



The Church Caller

A monthly publication of the Ellington Congregational Church, UCC

October 2023

Sunday Worship 9:30 / Church School 9:30
10:00 service and school starting on 9/10/23
Intentional Interim Pastor Joanne Myer
Director of Music Julie LaRocca
Director of Faith Formation Lee Carman

*Whoever you are and wherever you
are on your faith journey,
you are welcome here!*

Upcoming Events

Visit www.eccucc.org for details



Friendship Class
October 3, 2023
1:00 pm - Rm 201



Blessing of the
Animals
October 8, 2023
1:00 am - Town Green



Fall Festival
October 14, 2023
8:00 am-4 pm @
Historical Society



Sacred Stitches
October 19, 2023
9:00 am - Social Room



Consecration Sunday
& Food Drive kick-off
October 22, 2023
10:00 am



Paint-Glass Workshop
October 22, 2023
11:45 am - Social Room



Prayer Shawl
October 26, 2023
9:30 am - Social Room



5th Sunday Collection
October 29
Cocoa, Cookies and
Candy Canes



Trunk or Treat
Oct 29, 11:30 am - 1 pm
Parking Lot



TALENTS ARE GOLD

*Giving Feels Good When You
Give Your Time, Talent or
Treasure*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With our annual Stewardship campaign, we mark our opportunity to provide from our own yearly harvests of time, talent and treasure. It is our chance to confirm to the Ellington Congregational Church community the support we can provide to continue its important message to the world, one of love and kindness.

We ask that you consider our theme this year: "Giving feels good..." and in it, to see pledging in a new light; one of hope and promise, with the opportunity and the beauty of giving.

The word "Talents" is a versatile word in the bible. In Ancient Greek it meant actual gold, or money, as a unit of measure. But the bible also referred to it as the "creativity" needed to produce that gold. And it is from interpretations of Jesus' Parable of Talents, that we arrive at our modern meaning of "gifts or skills." Using this one word "Talents" – we can describe our many gifts: skills, money, and the time needed to create both. It is our gifts that allow the light of Christ to shine out into the world, and allows us to feel the grace that giving provides. With "Talents," we show not only the many ways of giving, but the singular importance of giving.

It is with your help that we can ensure that all our church's resources – all the love and opportunities - everything that has helped each of us, will continue to be available. You will know the good that these gifts provide, and in doing so, know that you are supporting the future and longevity of a church family that we cherish, along with its impact on our community.

Please complete your pledge online - click the "Make Your Pledge" button on the website home page - or bring the card you will receive by mail with you on or before Consecration Sunday on October 22.

We thank you for your generosity in continuing the message of faith, love, and community that is our church. We are mindful some may not be able to give financial support to the extent they would like, and are grateful for what you can provide.

Your ECC Stewardship committee,

Bryan Forst (Chair), Rev. Joanne Myer, (Senior Paster), Jol Sprowles, Cassie Miller, Darlene Quirk

The Seasons of Thanks and Giving are Fast Approaching!

The upcoming seasons of Stewardship, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas are around the corner. They can be wonderful but stressful at the same time. There will be multiple opportunities for you to contribute. Below is a list to help you plan - **find those things that will reflect your grateful heart and bring you joy!** Details for each project will be found in this and future Callers, bulletins, weekly emails and website. Food item requests for the Farmhouse Fair and Winterfest will be posted in the Social Room.



Event	Request	Due	Contact	Purpose
Stewardship	Catch up on your 2023 pledge	Before 12/30	Stewardship Committee	Support ECC operations & ministries
Stewardship	Make your 2024 pledge	by 10/22	Stewardship Committee	Support ECC operations & ministries
Grocery Cart Ministry	Groceries	ongoing weekly	Board of Missions	Feed the Hungry
Oct 5th Sunday	Cocoa and Cookies	By Oct 29	Board of Missions	Cornerstone Pantry
Trunk or Treat	Candy	Before 10/29	Lee Carman	Joy to Children
Trunk or Treat	Decorated Trunk	on 10/29	Lee Carman	Joy to Children
Farmhouse Fair Cafe & Bakery	Ingredients	during Oct	Joann Scott/Laurie Hazelton	Women's Fellowship fundraiser
Farmhouse Fair	Money for Bountiful Baskets	during Oct	Jane Scordato	Women's Fellowship fundraiser
Farmhouse Fair	Baked Items & Cookies	Nov 3	Karen Johnson	Women's Fellowship fundraiser
Farmhouse Fair	Assistance at the Fair	Nov 3 & 4	Jennifer Traynor	Women's Fellowship fundraiser
Hawkwing	Coat Collection	ongoing	Vickie Oravits	Warmth for Lakota Americans
Thanksgiving	Dinner groceries	11/12	Bryan Forst	Feed the Hungry
Nov Special Collection	Adult Socks, Towels & Washcloths	By Nov 26	Sue Hannigan	Crystal Lake Pantry
Winterfest Cafe	Food Ingredients	11/26	Joann Scott	ECC fundraiser
Winterfest Cafe	Assistance that day	12/2	Joann Scott	ECC fundraiser
Christmas Special Collection	Money	12/24	Pastor Joanne	Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Christmas	Grocery Gift Cards	12/24	Sue Hannigan	Feed the Hungry

