



**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN**

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Children are always welcome at our worship services.

A drop-off Nursery is available to children age 2 and younger,  
starting at 10:00 a.m.

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

**PRELUDE**

Mr. Maxim Pakhomov

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Rev. Dale B. Rosenberger

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (*responsively*)

Rev. Rosenberger

Jesus taught: Blessed are the poor in spirit.  
He said that the realm of God is theirs.

**We read that those who mourn are blessed.  
Jesus said they will be comforted.**

The meek will inherit the earth.  
The merciful will obtain mercy.

**All who hunger and thirst for rich treasures are blessed;  
Jesus said they will be filled.**

Blessed are the pure in heart and the peacemakers.  
They are God's children and will see God.

**We pause to celebrate the love of God.  
We rejoice with songs and prayers.**

**\*INVOCATION PRAYER**

Rev. Rosenberger

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

**VOLUNTARY**

Mr. Pakhomov

**MEDITATION**

“HYMNS AND THEIR HISTORY”

Daniel Hague

+ + *STORIES AND HYMNS* + +

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

GENESIS 1:1-19

**STORY AND PRAYER**

Tom Parnon

**\*FIRST HYMN**

“FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH”

(page 2/Hymns)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

MATTHEW 4:18-25

**STORY AND PRAYER**

Anna Denoyer

**\*SECOND HYMN**

"JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE"

(page 3/Hymns)

**THIRD SCRIPTURE READING**

PSALM 33:1-9

**STORY AND PRAYER**

Liz Werner

**\*THIRD HYMN**

“THIS IS MY FATHER’S WORLD”

(pages 4/Hymns)

**FOURTH SCRIPTURE READING**

MATTHEW 1:18-25

**STORY AND PRAYER**

Christopher Van Ingen

**\*FOURTH HYMN**

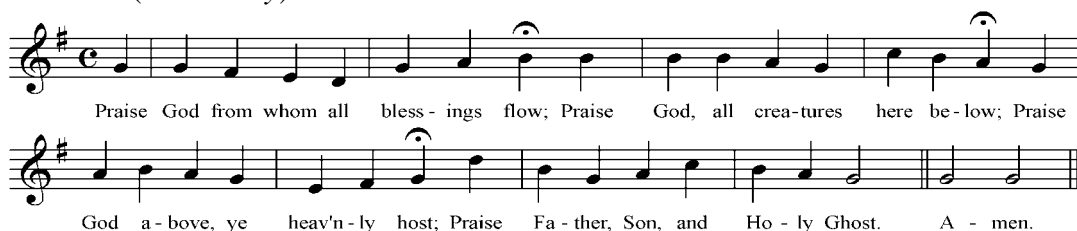
“SILENT NIGHT”

(pages 5/Hymns)

**OFFERING** (10:00 only)

**OFFERTORY** CONCERTATO ON THE HYMN “SING A NEW CHURCH”  
Senior Choir

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



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise  
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (10:00 only)

(unison)

**We devote these gifts and ourselves to the ministries that are changing the world for good. We pray for purity of heart as we hunger and thirst for love and interdependency. We rejoice in this opportunity to share in the extension of your realm. Bless our offering, and us. We pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**FIFTH SCRIPTURE READING**

JOHN 20:11-18

**STORY AND PRAYER**

Gary Holmes

**\*FIFTH HYMN**

“IN THE GARDEN”

(pages 6/7 Hymns)

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

Gary Morello, Associate Minister

**Lord our God, we thank you for sacred music  
and its wondrous power to touch, heal and strengthen;  
under its spell the closed doors of the human spirit are unlocked  
and our hearts are moved to respond to you more fully in worship.  
In music, our lives are deeply enriched and you are fully exalted, O God.  
Thank you for all who enable us to sing your song in many ways and places,  
Leading with beauty and reaching with care inside of our souls.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gary Morello, Associate Minister

**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.**

\***HYMN**

“WHEN IN OUR MUSIC GOD IS GLORIFIED”

(page 8/Hymns)

\***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rosenberger

**RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Mr. Pakhomov

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**TODAY’S GREETERS** are the VanIngen family: Scribner, Caroline, Christopher (Confirmand) and Emily.

