



# UU and You

*the monthly newsletter  
of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden*

*Ours is a religion of covenant rather than creed.  
Practicing Loving Community, Advancing Justice, and Nurturing Spiritual Growth  
are how we seek to live this faith.*

## From the Minister



“Return again, return again, return to the home of your soul.” Return again, as you have been regenerating here or away or both. Return again, in the spirit of coming home to your soul. “Soul” is the theme of our worship during the church year at hand—that is 2018-2019.

Like spirit, soul has meanings specific to each of us, yet we speak of the soul of community, of practicing loving community. Is the soul tangible, visible, or a topic for analysis? Not in my mind, not in my heart. I will not box it in any more than I will box in my notion of God, albeit the latter tends to be a more controversial notion in this faith that we share. Why, I sometimes don’t understand. I do recall my late friend and mentor, Rev. Dr. Forrest Church, observing that whenever anyone told him they didn’t believe in God, he would respond with: “Tell me about the God you don’t believe in; I probably don’t believe in that God either.”

As for spiritual, I struggle with this notion to which so many of us nod instinctively, assured that we know exactly what another means by “being spiritual.” The words of yet another dear mentor and friend, the late Rev. Victor Carpenter, during a conversation when I expressed my struggle with this term: “Jan, defining spiritual is like bottling fog!” Yes, Victor, yes!

Soul, God, spiritual, and yes, religious all are terms that I will not concede to any who would “bottle them.” Most bottled items have

expiration dates. These notions, these understandings, and these experiences have none.

In these days when so much of our energy is consumed by the social/political disarray, by the moral chaos in which we as a nation find ourselves, I recall the title as much as the contents of that book authored by my friend (fortunately without the adjective “late”) Paul Loeb, *Soul of a Citizen*. What does it mean to have the soul of a citizen? To engage, to commit, to step forth even if we have no idea where it will take us, and perhaps to understand the breadth and depth of loving community joined at the soul.

With anticipation for the year ahead, and love for each and all of you,

Jan

P.S. Thank you

<https://www.history.com/topics/halloween/jack-olantern-history>.

### **Minster’s Schedule**

Rev. Jan is here Tuesday through Friday 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM and by appointment. Phase 2 of her sabbatical extends from October 23 through December 2. Her pilgrimage to Vietnam with Soldier’s Heart (see [www.soldiersheart.net](http://www.soldiersheart.net)) is from October 29 through November 17.

Count on blogs posted regularly at [www.pastor.uumeriden.org](http://www.pastor.uumeriden.org). Count on receiving her Phase 2 sabbatical brochure by mid-October. Ongoing thanks to our Committee on Shared Ministry and our Worship Associates and the entire congregation for your support. Ongoing thanks to our Committee on Shared Ministry and our Worship Associates and the entire congregation for your support.

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## From the President

Dear Members and Friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden:

Today (September 30th) at the worship service, Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull announced to the congregational community that she would be retiring from our church in 9 months, on June 30, 2019. As she noted, today is her 76th birthday and she feels it is time for her to transition to new horizons. Many of us are surprised, some shocked, some tearful at this announcement. It will take us some time to have this news sink in, and we will all go through a wide range of emotions.

First of all, we wish Rev. Jan a Happy Birthday!! Please send your birthday wishes to Rev. Jan. On behalf of the congregation, I want to thank Rev. Jan for her service and dedication to our church over the past six + years. This last year will be her 7th with us. We are truly blessed to have her as our minister. I am comforted in knowing she will be with us for another nine months as we begin to prepare for the transitions to come. We will keep you informed about the search process for an interim minister.

Donna Stimpson  
President, Board of Trustees, UUCM

## In The Spirit of '76

'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be." Imagine that you're a leaf, a bright green leaf of summer chatting with your large green leaf family on an immense oak tree. The sun casts a glow on you, and you simply shine. It's high noon. You bask in the glow, when slowly, so slowly, the sun begins to dip. You're in shadow, but still graced by a day that will surely never end. Night comes; a balmy wind rocks you to sleep. The sun rises; a day that has never been welcomes you. Will summer end? You don't

even think about it. Day melts into day; night melts into night.

