



CHAPEL HAPPENINGS

SPRING 2025

DR. ROSANNA ANDERSON CALLED AS SETTLED PASTOR

At its annual meeting on Sunday, February 2, 2025, the congregation and friends of Union Chapel voted to call the Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson as their settled Pastor. This means that, after having served an initial three-year term, Pastor Rosanna will continue as the pastor of Union Chapel.

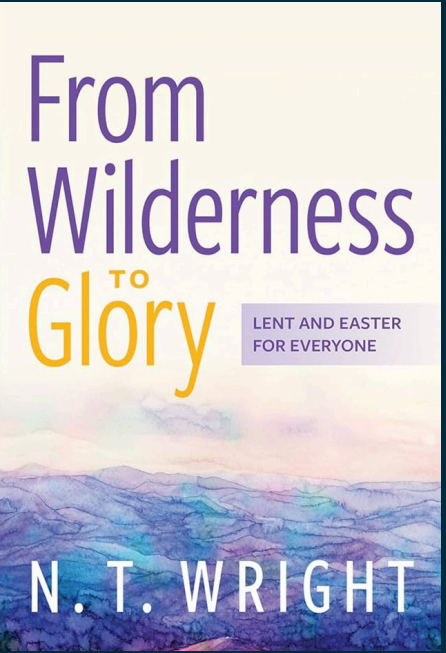
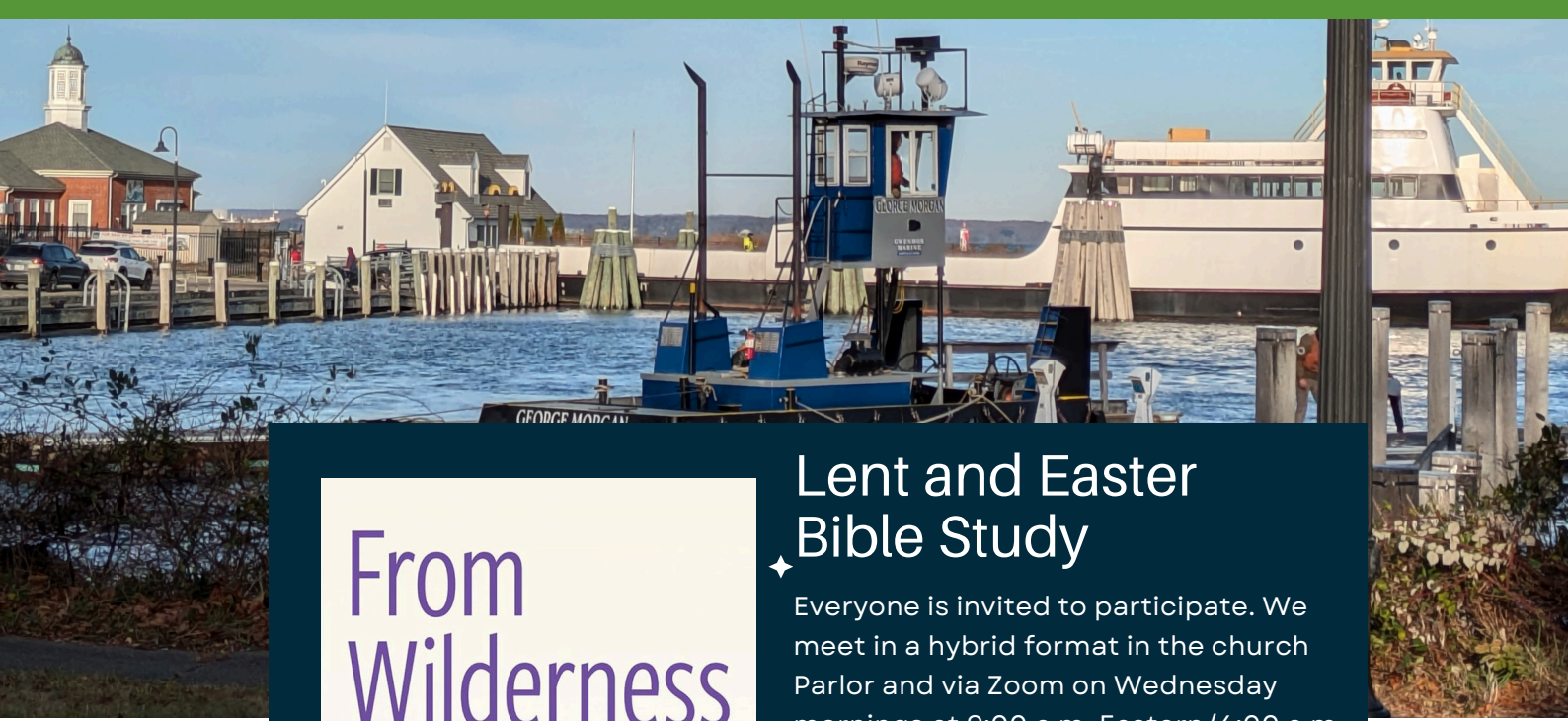
After a thorough process of discernment and community engagement, Union Chapel's Pastor Discernment Committee recommended Pastor Rosanna to the congregation with these words: "In our conversations together and in the congregation's feedback through the Listening Sessions, we conclude that Union Chapel is grateful for and pleased with Pastor Rosanna's spiritual leadership, noting particularly her faith, warmth, positivity, and resilience." Pastor Rosanna enthusiastically responded to the invitation to become the settled pastor during the congregational meeting and expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to minister to the congregation and the island community.

