



The Ellington Congregational Church

Member of the United Church of Christ

Ellington, Connecticut

Gathered in 1733

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary

1916

Of the Fourth Meeting House

2016

*Dedicated to
Nellie E. McKnight
First Church Historian
1894 ~ 1981*



Photo courtesy of the Ellington Historical Society.

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History and Catalogue of Members

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A Proud Heritage ~ A Promising Future

1733 Ellington Congregational Church 2016

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your Church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world,
to resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming family of Christians dedicated to living and sharing Christ's teachings through a faith continually renewed by God's grace.

We come together in worship, study, and mission bringing a diversity of talents and offering opportunities for each member to express a personal faith through shared responsibility and service.

We commit to provide a Christ-centered atmosphere for both individual and communal growth in which all can realize their full spiritual potential.

Adopted September 11, 1994

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EARLY SETTLEMENT OF THE ELLINGTON PARISH AND THE ELLINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

There is little known about the early history of the church. No church records prior to the year 1819 are in existence, except perhaps a few scattering memoranda made by the Rev. Mr. Brockway in the early part of his ministry.

Before the white people settled here, the Indians called the place "Weaxskashuck." The settlers called it "The Great Marsh."

The first white settlement in Ellington was made about 1717 by Samuel Pinney who purchased a large tract of approximately 1,000 acres on the west side of the Great Marsh and he was soon followed by Lieutenant John Ellsworth and his sons, Daniel and John, who in 1719-1720 bought a tract of 540 acres on the east side of the Great Marsh.

In 1730 there were but eleven families in the Ellington settlement, at which time the Rev. John McKinstry, of Scotch descent but born in Ireland, purchased, or was granted, some 30 acres or more of land in what is now Ellington Center. He built his house on the north side of Main Street near the west end. Legend has it that it was later moved to Maple Street.



The Rev. John McKinstry's home where it is thought church services were first held. Two of the original horse sheds that stood behind the third and fourth church buildings are now used as the garage.

In 1733 Mr. McKinstry was settled as the first pastor of the church. In October 1735 a committee presented a petition to the General Assembly, signed by thirty-five of the Great Marsh people, as the inhabitants of Ellington were then called, asking, "That we may ordain a good orthodox minister among us." The Legislature granted the prayer of the petitioners, giving them liberty, "To embody into church estate, having first obtained the approbation of the neighboring churches." The church was planned and organized with Legislative sanction in the year 1735 or 1736 although Mr. McKinstry had been the pastor of one existing here by voluntary consent before that time.

On December 20, 1737 the parish voted to build a meeting house and agreed on the site but could not get the requisite approval of the General Assembly until the next year.

The first church was probably built in 1738 or 1739 and stood facing the south street (now Main Street) not far from the front end of the present library grounds. At



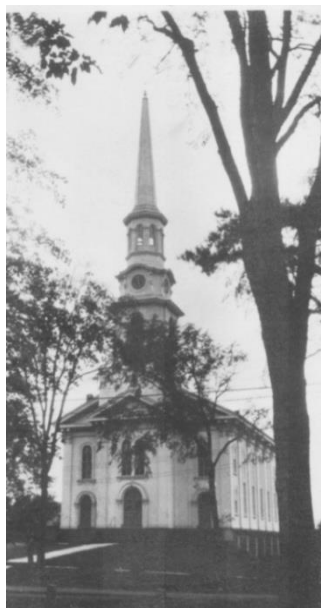
that time the north street (now Maple Street) had not been opened through Ellington Center. There was only one main south street, just passing the head of the Great Marsh. It is said that at Mr. McKinstry's ordination there were but 110 souls in the parish and also at the erection of the first church building every man in the parish was present and they numbered twenty-nine, and the day of the raising they all sat down on the east sill of the building. This building was 45 feet long, 35 feet wide, with 20 foot posts. It was clapboarded upon the studs, was unpainted and was devoid of all interior decorations and stood until after the erection of the second church building. It was abandoned by vote of the church June 27, 1806 two days after the dedication of the new meeting house.

The second church building was designed and constructed by Samuel Belcher, a 25-year old contractor-builder, in 1805 and 1806 at a cost of \$5,100. The Rev. Diodate Brockway in his dedication sermon on June 25, 1806 said, "It perhaps exceeds, in point of elegance, any kind in Connecticut." It stood in the Church Park, facing south, in front of the present site. This church had two stories and was fitted with box pews. On April 4, 1817 a Town Meeting voted "to paint and keep the outside of the Meetinghouse in good repair and in consideration therefore the Town would have the privilege of holding the Town Meetings in said house."

Second Meeting House



It originally had a tall steeple which was taken down in 1839 as far as the bell deck because water had leaked in and rotted the wood. A couple of years later the bell deck was enclosed. The building stood until the opening of the third church in 1868 when it was sold and moved to Rockville, CT and originally used there as an opera house. It was destroyed by fire around 1941.



The third church was built in 1867-1868. The cornerstone was laid June 27, 1867 and the church was dedicated on August 26, 1868. Augustus Truesdale of Rockville, CT was the architect and it was constructed by T.D. Johnson of Stafford, CT. It was a large commanding building with a tall white spire, some 165 feet in height. The Town appropriated \$5,000 towards the cost of the building and the brick basement contained the Town Hall and the Selectmen's room. On Sundays the Church had the use of the Town Hall for Sunday School classes. The sanctuary was 29 feet in height, with a level ceiling and had a seating capacity of 500.

Third Meeting House

The main floor was some four feet higher than the new fourth church and the approach to the same was by quite a heavy grade from the street. This slope was largely removed at the erection of the new fourth building. The third church, with the entire contents, was completely destroyed by fire on the night of October 3, 1914.

