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(Keeping in Touch)

A Newsletter of the

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JUNE 2009



Sunday – June 7

Trinity Sunday

*First Sunday after Pentecost
Confirmation/Holy Communion*

Sunday – June 14

*Second Sunday after Pentecost
Children's Sunday
Church Picnic after Worship Service
Hosts: CE Committee*

Sunday – June 21

*Third Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day*

**** Summer Worship Schedule Begins ****

Sunday – June 28

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Food Bank Sunday*

June 14 Is Children's Sunday when our church school children and youth will lead us in worship, prayer, and song! We are grateful to our teachers for their dedication to our children.



On June 21, Father's Day, we will begin our summer worship schedule with two services at 8:00 a.m. and the regular time of 10:00 a.m. People have appreciated this earlier time for worship, and I am sure the attendance will continue to grow this year.



The Rev. David Stickney will lead both services on the 21st and the 28th while I am away on vacation.

Dear Friends in Christ:

Our church will celebrate very special events in our June worship services. **June 7 is Confirmation Sunday!** These eleven young people have completed their assignments and are prepared to be confirmed. We will enjoy an ice cream social after the service.

Also on June 21st we will thank our Director Music, Joyce Baxter, and the members of the adult choir for their ministry of music to us throughout the year.

Summer is the time for recreation and rest, but it is also a good time to renew your spiritual life in worship. If you are traveling, I ask you to remember our church in your

prayers and in your stewardship by keeping up with your pledges. And if you attend another church during your travels, please bring back a worship bulletin that I could read to discover what other churches are doing to fulfill their life, ministry, and mission in following Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed summer season!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Chris Horvath

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS

On my desk is a blue cow. He is rubber, he is old; he has been there for at least 25 years. My son brought him home from church school.

A few years ago we had a small group of people from church drive up to the Heifer Farm in Rutland, Massachusetts. We saw the global villages that have been built to show us how our gifts of animals and money are used to benefit many people in many countries. We saw all sorts of animals from water buffalo's to baby goats and sheep. In early spring they have lambing weekends for women where they can go and help with the lambing process, I can remember Jane Cerri telling me about how amazing it was to be there.

I also remember Jim talking about his Sunday School class deciding to save up money to buy a flock of geese or was it ducks? I remember giving our best friends a gift of rabbits for Christmas. (great gift for someone who has everything).

I'm thinking by now you know that I'm talking about Heifer International and all the amazing things that can be done with our gifts to this organization.

Please come and listen to the Children talk on June 14th when the moment for missions will be about Heifer International. I wonder what their memories will be?

~ Missions



MISSION TRIP TO ECUADOR

Maria Paradis will be going on the Mission Trip to Ecuador, June 25 – July 6. If you would like to donate any of the following, please bring them to the church office. They will be much appreciated! Thank you!

- Tee shirts
- Two large towels and washcloths
- Sheets (1 double and 1 single)
- Beach towel
- Two pairs of work gloves
- Two water bottles
- Card games and small board games

On Duty for June 2009

Communion Bread

June 7 – Filled

Lectors

June 7– Pastor Chris

June 14 – Children's Sunday

June 21–

June 28 –

Sanctuary Flowers

June 7– Filled

June 14 -

June 21 – C/E Committee

June 28 –

Fellowship Hour Hosts

June 7 – Confirmation-Silver Tea

June 14– Church School Picnic

June 21 – C/E Committee

June 28–

Christian Caring Card Ministry

Filled

Mom's Morning Out sitters

June 1 – Filled

June 8 – Filled

June 15 –

Church School Events - Save These Dates ☺

June 7th Confirmation –Ice Cream Social
June 14th Children's Sunday and Picnic
June 21st Teacher/Superintendent
Recruitment Fair during Coffee Hour

– Christian Education Committee

To celebrate Confirmation on June



7th, the Diaconate will host a *Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae Party* during fellowship

hour. A sign-up is posted in fellowship hall for donations of toppings and whipped cream

Children's Sunday Rehearsals

Saturdays, June 6th and 13th, 9-10:30 a.m. Please let Dave Rainey know if you are unable to attend.

June 14th Children's Sunday

Children's Sunday and Church Picnic: Everyone is invited! The C.E. Committee will provide hot dogs and beverages. Last names A-L are asked to bring salads and sides; M-Z, desserts. Begin the summer season by celebrating the children of our church and a time together with your church family.

June 21st Sunday Recruitment Fair

The CE Committee is seeking a few good Christians to join the teaching team and to organize and carry out the duties of the superintendent. Curriculum samples will be available to browse as you enjoy fellowship hour on June 21st. Please see a member of the committee to see where you fit in. All you need is a little passion and a desire to pass along your faith.

Suggested Food Bank Items for

Sunday, June 28

Ravioli * Macaroni and Cheese* Sunscreen*
*Insect Repellent

First Church hosts the June 3rd Soup Kitchen meal at the United Methodist Church. Please check the sign-up to see where your help is needed.



June 3, 2009

10 a.m. • in our chapel
1st Wednesday of every month
Sponsored by First Church & Middlesex
Hospital Cancer Center.
Contact Doreen Donahue for more information
at (860) 358-2053

June 13, 2009

Clinton Rotary Cancer Relief Fund
Walk-a-Thon
Music, Teacup and Basket Auction, Children's
Activities, Luminaries
Ethel Peters Recreational Complex
Glenwood Road, Clinton
1 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Contact Jim Beardsley 669-7239 or Linda
Beavers 669-9323 for more information.