**TODAY’S USHERS** are Lou Converse (8:30 a.m.) Kristin Desautelle, Anne MacInnes and Phil Meyer.

**A CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF  
THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHUCH OF DARIEN**

You are hereby called to the First Congregational Church of Darien, United Church of Christ, 14 Brookside Road, for the first portion of the Annual Meeting of the church scheduled for today, immediately following our 10 o’clock service of worship.

The purpose of this meeting of the congregation is to:

- \* receive the 2016 financial reports.
- \* receive the recommendations of Church Council for the 2017 budget.
- \* address any other business or concern relating to the life of our congregation, that may properly be brought before the assembled congregation.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be babysitting available for the Annual Meeting, until 12, following church school.

Save the date: First Bible Jeopardy will be hosted by Jeopardy contestant Michael Borecki during church school on Feb. 12th! Review of the content will continue every Sunday.

### 2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you made a pledge for 2017, your Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up and can be found on the table, outside the church office. If you do not see envelopes with your name, and would like offering envelopes, please contact Karen Hansen at [KHansen@uccdarien.org](mailto:KHansen@uccdarien.org).

### CLASSICS BOOK GROUP

The Classics Book Group will meet on Wednesday, February 22nd at 3:30 in the library. We will be talking about All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren. It's an open, friendly group. Call Sally Bassler to know more or surprise us!

On Sunday, February 5th we will have an 11th hour discussion of Henri Nouwen's book, Life of the Beloved. A follow-up to our experience of reaffirming our baptism's promise that we are God's beloved children, this book will guide us on the path to becoming who we are. Copies are available at the church office, for \$10.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please join **Young Life Darien** for the 2nd Annual Winter Luncheon featuring author Rev. Dr. Heather Wright speaking about Sacred Stress on Thursday, February 9, 2017, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at Woodway Country Club, Darien. Please reply to Jennifer Van Ingen, [jenlvi@optonline.net](mailto:jenlvi@optonline.net) or [203-246-0444](tel:203-246-0444).

**The Darien Domestic Abuse Council**, Inc. brings the Yellow Dress to Darien to raise awareness and educate our community about Teen Dating Violence and Domestic Abuse. The Darien Library will sponsor this event on Thursday, February 9th, at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.



Youth Ignite Group!!

