

**FISHERS ISLAND UNION CHAPEL**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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*"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here."*



## **CHAPEL HAPPENINGS**

**MAY- JUNE 2015**

Dear All,

This May I am piloting a program called "Bible Bytes." For 15 minutes after worship on Sundays we will gather at a table in the Fellowship Room to talk about a small bit of scripture – a verse or two. The aim is to help us become more familiar with the scriptures, and have something substantive to "chew on" as we begin our week.

So many of us desire more faith, and a deeper faith. But unless we know more about the good God we have faith *in*, we can easily get discouraged. Our scriptures have shaped people of faith for centuries, and while we may question the Bible in places, there are passages that offer much in the way of encouragement and inspiration.

My aim is this: to help us begin to lead a more balanced life as Christians, because faith and works must go together. The great Reformer Martin Luther said, "It is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, this faith. And so it is impossible for it not to do good works incessantly." (In other words, the nature of a strong faith is to experience a continuing concern for others.)

Our life as a church going forward will be enhanced the more we can connect what we believe and what we do. To focus exclusively on God's love for us personally would not be fulfilling our mission. But to focus too much on the needs of others could tire us too quickly. To cultivate both is a mark of spiritual strength, and I look forward to continued conversations about how we can reach this together.

I also can't wait to welcome back all of our returning members! I hope you will each stop in and say hello when you are back on the island!

Blessings,

Candy

April 20, 2015

Hello One and All!

Three years ago in April of 2012, I was sending out applications to seminary. I am now sending out the announcements for my graduation May 15, 2015 from Eden Theological Seminary here in St. Louis! This has been one 'Holy Spirit Magic Carpet Ride!' And you have all been a part of it. I could fill several pages with all your names and the prayers, good deeds and encouragement offered on my behalf. Please know you are all treasures to me. Thank you again and again! I could never have ventured out or gotten this far without any of you. On that note, please be aware there are not nearly enough announcements to go around, so I am sending one to Union Chapel, which I hope will be circulated for all to see.

My plan was to come back to Fishers for a few weeks and take a break, but I was offered a temporary position in Venice, FL at Venice United Church of Christ as their licensed pastor while their minister is on sabbatical. This is a great opportunity to gain experience right out of the gate! They are a wonderful congregation. The plan is to leave St. Louis around May 22, drive to Venice, leave my car, hop a flight to CT and visit until June 2<sup>nd</sup>. I will be in Venice until August 26<sup>th</sup>, then drive home via auto-train to begin a nine-month hospital chaplaincy residency in Hartford, CT at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center. I hope to be able to catch up with you when I return to the area. So, I will be gainfully employed for the coming year while I pursue ordination with the Connecticut Conference/UCC.

It will be wonderful to be back on the East coast again. I leave St. Louis with a deep appreciation for our Evangelical and Reformed brothers and sisters who went before us and joined with the Congregational and Christian churches to form the United Church of Christ. The opportunity to study here at Eden where much of this history took place has been beyond my wildest dreams. I am fortunate to have attended this academically rigorous and fine seminary in the heart of this very theologically and religiously historic part of the country. This experience has given me a well-rounded view of who we are as a denomination. St. Louis is in the midst of a very painful time surrounding the Michael Brown shooting and others across the state and nation. Eden, under the leadership of the President, the Dean, and faculty, and in conjunction with the leadership by Eden alums, many of whom serve as clergy in the Ferguson and greater St. Louis area, has been at the forefront of acting to remediate the ongoing racial injustices and find ways for broken systems and institutions to go forward in unity.

I hope to be on island sometime around Memorial Day and it will be great to catch a glimpse of any and all of you. With blessings and hope for the future, I remain,

Faithfully yours, Nina

## **“CHAPEL HAPPENINGS” BY EMAIL – and pictures in color, too!**

*Thanks to all who have given us their email...and are about to!*

In order to be better stewards of our resources, Chapel Happenings is transitioning to electronic format. We appreciate all those who have already provided their e-addresses to build our list. If we have not heard from you, please help us go green by providing us with your email. We are proud to learn that our first e-issue was well received for looks and convenience.

- If we do not have your email address, please let Diane know (Office telephone: 631-788-7898; Email: [fichapel@fishersisland.net](mailto:fichapel@fishersisland.net))
- If you prefer to continue to receive a paper copy, please also contact Diane and let her know.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

## **LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**



The Lenten food drive was a success. Our request for a canned item this season was baked beans. Thank you to all you participated. The Pawcatuck Food Pantry claims that they can't keep enough baked beans on their shelves.

Union Chapel also has been making food goods available for Island residents who could use a little help this winter. Nonperishable food contributions are always welcome.