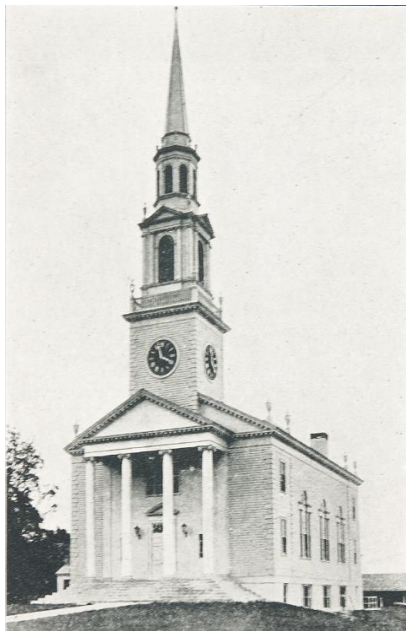


The morning after the fire, the remains of the church building still smoldered.

The Church did not own a parsonage until 1898 when the Gilbert home on Maple Street, left to the Church in her will by Miss Sarah Gilbert, became the property of the Church.



At the annual meeting of the Church held on December 10, 1914 it was voted to incorporate the church. Papers of incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State on December 17, 1914 under the name: The Ellington Congregational Church.



Work on the present or fourth church building commenced August 19, 1915. Mrs. Harriet E. Delano Fowler of Holyoke, MA, granddaughter of John Hall, founder of the famous Ellington School for boys, gave the services of Clark & Arms of New York as architects in memory of her sister, Miss Ellen Delano. Edward F. Miner Building Co. of Worcester, MA was the contractor at a cost of \$30,000 not including tower clock and bell, pews, furnishings and organ. The cornerstone was laid October 7, 1915. The contents of the box taken from the church that burned were placed in the cornerstone of the new church together with additional material. The new church was dedicated August 17, 1916.

Fourth Meeting House

NOTABLE EVENTS IN OUR CHURCH HISTORY

1946 – The last of the horse sheds on church property were removed. In earlier days, they were located to the rear of the third and fourth churches.

1954 - Additional space was needed for the Church School and for the parking of cars. The house and land immediately to the west and to the rear of the church property was purchased in June, 1957 (sold in 1963) so land was available for additional parking and also for the construction of an Educational Wing. On October 6, 1957 groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the Educational Wing which contained eight classrooms, the pastor's study, secretary's office, lavatories and a Memorial Chapel.

1961 - On March 19th at a specially called business meeting of the church, a vote was taken to approve the Constitution of the United Church of Christ and so automatically voted to become a member of the United Church of Christ.

1971 - On December 9th, the Rev. Stuart Charter, a fourth generation member of this church, was ordained into the Christian ministry in a fitting ceremony.

1973 - As the Gilbert Memorial Parsonage was in need of extensive repairs, it was sold on June 26th. On August 14th, the home at 17 Middle Road was purchased by the church to be used as the parsonage.



*Parsonage at
17 Middle Road*

1976 – Ellington Congregational Church participated in the United States Bicentennial Celebration with various programs including support of the first gazebo erected in the church park.

1981 - Lifetime member, Nellie E. McKnight passed away. Nellie, whose family were influential church members for generations, was the church historian for many years. At its annual meeting held on January 15th, the church voted to increase its staff by creating the position of Director of Religious Education. Mrs. Doris V. Arens was the first to fill this position.

1991 – A new youth group began T.E.L.O.S (Teens Experience Living Out the Story).

1993 – Don François was called to be the Director of Christian Education.

1994 - After much study, the Mission Statement appearing in this booklet was adopted.

1995 - The Rev. Karen Bailey-François was ordained in this church.

1996 - Don Bailey-François was commissioned as the first Associate Pastor, and the position of Director of Christian Education was eliminated. The Rev. Jennifer Fitts, a church member, was ordained.

1998 - The Rev. Don Bailey-François was ordained. Oral History Project I.



New Elevator

1998 – The year saw the start of “Target 2000”, a capital campaign with the goal of raising \$300,000 to make the church accessible to the handicapped with the installation of an elevator and other repairs and renovations. The Memorial Chapel was converted to a meeting room at this time.



New Meeting Room

1999 - The Rev. Joseph M. I. Callahan, a member of this church, was ordained.

2005 - A new Wednesday evening service called WIND (Worship In New Directions) started.

2006 – The Church established a part-time Associate in Christian Education. The Church purchased an acre of land to the rear of the parking lot for future needs. The church park fence was beautifully restored.

2008 – The Church celebrated its 275th anniversary with various festivities and the creation of the Memorial Labyrinth Garden.

2010 - Oral History Project II.

2011 - The Women’s Fellowship Farmhouse Fair celebrated its 50th year.

2013 – Using generous memorial donations, air conditioning was installed in the sanctuary, social room and kitchen.

2014- The Church celebrated the lifetime service of Mildred Arens Dimock on her 100th birthday.

2015 – Our new church website was launched. A cell antenna was installed in the steeple.

2016 – The church celebrated the 100th Anniversary of our Fourth Meeting House.

2017 – The Rev. Don Bailey-François retires, Dr. Jay Terbush installed as Designated Pastor.

ELLINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HISTORICAL PASTORATE

PASTORS

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| John McKinstry | 1733-1749 |
| Nathaniel Huntington | 1749-1756 |
| Seth Norton | 1756-1762 |
| John Bliss | 1764-1780 |
| Joshua Leonard | 1791-1798 |
| Diodate Brockway | 1799-1829 |
| Lavius Hyde | 1830-1834 |
| Ezekiel Marsh | 1835-1844 |
| Nathaniel H. Eggleston | 1845-1850 |
| George I. Wood | 1850-1854 |
| Thomas W. Fessenden | 1855-1864 |
| Hiram B. Woodworth | 1865-1869 |
| John C. Moses | 1871-1872 |
| Shearjashub Bourne | 1873-1875 |
| David S. Holbrook | 1876-1880 |
| Sylvanus C. Kendall | 1881-1886 |
| William T. Hutchins | 1886-1892 |
| Lyman P. Hitchcock | 1892-1897 |
| David E. Jones | 1898-1917 |
| James T. Carter | 1917-1922 |
| John T. Nichols | 1922-1935 |
| Roscoe F. Metzger | 1935-1939 |
| Theodore S. Darrah | 1939-1943 |
| Glenn T. Eno | 1943-1945 |
| John C. Miller | 1945-1951 |
| Kenneth E. Johnson | 1952-1956 |
| Wayne R. Sandau | 1957-1965 |
| Donald P. Inglis | 1966-1973 |
| Sheldon T. Smith | 1974-1989 |
| Michael S. Bennett | 1990-2002 |
| Don Bailey-François | 2003-2017 |
| Jay M. Terbush (Designated Pastor) | 2017- |