Join Us for

**Our Second "Darrien United" Event!!**

*First Cong. Church of Darien, St. Luke's & Noroton Presbyterian*

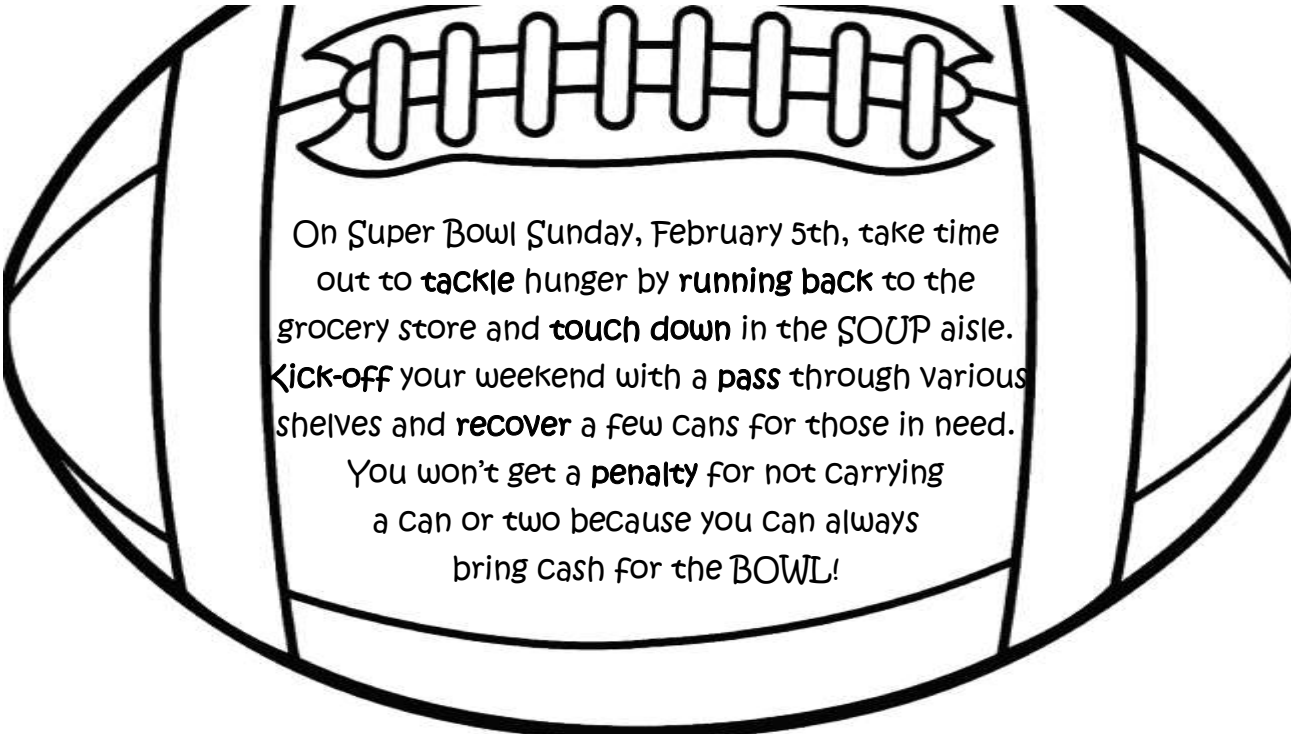
*A Winter Luau!!!*

Sunday, January 29 - 6 to 8 p.m.

at the Darien YMCA



“Soup or Bowl” kicks off  
the 1,000 Pound Food Challenge!!  
It’s that time of year again!



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th, take time out to **tackle** hunger by **running back** to the grocery store and **touch down** in the SOUP aisle. **Kick-off** your weekend with a **pass** through various shelves and **recover** a few cans for those in need. You won't get a **penalty** for not carrying a can or two because you can always bring cash for the **BOWL!**

Our **SOUP or BOWL** event coincides with **FOOD FIRST** and kicks off our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **1,000 POUND FOOD CHALLENGE** – so if soup isn't your thing, feel free to bring what you can for those in need (e.g., non-perishable food items: pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables and fruits, peanut butter, tuna fish, rice, beans and the occasional cake mix & icing for special occasions). The clock is ticking and the play is on. Help us **win the bowl** by getting to 1,000 pounds by the end of March! Donations will go to the Open Door Shelter and the Person-to-Person pantry, both of which suffer from lower donations during the cold winter months when people need it most.

Thank you from the Outreach Committee!



***CALLING ALL CHURCH SCHOOL KIDS!  
PLEASE JOIN US AT CHURCH SCHOOL  
ON FEBRUARY 12th, 2017  
FOR OUR 1ST ANNUAL***



**HOSTED BY OUR VERY OWN TEEN JEOPARDY  
STAR...**



**MICHAEL BORECKI!**

***TEST YOUR BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE!  
COMPETE WITH YOUR FRIENDS!  
PRIZES! SNACKS! AND MORE!***

## **THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH**

has a full schedule of events planned to help those in need. Please help!

