



# The NBC Anchor

*Newsletter of the Noank Baptist Church, Noank CT*

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JULY / AUGUST 2016



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016  
August 8-12, 9:00 am to Noon  
**REGISTER NOW!!!!**

Please see page 4 for more details

## Summer Worship Schedule at Noank Baptist

Early Service @ 8:00 am in the Parlor  
Traditional Service @ 10:00 am in the Sanctuary  
Summer Friendship Gathering for Children K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Vestry  
Fellowship Hour @ 11:00 am in the Parlor





A century ago, the poet William Butler Yeats penned “A Prayer for My Daughter”—an eloquent, yet haunting, reflection on the prospects of his young child growing up in a world traumatized by the savagery of World War I and the stunning violence of the Irish Rebellion. *Once more the storm is howling, and half hid/Under this cradle-hood and coverlid/My child sleeps on...* I recall reading this poem when Emily was still a new born, wondering, as did Yeats, what sort of world would she rise up into—what would be her place in a future still unknown, brightly imagined, but shadowed by the fears that every parent knows. We would do our part to make certain she had confidence and capabilities and a heart filled with faith and compassion. But I knew for each of our girls, the fear that often never leaves us is the threat of violation.

Perhaps for that reason, I like many was viscerally enraged over the defense made for Brock Turner, who was convicted earlier this year of raping a 23-year-old woman during a frat party at Stanford University. By this point, most people have come to recognize the utter injustice of his sentence (a short stay in a county jail) and the condemnable callousness expressed by Brock’s father, who likely has come to regret his poor characterization of the rape as “twenty minutes of action.”

What was unique about this story was the remarkably courageous response by the victim herself, who has written a profound and articulate description of what rape trauma does to a victim (“You don’t know me, but you’ve been inside me...”). This is a stunning account made public for a society that tolerates a shadowy rape culture which feeds the monsters that silence and shame victims. She has unmasked the biases of race, gender, privilege, and status that continue to make a mockery of justice and a legal system that fosters a further shaming of the violated. She has become the voice of countless rape and assault victims, who have been forced to surrender their safety, dignity, and future to a world that is resiliently unwilling to recognize sexual assault is not consensual sex.

What is so unnerving about these types of violations is that the capacity for the crime exists solely within the perpetrator, often hidden behind a veneer of good character and pleasant personality (which is why so many who know the offender are shocked by the crime). A victim is usually caught off guard. Even the offender may not realize his or her potential to harm another until the circumstances present it, though it is not a crime likely devoid of some measure of premeditated fantasy. It is a moral crime, not one explained away by context or circumstances. Ultimately, a sex crime is done by one who, in the moment, is taking advantage of another who is viewed as an object to possess, control, or violate. All the mitigating excuses used to defend the perpetrator in a sex crime may have influenced the decision to violate, but the responsibility lies solely, and soul-ly, within his or her conscience and will. People act in the ways their conscience is cultivated.

I have no doubt that Brock Turner and his supporters would rewrite this narrative if it were possible, but they have no right to reinvent what has happened. The traumatized woman will never be “unviolated,” even if her memory of the night in question is less clear than his. In a strange twist, Turner’s light sentence has brought about a form of justice that will change his life forever—he has become the face of rape before a world that has been too eager to excuse the privileged. His victim’s words will haunt his conscience to his grave, reminding him of his foolish and criminal act and the pain he has brought upon so many lives. If justice is truly served, her words will be read in the public square until the rape culture of this world is revealed and held in account for what it is and victims are no longer left to suffer in the shadows of shame.

As a father, my prayer, like Yeats’, is that our daughters will remain safe in order to live into the fullness of their lives. My hope is that the crimes this world generates will be fully exposed for what they are so that the only thing that is ever threatened with violation is each one’s conscience.





## *News from around the Church Family*

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who have had recent surgery, been in the hospital, received treatment, in rehabilitative care, or are recuperating at home: **Sally Starzec, Kent LaGasse, Daniel Porter, Joanne Hart, George O'Brien, Jonathan Lane, Maureen Block, Dianna and Cecil Miller, Linda Wood, and Lori Lewis.**

Please remember our homebound and those in rehab/nursing care: **Mimi Avery** (at home), **Errol and Alicia Crossman** (at home), **Betty and Gene Brustolon** (at home), **Ken Knobloch** (at home), **Betty Guhl** (Fairview), **Millie Jensen** (Fairview), **Joanne Hart** (Fairview) and **Cindy Booth** (Sunny Lodge, New London).