Shopping Cart Ministry October Most Needed Items



- Cans of stew, chicken, tuna
- Canned pasta meals
- Ramen noodles
- Spaghetti sauce in plastic jars
- (such as Francesco Rinaldi)
- Pouches of instant potatoes
- Rice side dishes (such as Rice-A-Roni, Knorr side dishes)
- Peanut butter

All other canned and boxed donations are greatly appreciated, as well a grocery store gift cards.

BOARD OF MISSIONS 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION OCT 1 THRU OCT 29

All are invited to bring a box/can of hot chocolate for
Cornerstone Food Bank's, Christmas Clients Bag.

Cocoa, cookies and candy canes are the smells and
sights of families at Christmas. Not all have the means
to purchase these items. Let's help make that possible
for all God's Children.



Fifth Sunday plastic bin is located on the table across from the elevators. You may deposit your gift there throughout the month of October and no later than October 29th - Fifth Sunday

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Oct 8th @ 1pm
on the Green



Bring your critters to be blessed by
Ellington Congregational Church's
pastor and youth!

Rain date Oct 15th



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, 10/29 ~ 11:30am - 1pm

3 ways to participate:

- Donate candy or treats to be given out
- Decorate your trunk and hand out goodies
- Bring your kids/grands to trick or treat



To help, please call the church office, speak with Lee Carman, or email christianed@eccucc.org

Ellington Congregational
Church



61st ANNUAL
FARMHOUSE FAIR

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November 3: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

November 4: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Homemade and Handmade

Food, Food, Food at the Fair!

How you can help the fair now:

- Check the poster at church for items that need to be donated to help with the Cafe menu
- Start baking freezable cookies now or make plans to bake for the Bakery.
- Suggested Cookies for variety:
 - Gingersnaps & Gingerbread
 - Snickerdoodles
 - Thumbprint
 - Sugar
 - Oatmeal Raisin
 - Snowball or Sandies
- Suggested Baked Items:
 - Cakes
 - Pies
 - Breads
 - Dessert Bars
 - Muffins



BAKERY AND COOKIE BEES



Home-baked Goodies
Pies, Cakes, Brownies, Cookies for your
holiday entertaining.



FARMHOUSE CAFE

Dine In or Take Out

Dinner Friday 5 - 7

Breakfast Goodies Sat 9 - 11

Lunch Saturday 11 - 1

Featuring Fair Favorites Chicken a la King,
Pasta Fagioli Soup, Baked Pasta with
Meatballs, Apple Cake, Carrot Cake, Indian
Pudding, children's menu and more! Visit
www.eccucc.org for full menus.

All proceeds
from the fair
support church
projects.

We appreciate
your donations
to support the
church!

Questions can
be directed via
email to
jenniferatraynor@yahoo.com

New Features This Year!



CRAFTERS' COVE
Artistic Crafted Items



TREASURE CHEST
Gently Used Items

Cookies can be dropped off at Karen's house: 236 Smith St, South Windsor, CT 06074 (cell; 860.305.8583), or ECC anytime before or even during the fair. Package any way that is convenient - they will be removed and displayed under a sneeze guard so people can select their baker's dozen. Baked items can be brought to ECC Thursday or Friday before 4:00 pm.

Winterfest Cafe

Winterfest 2023: The tentative date for Winterfest is Saturday, December 2, 2023. The Winterfest Café will be a fundraiser for TELOS this year. Boards, Committees and Ministries please see Winterfest Coordinator Joann Scott if you are planning to participate.

