

CHRONICLE PLUS

Community Church of Durham, UCC

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Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

TODAY AT COMMUNITY CHURCH

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| 9:00 am | Multigenerational Service | Chapel |
| 10:00 am | Worship/Children's Activity | Sanctuary |
| | Alleluia Choir Sings | |
| 10:00 am | Christian Education Cabinet | Library |
| 11:15 am | Fellowship Hour | Fellowship Hall |

Join the Conversation by “Still Speaking, One-To-One:” Growing Our Church Community

One Conversation at a Time: There's still time to get involved! You are welcome to stay after church today for a short intro, our weekly progress report, and the selection process for the coming week's conversations. Remember, you do not need to be present all six weeks to participate in these 30 to 40 minute conversations. Join in as often as you can. To converse more about being a part of “Still Speaking, One-To-One,” please contact Chuck Hotchkiss at chuckhotchkiss@gmail.com (868-1028) or Gary Cilley at Gary.Cilley@gmail.com (749-2981).

Families First: The February Families First Fun Night dinner will be on **Monday, February 6th**. The menu will be meatball subs, salad, beverage and fresh fruit. If you can provide a part of the meal, see Mandy Armstrong during coffee hour or fill in your contribution on the sign-up sheet on the Mission Board kiosk in the hall outside the church office and bring your contribution to the Fellowship Hall kitchen by 3:00 pm on Monday, the 6th.

The spring book group led by Marion Ellis will begin on **Tues. morning, Feb. 7th**, in the church parlor at 10:00 am and will meet weekly in Feb. and March, weather permitting. The book, Poor Economics: a Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty, by the founders of the Poverty Action Lab (PAL) at M.I.T., Banerjee and Duflo, promises much food for thought! Hoping to redress the feeling that the problems of global poverty are just too overwhelming, the book "reveals why so many magic bullets of yesterday have ended up as today's failed ideas," yet "why hope is vital and knowledge critical and why we have to keep on trying ---" (from the Forward.) All are welcome. Participants are not expected to have read the book before the first meeting! The book is available in the church office for \$18. For info, please call Marion at 659-1123 or Joanne Sasner at 942-5054.

Our Story in Pictures and Words: Immigration Past and Present: Wed. Feb. 8th, Noon-1 pm, MUB display wall, 3rd floor, and Brown Bag Lunch Presentation, MUB Room 302. Join Beth Olshansky, Dir. of the Center for the Advancement of Art-Based Literacy, UNH, for an overview of an exchange between two disparate classroom communities and a poignant film featuring NH immigrant and refugee students, grades 3-5, sharing their life stories. Questions? Email cja@unh.edu or call 862-3691.

The Faith Club: Beginning on **Thurs., Feb. 9th**, our church will join other UCC churches in the area in reading The Faith Club. "A groundbreaking book about Americans searching for faith and mutual respect, The Faith Club weaves the story of three women, their three religions, and their urgent quest to understand one another. None of them guessed their regular meetings would provide life-changing answers and form bonds that would forever alter their struggles with prejudice, fear, and anger." There will be two opportunities to gather: 12:00 noon-1:00 pm in the library with Paula Norbert *OR* in the evenings at 7:00 pm with Ruth Davis, Chair of Christian Education. Some copies of the book have been ordered and will soon be available in the church office for \$8 each. For more info, please speak with Paula Norbert.

The Gift—Readings and More on February 19th at the Gallery: In celebrating our winter theme, “the Gift,” the Music & Arts Committee is holding a reading at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 19th in the Church Gallery. In these troubled times, it’s important to celebrate those things that bring us hope, courage and joy—whether from nature, or family, or the artistic legacies of generations – communions that can range from the eyes of a pet to the whispers of an angel. Poetry, prose, theatre, music – are all welcome—as are contributions from all ages. Refreshments will be served.

Pathfinders: All middle (and high) school students are invited to join us for tubing at Amesbury Snow Park after church on **Feb. 19th**! Bring a lunch. We will leave from the church and return by 4:00 pm. RSVP: Lorna Ellis at 868-5831.

THIS WEEK AT COMMUNITY CHURCH...

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| Monday | 6 | 12:00 noon | Mindfulness | Parlor |
| | | by 3:00 pm | Families First Meal Drop-off | F. Hall Kitchen |
| | | 4:00 pm | Rejoice Choir | Fellowship Hall |
| | | 7:00 pm | MBSR* Basics | Parlor |
| | | 7:30 pm | Seacoast Choral | Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 7 | 8:00 am | Meditation with Dr. Melillo | Rm. #115 |
| | | 10:00 am | Book Group | Tuesday |
| | | 1:00 pm | Knitting for Peace | Parlor |
| Wednesday | 8 | 10:00 am | Thrift Shop (until 5:00 pm) | Activities Room |
| | | 10:00 am | Women’s Bible Study | Parlor |
| | | 12:00 noon | Guild Lunch Meeting | Activities Room |
| | | 6:30 pm | Silent Meditation | Parlor |
| | | 7:00 pm | Library Committee | Library |
| | | 7:30 pm | Chancel Choir | Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 9 | 8:00 am | Meditation with Dr. Melillo | Rm. #115 |
| | | 10:00 am | Thrift Shop (until 5:00 pm) | Activities Room |
| | | 12:00 noon | Faith Club Book Group | Library |
| | | 7:00 pm | Faith Club Book Group | Library |
| Sunday | 12 | 8:45 am | Adult Bible Study | Library |
| | | 10:00 am | Worship/Sunday School | Sanctuary |
| | | 11:15 am | Fellowship Hour | Fellowship Hall |

* Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction