

Board and Committee Reports for January 2021

Deacons

- The Deacons' Fund appeal via video in the Virtual Christmas Eve Service was very successful, bringing in over \$3,500, as well of lots of positive feedback.
- The Deacons' Annual Report has been completed and submitted.
- Senior Deacons have spent some time clarifying the use of the different Deacon accounts and the budget line. Funds have been re-allocated to the appropriate accounts. A document explaining the different accounts and their uses has been uploaded to the Deacons' Google Drive, along with other reference documents for deacons.
- Debbie Pallatto-Fontaine, who would have been moving up to Senior Deacon, has taken a position as Interim Minister at the Storrs Congregational Church. It would be inappropriate, therefore, for her to hold the position of Senior Deacon at FCCW. A 4Way Covenant has been recommended if she wants to remain on the Board of Deacons. She is considering this.
- Charlene Swanson and Bruce Staehle will be the new Senior Deacons.

Outreach

- **ONA 18th Anniversary on Jan 16:** Debby Kirk sent a letter to Villager newspaper editor in December to outline our ONA ministry. Jan 17 worship included a video welcome with our ONA statement and the rainbow flag. Members are invited to record their own 60 sec statements on 'what does ONA mean to me' by January 27.
- **Martin Luther King Commemoration on Jan 18:** Greater Putnam Interfaith Council and NAACP hosted a zoom gathering that featured former CT State Rep. Bill Dyson and information on racial profiling <http://www.ctrp3.org/> Rev. Kevin and several members attended. Donna Dufresne shared her original song "Walkin' with the Wind.
- **Soup Collection for Daily Bread on Feb. 7:** Outreach will host an outdoor coffee hour and soup collection on Super Bowl Sunday. Stop by church after worship from 11:15 to 12 and donate canned Soup or cash for Daily Bread. Jen Duggan has created an ad to be included in worship. Donations will assist local families who are struggling with food insecurity.