

## LINK 'N' TOWER

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Grace and peace to you, Collenbrook family and friends! I want to take this opportunity to inform you about a temporary display which will be installed on October 28<sup>th</sup> and removed on November 11<sup>th</sup> on the church property. It is called **Memorial to the Lost**.

The Memorial to the Lost commemorates those who have lost their lives to gun violence in the previous year. We are partnered with Heeding God's Call, a faith-based organization and movement to prevent gun violence and it is their goal to provide support and resources for faith communities to form multi-racial, ecumenical and interfaith partnerships on both social and legislative levels to prevent gun violence.

Handguns reach streets and neighborhoods through a highly developed illegal trade – gun trafficking. These guns are used to threaten, wound, maim and kill. Some of the victims of gun violence are children who are caught in the crossfire. The linchpins of gun trafficking are criminal entrepreneurs, traffickers, and straw buyers who stand in for them to make their bulk purchases and gun dealers who look the other way and enjoy the profits.

The Memorial is a powerful display of the real tragedy of gun violence and is comprised of stands and t-shirts; one t-shirt represents a victim of gun violence and is personalized with the name of the victim, the age of the victim, and the day of passing of that victim. Each life is precious, and each loss of life through gun violence is tragic and senseless.

As parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters of small children, we all know they will ask questions. In giving you some advance notice, you'll have some time to think about how to address that child's questions in ways that are informative yet not frightening. This is a teaching opportunity and offers an invitation to healthy and constructive conversation with family, neighbors, friends and faith communities. I would encourage all to take time to walk the display and feel the presence of these souls lost to us through unnecessary violence.

Shalom,  
Melanie

# RUMMAGE SALE



**Friday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>; Saturday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>**

November is fast approaching and Collenbrook United Church has a lot going on. First, the church's biggest fund raiser of the year –**FALL RUMMAGE SALE**. These rummage sales help Collenbrook meet our yearly budget so we can continue to keep our doors open and do ministry. If we are forced to close our doors like so many churches are doing then not only will Collenbrook be displaced but so will all the groups that use our building....Podowan, Ancona, Girl Scouts, Charity Boot Camp, Yoga, Civitan, etc. Our rummage sales are important to the ongoing life of this church so all are asked to participate as you are able. **Pat Lawrence-Caldwell** will be heading it up again so talk with her about what you can do to make this the best rummage ever. Since this is in November, we will be focusing more on Holiday things but all clean, gently used items will be accepted starting on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> in the sanctuary. Please call church office to be let in if door is locked. Sale begins **Friday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 9-3; Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 9-noon.**



Church Thanksgiving Dinner: this year we will be celebrating all God has blessed us with as a church family **Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**. This is a pot luck (Turkeys and stuffing will be provided) so bring your favorite side dish or dessert (look for sign up sheets). This is open to all church members and friends of Collenbrook (and their families) but be aware this is not the community dinner which takes place the last Thursday of November.

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED**  
(November Mission of the Month)

## **Yankee Candle Fundraiser**

Yankee Candle ends November 12<sup>th</sup> for paper orders. Remember, you can still have family and friends order online through the end of the year.

## **EXCITING THINGS**

**COMMUNITY DINNERS** are always a fun time and are growing. We fed over 100 people last month and are planning for that amount again. To that end we desperately need financial donations to help keep this ministry alive. If we can buy most of what we need in bulk we save money and it doesn't become a financial burden to just a few people. Also, it has always been the goal to serve as many outside community people as possible but our space is limited so we ask that if you are a member of Collenbrook to please allow our guests to sit and eat first. **Next Dinner is on November 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 pm.**

**MUSIC** programs at Collenbrook include adult vocal choir (**Sundays at 9:30 am**) to handbell choir and ensemble (**Wednesdays 7 pm**). We also have so many talented musicians who help us in worship throughout the year from classical flute to folk guitar to African drums so if you love to sing or being a part of an ensemble or play an instrument, feel free to come to rehearsals (check calendar) or let Bill (organist/choir director) or Pat L (handbell director) know of your interest.

## **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 2017

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 9:30 Choir 10:30 WORSHIP	2	3 rummage drop off	1 rummage drop off	2. rummage drop off	3 RUMMAG E	4 RUMMAGE
5 9:30 Choir 10:30 WORSHIP	6	7 7pm Council	8 7pm Bell Choir	9 11:30 Circle Meeting	10	11 9am Mens Breakfast 2pm Memorial Service-Pat Szabo
12 9:30 Choir 10:30 WORSHIP YC ends	13	14	15 7pm Bell Choir	16	17	18 Church Dinner
19 9:30 Choir 10:30 WORSHIP	20	21	22 7pm Bell Choir	23	24	25
26 9:30 Choir 10:30 WORSHIP	27	28	29	30 5PM COMMUNITY DINNER		

### LEGEND

Sanctuary – S

Choir Room – CR

Fellowship Hall – F

Chancel – C

Off Campus – OC

Office - O

Downstairs Room - DR

Nursery - N

*Remember we have non church groups that use our building during the week:*

Ancona Montessori: Monday – Friday from 7am-6pm

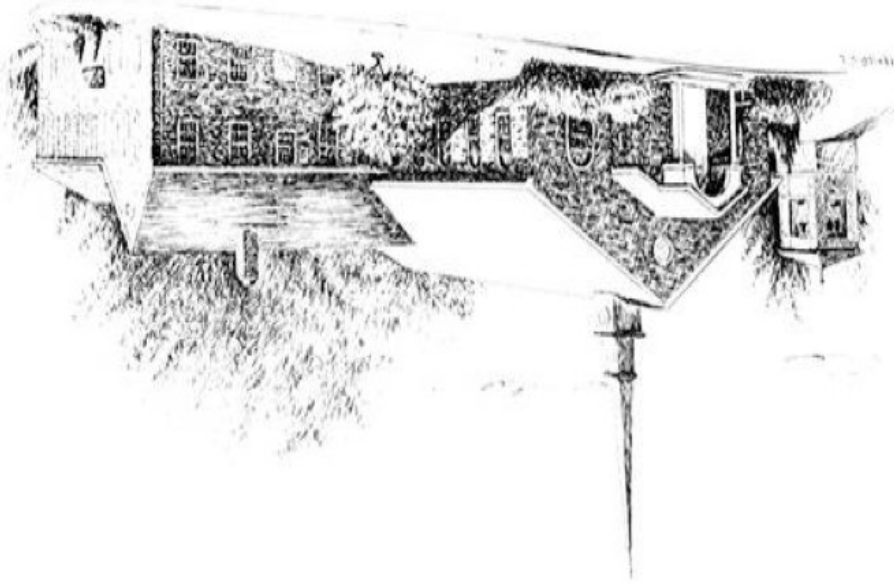
Podowan: **Sundays @ 1pm; Fridays @ 7pm**

AA groups: **Sundays @ 7pm; Thursdays @ 7pm; Saturday @ 3pm**

Daisy Scouts: **every other Monday evening**

Civitan: **every other Wednesday @ 5pm**

Yoga: **Tuesdays @ 7pm; Thursdays @ 6pm**



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