



“I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,  
In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that all of you agree with one another in what you say  
and that there be no divisions among you,  
but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.”

~ 1 Corinthians 1:10 ~

I recently saw a tee-shirt that read, “I’m not arguing. I’m just explaining why I’m right.” While I found this to be a little humorous, the message got me thinking. Oftentimes, people believe that their position is correct and the other is wrong, even though they may both have a point.

Politically, we are living in very divided times. The vitriol spewed by both sides of the aisle is not contained in Washington DC; it has created distress in virtually every town in America. As a congregation, we also have people of diverse political positions, whose faith guides their actions. While we are never going to agree on all issues, we are nonetheless united in faith!

Church is the place where we come as we are – with our personal concerns and joys, with our commitment to social justice, with our doubts and questions – trusting that God meets us here to renew us for the challenges around us. If you hear a position with which you disagree, my prayer is that you will focus on unity in Christ, listen to understand the other’s perspective, and celebrate that our church is open to all people seeking the Lord. Our nation needs to find ways to work together with our differences, and I wholeheartedly believe that the church can be the role model for bridging these divides.

May the grace of God bring us together in faith, to bless our church, our nation, and the world.

Blessings, *Judith*

# Save the Date

**October 21, 2018 ~ 10:00**  
Special Celebration in worship

## **WORSHIP IN OCTOBER**

**Worship at 10:00 a.m.**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost,  
Sacrament of Communion**

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Sermon: Banquet Table

**October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture: Psalm 124

Mark 10:17-31

Sermon: Treasure In Heaven

**October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture: Philippians 1:1-11

Sermon: Guest of Honor

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-3, 8-13

Sermon: Invited

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE



Donations for the **Food Bank** are welcome every week; however, the Missions Committee is encouraging a new awareness on brunch week. Please mark your calendars and your grocery lists to bring your canned goods on **the third Sunday of the month.**

The theme for **the October Food Bank** collection is “Share the Harvest.” The Food Bank does accept produce with a long shelf life...potatoes, onions, winter squash, apples, etc.

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### ~Neighbors in Need Offering – Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States and Puerto Rico to people in need and to advocate for a society in which all have a voice in the decisions that affect their lives. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CALM). Two-thirds of the 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. NIN contributions can be made on-line at any time at [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin). Thank you for your support.

# CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



## It's almost Crop Walk time!

This year there are a few changes, but the main message is still the same -

people walk to provide awareness, and also financially support the many projects around the world to reduce hunger and poverty, through CWS (Church World Service).

The walk is a little later this year - on **Sunday October 14th**, still starting at **1:30 pm**.

We will meet at Jacob's Beach and walk from there to the Green and back. After the walk there will be a party at the Beach, there will be music and we'll find out more about how the money is used.

For more information ask me, **Judy Haggarty** or go to our website at <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/guilfordct>

Thank you!

## Music Committee



**Senior Choir has begun rehearsing every Thursday at 7:00 pm.** All parts are needed (but specifically sopranos and basses), so we encourage new members to come and join in. Please don't worry if you haven't sung in a long time or if you don't read music. Your voice is a muscle and will improve with use! Hallie and David are very understanding and choir members are helpful to new members, so come and join.



**Bell Choir is every Monday at 7:00 pm.** We are looking for ringers. Don't worry if you don't have experience reading music, we will teach you. Please see Hallie if you have any questions. Making music is not only fun and rewarding, but also proven to be good for your health!

# Mark your Calendars!

**~NGCC Annual Yankee Pot Roast Dinner on Saturday,  
October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

Join us for this delicious meal of pot roast and gravy, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and a variety of homemade desserts hosted by the Special Activities Committee.

Macaroni and Cheese will be available for children.  
Bring along a friend or two!

Dinner: \$18 for adults  
\$ 5 for children ages 10-6  
(children 5 and under are free)

Please contact Linda McGuire at 453-6812 or email [jolimcg@aol.com](mailto:jolimcg@aol.com), call the church office at 457-0581 or email the office at [office@northguilforducc.org](mailto:office@northguilforducc.org) to make your reservations.

**Reservations are strongly recommended.**

**Take-out meals are also available.**

Please call or email the church office to RSVP.



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## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Bazaar – Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Many hands make light work and this is a wonderful way to have fun and help us make this event a success. We are planning to have workshops where we will make candy, put together dips and make some simple craft items.

**Workshops from 6:30 – 9:00 pm**

~Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

~Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

~Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Please plan to join us and help us prepare for the Bazaar.

New ideas are always welcome.

Please volunteer your time and talents.

Please contact Debbie Ripley ([resriply@aol.com](mailto:resriply@aol.com)),

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## **Welcome to ALPHA – Program of Adult Spirituality**

ALPHA is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith and deepens your spiritual connection. No pressure. No follow-up. It runs in churches, coffee shops and homes all around the globe. ALPHA includes snacks, a short video, and a discussion where you share your thoughts. No right answers. No wrong ones. Plan to attend weekly sessions at NGCC on Sunday afternoons from 4:00 – 5:30 pm. Please contact Dennis Dostert at 203-457-1787, if you have any questions.

# OPPORTUNITIES



**TOWER LIGHTING** For \$10 a week, you can sign up and honor or memorialize loved ones. To sign up, please contact Diane in the church office.



**FLOWERS IN WORSHIP** Please sign up on the flower chart in the Narthex, if you would like to bring flowers for Worship Service. Thank you to Margie Franco for being our flower coordinator. If you see that no one has signed up (chart in Narthex) by Wednesday and you wish to bring flowers, please contact Margie at 203-980-0975 to see if they are still needed.



**READY, SET, RIDE** Do you need a ride to church on Sunday mornings, or to attend a special church function? If you do, we will match you up with someone who will pick you up each week. Please call: Diane VanSteenbergen, Church Office Manager 203-457-0581. By the same token, let us know if you would be able to provide rides.



**GROCERY CARDS** Don't forget to buy your grocery cards from the church during fellowship hour or church office hours! NGCC receives 5%-6% on each card.



**BIBLE STUDY** We meet every first and third Wednesday in the church library at 1:00. All are welcome! All are wanted! All are invited! Join us to learn about God's holy word, to connect with other faith seekers, and to focus on how God speaks to us through the Bible.



### Church (Diane) Office Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am -1:00 pm**

### Pastor's Office Hours

**Monday – Wednesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm,  
Thursdays by appointment**

## Monthly Beacons & Weekly Bulletins

If you have any articles, blurbs, etc., for the Sunday bulletins and/or monthly Beacon, please have them to the office by:

- ~Sunday bulletins are due **Monday mornings**.
- ~Monthly Beacon is due the **15th of each month**