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## **Silver Lake Campers 2015!**

Thanks to a generous sponsor, Union Chapel is sending three campers on scholarship to Silver Lake Camp and Conference Center for a week of fun and faith-building this summer. Additional funds are available to support another camper this season. Contact Candy for further info. We are grateful for the continuity the camp will provide over the summer with what the children are learning in church school.

The camp is in Sharon, CT and receives rave reviews from parents and children.

# UNION CHAPEL CONTACTS

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Moderator: Susan Renna

Trustee Chairperson: Louisa Evans

Deacon Chairperson: Laura Edwards

Administrative Assistant: Diane Dexter



## CHURCH BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Thursday, Friday

10:00am – 1:00pm

Tuesday – 10:00am – noon

Closed all other days



## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

### SOCIAL HOUR:

Diane Dexter

Laura Edwards

Sharon Patterson

Anita Fritze

Sarah Malinowski

David and Heather Burnham

### FLOWERS:

Laura Edwards

Easter Flower Donations

David/ Heather Burnham

Ellen Parker

### CHAPEL HAPPENINGS MAILINGS:

A special thank you to our student volunteers:

Nicolas Hall

Harrison Hall

Jack Morrissey

Craig Mrowka

## UNION CHAPEL CALENDAR

### MAY 2015

#### **Sunday, May 3:**

10 am - Communion Sunday

#### **Monday, May 4:**

Noon - Ladies Potluck Luncheon

#### **Wednesday, May 6:**

3 pm - Wednesday School

#### **Thursday, May 7:**

3 pm – Bible Study cancelled, (Candy off Island)

#### **Sunday, May 10:**

10 am - Sunday Worship

Special collection for the Adopted Family Ministry

#### **Wednesday, May 13:**

3 pm - Wednesday School

#### **Thursday, May 14:**

3 pm – Bible Study at the Parsonage

7 pm – Book Club at the Library

#### **Friday, May 15:**

9 am - Deacons' Meeting

#### **Sunday, May 17:**

10 am - Sunday Worship

#### **Monday, May 18:**

9:00 am – Trustees' Meeting

3 pm - Wednesday School

#### **Thursday, May 21:**

Noon – Senior Lunch

3 pm – Bible Study at the Parsonage

#### **Saturday, May 23:**

10 am – 1 pm – Memorial Day Church Fair

#### **Sunday, May 24:**

10 am – Sunday worship

#### **Wednesday, May 27:**

3 pm – Wednesday School

#### **Thursday, May 28:**

3 pm – Bible Study at the parsonage

#### **Sunday, May 31:**

10 am - Sunday Worship

\*Fishers Island Churches Golf Classic - **note change of date**

## JUNE 2015

#### **Monday, June 1:**

Noon - Ladies Potluck Luncheon

#### **Wednesday, June 3:**

3 pm - Wednesday School

#### **Thursday, June 4:**

3 pm – Bible Study at the Parsonage

#### **Friday/Saturday June 5 and 6:**

Leadership Retreat

#### **Sunday, June 7:**

10 am - Communion Sunday

#### **Wednesday, June 10:**

3 pm - Wednesday School

#### **Thursday, June 11:**

3 pm – Bible Study at the Parsonage

7 pm – Book Club at the Library

#### **Friday, June 12:**

9:30 am Deacons' Meeting

#### **Sunday, June 14:**

10 am - Sunday Worship

Special collection for our Adopted Family Ministry

#### **Wednesday, June 17:**

3 pm - Wednesday School

#### **Thursday, June 18:**

3 pm – Bible Study at the Parsonage

#### **Sunday, June 21:**

10 am - Sunday Worship

#### **Monday, June 22:**

9:00 am – Trustees' Meeting

#### **Wednesday, June 24:**

3 pm - Wednesday School

#### **Thursday, June 25:**

3 pm – Bible Study at the Parsonage

#### **Sunday, June 28:**

10 am - Sunday Worship

#### **Monday, June 29:**

10 am - Sunday Worship

***This just in!***  
**FISHERS ISLAND CHURCHES**  
**GOLF CLASSIC**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015**  
***Changed to May 31***

There is still time to help make this a success!

The mission of the Tournament is to raise funds for the long term growth and success of the Fishers Island Churches. We couldn't fulfill our vital mission without our wonderful sponsors! In 2014 we raised over \$31,500.00.

**Ways you can help support the churches of Fishers Island:**

- Bid on a Team of Five in the FI Churches Golf Classic May 17th. Auction for teams runs from April 8 to May 3.
  - Become a Tee/Green Sponsor. If you are interested in Tee/Green Sponsorship, please contact us by May 1st to guarantee signage on the course.
  - Donate an item to our auction
  - Bid! Online bidding for the auction will begin April 8 and ends May 16. The bidding will continue at the live auction on May 17.
- Please visit the auction website often as we will be adding more items!

