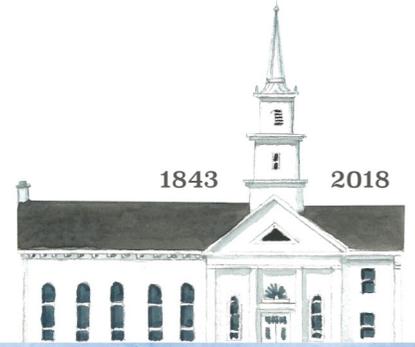




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NOANK BAPTIST CHURCH

175th Anniversary

MARCH 2018

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1843

The founding date of the Noank Baptist Church in Groton

Join us in worship this March 11 on our 175th anniversary of the church's organization

**AMERICA
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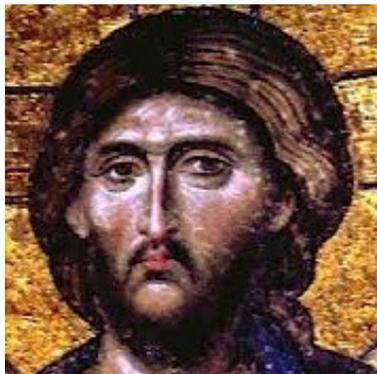
CULTIVATING
LEADERS
**EQUIPPING
DISCIPLES**
HEALING
COMMUNITIES
Ephesians 4:11-13



Sunday, March 4
&
throughout the month
of March

The theme for the America for Christ Offering 2018 is based on Ephesians 4:11-13. For American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), equipping disciples entails supporting and enabling highly motivated Christian disciple-makers who are delivering the Good News of Jesus Christ and producing life-saving and life-giving change in individuals and congregations across the United States and Puerto Rico. This offering will be received on **Sunday, March 4** and continue throughout the month of March. *Offering envelopes are attached to this March newsletter and will also be available in the pew racks throughout the month of March.*

Holy Week



Palm Sunday, March 25

10:00 am

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service
at Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church,
March 29**

6:30 pm

Good Friday, Tenebrae Service, March 30

7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1

Sonrise Service @ 19 Latham Lane (weather permitting)

7:00 am

Easter Worship Celebration

10:00 am



PALM SUNDAY—MARCH 25 WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

Worship will begin with a palm procession by the children of the church. If your children are participating in the palm procession, please be sure that they arrive ten minutes before the service and meet in the Parlor to receive their palms.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE MARCH 29

Our remembrance of the Last Supper will begin with a shared communion service hosted by our sister church, Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church, 1241 Poquonnock Road, Groton. The service will begin at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.



Good Friday Walk

GOOD FRIDAY WALK—MARCH 30

MAEC supports the Good Friday Walk. Walkers will register at Mystic Congregational Church from 7-9 am and will return to Mystic Congregational Church by noon. The purpose of this scenic seven-mile walk is to raise funds by obtaining pledges. The money collected from this event will be distributed among the programs of *Sharing, Inc.* which works for poverty-stricken families and communities of Mississippi and Alabama. We also support our local food centers and shelters here in Groton, Pawcatuck, Westerly, Mystic and New London. Sponsor forms will be available on the table in the Narthex or by contacting Gloria in the church office at 860-536-7129.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP MARCH 30 @ 7:30 PM

Good Friday is a solemn occasion as we reflect on the story of Jesus' death. This service is an appropriate mix of Scripture texts and music with the traditional Tenebrae experience in the extinguishing of candles, symbolic of the last hours of Jesus' life on earth.



EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP BY THE WATER APRIL 1 @ 7:00 AM

Join Pastor Hayes and other "early birds" as we gather on the shoreline lawn of Chip and Mary Anderson's home (19 Latham Lane in Noank) for our Easter Sunrise worship (weather permitting).

EASTER WORSHIP APRIL 1 @ 10:00 AM

Please join us for our Easter Celebration in the sanctuary for wonderful music, beautiful flowers and resurrection joy. This is the highlight of our church year, as we gather in true celebration! Bring your family and friends for this memorable morning!





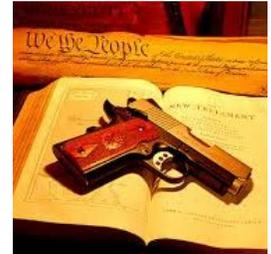
Our society is continually held hostage by the “slippery slope” excuse. The “slippery slope” excuse is the argument made by those who protect something they believe is sacred and fight for the principle in absolutist terms despite common sense and the consequences of such a belief.

