

Music on the Green presents Rural Legend, a four-man band for a return engagement on Sunday, March 22nd at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. They play a unique blend of Irish folk songs and contemporary popular music with a combination of guitar, percussion, cello, bass and vocal harmonies. Members of the band include Steve Nivison, who grew up in Tolland and was christened and confirmed in our Tolland Church and Mark Weaver, who is Hannah Howe's son. They started playing together in bands in high school and have been going strong ever since. This is a family-friendly concert. A free-will donation will be accepted.

Youth Fellowship will be going to Laser Quest in Newington on Sunday, March 22nd. We will be leaving the church around 12:00 pm and returning around 3:45 pm. The cost is \$20. This is always a fun time. RSVP on the bulletin board across from the Youth Room.

This week's calendar... March 8 through March 15

Sunday	ALL DAY	Daylight Saving Time Begins
	8:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Joyful Voices/Children's Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Lenten Series (Youth Room)
	11:30 a.m.	White Fragility Lenten Series (Classroom)
	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 a.m.	Adult Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Coffee with Rev. Jeff (Dunkin Donuts)
Tuesday	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
	6:30 p.m.	Business Committee Meeting (Miller Room)
	11:30 a.m.	Retired Women's Luncheon (Casey's, Ellington)
	5:45 p.m.	Confirmation Class (Classroom)
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Rev. Jeff's Bible Study (Classroom)
	8:00 a.m.	Adult Exercise
	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	Old Post Village Meeting (Conference Room)
	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Classroom)
	6:30 p.m.	Mental Health Discussion (Miller Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting (Classroom)
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Foodshare
Friday	7:00 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
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	11:30 a.m.	White Fragility Lenten Series (Classroom)

Faith in Action

March 8, 2020

Welcome to UCCT! We hope you find today's service inspiring and the information below helpful:

- Infants and children are welcome in our worship. But, if it should occur that the worship is too confining for your child(ren), childcare is provided for infants and toddlers up through two years of age in the Nursery located right down the hall during the service. "Activity bags" and children's bulletins are available for your child(ren) to borrow by the front doors.
- We have prayer request cards available in the pew racks for anyone wishing the community to hold their joys and/or concerns in our prayers. Deacons and caregivers will wander up and down the aisles during the first hymn.
- Our Worship Service is televised Tues., 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon, on cable Channel 1070. Please check the Community Voice Channel 1070 or www.cvcct.org for the schedule listing or changes. Sermons are available on our website at www.ucctolland.org.
- Stay connected to us all week long at www.ucctolland.org, & Facebook at www.facebook.com/TollandCongregationalChurch. If you're interested in getting our weekly email newsletter, contact Rev. Jeff at jgallagher@ucctolland.org. Feel free to use our guest Wifi in church. Select UCCT_GUEST and type in the password "tollandchurch".
- Areas of Rescue Assistance: available at stairways during any emergency, especially for the differently abled. Emergency personnel attend these areas immediately upon their arrival. Please also notice that there are three exits from the sanctuary: one in the back and two in the front.

Caught without your wallet? There are many electronic ways to express your generosity!

- **UCCTolland.org** Go to the UCCTolland.org website. Click on About. Click Giving. Click either the PayPal Donate button or the button to Link to Online Giving button and follow the prompts.
- **GIVEPLUS+ Mobile** Download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Then you can easily make one-time or recurring donations directly from your smartphone.
- **GIVEPLUS+ Text** Send a text message to 860-322-5295 with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email.
- **PayPal Donate** (*from the PayPal app*) Go to the PayPal app on your smartphone. Click the Donate icon. Search "Tolland". Click on United Congregational Church of Tolland and follow the instructions. You won't need to enter all of your information as it will be sent to us by PayPal.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.–11:15 a.m. Please join us during Lent for a new study published by Thoughtful Christian, “Jesus Sees Women.” No previous Bible study experience is necessary to participate – copies of a background sheet to read for each session will be available on the table in front of the church office. To receive a weekly email of the background sheet, or if you have any questions, please contact Molli or Pastor Ruth.

