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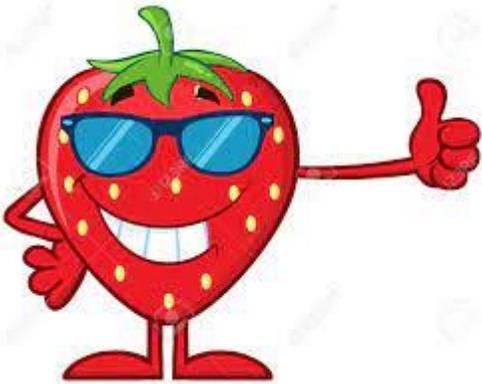
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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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**July 1, 2021**



What a fantastic weekend we just had! The 49th Annual Strawberry Festival was one for the books. Our “Festival 2.0” as Andy was calling it was met with a lot of positive feedback. Thanks to our co-chairs Johnny, Clark and Frank for thinking through how to do it in the safest way possible. The reimagining of the church campus, with increased outdoor seating, was incredibly inviting. We were one of the first festivals to re-open in the area, which meant they were under tremendous pressure to keep everyone safe, informed and happy. I know that you will join me in letting them know how well they did!

It makes me want to begin that writing project I’ve been thinking of... a book focused on the history and theology of the Strawberry Festival, and how our community comes together, works hard and supports one another. This year would be a chapter onto itself, as we pulled ourselves out of a really difficult time this year by looking ahead into what we could safely do together. I’m always impressed but the way that everyone, from children to seniors, gives their time and energy to get it done. Is there a better feeling than going to church with a sea of friends, all wearing red? There’s a deep sense of gratitude I feel as the church’s pastor when I see all of you be so gracious to our guests and each other.

But I’m not going to start writing that book today. I do kind of giggle at myself, wondering if anyone outside of the church would read it! Like so many of you, I need to rest, so I’m packing a bag to go on vacation and see my folks in Maine. It’s just a few short weeks until the PF mission trip, and it’s important to enter that time as well rested as possible. As I’ve said before, rest is a good thing. I don’t think I need to give you a bunch of Bible verses or quotes to remind you of its benefits.

And yet, how is it that I still feel a twinge of guilt whenever I give myself some time off? Thankfully, those feelings usually melt away if there is sun or sand or music playing in the background. I hope that you can get some rest this summer. What do you like to do when you need to recharge? Do you have a favorite place to get away?

*In peace, Pastor Jenn*

Elisha's Corner  
By Gary Thompson, Church Historian

### **Our First Moderator**

Most of the inquiries received for our archived records come from people researching a family's or person's ancestor(s). Most are from genealogy novices, or from genealogy hobbyists, and some are from professional genealogists investigating as far back in time as possible to determine the roots of a "family tree". They are looking not only for the names, dates of birth, death, baptism, marriage and to whom, and their children, but also points of origin of each generation; where did they come from and/or where did they go. Every family has a genealogy with heads of family for each generation, a heritage of convictions and traditions ... even a Church congregation like ours. Who our church ancestors were, what they were like, what they did, and from where they came provides the foundation for who we are as a collective church family of faith.