### **Summer Guest Preachers**

Over the summer, we will be blessed with the presence of guest preachers while Pastor Hayes is on vacation or coming as representatives from our denominational alliances..

June 26-- Rev. Valerie King  
August 7– Rev. Franklin Murdock

July 31--TBD  
August 14– Rev. Valerie King

July 10-Rev. Dr. Judy Allbee, in recognition of her retirement in September as Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut.

July 24- Rev. Jason Smith, Congregational Engagement Specialist from the Alliance of Baptists.

### **Singing A New Song to the Lord**

Every summer Sunday during our traditional 10 am worship, the congregation will be introduced to a new song from our Chalice hymnal. This will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some beautiful, but often unsung, music that will be easy to learn and inspirational to sing.  
Come and lend your voice!!

### **Summer Sundays**

NBC children will not have Lighthouse Cove during the summer months, but instead we will have “Children’s Friendship Gathering” downstairs in the Nursery School room for children up to the 4th grade. Children are encouraged, however, to attend worship with their families.

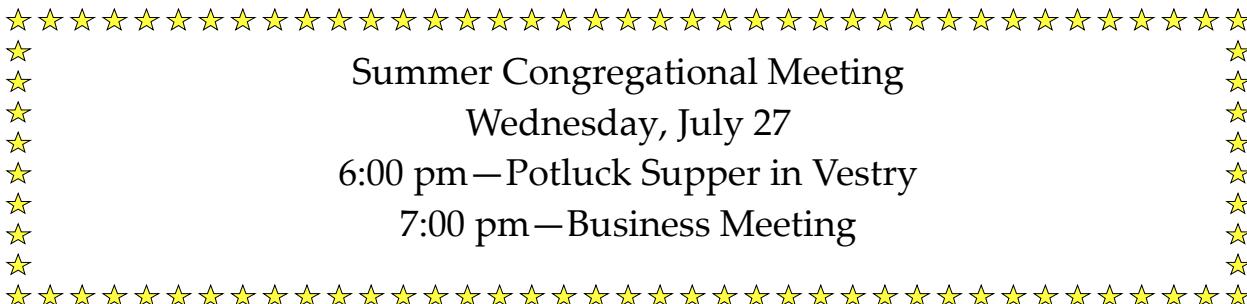


### **Summer Congregational Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 27**

**6:00 pm—Potluck Supper in Vestry**

**7:00 pm—Business Meeting**



## *Children and Family Ministries*

# Vacation Bible School 2016



at

## Noank Baptist Church

Co-hosted with Union Baptist Church

Monday, August 8 thru Friday, August 12

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Ages 4-14

♦ NEW this year!! Middle schoolers, too!! ♦

For registration forms and information go to:  
[www.noankbaptistchurch.org](http://www.noankbaptistchurch.org)

or  
[www.ubcmystic.org](http://www.ubcmystic.org)

**Twister, Card Games, sooooo much**



**Pyramid under Quiet sign at Camp**

**Camp Wightman Overnight!** What FUN! We arrived before dinner, scampered 'round the Camp, then shared yummy bits for supper, & settled in for an evening of games! UP the next morning - more yummy bits, then enjoyed raking & fluffing Camp Wightman in prep for summer! **End of School Year Beach Bash** - We

played BAAAAD-minton, Bocce, ate Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, enjoyed Chalk Drawings, Ocean Swim, & Hot Tub!!!

### **As We Go to Press - Summer!!!**

**Tues June 28th Bike to Bluff Point 10:00am - 2:30pm** Bring your bike, wear a bathing suit, bike helmet, bring a heat resistant sandwich (my fav is bacon & peanut butter!), side to share & \$5 in your pocket for Dairy Queen ICE SCREEEAM!