When Pastor Rosanna first arrived on Fishers in December 2021, old-timers cautioned her that winters here could be long and tough. But she survived—and thrived—that first winter by engaging in her hobbies, which included gemology and reading the novels of Jane Austen, and by finding and fostering community. "I love Fishers because we are such a connected community," she said. "We are here for one another in a way that's hard to replicate anywhere else."

Her husband, Dr. Clifford Anderson, is director of the Divinity Library at Yale University. Their son, Theodore, attends Fishers Island School. Their family has a Jack Russell Terrier named Jade.

● PHOTO OF PASTOR ROSANNA AND THE ANDERSON FAMILY





Lent and Easter Bible Study

Everyone is invited to participate. We meet in a hybrid format in the church Parlor and via Zoom on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Eastern/6:00 a.m. Pacific. This study will run from Ash Wednesday, March 5, through April 23, the Wednesday after Easter. The link is on our website.

We will read and discuss *From Wilderness to Glory: Lent and Easter for Everyone* by biblical scholar N. T. Wright (Westminster John Knox Press, 2025).

Lent and Easter Events

March 5 Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

March 5 - April 23 Lent and Easter Bible Study from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Church Parlor with hybrid format via Zoom

April 13 Palm Sunday Worship and Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Union Chapel and via live stream

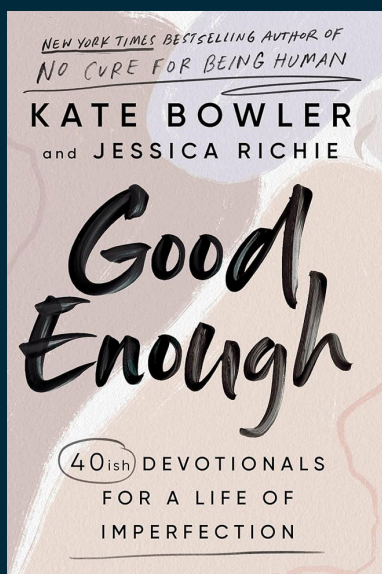
April 18 Good Friday Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

April 20 Easter Sunrise Service 6:00 a.m. at Dock Beach

April 20 Easter Sunday Worship and Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Union Chapel and via live stream

Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie
We meet in a hybrid format in the church Parlor and online from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

We will meet April 30 through May 28.





Board Game Café

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.
March 22, April 12, and May 3

Intuitive Collage

Sundays at 3:00 p.m.
March 23, April 13, and May 4

Tots Time

Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Casual conversation and snacks



Senior Lunch

Third Thursdays at noon
March 20, April 17, and May 22

Jukebox Nights

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.
March 29 Concept Albums
April 26 Woman Artist
May 17 Singer/Songwriter



Join in These Activities!



Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

We are glad to sponsor this important group that meets year-round.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Anonymity is AA's commitment and practice.

Meetings in the fall, winter, and spring are held virtually via Zoom.

Summer meetings are held via Zoom and in person occasionally at Union Chapel.

To connect with the facilitator, email info@finyaa.org.

NEW PROGRAM



This album was selected by voting between four classic albums from spectacular African American artists, in honor of Black History Month. The other albums in the running were, Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On", Michael Jackson's "Off the Wall" and Roberta Flack's "First Take". Any one of these would sound amazing in the sanctuary! Each month the Juke Box will have a theme to help guide the selections. Each album is presented with some background information about the artist and the album. The attendees voted by placing a spoon on the album they wanted most while socializing and getting settled for the listening session.