Our first moderator would be our first "family head" or "head of household". Following the notification on Thursday, May 13, 1762 that the General Assembly approved the Memorial from forty-eight families to establish the New Stratford parish, Justice of the Peace, Ichabod Lewis, Captain John Moss, Samuel Beardsley, and Peter Curtis issued a letter to Henry Hawley requiring him to convene an organizational meeting at his "dwelling" on June 22, 1762. At that meeting David Willcockson, Esq. was chosen to be the first moderator of the New Stratford Ecclesiastical Society; thus our first moderator. Because there was no separation between church and state at that time, the moderator not only presided over the congregation's meetings but took on the role similar to that of our first selectman of today. Why it was not the host, Henry Hawley, is a story for another day. Born in Stratford, Connecticut on April 4, 1718, David Willcockson was fifty-four at the time he was selected moderator. He had married Isrealia Salmon sixteen years earlier on December 8, 1756, in Stratford. Having established the family homestead on Barn Hill Road, he was the father of seven children at the time; all girls ranging in age from one to fourteen. Isrealia was with child with the eighth daughter, Jerusha. His only son, David Brinsmade Willcockson, was not born until three and a half years later in February, 1776. His oldest daughter, Elizabeth, would marry Cyrus Burton of Easton/Weston. Daughter Mary would later marry David Blackman (twelve years her senior), son of memorialist Nathan Blackman. Daughter Isabella married John Wheeler (eleven years her senior), son of Moses Wheeler, whose great-great-grandfather, Moses, was the owner of the ferry service between the original Stratford (Cupheag) settlement and Milford on the Housatonic River. His fourth daughter, Rebecca, born in 1764, died at age ten. Their sister Abigail married Captain Elijah Hawley, son of Ephraim Hawley, nephew of Henry Hawley, and great-great-grandson of Captain Joseph Hawley who came to settle Stratford (Cupheag) with Rev. Adam Blakeman in 1639 from the settlement in Weathersfield, Connecticut. Daughters, Charlotte and Deberah, born in 1769 and 1771, respectively, show no record of marriage or year of death. The eighth daughter, Jerusha, however, married Abel Hurd (two years her junior), born in 1771 into another memorialist family. David's only son, David Brinsmade, became heir to his estate after his father died at the age of seventy-five on July 28, 1793. Brinsmade was his grandmother's maiden name. He never married. He succumbed to an untimely death by drowning in Norwich, Connecticut at the age of twenty-five. His mother, Isrealia, died a year after his father on March 14, 1794. They are all buried in the East Village Cemetery. The epitaph on the monument for David Brinsmade Willcockson reads:

*This Monument is Sacred to the Memory of Mr. DAVID BRINSMADÉ WILCOCKSON A Masonic Brother who unfortunately Drowned Nov.r 29th 1801 in the 26th year of his age. he was graduateed at yale College in the year 1788. he possessed while Living every virtue to make Life happy and talents to make it agreable. by his Death his Relatives acquaintance & Society Sustains a real Loss.*

The epitaph on the monument for his father David Willcockson, Esq. reads:

*This Monument is Sacred to The Memory of David Willcockson, Esq. who departed this Life July 28, 1793 in the 75<sup>th</sup> Year of his Age. He was liberally Educated and likewise filled the Offices with Dignity and Propriety both in the Church of Christ and Civil Life. He was one who was Strongly attached to the Scriptures and Sustained good Character through life.*

Both father and son were evidently held in high esteem in the New Stratford community. Both were educated at Yale College in New Haven. David, Esq. was graduated in the Class of 1744 at the age of twenty-six. He was a lawyer, and his estate inventory filed with his will listed a library that rivaled that of Rev. Elisha Rexford. The inventory also gave evidence that like most of the New Stratford inhabitants, he was a farmer and game hunter, if for no other reason but to supply his smokehouse, cupboard, and kitchen. Military records indicate that at the age of fifty-nine he was enlisted as "drummer" in Capt. John Brown's Company, 18<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Connecticut Militia, from August to September of 1776, and took part in the New York Expedition for the control of the port of New York and lower Hudson River Valley under the command of General George Washington against British General Sir William Howe.

David's father was Lieut. John Willcockson, born in Concord, MA in 1683. His mother was John's third wife, Deborah Brinsmade, who he married in Stratford on January 13, 1715. She was twenty-seven and he was thirty-one. He married his first wife, Elizabeth Tomlinson, in 1707 when they were both twenty-three. They had two sons. The younger of the two, Timothy, was David's half-brother, who later lived on Bagburn Hill Road, and also became a memorialist. Elizabeth died in January, 1713 at the early age of twenty-nine. John married his second wife, eighteen year old Sarah Curtiss, within a few months on March 19, 1713; he would have needed care for his two young sons. She died, however, a year later. Deborah Brinsmade and John had four more sons and five daughters; including David's younger brother, John, who would later live next to him on Barn Hill Road and was a memorialist, too. The acreages owned by these three brothers were deeded to them by their father, John. In December of 1725 John, then age forty-two, and Joshua Curtiss were authorized by the Town of Stratford to establish a saw mill at Half Way River to provide the Town with building lumber. He died in Stratford on September 12, 1748, at the age of sixty-five, and is buried in the Old Congregational Burying Ground in Stratford with his wife, Deborah, who died seventeen years earlier in child birth in 1731 at the age of forty-three.