I encountered this “excuse” back in seminary days when Evangelical professors and students piously and steadfastly claimed this about the inerrancy of the Scriptures. They argued that unless one holds firmly to the proposition that everything in the Bible is perfect, without error, one will inevitably slide down the “slippery slope” to unbelief, where nothing is viewed true and spiritually authoritative. It was meant to counter scholarly critique and to affirm the divine inspiration of the Scriptures—an absolute “all or none” conviction which never made sense to me at the time nor does it now.

For one thing, it is a circular argument. Inerrancy only makes sense to those who dogmatically believe it to be so. And it is only affirmed as true, because one already believes it. There is no process of investigation which brings one to this conclusion other than believing the proposition in the first place. There is no proof—only the fear that if you don’t believe it, you will lose your faith and your soul to spiritual relativism.

That has not been my experience. I find the Bible far more compelling when I recognize the human element and limitations. I can more easily discern spiritual truth and meaningful application when it is first understood within its original context and cultural norms, rather than believing each verse and message to be timeless maxims equally authoritative and relevant to current times. The point of having a brain is to use it to examine what speaks true to the needs and concerns of our present context—what is applicable and appropriate apart from what must be limited to an ancient worldview. Otherwise, the Bible becomes exactly what the devout don’t want it to be, i.e., irrelevant to modern minds.

A similar “slippery slope” excuse has been appropriated when addressing the Second Amendment regarding the “right to bear arms.” The ideology of the NRA, for instance, maintains that if there are any restrictions placed upon gun ownership, then it will result in the elimination of all guns. Hence, the Second Amendment (or their interpretation of it) is viewed as so sacred a tenet of American rights, that any infringement upon it will create the legal “slippery slope” toward government tyranny. This absolutist position is absurd on so many levels. First, the Second Amendment itself was written in the formative stages of American democracy to protect the rights of individual states (not individual gun owners) to muster their own militias, if needed. Not only that, militias had to be “well-regulated” one would assume to protect society from random gun violence. The amendment has a specific context in regard to states and is not a timeless maxim that applies to all matters related to firearms.



Second, this amendment was authored in a time when firearms were largely limited to single-shot muskets or rifles. In our era military-grade weapons are readily available to the general population and the firepower of any gun today far exceeds the destructive potential of those centuries ago. It makes no sense to believe that, when this amendment was proposed, the Founders imagined the firearms we currently have. More than likely, they would have viewed current circumstances as socially destructive and threatening to the republic, especially if they weren’t even willing to allow single-shot rifles to go unregulated!

Democracy is built on trusting citizens with their freedoms; every day that trust is undermined by endless gun violence, which far exceeds any other country on earth. Granted, gun violence is a complex, multi-factored concern in our society. Yet, if the gun lobby continues its intransigence in the face of so many mass shootings, then it may be summarily dismissed as unhelpful or irrelevant to fixing the problem—not due to the politics of gun control, but because a significant portion of today’s youth will enter their adult lives with firsthand experience with horrific gun violence. Politics aside, the right to life is more universally sacred than the one to bear arms.

All this is to say, “slippery slope” arguments are specious—at best, only arrogant excuses by those who fear their loss of influence and power. Frequently, those who champion them act like the very tyrants they claim to stand against. Frankly, common sense and wisdom bring about a better understanding and result in every complex situation. When we learn to trust the gifts of human reason and conscience over dogma and ultimatums, then we will realize the divine mandate is best found in their exercise for the betterment of us all.

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: **Janet Crossman, Joan Latham, Fred Anderson, Linda Wood, Kent LaGasse, Nancy Treadway, Frank Murdock, Brian McGlynn, Dianna Miller, and Brian Thorp.**

We continue to pray for **Brooke Rymash**, who is recovering in Jacksonville, FL from a double transplant (kidney & liver) at the Mayo Clinic. Brooke's parents are **Carrie & Jim Rymash.**

Our condolences are expressed to **Sheryl & John Ruggeri and family**, upon the passing of Sheryl's father, **William Sergiy. Jr.** on January 31.

