

LINK 'N' TOWER

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When did I experience God today?

My challenge for each of us as we finish out the church year (which, by the way ends with the Sunday before Advent begins) is to ask **each day** “When did I experience God today?”

This spiritual practice may open you to experience God with all five of your senses in your common, everyday moments. Perhaps you will experience God in the sunrise or sunset, the rain or the wind, the autumn leaves or the first frost of winter. Perhaps you’ll experience God through time in prayer, listening to music, quiet meditation, or reading scripture. Maybe you’ll find God dwelling within someone you meet on the bus, train, or in the grocery line. You can meet God in the eyes of a child, or any child of God of whatever age! You can experience God anywhere you may happen to be, IF you’re paying attention.

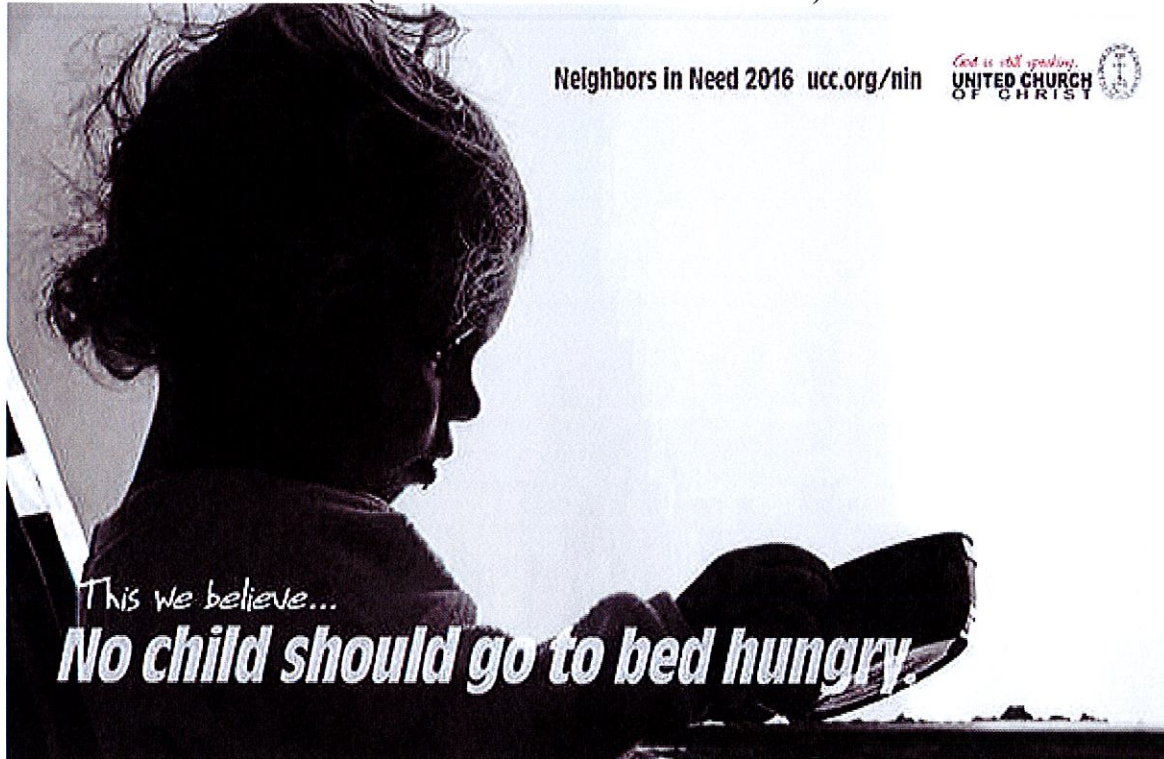
I have something for EACH of you! Come to church to receive your special something from me.
Shalom, Melanie

MEET OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER



Our Organist/Pianist/Choir Director Search Committee has been busy during recent weeks. We received six resumes. Melanie has had phone conversations with all of them, and we’ve interviewed and listened to two. The Committee has made their recommendation and would like to introduce you to our new staff member, Julian G. He begins ministering with us **Sunday, November 13th** during worship. Please welcome him with the love that is Collenbrook United. We look forward to many years of Julian growing with us! Welcome!

NEIGHBORS IN NEED
(November Mission of the Month)



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

Change Your Clocks!

Don't forget to change your clocks *back* one hour on Sunday, **November 6th!!!** Daylight savings time ends so you get an hour extra sleep but make sure to wake up for worship.

Stewardship Touched by Giving/Touched by Receiving

When we pray, our lives are changed. When we pray, others lives are changed. God touches our lives with both our giving and receiving, too. Come worship with us to discover more about how deeply we are touched by the Spirit of God through our stewardship on **November 13th and 20th.**

Spare Change

Our spare change jug isn't even ¼ full! Bring your spare change every week and drop it in the jug. Every penny counts toward overcoming our budget shortfall. Let's see if we can fill it by December 31st!

Information on Joining our Collenbrook Family

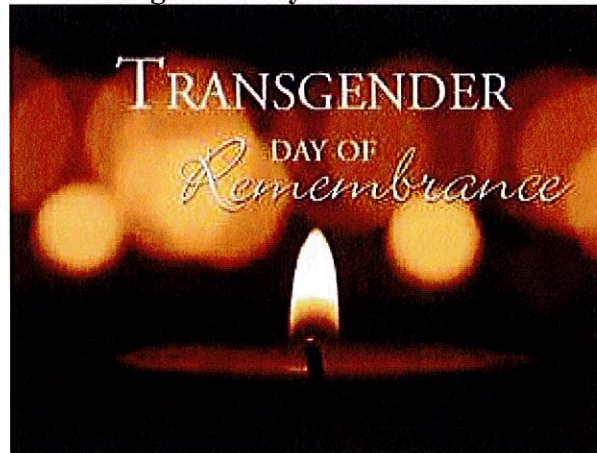
Are you or someone you know interested in joining the membership of Collenbrook United Church? Please speak with Pastor Melanie as soon as possible as we're ready to host an introduction gathering soon. We're so excited to welcome you into our midst.

