



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
*October 15, 2017 – 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

**Excellence is in the  
details. Give attention  
to the details and  
excellence will come.**

*Perry Paxton*

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*Children are always welcome at our worship services.  
A drop-off Nursery is available to children age 2 and younger,  
in the Nursery School wing starting at 9:45 a.m.*

***\*Those who are able are invited to stand.***

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**\*HYMN #87**

“THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God awaits us with a message for us all;  
God speaks as we open to hear his word.

**We wait and listen for wisdom from God;  
the word of God is no threat, but a guide.**

God approaches to embrace and enlist us;  
and awaits our open and responsive hearts.

**We rejoice in God’s acceptance of us;  
God’s mercy inspires mercy within us.**

God would welcome us so far as his heaven.  
How far are we prepared to journey with God?

**We are here to receive God’s light and power;  
may all that we think and do honor Jesus Christ.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL (10:00 only)**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

PSALM 23

Bill Lattimer, Deacon (8:30)  
Tucker Scott, Deacon (10:00)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life, *(continued)*

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

**GOSPEL LESSON**

LUKE 16:1-10

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.

**SERMON**

"JUST MAKE YOUR BED, ALREADY"

Rev. Rosenberger

**OFFERTORY**  
(10:00 only)

"THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD" (Psalm 23)  
The Show Up and Sing Choir

H. Schalit

**\*DOXOLOGY** (10:00 only)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise God all creatures here below:  
Praise god above ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

**We honor you, O God, as we offer our gifts. We know that we do not live and die unto ourselves, but we belong to you through community. We are linked in ways beyond our knowing, to you and to all generations of your children. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts for the work of your realm. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #430**

“THE LORD’S MY SHEPHERD”

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

**POSTLUDE**

Mr. Pakhomov

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**TODAY’S GREETERS** are the Petti family (Sophie, Confirmand).

**TODAY’S USHERS** are April Baker, Bill Lattimer (8:30), Tucker Scott and Dave Sealy.

# **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CHURCH SCHOOL**

### **IT'S TIME TO REGISTER YOUR FAMILY!**

All FCC Families with children between the ages of newborn to grade 12, please take a moment to go online to our electronic registration form at [www.tinyurl.com/FCCFamilyRegistration](http://www.tinyurl.com/FCCFamilyRegistration) and register your family! This is required for all children participating in Church School and Youth Group. It will only take a few moments of your time. This insures you are on the right email distribution lists and that children are included in communications for upcoming service and social activities. Thank you!

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**We are still looking for more Church School teachers, subs, and one-time speakers! If you have a talent you are willing to share with the Church School at FCC, please email [cgeeding@uccdarien.org](mailto:cgeeding@uccdarien.org).**

### **YIG PRESENTS MIDDLE SCHOOL "ACCESS":**

#### **Connect with friends and dig deeper into God's Word!**

Our next Access meeting will be held in the Dream Center on Thursday, October 26th from 7:00-8:30PM. Dinner is provided. Contact Christine Geeding at [cgeeding@uccdarien.org](mailto:cgeeding@uccdarien.org) for more information.

### **FCC YOUTH WORSHIP BAND**

Attention all 6th-12th graders! Do you play an instrument? Do you want to get involved in music at FCC? Christine Geeding (Director of Christian Ed) is looking to form a youth worship band for FCC. The band will play at various events including some Come As You Are services and youth group events. The band will have their first meeting in mid-November! Contact [cgeeding@uccdarien.org](mailto:cgeeding@uccdarien.org) for more information!

### **4TH GRADE BIBLE SUNDAY**

On Sunday, October 22nd, 4th grade members of the church will be presented with their very own personalized Bible during the service. If you have not heard from Christine Geeding regarding your 4th grader, please contact her at [cgeeding@uccdarien.org](mailto:cgeeding@uccdarien.org) to confirm the name.

### **KIDS COOK: MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA NIGHT!**

All FCC families (parents and caregivers welcome!) are invited to our first Kids Cook: Make Your Own Pizza Night" on Tuesday, October 17th from 5-6:30PM. Kids will get to make [and eat!] their own pizza. We will provide all the fun pizza fixin's along with fruit, snack & dessert. Please note: this is not a drop-off event. Contact [cgeeding@uccdarien.org](mailto:cgeeding@uccdarien.org) for more information!

## THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN HELPS!

### **Help cook for the Open Door Shelter – Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 8 am in the church kitchen**

The shelter has a group scheduled to serve the food on Friday so we are just cooking this month. Email Heather at [hramer@me.com](mailto:hramer@me.com) if you'd like to help cook!

### **Help build at Habitat for Humanity in Bridgeport – Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Come one come all to help build in Bridgeport! No experience needed. Just come with willing hands and heart! Helpers (16 or older) will meet at the warehouse by 8:30 am, and be done by 4:00 pm. Please email Heather Raker at [hramer@me.com](mailto:hramer@me.com) to help.

### **Building One Community Family Night – Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**


Join us for a night of fun as we eat and socialize with new immigrants in our area, helping them to acclimate to our country and culture. Bring your family! It's a fun event!! Please email Lauren Swenson at [lauren.s.swenson@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.s.swenson@gmail.com) to join in the fun!

Thank you for your help for those in need!

*The First Congregational Church of Darien Board of Outreach*

Chair: Lauren Swenson, Members: Gayle Appleby, Lindsay Atha, Scott Barrett, Elmerina Brooks, Gary Holmes, Bob McGee, Doug McPheters, Heather Raker, Charlie Wetmore, Carol Wilson



Let's help 

## UNDIES SUNDAY

October 29, 2017

Nothing says you care like underwear!