- **Cook/Serve for the Open Door Shelter** - Thursday, February 2nd, 8 am - join us to cook in the church kitchen. Friday, February 3rd, 11:45 am - join us to serve at the Open Door Shelter in Norwalk. Please email Heather Raker at [hraker@me.com](mailto:hraker@me.com) to help.
- **Habitat for Humanity Build Days** in Bridgeport - FCCD is invited to join The Sound Coalition of Churches in Fairfield to help build on the following dates during 2017: 2/18, 4/8, 7/8, 8/26, 10/21 and 12/9. 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. Please email Heather Raker at [hraker@me.com](mailto:hraker@me.com) to help.
- **Soup or Bowl kicks off our 2nd annual 1,000 pound food challenge** - Sunday, February 5th. Bring your food donations on Sunday, February 5th as we kick off our 1,000 pound challenge. Let's reach the goal line by the end of March!! Non-perishable food items appreciated: pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables and fruits, peanut butter, tuna fish, rice & beans. Donations will go to the Open Door Shelter and the Person-to-Person pantry, both of which suffer from lower donations during the cold winter months when people need it most. The clock is ticking and the play is on!
- **Mission Moment** - On Sunday, February 12, we welcome Jeanette Archer-Simons from the **Open Door Shelter** for a brief "mission moment". She will tell us about the great work that Open Door is doing to help those in need in Norwalk through their new 19,000 square foot housing facility. The Open Door Shelter will be the lead beneficiary of the 2017 Darien House Tour: Homes with Heart.
- **Mark your calendars for upcoming events held by our Outreach Beneficiaries!** Grab some friends and GO and SUPPORT our fabulous friends!

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Havana Nights** - Saturday, February 25, 2017, 6:30 to 11:00 pm at Fairfield Theater Company Warehouse, 70 Sanford Street, Fairfield. More info at [habitatcfc.org](http://habitatcfc.org).

**PACIFIC HOUSE Dessert and Chocolate Lovers Tasting** - Friday, March 31, 2017, 7 to 10 pm at the Hyatt in Greenwich. More info at [pacifichouse.org](http://pacifichouse.org).

**INSPIRICA Spring Soiree** - Thursday April 20, 2017, 5:30 to 7:30 pm at The Palace Theater, 61 Atlantic Street, Stamford. More info at [inspiricact.org](http://inspiricact.org).

Thank you for your hands on help for those in need!

## ***“Music at First” NEWS:***

### **Next “Show Up and Sing” Sunday: Feb 12**

For all those who like to sing but need a guiding hand, please **meet in the chapel at 9:00 am (come in through the Nursery School entrance)**, and you will learn a simple anthem and then sing it with gusto at the 10 am service. With Dan Hague’s good instruction and the choir supporting you, you will lift your voice and spirit!

### **Jazz Sunday: Feb 26**

A Dixieland celebration of being back in our beloved meetinghouse. We will raise our voices in song, tap our feet, and clap our hands in joyful gratefulness. Then we will eat our fill of delicious southern-style food in the Parish Hall.

### **“Alt Music Sunday”: March 12**

Something a little different than the choir singing...perhaps an instrumentalist...perhaps Dan will teach us a new hymn. Always inspirational and appropriate for worship, get ready for some alternative music.

### **Cabaret Night, March 18**

Invite your family and friends for our annual Cabaret Night. You will enjoy some good songs performed by our church’s own talent in a relaxed club-style setting with light food and drink. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. A free-will donation will be taken to cover costs.

**For more information on the music program, contact Mariann Bigelow ([bigelow3@optonline.net](mailto:bigelow3@optonline.net)) or John Stuart ([johnstuartmktg@optonline.net](mailto:johnstuartmktg@optonline.net))**

## WELCOME TO THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF DARIEN

**"Where God's extravagant love welcomes and affirms,  
where Christ's transforming truth enlivens and compels."**

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

Annual Meeting Part 1, following the 10 a.m. service

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Morehouse Room  
Senior Choir, 8:00 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
11th hour book discussion on "Life of the Beloved", Morehouse Room  
Confirmation Class, 11:15, Dream Room

**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*

Mary Jo Colman, *Church School Director*

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*

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