

## CHURCH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday - February 8**  
8:30 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching  
10:00 Worship, Rev. Linda Barnes preaching  
11:15 Mission Trip Exploration of Ideas (Lounge)  
11:15 Junior Choir Rehearsal  
11:45 Hand Chimes Rehearsal  
11:30 Junior High Youth Group Meeting/Laser Tag (Jerusalem)
- Monday - February 9**  
10:15 Bible Study (Office)  
7:00 Boy Scouts (Stage)  
7:30 AA Meeting (Library)
- Tuesday - February 10**  
3:30 Tai Chi (Stage)  
6:45 Ministry Meetings
- Wednesday - February 11**  
10:00 My Brother's Keeper (Jerusalem)  
7:00 Yoga (Jerusalem)  
7:30 AA Step Meeting (Library)
- Thursday - February 12**  
10:00 AA (Library)  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal
- Friday - February 13**  
All Day Valentine Fair Set Up (Stage/Kitchen)
- Saturday - February 14**  
9:00 AA/AI-Anon (Stage/Jerusalem/Library)  
10:00 Valentine Fair/Pizza Lunch (Gym/Stage/Kitchen)
- Sunday - February 15**  
8:30 Worship in the African-American Tradition, Cheryl Anderson  
10:00 Worship in the African-American Tradition, Cheryl Anderson  
11:15 Junior Choir Rehearsal  
11:45 Hand Chimes Rehearsal  
12:00 Discipleship (Lounge)

**OFFICE HOURS** You can reach the church office manager Tom Evans at the church office at 537-5189. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:30 am–3:30 pm. Church office email. (note: no second “d”). Rev. Linda Barnes’ email is [Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lubarnes6@sbcglobal.net). When no one is in the office, you are welcome to call Rev. Barnes on her cell phone at 334-6790.

**Bulletin deadline is Tues. noon** each week.  
**March Crier deadline is WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>.**

### **REPORT FROM MINISTRY OF STEWARDSHIP Feb. 4, 2009**

Hello all, Ministry of Stewardship met last evening and hammered out a few details on the 2009 budget. I feel we are getting close to something more realistic. When the reports are updated I will send ministry members a copy along with action plans for future discussions. Next weeks Ministry meeting will be very important to finalize these concepts and finalize the budget to be offered at the end of the month.

I feel we did some good work last night but this will require some changes in spending behaviors and other hard decisions. We have tentatively made some cuts to ministry budgets and all this information will be available soon. I felt it more important to communicate the fact we have movement on this subject and give time for others to compile all the data rather than wait until all the reports are finished.

I know that the combination of church and business can be uncomfortable and even upsetting to folks. Please remember we are a family and we are in this together. This will take cooperation and understanding by everyone. Like every other important decision we make, the more voices we hear the better we can understand what is best for the whole.

Jim Caronna, Stewardship Co-chair

### **VALENTINE FAIR AND PIZZA LUNCH!**

This Saturday, Feb.14

10 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Stage Room & Gym

Games, Crafts, Bake Sale

Bring family and friends for lots of Fun!

All proceeds will benefit the church.

Like to help? Please see Tracy Bausum, Diane Capasso  
or Pat Culhane. Thank-you!

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH

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Patricia Korenkiewicz, Director of Music

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Boy Scout Sunday

**February 8, 2009**

10:00 a.m.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS *(During the prelude prayerfully prepare for worship.)*

**PRELUDE** In Joyful Praise Lyon

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASSING THE PEACE** The Peace of Christ be with you... And also with you.

**INTROIT** Trust and Obey

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING READINGS

**Dylan Bausum (Troop 72):**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (Psalm 25:10)

**Ben Mausteller (Troop 72):**

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

**Dylan Bausum:**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. (Psalm 33:12) My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you. (Proverbs 3:1-2)

**Frank Ball (Troop 72):**

On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout Law—and the Law is this: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

**Dylan Bausum:**

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39) Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

**Frank Ball:**

On my honor I will do my best to help other people at all times.

**Martin Ball (Troop 72):**

Remember also the Golden Text: And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:31) Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. (I Corinthians 3:16-17)

**Joey Bradstreet (Troop 72):**

On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself mentally awake.

**Martin Ball:**

Wisdom is the principal thing: Do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Get wisdom; get insight. (Proverbs 4:5) How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word. (Psalm 119:9)

**Jesse Bradstreet (Troop 72):**

On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself morally straight.

**Martin Ball:**

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:7)

\*OPENING HYMN **God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand** #262

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God is merciful and loving beyond measure, always more ready to forgive than we are to ask. Accept God's pardon and peace, and with renewed courage move forward in loving service.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI **No. 579**

CHILDREN'S TIME Be Prepared Dylan Bausum  
*(Children go downstairs for their classes)*

ANTHEM The Falconer Leach/Fedak  
*Rise, my song and stretch your wings, delight and need to trace.  
Rise for those the gospel brings to seek a singing place.  
This will be our singing day, word and tune will both be true.  
Song, soar up, but not away – the falconer waits for you.*

*Rise, my son, and have no fear of soaring wide and high.  
Christ the falconer is near, wherever you may fly.  
See the human world below, showing scars and beauty too.  
In a closing circle go, the falconer waits for you.*

*Soar, my son, with wings wide fanned, delight and need to trace.  
Come to Christ's uplifted hand, and find a resting place.  
One day-soaring song shall see everything made whole and new.  
Day of gladness, come to be! – the falconer waits for you.*

SCRIPTURE      Isaiah 40:21-31      John Dooley  
                         Psalm 147                      John Hathaway  
                         Mark 1:29-39                  Steve Bradstreet

SERMON                                      Source of Strength

\*HYMN                                      **Christ of the Upward Way**                                      **#344**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

CALL TO OFFERING & OFFERTORY      God, Eternal Father                                      Bach

\*DOXOLOGY      **Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly Host.  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen (tune of #591)**

\*RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF DEDICATION      **We seek wholeness in our lives, O God. We seek healing. We seek wholeness in our community, O God. We seek wholeness in our world, O God. Touch us with your power to bring healing and wholeness to us and through us to others. Amen.**

\*HYMN                                      **Great Is Thy Faithfulness**                                      **#276**

\*BENEDICTION      *(Please form a circle around the sanctuary.)*

POSTLUDE                                      Holy God, We Praise Thy Name                                      Chesterton  
*\*Indicates that all who are able may stand.*

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**10:00 a.m. Worship**  
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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany~ UCC Women's Week

**February 1, 2009**

8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS *During the prelude prayerfully prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE Sketch Schumann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE The Peace of Christ be with you... And also with you.

*INTROIT (10:00 a.m. only)* Spirit Song

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Spirit: as healing and wholeness

All: **Come, Spirit: as life-giving food**

Leader: Come, Spirit: as hope in oppression

All: **Come, Spirit: as all that is good.**

Leader: Come, Spirit, come and be a new reality.

All: **Come: banish sexism, racism and all forms of oppression**

Leader: Come: wash away its wounds

All: **Come: break the bread of freedom**

Leader: Come: declare a holy day.

All: **Come, Spirit: you are the victory**

Leader: Come, Spirit: you are the grace

All: **Come, spirit: you are the reason**

**This gathering is a holy place. Come, Spirit, Come!**

\*OPENING HYMN All People That On Earth Do Dwell #220

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of love and justice, we long for peace. We long for harmony in our lives; at home, at church, in our community, and in all the world. We long for serenity and courage in the midst of struggle. We long to commit ourselves to each other's growth. We long for the day when we may be love's dwelling places.**

**Yet we confess that we often act from fear; we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the hard choices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Through your mercy, show us how to walk in love. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God is a loving and forgiving God. When we see how we fall short of God's vision for us, God understands; God forgives and is always ready to inspire us and guide us to become more like Jesus in all we think and do.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen**

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

*CHILDREN'S TIME (10:00 a.m. only)* Jonah Beatrice Manning  
(*Young children go downstairs for their classes*)

*ANTHEM (10:00 a.m. only)* I Will Glorify You, Jesus Mengel

SCRIPTURE Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 4:1-11 (p 753)

SERMON Jonah: Prophet to the Assyrians Beatrice Manning

\*HYMN Help Us Accept Each Other Back cover

JOYS AND CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER  
(*inclusive paraphrase by Parker Palmer as printed below*):