Please remember our homebound and those in rehab/nursing care: **Ruth Hodgson** (Pendleton), **Errol and Alicia Crossman** (at home), **Ken Knobloch** (at home), **Betty Guhl** (Fairview), and **Cindy Booth** (Sunny Lodge, New London).



A Very Cool Thing, Indeed...

Congratulations to former Noanker, **Jim Wilbur**, lead guitarist of the band Superchunk, who were featured on the front page of the "Arts" section of the New York Times on February 14. Jim is the son of the late **Jack and Pat Wilbur**, and brother of **John (Jen) Wilbur** and **Christine (Matt) Race**. Superchunk has been a punk rock band since the late 1980s and recently released a new album.

Flowers for Lent

During Lent, members of the Flower Committee will create a special arrangement that will be in place for the entire Lenten season. Since this arrangement will be under the cross for the Lenten season, we respectfully ask that no memorial flowers be requested during this time.



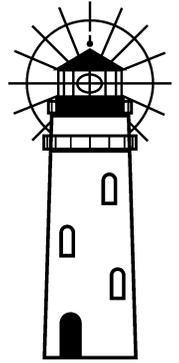
Easter Sunday Flowers For the Chancel—April 1, 2018

Donate Easter flowers in memory or
on behalf of a loved one

To donate flowers in honor of, in celebration of, or in memory of a loved one, please contact Gloria in the church office at 860-536-7129 before **Tuesday, March 27, 2018**. The suggested minimum donation is \$10. Make checks payable to Noank Baptist church, with Easter Flower Fund in the memo line and send to Noank Baptist Church, 18 Cathedral Heights, Noank, CT 06340, attn. Gloria. Please be sure to list the loved one's name(s) and who should be listed as donor.

Children and Family Ministries

Our Very Special Valentines



SHARING
THE LOVE
OF GOD
Making
Valentine's Day
Cards for
Homebound
And Other
Special
Friends





VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY AND CRAFT EVENT

Children from NBC "gave from the heart" on Valentine's Day this year. Marti Bradshaw, Lizzie Lewis and friend Emerald hosted a Valentine's Day party and craft event. Kids made lots of beautiful Valentine cards to mail to the homebound members of NBC. They also enjoyed frosting their own treats and singing *This Little Light of Mine* holding (battery) candle tea cups. It was a sweet little party! Please check out the pictures on the previous page.

"SOUP"ER BOWL SUNDAY

NBC wants to thank everyone for the generous donations of cans of soup for our children's "Soup"er Bowl Sunday event. Over 140 cans of soup were delivered to the Groton Food Locker for distribution to needy families.



Easter Community Craft Night at NBC Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 6:30-8:00 pm

This annual craft night includes crafts for all ages from 3-18! Snacks and beverages will be provided for a fun night. The admission is free and so are the crafts. Bring your children, grandchildren, step-children and your neighbor's children! All are welcome.

DON'T FORGET— THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Come join us on Easter Sunday, April 1, for our Easter Celebration. The church nursery/pre-K room will be available at 9:45 as usual. Older children will attend worship, then at the usual Sunday School time, kids of all ages are invited downstairs for Easter fun and an Egg Hunt in the vestry! There will be separate Easter Egg Hunts and parties for the nursery/pre-K class and kids 5+. All are welcome to join in the fun!



Easter Egg Hunt

Camp Wightman—Summer Camp

It is time to register for summer camp! Noank Baptist Church supports Camp Wightman can assist families to offset the price of the programs. If you are sending your child to camp, you are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Space is limited and many programs sell out quickly. If you have questions about Camp Wightman, need assistance with registration, or want more information about NBC camp scholarships, please call the church office or contact Sue Robinson at children-family@noankbaptistchurch.org. Thank you for your interest and support of this wonderful summer camp and we expect each camper will enjoy a marvelous and memorable experience!



SAVE THE DATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 6-10, 2018





Youth Co-Op News

I hope everyone got through midterm exams and is ready for the second half of the year to fly by! I am excited for this next few months as we are close to announcing a new name for the group, and offering new and exciting programs for the spring. At our last meeting, I challenged the youth to invite one new friend to one of our next events and I challenge you all to do the same. The more of there are, the more fun that can be had by all!

