

## Silver Lake Registration Now Open!

Registration is open at Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center for the summer of 2026.

There are great sessions focusing on water sports, music, arts, S.T.E.A.M. and families. Located in beautiful Sharon, Connecticut, Silver Lake offers opportunities for youth, young adults and families.

### **Attention High Schoolers (Grades 10–12)!**

**Vibe Check** (7/5/2026–7/11/2026) is led by Will Cayer, Ali Griffin, and Megan Fuller — all with connections to Plantsville Church.

There's no one "right" way to do life. No cap. Join for a week of hiking, stargazing, and real conversations about what a satisfying and rewarding life can look like — and how to start planning for it now.

Information can be found posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or by visiting the Silver Lake website at

<https://www.silverlakeect.org/campsessions>. If anyone has additional questions about Silver Lake, please reach out or Cindy Cayer.

## Online Giving.

Ready to make an impact? Scan the QR to easily give your offering to the church! Your generosity helps us grow in faith, serve our community, and bring God's love to life. Every gift makes a difference!



## Fruit Shelf

Our church's donations supply the fruit shelf for Southington Community Services. Please remember your items to support this ongoing mission. Items like *applesauce and fruit cups* are appreciated.



## **PCC NEWS**

Sunday, March 8th

Third Sunday in Lent

## Lenten Dinners

The remaining Lenten Dinners hosted by the Deacons will be held on:

**Sunday, March 15th at 11:15am following worship** (Pulled pork w/ slider rolls, cole slaw, baked beans, corn bread, assorted desserts)

**Saturday, March 28th at 6pm.** (Penne Pasta w/meatballs, garden salad, sauteed vegetable medley, dinner rolls, assorted desserts)

You can sign up in Fellowship Hall, by using the QR on the right or by using sign up link in the weekly email. Please sign up by the Sunday prior to the dinner for an accurate headcount.



## Easter Flowers

Easter Memorial flowers are available for ordering. The flowers will be used to decorate the altar during Easter Sunday and can be brought home after the service. The order form is available in the weekly bulletin. You may also order online using the QR below. Payment can be sent to the church office, submitted on Sundays to the offering plate, or you may pay by credit card after worship service by seeing Hallie Hodgins or Lori Gensler. The deadline to order is **Sunday, March 15th.**



## Easter Egg Hunt

This year's community Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Christian Ed will be Saturday March 28 with a rain date of Saturday April 4th at 10:00am. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy to fill the Easter eggs, donations can be placed on the fruit table in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



## One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is a special offering that supports disaster relief, refugee and immigration ministries, and long-term development projects around the world. When natural disasters strike, when families are displaced, or when communities need clean water, food security, or tools to rebuild their lives, this offering makes that work possible.

Every dollar given to One Great Hour of Sharing goes directly to these ministries. Your gift helps provide emergency shelter, legal assistance, medical care, and sustainable solutions that allow people not just to survive, but to recover and rebuild with dignity.

Please donate by March 15th, online using the QR, or by using the dedicated envelop during Sunday Service. Thank you.



## Scholarship Applications Available

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for both the Julie Fortin Scholarship and for the Plantsville Congregational UCC Continuing Education Scholarships.

The Julie Fortin Scholarship is awarded to one high school senior each year who will be majoring in an arts or science program. This year's award will be \$1000 and will go to a high school senior who is a Plantsville Congregational UCC member or to a high school senior from Southington who is not a member of Plantsville Congregational UCC.

The Plantsville Congregational UCC Continuing Education Scholarships are available to any Plantsville Congregational UCC member continuing their education. This year, approximately \$1400 will be available to award to suitable applicants.

Applications for these scholarships are available in the church office. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2026.



## Sunday Morning Greeters Needed!

**Be a Friendly Face on Sunday Morning!** Greeters welcome folks as they arrive, hand out bulletins, and assist with the offering. It's a simple but meaningful way to help set the tone for worship and make everyone feel at home. The best part? It's not a weekly commitment — you'll be scheduled about once a month.

If you'd like to help create that welcoming first impression, please see **Lori Gensler or Cindy Cayer**. We'd love to have you on the team!

## The Conference Wants to Hear from YOU!

The SNEUCC is currently developing a strategic plan to clarify its future purpose and direction. As part of this process, all SNEUCC churches, members, and friends are invited to participate in a survey.