**Heavenly father, heavenly mother, holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done, let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days—come swiftly mother, father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy. Forever your name is all in one. Amen**

CALL TO OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly Host.  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen (*tune of #591*)

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous and loving God, we thank you for your goodness to us. We open our hands and hearts to share your blessings with others. Amen.**

\*COMMUNION HYMN

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

**#513**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Leader: Luke the evangelist, wrote of our risen Savior, who at the table with two of the disciples, took bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. In communion with all believers in every time, on every continent, across history and time, and in celebration of the beauty of the differences that link us in a common hope that all might be well, let us pray:

People: **In every season, may we be held together in Christ, through the blessing of this table where we celebrate the risen Christ in the sharing of this bread.**

Leader: This table is open for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to all who seek to share in the community of God's people.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The God of new beginnings and each new year be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts with gladness people of God!

**We lift them up to God, with our empowered creativity, celebrations, and dreams!**

Let us give thanks to God for our families and friends, and those around the world.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

Holy God, our loving Creator, close to us as breathing and distant as the furthest shore and star, we thank you for your constant love for all you have made. We thank you for the moon and the sun, the air and the water. We thank you for this earth, for each cell that sustains life, for all people of faith in every generation, and especially for Jesus Christ whom you have sent from your own being as our Savior to call forth the mission of your church in the world.

We thank you for your wisdom that empowers your people. We take courage from the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst; and the faithful men and women in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs and saints, with all the women and men in our lives who nurture faith and leadership today, and with the company of heaven, we give glory to you:

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now, as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is my body." Jesus took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant, do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again."

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine.

**Bless all of us at this table that our eyes may be opened, that we may recognize the risen Christ in one another.**

Through this bread and this cup we participate in the body of Christ, and in new life in each year, for every one, sister, brother, across the globe:

**That we might share your light, together.**

Christ our Light in every season.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD and SHARING OF THE CUP *This communion table is open to all. The elements are bread and grape juice. We invite you to hold each element until all have received them so that we may commune together.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Holy One of all our days and years, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen**

\*HYMN

**There Is A Wideness In God's Mercy**

**#298**

POSTLUDE

Andante

Homman

*\*Indicates that all who are able may stand.*

## Help Us Accept Each Other

*Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.*

- 1 Help us ac-cept each oth-er  
as Christ ac-cept-ed us;  
teach us as sis-ter, broth-er,  
each per-son to em-brace.  
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us,  
and bring us to be-lieve  
we are our-selves ac-cept-ed  
and meant to love and live.
- 2 Teach us, O God, your les-sons,  
as in our dai-ly life  
we strug-gle to be hu-man  
and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for peo-ple,  
for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them,  
or as they may be-come.

*John 15:12; 17:20-23; Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16*

- 3 Let your ac-cep-tance change us,  
so that we may be moved  
in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions  
to do the truth in love;  
To prac-tice your ac-cep-tance,  
un-til we know by heart  
the ta-ble of for-give-ness  
and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
- 4 God, for to-day's en-coun-ters  
with all who are in need,  
who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance,  
for righ-teous-ness and bread,  
Bring us new eyes for see-ing,  
new hands for hold-ing on;  
re-new us with your Spir-it;  
God! Free us, make us one!

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.  
*Samuel S. Wesley, 1864*

*Dutch theologian Fred Kaan was ordained in the United Reformed Church in England and Wales and has served as an international church administrator. Author of more than 200 hymns, Kaan frequently has addressed contemporary issues in his texts.*

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**Worship and Communion**  
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.  
February 1, 2009

## **SACRED DANCE BEGINS**

*Note from Rev Barnes: Throughout the years I've found the interpretive movements of sacred dance a meaningful expression of worship. Through the leadership of Kristen Poirier in Lebanon, and Florence Wright and Cindy Roberts in Franklin, I've been blessed to see the beauty and meaning of sacred dance—in many seasons of our church life. We now have an opportunity for a sacred dance program here at CFC, as Kristen and her husband Steve have been attending our church. See the following article by Kristen for details. If you have questions, call me at the church office or on my cell phone 334-6790 or call Kristen at 423-7677.*

We are planning our first dance for Palm Sunday. All girls in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older are welcome. We will also be starting a cherub dance group soon for participation on Easter Sunday. More information will be following.

