

## CHRONICLE PLUS -- TODAY at COMMUNITY CHURCH—June 9, 2019

9:00 am	Bible Study	Parlor
10:00 am	Worship Service & Sunday School	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
2:00 pm	Gallery Poetry Reading	Mezzanine

**The Strengthen the Church offering Sunday, June 9, 2019.** This offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

**Poetry (and Prose) Reading in the Gallery On Sunday, June 9th, at 2:00 p.m.,** the Gallery Group will host a poetry (and prose) reading on the theme *Who is Our Neighbor?*, in the gallery. The gallery backdrop will provide a sea of images that suggest human diversity and caring, which is also the theme for the reading. We welcome all perspectives, personal, spiritual, political, or all three at once—in works that you have written, or writings that you have read and cherish. Humor is, as always, also welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Durham Pride: Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel,** Documentary Film: *Stonewall Uprising: The Year that Changed America.* This PBS film documents the Stonewall riots on June 28, 1969, marking a major turning point in the modern gay civil rights movement in the United States and around the world. Join us for community conversation following the film.

**Women's Bible Study:** Another year of Bible Study has drawn to a close and our last task is to decide on a topic or book for next season. Mandy Armstrong gathered suggestions at the last session and will bring her feedback on a couple of the recommended books to the June meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, June 12 at 10AM** in the Parlor. Also mentioned at the last meeting was the possibility of ending with an off-site lunch at a restaurant after the June meeting. If you would like to be part of this celebratory lunch, please let Mandy (431-2406 or [mandybarmstrong@comcast.net](mailto:mandybarmstrong@comcast.net)) or Sara Urban (580-5399 or [Swurban@aol.com](mailto:Swurban@aol.com)) know so that a reservation may be made. As usual, all women are welcome to join us. No preparation needed for this session! Please plan to join us to share your thoughts and feelings with other interested women.

**Join us for a concert to benefit local climate action** with Joyce Anderson, Cynthia Chatis, and Chris George on **Friday June 14th at 7:30 PM** at the Durham UU Fellowship, 20 Madbury Road, Durham. All proceeds benefit 350NH, a local organization building the grassroots movement for a just transition to 100% renewable energy in the Granite State. Reserve your ticket online at [https://actionnetwork.org/ticketed\\_events/350nh-benefit-concert-for-the-climate](https://actionnetwork.org/ticketed_events/350nh-benefit-concert-for-the-climate) or at the door. For more information about 350NH and their work on offshore wind and the GB fracked gas pipeline, check out their website at [350nh.org](http://350nh.org).

**Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** help is needed moving a family. Nancy Pape from Madbury UCC is coordinating a move for a Nigerian family. They are looking for someone with a truck and 1-2 strong people to help. They are not going far and may need only 1-2 loads. Contact Dale Hempen at [dahempen@comcast.net](mailto:dahempen@comcast.net) or Henry Smith at [Henry.Smith@unh.edu](mailto:Henry.Smith@unh.edu)

**Interested in learning more/joining CCD?** Two opportunities are on the calendar! 1) Come to a one-session introduction on **June 15th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon**, with a continental-style breakfast. We'll welcome you into membership on July 14th. *Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>.* 2) Come to the two-session model for about an hour after worship on September 29th and October 6th; folks will join on October 13th.

**New Gallery Art Show “What/If” Will Go Up on June 22nd.** Our summer to early fall exhibit should be a provocative one. “What if” asks the question how we see ourselves and the world—can we imagine a better future? We welcome images of nature, society, travel, meditation, family, or whatever inspires you to think about a better future. And we welcome art work of all varieties. Please leave your pieces in the office with Heather by not later than Thursday, June 19th. Also, please share your label-related information with Carolyn Puffer [carolynpuffer@comcast.net](mailto:carolynpuffer@comcast.net). If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to email me at [drogseth@dennisnils.com](mailto:drogseth@dennisnils.com).

**Portsmouth Pride Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Volunteers Needed! Join us at our church table for Portsmouth PRIDE! We need help with set-up, handing out church rainbow swag, and clean-up from 12-5pm. Shift volunteering is great. You can also wear your rainbow colors and join in the PRIDE parade. Line-up starts at 12pm. Super fun! Hope you can join us. Please RSVP to Kristin in the office.

**Tootsie Pops Needed!** We are in need of the large tootsie pops for our lollypop toss game for Portsmouth Pride and other events we have during the summer months. Please drop off at the Church or Kristin's office!

**Service Sunday! June 30th will be our next Service Sunday.** We will have a shorter service followed by painting flower pots for Seacoast Family Promise. We will also be putting together benches and a sandbox for My Friends Place. All ages and skill level are welcome!

**From the Business Office** Summer is almost upon us! Just like for families, there is a different rhythm at the Church during the summer months. We have a more relaxed schedule and there is no church school in July and August. Between vacations and staycations, many families do not come as often to worship. However, one thing is constant in all months – your financial support to help sustain our mission and ministries! One way to make your giving easy is to set up online giving through our church online service. I will be available in coffee hour on Sunday, June 9 to demonstrate the app for a smart phone or the use of our online portal through our website – <http://ccdurham.org> (click on the Donate Online link and you can set up one-time or recurring donations). If you have any questions or want help at another time, please let me know. It is actually quite easy to use and makes giving easy! Thanks again for your gifts that help us sustain our programs and our facility. Dianne Thompson, Business Administrator ([diannet@ccdurham.org](mailto:diannet@ccdurham.org) or 868-1230)

**Spring Outreach Thank You:** On Mother’s Day, each mother currently living at My Friend’s Place, a family shelter in Dover, was presented a Mother's Day gift bag containing personal care items, a gift certificate for a haircut, a lovely scarf and Lindt Chocolate. Thanks to your generosity, each mother received recognition for the important role she plays in her family's life. In addition, members of this congregation donated \$795 in cash and gift certificates for materials to build two garden benches for My Friend’s Place and a covered sand box for Haven, our community partner that provides services to victims of domestic violence. We received numerous trucks, pails and shovels that will entertain children using the sandbox. We are grateful to Don Smith for spearheading the construction of the benches and the sandbox and to Lindt Chocolate for donating delicious truffles. On behalf of Justice and Witness, thank you for your loving outreach to neighbors in need.

-Brenda Sargent, Carla Wilson and Donna Simpson

**Green Tips from Green Justice Committee:** Got Foam Furniture? Foam products (like stuffed furniture and mattresses) are often treated with toxic fire retardants, so keep them well covered. Ask whether a product is treated before you buy and choose naturally fire-retardant materials like cotton and wool, when possible. Don’t ‘protect’ your fabrics and carpets with sprayed on chemical coatings – simply clean spills quickly.

**Please be mindful of allergies and some folks’ sensitivity to scent. Thank you!**

Community Church of Durham is a vibrant place where lots is happening! Please submit items for the Chronicle Plus to [office@ccdurham.org](mailto:office@ccdurham.org) by noon on Wednesday for inclusion the next Sunday. Thank you!