

# The Oldtown Message



April 22, 2018

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC  
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## April Coffee House

The next coffee house will be held on Friday, April 27th at 7pm. If anyone is able to come give Ed a hand that night by either collecting the donations, serving coffee or just providing supervision, it would be appreciated.

## Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop & Cake Walk

Please join us on Sunday, May 6th from 12-2 on the side lawn for a mother's day shopping event. Shop the selection of handmade gifts and crafts or take a stroll in our first ever cake walk for a chance to go home with a sweet treat. The Triboro Bluegrass Gospel Jam will be providing us with entertainment that day. All of the money raised by this event helps support our church and its ministry.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Here at Oldtown, we offer prayer shawls to anyone in or outside the church who is facing a prolonged illness, is grieving, or is in need of our congregation's support. The shawls are knit or crocheted by members and are passed around the congregation during a Sunday service for all to add a prayer. If you know of someone who would benefit from a shawl, please contact Leah Moynihan at [missions@oldtownucc.org](mailto:missions@oldtownucc.org).

## Inter-Faith Ministry

We are exploring ways to learn more about other faith traditions. We are thinking about how best to do this, and we will let the congregation know as plans move forward. If you have ideas or questions, feel free to talk to Jim Santsaver.

## Respite for Caregivers

We have discussed how our ministry might help care for the caregiver; this might include spending time with someone who is ill or recovering, doing grocery shopping, or bringing a meal. Caregivers can become burned out by the demands of "caring", and our goal is to provide a small measure of relief. We are working on the details and hope to have a plan within the next few months.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Fund Raising: (end of Mar.):

**\$1,200.00 less** than budgeted

Total Budgeted Income: (end of Mar.):

**\$1,200.00 less** than budget

Total Budgeted Expenses: (end of Mar.):

**\$2,000.00 less** than budget

Budget Position (end of Mar.): **\$6,000.00 loss** than budgeted

## APRIL 22nd - APRIL 28th

**Sunday:** Worship 10am, Confirmation Class

**Monday:**

**Tuesday:** No Office Hours

**Wednesday:**

**Thursday:** No Office Hours

**Friday:** Coffee House 7pm

**Saturday:**



**April 27th**

Coffee House  
7pm

**May 6th**

Pop-Up Shop 12-2  
Youth Group 4-6pm

**May 13th**

Confirmation Sunday

**May 19th**

Turkey Supper  
4:30 & 6:30

**May 20th**

Children's Sunday  
& Cookout

## Raffle Basket Donations

The church fair ministry has started making plans for our fair in November. We are seeking donations for our 5 raffle baskets. In the month of May we will be looking for sport themed items. Hats, sweatshirts, tickets, autographed equipment, car magnets, key chains, etc. All donations must be brand new items (with the exception of autographed items). If you would like to donate an item please see Hope Cahill or Jeanette Galvin.

The other 4 baskets will be themed: Only in N.E., Breakfast, Wine, and Spa. We will be seeking donations for all of these baskets over the coming months. Please keep us in mind if you see something while you are out in your travels this summer.

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Joey, Brandon, Brian, Kristen, Susan, Kerri, Gordon, Cheryl, Summer, Summer's friend, Howie, Dani, Judy, Sharon, Edmond, Harry and Virginia, Marty and Sandy, Maryam, Lynne, Ruby, Roxanne, Don, Sue, Steve, Lydia, Leo, Marisol, Debra, Phil, Meena, Alice, Kathy, Doreen, John, Lily, Ben, Claire, Jim B, David, Kevin, George, Max, Marjon, Patti, Matthew, Owen, The Brasil Family, Todd, Nichole & The Bacon Family

**Would you like to add someone to our prayer list?**

Email Hope at [hope.cahill@gmail.com](mailto:hope.cahill@gmail.com) or fill out a prayer card and drop it in the offering plate.