Then you notice. Where did that yellow come from, that trace of yellow you spot on your family members? Could it be that you're losing your own green? Could it be that you're becoming even more beautiful? You breathe in, you breathe out. Leaves do breathe, after all. Night falls. Come morning, you can't believe what you're seeing, but there it is. That hint of yellow on your neighbors has become a deep gold. Who wouldn't want to be bathed in gold, so it must be good?

Night comes; it's chillier. Morning arrives, and there's still a chill. You shiver a bit. Your whole family is feeling it. And by day's end, you notice that some of your friends are letting go. What dance is this? Shapes of burnished gold are flying on their own—off the branch, out from the trunk that you could barely see in the thick of summer. What a dance it is, this letting go. Will you dare to step out?

In the grace of autumn, "let it be a dance we do." In the depths of winter, "let it be a dance we do." With the arrival of spring and in earliest summer, "let it be a dance we do." For at the end of this year, on the 30th of June, I am leaving you. "Let it be a dance."

"To everything there is a season, turn, turn, turn..." Now is a season for turning. Green to yellow to burnished red. Holding on to the last drop of summer and then, letting go, joining the spiral dance...turn, turn, turn. Transformation of miracle into mystery is the bardo at the heart of this bargain that we make with life upon our first breath. We breathe in; we let go. We move in the circle and the cycle of generation and regeneration. We revolve. In this space that we inhabit on Mother Earth we move in yet another revolution around the sun.

In the spirit of 76, yes! In the spirit of revolution, yes! In the spirit of circling and cycling and turning, yes! Just moments ago, I turned 76. I am as much as I could possibly be in the spirit of 76. May I be so with all possible grace. As the leaves turn, so do I. As the leaves become burnished with ripeness, so do I. As the yellow, amber, gold, scarlet, and deepest of purples take flight in a dance whose time has come, so do I. It is time.

Ministry defers to seasons as nature shows us her colors. You called me; and so does the inner voice that says it is time for this prologue to a postlude. It is time for a song that heralds its closing measures.

But this is not all about me. You and I are still in covenant with ministry that is shared—every single one of you—you who are five years old, 10 years old, 35 years old, 55 years old, 95 years old. And yes, we have at least two nonagenarians in this congregation. Okay, who can explain nonagenarian? [Response]

The ripest among us are seasoned, well-seasoned. We have traveled around the sun so many times, we may be a tad dizzy from so many non-stop flights. But the greenest among us hold the energy of a launch. You're just getting started, with all the vigor and excitement of an adventure unfolding.

And so we travel together. For just over six years we have done so. Some of you have been in this congregation for well over six years, and some for a matter of months. Each of us, in the aspiration of loving community, is unwrapping the gifts of who we are. Each of us is giving and receiving in varying degrees of joy and commitment. Each of us is a strand of a banner manifest to our larger community that is ever unfurling. Each of us contributes to all of us, and who all of us are is ever shifting. Turn, turn, turn. We are in revolutionary mode.

What are we about? A few years ago we agreed—most of us agreed, for perfect consensus and Unitarian Universalism just aren't in the same universe—to a mission. It is a mission to which we aspire... "Practicing loving community, advancing justice, nurturing spiritual growth." None of us can do this alone, and it takes a sky-high bonfire of commitment even to do it together.

Shared ministry—yours, mine, ours—happens in my probably not so humble opinion through a weaving of the pastoral, the prophetic, and presence. What am I talking about and why? I realize that some of you probably deem my ministry as too social justice focused—too prophetic in word, action, and interaction—and prophets can be pains in the tuches. Some of you might deem my ministry as not spiritual enough, whatever in heaven's name that means, or maybe even too spiritual. Probably none of you deem my ministry as too pastoral. Can a professional minister ever be pastoral enough through the lenses of parishioners? As for presence, I and we can only aspire to be fully present to the person who is and the moment that is, but we can do so through melding mindfulness and compassion.

How does the pastoral, the prophetic, and presence weave into the transition that I have set forth, the imminence of my departure from a professional ministry with you?

