



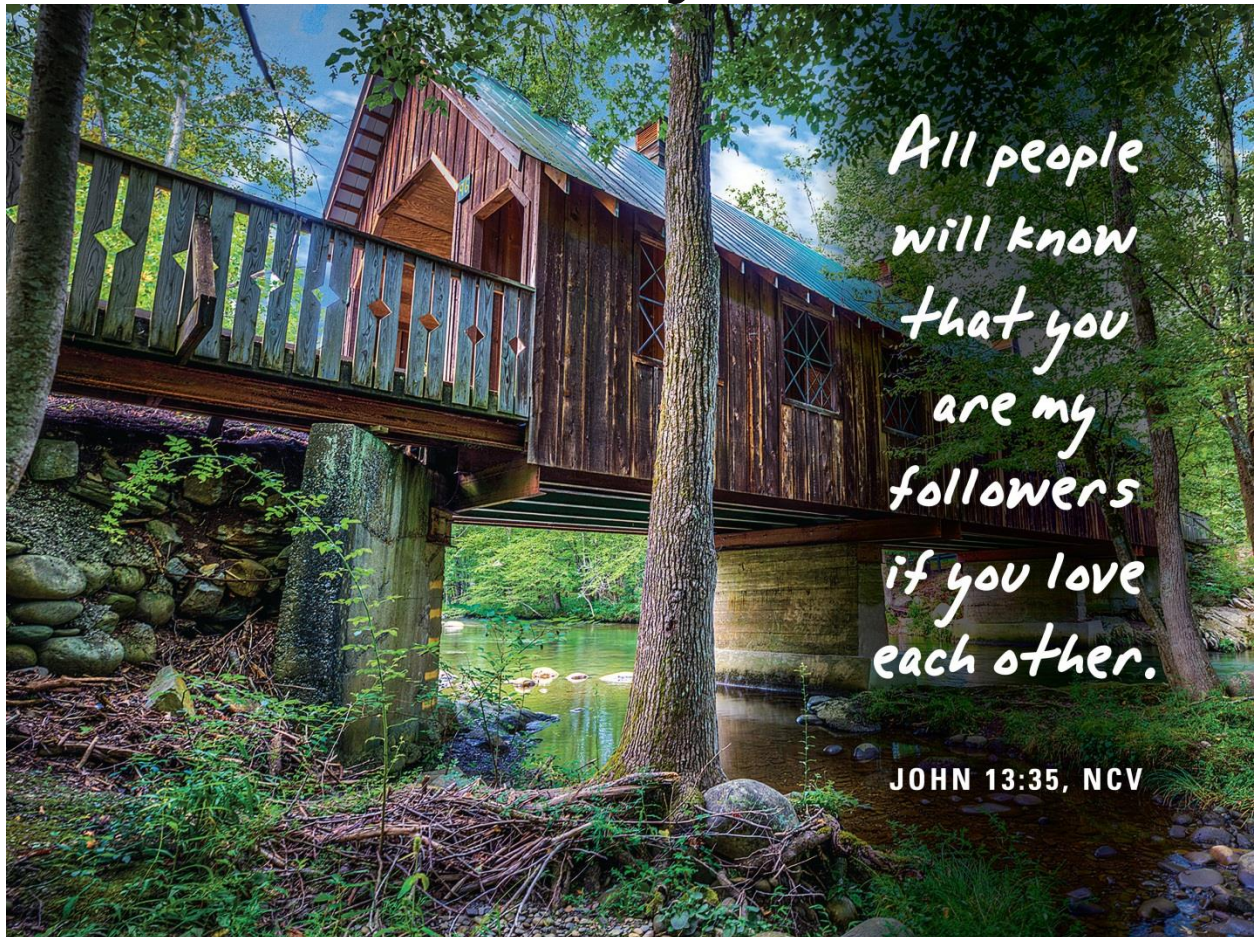
Crossroads

*News from South Congregational Church
United Church of Christ*

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*We are an inclusive community of faith; courageously following Christ;
serving our neighbors in love.*

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*All people
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that you
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JOHN 13:35, NCV

From the Moderator

LC is IN



Do you remember Lucy, from the Peanuts comics? She had a booth set up and she'd charge 5 cents to give "help". Well, the Leadership Circle is taking this idea and morphing it into "LC is IN"!

No, we're not going to charge you anything and **no**, we're not offering "help" in the same way Lucy did. BUT, we want to make ourselves available to you, the congregation, to answer questions you may have about South governance, operations and mission activity. Or to simply chat with you about ideas you may have.

