

## *Follen Connections*

Dear Follenite,

Happy New Year and hello from your Stewardship Team! We've been meeting weekly, and our group has been amazed and thankful that in this challenging year of church construction, we can continue to feel connected to each other by our participation in so many wonderful programs at Follen. We started listing them and came up with a really long list! (See below.)

We'd love to hear back from you about the areas at Follen you find most meaningful. If we've missed anything, please let one of us know. And, when you meet with your Steward, we'd love to talk with you about the areas of Follen you're engaged in ... and the ones you'd like to learn more about.

Our Annual Pledge Drive will be getting under way on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please think about the programs that have had a positive impact on your life and then please pledge generously.

As you know, pledges you make now are payable between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020. A Follen Steward will be contacting you shortly after the completion of the Stewardship Sunday Service on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to talking with you about our future together at Follen Church.

Sincerely,

The Stewardship Committee

Co-Chairs: Bob Halliday, Alison Harvey, Sally Cassells

Members: David Garbarino, Mark Metzger, Nancy Sofen, Chris Farnham, Lydia Swan

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### **Our Community Life Yearlong**

- Art Gallery
- Book Groups
- Cape Cod Weekend
- Cardigan Lodge Weekend
- Christmas Tree Sales and Tree Giving
- Coffee Hour and Coffee Elves
- Covenant Groups
- East Village Fair
- Follen Angels Softball Team
- Giving Tree
- Goods and Services Auction
- Halloween Soup and Pumpkins Party\*
- Holiday Crafts Fair\*
- Hosting at Sunday Service
- Jewish Heritage Group
- Knitting Group
- Octagon Dinners
- Men's Discussion Group
- Remembrance Dinners
- Support Group for Parents of Children with Special Needs
- Support Group for People with Elderly Parents
- YUULE-time Celebration and Mitten Tree
- Ushering

### **Education**

- Adult Programs – Food For Thought
- Coming Of Age
- FUUY (Follen Youth)
- Middle School Youth Group
- OWL (Our Whole Lives)
- Religious Education (children)

### **Social Justice**

- Anti-Racism Book Group
- Black Lives Matter
- Books for Chelsea
- Bristol Lodge
- Environmental Justice Task Force
- Food For Thought
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Immigration and Sanctuary Group
- Interfaith Garden
- Kiva Micro-loans
- Lex Eat Together
- New Orleans Gulf Relief
- Partner Church
- Sunday's Bread
- UU Urban Ministry
- Welcoming Congregation

- Women's Lunch Place

### **Worship and Music**

- Chalice Lighting
- Choirs
  - Junior (Grades 2-5)
  - Youth (Grades 6-12)
  - Senior (Adult)
  - No-Name Choir (Adult)
- Instrumental Music Opportunities
- Operetta (Youth and Junior Choir)

### **Action Teams and Sub Teams**

- Buildings and Grounds
- Caring Congregation
- Community & Hospitality
- Human Resources
- Finance
- Lay Ministry
- Legacy Society
- Membership
- Religious Education
- Pastoral Care
- Social Events
- Stewardship
- Volunteer Service Network
- Worship and Music

\*These activities will return next year!

