Pastor Jack’s Exciting News

Corrine Blair Perkins Davidson arrived Monday June 19. Mother and baby "Cori" are both doing great! PJ was so excited to meet her baby sister after daycare the next day. Pastor Jack and his wife Laura thanks the congregation for your prayers, support, and flexibility as Jack takes Parental Leave. We’re looking forward to seeing everyone again in August!

Summer Preaching Schedule

While Jack is away on Parental Leave, Spring Glen Church will welcome several Guest Preachers to lead our Sunday service. Pastor Clare will continue to preach once a month and is available for any pastoral concerns or emergencies during Jack’s leave (clare@springglenchurch.org). The preaching schedule while Jack is away is as follows:

**July 2:** Jennifer McCleery, M.Div. & The Rev. Luz Maiuri

**July 9:** Jordan Rebholz, Minister of Faith Formation at Church of the Redeemer, UCC

**July 16:** Pastor Clare

**July 23 & 30:** As a part of our ONA 20th anniversary celebration, we welcome The Rev. Jennifer Campbell to the pulpit to preach. Jennifer is the founder of the LGBTQIA Youth Group in Fairfield, CT called “The Loft.”

**August 6:** Pastor Clare (Jack is back)
Report from the annual CT Conference meeting,

17th June 2017

by Delegates Richard Davis & Rita McCleary

Three-into-One, or Three-plus-One?

It was inspiring to worship and sing together with some fifteen hundred ministers, delegates, and other UCC members at the “Tri-Conference Annual Meeting” in Hartford on Saturday, June 17, 2017. The occasion was unique. For the first time ever, UCC delegates from the Connecticut Conference, Massachusetts Conference, and Rhode Island Conference were meeting together. Pastor Jack Davidson and delegates Sarah Libby, Rita McCleary, and Richard Davis were part of the gathering.

The Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, the General Minister of the national UCC, began his keynote address by quoting Bob Dylan’s song from 1964, “The Times They Are A-Changin’.” Dylan’s combination of anxiety (“better start swimmin’ or you’ll sink like a stone”) with anthemic and prophetic hopefulness set the mood for this meeting to consider a historical change, probably the largest change in the UCC since its creation through another process of consolidation in 1957.

The central item on the agenda was a resolution to consolidate the growing interdependence of the three Southern New England UCC conferences. We learned that the leadership groups in the three state groups have been meeting for several years to discern the possibility of integration. In January the three boards unanimously passed a resolution of intent, calling for the creation of a single Board of Directors made up of members from all three Conferences while also allowing for the three state conferences to remain. The resolution does not envision a complete merger, but a consolidation that will create a fourth entity.

There is no name for this entity yet. Some used “Trinity” or “Tri-State” or just “Southern New England.” Along with the name, the exact structure of the new entity and its relation to the three existing Conferences also remains “to be determined.” We learned that we were to vote only on the intention to create a new structure integrating the three existing conferences. If the three conferences voted affirmatively, the nitty-gritty of how this would occur would get hammered out over the coming year, both by each conference’s leadership and from each of the three states’ UCC congregational input. As Rev. Dorhauer observed, next year’s meeting would be far more challenging.

Delegates raised many questions during the plenary session. Where would this Tri-State organization fit within the larger UCC? How would this affect the ethos of congregational autonomy, so important to the history of the UCC? What kinds of effects might this have on current staff and employees? What kinds of new leadership roles might be developed? Will this help provide for new kinds of non-traditional ministries? Many of these cannot be answered until the structuring discussions are underway.

In the afternoon, each State Conference met separately to vote, and all three voted strongly in favor of the resolution. In our Connecticut meeting the vote was nearly unanimous. The text of the resolution is available online at the Connecticut UCC website: http://www.ctucc.org/newsdetail/together-as-one-7542219#resolution
Summer Sunday School for K-5th grade

Summer Sunday School meets in the large open space on the lower level.
(Supervised Toddler Room available 9:45-11am)

Theme: “An Illustrated Earth...Celebrating God’s Creation”

An Illustrated Earth helps children to remember to celebrate God’s creation while they enjoy the outdoors. They will be able to read Bible stories, engage with the stories creatively, reflect on questions that will use their imaginations, and work on a coloring project that can be done individually. Each Lesson is linked to a Bible story. There are Water Stories, Food and Plant Stories, Animal Stories. These will be creative, active experiences. The dates for Summer Sunday School are July 9, 16, 23, 30---August 6, 13, 20, 27. No Summer Sunday School or Toddler Room on either the 4th of July or Labor Day weekends.