Any time you need free information on cancer care, please call or visit the Patient Resource Library, Middlesex Hospital, 536 Saybrook Road, Middletown, CT. (860) 358-2020
Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
www.midhosp.org/go/prl



I wanted to let the congregation know that I have finished my project and have earned Eagle rank. I built four picnic tables with benches for the folks at Glenhaven Housing to enjoy.

Thank you very much to everyone who donated time and money to help me accomplish this goal...I couldn't have done it without you!!



introduced some unfamiliar hymns during the Introit and also the Benediction response. Gradually some of these will become easy for all of us to sing. New music often has to 'grow on us'. Don't worry about a missed note here and there, just lift your voice in joyful praise.
~Joyce Baxter



Hymns of Truth and Light

Dedication forms are available in the church office



From the Choir Loft

THANK YOU many times over to the SENIOR CHOIR for your talent and time, filling First Church with music throughout the year. I am blessed to work with such special people who give so freely. What you, as the congregation, don't realize is how flexible and accommodating our choir has to be. Sometimes we have to make changes on Sunday morning, right before the service! Often we feel under-rehearsed and wish we had just one more week to learn the music. Always this wonderful choir encourages one another and shows extraordinary patience during the learning process. I know, and you do, too, that whether they are singing a hymn or an anthem, they are giving 100%.

The choir will get a much-deserved break in July-August. This is the time we could use some 'summer singers/musicians' to fill that empty spot in the services on Sunday mornings. If you would like to try a solo or be part of a small group, please let me know. I'll help you find the music and help you learn it, too.

I hope you have been enjoying the new hymns from our hymnal. The choir has

June Lectionary Readings

June 7

Psalm 29
Romans 8: 12-17
John 3: 1-17

June 14

Psalm 20
2 Cor 5: 6-10, 14-17
Mark 4: 26-34

June 21

Psalm 9: 9-20
2 Cor 6:1-13
Mark 4: 35-41

June 28

Psalm 130
2 Cor 8: 7-15
Mark 5:21-43

SUMMER FAIR UPDATE

Plant Booth Our gardens are starting to come alive with color! While planting or searching for the perfect pot, please keep the Plant Booth in mind. Lawn ornaments, perennials, vases or pots, small shrubs, houseplants, gently used garden tools and homegrown vegetables are great additions to our booth. We can use your help and donations to make this year a success.

Thanks for your support! :)

Car Show



This summer we will be adding a new feature to our Annual Summer Fair. On Saturday August 8th we will be sponsoring a Car Show in the Pierson School parking lot. It has taken a while but we have finally been able to work through all of the logistics needed to put on a show, but we have done it. Sponsoring the show with us will be the Probus Club of Greater New Haven.

In this month's KIT you will find a copy of the show flyer. All cars will be welcome at our show. I would ask that anyone who owns a car that they show, has a friend who owns a car or, if you attend a cruise night during the week, please do not be bashful handing out copies of this flyer. If you need a quantity of them, give me a call at home 860.669.3657 and I will get you what you need. Some copies will be available in the church office. Along with cars to be shown we will be soliciting door prizes, which we will be given away during the show. If anyone wants to make a donation, let me know.

Thanks to you, the raffle last summer was a huge success. So we're doing it again.

The prizes this year:

- Dell laptop computer & printer (\$1,280 value)
- Nintendo Wii System (\$300 value)
- Gift certificate redeemable at Clinton Crossing Outlets (\$250 value)



Summer Raffle

Tickets are available at the church office. We know with all of us helping, we can top last year's numbers.

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!

Thanks so much!

Keep In Mind....

Spring craft fairs are flourishing! As you visit them, keep watch for exhibitors to invite to our fair. Please pick up other contact information and pass along to the church office. Thanks!

Volunteers are needed to collect gift certificates from area businesses for our Silent Auction.

Call for pick-up of **children's toys, books, jewelry, and knick-knacks** – for a children only Silent Auction tent.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Jane-a-t-c is on vacation through Thursday, June 4. The church office will be open Tuesday–Thursday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and back to normal on Friday, June 5th!

June *KIT* is a Double Issue and the last one before the Summer Fair. Please get your news in by Thursday noon, June 18 in the church office or email Kitfcc@aol.com



FATHERS ARE WONDERFUL PEOPLE

*Fathers are wonderful people, too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises as often as we should...*



*And Father struggles daily to live up to "his image"
As protector and provider and "hero of the scrimmage"....*

*And perhaps that is the reason we sometimes get the notion
That Fathers are not subject to the thing we call emotion,*

*But if you look inside Dad's heart, where no one else can see,
You'll find he's sentimental and as "soft" as he can be....*

*Fathers are just wonderful in a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments and accolades of praise,*

*For the only reason Dad aspires to fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him and to bring them happiness...*

*And like Our Heavenly Father, he's a guardian and a guide,
Someone that we can count on to be always on our side.*

Helen Steiner Rice

Church Staff

The Reverend Dr. Christopher C. Horvath, Pastor
The Reverend Wilson L. Busick, Pastor Emeritus
Joyce Baxter, Director of Music
Jane Woodmansee, Church Secretary
Barbara J. Bruch, Sexton

June Worship Services

8:00 a.m. Worship Service beginning June 21, 2009

10.00 a.m. Worship Service every Sunday

Childcare available during 10.00 a.m. service for infants to age two

We are



Accessible

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Celebrated the first Sunday of each month

10:00 a.m. Church School

Begins September 13, 2009
3-year-olds through Grade 9

11:15 a.m. Fellowship and Refreshment Hour

The church and Fellowship Hall are handicapped accessible.

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday • 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday • 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

For security reasons, the parish house is locked during lunch hour – usually 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Office errands are usually done before or after lunchtime. If you need access to the building or Jane-a-t-c at mid-day, please call ahead – her time is usually flexible.

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