



January
2015

PCC
Poquonock Community Church
Windsor, Connecticut

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have just come through an Advent and Christmas filled with praise and the adoration of Jesus coming into the World, and yet a time filled with great turmoil in the World he came to.

Perhaps you have been as troubled as I have been to hear of the deaths of young black men at the hands of police officers in Ferguson and Staten Island; of the deaths of policemen at the hands of a vigilante taking matters into his own hands. Perhaps you have been as troubled as I have been to hear of 140 school children dead in Peshwar, Pakistan and of those who died in the retaliatory strikes against the Taliban. Perhaps you still mourn two years after a deranged young man killed 20 school children and 6 school staff before taking his own life and that of his mother in Newtown.

Then come the two greatest words in all of Scripture: “But God.” Young black men are dying because of ill-trained or ill-restrained police. But God. The Taliban killed 140 school children in Pakistan. But God. 26 students and teachers died in Newtown in December 2012. But God.

“But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

It is a strange juxtaposition, but there it is. Terrible things are happening in the world around us. And God is still God. I think I can live with that.

Yours in Christ,



Jon



Saturday, January 17 watch for an announcement! We have all been invited to attend a service of racial reconciliation in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr., to be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 465 Park Ave., Windsor, and jointly sponsored with Holy Zion Church of the Jubilee. The only way Windsor will become *one* in Christ is if we choose to meet on common ground. Please attend.

Preaching and Lectionary Guide

January 4 Epiphany

Psalm: 84

Epistle: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: Where is he?



Pray for Grace Baptist Church, Windsor, and Pastor Reuben Collins.

January 11 First Sunday after The Epiphany

Psalm: 29

Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-5

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Sermon: Established by Call

Pray for Newtown Congregational Church, Newtown, CT and Pastor Matthew Crebbin.

January 18 Second Sunday after The Epiphany

Psalm: 139:1-5; 12-17

Epistle: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Sermon: The Call to Come and See

Pray for Indian Hill Church, Cincinnati, OH (Episcopal/Presbyterian) and Priest-in-Charge. Rev. Ann Wrider.

January 25 Third Sunday after The Epiphany

Psalm: 62:6-14

Old Testament: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Sermon: The Call to Follow

Pray for Abundant Life Christian Church, Limerick, Ireland, and Pastor Kevin Fitzgibbon.

Verse of the Month: “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” Isaiah 60:1

Have you SEEN PCC online?

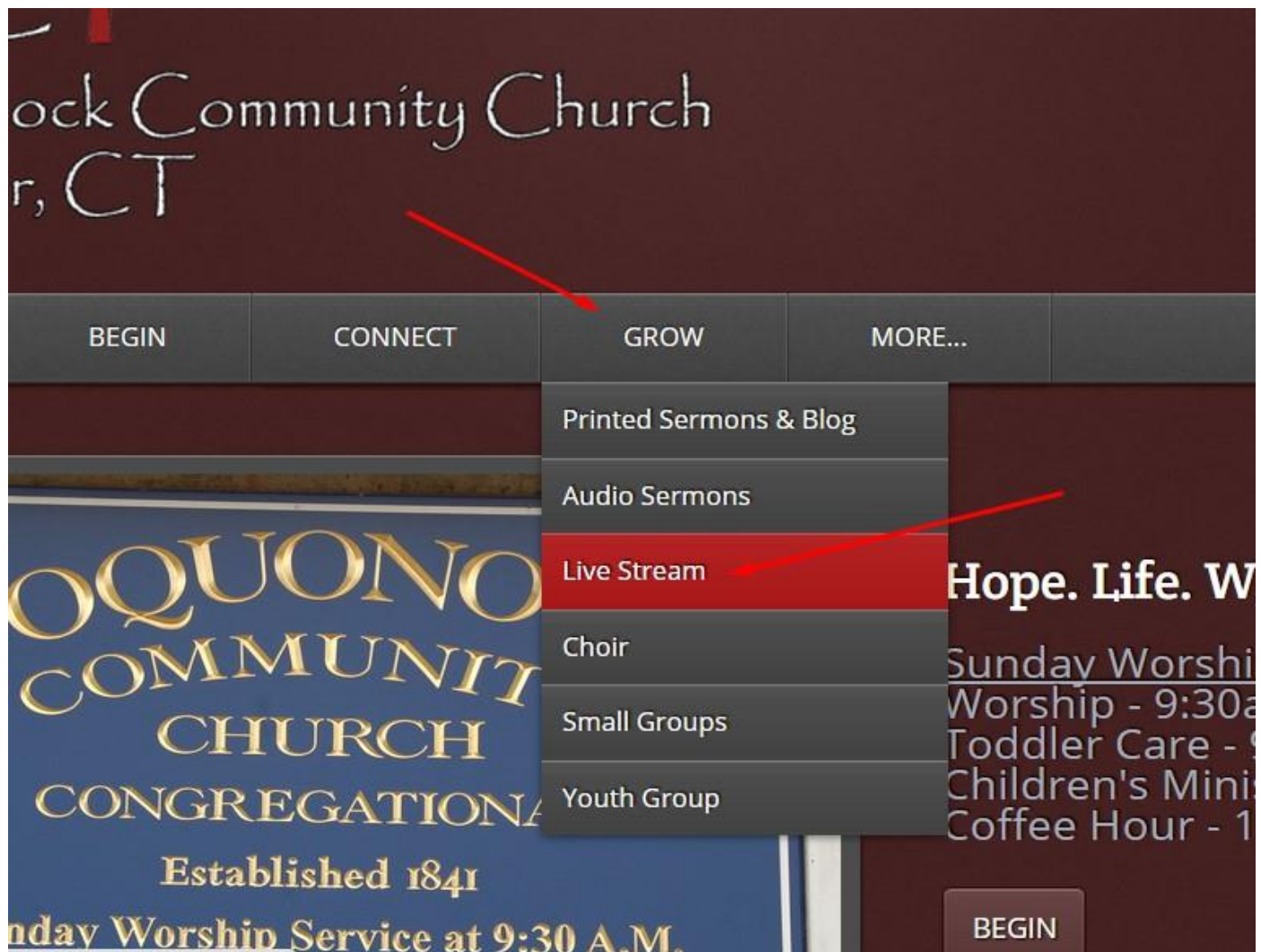
Yes! Our weekly Sunday morning worship is now “on the web.” You can now view our Sunday service live over the internet.