In the time that is ours together I can never let go of invoking and trying to heed the call of that 8th c. BCE prophet, Micah: "What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God." Some might prefer a mildly edited rendition of this call: "What does Love require of us, but to practice justice, to love compassion, and to walk in awe with that which we understand as holy."

Micah spoke grist for the soul, and for the year at hand, our focus is "soul". For me, soul is the essence of a person, the core of a community, the center of a flame that ignites and sustains, energizes and enlivens us.

I cannot be true to my soul today without holding up what can happen when a woman speaks from the bottom of her soul of what happens when her essence was violated or what happens when she speaks truth to the power and privilege of a man who seems disconnected from his soul. Is this judgmental? It is. I am profoundly "p, blank, blank, blank, blank, d" at those who would trade their soul for raw power. The connection at the heart of the spiritual just can't happen unless soul meets soul. When power and privilege side with power and privilege, soul flies off the tree of life like leaves that never discovered how to dance in the sun. Yet a single person, a woman speaking out, other women speaking out, yet other women shouting their truth in an elevator to a lone person on what some might call "the other side", and that lone person listening and then casting a ray of hope on what seemed hopeless—what a gift of heart and soul. This is hope against hope with which we are each and all connected.

The prophetic dimension of ministry is the most difficult to honor and sustain. It is so for me, and it may be so for you. I know it is for my ministerial colleagues. Yet I believe that if I and we are to be pastoral with soul, we need be true to ourselves through actions that are prophetic. And we need to be intentional and attentive.

In the spirit of 76, yes! In the spirit of being and becoming, changing and transforming, yes! In the spirit of becoming who we are and more than we imagined, yes!

'tis a gift to be simple, but not to run from what is not at all simple. 'tis a gift to be free, but not so free, that we confuse freedom with you or I doing what serves just you or me. 'tis a gift to come down where we ought to be, knowing that a never-ending search for truth and meaning calls us eventually to let go from the familiar branch and free-fall dance into an autumn wind.

In prologue to Shel Silverstein's poetic wisdom, which we will soon hear from Max Caplan, let us "listen to the voice that speaks inside." As we do so, let's listen also to the voices that speak with heart and soul all around and heed the raw truth when those voices lack heart and violate soul. And then, let us garner the energy of this faith to rise up like the prophets, to pastor through deep listening, and to be present, wholly present, in the time that is ours to share.

In the spirit of 76 trips around the sun, I invite you all to join with me in being all we can be to practice loving community, advance justice, and nurture spiritual growth that transforms us beyond our imagining. From the autumnal equinox to the summer solstice, nine precious months, who knows what we can yet give birth to? Amen.

Goodbye—  
Summer waves its  
Warm goodbye  
Of sunflowers and  
Pools, joy of many  
School starts,  
Seeing all old  
Faces, a frown  
Pasted to the  
Face where a smile  
Once hung, they wish  
For the school to take  
Its leave, but nothing  
Gets in the way of  
Education, as the gold leaves fall, pools are  
Covered, as pumpkins are grown, watermelons  
Are tossed. Goodbye summer, hello fall.

Rhiannon Kline  
13 years old, 8th grade

## Upcoming Services

[www.uucentralct.org/worship](http://www.uucentralct.org/worship)

*Please arrive by 10:20 AM and be seated by 10:25 AM, so that we may worship together as the chimes ring out.*

### **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM**

#### *Intergenerational Worship*

#### *"Braided"*

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull

Worship Associate: Lisa Urso

On this Sunday of celebrating Indigenous Peoples in this land, we'll explore the many ways that those among us who are indigenous have enriched our larger notion of spirituality, even as those among us whose ancestors emigrated to this land as "settler colonialists" rarely honored the hospitality so freely offered. How does the reverence for life manifest in indigenous spirituality enrich the rest of us, and how might the rest of us learn the hard lesson of humility?

### **Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM**

#### *"Why do black lives matter? Why does it matter that we publicly declare it?"*

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull and  
Angie Swanger

Worship Associate: Jeff May

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how might the rest of us learn the hard lesson of humility?