David Willcockson's grand-father was also named John, but he spelled his last name "Wilcoxson"; the family name that appears in the list of original Stratford (Cupheag) settlers that came from Wethersfield with the Rev. Adam Blakeman. He was born in Stratford March 18, 1657 and at the age of twenty-four married widow Elizabeth Jones Buss from Concord MA, who was six years his senior. They remained in Stratford and raised a family of eleven; five daughters and six sons, plus one son from her first marriage. John died on September 12, 1735.

So if you "have been meaning to ask" David Willcockson where his family came from, he would tell you that it was his great-great grandfather, John William Birdseye Wilcoxson, who came from Killingworth, Northumberland, England to Concord, MA and then to Hartford/Weathersfield, CT in 1639 and on to the Stratford (Cupheag) settlement in 1641 with his father, William Wilcoxson who was born in St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England in 1601. John William at age twenty-nine was among the Stratford settlers that invested in the Long Hill Purchase of 1662 that bought the land that became White Hills and Monroe from the Native Americans living along the Housatonic River. He died in Stratford on March 19, 1690. His father, William, died in Stratford on November 28, 1652, after raising a family of nine sons and six daughters.

There are a number of Willcockson/Wilcoxson families who settled in Stratford during this era, but this is the family that comprised only one of the roots to the family tree of our congregation. Just as it is today, our roots come from all directions. They strengthen our resolves, our commitments, our convictions, and they formulate our traditions in an every changing variety of our conventional life as Congregationalists. Killingworth is on the coast of the North Sea, just six miles to the north of Newcastle, and just south of Scotland. St. Albans is sixteen miles due north of London.

### **Flowers for Worship**



**Would like to supply flowers for a Sunday worship service in honor, memory, or celebration of someone or something?** Please review the available slots on Sign Up Genius and click on the button to sign up.

You may choose to arrange flowers from your garden, purchase an arrangement, or send a check to Monroe Congregational Church (memo: "flowers" & the date) or use our website to pay online, and we will order for you. If you are supplying the flowers yourself, please set them up between 9:30am and 9:45am, before worship.

Thank you!

Check out our easy online sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAC2CA5FEC61-flowers>

## Deacons

### Summer Guest Preachers

We have some gifted guest preachers scheduled to fill the pulpit at MCC this summer, so that Pastor Jenn can take vacation and attend the Senior PF mission trip. Join us, in person or online, to hear them lead worship on these dates:

- July 11<sup>th</sup>: Zak Carroll, YDS second year MDIV student
- July 18<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Dr. Sheldon Smith
- August 8<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Dr. Sheldon Smith
- August 29<sup>th</sup>: Emma Rae Carroll, YDS second year MDIV student

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### Outreach



**Help is needed for the Mustard Seed Thrift Shoppe.** We are looking for volunteers to help sort, tag and hang on Mondays at 9AM. All you would need to do is show up, sort the merchandise and then hang them in the appropriate place in the Shoppe. Help is also needed behind the counter on Fridays (shifts from 10-12:30 and 12:30-3) and Saturdays (shifts from 10-12 and 12-2). Come mid-August we are looking to return to regular business days including Thursdays (shift from 12-3). Responsibilities are quite easy: you can either shadow a volunteer during work hours or run through the list that I can send to you. Please show up to sort on Mondays at 9AM or contact Susie Cuseo for any questions at [thecuseos@yahoo.com](mailto:thecuseos@yahoo.com) or 203-268-0280.



**COMFORT CASES®**

Help PF bring comfort to a child entering foster care! Now collecting (*new items only pls*):

- Small duffles or backpacks
- Pajamas
- Toothbrush
- Travel size toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant
- Coloring books & crayons
- Journals
- Small stuffed animals



THIS SHOULD NEVER BE A CHILD'S SUITCASE.

The Sr. PF Mission Trip to Hancock, Maine is almost here!  
Sat. July 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

**Your donations of needed items would be greatly appreciated!**

Please place your donations into the collection bin in Rexford House near front doors –thank you!