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Don Bailey-François | 1996-2003 |
| Claudia F. Muro | 2003-2006 |
| Karen Bailey-François | 2012-2018 |

INTERIM PASTORS

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Alison Ray Heaps | 1956-1957 |
| | 1965-1966 |
| Russell E. Camp | 1973-1974 |
| Sue Prichard | 1989-1990 |
| Sandie Benjamin | 1997 |
| Marsha Lynn Cox | 2002-2003 |
| Jay Terbush, Associate | 2003 |
| Jean McCusker, Acting Associate | 2007-2008 |
| Sue Prichard | 2008 |

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE PASTORS OF ELLINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Ellington Church has been fortunate in having pastors of marked ability and unusual spiritual development.

The Rev. John McKinsty, the first pastor, was born in Ireland of Scotch parents in 1677. He graduated at the University of Edinburgh in 1712. Six years later he came to this country and was ordained as pastor of the Congregational Church of Sutton, MA in 1720. He was dismissed in September 1728 and in 1730 came to Ellington, which, at that time, was part of ancient Windsor and contained but eleven families. He became pastor of this Church in 1733 and continued as such for 16 years, remaining in town until his death, January 20, 1754 at the age of 77. He preached on the Sunday preceding his death. He was buried in a family burying ground beside our library.

The Rev. Nathaniel Huntington, a native of Windham, CT, was the second pastor. He graduated from Yale College in 1747, where he later received his second degree. He served as pastor here for six and a half years until his death on April 28, 1756 at the age of 31. He was greatly loved.

The Rev. Seth Norton, a native of Farmington, CT, was the third pastor. He graduated from Yale College in 1751, from which, as well as from Harvard University, he afterwards received the degree of Master of Arts. He died at age 30.

The Rev. John Bliss, the fourth pastor, was a native of Longmeadow, MA, and graduated from Yale College in 1761 where he afterwards received his second degree. He was ordained as pastor of this church in October 1764 and was dismissed in December 1780.

Rev. Joshua Leonard, the fifth pastor, was born in Raynham, MA, and was graduated at Brown University. His ordination as pastor of this Church took place September 7, 1791 and he was dismissed in 1798. He received his second degree at Yale College in 1792.

The Rev. Diodate Brockway, the sixth pastor of this Church, was a son of the Rev. Thomas Brockway, the pastor of a parish in what is now the town of Columbia, CT. He graduated from Yale College in the class of 1797 and studied theology with his father and the Rev. Mr. Parsons of East Haddam, CT. He was ordained as pastor of this Church September 18, 1799, his father preaching the sermon.

He married Miranda Hall, a daughter of Deacon John Hall and a native of Ellington. In July 1804, while the second meeting house was being built, he had occasion to ascend to the belfry. A nail drew out of a board which he was grasping, causing him to fall backward sixty-five feet. After a long illness he recovered, although he was lame for the rest of his life and preached for some time sitting in a chair. Ill



health compelled him to give up the active duties of the pastorate in May 1829, the next three ministers being colleagues with Mr. Brockway. Mr. Brockway gave his life to this community, living and laboring here for fifty years. He died January 27, 1849. Rarely has a pastor been more beloved and respected by all classes than was Mr. Brockway.

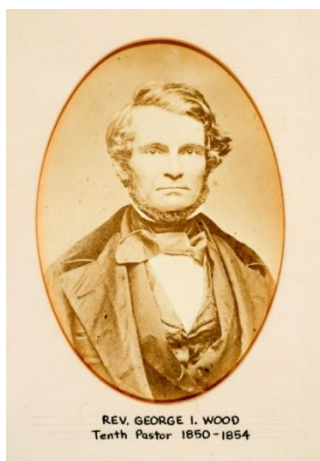
The Rev. Lavius Hyde, the seventh pastor, was born in Franklin, CT. He graduated from Williams College in 1813 and three years later completed his studies at the Theological Seminary at Andover, MA. He came to Ellington in 1830 as colleague pastor with the Rev. Mr. Brockway and served until 1834.



The Rev. Ezekiel Marsh, the eighth pastor, was born in Danvers, MA in 1808. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1831. He studied theology at Andover, MA and New Haven, CT. In April 1835 he was ordained as colleague with the Rev. Mr. Brockway. On the ninth anniversary of his coming to Ellington he was dismissed at his own request because of ill health and he died the same year at age 36.

The Rev. Nathaniel Hillyer Eggleston, the ninth pastor, was born in Hartford, CT. He graduated from Yale College in 1840 and studied theology at New Haven, CT. He was ordained as colleague with Mr. Brockway February 19, 1845 and was dismissed at his own request February 13, 1850. After leaving here he supplied pulpits in various places and for some years was engaged largely in planting new churches to the west. It was to Mr. Eggleston that the people of later years were indebted for the beautiful trees in the park. After preaching an arousing sermon on the duty of beautifying the place of God's abode (the second church which was across the street from our present church) he asked all who had teams, spades, etc. to gather at the church the next morning and accompany him to the woods. The trees were brought back and set out around the church and were sometimes jokingly referred to as "Eggleston's Woods."





The Rev. George I. Wood, the tenth pastor, was born at Stamford, CT. He graduated from Yale College in 1833. After studying law for two years, he began his study of theology in New Haven, CT and completed his course at Union Theological Seminary, NY in 1838. In 1850 he was called to this Church. Early in 1854, because of ill health, he requested his dismissal which was reluctantly granted.

The Rev. Thomas W. Fessenden, the eleventh pastor, was born at Brattleboro, VT. He received his education at Williams College and studied theology at Andover, MA and at New Haven, CT. After pastorates at Norwich, CT and Homer, NY, he was installed as pastor of this Church in 1855 and was its faithful pastor until he requested his dismissal in 1864.