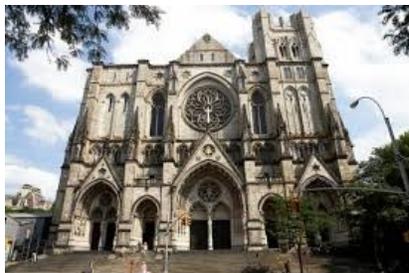
Courtney Assad

Spring Youth Group Meetings

In February, the youth gathered at PBBC for icebreakers, spiritual discussion and slime making to help with the stress of midterms. We discussed how it can be difficult to follow what God leads us to do and talked about the social pressures of attending and being involved in church at school. The next meetings will be:

Sunday, April 22: 6-8 pm at NBC

Sunday, May 20: 6-8 pm at UBC



Nightwatch at St. John the Divine Cathedral April 6-7

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE

Unfortunately, our previously chosen date of March 16 has already sold out! This is a popular program that fills up quickly. We will be supplementing the cost of this program and offering it at half price to our youth. The cost will be \$45. If you are planning to attend, please fill out an RSVP form. Please contact Courtney for registering information.

Mystic Irish Parade March 25, 2018

Come march in the Mystic Irish Parade March 25! Union Baptist Church participates in the parade route and they have invited the youth to participate in it with them and promote the youth co-op program. If you are interested in marching, please contact Courtney at youthcoopdirector@gmail.com.





MAEC Choir Festival 2018
March 11, 2018 @ 4:00 pm @
Union Baptist Church



The Mystic Area Ecumenical Council will sponsor the 50th Annual Choir Festival Concert on Sunday, March, 11, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. at Union Baptist Church, 119 High St. Mystic, CT. Children's, Youth and Adult singers from 12 area churches will combine in this festival worship service. This annual event has featured many internationally known choral directors and composers, over the past 50 years. This year's festival director will be Dr. Lynnel Joy Jenkins, Artistic Director of The Princeton Girlchoir and past director of the MAEC Choir Festival in 2005 and 2008. This festival will also feature the world premiere of "Come, Sing a New Song", composed by Allen Pote and commissioned by the Mystic Area Ecumenical Council.

Lynnel Joy Jenkins is Artistic Director of the Princeton Girlchoir and choral teacher at the Timberlane Middle School of the Hopewell Valley Regional School District in Pennington, New Jersey. Dr. Jenkins' varied conducting and teaching experience ranges from the elementary to collegiate level. She served as Assistant Professor of Music Education at Westminster Choir College of Rider University and Conductor of the Resident Training Choir at the American Boychoir in Princeton, New Jersey.

Dr. Jenkins is a choral music educator of international stature, having lectured and conducted in China, Hong Kong, Iceland, and South Africa. She has conducted honor choruses for one national, three divisional and several state conferences for the American Choral Directors Association, two national conferences for the Organization for American Kodály Teachers, numerous all-state choruses and choral festivals, and presented interest sessions for these professional music associations. She currently serves on the conducting staff for the Vocal Arts Camp of the James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Jenkins will lead a FREE workshop for choir directors, music teachers and singers on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 119 High St., just up from Mystic Pizza in Mystic, CT. The workshop is entitled "Engaging Your Singers in the Choral Rehearsal". An inspired teaching model that empowers students to be musicians and nurtures their innate musicality through expressive choral singing will be presented. Teaching strategies to engage choristers in the musical learning, rehearsal process and performance process will be demonstrated.

Refreshments will be served.

A free-will offering will be taken at the festival concert. For additional information call 860-536-9659.

2018 ANNUAL M.A.E.C. CHOIR FESTIVAL – 50th Anniversary!

For 50 years, the Mystic Area Ecumenical Council (MAEC) has sponsored the Annual Mystic Area Choir Festival. Many internationally known choral directors and composers have led our combined choirs in a service of outstanding choral music. This year's festival is the 50th festival and will include choirs of children, youth and adults. We will also feature the high school students in one anthem and will premiere a brand new anthem commissioned by the MAEC and composed by acclaimed composer Allen Pote.

The 2018 Choir Festival will take place on **Sunday, March 11, 2018**, at 4:00 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, Mystic, CT. We are thrilled to have Dr. Lynnel Joy Jenkins, Artistic Director of the Princeton Girlchoir and past director of our festival, conducting in 2005 and 2008.

