

CHRONICLE PLUS

Community Church of Durham, UCC

Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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TODAY AT COMMUNITY CHURCH

9:00 am	Bible Study	Parlor
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm	High School Youth Group	Library

Announcements: To include an announcement in the weekly Chronicle Plus or E-News, please email your announcement to the church office by noon on Wednesdays of the week the announcement is to appear.

Bread for the World’s (BFW) fall Offering of Letters: Today and Oct. 22. We will ask our Community Church faithful to write a letter to each of our two Senators, Jean Shaheen and Maggie Hassan, plus Representative Carol Shea-Porter on behalf of BFW, or to sign a letter to each of these three elected delegates to Washington. The message will urge Congress to retain, and not cut, funding for critical anti-hunger programs such as WIC (Women, Infants and Children), SNAP (Food Stamps) and CTC (Child Tax Credit). Also to continue all-important aid to other countries for expectant mothers and child nutrition programs. ~ Justice and Witness Ministry

In Our Family is a traveling exhibition curated by the Massachusetts’ non-profit organization, Family Diversity Project. The group of sixteen photographs and their accompanying narratives celebrate diverse family structures through candid portraits and quotes that share experiences of non-traditional families in their own words. The exhibit challenges stereotypes and helps dismantle prejudice by affirming an inclusive and expansive vision of family life today. Photographs include adoptive and foster families; divorced and stepfamilies, single parent households, multiracial families, families facing chronic illness and death; families living with mental and physical disabilities; lesbian and gay-parented families; interfaith families, multigenerational households, and immigrant families. **Join our Sunday School children during Fellowship Hour today when they spend time looking and responding to the exhibit.**

Something We Can Do for Puerto Rico: Join us for a Rice & Bean Supper, hosted by our 8th/9th grade youth group. All donations will support relief efforts. **Friday, Oct. 20, 5:30-7:30pm**, Fellowship Hall. We will cook, you come, eat, and donate what you can. 100% of proceeds support aid to Puerto Rico!

Families First: Monday, Nov. 6th is our next opportunity to provide a meal for Family Fun Night at Families First in Portsmouth. The menu: chili (not too spicy), corn bread, green salad, milk, fruit and cookies or bars for dessert. We ask for contributions in each category to serve ten. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall. Please drop off food in the Fellowship Hall kitchen by 3pm on November 6th.

Care Team: Care Team members assist our pastor in tending to our church family during both challenging and joyous times. We send cards, make phone calls, visit the sick and shut in, provide rides, deliver flowers, etc. We currently are a small group of volunteers who could use your help. If you feel God may be calling you to share your gifts and graces through this Ministry please let us know by contacting Pam White (603-674-3780) or Laura Sevigny (603-493-5900).

Children’s Choirs: Our two children’s choirs will begin rehearsing on Thursday afternoons in the Chapel. **Rejoice Choir:** Children from age 3-grade 2 are welcome to join. We will meet in the Chapel from 4:45-5:00. For children in elementary school, we are exploring the option of taking the bus and having adult supervision until choir begins. **Alleluia Choir:** Children in grades 3-8 are welcome. Rehearsals are in the Chapel from 4:15-4:45. Taking the bus from the elementary schools is an option. Middle Schoolers often walk. For info/sign up, please contact Kristin Forselius: KristinF@CCDurham.org & Lorna Ellis: Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net.

Men's Fellowship Group: The group typically meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 8am in the church library. All men of the community are welcome to come and discuss spiritual and other topics of interest. The next meeting is **Thurs., Oct. 19th**.

Tuesday Morning Book Group: Oct. 31, 2017 marks 500 years since Martin Luther presented his "95 theses," which is usually cited as the date when the Reformation began. In keeping with the world-wide notice of this date, the Tuesday Book Group will be reading *Luther the Reformer; The Story of The Man and His Career*, by James Kittelson. Join us to review this amazing man's life and discuss what the Reformation means for us. The books are available in the office for \$22 each. We will meet on Tuesdays, 10 - 11:30am, from **Oct. 3 to Nov. 14 (not on Oct. 10.)** Questions? Please call Marion Ellis (659-1123) or Ruth Moore (868-1086).

Discovering the World Poetry Reading: Our poetry (prose, song, theatre, et al.) readings will recommence on **Sun., Oct. 22** at 4pm in the Parlor. The theme, as always, will be linked to the gallery exhibit, *Discovering the World*. As always, the time is open for you to come just to listen, or to read from a favorite poem or novel or essay, or to read (or sing) your own original creations. Given the theme, we welcome impressions ranging from travel, to introspection, to spiritual awakening, to political and social themes. Humor, is highly valued as well. All ages welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday Film Series: Thurs., Oct. 26, 9:30am, Parlor. Our monthly film series begins with one of the most outstanding films of 2016. "Hidden Figures" is based upon the true stories of 3 African-American female mathematicians who were employed by NASA in the early 1960s during the early years of the space race with the Soviet Union. The film was chosen by the National Board of Review as one of the 10 best pictures of 2016 and was nominated for numerous awards including 3 Academy Awards and two Golden Globes. This is a most uplifting film that should be seen by everyone especially in light of our congregation's ongoing discussion of white privilege in American society.

"My Favorite" A New Gallery Show: On **Sat., Oct. 28**, the Gallery Group will launch a new show— "My Favorite"—celebrating the ten plus years of gallery exhibitions. We are inviting all artists in the UCCC and Seacoast community who have exhibited in the gallery in the past, and would like to pick a favorite from one of their past shows. But we're also open to artists who have a 'favorite' that's new and hasn't been seen in the church before. The goal is to celebrate art in all its forms, and all of our artists, young and old. Please try to leave your work in the church office (open 9-3 Monday through Thursday) during the weeks prior to Oct. 28th. And don't forget to share your label content in advance with Kristin Forselius, KristinF@CCDurham.org. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis, at drogseth@emausa.com.

Coffee House Fundraiser for Waysmeet/Cornucopia Food Pantry: Thurs., Nov. 2, 7pm in Fellowship Hall. **Vocalists, instrumentalists, & poets wanted!** Join us for a fun evening of music and fellowship! All proceeds will go to help support Waysmeet and the Cornucopia Food Pantry housed in their building on Mill Rd. Please contact Audrey in the church office to sign up to perform. Event co-sponsored by our Justice & Witness and Education & Faith Formation Ministries.

Dine with Nine is a way you can meet and grow relationships with others within our church community. We are a group of 8-9 people who meet on a regular basis to have dinner at others homes. Members of the group rotate who hosts while everyone shows off their meal making abilities in a potluck style dinner! To help place people in groups, you will be asked to complete a Diner Bio you can receive at the church office, email or mail. If you are interested or are want more information please contact Jimmy Hartman at 703.946.8698, jimmyhartman@outlook.com, or the church office. Please express your interest by Nov. 3 and groups will be announced Nov. 5 at our kickoff meeting at 11:30am in the Chapel. If you are unable to attend, you will be notified by your group leader.
