



the SouthWind

June 1, 2019

Dear Friends:

Celebration for Rev. Dawn Karlson: I hope you are able to be with us on June 9th as we celebrate the ministry of Dawn Karlson among us. She has developed our Faith Journey and Youth Exploring Spirituality (Y.E.S.) programs, as well as expanded our youth service projects. She has given pastoral care to many, gotten her hands dirty in the Garden of Gratitude, preached and led worship at South Church, and touched many lives. We will miss her. We are receiving monies for a gift for her in the church office.

Summer Projects There are several projects happening at South Church this summer. Windows, roof and a new paint job are coming to the youth building, financed by our budget and hail insurance. There are Beneath, Between and Beyond (B.B.B.) tasks: the finishing touches on the Joan Schramm Memorial Garden and new landscaping will be completed, and the parking lot will be redone. We will let you know when the parking lot is not usable. Thank you to all of you who contributed toward B.B.B., you have enabled many wonderful things to happen here at South Church.

Thanks for your Time and Talent! Members and friends of South Church invest bountifully in the work of God through South Church. Our annual meeting voted on a slate of 54 people to carry out the work of our official boards and committees: Young Children, Youth, Deacons, Christian Outreach, and the infrastructure; Finance, Property, Stewardship, Music and Communications, and others needed to support them. Our choir and bell choirs (see Poet's Corner) rehearse every week and engage another 20 people who enrich our ministry every Sunday. And also the contributions of those groups not part of the official structure: the Memorial Garden Committee; the Bruce Porter and Salmon Brook Music Series; the Waste Not Want Not Community Meal; Good Company Theater; the Garden of Gratitude; and the Sow and Reap Garden Club; add another 75+ people, some are church members, some are not. Many of these groups are pointed outward toward our greater community enabling us to touch hundreds of lives every week!

Thanks for your Treasure! It goes without saying, yet we need to say it out loud and proud: this full and blossoming ministry of God's transformative love is not possible without people like you who give of your means to support this work! Your commitment makes a difference in the lives of individuals, the life of the Greater Granby community and the culture at large. Please help us to keep a steady cash flow this summer by remembering your pledge.

In gratitude to God who is Love,

Denny Moon



Articles for the **summer edition** of the *SouthWind* are due in the church office by noon **Wednesday, June 19**. Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due by Tuesday of each week. Your help with these deadlines is appreciated.



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FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

FOODSHARE: Mobile food share continues to be at South Church the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 12:00 – 12:30 PM. Food share gives out fresh fruits and vegetables to individuals and families in need.



GRANBY FOOD BANK: Thanks to those who faithfully support the Granby Food Bank by placing non-perishable goods in the basket located in the narthex. Currently there are over 100 households that come to the Granby Food Bank. Thank you for your continued support!

The altar flowers signup sheet for 2019 is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please check your calendars and sign up to honor or remember someone by providing flowers for an upcoming Sunday. Flowers from your yard are welcome!

JUNE WORSHIP AT SOUTH CHURCH

June marks the closing of our program year when we move to one service at 9:30 AM each Sunday. While Kaleidoscope Corner does not run again until September, we want you to know that children are welcome in worship. Our game and coloring corner is open for the kids and Pastor Moon always has a children's message in his pocket for kids that are with us.

We celebrate our youth the first two Sundays: our Faith Journey (Middle School) class on June 2nd and our Y.E.S. (Sr. High) Service Project Teams on June 9th. That Sunday will also be Rev. Dawn Karlson's last Sunday with us and we will celebrate her ministry among us.

June 2: 9:30 AM Worship Service; Communion; Faith Journey Sunday.

Join us to celebrate our youth having completed the two year program of faith formation. Our graduates will be honored.

Text: John 17: 20-26.



June 9: 9:30 AM Worship Service; Send off Sunday!

We say good-bye to Rev. Dawn Karlson and we commission our volunteers for their service projects to Ecuador and Heads Up! Hartford.

Text: Acts 2: 1-9; Sermon: "Lost (and Found) in Translation!"