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving has established \$100,000 in community funds for each of the towns in the Foundations’ region. This includes Tolland. Each town’s community fund will be handled by an advisory committee of town residents. If you are interested in identifying community needs in Tolland and desire more information about being a part of this committee, go to www.hfpg.org/tollandct or email us at hfpg4tolland@gmail.com

Youth Lenten Series In tandem with the adult sessions about the book *White Fragility* during Lent, Molli will be leading any interested youth (8th grade and up) in a series of deep conversations about race, whiteness, and why it’s so hard to talk about both of those things. Every Sunday in March, join her in the Youth room from 11:30–12:30. Lunch and blue cookies will be served! Please contact Molli at mmitchell@ucctolland.org if you have any questions.

The United Congregational Church of Tolland has received a generous gift to establish a fund for use in furthering our ministries toward peace and justice education, awareness and action with all ages in our church, community and beyond. The gift is to be used in keeping with the guidelines of UCC Justice and Witness Ministries, by responding to the call of Christ to build a more just, compassionate and inclusive world. If you would be interested in learning more, or in being part of a group that would explore some possibilities for using this fund, please reach out to Rev. Jeff. We will work to find a date that works for all who are interested, and all are welcome to join us!

Instant Church Directory We will no longer be using instant church directory. All directory information can now be viewed in Realm. Information on how to register and use Realm can be found on the main page on our website or in the church office. Please contact Keri Condos with any questions.

The next Retired Women’s Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at Casey’s Restaurant in Ellington. For those wanting to carpool, please meet in the church parking lot at 11:30. Please RSVP to Lyn McLeod at (860) 872-3055.

UConn Seatbacks We are looking for a new person – or preferably people – to coordinate the setback rentals at UConn football games. Dave Young has done this for the past couple of years and Steve Gudernatch for many years before him. It is an important ministry in the life of the church as it contributes around \$3,500 to our mission trip fund each year. If this at all appeals to you – and you’d like to learn more – please reach out to Moderator Midge Hurtuk, Vice Moderator Bailey Brenn, Dave Young, or Rev. Jeff. Please note that if there is not sufficient interest to continue this ministry, we will have to let it go – and once that happens it will not be available to us again.

Being Mortal Series A three- part discussion series on various issues of aging, serious illness, and dying will be held using Atul Gawande’s book, *Being Mortal* as a guide. The series will be held following worship, 11:30- 1 on April 19, April 26 and May 3 in the classroom across from the church office. The group will be limited to 15 because of limited space. *Being Mortal* is available at most libraries and at your favorite bookstore. Please sign up through the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ruth.

Tolland’s Food Pantry Needs Our Missions Committee is asking the congregation to consider bringing in specific items each week to help keep the shelves here in Tolland full. For the month of March the Food Pantry is in extra need of **mac n’ cheese, tuna fish, juice and cereal**. Thank you!

Rev. Jeff’s Bible Study Have you been thinking about giving the Tuesday evening Bible Study a try? If so, now is the perfect time! The group is now reading *Not in God’s Name* by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. This book is a critical look at religious violence along all different faith traditions and promises to be a very interesting read. We meet every Tuesday night from 7-8pm in the classroom at the church. All are always welcome—whether you’ve finished the reading, or not! For more information contact Rev. Jeff!

Youth Sunday Volunteers Are you in 8th-12th grade? Do you want to help with Youth Sunday on March 22nd, but were unable to attend the lock-in? Please join us in the Youth Room on Saturday March 14th from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Please contact Rebecca Vicki (rvicki07@gmail.com) with any questions

Easter Flowers Every Easter our church reaches out to members and friends of our church with a gift of Easter flowers from the chancel. Would you like to donate flowers this year? If so, please fill out this tear off, indicating if you would like to have the church distribute the flowers or if you would like to take the flower home for yourself after the 10am Easter service on April 12th. Please return to the church office by April 3rd. Your donation will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please return the form below, with your check made payable to UCC of Tolland no later than April 3rd. Any questions, please call the Church Office at (860) 875-4160.

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I wish to make a donation to the flower fund: **(Please Check and PRINT CLEARLY)**

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