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The Ecumenical Council underwrites much of the expense; however, the cost of the music and the funds to bring directors to our community exceed the resources of the Council. Therefore, we seek sponsors to make financial contributions. A gift of \$15-\$24 will designate you as a Friend; \$25-\$49 will make you a Patron; \$50-\$74 will make you an Angel; \$75-99 will make you an Archangel and \$100 and up will earn you the rank of a Saint. We will also recognize businesses in the program for donations to the festival.

If you can serve in any of these capacities, please make checks out to **Mystic Area Ecumenical Council or MAEC**, and mail it and the bottom portion of this form to *Robin Crandall, Union Baptist Church, 119 High St., Mystic, CT 06355*, by **March 5th**. **Please indicate how you would like your name(s) to appear in the Festival program.**

MAEC Annual Choir Festival 2018 - 50th Anniversary Festival

I want to be: a Saint: \$100+ ()
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Art Exhibit at Noank Baptist Church Beginning March 11

The theme of our Spring Art Show will be:

Reflecting our History: Noank Baptist Church.

This show will depict the nature and character of the people who have been so vital to the history and community of Noank Baptist Church. Do you have a keepsake, a work of art, a needle-point, a hymn, a letter from an ancestor, a poem or prayer, a photograph—something which can provide insight into the essence of our forebears at NBC or the church's history? You may have to delve way back into the past. Please contact Posy Webber at posyw@mcglynns.net. Or 860-245-2338. We will celebrate our past in the remembrances we share.

We encourage everyone to come to the Parlor after March 11 at any time to sit and enjoy the contributions that our congregation will have on the walls. As you know, our doors are always open.

To the participants of our current show "How Are the Children", we have enjoyed your art works these past few months and we thank you very much. Kindly pick up your work by **Sunday, March 4**. See Posy Webber or Nora Andrews on that day, or if you need to pick it up earlier.

THE WARM CENTER PRESENTS

The Murder Mystery

AN AFFAIR TO DIE FOR!

An elegant 1920s Hollywood Themed Event

Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Westerly Armory



Enjoy mystery and mayhem with a thrilling live theatrical performance, a 15-piece swing band, unlimited tasting menu, cash bar, exciting live games, and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit WARM CENTER programs. The WARM CENTER provides a continuum of care and service to the homeless and needy by providing safe, affordable housing and by assuring supportive services to help the needy build self-esteem and move toward independence and responsible living.

TICKETS \$100 per person ---- ON SALE NOW!

Charge by phone -- WARM Accounting Dept. (401) 596-9276 X 108. Purchase online using PayPal: www.WARMCenter.org or purchase in person: 56 Spruce Street, Westerly, R.I.



MYSTIC AREA ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

(MAEC) FORUM

MARCH 14, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

Christ United Methodist Church, 200 Hazelnut Hill Road, Groton

MAEC invites you to an educational forum "*Speaking Out & Taking Action to Prevent Drug Abuse & Promote Recovery*" with expert commentary by Linda Labbe, Lisa Cote Johns and Tammy de la Cruz, co-founders of *Community Speaks Out, Inc. (CSO)*. CSO aims to educate the community at large about addiction and bridge the gap between seeking treatment and getting treatment. Light refreshments will be served—all are



February Council News

The Council held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 with 14 members present. Pastor Paul Hayes offered an opening prayer.

New members were welcomed and introductions of all council members made.

The minutes from the January 3, 2018 meeting and January 17, 2017 special budget meeting were approved.

The church calendar was updated to add scheduling of roof replacement beginning the week after Vacation Bible School in August.

Pastor Hayes provided a written report of his many activities as well as expressing thanks to the departing council members and appreciation to the new members who have stepped up to fill the open roles. He also reported on progress being made toward the repair of the organ thanks in no small part to contributions designated for that project. He noted plans for a possible youth baptism class during Lent, as well as a New Member Class led by the Deacons. Concern was expressed about the lack of participation in the Habitat House on Yetter Road. Volunteers are needed for work being done on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Registration is required on the Habitat website. Ideas to boost participation were shared. There was also a question about the changes in tax laws and how they may impact the church. It is felt that it may not be as much of a concern as originally thought. Investigation into setting up a method to accept electronic donations is ongoing and hopefully will be instituted soon.