**Thurs July 14 (date change) Let's go to THE First Baptist Church & Roger Williams Zoo @ 8:30am-4:30pm** First let's drive up to The First Baptist Church in America that has stood on College Hill in downtown Providence since 1638. Then enjoy our sack lunch in the park across the street. Then ZOOM (ha ha) up to Roger William's Zoo for a trip thru the animal kingdom! KNOB will pick up from NBC @ 8:15 & PBBC @ 8:30am. Wear layers for cool & HEAT! Bring a sack lunch with

your sandwich (that is tasty after you sit on it), & a side to share (like carrots or popcorn). KNOB will provide the sippie-bits for all. **Join Us! Bring a Friend!??!**

**Sat July 23 Newport @ 8:30am-5:30pm** Join us for a Senior High Day Away at New England's Summer Resort! A major 18th-century port city, complete with the *Five Faiths*; **United Baptist Church, Touro Synagogue, St Mary's Church, Trinity Episcopal Church & Newport Congregational Church** and a host of colonial era buildings & let's not forget the Ocean Walk! Let's pack a sack lunch with a sandwich & nibble to share! KNOB will bring sips. Bring \$5 in your pocket for your ice cream on the way home!!!

**Sat July 30 Car Wash at Noank Fire House** Let's have a SPLASHING good FUN-raising time 10 - 2pm!

**Two Sundays, Kristen invites folks to the Early Morning Service on July 24 @ 8am NBC and/or Second Hour August 7th @ 11:15-noon PBBC** to share "Where the Spirit Moves" in your life!



## NBC Day Nursery School Happy Summer to Everyone

We wish Vera Neuman a happy and restful retirement. Vera was a teacher **NURSERY SCHOOL** in our NBC Day Nursery School for 18 years and deserves her "me time". She will be missed.

Tina Ellis will be coming back for the 2016-2017 school year and will be joined by Gen Kueter for another exciting year.

Parent Orientation for the 2016-2017 year will be held on Tuesday, September 13 @ 7:00 pm in the nursery school classroom. This is a great opportunity for parents to tour the classroom, get information on curriculum and ask any last minute questions of the teachers. **School will begin for the children on Wednesday, September 14 at 9:00 am.**

If you know of anyone looking for a preschool program, please encourage them to call the church office at 860-536-7129.

### **Summer Sunday 8:00 a.m. Gatherings in the Parlor**

We are asking for volunteers to lead us in song, reflection, Bible study, prayer and discussion. If you are interested in leading one of these services, please sign your name and topic on the sign-up sheet that is available on the card table in the Narthex or give Gloria a call in the church office at 860-536-7129.

<b>June 26</b>	Tim Bates	Is it OK to be sad?
<b>July 3</b>	Nora Andrews	Morning service from the Book of Common Prayer
<b>July 10</b>	Mary Brodhead	Bible Stories
<b>July 17</b>	Ray Wilbur	Hymn sing
<b>July 24</b>	Kristen O'Brien	Where the Spirit moves
<b>July 31</b>	<b>Open</b>	
<b>Aug. 7</b>	Kate & Brian Straub	Gospel Music
<b>Aug. 14</b>	<b>Open</b>	
<b>Aug. 21</b>	<b>Open</b>	
<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b>Open</b>	
<b>Sept. 4</b>	<b>Open</b>	

### **Reminders for Late August and Early September**

<b>Thursday, Aug. 18:</b>	Deadline for September newsletter articles
<b>Thursday, Sept. 8</b>	Senior Choir practice begins
<b>Sunday, Sept. 11</b>	Youth Choir practice begins
<b>Sunday, Sept. 11</b>	Homecoming Sunday/ Sunday School begins
<b>Sunday, Sept. 18</b>	Jazz Sunday



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR  
GRADUATES!**

**Olivia Rinkes** – Graduated from Three Rivers Community College with an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts.

**Ray Rinkes** – Graduated from Three Rivers Community College with an Associates Degree in Science with an Exercise Science Major.

**Fiona O'Donnell** – Graduated from UCONN with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. She will be pursuing her Masters Degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst this fall.

**David Hall** – Graduated from Plymouth State University in Plymouth, NH with a degree in Physical Education. He will be student teaching in the local area in the fall.

**Belle Douglass**, granddaughter of Bob & Jim Douglass, graduated from Rice University in Houston, TX with a degree in Psychology.

Two grandchildren of our administrative assistant Gloria Marshall:

**Shannon Demers** – Graduated from Williams School and will be attending Providence College in the fall in the engineering and filming programs.