June 16: 9:30 AM Worship Service; Father's Day

Text: Romans 5: 1-5; Sermon: "The Bridge from Suffering to Hope"

June 23: 9:30 AM Worship Service: Union service at First Church

Denny will be preaching (and on Aug. 11 we'll have a Union Service at South Church with Rev. Todd Yonkman, from First Church, preaching)

Text: I Kings 19: 1-15a; Sermon: "The Danger Zone"

June 30: 9:30 AM Worship Service

Text: II Kings 2: 1-2; 6-14; Sermon: "Let Go, Let God"

THE GARDEN OF GRATITUDE



If YOU love to get your hands into the earth, join the Garden team this summer! We're hoping for a good crop of food this year to support the Waste Not Want Not Community Meal!

In 2013, South Church first started our community garden behind the church, naming it, "The Garden Of Gratitude." A group of volunteers has been working in the garden ever since, planting, weeding and providing some herbs and produce to the WNWV meal. If you'd like to be part of the GoG team, let one of us know, or call the church office. Thank you!

GoG team: *Sandra Fischer, Shannon Jennings, Dawn Karlson, Debby Reelitz, Arlene Shannon, and Carol Williams.*

🎵 MUSIC NOTES 🎵

By **Mattie Banzhaf, Director of Music**



As the Choir winds down for the summer, and the handbells are all packed away, we look to the musicians of the congregation to step forward and volunteer during July and August.

Cindy Rising, Rev. Sandra Fischer, Dan Reisel, Roger Barrette, Jan Moody, and Christy Arnold (with her daughter Teagan!) are already signed up to sing; and instrumentalists Mary Jane Sullivan and Chris Lavigne will play. How about you? Please join the lineup. Email your preferred Sunday to Mattie c/o the Office, or speak to Mattie or Norman on a Sunday soon. Very soon!

The 2019-20 edition of the Bruce Porter Memorial Music Series has been set, re-inviting some of the "greatest hits" of this series. Jazz bassist Nat Reeves returns with his trio and poet Kate Rushin, an artistic "marriage made in heaven." The New England Ringers bring six octaves of handbells plus chimes, pipes, organ and percussion to ring in the Christmas season. Organist par excellence Jason Roberts will play masterworks of the King of Instruments, including another spontaneous improvisation on a theme he's never seen before. And CitySingers will bring a newly refashioned version of their wildly popular "Celtic Fire," magically recreated by director Suzanne Gates.

South Church services are deepened and widened by the diversity of music we bring. Whether vocal or instrumental, please add your voice.

THE BRUCE PORTER MEMORIAL MUSIC SERIES CONCERT SCHEDULE FOR 2019-2020

The schedule of performances for the Bruce Porter Memorial Music Series is arranged for next year! Please put these dates on your calendar:

- **Oct. 20, 2019 at 4 PM:** Nat Reeves Trio + Kate Rushin
- **Dec 8, 2019 at 4 PM:** New England Ringers
- **Jan 10, 2010 at 7 PM:** Jason Roberts, organ
- **Mar 1, 2020 at 4 PM:** CitySingers: Celtic Fire



Admission to the concerts is free, with a suggested donation of \$10 at the door to support the continuance of the series. The church is wheelchair accessible.



THE SALMON BROOK MUSIC SERIES AT SOUTH CHURCH: Thank you to all who supported the Salmon Brook Music series this past season. We are working hard lining up acts for this coming season! **So far, we have the following concerts tentatively planned: October 11, Susan Werner; November 15, Vance Gilbert and March 14, David Mallett.**

A NOTE FROM REV. SANDRA FISCHER

Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the past program year, I am once again amazed by the impact South Church has, not only on the spiritual health of its own members, but also on the greater Granby community. During my doctoral studies at Hartford Seminary this past year I was introduced to the concept of the “Halo Effect.” According to a Partners for Sacred Places study, the civic value an historical church can average is over \$1.5 million per annum. (www.sacredplaces.org/tools-research/halo-effect). South Church is such a place. Our impact flows beyond our membership and touches many people who feel South Church is their spiritual home even though they do not attend worship. South Church is home to AA, NA, and Al Anon meetings, yoga, Qi Gong, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Red Cross Blood Drive, Weight Watchers, Food Share distribution site, Waste Not Want Not community meal feeding 150 food insecure people weekly, a folk music series, a classical music series, a community theater, a storytelling group, a community based garden and education venue. Underlying all these activities are the church programs which include activities designed to spiritually support people in their entire life cycle, from infancy to their elder years.