<http://www.32auctions.com/2015fichurchesclassic>



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
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<http://fichurchesclassic.com/>



**Bible Study**

You do not need to be a theologian, just come to learn and enjoy the discussions. The group meets on Thursday at 3:00 pm at the Parsonage with our minister, Rev. Candace Whitman (Candy) leading the study. All are welcome.

**THRIFT SHOP NEWS**

Mary Pankiewicz is back from Florida and the Thrift Shop is gearing up for its spring opening at the end of May. By now the floor in the small room at the shop has been replaced and we look forward to another great season!

Our shop is a consistent source of funds for Union Chapel and our outreach programs. **AS ALWAYS - VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** There are many ways YOU can help:

- Unpacking, checking, pricing and displaying donations. Our work time is usually Wednesday from 8:30 to 10:30 am.
- An extra person to bag merchandise or to assist customers with their selections.
- Supplies such as paper towels, Windex, Febreze, baby wipes, clear plastic storage bins with lids (55-65 quart size), clear plastic zip bags (the ones in which linens and draperies are sold).
- A reliable person with a truck to take trash to the Transfer station.

Our bottom line depends on your **DONATIONS.** Now that winter is over, look around your house and think about giving those gently-used items to our Thrift Shop. If you would like more information, please call Mary Pankiewicz at 631-788-7250.



*Have a question about church words or the Bible? Send it to Diane at [fichapel@fishersisland.net](mailto:fichapel@fishersisland.net) and Candy will do her best to answer it!*

## Profile: Eleonore Pauly

### Serving people in need

As many of you know, Eleonore Pauly has been working for six years at “The Meal Center” in New London. I asked Miss Pauly about her service there and learned she very much looks forward to Tuesdays, her day to work there, and that it has also taught her about poverty in America.

“I was introduced to the Center one day when I was in New London and a man pulled me out of snow bank,” she explains, “and invited me to the free lunch at the center.” She continued to go there for the free bread they provided from a bakery in Groton. Then one day Miss Pauly volunteered to help, and was asked to place the silverware on the trays for lunch – a plastic knife and fork rolled into a napkin. Thinking that metal flatware would be better, and noticing that there was a need for more spoons, she purchased ten dollars’ worth of spoons at the Salvation Army on Bank Street. “As I left, a man with a young child approached me and asked for ten dollars to go to Norwich by bus. I was sorry I could not help him as I had just spent the money on my purchase.” Miss Pauly later learned that the Center does not provide metal spoons as they may be used as a way to intake certain drugs.

She now helps cook and serve lunch to the thousands that use the Meal Center. “I like the people there. They don’t talk about their religion, they do it.”

*The New London Community Meal Center provides lunch 5 days a week and dinner 6 days a week with “no questions asked.” One year they served over 70,000 meals. For more information visit [www.nlcommunitymealcenter.org](http://www.nlcommunitymealcenter.org).*

*-Candy Whitman*

## Light the Steeple – March and April

### March:

In Honor of our Service Men and Women  
Given by Karen Lamb

### April:

In Memory of Harold L. Williamson, Jr.  
Given by Jacqueline and Peter Williamson  
In Memory of Peter D. Sanger  
Given by Kandi Sanger

## ODE TO A VOLUNTEER

Many will be shocked to find  
When the day of judgment nears  
That there’s a special place in heaven  
Set aside for volunteers.

Furnished with big recliners,  
Satin couches and footstools  
Where there’s no committee chairperson,  
No group leaders or carpools,

No eager team that needs a coach  
No bazaar with a bake sale.  
There will be nothing to staple  
Not one thing to fold or mail.

Telephone lists will be outlined,  
But a finger snap will bring  
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners,  
And rare treats fit for a king.

You ask who’ll serve these privileged few  
And work for all they’re worth?  
Why all those who reaped benefits,  
And not once volunteered on earth.

*Author unknown*



## **COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR ISLAND RESIDENTS**

Dr. Katherine Dollar a doctoral level New York State licensed clinical psychologist serving the needs of the Island residents. Kathy has experience working with individuals who have a range of concerns. This includes depression, anxiety, adult or childhood trauma, relationship concerns, low self-esteem, and any other issues. Providing a warm, supportive and safe environment to create change is vital. Services are confidential.

Please contact Dr. Katherine Dollar at (716) 380-5342 for additional information and scheduling. Please note that appointments will only be taken at scheduled times. These services are not intended for individuals in crisis or urgent situations. If you are in crisis situation, please call 911 or 1-800-273-8255 (The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Veteran’s Crisis Line).