The Rev. Hiram B. Woodworth was born at Chelsea, VT. He was educated at Dartmouth College and studied theology at Andover, MA and at East Windsor, CT. He was ordained at Hebron, CT, in 1862 and came to Ellington Church, being installed its twelfth pastor in 1865 and remaining here until 1869.

The Rev. John C. Moses, the thirteenth pastor, was born at Ticonderoga, NY. He received his education at New York State Normal School at Albany, NY and at Auburn Theological Seminary. After pastorates at Dundee, NY, where he was ordained in 1863, and at Lennox and Fowlersville, NY, he came to Ellington Church in 1871. He was dismissed in October of the following year. For a considerable period of time after that he was a member of the Presbytery of Cedar Rapids, IA.

The Rev. Shearjashub Bourne, the fourteenth pastor, was a native of Bristol, RI. He was educated at Yale College and Andover Theological Seminary. He was ordained at Flushing, LI in 1854. After pastorates there and in Harlem, NY until 1871, he came to Ellington in 1873 and was acting pastor until 1875.



The Rev. David S. Holbrook was born at Chester, MA. He studied at Yale College and Yale Theological Seminary. He was ordained and installed the fifteenth pastor in 1876, after having supplied as acting pastor for one year. His health failed and at his request he was dismissed in October 1880 and died in New Haven the following January. He most earnestly loved his work and his people and was greatly beloved by them.

The Rev. Sylvanus C. Kendall, the sixteenth pastor, was born at Searsmont, ME. He was educated at Amherst College and Andover Theological Seminary. He was ordained and installed at Webster, MA in 1854. After pastorates there and several other places, he was installed as our pastor in 1881, serving the Church until 1886.



The Rev. William T. Hutchins, the seventeenth pastor, was a native of Springfield, MA. He received his education at Yale College and Yale Theological Seminary. He was ordained and installed at Westchester, CT in 1876. He was called to the Ellington Church as acting pastor in December 1886. He was installed as pastor in June 1888 and remained in this office until 1892, when upon his resignation he was dismissed.

The Rev. Lyman P. Hitchcock was born in Middlesex, NY. He was educated at Syracuse Seminary and Hartford Theological Seminary, class of 1892. He became acting pastor in February and was ordained in November of the same year. He was our eighteenth pastor. Mr. Hitchcock left Ellington Church in 1897.



The Rev. David E. Jones, the nineteenth pastor, served this Church for nineteen years. He was born in Wales in 1840 and was graduated from Swansin College, Wales and from Yale Divinity School in 1871. Before coming to Ellington in 1898 he had held pastorates in Roxbury, CT and in Broad Brook, CT. Mr. Jones labored faithfully throughout his long pastorate and was respected and loved by all the parish. He was dismissed in 1917 and died in West Hartford, CT in December 1920.



The Rev. James T. Carter, the twentieth pastor was born in England, coming to this country in 1913. After being in Maine for a few months he came to West Hartford, CT where he assisted in the West Hartford Church, at the same time studying at the Hartford Theological Seminary. He came to Ellington in November 1917 and remained for nearly five years.



In the spring of 1922, Dr. John T. Nichols was called to be the twenty-first pastor of this Church. He was born in Assonet, MA and received his education at Harvard College and Yale Divinity School. In 1890 he and four others formed the Yale-Washington Missionary Band and went out to the Northwest to do missionary work. In 1894 he was called to the Edgewater Church in Seattle, WA, where he remained for about twelve years. He became the first superintendent of the Seattle Church Extension Society. He was then called back East and spent the next ten years as pastor of the Park Avenue Congregational Church in Meadville, PA. Upon retirement from the active ministry in 1935, after thirteen years as the beloved pastor of our Church, he was made Pastor Emeritus.

The Rev. Roscoe F. Metzger, the twenty-second pastor, was born at Randolph, VT where his father was pastor of the Congregational Church. He graduated from Rutgers University and from Union Theological Seminary. Mr. Metzger came to Ellington in June 1935 following his graduation, remaining here until he resigned in 1939 when he accepted a call to the People's Church of Dover, DE. He served as a chaplain in World War II and upon his return to civilian life he accepted a call to the Federated Church of Bloomfield, CT. After serving there for 31 years, he resigned his pastorate in June 1977. Since that date he served as an interim minister in several churches in the Greater Hartford area.





Rev. Theodore S. Darrah
Twenty-third Pastor 1939-1943

The Rev. Theodore S. Darrah, the twenty-third pastor was born in Boston, MA. He was graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Divinity School in 1939. He commenced his duties as pastor of this Church in June of that year and was ordained in our Church December 5, 1939. He continued as our pastor until May 30, 1943 when he resigned to become pastor of Christ's Church, Salisbury, CT. He left there in 1947 to become Dean of the Knowles Memorial Chapel and Professor of Religion at Rollins College, Winter Park, FL. In 1973 he retired as Dean but continued his teaching. He received an honorary doctor's degree from Rollins College, LHD (Doctor of Humane Letters) in 1973.

The Rev. Glenn T. Eno was born in Belchertown, MA. He studied at the Providence Bible Institute in Rhode Island and was ordained in 1938. He started his work as the twenty-fourth pastor of our Church in November 1943, having had five previous pastorates in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Mr. Eno left Ellington in the spring of 1945.



Rev. Glenn T. Eno
Twenty-fourth Pastor 1943-1945



Rev. John C. Miller
Twenty-fifth Pastor 1945-1951

The Rev. John C. Miller, the twenty-fifth pastor, was a native of Hudson, N.Y. He was graduated from Rutgers University and Theological Seminary and did post-graduate work at Union Theological Seminary. He was ordained in 1907. He served churches in New York and New Jersey before he came to Ellington in December 1945. He continued as our pastor until 1951 when he retired from the active ministry and was made Pastor Emeritus of this Church.