**Jared Pocock** – Graduated from Plainfield High School and will be attending Universal Technical Institute in Norwood, MA in the fall in the Automotive Mechanical Program.

### **PLEASE HELP FILL GROTON'S FOOD LOCKER**

The Food Locker is available Year Round to help Groton households in need of emergency food. Suggested donations include: canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned chicken and tuna, macaroni and cheese, soup, baked beans, rice and instant potatoes. Donations can either be brought to the church Narthex (blue bin) or Groton Human Services at 2 Fort Hill Road, Groton.



If you have fresh vegetables from your garden that you are willing to donate, bring them directly to Groton Human Services.



### **Fourth Annual Camp Wightman Bluegrass Festival**

**August 26-28**

**207 Coal Pit Hill Rd., Griswold CT**

Join the fun by the shores of Billings Lake in Southeastern CT at Camp Wightman. Pull out your auto harp, banjo or guitar and join a jam session or learn something new at a workshop. Not a musician? Just come to soak up the music and warmth of the sun, meeting old & new friends in a relaxing environment. Share in fantastic music, delicious meals, a square dance, swimming in the lake, a campfire and fun! Featured musicians include: Roger Sprung, Frank & Barbara Shaw, Bill Jones, Emily Gatwick, Ritchie Hawthorne & Kevin Borgstedt.

Lodging is available, so come for the weekend or just one day. All ages are welcome, minors **must** be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian. All access weekend pass (includes meals, lodging, workshops). For additional information and pricing details, please contact Camp Wightman directly at 860-376-2179 or go to [www.campwrightman.org](http://www.campwrightman.org).

## NOT TOO EARLY TO BEGIN TO THINK ABOUT THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOVEMBER 19

The Holiday Bazaar will be held on **November 19**. It is time to begin collecting ideas and start working on items for the Bazaar.



### Some suggestions:

- \* Now is the time to make jams, jellies and preserves from summer fruit.
- \* Save and dry flowers to be used in our arrangements.
- \* Collect any pine cones that you see and contact Jane Templeton.
- \* Knit, crochet, sew or bake for the homemade craft and bake tables.

### All gardeners:

Please feel free to call Jane Templeton @ 860-691-2004 if you have extra produce that can be turned into a delicious item for the Holiday Bazaar, such as cucumbers, peppers, hot peppers, zucchini, fruit, herbs and anything else you may have. Thanks for all the returned jars—keep them coming! If you have extra jelly jars, please either bring them into the church office or contact Jane Templeton.

### Volunteers

We need volunteers to make this event a success. We need your time, services, silent auction items, making jam, pickles, candy, baked goods. If you can help, please contact Betsey and she will connect you with the chair person of that table.

If you have any questions, please contact Betsey Goetsch @ 860-895-2729.

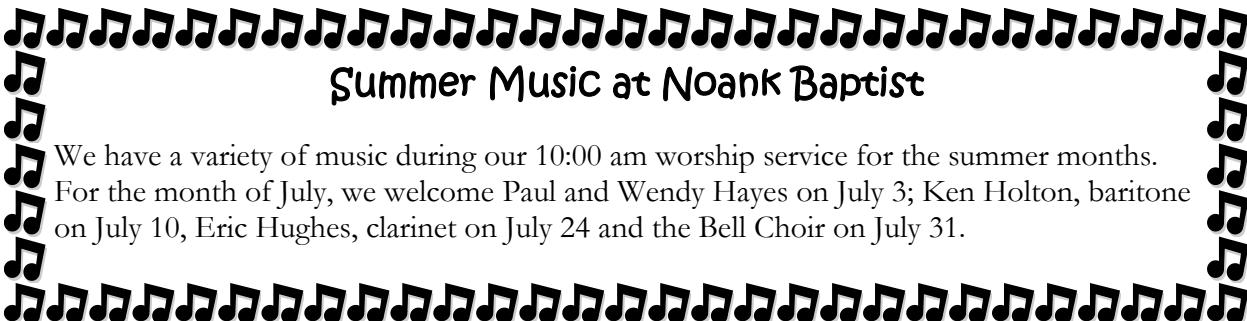
### **Volunteers Needed**

Our administrative assistant, Gloria, will be out of the office from July 26 until August 15. We are asking for volunteers to cover the phones from 9:00 am to noon on the following dates: **July 27 & 29, August 1, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12.** There is no computer work necessary, just answering the phones and taking messages. If you can help, please contact Gloria in the church office at 860-536-7129.



