

The United Congregational Church of Bridgeport

A 331-year-old Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



OUR MISSION

To be a welcoming community, bringing together city and suburb to worship God, develop our faith, and serve our neighbors near and far through social outreach.



NEW Church Directory

Everyone included! Members and friends!



Scan the QR code to respond.



Responses due August 7



NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 9

Very brief – but important –
congregational meeting
immediately following our service.

Please plan to attend.

Our kids **LOVE**
Greenfield Hills
Congregational Church's
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
Let Rev. Sara know
if your child would like to attend
AUGUST 24 - 28

Rummage SALE!
Saturday, August 29
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
2200 North Ave, Bridgeport
Front yard
TO BENEFIT the nOURish CENTER
In the event of rain, we will be in the hall!

Leadership Meetings

Trustees	September 9	7:30 PM Zoom
Deacons	September 13	11:30 AM
nOURish Board	September 16	6:15 PM

Thank you for your leadership and service!



PASTORAL CARE

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VOLUNTEERS and TEACHERS NEEDED
Hello! iHOLA! Let's Learn Together!
Every conversation opens a door.
To assist Lisa Sandstrom with Adult English Education classes
Early September
Please contact Lisa by AUGUST 17
✉ Lisa@nourishbpt.com

ENGLISH
COMMUNICATION
OPPORTUNITY
COMMUNITY

Language Connects Us

Ways to Give
Thank you for supporting the ministries of UCC Bridgeport.

Credit/Debit Card
Venmo @UCCBridgeportPayment
Mail
UCC Bridgeport
PO Box 1859
Bridgeport, CT 06601

You are welcome here!

FALL KICKOFF 2026

— OPEN DOORS. OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. —

Community Together. ♥

**FRI
SEPT
11**

Wine and Cheese



🕒 6:00 – 9:00 PM 📍 Tshon and Alvin Davis' home:
90 Nautilus Road, Bridgeport

*Bring your own app, drink,
& lawn chair.*

**SAT
SEPT
12**

COMMUNITY DAY



UCC hosting:
Recovery Network
of Programs
Service Vendors

**SUN
SEPT
13**

KICKOFF SUNDAY



Blessing of
the Backpacks
and our students

SERMON SERIES:
How Do You Use
Your Talents for God?
*Exploring the Role of our
Faith in our Work*

**TUE
SEPT
15**

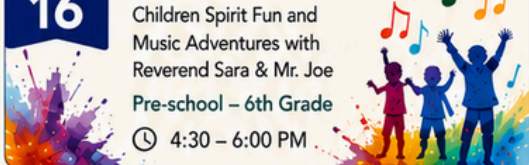
CONFIRMATION CLASS PART II



🕒 4:30 – 6:00 PM
with Reverend Sara

**WED
SEPT
16**

WOW Wednesday!



Children Spirit Fun and
Music Adventures with
Reverend Sara & Mr. Joe
Pre-school – 6th Grade
🕒 4:30 – 6:00 PM

**SAT
SEPT
19**

MEN'S BREAKFAST



🕒 9:00 AM
📍 Galaxy Diner

**SUN
SEPT
20**

DINNERCHURCH



🕒 5:30 PM
Worship with
Dinner and
Communion
\$10 per person

**STARTING
OCT
11**

Fall Bible Study

The Role of Covenant
in the Bible
(And how we stick
together today)

DATES:
October 11
November 8
December 13
January 10

📍 In the Conference Room, following Hospitality

→ All are welcome! ♥ ←



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*No Matter Who, No Matter What,
No Matter Where You Are in Life's Journey, YOU are welcome here!*

Summer Worship 2026 "The Lord's Prayer"

Enter to Worship...

Gathering Music

Greeting

Hymn of Praise

Call to Worship

Scripture Reading

Special Music

Sharing Our

Journeys

Pastoral Prayer with 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Song of Hope

Message

Offering Our Lives and Gifts to God

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here
below, Praise God of Life, whose name we call. O Holy One, who loves us all.**

Amen.

Our Church at Work

Song of Living Commitment

Blessing and Music for the Week Ahead

...Depart to Serve

The Lord's Prayer



TRADITIONAL – DEBTS

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 **debts**,
as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.



TRADITIONAL – TRESPASSES

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.



TRADITIONAL – ADAPTED FROM NEZ PERCE NATIVE AMERICANS

O Great Parent, You are our
Shepherd Chief in the most high place,
Whose home is everywhere, even
beyond the stars and moon,
even within me.

Whatever you want done,
let it, also, be done everywhere.

Give us your gift of bread day by day.

Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive
those who wrong us.

Take us away from wrong doings.

Free us from all evil.

For everything belongs to you.

Let your power and glory
shine forever. Amen.



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – INCLUSIVE

Our Father-Mother, who is in heaven, may your name be made holy.

May your dominion come, may your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today the bread we need; and forgive us our **debts**,
as we have forgiven our debtors;

And do not put us to the test, but rescue us from evil.

For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.



DID YOU NOTICE?

Debts. Trespasses. Sins.

Three traditions,
three different ways
of expressing forgiveness.
Each points us toward
reconciliation with God
and with one another.



NEW ZEALAND BOOK OF PRAYER – USED AT DINNERCHURCH

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.



FOR REFLECTION

How do different
words shape the way
we understand prayer,
God, ourselves,
and community?

Which version
speaks to you
most deeply
right now?
Tomorrow?

PRAYER HAS NEVER BEEN A SINGLE VOICE.
ACROSS CENTURIES AND TRADITIONS,
CHRISTIANS HAVE PRAYED THESE WORDS
IN MANY WAYS WHILE SEEKING THE SAME GOD.