The Rev. Kenneth E. Johnson, our twenty-sixth pastor, came to us in July 1952. He studied at the University of Connecticut until his studies were interrupted by World War II, in which he served with the ski troops in Italy. He continued his education at Oberlin College and Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA where he was graduated in 1952 and ordained before coming here. Mr. Johnson left Ellington in June 1956 to accept a call to the Central Union Windward Church in Kailua, Oahu, HI. After two and a half years he returned to the Pacific School of Religion and received his Doctorate in Psychology and Pastoral Counseling. Since that time he has held several positions in this field and has taught graduate courses, all in California.



The Rev. Wayne R. Sandau became the twenty-seventh pastor of this Church, serving it from July 15, 1957 through August 1965. He was graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1950 and Yale Divinity School in 1953. He was the Associate Minister of the Community Church in Garden City, NY for four years prior to coming to Ellington. After a pastorate of eight years, Mr. Sandau resigned to accept a call to the First Congregational Church of Cheshire, CT.

The Rev. Donald P. Inglis began his work as our twenty-eighth pastor January 1966. He was graduated from Earlham College, Richmond, IN. He attended Hartford Seminary for two years and finished his studies at Eden Seminary, Webster Grove, MO. Before coming to Ellington he served the First Congregational Church of East Chicago, IN for ten years. Mr. Inglis resigned in January 1973 to accept a call to the United Congregational Church in Little Compton, RI where he served until January 1979 when he left there to go to the First Congregational Church of Woodbridge, NJ.





The Rev. Sheldon T. Smith, our twenty-ninth pastor, is a native of Connecticut, having been born in New Haven and raised in the nearby town of Orange. He is a graduate of Defiance College, Defiance, OH and Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, MA. He was ordained in the Orange Congregational Church and went to serve the Westmoreland United Church in Westmoreland, NH. In 1974 Mr. Smith accepted a call to become our pastor. On May 18, 1987 he received his Doctor of Ministry Degree from Andover Newton Theological School. He resigned in 1989 to accept a call to First Congregational Church, Waterville, ME.

The Rev. Michael S. Bennett, our thirtieth pastor, was born and grew up in Seattle, WA. He graduated from the University of Washington, Seattle, WA and from Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT. He was ordained in his home church, Magnolia United Church of Christ, Seattle, WA in June 1986. He began his duties as pastor of Church of Christ Congregational in Granby, MA in July 1986 and resigned to accept the call to our church in August 1990. He accepted a call to be Senior Pastor of the First Church of Christ Congregational, UCC, in Longmeadow, MA in 2002.



The Rev. Don Bailey-François, our thirty-first pastor, was raised in Prospect, CT. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT and an M.A. in Religious Studies from St. Joseph College, also in West Hartford. He served as a Director of Religious Education and Youth Minister in the Roman Catholic Church for seventeen years. In 1993, he joined the United Church of Christ and became part-time Director of Christian Education at our church. He attended Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, MA and received his M.Div. degree in May 1998. He was ordained in our church on June 7, 1998. In January 1996, he was called as our first Associate Pastor; on January 12, 2003, he was called to be our Senior Pastor. Pastor Don retired in 2017.

The Rev. Claudia F. Muro was called to be the second Associate Pastor of this church in November 2003. Claudia grew up in Westport, CT and graduated from Villanova University in 1995. After teaching in several foreign countries she attended Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT and graduated in 2002. She was ordained at the Saugatuck Congregational Church, UCC, Westport, CT in 2004. At her request her resignation was accepted in 2006.



REV. CLAUDIA F. MURO
ASSOCIATE PASTOR 2003-2006



The Rev. Dr. Karen Bailey-François, our third Associate Pastor, grew up in Fairport, NY. She received a B.S. and an M.B.A. from The University of Vermont and then worked in forecasting and integrated resource planning for Green Mountain Power in Burlington, VT. In 1990 she felt called to ministry and attended Andover Newton Theological School where she received her M.Div. in 1994. She continued her studies at Hartford Seminary and received her D.Min. in 2005. Pastor Karen has served in both settled and interim capacities at The First Church of Christ in Hartford; Storrs Congregational Church, UCC and Union Congregational

Church of Rockville. She served as our Associate Pastor from 2012 to 2018. In addition, Pastor Karen chaired the Board of Directors for Hands On Hartford and was a Trustee of Hartford Seminary. She accepted a call to be Senior Pastor of the Second Congregational Church of Cohasset, MA in 2018.

The Rev. Dr. Jay Terbush returns to our church pastoral leadership after serving for 8 months as our Interim Associate Pastor in 2003. Jay hails from Michigan but has lived in New England for almost 25 years. He did his undergraduate work at the University of Michigan, his Master of Divinity degree at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and his doctoral degree at Michigan State University in Counseling Psychology. Jay has served in parish ministry for over 30 years including two settled pastorates of 8 and 10 years. Over the past 15 years, Jay has been doing intentional interim ministry guiding 4 churches through the transition time in between settled pastors in Storrs and North Madison, Connecticut, Keene, New Hampshire and most recently in Longmeadow, Massachusetts.