## Fellowship



### MCC Book Club

All meetings will continue to be via Zoom for now.  
Questions -contact Mary Unger (203) 268-5754

July 14th - The Chilbury Ladies' Choir by Jennifer Ryan  
August 11th - Evvie Drake Starts Over by Linda Holmes  
September 8th - American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins  
October 13th - A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith  
November 10th - Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

*Thank  
you*

A close-up photograph of a fountain pen nib, showing the gold-colored metal and the black resin barrel. The nib is positioned horizontally, pointing to the right.

Thank you to Morning Circle for their incredible donation to The Center for Family Justice's new safe house, EMPOWERHouse! The house has been purchased and we will use your generous donation to provide necessities in the house, including some small appliances and items needed for our children's playroom. I'm so grateful for your caring and support for CFJ. Love, Kathy

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CIRCLE

Morning Circle would like to thank all its members for the generous donations they made to the Center for Family Justice's new safe house. We collected almost \$300 for their new location that will have 9,000 sq. ft. of space that will accommodate about 18-20 men and women looking for refuge with larger private rooms, a huge kitchen and a community room. Several of our members have also purchased needed items for the rooms.

We also give thanks to June and Myron Winger for opening up their house and hosting another luncheon. Many thanks to those who helped celebrate June's birthday with cake and flowers. **Morning Circle will not meet in July or August.** Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 8 at 11AM in Wilton Hall.** We plan on having Ray Giovanni from Union Savings Bank to discuss the local scams affecting the community and also collecting pet supplies for the Food Pantry. Please contact Jackie Bleakney with any questions or comments at 203-268-5275.

### **New Member correction:**

**Juliana Lavitola**

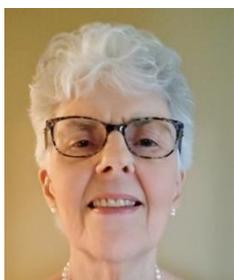
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Birthdate: October 21



"Juliana" or "Julie" joins us from Nichols United Methodist Church in Trumbull and UMC Huntington. She lives in Monroe and has 2 daughters, Robin Rivera & Wendy Richard, a son, John Litts, 8 grandchildren, and almost 4 great grandchildren! Juliana enjoys gardening, DAR, reading and puzzles. Juliana is looking forward to helping put together Church World Service Kits, Outreach food collection, greeting on Sunday mornings and helping with special receptions. Welcome Juliana!

**Christian Education Coordinator & Youth Leader  
Monroe Congregational Church, UCC  
Monroe, Connecticut**

The Monroe Congregational Church is an Open & Affirming community that takes the Bible seriously, but not literally. Our mission is to walk together in the path of Jesus to create good in the world by experiencing and embodying God's love, nourishing the divine spark in all people, and offering a spiritual home within and beyond our walls. We believe that children should be both heard and seen, and they are entitled to a safe church home so that they may continue to learn and grow.

**POSITION:** Part-Time Christian Education Coordinator and Youth Leader. With the exception of in-person programs and some meetings, this is a flexible, work from home position. Schedule is seasonal, September 1 through June 30, averaging 10 hours per week with stipend of \$18/hr.

The Christian Education Coordinator (CEC) at MCC will work with members, families, lay leaders, and staff to support a vibrant educational ministry, well integrated into the life of the church in its core functions of worship, learning, fellowship, and service.

**Works closely with:** Board of Christian Education      **Reports to:** The Pastor

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Christian Education Coordinator will coordinate the Sunday School program for ages pre K-5th grade and weekly Junior PF youth group. Specifically:

- Recruit Sunday School teachers and volunteers, coordinate Sunday School curriculum for two Sunday morning classes (younger and older elementary, 20 regular participants)
- Lead, staff, recruit and implement Junior Pilgrim Fellowship (middle school youth group, 8 regular participants)
- Participate in monthly Christian Education meetings and program planning meetings with Senior Pastor
- Implement Safe Conduct Policy, in conjunction with CE and Safe Conduct committee

**Strengths/Competencies needed:**

- An understanding of and commitment to the church as a faith community
- A genuine enjoyment in working with children and middle school youth
- The capacity to work collegially, professionally and flexibly with others
- Excellent interpersonal skills, with a willingness to engage and effectively train volunteers
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written
- Strong organizational skills, an ability to keep both short and long-term projects in focus
- Punctuality and dependability in all aspects of the work
- Strong ethical grounding