Annual Thanksgiving / Community Dinner



This year we are again hosting our Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner, with all the fixings on **Saturday, November 19th** from 5-7 pm ! But it is also our Free Community Dinner as well so it'll be even bigger than before! Please make sure you let us know how many of you are coming so we plan effectively! You can use the link here collenbrookunitedchurch@gmail.com or use the sign up sheet at church. We need a head count as soon as possible so preparations can begin. This is a set menu event and people will be needed to prepare menu items so if you are willing to help with cooking, setting up and tearing down, please state that as well. The chair for this event is Pat L.

Transgender Day of Remembrance



On **November 20th**, please join us in remembering Transgender persons during our worship service. A portion of this service will be reading the names of those who've been brutally killed in the United States during this past year. We remember them, affirm their humanity and grieve the world's loss.

Advent Begins

Advent begins on the Sunday following Thanksgiving, **November 27th**. You won't want to miss a thing! We have so many exciting things happening! The choir is singing a *Christmas Cantata* on Sunday, **December 18th** entitled "Joy!" Our Advent Candle Lighting includes choir, bells and congregational singing. There is something for everyone so invite your family, friends and neighbors to worship.

New Organ



Good news! After months of research and exploring options, the Council has made a choice on a new organ for our sanctuary. The organ chosen is a Rogers Classic Series 569 for \$30,000. The organ has been ordered and will arrive within 5-6 weeks, so we will be up and running with it before Christmas. In the meantime, please be patient with us as there will be a few changes needed in the chancel to accommodate our new instrument. This dream is now going to be a reality. A huge thank you goes to Pat S. and Pat L. for researching and hearing organs for months!

Confirmation Class

After the holidays, Pastor Melanie will be starting a Confirmation Class for our youth. So far, she has five ready to begin this process of learning and discerning. If you know of others who may be interested, please speak with Pastor Melanie. This is an exciting time in the life of our youth, and we're looking forward to journeying with them.

Yankee Candle Time is Here

Our fundraiser Yankee Candle Sale **ends Sunday, November 13th**. Please make a last push in the next few weeks to both sell and encourage people to purchase online. **BRING ALL ORDER FORMS TO CHURCH WITH YOU ON or BEFORE NOVEMBER 13TH!** To guarantee pre-Christmas delivery they must be shipped in on Monday, November 14th. Your sales should NOT include sales tax as we're tax exempt (except online sales). But **DO** include your payments from orders with your order forms. Checks are to be made out to Collenbrook United Church – memo – Yankee Candle.

CHURCH INFORMATION - NEW

Pastor Melanie has changed her days off to Mondays and Fridays, at least for now. She was finding herself working many Tuesdays due to various meetings, etc. Therefore, Melanie will be in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please call the church or drop in during those days if you would like to speak with her. It is always a good idea to call ahead just to make sure she is available. Please remember there are times when she is out of the office during these days working on church or denominational business.

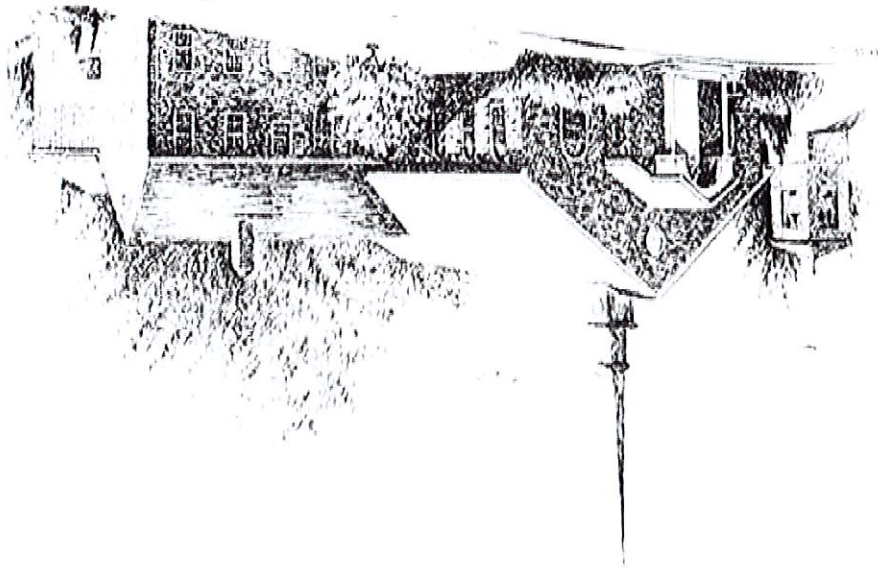
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COLLENBROOK UNITED CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7pm Council	2	3 7pm AA	4 7-10pm Podowan	5 3pm AA
6 9:30 Choir 10:30- WORSHIP communion 1-7 Podowan 7:30 AA	7	8 Election Day	9 7pm Bell Choir	10 7pm AA	11 7-10pm Podowan	12 Yankee Candle forms due 3pm AA
13 9:30 Choir 10:30- WORSHIP 1-7 Podowan 7:30 AA	14	15	16 7pm- Bell Choir	17 7pm AA	18 7-10-pm Podowan	19 5-7pm Thanksgiving Dinner 3pm AA
20 9:30 Choir 10:30- WORSHIP 1-7 Podowan 7:30 AA	21	22	23 7pm- Bell Choir	24 7pm AA	25 7-10-pm Podowan	26 3pm AA
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