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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|-----------------------------|-------|-------------------------|------|
| Adams, David | 1993 | Caldwell, Arthur | 1955 |
| Adams, Ellen | 1993 | Caldwell, Cynthia | 1946 |
| Adams, Kathy | 2009 | Carlson, Brianna | 2007 |
| Adams, Tim | 2009 | Carroll, Anna | 1974 |
| Aldrich, B.J. | 2005 | Carroll, Dennis | 1974 |
| Aldrich, Colette | 2005 | Carroll, Duane | 1986 |
| Aldrich, Dakota | 2014 | Cella, Michael | 2016 |
| Aldrich, Preston | 2016 | Chamberland, Diana | 1980 |
| Allen, Jon | 1978 | Chaplin, Gary | 2010 |
| Allen, Carolyn (Lyn) | 1978 | Chaplin, Janice | 2010 |
| Anderson, Karen | 1981 | Chapman, Gardner | 1946 |
| Anderson, Lisa | 2001 | Chapman, Nora | 1968 |
| Anderson, Matthew | 2010 | Charest, Jacquelyn | 1995 |
| Anderson, Myra | 2012 | Charter, Clinton | 1954 |
| Anderson, Ryan | 2008 | Chichlowski, Barbara | 2008 |
| Anderson, William | 2001 | Ciesco-Rolland, Melissa | 2011 |
| Andzans, John | 1995 | Close, Raymond | 1971 |
| Andzans, Marsha | 1995 | Close, Samuel | 2006 |
| Arnold, Katie | 1999 | Close, Vanessa | 2000 |
| Bailey-François, Rev. Don | 1994 | Close, Vicki | 1999 |
| Bailey-François, Jonathan | 2012 | Cloukey, Joy | 2013 |
| Bailey-François, Rev. Karen | 2010 | Cocuzzo, Beth | 1991 |
| Basch, Florence | 1962* | Cocuzzo, Brian | 1991 |
| Bazan, Peter | 1996 | Cocuzzo, Dave | 2005 |
| Bazan, Priscilla | 1996 | Cocuzzo, Sarah | 2003 |
| Beebe, Megan | 2016 | Conant, David | 2014 |
| Beebe, Morgan | 2016 | Conley, Courtney | 2013 |
| Bellezza, Alexa | 2016 | Conley, Karen | 1998 |
| Bellezza, Amanda | 2016 | Conley, Kelly | 2009 |
| Bellezza, Andrie | 2000 | Conley III, Billy | 2006 |
| Bellezza, Emalie | 2014 | Costa, Barbara | 1996 |
| Bellezza, John | 2000 | Cottle, Betsy | 2000 |
| Bergen, Bailey | 2007 | Cottle, Shannon | 2010 |
| Bergstrom, Betty Jane | 1942 | Cottle, Thomas | 2008 |
| Binkowski, Susan | 2005 | Crocker, Bethany | 2012 |
| Bird, Donna | 1971 | Crocker, Jesse | 2010 |
| Bird, Fred | 1954 | Crocker, Lisa | 1998 |
| Bird III, John | 1976 | Crocker, Mariah | 2014 |
| Blair, Elaine | 1998 | Danforth, David | 1978 |
| Blair, Robert | 1998 | Danforth, Janice | 1978 |
| Boulanger, Sharon | 1996 | DelPiano, Alissa | 2012 |
| Boynton, Jennifer | 1993 | DelPiano, Danielle | 2014 |
| Boynton, Sarah | 2016 | DelPiano, James | 2005 |
| Budd, Colin | 2004 | DelPiano, Stacey | 2005 |
| Budd, Nancy | 2004 | Dimock, Mildred | 1928 |
| Byam, Emily | 2005 | Dimock, Richard | 1954 |
| Byam, Kevin | 2005 | Dinse, Cheryl | 1993 |

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| Dinse, Paul | 1993 | Gilliland, Madison | 2016 |
| Dixon, Gail | 1988 | Giordano, Tressa | 1993 |
| Dixon, Jim | 1988 | Gluhosky, Mark | 1995 |
| Doffek, Peg | 1966 | Gluhosky, Michelle | 2004 |
| Domain, Joan | 2013 | Gluhosky, Sharon | 1991 |
| Donohue, Helen | 1978* | Godek, Sarah | 1993 |
| Dreyer, Alicia | 2007 | Griswold, Lisa | 1997 |
| Duckett, Elaine | 1986 | Gross, Chas | 1987 |
| Duckett, Gary | 1986 | Gross, Julie | 1987 |
| Durgan, Anna | 2010 | Grubb, Georgia | 1980 |
| Durgan, Dianne | 1975 | Guzman, Dorothy | 1938* |
| Durgan, Frances | 1991 | Hagopian, Carol | 1995 |
| Durgan, Grace | 2007 | Hagopian, Jack | 1995 |
| Durgan, Hunter | 2012 | Hannigan, Sue | 2003* |
| Durgan, Robert | 1976 | Hannigan, Tom | 2003* |
| Durgan, William | 1991 | Hany, Curtis | 2015 |
| Dwyer, Brittany | 1996 | Hany, Hillary | 2010 |
| Dzen, Virginia | 2015 | Hany, Mark | 1974 |
| Eberly, Claudia | 1986 | Hany, Patti | 1994 |
| Eberly, Glenn | 1986 | Hary, Gretchen | 1993 |
| Ellis, Donald | 2004 | Hary, Vivian | 1975 |
| Ellis, Lenice | 2004 | Hatch, Debbie | 1969 |
| Falcetta, Matthew | 2008 | Hazleton, Dave | 1982 |
| Falcetta, Michael | 2006 | Hazleton, Laurie | 1982 |
| Falcetta, Peggy | 1975 | Heim, Bethamy | 1957 |
| Feindel, David | 2011 | Heim, Virginia | 1981 |
| Ferrara, Carl | 2005 | Heintz, Barry | 1965 |
| Ferrara, Monica | 2009 | Helme, Ruth | 1962 |
| Finance, Chris | 1948 | Hesse, Hayley | 2007 |
| Fluckiger, Betty | 2010 | Hesse, Marcia | 1998 |
| Fluckiger, John | 2010 | Hesse, (Halsey) Sonny | 1998 |
| Forst, Alicia | 2008 | Hinze, Laurie | 2011 |
| Forst, Bryan | 2008 | Hoffman, Robert | 1972 |
| Fortin, Raoul | 2005 | Hogan, Virginia | 2014 |
| Fox, Stacy | 2004 | Holden, Austin | 2013 |
| François, Danielle | 2001 | Jackson, Charles | 1986* |
| Gage, Ann | 1967 | Jackson, Kelly | 1986* |
| Gage, James | 1967 | Jeffery, Loucardis (Lou) | 1968* |
| Gale, Max | 2015 | Johnson, Karen | 2014 |
| Gale, Tracy | 1998 | Jordan, Joyce | 2014 |
| Galeota, Jeremy | 2014 | Koehnke, Andrew | 2013 |
| Galeota, Robin | 2014 | Koehnke, Angela | 2013 |
| Gass, Harriet | 1984* | Kozlowski, Nellie | 1972 |
| Gates, Penny | 1969 | Kristofak, Ada Lee | 1993 |
| Gilliland, Abbe | 2013 | Kutscher, David | 2010 |
| Gilliland, Alexis | 2010 | Kutscher, Joan | 2010 |
| Gilliland Jr., Eugene | 1993 | Kutscher, Margaret | 2013 |
| Gilliland, Kelli | 1993 | Ladd, Carolyn | 1969 |
| Gilliland, Kenny | 2007 | Lajoie, Dina | 2012 |