As the religious landscape continues to shift nationally, our congregation is experiencing the daily realities of these changes. My role, as I see it, as your Associate Minister of Adult Spiritual Life and Outreach, is to continue to engage with you on ways to respond to these changes from a place of deep spiritual grounding. My studies at Hartford Seminary allow me to be on the forefront of research on effective responses to America’s evolving culture.

With regard to Adult Spiritual Life, I would like to thank our small group leaders Steve Miltimore, Jamie Scotto and Charlie Kuchenbrod. The year-long small groups which met monthly in the leaders homes, addressed the topics of God, Religion, Jesus, Salvation, Cross, Bible and Church. Thought provoking conversation, relationship building, and delicious food were part of the relaxed atmosphere these groups offered. The Advent Retreat I helped plan in conjunction with the UCC churches in Granby, East Granby and Hartland, provided an opportunity in the midst of the hectic Christmas season to reflect on deeper spiritual meaning, while joining together with members of several other churches. Finally, I engaged in one-on-one spiritual guidance with adult members of the congregation, primarily women.

Pursing my doctorate over the past two years has given me knowledge that I have been able to share with South Church leadership. We have reflected that my position as Outreach Minister, a/k/a “South Church emissary in the greater community” puts South Church ahead of the curve in response to the changing way in which people engage with faith communities. I provide spiritual counseling, and officiate at weddings and funerals of non-church members, while creating pathways for people to begin to share more fully in the life of South Church. This is in conjunction with the more traditional approach to membership growth, including print advertising, personal notes and phone calls to visitors, and new member education forums.

(continued following the Graduation announcements)

YOUTH NEWS AND HAPPENINGS!!



SUCH BEAUTIFUL MUSIC AND SO MUCH FUN: Our Y.E.S.! Group, along with Windy Hill Classical Guitar students, co-hosted a benefit concert for Ecuador. The guitarists played music from all over South America and the YES! group provided snacks and helped participants stuff 24 backpacks for students in Ecuador. Thanks to everyone who came out to support us!

South Church will send 9 youth and 2 adults to Guasmo, Ecuador from June 25 – July 6 to live with, and work with, families of the barrio to build homes as part of Adopta Una Familia.

Heads Up! Hartford: South Church will send 3 or more youth to Heads Up! Hartford to serve our greater Hartford community from June 21-28. Heads Up! was co-founded by our own Rev. Denny Moon and continues to be a vital way to connect youth from urban and suburban communities through service.



FAITH JOURNEY!

Our FJ class this year has had loads of laughs, a dip into meditation and a lot of discussion about what it means to move from childhood into adulthood. Hats off to our 8th graders who will confirm their commitment to their Faith Journey on June 2 at our 9:30 service: Finnan Gorman, Tyler Kroninger & Allison Wassick. PLEASE come and join us to support them!

😊😊 KALEIDOSCOPE CORNER 😊😊

Dear South Church Families,

What a wonderful year we have shared with our Kaleidoscope Corner children! We'd like to thank everyone who was involved in making this year a great year! It takes many hands and hearts to run Kaleidoscope Corner. We are already looking for teachers and shepherds for next year! If you are interested in signing up to teach a session next year please email Brita at brita.gotberg@gmail.com.

Let's stay connected over the summer! Post a picture on the Kaleidoscope Corner fb page. Be sure to share other's pictures with your kids!

Kaleidoscope Corner will resume on Homecoming Sunday, September 8th. Until then, please remember that ALL AGES are welcome in church. Look for coloring sheets and activities on the small table in the back on the sanctuary. Nursery care will be available throughout the summer.

Brita Gotberg, Phone: (860) 413-9138

SILVER LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER: Register at www.silverlakeect.org: for a weeklong camp for youngsters, teens and families from June 23-29 to August 4-7.

A NOTE FROM REV. DAWN KARLSON

"525,600 minutes... How do you measure a year in the life? How about love?"

-Seasons of Love, from the musical Rent

Dearest South Church community,

Measured in terms of moments of love, I have had an incredibly meaning-filled 4 years with you at South Church! Where else could I find myself singing one week, working with puppets for a children's message the next, getting my hands dirty in a garden the next and serving with our youth in Pine Ridge the next? Where else could I find myself rolling in laughter at youth group, taking a moment of silence in worship and moved to tears by a Faith Expression Project? Where else could I find myself working alongside a "dream team" of staff and lay leaders?