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume by email to the attention of Rev. Jennifer Gingras, subject line "CEC position," email: [jenn@mcc-ucc.org](mailto:jenn@mcc-ucc.org)

As you may remember, long time member and friend, Susan Walker, had her second kidney transplant 7 years ago. The first being from her husband, David. The last kidney was received from a generous person who passed away and donated his organs to save other's lives. Unfortunately, transplanted kidneys don't live forever, usually around 10 years, and nonliving donations have an even shorter life expectancy. Susan has recently received the difficult news that her current kidney is failing and she is in need of another transplant. Please read the following message about some of the issues involved in donating a kidney to a friend and prayerfully consider becoming a donor.

The following will explain what kidneys do, and discuss the two solutions – dialysis and kidney transplant – that are available to those who, like Susan, suffer from kidney disease.

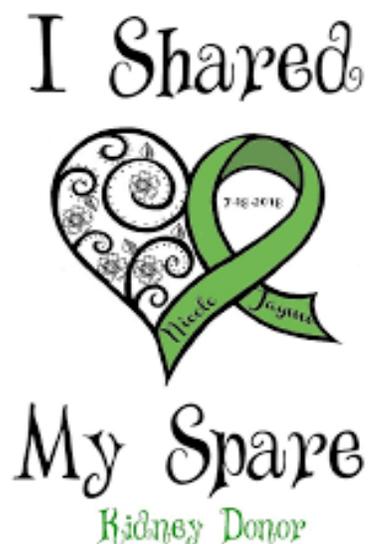
We then explore the factors surrounding becoming a kidney donor... who can be a donor, the importance of matching blood types, what the kidney donation process, including the operation itself, is like, plus other related issues. We conclude with some guidance on what to do next if you feel like exploring the subject further.

### *What do kidneys do?*

They clean the blood of certain waste products, producing urine. About 20% of the blood that gets pumped out of your heart with each beat goes through one of the kidneys for cleaning. Waste products from the blood stream are stored in urine in the bladder before being peed out. The blood that misses the kidneys this time will get taken care of in one of the next several heartbeats.

### *Why do you need two kidneys?*

Actually, you don't. One healthy kidney has more than enough blood-cleaning capacity for one person. This is not the case with some of the other paired organs: losing one lung will reduce your capacity for exercise; losing an eye will impact your depth perception. However, people do fine on one healthy kidney, and don't feel impaired in any way. The extra kidney is there for safety.



### *What is life like for someone on dialysis?*

First, there are two kinds of dialysis. Susan has been on both kinds.

- Hemodialysis is done at a dialysis center. It's sort of like donating blood, but instead of going into a bag for storage, Susan's blood is pumped through a machine for cleaning and then goes back into her. This takes about five hours a day, three days a week. When she was doing this kind of dialysis Susan traveled to Yale Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

- Peritoneal dialysis can be done at home. This takes ten hours every night. She is attached to a machine with a long tube; she can move about the room, or sleep. Special fluid is pumped into her abdomen, and this pulls fluid and waste products out of the blood vessels. Then the fluid, and waste, is pumped out and discarded. There is an additional ½ hour procedure that must be done in the middle of each day.

Peritoneal dialysis is more convenient, although less efficient, than hemodialysis. But whenever Susan has problems with peritoneal dialysis, she needs to return to hemodialysis for a while.

In addition to the extreme inconvenience of dialysis, it does not do nearly as good a job as a healthy kidney would:

- A healthy kidney works continuously, but dialysis does not. Susan feels better the morning after dialysis, but this is the high point. As waste builds up between sessions, she feels gradually sicker. Sunday evenings and Monday mornings are the worst time.
- Because Susan is not making urine, fluid builds up in her body between dialysis sessions. Therefore, during dialysis they take extra fluid out and leave her on the dry side. Susan feels lightheaded right after dialysis. Also, she is restricted to a total of four cups of water per day, and is continually thirsty.
- In addition to eliminating waste and managing fluid levels, kidneys maintain the balance of electrolytes (principally sodium, potassium, and phosphorous). Without healthy kidneys, this must be done by dialysis and diet. For example, she needs to concentrate on “high quality” protein, and can’t have milk, cheese, or beans. She also needs to take phosphate binders with all her meals in order to keep this substance low in the blood. Excess phosphate can cause gangrene and loss of limbs, nerve damage, heart attack and death.
- With the implanted catheter for hemodialysis, she can’t shower. Susan has discovered “astronaut soap”, which you wipe on and off without needing to rinse.