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| Lajoie, Gerry | 2012 | McLellan, Bob | 2011 |
| Lake, Nadene | 2009 | McLellan, Laura | 2011 |
| Landers, Joan E. | 1972 | McNamara, Nicholas | 2005 |
| LaPierre, Robert | 2012 | Mellen, Brianna | 2011 |
| Lavey, Shaun | 2015 | Metheny, Douglas | 2015 |
| Lavey, Samantha | 2016 | Meyer, Julia | 2015 |
| Ledoux, Leslie | 2005 | Meyer, Katherine | 1984 |
| Ledoux, Olivia | 2014 | Meyer, Katia | 2013 |
| Leighton, Francine | 1985 | Milheiro, Kathryn | 2008 |
| Leighton, Mark | 1985 | Milheiro, Paul | 2008 |
| Leonard, Alexis | 2006 | Miller, Christine | 1993 |
| Leonard, Amanda | 2014 | Miller, Emily | 2012 |
| Leonard, Cathy | 1998 | Miller, Nancy | 1988 |
| Liegl, Victoria | 2010 | Miller, Robin | 1992 |
| Litty, Derek | 2012 | Mocadlo, Dustin | 2008 |
| Logan, Alex | 2015 | Mocaslo, Jessica | 2012 |
| Lombard, Nancy | 1993 | Mocadlo, Michele | 2003 |
| Lombardo, Pamela | 2013 | Mocadlo, Ryan | 2006 |
| Luddy, Jean | 2011 | Moriarty, Jason | 1972 |
| Ludwig, Nancy | 1969 | Moriarty, Pam | 2000 |
| Ludwig, Robert | 1969 | Moriarty, Tyler | 2012 |
| Ludwig, Sue | 1975 | Morton, Cynthia | 1968 |
| Ludwig, Thomas | 1975 | Nickerson, George | 2010 |
| Magdefrau, Jamy | 2011 | Nickerson, Marty | 2010 |
| Malone, Richard | 2009 | Noble, Scott | 1990 |
| Malt, Barbara | 2014 | Nutt, Anne | 2006 |
| Marshall, Dottie | 1975 | Nutt, Ben | 2012 |
| Marshall, Thomas | 2010 | Nutt, Rev. David | 2006 |
| Maslak, Alexander | 2005 | Nutt, Elizabeth | 2007 |
| Maslak, Phyllis | 2003 | Nutt, Moriah | 2009 |
| Maslak, Stuart | 2003 | Nutt, Rachael | 2010 |
| Mason, Susan | 2009 | O'Brien, Tracy | 2010 |
| Mason, Tom | 2009 | O'Leary, Anne | 2004 |
| Mather, Michelle | 2008 | Oliver, Debbie | 1998 |
| Mather, Nancy | 2010 | Oliver, Gordon | 1998 |
| McAllister, Amanda | 2007 | Oravits, Vickie | 2011 |
| McAllister, Bill | 1999 | Oravits, John | 2016 |
| McAllister, Billy | 2010 | Oravits, Sam | 2016 |
| McAllister, Jill | 1999 | Otero, A.J. | 2014 |
| McCarthy, Elizabeth | 1983 | Overgaard, Wade | 2015 |
| McCarthy, Joan | 2016 | Palmer, Pam | 1998 |
| McCarthy, Karen | 2016 | Palmer-Lavoie, Earl | 1998 |
| McKeegan, Allison | 2011 | Palmer-Lavoie, Jessica | 2012 |
| McKeegan, Curtis | 2011 | Palmer-Lavoie, Maureen | 1998 |
| McKiernan, Donna | 2009 | Panagrosso, David | 2016 |
| McKiernan, Peter | 2009 | Panagrosso, Ellen | 2016 |
| McKiernan, Ryan | 2015 | Parisi, Bethany | 2010 |
| McLaughlin, Sharon | 2001 | Parisi, Daniel | 1994 |
| McLaughlin, Janet | 2016 | Parisi, Dominick | 2012 |