Measuring in terms of moments of love is so much of what South Church is about. I have been so blessed to be part of this community that touches lives with moments of love...through music and food and care of the earth, through hugs and gentle words and spirited discussion. Thank you, each and every one of you, for being just who you are and for supporting me in my ministries!

I will carry your love and many wonderful memories with me as Mark and I move on to upstate New York. You have been "set on my heart!" And now, I will "go forth into the world with your benediction imprinted on my heart as well... to serve God with gladness, to be of good courage holding fast to that which is good, rendering no evil and strengthening the fainthearted, supporting the weak, helping the afflicted, honoring all people, rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit."

It has truly been a Season of Love serving alongside you at South Church! My heart is filled and overflowing and for that I am humbled and grateful! As I step out into a new stage of my journey, I'm reminded that this is what spiritual life is... a journey into the depths of mystery, a journey that moves us outside of our comfort zones, a journey that brings us home. Here is a blessing for the journey:

If you could see the journey whole, you might never undertake it,

Might never dare the first step that propels you from the place you have known toward the place you know not.

Call it one of the mercies of the road: that we see it only by stages as it opens before us, as it comes into our keeping, step by single step...

There are vows that only you will know: the secret promises for your particular path and the new ones you will need to make when the road is revealed by turns you could not have foreseen.

Keep them, break them, make them again; each promise becomes part of the path, each choice creates the road that will take you to the place where at last you will kneel...

To offer the gift most needed-the gift that only you can give – before turning to go home by another way. (Jan Richardson)

In one spirit, Dawn

UCC RETREAT: We are planning another local UCC church retreat on December 14 in the evening. Please contact Rev. Sandra Fischer if you would like to help plan this event. Sandra:

sandrleafischer@gmail.com.

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS



STORYTELLING IS NOT JUST FOR KIDS! Adults are great storytellers and wonderful story listeners. If you want to get better at storytelling, or if you simply want to share some of the experiences of your life--or if you want to hear some wonderful

stories told, come to Personal Storytelling on **the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parlor.** We next meet on June 4.

THE SOW AND REAP GARDEN CLUB next meets on **Thursday, June 6 at 6:00 PM** for their end of year dinner out at Tucker's Restaurant. Lee French is the hostess. Sow & Reap will then take a break until the fall.



TUESDAY MORNING CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP meets on Tuesday mornings from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Library. There is no program, each person works on their own project or shows up just to chat. The Craft & Chat group is taking a break until the fall.

QI GONG WITH MARCEY HICKEY meets on **Wednesdays, from 9:30 - 10:30 AM, in the Youth Building.** QiGong is specifically designed to cultivate energy, using it to heal and strengthen every system throughout the body. This class is taught by Marcey Hickey, a certified Qi Gong/Tai Chi instructor and is suitable for any age or fitness level. Suggested donation is \$5 - \$10 per class. Qi Gong is taking a break until the fall.



YOGA: Join us for Tuesday Evening Yoga (Meditation in Motion) in the Gathering Room, from 6-7 pm, with Valerie Raggio. Yoga has proven to be beneficial to people of all ages in clearing the mind, reducing stress and anxiety and increasing flexibility. All are welcome!

Free will offering. Donations will be donated to South Church's Youth Missions. Our last scheduled class is on June 25. We will then meet again in the fall and possible once or twice over the summer. For more information, contact Val at: 860.306.2633 or email vraggio1@gmail.com.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: There is a blood drive in Fellowship Hall on **Friday, June 14th from 1:00 to 5:45 PM.** Please call the Red Cross, at 800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment, or visit: www.redcrossblood.org.



Thank you to the volunteers who take time out of their busy schedules to contribute to our church community. **This month our special thanks go out to:**



- **Debbie Finney and the Sow & Reap Garden Club** for the especially beautiful garden next to the sanctuary; and
 - **Dave Thompson and the Board of Property** for all of the projects they've been coordinating lately.
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GRADUATES



We would like to acknowledge and congratulate those in our church family who shared graduation announcements and future plans:

Graduating from High School:

Ethan LaVigne will be graduating from South Windsor High School. Plans TBA.

Emily Newman will be graduating from Granby Memorial High School and will be attending the University of Connecticut.

Clayton Rider will be graduating from the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts and will be attending the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

Caleb Sears will be graduating from Granby Memorial High School and will be attending the University of Massachusetts, Lowell campus.