### **Church Office Hours from July 27 to August 15**

Beginning Monday, July 27, the summer church office hours (for Gloria only) will be Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 9:00 am to Noon. Regular office hours, Monday-Friday from 9:00 to Noon will resume on Monday, August 15.



Summer Music at Noank Baptist

We have a variety of music during our 10:00 am worship service for the summer months. For the month of July, we welcome Paul and Wendy Hayes on July 3; Ken Holton, baritone on July 10, Eric Hughes, clarinet on July 24 and the Bell Choir on July 31.



## Council Members

Moderator: *Charles Anderson*

Clerk: *Bonnie Banks*

Treasurer: *Jane Templeton*

Asst Treas: *Debbie Bates*

Finance: *Nancy Gilmore*

*Carol Spunar*

Property: *Adrian Johnson*

*Jonathan Lane*

Spiritual Life: *Valerie King*

*Mary Harris*

Comm Life: *Betsey Goetsch*

*Steve Gordon*

Staff Relations: *Open*

At Large: *Nora Andrews*

*Trux Brodhead*

*Katy Nelsen*

*Jennifer Johnson Wilbur*

## June Council News

### Bonnie Banks, Clerk

The Council held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 with 13 members present. Pastor Paul Hayes offered an opening prayer.

The minutes from the April 6, 2016 meeting were approved. The May meeting had been cancelled.

Church calendar updates were reviewed informing the group that there will be a recognition of Frank Murdock's 60th year of ordination on June 5 followed by Children and Youth Sunday on June 12, marking the end of the regular church school year.

A Sunday Friendship Gathering of the children will be offered with requests for adults to lead a Sunday gathering. As usual during the summer months, the choir will not perform on a regular basis and an 8:00 am service with lay leaders will be added.

Homecoming Sunday, the traditional start of the new year for church activities, will be on September 11 with Jazz Sunday scheduled for September 18.

The Reverend Judy Allbee will be with us on Sunday July 10 to be recognized as she retires as Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut. On July 24 Rev. Jason Smith, Director of Development for the Alliance of Baptists will make his first visit to NBC.

Thank you notes were received from the Coastal Rompers Girl Scout troop, the Lewis Female Cent Society and OSCAR for hosting their events.

Pastor Hayes briefly reviewed some of the many activities he has been involved with over the past two months including representing our church at the Alliance of Baptists annual gathering and the annual meeting of ABCCONN. In addition, he conducted a dedication for Andrew Harris and officiated at a wedding at the church. He also reported that worship attendance has been reasonably good with the level of interest continuing to be strong for the children and family ministries programming and the continued outstanding music program.

Finance reported that expenses to date have been within budget with donations somewhat above average for this time of year with receipt of some annual pledge money during April and May, which is a big help. The checking account remains healthy at this time.

A task force is being formed to develop a process for management of the Brodhead Scholarship Fund.

The Property Coordinators reported on completion of the repair of the casing around the front doors of the meeting house and plans for beginning work on the leak issues to begin within the next few weeks. Resealing and striping of the parking lot will also be scheduled.

Katie Andersen Nelsen is maintaining the Biblical Herb Garden.

The Main Street House task force is being expanded to address potential changes and possible future actions.

A chair is needed for the Annual Holiday Bazaar. Betsey Goetsch is recruiting people to chair particular tables as in the past.

Thanks are extended to the Evening Circle for offering to donate money to purchase a new projector. Cost estimates will be provided at the next meeting.

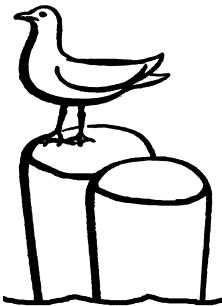
All were reminded of the policy regarding Use of Church Property and the form available to request such use to assure all are informed appropriately.