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| Parisi, Lucie | 1994 | Russo, Randel | 2009 |
| Parker, Nancy | 2014 | Ryan, Alice | 1962 |
| Parker, Richard | 2014 | Ryan, Atherton | 1962 |
| Parlante, Ethan | 2016 | Ryan, Linda | 1976 |
| Pashe, Bill | 2012 | Salerno, Anthony | 2009 |
| Pashe, Sarah | 2012 | Salerno, Sharon | 2008 |
| Pease, Arline | 2012 | Sandamena, Josh | 2013 |
| Peck, Barbara | 1980 | Sandamena, Tommy | 2012 |
| Peck, Jennifer | 1993 | Sansom, Margaret | 2013 |
| Peterson, Wendy | 1976 | Savage, Cindy | 1974 |
| Pettee, Christina | 2015 | Savage, Jena | 2003 |
| Philbrick, Beverly | 2002 | Savage, Kelly | 2012 |
| Piotrowski, Catherine | 2007 | Savage, Thomas | 1991 |
| Piotrowski, Deanna | 1996 | Savino, Amanda | 2012 |
| Piotrowski, Kristyn | 2007 | Savino, Emily | 2006 |
| Piotrowski, Michael | 2000 | Savino, Lori | 2005 |
| Plourde, Bob | 2003 | Savino, Vincent | 2005 |
| Plourde, Jackie | 2003 | Scarlato, Mary Lu | 1994 |
| Plourde, Mitchell | 2007 | Schaeffer, Janice | 2007 |
| Plourde, Spencer | 2012 | Schipper, Holly | 2012 |
| Ponte, Amy | 2004 | Schipper, Nicholas | 2012 |
| Pouech, Gail | 1961* | Schlag, Patricia | 1957 |
| Powell, Brian | 2013 | Schlude, Stephanie | 1941 |
| Powell, Shauna | 2013 | Schneider, Norma | 2015 |
| Prest, Jean | 2002 | Schneider, Roland | 2015 |
| Prest, Ray | 2002 | Scott, Joann | 2008 |
| Quinlan, Stephen | 1998 | Scott, Michael | 2008 |
| Rasmussen, Caren | 1993 | Senk, Sharon | 2004 |
| Rasmussen, Dean | 1993 | Senk Jr., William | 2004 |
| Raulukaitis, Joanne | 2009 | Shoup, Esther | 2008 |
| Reardon, Jeff | 2013 | Simonson, Jeff | 2009 |
| Reardon, Maria | 2013 | Simonson, Johnett | 2009 |
| Reckert, Christine | 1975 | Sirag Jr., David | 1996 |
| Reckert, Howard | 1962 | Sirag, Lisa | 1996 |
| Redekas, David | 2013 | Sirag, Samuel | 2008 |
| Redekas, Linda | 2013 | Snow, Shirley | 1972 |
| Robert, David | 1967 | Sonnanburg, Joan | 2001 |
| Robert, William | 1967 | Soucy, Cassandra | 2012 |
| Rolland, Todd | 2011 | Soucy, Fabian | 2012 |
| Romeo, Eric | 2007 | Spowles, Alice | 1996 |
| Romeo, Pamela | 1991 | Spowles, Jol | 1996 |
| Romeo, Wayne | 1991 | Starkweather, Janice | 1999 |
| Royle, Ingrid | 2012 | Steele, Claudia | 1984 |
| Ruete, Diane | 1984 | Steele, Richard | 1995 |
| Ruete, Stephen | 1998 | Sternat, Kristen | 2009 |
| Russell, Bob | 2003 | Sternat, Mark | 2009 |
| Russell, Cali | 2009 | Stomberg, Robert | 2005 |
| Russell, Maggie | 2012 | Stomberg, Janet | 2016 |
| Russo, Beverly | 2009 | West, Elizabeth | 1979 |

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| Stone, Basil | 1974 | West, Joel | 1979 |
| Stone, Dawn | 1960 | White, Judy | 2002 |
| Stone, Frank | 1986 | Whiting, Mackenzie | 2009 |
| Taft, Greg | 2011 | Whiting, Michaela | 2009 |
| Tautkus, Beth | 2003 | Whiting, Pamela | 1991 |
| Tautkus, Jennifer | 2008 | Whiting, Ryan | 2009 |
| Tautkus, Katie | 2005 | Wieliczka, Janet | 1985 |
| Tellier, Carol | 2004 | Wright, Brian | 1997 |
| Terbush, Rev. Jay M. | 2007 | Wright, Kendra | 2007 |
| Terry, Logan | 2014 | Yeltema, Kevin | 2005 |
| Terry, Keegan | 2016 | Yeltema, Theresa (Tree) | 2005 |
| Thirsher, Edwina | 1978 | Zander, Amy | 2007 |
| Thompson, Ada Lee | 1987 | Zander, Emily | 2016 |
| Thompson, Curtis | 1987 | | |
| Tiedt, Alan | 1997 | | |
| Tiedt, Brian | 2009 | | |
| Tiedt, Jill | 1997 | | |
| Tiedt, Julia | 2013 | | |
| Timms-Ferrara, Lois | 2005 | | |
| Timura, Ken | 1993 | | |
| Timura, Linda | 1993 | | |
| Timura, Melanie | 2004 | | |
| Timura, Melissa | 2001 | | |
| Traynor, Hannah | 2012 | | |
| Traynor, Jennifer | 1999 | | |
| Traynor, R.J. | 2009 | | |
| Tubbs, Vicki | 1995 | | |
| Underhill, Cindy | 1987* | | |
| Van Deventer, Duane | 2010 | | |
| Van Deventer, Janet | 2010 | | |
| Van Deventer, Lesley | 2010 | | |
| Van Deventer, Lucas | 2015 | | |
| VanVoorhis, Cindy | 1982 | | |
| VanVoorhis, Gary | 1982 | | |
| Vigneau, Judith | 2016 | | |
| Vincens, Barry | 2000 | | |
| Vincens, Eric | 2007 | | |
| Vincens, Kevin | 2010 | | |
| Vincens, Wendy | 2000 | | |
| Walch, Karen | 2005 | | |
| Wallace, Deborah | 1978 | | |
| Wallace, Garry | 1979 | | |
| Wallace, Marie | 1979 | | |
| Wallace, Robert | 1956 | | |
| Weber, Kaitlyn | 2016 | | |
| West, Benjamin | 1985 | | |
| West, Brooke | 2015 | | |
| West, Charity | 1999 | | |
| West, Cheyenne | 2012 | | |

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Director of Music
Associate in Christian Education
Church Secretary

The Rev. Dr. Jay M. Terbush
Esther Pezzella
Lisa Crocker
Leigh Lezotte

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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| Worship | 8:45 a.m. All Church Worship |
| | 10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School |
| | 9:30 a.m. Summer Worship |
| W.I.N.D. Service (Worship in New Directions) | Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. Sept. - May |
| TELOS (Teen Experience Living Out the Story) | For High School Youth |
| PACE (Providing Adolescents A Christian Experience) | For Junior High Youth |

LEADERSHIP BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

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| Board of Christian Education | Memorial Committee |
| Board of Missions | Music Committee |
| Board of Trustees | Stewardship Committee |
| Board of Ushers | Worship Committee |
| Christian Growth & Nurture | The Diaconate |

OTHER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

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| Senior Choir | Junior Choir |
| Senior Handbell Choir | Junior Handbell Choir |
| Cherub Choir | Chime Choir |
| Men's Fellowship | Sacred Dance |
| Women's Fellowship | Farmhouse Fair |
| Friendship Class | Prayer Shawl Ministry |
| Caritas (Care Giving Ministry) | Sacred Stitches Ministry |