A “Seussical” Summer Read

Together (young and old alike) LET’S READ and (re)DISCOVER

“Horton Hears a Who” “Sneetches” “The Lorax” “Yertle the Turtle” “Butter Battle Book”
Read these books silently, Read them aloud, Read them together with persons you love, Read them over and over again.
Perhaps, you will not be able to stop reading with these five books, and you might want to explore more of the 50 or so books he wrote.
Each book has a message.
Dr. Seuss’s biographer said:

“Indeed, what Walt Disney was to entertainment, Theodor Seuss Geisel was to art and literature.”

In honor of this storyteller with his unique language, characters and ridiculous fun, come to “Green Eggs and Ham” Brunch and Discussion after worship on August 27.

Did you know that he wrote this best selling title on a dare?

Dr. Seuss
General Synod 2017

From June 30 – July 4, 2017, thousands from across the country (and abroad) gathered for General Synod 2017 in Baltimore, Maryland. What is General Synod? Every two years, the United Church of Christ gathers a group of delegates from each National Conference for formal church business, worship, and witness. Together, UCC members who are nominated as delegates discern resolutions of witness, church structure, and function. In 2017, 14 Resolutions of Witness will be brought before the voting delegates of the gathered conferences from all across the US. These include resolutions supporting many of our SGC ONA commitments. Here are a few:

- Calling for Participation with the Boy Scouts of America Through Inclusive Scouting Programs
- The Disparity of Rights of Adoptees to Access Birth Certificates for Adults
- On Becoming an Immigrant Welcoming Church
- A More Just Economy: Living Wages and Job Creation
- Resolution of Witness in Support of Legislation Authorizing Aid in Dying
- Toward Disability Justice: A Call to the Church and Churches

Each of these items will be discussed by a group of participants on behalf of the denomination, edited for clarity and brought before the gathered voting body for approval. If approved, these will help guide our national staff in their justice work, advocating both locally and with our National government. It will also give us an opportunity as a local church to take up these causes as we so desire.

More details about these and other resolutions can be found at: http://synod.uccpages.org/resolutions/index.html
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Sermon Sound-Bite

“If we can believe it for ourselves—that our lives are important to God, that we are loved just like the sparrow, we will not be afraid to do the work to which we are called as a church community.

So it is not so surprising to find a teaching about knowing our worth, right in the middle of a chapter on discipleship. If we are to face our fears, do the gospel work, we need to be assured that God is with us. And our God is. Not organizing every little detail of our existence but treating us like the adults we are, mature Christians, ready to be disciples on the way.

As important as the littlest of creatures. And made for the grandest of tasks, following in the Way of Christ.”

- Pastor Clare Robert
Save the Date!

- August 27 “Green Eggs and Ham” Brunch and Discussion after worship.

Celebrating Graduates! Congratulations to Chandler Andrewsen who received a BA from NYU in May!!

Try the Bells!
Please come and try ringing chimes and bells most Sunday mornings this summer. All children ages 6 and up are welcome. Drop ins are also welcome!
We will meet at 9:15 in the bell room, July 9, 16, and 23 and Aug 13 and 20. (No rehearsal 7/2, 7/30 or 8/6). Contact Susie Hawthorne with questions at 203-248-0922.

Fellowship Hour Hosts to be assigned for the coming year
As part of our shared ministry to and with one another, each member of the church is asked to help serve Fellowship Hour at least one Sunday a year. The schedule for the coming year is set out in advance so all may plan accordingly. You may respond online with your interest, preferences or restrictions at [http://tinyurl.com/SGChosts2017](http://tinyurl.com/SGChosts2017). (Just your name and up to 3 multiple choice questions.) Unless you opt-out, most church families will be assigned to a Sunday to cover all weeks of the year. We encourage your response in the early summer so you are assigned to a date that is preferred for you. Thank you to those that have already responded! Questions or ideas – reach out to Debby Jagielow (djvl29@gmail.com / (203) 623-2419) THANK YOU! ~ from the Fellowship Ambassadors

Fellowship Hour Hosting Schedule
Below is the Fellowship Hour hosting schedule for July 2017. If you are not able to host on your assigned date, we ask that you try to help find a replacement, perhaps swapping with an individual/family scheduled later in the months ahead. Please notify Debby Jagielow of any changes. She will update the master calendar and the church office. To find the phone numbers or email addresses of other members, be sure to log in as a member on this website, and then you may access a downloadable church directory from the right hand navigation menu.

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Inter Faith Blood Drive
Fifty-five pints of life saving blood were gathered at the Interfaith Blood Drive on Wednesday, June 21st., at Temple Beth Sholom. It was a fast moving, smooth and pleasant event. Many thanks to Spring Glen Church donors: Roger Johnson, Ruth Resnick Johnson, Bobbie Kraus, Bernadette Welsh, Debra Tangarone, Judy Offutt and Barbara Hobbs, and volunteer workers: Mary Cameron, Ruth Resnick Johnson, Dick Shank, Marianne Fontana and Doug Hawthorne.
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The most updated calendar can be found on the Spring Glen Church Website: www.springglenchurch.org