maryjane Westra of Minnesota have served in Zimbabwe and in Honduras. Their assignment during the last two and a half years was at CEVER, the vocational school sponsored by our Honduras partner church. That’s where they met Bob and Craigen Healy. As they retire they are traveling to UCC churches across the United States to share their experiences. They will engage in open discussion about how to give wisely to impoverished people in the third world.

Anyone who would like to participate may everyone who comes to see and talk with them at Shorey Chapel on Wednesday, May 17 at 2 p.m.

Pilgrim Lodge 2017 Camp Registration
Partial camp scholarships for youth from Old South are available through Old South Church through the generosity of the Women of Old South. Funds are raised for scholarship through the annual Harvest Supper under the direction of Brenda Scribner. Need based scholarships are also available through the Maine Conference; the deadline to apply for assistance through the Maine Conference is May 15. Please check the www.pilgrimlodge.org above for information regarding camps, the application for scholarship assistance and registration.

Would you like to learn more about the United Church of Christ? Please check the United Church of Christ website for more information about our denomination: http://www.ucc.org On this site, you may sign up for “Weekly Seeds” a reflection based on the Revised Common Lectionary readings for each Sunday of the year. There is also a link to an electronic daily devotional called, “The StillSpeaking Daily Devotional.”
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OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Tuesday through Thursday

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Old South Statement of Identity
“In Christ there is no longer Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one…” (Galatians 3:28)

Walking toward God, we, the members of (Old South) First Congregational Church United Church of Christ, Farmington, Maine, seek through God’s Grace to be a congregation that includes all persons who desire to live God’s Love, as shown to us through the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. We respect and embrace differences of gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identification, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic background. We welcome all to share fully in the life and leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, and blessings of participation in our congregation. We are an open and affirming church: open to all, and affirming of all God’s beloved children. No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.
Would you like to meet with Rev. Linda? She will be available in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays unless she has appointments or meetings scheduled. Please feel free to contact Pastor Linda at 356-7573 or Linda@FarmingtonUCC.org.

Phyllis is in the church office Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.