For those of you who don't know me, I am Kristen Poirier and have been leading Sacred dance groups for more years than I like to count. My own daughter Lyndsey has danced in church since the age of 11 and well into her twenty's (ugh). Although I have no formal training in dance, we manage by working together as a group and often the girls are as responsible for choreographing the dance as I am. Working with the dancers and then watching and helping them offer their gifts has long been a tremendously satisfying spiritual experience for me and I hope it will be for you to.

Sacred dance has a long history in the mainline Christian Church. Biblically we can look to the Hebrews such as Miriam, (Moses' sister) who danced out her joy and faith during the Exodus. Sacred dance essentially is the worship of God in movement. Traditionally the dancers wear white to symbolize Christ, although other colors can be used. The dancers dance barefoot to symbolize holy ground. The movements are based in music and lyric, with graceful arm movements sweeping upward to God. Sacred dance has been done and can be done by all members and any age group, although generally girls in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older are the most enthusiastic and natural dancers. Sacred dance is not a performance and is not entertainment, and is not done for the congregation, the pastor, the parents or anyone. It is a part of the worship experience, much as hymns and readings are, and is meant to guide the congregation's eyes and hearts toward the worship of God.

Ultimately and at its heart, sacred dance is a prayer in motion, a whisper of faith, and a humble offering to God.

## **PAPER SUPPLIES NEEDED**

CFC Supplies is looking for a number of paper supplies. Most desperately needed are toilet paper and paper towels. Also, copy paper is an office supply that is used in large quantities. When shopping if you could pick up any of these items it would be greatly appreciated. There is a basket at the front of the church as well as reminders if you need one. Yes these small but essential items will help save the church money!

## **CHILLY? HOW ABOUT SOME CHILI?**

**COLD this winter???** Warm up to Soup! The Fundraising Committee will be sponsoring a **“Chili and Cornbread Lunch” on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30 a.m.----1:30 p.m.** You may eat in or take out, with take-out also available following the 8:30 service for those attending. Menu will include: Chili, cornbread, beverage and dessert. Cost will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Lunch will be open to the public, so encourage friends, family and neighbors to come! Proceeds will benefit the church. If you would like to help, please contact Diane Capasso (228-8734). Thank-you.

## **MOM'S GROUP**

The Moms Group continues to meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings at Liza Ringuette's house (9 O'Connell Road in Colchester. You can call for directions (537-3424), or just pop in, we meet at 7pm!). In the coming weeks, we'll be meeting to discuss the book, "What Eve Didn't Tell Us: Sex, Casseroles, and a Life of Faith". A brief description: "This humorous, yet compelling first-person look into the lives of two women explores the complexities of continually balancing marriage, work, parenting, and self in ways that our mothers and grandmothers could not have imagined." This book is not too lengthy and we'll plan to read this book in sections to help those of us with limited time to sit down and read (isn't that all of us?). Also, the laid back format of this book allows for the opportunity to do a quick skim right before we meet if you don't have the time to read during the week, or if you simply forget to do the reading! If you are interested in ordering a book, please contact Liza Ringuette by February 13th, so that we can begin our discussions in March. The cost will be around \$9.60. And, of course, while we wait for our books to come in, we'll continue to meet for friendship and laughs. We hope you'll join us! Please feel free to call or email with any questions, 537-3424, [elizabethringuette@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elizabethringuette@sbcglobal.net).

## **MISSION TRIP 2009 – MEETING TODAY!**

Adults and youth, age 16 or above with a parent or guardian, are invited to join us on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> after the 10am church service to discuss a possible trip this summer or early fall. Any questions please see Donna Hathaway or call her at 367-9238.

## **EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE, TEA, HOT CHOCOLATE**

We are excited to begin offering Equal Exchange products through the United Church of Christ Coffee Project. As stated in a Thank you letter from the Equal Exchange Faith Program: "Equal Exchange works with co-operatives of small-scale farmers who grow coffee, tea, cocoa, nuts, and fruit. Through their relationship with Equal Exchange, a Fair Trade Organization, these farmers receive a guaranteed minimum price, affordable credit, and support for sustainable farming. In a conventional trading system, small scale farmers around the world are often trapped in a cycle of poverty and receive extremely low prices for their crops. Fair Trade enables farmers to stay on their land, support their families, plan for the future, and care for the environment."