We had an excellent first time at Juke Box Saturday Night, with 16 people in attendance! The idea for the night is to recreate a "HiFibar" as seen in Japan. A place where people gather to listen to record albums and minimize socializing in order to fully enjoy the music. Our group enjoyed fellowship and snacks before and after and sat in quiet meditation as we listened to the beautiful album, "Talking Book" by Stevie Wonder. This album is from 1972 and was Mr. Wonders 15th studio album. It was released on Motown Records and is considered to be a classic. It is listed at #59 on Rolling Stones top 500 albums of all time.

Attendees sat in the fellowship hall and the sanctuary, some laid back in the pews and listened. Everyone was very respectful of the format and said they appreciated the time to really soak it all in. One benefit of listening to the whole album, and not just the hits, is finding out there are other songs by an artist you might have missed, such as the "B-sides" and the other parts of the albums that we forget. This group really loved the song "Big Brother" as well as the hits like "Superstition".



For March we will be exploring Concept Albums. These are albums where all of the songs work together to tell a story or convey a central theme. We invite everyone to attend and see what is spinning next!

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Fishers Island Churches Golf Classic is a golf tournament traditionally held on the weekend before Memorial Day weekend for the benefit of the island churches. The community supports this special tournament through donations of time, gifts, tee sponsorships, auction items, & tournament proceeds. The money raised from this tournament is split between the four churches. We are grateful for the tremendous support we receive from the Fishers Island Club and our contributors. If you would like to be a sponsor or donor, or would like to register, we welcome your participation. For more information, contact Laurie Finan at laurie@shuttersandsails.com



Spring Fair

Saturday morning, May 24

Memorial Day weekend

Union Chapel courtyard

To set up a table for free,
contact Laura Chapman at

laura.chapman@fiunionchapel.org.



Silver Lake Information Session

Learn more about the fun and nurturing activities offered this year at Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center. Aila Brennen, the Program Director, will visit us to give a "Minute for Mission" presentation during worship and talk more and answer questions during a festive coffee hour on April 6.

Easter Flowers

Would you like to make a donation to the church for Easter flowers in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one? Please email [Becky Walters](mailto:becky.walters@fiunionchapel.org) at becky.walters@fiunionchapel.org with the details. Bring your check to the church office or mail it to Union Chapel, P.O. Box 192, Fishers Island, NY 06390. The deadline for inclusion in the bulletin insert is noon on Tuesday, April 8.



2024 Mission Gifts



Silver Lake Camp

Silver Lake Camp and Conference Center is a ministry of the Southern New England Conference of the UCC. Our gift will fund four scholarships as part of a special appeal this year.

website: <https://www.sneucc.org/outdoor-ministries>



New London Community Meal Center

Dr. MaryAnn Martinez, Executive Director, 12 Montauk Avenue, P.O. Box 945, New London, CT 06320
DINE program stands for Diversity, Integration, Nutrition, Excellence

Website: <https://www.newlondoncommunitymealcenter.org/>



Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center

Executive Director Susan Sedensky, J.D., 27 Chase Street, Pawcatuck, CT 06379
Phone: (860) 599-3285

Website: <https://pawcatuckneighborhoodcenter.org/>



Supports victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, trafficking

Katherine Verano, Chief Executive Officer, 16 Jay Street, New London, CT 06320
Phone: (860) 447-0366

Website: <https://safefuturesct.org/>



Spiritual Care Manager, Rev. Jessica Sommar
Lawrence + Memorial Hospital, Attn: Office of Development, 365 Montauk Ave, New London, CT 06320

Website : <https://www.lmhospital.org/patients-visitors/visitors/chaplaincy-program>

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Little Pebbles

Ministry with widows and orphans in Guatemala, providing job training, medicine, etc.
Varena Brooks, President, P.O. Box 305, Fishers Island, NY 06390

Website: <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/47-3717678>

Wildlife Ranger Health Initiative

Ministry developed by Dr. Chris Ingram and Christian Dietrich to support health and wellness projects for wildlife rangers on the front lines of protecting endangered species and natural habitats in Africa.

Website: <https://donatestock.com/wildlife-ranger-health-initiative>

Wycliffe Bible Translators

Interdenominational, non-sectarian, nonprofit - a favorite of Dr. Barbara Hoch's
President and CEO Dr. John Chesnut, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862

Website: www.wycliffe.org

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***"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).***