Please bring NEW, unused briefs & boxers for men, women's panties and children's underwear for those in need to improve their lives. All sizes and ages needed. A donation bin will be provided.

All items donated will be distributed to local area organizations who help those in need such as: Person to Person, Pacific House, Clothes to Kids of Fairfield County.

Underwear is the most under-donated, and most needed, item of clothing. No one should be deprived of the simple, daily necessity of clean underwear that many of us take for granted. Hygiene and physical comfort are only a part of this basic human need. New, clean underwear also provides dignity and self-esteem. The Undies Project Inc. was started to fulfill this need. The Undies Project Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) organization.





## *MUSIC AT FIRST*



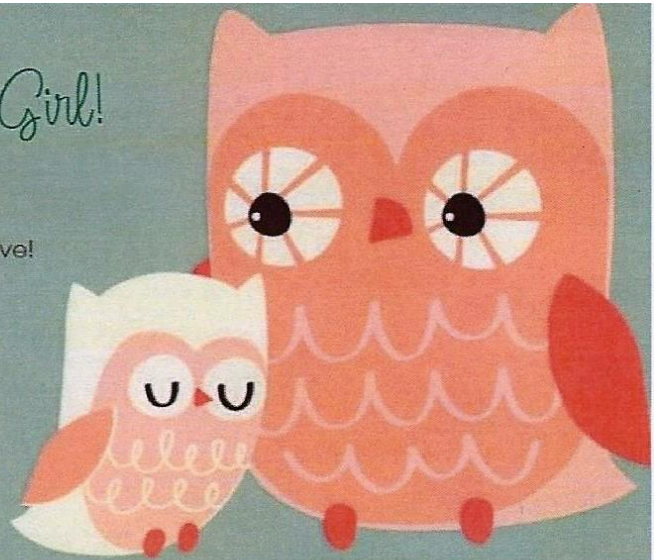
**Family coffeehouse with Doug Allen, Sat Oct 21, 7-9 pm:** Enjoy toe-tapping country music with the ever engaging Doug Allen, who grew up in Darien but is now living in Nashville. He has 4 CDs out, and 2 of his songs have been featured in major motion pictures. Bring your family and friends for a fun evening. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, and dessert will be served. A small charge of \$10 per adult (no charge for kids) will help us cover our costs. To sign up, send an email to [office@uccdarien.org](mailto:office@uccdarien.org) or call [203-655-0491](tel:203-655-0491) or sign up in the Parish Hall.

# Look Whooo's Having A Girl!

Let's Shower Gary and Erica Morello with FCC Love!  
203-655-0491

Saturday, October 28 from 2:00 PM  
to 3:30 PM

Parish Hall  
14 Brookside Road  
Darien, CT 06820



We are tickled pink that a baby girl is on her way. Please come celebrate with Gary and Erica before their big day. Everyone is welcome as we'll have something fun for everyone to do. And we've got a few funny surprises in mind for the parents-to-be too!

Tiny t-shirts, rattles, and some bigger items, plus the party food we will supply. A group FCC gift is what we are hoping you'll contribute to and we'll go and buy.

*(Contributions can be sent to Karen Hansen in the church office.)*

Get ready for laughter, giggles and fun ... before Miss Arianna Grace is here and on the run!

## **Saturday, October 28, Parish Hall**

2:00: Crafts and Well Wishes

2:30: Games and Presents

3:00: Cake and Desserts

An e-vite went out to all. Please RSVP and do note the one extra special request for each family to bring.

Questions: Please contact Karen Brennan, Andy Huntington, Judith Sinche, or  
Debbie Nelson

**ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO A  
“FALL FUN” DRINKS PARTY**

**Saturday, November 4th, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM  
Hosted by Caroline & Frank Burke at  
29 Tower Lane, Darien, CT**

- Come when you can, stay as long as you can.
- Feel free to bring a savory or a sweet.
- Please encourage a church friend to join you!

**Invitations were sent by email but feel free to RSVP  
Caroline directly at [cburkeok@gmail.com](mailto:cburkeok@gmail.com)  
or call 203-656-3050**

**WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

***“Where God’s lavish love embraces us,  
Christ’s bold truth transforms us,  
the Spirit’s healing power sends us,”***

We are an accepting community where faith in Christ makes a difference. We welcome you to worship with us wherever you are on your journey. As a spiritual home, our hallmarks are education, fellowship and pastoral care. Children have a special place in our church family, and are embraced with love, guidance and opportunities for spiritual growth. We are a church of conscience, unafraid of the issues of today and serving as a reconciling force among different faiths.

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

Ecclesiastical Council for Gary Morello, 3:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17**

Kids Cook: Make Your Own Pizza Night, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17**

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room  
Church Council, 8:00 p.m. in the Circle Room

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18**

Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**

Refugee resettlement conversation with CT churches, 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon  
Coffee House, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in Parish Hall

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22**

Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

***Ministers:*** Every member of the congregation.

***Clergy and Staff:***

The Rev. Dale Rosenberger, *Senior Minister (emergency pager) 1- (203) 368-7789*

Gary M. Morello, *Associate Minister*

The Rev. Ronald T. Evans, *Pastor Emeritus*

Christine Geeding, *Director of Christian Education*

Daniel Hague, *Music Director* Maxim Pakhomov, *Organist*

Teri Manning, *Nursery School Director* Karen Hansen, *Treasurer*

Pamela Toason, *Church Administrator (M, T)* Dennis Hanlon, *Church Administrator (W, Th, Fri)*

Carlos Maya, *Weekday Sexton* Ruth Salazar, *Sunday Sexton*