The Annual Cookie Walk is scheduled for Sunday, December 15th. Now is the time to stock up on some goodies for Christmas and join in the spirit of the season. The cookies will be available after both services and will be priced the same as last year. Please let us know if you can help to bake cookies and/or help on the day of the sale. A signup sheet for volunteers and bakers will be posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Jean Konrad (860) 875-7551 with any questions.

This week's calendar… November 17 through November 24

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir/Joyful Voices Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	11:15 am.	Rest Stop Debriefing (Classroom)
	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee with Rev. Jeff (Dunkin Donuts)
	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Fire Department Auxiliary Meeting (Conference Room)
	7:00 p.m.	ONA Meeting (Miller Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting (Classroom)
Tuesday	5:45 p.m.	Confirmation (Classroom)
	7:00 p.m.	Rev. Jeff's Bible Study (Classroom)
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Adult Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday AM Bible Study (Classroom)
	4:00 p.m.	Emergency Preparedness (Classroon)
	6:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 p.m.	Music Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Foodshare
	2:00 p.m.	Worship at Woodlake
Friday	2:00 p.m.	Christmas on the Green
	7:00 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	UCONN Seatback Rentals
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas on the Green
	4:00 p.m.	Voice Recording (Sanctuary)
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Sunday Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Christmas on the Green Fair
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Choir/Joyful Voices Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving unday Worship
	10:05 a.m.	All Church Photo
	11:00 a.m.	Christmas on the Green Fair
	2:00 p.m.	Voice Recording (Sanctuary)

Faith in Action

November 17, 2019

Welcome to UCCT! We hope you find today's service inspiring and the information below helpful:

- Infants and children are welcome in our worship. But, if it should occur that the worship is too confining for your child(ren), childcare is provided for infants and toddlers up through two years of age in the Nursery located right down the hall during the service. "Activity bags" and children's bulletins are available for your child(ren) to borrow by the front doors.
- We have prayer request cards available in the pew racks for anyone wishing the community to hold their joys and/or concerns in our prayers. Deacons and caregivers will wander up and down the aisles during the first hymn.
- Our Worship Service is televised Tues., 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon, on cable Channel 1070. Please check the Community Voice Channel 1070 or www.cvcct.org for the schedule listing or changes. Sermons are available on our website at www.ucctolland.org.
- Stay connected to us all week long at www.ucctolland.org, & Facebook at www.facebook.com/TollandCongregationalChurch. If you're interested in getting our weekly email newsletter, contact Rev. Jeff at jgallagher@ucctolland.org. Feel free to use our guest Wifi in church. Select UCCT_GUEST and type in the password "tollandchurch".
- Areas of Rescue Assistance: available at stairways during any emergency, especially for the differently abled. Emergency personnel attend these areas immediately upon their arrival. Please also notice that there are three exits from the sanctuary: one in the back and two in the front.

Caught without your wallet? There are many electronic ways to express your generosity!

- **UCCTolland.org** Go to the UCCTolland.org website. Click on About. Click Giving. Click either the PayPal Donate button or the button to Link to Online Giving button and follow the prompts.
- **GIVEPLUS+ Mobile** Download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Then you can easily make one-time or recurring donations directly from your smartphone.
- **GIVEPLUS+ Text** Send a text message to 860-322-5295 with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email.
- **PayPal Donate** *(from the PayPal app)* Go to the PayPal app on your smartphone. Click the Donate icon. Search "Tolland". Click on United Congregational Church of Tolland and follow the instructions. You won't need to enter all of your information as it will be sent to us by PayPal.

Cathedral in the Night The Youth Fellowship group and Missions Committee have joined together once again to partner with Cathedral in the Night. On December 15th we'll prepare a meal and serve outside in the community of Northampton MA after participating in a worship service. We'll also bring some items in need and are accepting offerings of peanut butter, jelly, granola bars, hand warmers, gloves and sleeping bags. A collection box for these offerings will reside in the hallway outside the office for the month of November. Thank you in advance for your support.

UConn Football Games Seatback Rentals - Volunteers are needed to help with seatback rentals at the home UCONN football games*. The income earned from helping out with the rentals has been an important fundraiser for our mission trips. So what do volunteers do? A team of about 12 volunteers arrive at the game about 1.5 hours before kickoff. The team divides and stands at the four gates renting seatbacks to those who will be sitting on the bleachers. Selling continues through the first quarter then we are free to watch the rest of the game. Following the game we spend about 30 minutes picking up the seatbacks that have not been returned to the gate and then we head home. It's a lot of fun! If you would like more information on what they do or have any questions please contact **Dave Young: 860 890-3746 or dyoung93056@comcast.net**. To volunteer at one or more games, please logon to **https://signup.com/go/vQXsSLD** or select the button on the UCCTOLLAND.ORG homepage. Please use the sign-up sheet in fellowship hall or contact Dave for the following date: Mon, Nov. 23, 12:00 p.m. (vs. East Carolina).