*What is living with a donated kidney like?*

Compared to dialysis, it’s great! Susan will have to take medications twice a day, which fight rejection of the new kidney by suppressing the immune system. So, she’ll have to continue being careful of infections. She also will get blood tests at frequent intervals to monitor the health of the kidney. Other than that, it’s a normal life!

*Who can be a donor?*

You have to be healthy in general. Specifically, the following conditions will prevent you from being a donor:

- Obesity
- High blood pressure, whether or not it's controlled by meds
- Diabetes, controlled or not
- Cancer of any kind, past or present
- Cardiac disease
- Lupus
- Alcohol or drug problems

Some of the above rules are to ensure that the donated kidney will be healthy, but most are for the safety of the donor. The rules are much more strict than if you were having surgery for your own benefit. So, if you qualify as a donor, that's good evidence that your health in general, and your kidney health in particular, is pretty good!

*What about blood type?*

The donor need not be a relative. The kidney could come from anyone with "compatible blood". Susan's blood type is A, by the way, which means she might be able to accept a kidney directly from you if you are type A also, or type O (the "universal donor" blood type). There are other blood compatibility issues beyond blood type. Your blood will be tested to make sure you two are a match.

*What if you are healthy but your blood is not a match for Susan?*

If you agree, you could sign up to be available for a "multiple kidney swap". For example, suppose your kidney is not a match for Susan, but IS a match for some other patient. If the other patient has a friend who is a willing donor that happens to match Susan, then the four of you go into surgery at roughly the same time, your kidney going to the other patient and her friend's kidney going to Susan. You might not be able to hug your kidney at coffee hour, but you'll have the satisfaction that you helped two (or more!) people live a longer, healthier life.

*Can you be too old to donate?*

Probably, but there is no strict cutoff. There have been many successful donations of 70-year-old kidneys.

*What's the operation like for the donor?*

It is "major surgery", done under general anesthesia. But it is laparoscopic surgery – they use several small incisions, with cameras and remote controlled instruments. This technique minimizes recovery time. You should feel pretty good after a couple of days, but they suggest 6 weeks before resuming a completely normal life. The complication rate at Yale is less than 0.3%, meaning that fewer than 3 in 1000 donors have significant complications from the surgery.

*Who pays?*

The recipient's insurance pays for both operations. Unless you object, your insurance will be billed for the initial tests. There should be nothing billed to you. However, you will be out of work for a week or more (depending on how physical

your job is), and there will be transportation costs associated with the testing and the operation.

*What is life like with only one kidney?*

You won't notice a difference. You should avoid contact sports and motorcycle riding, in order to protect the remaining kidney. Some hospitals recommend a special "kidney pad" for semi-contact sports, but Yale had never heard of this. Susan's husband David donated his kidney to her twenty-two years ago. He has had no health problems since.

*What if your remaining kidney gets injured or you develop kidney disease?*

First of all, having given up a kidney does not make the other one more vulnerable to either disease or trauma. But, things happen. If you DO need a new kidney for any reason, you will be moved to the top of the transplant list as a perk for having been a donor.

*What's the next step?*

If you are interested in looking further into this, great. First, talk to your family about it and see what concerns they have. Then, talk to your doctor and see if he or she has any concerns about your being a donor. Then, contact Yale New Haven at 203-785-2565. A clinic coordinator will talk to you over the phone and answer any questions you have.

Then, if you still want to continue, and there are no obvious red-flag health issues, you'll make an appointment to start the testing process. This conversation and the testing results will be completely confidential. For example, Susan won't know you are doing this unless and until you are ready to tell her.

*A final word*

Organ donation is a very emotional process. Be prepared! Some people are not able to be a donor, or don't want to be, or are afraid to be, and feel guilty. Some want to donate but their family is afraid, and they feel resentful. Some families are fine with donation, and the potential donor thinks "Gosh, don't they care about me?". Some people start the testing process and then find they are hoping they get turned down!