# SAVE THE DATE !

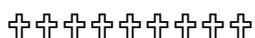
## Memorial Day Church Fair

### SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

On Saturday, May 23, Union Chapel will hold the ANNUAL MEMORIAL WEEKEND FAIR running from 10 am to 1 pm, FEATURING:

- A FOOD SALE table (bakers are needed)
- LUNCH (volunteers are needed to make salads for sandwiches) We also need volunteers for the kitchen to assemble sandwiches and serve (a signup sheet for volunteers is near the business office door).
- RAFFLE (we will have a raffle for the day and we will start selling raffle tickets for a Charlie Ferguson painting – the drawing for the painting will be at the Columbus Day Fair in the fall)
- TRIFLES/TREASURES – Old costume jewelry (broken is okay as we know how to repair), purses, or pretty scarves (please drop them at the Chapel before Friday, May 15 so that we have time to price items and make repairs if necessary).
- ARTS AND CRAFTS – anyone desiring a space to display and sell their creations should reserve their space/table by Friday, May 15. (\$15 fee for space/table)

Please plan to stop by Saturday, May 23, to shop and then stay for lunch. Yes, we are having clam fritters!



## EASTER SUNRISE ECUMENICAL SERVICE 2015



There was a glorious sunrise Easter morning during the service held at a new location, Dock Beach. People enjoyed actually seeing the sunrise, the better parking, and easy accessibility to the service. Karl and Candy led the service jointly. With the good turn-out at 6:00am, the service will be held at Dock Beach again next year. Islanders also enjoyed breakfast at Union Chapel following the service. Once again, Laura Edwards and Gail and Greg Cypherd made it happen! Thank you!

making the service so special. And we were delighted to have at our 10 am service organist Glenn Orkney and trumpeter Chris Dollar.

Many thanks also for the planning and presence of the Rev. Candace Whitman, Karl Eiriksson and the musicians for



# EASTER FLOWERS -2015

Given by Jill Rogan and Family  
In Memory of Britt Rogan

In Memory of Marie and Frank Burr  
and Margaret and Walter Thompson  
Given by Jan and Peter Burr

In Memory of Dorothy and "Ted"  
Given by Wally

In Memory of Casey and Steven Cook  
Given by Mom and Dad and  
The ¼ Doz. Cookies

In Celebration of  
Merritt, Charlotte, Nate and Emily  
Given by the Brinckerhoffs

In Honor of beloved Kinsolving members:  
Arthur and Mary, Lee, Tom and Anne Talbott  
and in Celebration  
Of Maya as she approaches her first birthday!  
Given by Jonathan and Isabelle Farrar

In Memory of Louise and Lew Lamb  
Donald and Marion MacMillan  
and Scott Lamb  
Given by the Jane and Lewis Lamb Family

In Memory of Randy Gray  
Given by Frank and Natalie Lyon

In Memory of Stowe Phelps  
and In Celebration of Charlton Phelps  
Given by Meredith and Peter Rugg

In Memory of Peter D. Sanger  
Stephen C. Sanger, Edwina C. Sanger  
and Grant Sanger  
Given by Kandi Sanger and family

In Memory of Karl E. and Frances M. Fransson  
Given by Karl A., Martha C., and Julia F. Fransson

In Memory of Flora and Eddie Woodford  
and Dorothy and Perry Edwards  
Given by Laura Edwards

In Memory of Martha and Walter Rafferty  
and Virginia and Tom Patterson  
Given by Sharon and Tim Patterson

In Memory of Melanie Petti  
Given by Peggy Petti Elliott

In Memory of Frank Kernan  
Given by John and Melie Spofford

In Memory of Donald Pelham  
and H. Catherine Ladd  
Given by Mary Jean Pelham

In Honor of our  
Service Men and Women  
Given by Don and Karen Lamb

In Memory of Penni Sharp  
Given by Bagley Reid

In Memory of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph K. Hoch  
Given by the Hoch Family

In Loving Memory of Gunther Fritze  
and Grayson and Mary Murphy  
Given by Anita Fritze

In Celebration of my Loving Family  
Given by Diane Dawson Dexter

In Memory of Maxwell and Rachel Porter,  
Eliot and Marilyn Porter and Charlie Arnold  
Given by the Arnold, Porter and Soper Families

In Memory of Meredith Moody and Lisa Reed  
Given by Sarah Porter and Family

In Memory of Lawrence and Bertha Baldwin,  
Andrew and Ruth "Pat" Riess  
and Herbert and Maude Gray  
Given by the Baldwin, Pankiewicz and Geist Family