Foodshare Turkey & 30 Food Drive will take place at the Big Y in Tolland on Saturday, November 23rd –24th from 10:00 a.m, – 4:00 p.m. They are asking for donations of turkeys to meet the immediate need for a Thanksgiving dinner in our area and $30.00 to help feed our community for the remainder of the year. Every year, Foodshare is able to provide thousands of turkeys due to the generosity of our neighbors. If you have questions, or are interested in volunteering the day of the drive (two hours per shift is fine!) please contact me at ctrice@foodshare.org. Last year, Foodshare provided enough food for more than 11 million meals in Tolland and Hartford County...including at our Mobile Foodshare every other Thursday here at UCCT.

Rest Stop Fundraiser Update! Thank you to the 80+ volunteers who contributed to our very successful event yielding $3,017 for the church! This was a win/win for all including our church members who had a great time there and the weary travelers who expressed their thanks for our hospitality. We were so blessed with pleasant weather which brought out more than the expected number of travelers – especially on Sunday and Monday! While fresh in our minds, we would like to have a debriefing/planning meeting with suggestions for the next fundraiser in October 2020 **today at 11:15 a.m.**

2020 Pledge Campaign Update - The Generosity Committee and Church Leadership are grateful for the initial response from our members. We have received 165 pledges from the congregation totaling about $305,000 as of November 11. This is a great start, but we have another $60,000 to raise in order to make our 2020 campaign target. For those of you that have not yet had a chance to submit your pledge, please do so as soon as possible. If you misplaced your card there are extras in the pews, at the entrance doors or you can contact the church office. Remember, it takes each of us to be able to continue to **Touch a Life**!

CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN

Friday November 15th 2 pm to 7 pm
Saturday November 16th 9 am to 2 pm
Sunday November 17th during coffee hours

Highlights:

Attic Treasures	Christmas Trimmings	Café (Saturday only)
Aged Cabot Cheese	Jewelry	Handmade Items
Pet Accessories	Silent Auction	Book Sale
	Baked Goods and Candy Shop	

Christmas on the Green Plans and products are underway for this year's fair! We are now collecting gently used Christmas items; tag sale items; books; and jewelry. For the Silent Auction this year we are looking for donations of themed gift baskets, gift cards, art items, and business services. Contact Nancy Alholm at (860) 371-4780 or nancy_alholm@comcast.net if you have any questions or would like to participate in the fair planning.

The sign up sheets are now posted in Fellowship Hall. There are: Baking and Candy (Friday and Saturday), Greeters (Friday and Saturday), Working at the Fair (Friday, Saturday & Sunday), Set Up (various days), Clean Up (Sunday). **We are especially in need of strong people to help cut the two 34-pound wheels of cheddar cheese on Friday and Saturday.** Contact Nancy Alholm at (860) 371-4780 or nancy_alholm@comcast.net with questions.

A **Silent Auction** will be held during the fair. We are asking for donations for **GOODS AND SERVICES** silent auction. Consider donating those hidden treasures, your talents, or donate a new item. It could be a vacation home for a weekend, fishing trips, jewelry, crystal gifts, art works, gift basket with a theme, gift certificates, sports tickets, or services such as music or art lessons, babysitting, or any other talent you have. Please contact Sue Trani at susantrani@ymail.com or (860-938-7204) if you are planning to donate an item. **Deadline for donations is TODAY, November 17.** Proceeds will benefit our church. Please donate soon so that bidding sheets can be prepared prior to the auction.

Books can be dropped off in the food bank donation area and marked for sale during church office hours. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY.** Contact Lyn McLeod (860-872-3055) with any questions.

Back by Popular Demand!! - The ONA Team will be preparing and selling homemade food at the Christmas on the Green fair again this year! Beginning at 9:00 Saturday morning, November 23rd, we will serve coffee with a slice of homemade coffee cake. From 11:00 until 2:00 we will offer a homemade lunch menu of three types of our world famous chili, (hamburger, ground turkey or vegetarian) cornbread, hot dogs, chili dogs, and bottled water. We hope you will be able to stop by fellowship hall and have lunch with us on November 23rd or plan to get an order of chili to go. Any leftovers will be sold after the 11:00 service on Sunday morning.