Each week, someone – *or two* – from Leadership Circle will be available during coffee hour upstairs in the Music Room to talk with you. Feel free to take the elevator up to Level 2 and come visit with us.

We have also created a virtual way for you to communicate with us! If you have a question or idea to share, please feel free to email us at leadershipisin@gmail.com!

We look forward to hearing from you!

February Brings 3 Preachers to the Pulpit!

We are pleased to let you know that three pastors will be joining us this month in the pulpit. Reverend Kay Loudon, "Pastor Kay," will join us for the next two Sundays followed by Reverend Peter Wells on Feb 17th and Reverend Bob Loesch on Feb 24th. We're looking forward to hearing them all!

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE (All services are at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary)

February 3 (Communion)	Rev. Kay Loudon
February 10	Rev. Kay Loudon
February 17	Rev. Peter Wells
February 24	Rev. Robert Loesch

Please Pray For... Dot Gerstenlauer, Peter Nelson, Renee Silva, Thomas Wright, Pastor Clemmons, Anthony Wysocki, Karen Buske, Sue Wood, Jan Zeigler, Ginny McCray, Don Russell, Roland Fenton, Bert Montagna, Deborah and Priscilla Price, Dan Myers, Irene Rappa, Bob Dowd, Jeff Weed, Dot Strebel, Stella Boulware, Shirley McCready, Beryl Kress, Ginny Robbins, John Burris, Jan McDonald, Rev. Bart and Valerie Cochran.

From Nancy Montagna

The Benevolence Team would like to thank everyone who generously contributed to our Advent Offering. We were able to send checks in the amount of \$540 each to Open Pantry and the Catholic Charities Fuel Assistance Fund.

The Benevolence Team will meet on February 10 immediately after church in the Guild Room.

Super Bowl of Caring, Sunday, February 3: Your donation will help provide a meal for someone who is hungry in our community.

Happy February Birthday!



- 3 Nancy Urbschat
- 4 Tarji Brathwaite-Duggins
- 7 James Guevin
- 9 Marion Brown
- 9 Thomas Gallagher
- 10 Nadia Woodman
- 17 Alexa Gallagher
- 22 Justin Buske
- 22 Alice Lee
- 23 Elaine Lentino
- 25 Karen Kress

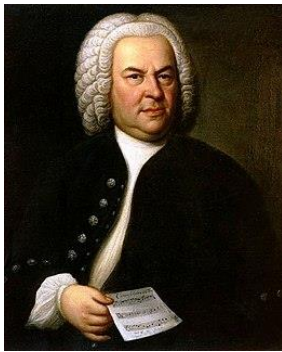


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Director of Music

By now most of you have heard about the passing of our long-time choir member, Helena DeVito. She is pictured here at a celebration that happened about 5 years ago in honor of her forty years of participation in the choir. With her are Bert Montagna,, Carol Wrobleski, Susan Wells, and Helena's daughter, Joella. Helena had a beautiful alto voice and a passion for singing that kept her entertaining and delighting people for decades. She will be greatly missed by the choir and the congregation.



You may have read in this space last month about a joint downtown concert coming up and I'll add a few details. The Springfield Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be sponsoring a concert presented by St. Michael's Cathedral, Christ Church Cathedral and South Congregational Church. The choirs of all three churches will join forces to present Cantata 182 by Johann Sebastian Bach as well as other choral works and organ solos. The soloists will include singers Tabor Fisher and George Eisenhauer, both of the South Church choir. The event will happen on the afternoon of March 24, at 4 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. There will be no admission charge, although a free-will offering will likely be taken.

The hymn series I've been presenting, somewhat sporadically, will resume on February 10. On that day we will look at African-American spirituals that appear in our New Century Hymnal in honor of Black History Month. Many of these songs were sung by fugitives on the Underground Railroad, but they did not become widely known until after the Civil War when groups like the Fisk Jubilee Singers (Fisk University in Nashville) began to sing them in concert and carry them across the nation and to Europe. The hymn series will continue until the end of February, and while I have some ideas for topics I welcome your suggestions.

I have heard from several of you that you would have made a special effort to be at church on January 20 to hear me sermonize. I won't deny that I am somewhat relieved not to have had to stand up in front of you and deliver a sermon. In my 32 years of church work I have never been envious of the clergy for having to come up with something every week, and writing this one confirmed that for me. That said, I'm sure I'll be rescheduled, so stay tuned!

- *Larry*

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