

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Worship Schedule:
From June 18 to September 10 we will have one worship service at 9:00am

Backpack Program Sign up for grade-specific backpacks begins at coffee hour this morning (7/16). The general school supplies list is in this morning's bulletin. All supplies are due back to the church in early August. Thank you for helping the children in our community be prepared for classes this fall! Our Social Worker reports: "The backpacks are distributed to the children and families in the caseload, either during the investigation level and/or in-home cases and out-of-home cases. DCF works hard on maintaining the family unit with wrap-around services."

Interval House We welcome new toiletries to add to our ongoing collection. Please place in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

Mark Your Calendars for the Church Picnic Our annual church-wide fun and fellowship opportunity, slated for Sunday, September 24, after the 2nd service, will serve a dual purpose this year. Not only will we be able to enjoy one another and catch up, we are inviting the community to join us in worship and the picnic, so they can experience WCC and our warm, inviting church family perhaps for the first time. We are holding the picnic a bit later than usual so that Pastor Mark, who will be back from Sabbatical, can enjoy it, too. **Check out the signup sheet in the Gathering Room for opportunities to help.**

New Confirmation Class is Gearing Up! Students entering the 9th grade or older who have not gone through the confirmation experience, are eligible to take part in an exciting faith journey by participating in Wapping Church's confirmation program for 2017-18. The program will begin in early October and end in June with a final confirmation service. Tentatively our schedule is to meet on every other Sunday morning from 11:30-12:45pm. The program will be taught by a combination of Pastor Mark, Lisa Wallace, deacons and other members of the congregation. Along with regular class meetings we will take a few field trips and participate in several service projects. Detailed information will be available towards the end of the summer. Please phone or email Christine Carlson in the Church Office to let her know if your child is interesting in participating. Please include your contact information (address, cell phone and email) so that we can contact you. [\(860\) 644-0833](tel:8606440833) / wappingoffice@gmail.com

Are you looking for an easy and non-time consuming way to get involved at Wapping Church? Do you enjoy writing note cards that help to lift the spirits of others? If you do, then call me and I'll add you to my list. Every few weeks, I distribute a couple of names of church members who would enjoy receiving mail to remind them that we're thinking of them. So, jump on board and sharpen your pencils! Email Bonnie at bldriscoll@cox.net or call/text [860-218-8184](tel:8602188184) and I'll gladly add your name to my email list.

Food Share Mobil Pantry will be here on Thursday, July 27 from 12:30-1:00pm.

Keep those Shoes Coming! As a fundraising activity for Simply Smiles, SPF is collecting all size shoes and sneakers in good condition. Please check your closets and bring those shoes in! Many thanks!

Reminder: Gift cards for local stores and restaurants are available for purchase at coffee hour every Sunday morning. All cards ordered will arrive during the week and be available for pick up the following Sunday.

Wapping Community Church's Recycling Program Save your printer ink cartridges and drop them off in the collection boxes that have been placed by the three main entry doorways to the church facilities. The purpose is to recycle these items and put them back to good use AND raise funds for WCC's programs.

Communion Table and Pedestal Flowers The 2017 flower charts are now up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. All those who wish to dedicate flowers in the coming year may now sign up for either the communion table or pedestal (note that each area has a sign-up sheet). A member of the Flower Committee will be in touch to discuss arrangements

F.I.S.H. Needs Volunteers - F.I.S.H. (Friends In Service Here) of South Windsor is looking for both telephone and transportation volunteers who are willing to help South Windsor neighbors get to their medical or dental appointments. It's a one-day-a-month commitment from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. If interested, please call Lyn Erickson at 860-644-4082.

Please check the **Lost and Found** box on the second floor. Among other recently found clothing items there are eye glasses, sunglasses and sports equipment. Please contact the church office with any questions.