Come enjoy a time of food and fellowship directly after the service. Please use this Perfect Potluck meal planner link to let people know what you plan to bring:  
[www.PerfectPotluck.com/RIMZ5910](http://www.PerfectPotluck.com/RIMZ5910). Once you take an item, everyone else who opens the link will see what food contributions others have signed up for.

**Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> 10:30 AM**

*Intergenerational Worship*

*"Soul"*

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull  
Worship Associate: Lynne Grobsky  
Soul belies definition. As the worship theme for this year, what are some of the dimensions of this amorphous notion? What swells in our hearts when we sing, "Return again, return again; return to the home of your soul"? What might be meant when some say that "the soul lives on"? What does it mean when a veteran suffering from what has been called moral injury describes the moment of "losing her soul"? Why is soul commonly associated with a way of being that is disembodied? Let's explore together and worship in wonder "with soul."

**Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

*"In the Middle"*

Worship Leader: Jeff May  
Worship Associate: John Sepples  
Halloween / Samhain is a tradition marking many things, including the traditional end of the harvest season, the entry point into the darkest part of the year, and the halfway point between the equinox at the beginning of autumn, and the solstice at autumn's end - just six weeks away.  
We all find ourselves "in the middle" in various ways, whether that be in the middle of a phase of our lives, at some point of indecision, some significant task, or perhaps how we see

ourselves in relation to a particular issue under debate. What does being "in the middle" feel like? Sometimes it may feel like being "stuck in the middle," a place we want to get out of; other times the middle may be the most essential part of the flow. Let us celebrate the ways that being "in the middle" may be the most important place we can be.

**Calendar of Events**

[www.uucentralct.org/calendar](http://www.uucentralct.org/calendar)

**Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM**

*Next Steps*

Have you already participated in a Getting to Know U workshop? Or, are you definitely ready to take "the next steps" toward becoming a member? Come participate in this workshop that is interactive and informational. Learn more about the faith that is Unitarian Universalism and how this congregation seeks to live it. Find out about the expectations of membership, and how you would like to tap your gifts and talents to enhance congregational life. Count on a light lunch and activity packets for children.

**Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM**

*Getting to Know U*

Who are you? Who are we? Why are we here?  
Are you new here? We would like to get to know you better. If you feel the same, please plan to join us for this introductory workshop in which Rev. Jan and a few other congregational leaders welcome you for a getting acquainted gathering. Who are you? What is your spiritual journey? What brought you here? Who are we and what are we about? Count on a light lunch and activity packets for children. To learn more and/or to register, please contact Membership Chair Molly Nolan at [mollynolan@gmail.com](mailto:mollynolan@gmail.com) or Rev. Jan at [revjcarlssonbull@gmail.com](mailto:revjcarlssonbull@gmail.com).

## Happenings

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**Tuesday, October 9th 6:00 PM**

### *Observance One Year in Sanctuary for Sujitno*

Please join Sujitno, family, and friends recognizing one year since Sujitno sought sanctuary at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden.

**Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 5-7 PM**

Black Lives Matter Banner discussion/2018 GA  
Ware Lecturer

A Discussion of the Black Lives Matter Banner that will be displayed on the front of the building. Dedication service on 10/14. If you are interested in gaining more information about it and why we are installing it, please come to this discussion. Part of the presentation will be the 2018 Ware Lecture from the UUA General Assembly. Plan to be inspired by the words of Brittany Packnett about the place where we find ourselves and where we must find ourselves as individuals and as a community concerning the impacts of racism and white supremacy culture. A discussion of the lecture and any questions concerning the BLM Banner will follow.

**Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 12:30 PM**

Book Discussion: "Small Great Things"

For more information, please contact  
[activejustice@uumeriden.org](mailto:activejustice@uumeriden.org)

## Ongoing Meetings/Activities

### Wednesday Worship

October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 7-7:45 PM

This twice-a-month gathering brings different lay leaders to share some of their spiritual practices in an informal, small-group setting. Sit

in our circle and enjoy readings, chants, music, and meditations, ending with a topical conversation. For more info, contact Trish at [arechair@uumeriden.org](mailto:arechair@uumeriden.org)

### Buddhanature Book Group

October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2-3:30 PM

All are welcome to share in monthly reflections and ruminations on the writings of contemporary Buddhist practitioners. Led by Pam Mulready, the group spends two months on each book studied. To find out the current reads, talk to Pam at [buddhanature@uumeriden.org](mailto:buddhanature@uumeriden.org)

### Hands-On Saturday

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 12 PM – 3 PM

Bring your scrapbooks, journals, knitting, a new project or whatever you've been working on; we'll supply the tables and fellowship! All ages & creations are welcome—invite a friend! For more info, contact Trish at [arechair@uumeriden.org](mailto:arechair@uumeriden.org). In October there is an opportunity to help make crafts for the Holiday Fair.