From your web browser, go to www.pccwindsor.com

Click on the "Grow" menu Option.

Click on "Live Stream."

Quality of video and audio may vary depending on the speed of your internet connection.



FAMILY DINNER MOVES TO WEDNESDAY

Most of you already know about our Family Dinner. It starts weekly at 6:00 p.m. in Robertson Hall. It is a simple supper of *homemade* soup and *homemade* bread, and usually includes some wonderful *homemade* dessert as well. After dinner, we all sit together for about a half hour and share around the table. Then we move to The Lord's Table, where we share Communion and worship Jesus before heading home around 7:30. It is a great experience and never seems to turn out quite the same twice.

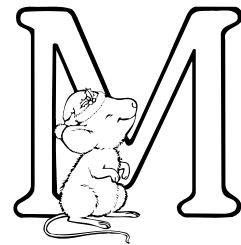


Beginning on January 7, 2015, Family Dinner will meet on WEDNESDAY evenings. The reason is simple: it is more in the middle of the week and we've heard from a lot of folks in the church family that Thursday is difficult, but that they would come if we move it to Wednesday. Well... here's your chance! Come and be part of the family. Come and enjoy community with us.

NEWS FROM MARY'S DESK

Many thanks to all of you who came to my annual Christmas Party and brought gifts. We were able to donate four very large bags packed with toys to the Boys and Girls Club of Hartford.

A new year is starting. Please don't forget about all of the children and families that are struggling. They still need our support for food and clothing throughout the year. Blessings to you all.



Thought for the month: The only fight which is lost is that which we give up.
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

PLEASE REMEMBER:

**WINDSOR FOOD BANK COLLECTION
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Check out the current edition of the CCCC Newsletter, "The Foresee" using this link: <http://www.ccccusa.com/The-Foresee>
- ❖ Newsletter Deadline for the next issue (January) is Friday, January 23, 2014. poqunockcc@sbcglobal.net
- ❖ For those of you with a computer, a great Scripture resource is the Daily Office, an arrangement of Bible readings that Christians worldwide use. www.esvbible.org offers many reading plans to suit your needs. I like the Daily Office because it follows the church year.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Elena Hillery	1/4
Bob Chicoler	1/7
Kevin Dugdale	1/7
Buzz Hale	1/8
Brandon Hosig	1/8
Wendy Bailey Meyers	1/14
Madison Hillery	1/14
Jim Martin	1/24
Shaelyn Pomeroy	1/26
Bob Christopherson	1/30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jeff & Dianne Silliman	1/19
Barry & Joan Solnick	1/24



A Note of Thanks

Dear Pastor Colegrove, I would like to thank you for your guidance and kindness after Mom's passing. The service was beautiful and meant so much to our family. Please extend this thank you note to our Mom's friends that put on the lovely reception after the service. So many people commented on it, we could feel the love and support surrounding all of us. Thank you again. Sincerely, Jeff, Scott Allison and Linn Allison Learned.






Nativity Word Search

NATIVITY NIGHT
CHRISTMAS SHEEP
MANGER MOTHER
DONKEY GIFT
STABLE
DECEMBER
ANGEL
SHEPHERD
BABY
STAR



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