Thank you, Rob Wallace,
for painting the new fire
doors and for all your
years of contributing
beautifully to the ECC
choir!

Season of the Bags of Gold/Talents

What will you do with 10 Gold Coins?

This program has been extended till the end of October - there's still time to participate!

We've just passed the goal with additional proceeds expected. Please continue to support these projects.

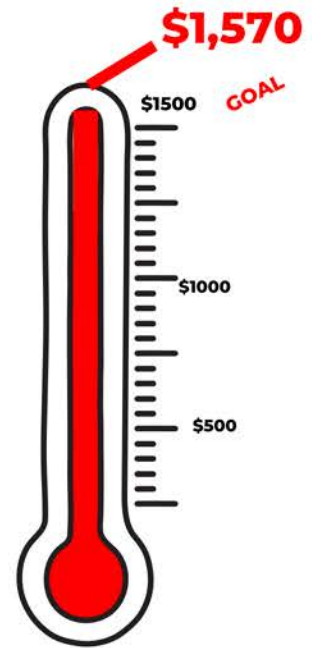
Quilt by Penny

45" x 54"

Tickets are \$15 each
or 2 for \$25



Beautifully made quilt is being raffled off. Raffle tickets are available for sale in the social room during Fellowship Hour following worship for the next few Sundays.



Thank you for your support of these successful projects!

Charcuterie Demonstration Class

Cornhole Game Set

Name Your Sermon

Blueberry Buckle

Christmas Party in July

Grandmother Zina's Heritage Cinnamon Buns

Authentic Italian Dinner by Jane

Computer Services

Is your computer giving you problems?
Need help with a printer?
Moving to a new computer?

I can help you with any of your home computing problems or questions. I can work with both Windows and Mac's.

Please call or email me at
brian.cocuzzo@gmail.com

MEET THE COMMITTEE – THE USHER COMMITTEE

Ushers prepare the sanctuary for every service, collect offerings during the service, and close the sanctuary down afterward. They also are ready to assist congregants as needed: find seats and facilities in the building, and deal with situations as they arise.

There are normally two ushers for every service. They begin 45 minutes before the scheduled time of service and finish closing up in about a half hour after. With a full complement of 18 on the Ushers Committee, each member can expect to be needed perhaps once in every six weeks. There are no scheduled meetings of ushers.

There are currently seven ushers. We are concerned that these folks are being overworked. There are four people who serve when the regulars can't, but we feel that many in the congregation could occasionally come early to services and leave a little later.

New church members have found ushering easy, and useful for the chance to meet other members of the congregation, and to participate in the life of the church. Please reach out to Jol, Pastor Joanne, or the Office if you would like to learn more about this important role.



Women's Fellowship News

The Women's Fellowship of the Ellington Congregational Church is open to all members and friends of the church. We encourage you to participate in our organization.

Romans 15:13: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

Dear Women of ECC,

We have several Farmhouse Fair dates for your calendar and we are about a month away from our Fair:

Saturday, October 14 in conjunction with the Ellington Historical Society Fall Fair, we will be offering a preview of our Fair at their Fall Festival. Stop by and see what we have.

Wednesday, October 18 is the final Zoom planning meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 22 immediately following worship will be a very important cash-handling meeting. One person from each station needs to be present for this. It will be held in Room 201. Following the cash training will be a paint-glass workshop in the Education Wing. Please join us!

Farmhouse Fair dates are Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4, 2023. Please save the dates!

Women's Fellowship is also planning an **all-church potluck on Saturday, November 18, 2023 in the Social Room beginning at 5:00 p.m.** This is a celebratory potluck for the success of the Fair and it is for **our entire church. All are welcome. Please join us.** Last names beginning A-M, please bring a main dish to share. Last names beginning N-Z, please bring a side dish to share. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

Sacred Stitches is meeting on the third Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Social Room. The next meeting is **October 19, 2023.** Everyone who wants to sew is welcome to join. Please contact Jan Schaeffer at 860-875-5581 with any questions.

Our next Women's Fellowship Executive Board meeting is Friday, **October 6, 2023** at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Blessings,
Penny Gates and Sharon McLaughlin Co-Presidents

FALL FESTIVAL
Saturday October 14
8am-4pm



Stop by the Ellington Historical Society's Fall Festival to see samples of what will be for sale at ECC's Farmhouse Fair.

Also visit the Christian Education booth for fun Fall activities for children.

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