## Holiday Fair News

### *Seven Ways You Can Help to Make the 2018 UU Meriden Holiday Fair a Success!*

This year, the UU Meriden Holiday fair will be held on Dec. 7-8, and we need your help to make it an even greater success than last year's. We raised \$3,600 at last year's Fair. We can make it \$5,000 with your help, this year.

What can you do? Here are seven ways to help share your talent, time, and stuff! What can you do? Here are seven ways to help share your talent, time, and stuff!

**Crafts...** Do you have something you make that will sell, or can you find something on Pinterest that you can make? We can also offer

suggestions. It is more fun to work together, so we will also be holding craft workshops, including a few “Hands-on Saturdays.” Come and join us, or hold a craft workshop of your own. If you know of someone who would like to be a vendor at the fair, let us know. Please contact Diane at [deesmaz@gmail.com](mailto:deesmaz@gmail.com) or Trish at [trishs@cox.net](mailto:trishs@cox.net).

**Raffle Baskets:** We need baskets or basket items for raffles. Think in themes--kids, food, Italian, pets, etc. You can put together your own or donate items. Please contact Pat Stark at [Patstark0314@hotmail.com](mailto:Patstark0314@hotmail.com) to donate raffle baskets or basket items.

**Holiday Cafe:** We need a Kitchen Director and people to work in the kitchen. Friday night we will offer desserts and beverages; Saturday, grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup. Please contact Liz Hall at [lizhallyoga@gmail.com](mailto:lizhallyoga@gmail.com).

**Fun food** items to sell at the UU table. Examples would be “reindeer poop” (malted balls) in a fun package, fudge, homemade candy, etc. Please contact Diane at [deesmaz@gmail.com](mailto:deesmaz@gmail.com).

**Christmas Boutique:** If you have or have access from friends and family to gently used Christmas items for the Christmas boutique, talk to Harriet Gottlieb. Or contact Harriet at [shemoon26@gmail.com](mailto:shemoon26@gmail.com).

**Santa and Kids’ Area:** On Saturday, we will have activities and Santa for the kids. Is this an area where you would like to help out? If so, Please contact Liz Hall at [lizhallyoga@gmail.com](mailto:lizhallyoga@gmail.com)

**Cookies:** Of course, we will need lots and lots of cookies for the cookie walk. To sign up to bake cookies, contact Trish at [trishs@cox.net](mailto:trishs@cox.net).

One more thing, if you have an in with Mother Nature, please do whatever you can to ask for good weather!

## CYRE News

*An Invitation to our UU Scouts,*

This year, our church will offer instruction and guidance for any Scout interested in earning their Religious Recognition Award. Anyone enrolled in the Girl Scouts of America or Boy Scouts of America (future Scouts BSA) programs is entitled to earn and wear their religion’s emblem on their Scouting uniform after they complete the age-appropriate requirements.

For those who don’t know, the UUA and BSA severed ties many years ago. In 2016, they signed a historic letter of understanding which formally reestablished ties between the two organizations. This was due to the BSA finally becoming more inclusive.

Also, there’s been some controversy between the BSA and Girl Scouts, with the former now allowing girls. As Unitarian Universalists and as Scouts, I believe it’s important for us to work together to achieve our goal (which is the same). As such, the parts of the programs that overlap will be done together by Girl, Boy, and Cub Scouts.

I will serve in the role of “Advisor” or “Mentor” for any child who wants to learn more about how our faith shares many of the same values of the Scouting organizations. As many of you know, I’m one of the new Sunday school teachers and also a Cub Scout den leader in Middletown.