Anthony Spica will be graduating from Granby Memorial High School and will be attending the University of California, Berkeley campus.

Ben Taylor will be graduating from Granby Memorial High School and will be attending the University of Connecticut.

Kathleen Varano will be graduating from Granby Memorial High School and will be attending Florida Southwestern State College.

Emily Wassick will be graduating from Granby Memorial High School and will be attending the University of St. Joseph in West Hartford.

Graduating from College:

Ben Karlson graduated cum laude from SUNY Environmental Science & Forestry with a degree in Forest Resource Management. His first job will be with the Great Alaska Lumberjack Show and then will work at Bartlett Tree Company.

Rebecca Rising graduated Magna Cum Laude from Syracuse University, with a dual major of Psychology and Biology and will be applying to medical schools.



A NOTE FROM REV. SANDRA FISCHER (continued)

It is amazing to me that I am completing my 8th program year with South Church. It has been a year full of learning and applying new knowledge to our congregation at a rapid pace. It bears noting that from January through March my hours were temporarily decreased from 15 hours per week to 7.5 hours as we responded to budgetary constraints. In spite of that limitation, together we were still able to share the joy of following Jesus with more people than we can count. As a reminder, I work only during the program year. The last Sunday I will be in attendance at church will be June 16th, and I will be returning August 25th. You will however see me in the Garden of Gratitude all summer long!

Blessings to overflow, Sandra

POET'S CORNER

We've discovered a few talented poets in the congregation so we've decided to highlight a few of their poems in the SouthWind, when space permits. If you have an original poem you would like us to consider publishing in the SouthWind (approximately 12 - 20 lines), please email it to:

office@southchurch.necoxmail.com.

PRAISE FOR MUSICIANS

By Dennis P. Moon

(May 22, 2019)

(We are indebted to those musicians who practice every week and perform on Sundays, every week. They are a blessing to us all. I offer this verse in thanks. Tune: Ode to Joy)

*Joyful, joyful choir members, sing your hearts out praising God,
Every Thursday, you rehearse as Mattie leads with wand and rod.
Sunday morning you return to join your voices into one,
We who listen often find our spirits into myst'ry spun.*

*Let the bells sound out with gusto, let all ringers take a bow.
Let the air be tremb'ling with your good vibrations here and now.
You who ding and dong on Wednesdays, seeking perfect harmony,
You create the music of God's own belov'd community.*

*Praise the Steinway! Praise the organ! Praise the fingers, feet and brain
Of the one who sends us soaring, Mister Norman McFarlane.
Oh, the rich and piercing chords which soften every hardened soul,
Oh, the postlude's flourish, thunder, making all that's broken, whole.*

*Let the congregation rise to sing of Love's un-altering call,
Some of us can sing like angels some have not the wherewithal.
Never mind, it makes no diff'rence if you sound like baaing sheep.
Out of tune cacophony, through love Divine, can sound so sweet.*

Please thank the musicians in our midst for all they do for us!



Effective Sunday, May 26th and carrying through until Sunday, September 8th (Homecoming Sunday) our WORSHIP SERVICE will be at 9:30 AM with only one service offered each week.