Finance provided a brief summary of 2017 information provided at the Annual Meeting, as well as the status of the finances from January, noting the income and expenses both came in under the budget amount, but are in the typical range that is expected for this time of year. Monthly amounts are generated by dividing the annual budgeted amount by 12 with the understanding that certain times of the year are more lean than others. It is felt that availability of electronic donations will improve some of the income issues.

A summary of planned Children and Family Ministry events was shared noting Easter Craft Night and Lenten Pretzel making as highlights of the Lenten season. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for early August noting each of the three churches sharing resources in the past few years, will hold their own sessions this year. At Noank Baptist Church, VBS will be held August 5-10 with the theme of "Rolling River Rampage".

A 7PM Ash Wednesday service is being planned.

The property manager reported that money has been received from the insurance company for the roof repairs and work will be done on that in August, along with completion of the steeple work. A suggestion to consider installing solar panels was also discussed and will be brought forward to a congregational meeting when more details are obtained.

Plans for the 175th Anniversary celebration were shared. The challenge of having 175 individuals involved with community service was kicked off in January with only 13 names entered into the log book at this point. February 11 will honor the Anniversary with a hymn sing of favorite hymns spanning the eras of the church. Other events being planned include a special worship service on March 11th, the actual 175th anniversary of the church, and a weekend-long celebration in mid-May. Invitations for a banquet on that weekend will be sent out in early March. An art exhibit, House and Garden tour, and 50+ celebration are also being planned around the Anniversary Celebration. A few calendars are still available.

The next full Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend. Full council meeting minutes are available upon request.

Council Members

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| Moderator: | <i>Charles Anderson</i> |
| Clerk: | <i>Bonnie Banks</i> |
| Treasurer: | <i>Jane Templeton</i> |
| Asst Treas: | <i>Debbie Bates</i> |
| Finance: | <i>Jennifer Johnson</i> <i>Carol Spunar</i> |
| Property: | <i>Adrian Johnson</i> <i>Jonathan Lane</i> |
| Spiritual Life: | <i>Valerie King</i> <i>Shannon Weigle</i> |
| Comm. Life | <i>Deb Garmon</i> <i>Steve Gordon</i> |
| Staff Relations: | <i>Kim Johnson</i> |
| At Large: | <i>Sherrie Neilsen</i> <i>Deb Thompson</i> <i>Ed Johnson</i> <i>Oliver Porter</i> |

Respectfully Submitted

Bonnie Banks, clerk



Our Shoreline Community Association Inc.

PO Box 287

West Mystic, CT 06388-0287

(860) 271-1681

OSCAforSeniors@gmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities with OSCA

The success of Our Shoreline Community Association “OSCA” depends on the active involvement of the local residents who want to help create and maintain this exciting grassroots organization. We currently have an all-volunteer board of directors working on a wide variety of tasks including planning services and activities. We are still seeking volunteers for a number of critical tasks. Please let us know if you or another member of your household can help in any of the following areas:

- **Transportation:** Drive OSCA members to the grocery store and medical appointments
- **Helping Hands Team:** Help with simple in-home “handyman” projects (e.g. changing hard to reach light bulbs, smoke detector batteries, etc.)
- **Community Outreach:** Identify groups/clubs willing to host a presentation by an OSCA representative.
- **Fundraising:** 1) Volunteer at the upcoming Noank Village Home & Garden Tour (June 2018) and/or 2 help develop a fundraising plan; identifying individual, corporate, and foundation donors; researching foundation support; grant writing; soliciting donations.
- **Marketing and Communications:** Promote OSCA to potential members and volunteers. For a volunteer application or additional information, please contact Stephanie Panagos, OSCA Coordinator at (860) 271-1681 or email to OSCAforSeniors@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted
Stephanie Panagos

CONNECTICUT INTERFAITH CONFERENCE ON DRONE WARFARE

March 14, 2018 @ 10:00 am to 4 pm
Meeting Room at Hartford Seminary

Why is the faith community concerned about drone warfare? Are civilians protected in drone warfare? What is the effect of drone warfare on drone operators? What does it mean to say “Kill one terrorist and create 10 more terrorists”?

Learn the answers to these questions and more during this free conference co-sponsored by Hartford Seminary and the Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare. Two films produced by the Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare will be screened.

There is no charge for the conference, but a free will offering will be taken to offset costs. Lunch will be provided.

For additional information and registration, go to www.interfaithdronenetwork.org. or call 609-924-5022.