

**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/Sunday School	Sanctuary
11:15 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Conversation with Charles Buck	Chapel
11:30 am	Greeter Meeting	Parlor
12:00 noon	Education & Faith Formation Meeting	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.

**Please join Charles Buck and Jill Small** in the Chapel **at 11:30 today** for a conversation about transition both here at CCD and in the New Hampshire Conference.

**Get to know CCD—an invitation to membership!** What brings you to Community Church? What keeps you here? What might you still want to know about the church, its program, beliefs, practices? How might you find deeper more meaningful involvement in this faith community? On **Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>** and **February 4<sup>th</sup>**, Pastor Jill invites those who are new to the church and those who'd like a "refresher," to learn more about church membership or deeper involvement. Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> will include a light lunch hosted by the Spiritual Nurture Ministry. Come learn more about the United Church of Christ and our particular congregation. Childcare provided. Those who wish to covenant in membership will be welcomed during our 10:00 am worship service on February 11th. In order to help with planning, please RSVP to the church office, or fill out and drop off/mail the form on page 11 of the *December Chronicle*.

**Annual Appeal Update:** We have 145 pledges for 2018, which is an increase of 10 over 2017. That is great news and we appreciate your response! The amount pledged, \$246,000, however is below 2017 and does not allow for staff raises or proposed Ministry program increases. If you have not pledged yet, or can increase the amount pledged, please do so before the Council finalizes the budget on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Dianne Thompson, our Business Manager, to pledge or increase your pledge. Thank you.

**Fellowship Hour Hosts Invited:** Please sign up to host Fellowship Hour one Sunday. It's fun and easy, and is a gift to other members and friends. All encouraged to take a turn! Simple instructions can be found in the kitchen, or by contacting the church office. A sign-up board can be found in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

**Men's Fellowship Group:** The group 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., Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**Annual Meeting Save the Date: Sunday, January 28, 2018, 11:45am** in the Sanctuary. Each year our church meets to hear about the work and vision of the congregation, elect new leadership, vote on the annual budget and recommit to work, service, and witness in the coming year. Please mark your calendars!

**Community Church is proud to be a lead supporter of the new Oyster River Community Read**, a community-wide collaborative program, where two memoirs will be center points for conversation and learning about racial justice, a United Church of Christ priority. Begins January 24th! Go to [ORCread.org](http://ORCread.org) for a calendar of events, resources, and more.

**Seacoast Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (SISC) Volunteer Orientation and Training:** On **Wed., Jan. 24**, 6 pm to 9 pm, the SISC will host our first volunteer orientation and training at Dover Friends Meeting, 141 Central Avenue, Dover. Join us to learn about sanctuary for immigrants facing deportation, and about the many ways you can volunteer to support this important effort. Our program will include a "Know your Rights" training with staff from the American Civil Liberties Union's NH office. We will also explain the volunteer registration, screening and scheduling processes being developed by the SISC. Program includes a light supper. RSVP is required, so please contact Maggie Fogarty (63)988-7115, [mfogarty@afsc.org](mailto:mfogarty@afsc.org).

**Dine with Nine** is a way you can meet and grow relationships with others within our church community. Groups of 8-9 people meet on a regular basis to have dinner at others' homes. Hosts rotate while everyone shows off their meal making abilities in a potluck style dinner! There is still time to sign up. If you are interested or are want more information please contact Jimmy Hartman at 703.946.8698, [jimmyhartman@outlook.com](mailto:jimmyhartman@outlook.com).

**Seacoast Choral Society Concert:** *Music for a Winter Afternoon*. **Sun., Jan. 28**, 3pm, Sanctuary. Admission by donation. All are welcome.

**Families First: Monday, Feb. 5th** is our next opportunity to provide a meal for Family Fun Night at Families First in Portsmouth. The menu: chicken & rice casserole (recipe provided or your own), rolls, garden salad, milk, fruit and cookies or bars for dessert. Contributions to serve ten in all categories are needed. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please drop off food in the Fellowship Hall kitchen by 3pm on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Choirs:** 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. **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](mailto:KristinF@CCDurham.org) & Lorna Ellis: [Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net](mailto:Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net).

**HS Youth Group:** (grades 10+) meets on Sundays, 6-7:30pm. Please contact Kristin Forselius at [kristinf@ccdurham.org](mailto:kristinf@ccdurham.org) for more info.

**Confirmation Class:** For youth in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade – please contact Kristin Forselius at [kristinf@ccdurham.org](mailto:kristinf@ccdurham.org) to participate!

**"Immigration 101"** Second of a Four-Part Series, **Sun., Feb. 11**, 11:30-12:30, Parlor. Why did our friends at the Maranatha UCC church leave Indonesia? Why didn't they wait to come here legally? Can't they just apply for asylum? Are they safe now from deportation? What does it take to become a US citizen? To learn more, please join us for "Immigration 101" with Eva Castillo from the NH Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees. This is the second of a four part series hosted by our Immigration Service Team. In Part One we explored the spiritual grounding for our work. In Part Two we seek to ground our work in a solid understanding of immigration. We believe this will be a meaningful and timely discussion.

**Shadows Fall North:** Please join us on **Sun., Feb. 18**, 4pm in the Chapel for a screening of *Shadows Fall North*, a documentary about the history of slavery in New Hampshire. The screening will be followed by a conversation facilitated by the makers of the film and is one of the many programs offered by ORCR!

**You can go green** by donating through your checking account or by using the GivePlus app on your smartphone. Automated giving makes it easy for you to support CCD's mission and ministries even when you're away for a Sunday. Dianne Thompson can help you set up these efficient and effective ways to support our church. Thank you for your generosity.

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