

First Congregational Church of Darien Says Good-Bye to Pastor Dale Roseberger, Sunday at 9 AM

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Senior Minister, Rev. Dale Roseberger is retiring, after 41 years as a minister and nine years of service to First Congregational Church of Darien and to the lower Fairfield County community.

The church will be saying good-bye in a special celebration on Sunday morning, both in person (for those already signed up — there are no more spaces available) and live online.

— *an announcement from the* [First Congregational Church of Darien \(FCCD\)](#)

This Sunday's Event

The church will hold a special Farewell Celebration at 9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 20, outdoors on the lawn at the church, 14 Brookside Road. The service will include a Ritual of Farewell, with gifts and recognition, and Vows of Release from the ministry, as well as a formal Declaration of Parting.

Due to COVID restrictions, we have mandatory sign-up for the service and the church is at maximum capacity. The service will also be [livestreamed on the First Congregational Church of Darien \(public\) Facebook page](#), and on Zoom.

Roseberger as Pastor

Roseberger has played an important role as a leader in the community during his nine years at First Congregational Church of Darien, including organizing the Good Friday multi-denominational cross walk through town and a reconciliation march this spring, in conjunction with other members of the clergy in town.

He also hosted a Racial Reconciliation event under a tent at FCCD four years ago, and he has worked closely with social service organizations that the church supports in Stamford and throughout lower Fairfield County, such as Inspirica, Building One Community, Liberation Programs, Person-to-Person, and others.

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About Darien's Oldest Church

Our [church history](#) goes back to the 1660s, and our first settled minister, Moses Mather, was called in 1744. This year, on the occasion of the 200th birthday of the Town of Darien, we invite you to read a lively new narrative with [stories and vignettes from the history of our church](#) and its role in founding our community.

New interim minister Rev. Denise Terry will be joining the Darien church soon and will preach her first service on Sunday, Oct. 4.