Don't worry about these emotions. They are normal and valid. If you find you are looking at potential donation as a joyful thing, then great. If not, then don't do it, and don't worry; there are lots of ways to love your friend!



**Happy July Birthday** to the following people  
and to anyone we may have missed we will keep you in our prayers.

George	Massar	07/01	Coralina	Goyette	07/14
Sheldon	Smith	07/01	Mark	Malia IV	07/14
Betsy	Gilberti	07/02	Mike	Pellegrino	07/15
Jimmy	Gill	07/02	Kate	Parker-Burgard	07/20
Thomas	Hyde	07/02	Paul	Haringa	07/21
Amy	Matejek	07/04	Carol	Kelly	07/21
Julia	Telep	07/04	Erin	Brown	07/24
Geraldine	Esposito	07/05	Owen Michael	Correll	07/24
Kim	Rifflard	07/05	Ann-Marie	Campbell	07/25
Jane	Allen	07/06	Korene	Dahl	07/25
Vanya	Fraser	07/06	Campbell	Halloran	07/25
Carrie	Friend	07/06	Bill	Stadler	07/26
Warren	Griffiths	07/08	Luisa	Friend	07/27
James	Vance	07/08	Tom	Kelly	07/28
Eve	Balestriere	07/10	Lynda	Swift	07/28
Anne	LaQuesse	07/10	Caroline	Wittenauer	07/28
Jessica	Konkol	07/11	Christine	Wittenauer	07/28
Alexander	Gutierrez	07/12	Kathryn	Wittenauer	07/28
Therese	Zalenski	07/12			



**Happy July Wedding Anniversary** the following couples and to anyone we may have missed, we will keep you in our prayers. (Number is anniversary date)

Sheila Torres & Warren Stamp<sup>(08)</sup> Gary & Gail Thompson<sup>(10)</sup> Daniel & Eve Balestriere<sup>(16)</sup>  
 Matt & Wendy Colegrove<sup>(17)</sup> Rich & Michelle Correll<sup>(20)</sup> John & Trees Whitbeck<sup>(23)</sup>  
 Jaclyn & Lia Birn<sup>(27)</sup> Anthony & Diane Prall<sup>(28)</sup> Tom & Kate Briggs<sup>(29)</sup>  
 and Dan & Meg Sullivan<sup>(30)</sup>



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Questions? Email us at [recruiting@oakhillct.org](mailto:recruiting@oakhillct.org)

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## **MCC July/Aug Community Calendar**

### **Week of July 4<sup>th</sup>**

*Independence Day*

10:00 am Worship with Communion

### **Mon. July 5<sup>th</sup>**

*Independence Day Observed -office closed*

### **Tues. July 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 pm Outreach Zoom

### **Sat. July 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

*PF Mission Trip to Hancock, Maine*

### **Week of July 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Guest Preacher – Zak Carroll*

10:00 am Worship

5:00 pm Senior PF

### **Mon. July 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Tues. July 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Outreach Zoom

### **Week of July 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Guest Preacher –Rev. Dr. Sheldon Smith*

10:00 am Worship

### **Mon. July 19<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Tues. July 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Bereavement Group

### **Week of July 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Outdoor Worship!*

9:30 am DOD setup for Outdoor Worship

10:00 am Worship

### **Mon. July 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Week of August 1<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am Worship with Communion

### **Mon. August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Tue. August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 pm Outreach Zoom

### **Fri. August 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Office Closed –Diane on vacation*

*Pastor Jenn will be on vacation from*

*8/5 – 8/14*

### **Week of August 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Guest Preacher –Rev. Dr. Sheldon Smith*

10:00 am Worship

### **Mon. August 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Week of August 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Outdoor Worship!*

9:30 am DOD setup for Outdoor Worship

10:00 am Worship

11:30 Trustees Zoom

### **Mon. August 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Week of August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10:00 am Worship

1:00 pm Deacons Planning Zoom

### **Mon. August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

### **Fri. August 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Office Closed –Diane on vacation*

*Pastor Jenn will be on vacation from*

*8/26 – 9/4*

### **Week of August 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Guest Preacher –Emma Rae Carroll*

10:00 am Worship

### **Mon. August 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Office Closed –Diane on vacation*

9:00 am Mustard Seed Sort and Tag