Please take a few minutes & take the survey by scanning the QR



For more information on the strategic planning process visit the Conference website <http://www.sneucc.org/strategic-plan>

## Memorial Brick Fundraiser

Beginning on Sunday March 1st-Sunday May 31st, the Memorial Garden Committee will be holding their Memorial Brick Fundraiser for members of the church to honor the memory of your loved one (s). Wendy Fortin (or a Memorial Garden Committee Representative) will be available every Sunday after church in Fellowship Hall to provide you with a brochure to fill out. the cost for purchasing each engraved brick is \$50.00. The details for filling out the information for your brick is included in the brochure. We accept personal checks or cash for this fundraiser. For your convenience, there will also be extra blank order form brochures in the Memorial Garden Committee mailbox in the Church office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wendy Fortin at (860)-621-6038.

PLANTSVILLE CONGREGATIONAL  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*An Open and Affirming Church*

March 8, 2026 Third Sunday in Lent 10 A.M.

**Welcome**

**Bell Prelude**                      Near the Cross                      William H. Doane  
arr. by Kevin McChesney

**†Call to Worship**

One: O come, let us worship the God who seeks us.  
**Many: Who meets us in our weariness and offers us living water.**  
One: From east and west, across every boundary we have drawn,  
**Many: the Spirit gathers us into one holy company.**  
One: Let us lay aside every burden we have carried to this place.  
**Many: And let us open our hearts to the truth that sets us free.**

**†Hymn**                      Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing                      *NCH #459*

**†Opening Prayer**

**Almighty God, You have called us out of our scattered lives and gathered us here in Your name. We come with all that we are — our joys and our burdens, our faith and our doubt. Meet us in this hour. Speak, that we may hear. Move, that we may be changed. AMEN.**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Scripture Reading**                      **New Testament: John 4:5-42**

**Anthem**                      Kyrie Eleison                      Michael Ware

**Sermon**                      “She Left the Jar”                      Rev. Jane Willan

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

**Hymn**                      I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say                      *NCH #489*

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

**†Doxology**                      *Pilgrim #515*  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.*

**†Prayer of Dedication**

**Generous God, all that we have is Yours. Receive what we now give. Use these offerings for the work of Your kingdom — to cross boundaries that divide, to offer living water to all who thirst, to bear witness to Your love. In Christ's name. AMEN.**

**†Hymn**                      Let Justice Flow Like Streams                      *NCH #588*

**†Benediction**

**Postlude**                      How Great is Our God  
Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves  
arr. by Lloyd Larson

**†** Please stand if you are able

<b>Sun. March 8</b>	Sunday Worship	10:00 AM
<b>Mon. March 9</b>	Monday Movers	8:30 AM
<b>Tues. March 10</b>	Trustees	7:00 PM
<b>Wed. March 11</b>	Knitting	1:00 PM
	KnitWits	6:30 PM
	Bell Choir	6:30 PM
	Vocal Choir	6:30 PM
<b>Thurs. March 12</b>	Al-Anon	10:00 AM
	Coloring	6:00 PM
<b>Fri. March 13</b>	Quilts of Valor	9:00 AM
	Play Rehearsal	7:00 PM
<b>Sat. March 14</b>	Play Rehearsal	10:30 AM
<b>Sun. March 15</b>	Sunday Worship	10:00 AM
	Lenten Dinner	11:30 AM

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*We Offer a **WARM WELCOME** to everyone gathered for worship here or live on Facebook or YouTube. We are blessed by your presence/viewing.*

*Sunday School for children is offered on Sundays, during worship after the Children's Sermon for children grades K-5. Middle and High School class meets after the Scripture Reading during worship. A Nursery is offered every Sunday for children and toddlers during worship service. Following the service, all are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall for refreshments.*

*Our Greeters are happy to direct you or assist you in any way.*

*Online gifts are an easy way to support the work of the church.*

### PCC Church Staff

Minister	Rev. Jane Willan (508-581-0786)
Music Director	Marilyn Cannata
Programming & Operations	Jill Battaglia
Sunday School Teacher	Christianna Connery
Nursery Childcare Providers	Kimberly Brooks Jennifer Buchter