JUNE AT A GLANCE



Saturday, June 1:			Monday, June 17:		
<i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM	<i>Council</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM
<i>Faith J. Dinner</i>	Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM	Tuesday, June 18:		
Sunday, June 2:			<i>Yoga</i>	Gathering Rm.	6:00 PM
<i>Worship Service</i>	Sanctuary	9:30 AM	Wednesday, June 19:		
<i>OWL Retreat</i>	Youth Building	12:00 PM	<i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM
Monday, June 3:			Thursday, June 20:		
<i>Property</i>	Library	7:00 PM	<i>Chancel Choir</i>	Choir Room	7:00 PM
<i>Christian Outreach</i>	Teale Rm	7:00 PM	<i>Synod Travelers</i>	Youth Building	4:00 PM
Tuesday, June 4:			Friday, June 21:		
<i>Storytelling</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM	<i>HUH leaves</i>		
<i>Yoga</i>	Gathering Rm.	6:00 PM	Saturday, June 22:		
Wednesday, June 5:			<i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM
<i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM	Sunday, June 23:		
Thursday, June 6:			<i>Worship Service</i>	First Church	9:30 AM
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	Choir Room	7:00 PM	Tuesday, June 25:		
<i>Sow & Reap dinner</i>	Off-site	6:00 PM	<i>Deacons</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM
Friday, June 7:			<i>Ecuador Trip leaves</i>		
<i>Cello Recital</i>	Sanctuary	4:00 PM	Wednesday, June 26:		
Saturday, June 8:			<i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM
<i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM	Friday, June 28:		
Sunday, June 9:			<i>HUH returns</i>		
<i>Worship Service</i>	Sanctuary	9:30 AM	Saturday, June 29:		
Tuesday, June 11:			<i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM
<i>Yoga</i>	Gathering Rm.	6:00 PM	Sunday, June 30:		
Wednesday, June 12:			<i>Worship Service</i>	Sanctuary	9:30 AM
<i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM			
Thursday, June 13:					
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	Choir Room	7:00 PM			
Friday, June 14:					
<i>Blood Drive</i>	Fellowship Hall	1:00 PM			
Saturday, June 15:					
<i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM			
Sunday, June 16:					
<i>Worship Service</i>	Sanctuary	9:30 AM			



MAY WE INTRODUCE . . .
our newest members who joined our
Church Family on May 19, 2019

BOB AND CATHY GRANDAHL moved to Granby from Simsbury late in 2018. Bob is retired and Cathy works for Fidelity National Title Insurance. They have four children: Tyler, 31 and his wife Kristen; Andrew, 29; Austin, 29 (yes, twins); and Rebecca, 22. All are living independently and are doing well. Bob and Cathy are excited to become part of the South Church and Granby communities!

43 Day St. South, West Granby, 06090; 860-810-7395

PAM AND FRED JONES have lived in Granby for over forty years and have recently moved to Granby center. They are both retired. Fred owned Eastern Research, a market consulting firm and Pam worked in educational sales and consulting. Fred enjoys golf, fishing, hiking and is often found at the Y working out. Pam is a long-standing library board member and is active in the Granby Artists association. Both enjoy time spent on Sagamore Beach and time spent with children and grandchildren. They have come to South church because it is a vibrant congregation with a warm and welcoming community.

19 Copper Brook Circle, Granby, 06035; 860-653-2681

CLIFF LAWTON has lived in Granby since 1987. He is employed by CBS Manufacturing in East Granby. He is the father of three grown children: Kevin, Allison, and David. All three of them are married, with Kevin and David living in Bloomfield and Allison living in Freeville, NY. Cliff enjoys golfing, tennis, bowling, and always enjoys the bounty of his vegetable garden in the summertime. But more than anything, he enjoys spending time with his family and is so looking forward to the birth of his first grandchild - Allison is expecting in August!

14 Hickory Hill Way, West Granby, CT 06090; 860-693-8658

BARBARA LINTON has lived in Connecticut nearly all of her life and moved to Copper Brook Circle in Granby last December. Barbara is currently retired after a lifelong career dedicated to enhancing employee health and well-being within the healthcare industry. Barbara has two grown children: Robert, 26; and Elise, 24, who give her great pride and joy. She also has five sisters, all living in Connecticut, who are her best friends and playmates! Barbara enjoys many activities—hiking, skiing, biking, boating, painting, knitting, sewing and working out at the gym. She loves to travel across the U.S. and internationally. Barbara strives to live up to her dream of being “retired, happy, wild and free.” So far, so good!

29 Copper Brook Circle, Granby, CT 06035; 860-485-5424

+THERESA AND ZACHERY SMITH live in East Hartland. Theresa grew up in Granby, as did her parents. Zack was born and raised in Windsor. They have two sons: Charlie, who just turned 8; and Joshua who just turned 2. Both were baptized at South Church in November of 2017. Theresa recently accepted a position at the Town of Granby in the Human Services Dept, and is very excited to begin this new chapter. Zack makes automotive, airbrush and artist paint at a business in East Granby. Theresa and Zack love to spend time together as a family as much as possible (immediate family and extended family alike -aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.). They have 2 cats, a yellow lab, 14 chickens, 6 ducks, and 4 fish “who are just as much a part of our goofy family.” They say that the joy, kindness, love and peace that radiates from South Church drew them in, and convinced them to stay.

94 Granville Rd., E. Hartland, CT 06027; 860-416-4647

Welcome!