A Scout is Reverent (BSA)  
To Make the World a Better Place (GSUSA)

With Peace, Liberty and Justice for All (UUA)

Sincerely,  
James Dawson

## Social Justice Council

**Next meeting: October 28th at 9am– all welcome!**

We have begun the process of securing the Are you Registered to Vote?

Deadline for registering for 11/6/18 election: 7 days before

You can find a Voter Registration form in the front hall. Mail to your town's Registrar of Voters OR you can register online.

Requirements for voting are:

- A United States citizen living in Connecticut
- At least 17 years old and turning 18 before the 11/6 election
- If convicted of a felony, have completed confinement and parole

Do you know that you have to update your voter registration, if you have you moved to a new location within your town or to a new town, since the last time you voted?

Will you be away for the election on November 6, 2018? Contact your Registrar of Voters for an absentee ballot.

ALSO... Social Justice Council is seeking someone to organize a Voter Registration Table in downtown Meriden or your hometown. If you are interested, please contact [activejustice@uumeriden.org](mailto:activejustice@uumeriden.org) or Rev Jan.

## Communications

Do you enjoy writing or taking photos? Is Social Media your thing, but you're not into lots of meetings? Then the Communications Committee is for you. The Communications Committee is looking for people to take photos, create brochures, and work with social media and/or the UUCM website. Talk to Trish at coffee hour or email her at [trishs@cox.net](mailto:trishs@cox.net).

## Kudos and Thank You to:

All who have led our September worship services:

September 2 – “A Labor of Love” – Intergenerational worship led by Rev. Jan with Worship Associate Lisa Urso

September 9 – Intergenerational Water Communion and Ingathering – Rev. Jan with Worship Associate Lynne Grobsky and all of you

September 16 – “Creativity” – Intergenerational worship led by Lisa Urso with Worship Associate John Sepples

September 23 – Small Group Ministry Sunday – “How We Are Named” – Rev. Jan with Small Group Ministry co-facilitators Kathy Lindberg and Steve Volpini

September 30 – “In the Spirit of 76!” – Intergenerational worship led by Rev. Jan with all Worship Associates

August 19 – Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull with Worship Associate Lisa Urso – “Salt Air, Mountain Air, Fresh Air”

Randy Heath and all the members of our Property Committee who do so much to maintain and improve our facilities inside and out!

Liz Hall, who week after week cleans our sanctuary and more, in lieu of stretching our fiscal capacity to hire a custodian.

Our amazing teachers, youth leaders, and Children & Youth Religious Education Team: Richard Gault, James Dawson, Jeannie Jalbert, Karen Silva, Steve Volpini, Pat Stark, Deirdre and Cori Theriault, Jane Dioguardi, Jennifer Hadley, Trish Schneider, and Diane Szymaszek.

Our amazing youngsters, who teach us love and wonder every Sunday and who teach our teachers, so that all might learn and grow.

Our amazing youth, Samira Mayers and Dani Gomez, who have been and continue to be such a positive presence for our other RE children.

For all who should have been cited and were overlooked.

## Loving Wishes...

**Barbara Kline**, who on October 9 is having open heart surgery for a valve replacement at Hartford Hospital.

**Daniel Bull**, who is having cataract surgery on October 9 and October 23. **Phase 2 of Rev. Jan's sabbatical extends from October 23 through December 2.** She leaves for Vietnam October 29 and returns November 15. Stay tuned for her Phase 2 sabbatical brochure. Ongoing thanks to our Committee on Shared Ministry and our Worship Associates and the entire congregation for your support.

**Scott Barnard**, who continues to receive treatment for lung cancer and cope with ALS.

**Ad Sternberg**, who turned 93 in May and is in residence at Kensington Village in Meriden, yet comes regularly to Sunday services.

**Dorothy Farkas**, who turned 96 on July 7, and welcomes visitors. Dorothy is completely blind. You can reach her directly at 203-265-1405.

All who are moving through difficult times.

If you know someone who has contributed to this church in a distinctive way in the recent past or someone whose life happenings call for special wishes, please let Maureen Leahy know at [office@uumeriden.org](mailto:office@uumeriden.org).

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