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

**Full council meeting minutes are available upon request.**

Respectfully Submitted

**Bonnie Banks**



## Our Shoreline Community Association

P. O. Box 287  
West Mystic, CT 06388-0287  
(860) 271-1681 OSCAforSeniors@gmail.com

### Thank You Noank Baptist Church!

OSCA would like to take this opportunity to thank the Noank Baptist Church for its support of OSCA's recent "Amelia Earhart Lands in Noank" fundraiser. The event was a success and very well received by the community. The church sanctuary was a lovely setting for "Miss Earhart" to share her story and reminisce about her time spent in Noank years ago. We appreciate the volunteers from the church who helped that day. We value our relationship with the Noank Baptist Church!

As you may know, our Shoreline Community Association, Inc. (OSCA) is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to helping seniors age 55 and older in the general Mystic/Noank/Groton Long Point area stay in their homes as long as they wish.

OSCA is based on the Beacon Hill Village, a Boston neighborhood organization which provides its members with rides, meals and social activities, as well as recommending to them services that can help them stay in and maintain their homes. OSCA will stay in regular contact with its members, making sure they are secure in their homes and are receiving any needed services.

For additional information, please visit [www.ourshorelinecommunity.org](http://www.ourshorelinecommunity.org), contact Stephanie Panagos, OSCA Coordinator at (860) 271-1681 or email to [OSCAforSeniors@gmail.com](mailto:OSCAforSeniors@gmail.com).

Respectfully Submitted  
*Stephanie Panagos*

### Noank Mystic Community Band Concert Schedule for July and August



July 4	Fourth of July	2:00 pm	Noank Park
July 9	Fireworks	8:00 pm	Eastern Point Beach, Groton
July 31	Concert in the Park	2:00 pm	Wilcox Park, Westerly
Aug. 2	Summer Sounds	7:00 pm	Mystic River Park, Mystic

### Noank-Union Baptist-Poquonock Bridge Habitat House in Mystic



Habitat of Eastern CT has acquired a house on Yetter Road in Mystic and have invited our three churches to sponsor the sprucing up of the property to help ready it for a new Habitat family! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to support a meaningful project and continue to build ties between our churches! The workload will not be heavy (as we won't be building a house), and volunteers for any length of time from each church can help make it a reality. We will even assist in choosing the right family, who will meet the Habitat criteria for home ownership. If you are interested in participating on any level of this project, please speak to Pastor Hayes, or call the church office. We are eager to begin sometime this summer!

## Calling All Artists for NBC's New Art Exhibit Opening July 31

Put on your creative hats and come up with a work of art that expresses your vision for our next show. The theme of the new exhibit is, **DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE**. Photos, paintings, drawings, prints, written works, poems, textile works are just a few of the means by which you might present your art visually.



Art works should embrace the theme in some fashion, and it must be framed and ready to hang. Since space is limited in the parlor, we will be able to accept only one work per person. A sign-up sheet is available on the card table in the Narthex. Please provide your name and phone number. If you have any questions, please call Posy Webber at 860-245-2338.

Please bring your framed art to our chapel on Sunday, July 24. Nora Andrews and Posy Webber will hang the works. The opening reception will be on Sunday, July 31 after church service.

Thanks to all of the participants in our first show **RENEWAL!** It has been popular and a lot of fun. Those who have works in the parlor now, please pick up your art works by Sunday, July 24.

### Evening Circle



### Evening Circle / Corner Closet

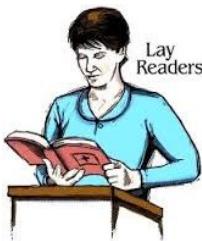
The Evening Circle is looking forward to a celebration of the Corner Closet in September. The store has been open for 50 years in the same location.

### CORNER CLOSET



Thrift  
Store

Come see the summer clothes—many brand names on Wednesday & Saturday from 10 am to noon and Friday 1-4 pm.



### Lay Readers Needed

Lay Readers are needed for the summer months of July and August. If you can help, please contact Pastor Hayes at 860-536-7129. Pastor Hayes will also give you any information regarding the duties of the lay reader.

### Meals for Cal Robertson & Friends at St. Francis House

As a church, we are helping out Cal Robertson by providing a meal each Wednesday for St. Francis House, where Cal lives. Volunteers are needed to provide a meal, or part of a meal, for 8 individuals. If you can help, please sign your name on the date that you can help on the sign-up sheet located on the card table in the Narthex or contact Betsey Goetsch at 860-235-2729. Please keep in mind that Cal is a diabetic, so Betsey can help you when choosing what meal you could provide.