"Additionally, for every pound of fairly traded products UCC participants purchase through the project, Equal Exchange donates 15 cents to the UCC Small Farmer Fund. These funds enable UCC Justice and Witness Ministries to support relief, human rights, capacity building, and environmental initiatives with farmer co-operatives all over the world."

For the next month and then (at least) every Communion Sunday after we will have Equal Exchange products available after the 10am service. A representative from Mission and Witness will be present the first month and then it will be run on an honor system basis. Please stop by the table for more information and to see the products we have. You can also look at the other items they offer and put in requests.

## **FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>-- "A DAY OF HEALING"**

Join us for worship on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> as we celebrate God's amazing capacity to heal— not only physically-- but mentally, emotionally, and spiritually as well. God heals us not only as individuals but as communities as well. We will pray for healing in our own lives, in the lives of our communities, and in the world.

## **DIABETICS FYI**

If you are Diabetic you may qualify for a free One Touch Ultra Mini meter. It can fit

in your purse and comes in six colors. Call 1-866-497-0173

## **CLEAN-UP BUCKET COLLECTIONS**

Our collection for the clean-up buckets continues. We are down to our last two months!! We are continuing our goal to make 30 clean-up buckets for Church World Service. This month we are collecting

**50 Clothespins  
And  
Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.**

We are still in much need of the collection items from November, December, and January:

**50-78 oz Box of Dry Laundry Detergent  
18 Cleaning Towels (reusable like Easy Wipes)  
Scrub Brush  
12oz bottle of Liquid Concentrated Household Cleaner (like Lysol)  
Scouring Pads  
Latex Gloves**

Please place the items in the purple box in the Narthex. We also are continuing to collect 5 gallon buckets that have handles and lids. Thank you. We appreciate everything you have brought in.

## **\*\*\* In Appreciation \*\*\***

**Thank you to our greeters and ushers who represent the three Boy Scout Packs and Troops serving Colchester.**

### **Greeters:**

Theodore Ball (Troop 72)  
Collin Larkin (Pack 109)  
Collin Maynard (Pack 109)  
Jakob Misbach (Pack 13)  
Zachary Mitchell (Pack 72)  
Ben Poullos (Pack 109)

### **Ushers:**

Martin Ball (Troop 72)  
Matthew Benjamin (Troop 13)  
Jesse Bradstreet (Troop 72)  
Patrick Dooley (Troop 72)

**The flowers this week** are from the Bausum family in appreciation of all the Scout Leaders.

The ushers at the 8:30 service are Mitch and Lori Koziol.

## Warning

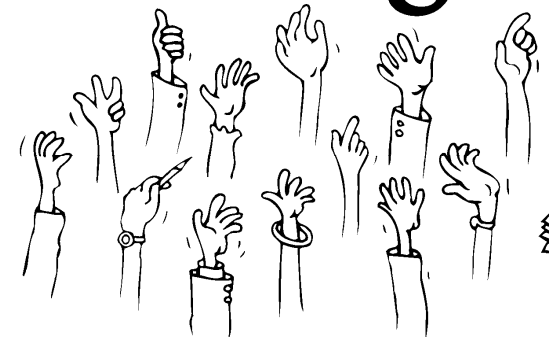
Whereas, at the Annual Financial Meeting of the Colchester Federated Church held on January 25, 2009, it was voted to call a Special Meeting for February 22, 2009 to further discuss and act on matters concerning the 2009 budget; Now therefore, the members of the Colchester Federated Church are hereby warned to meet on February 22, 2009 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the following purposes:

1. to hear and act upon reports and recommendations of the Ministry of Stewardship regarding a budget for the year 2009;
2. to consider and act upon the budget for the year 2009;
3. any other business suitable and proper to come before said meeting.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2009.

Mark E. Bosse, Church Clerk

# Congregational Meeting



## Bringing Youth to Christ Through a Scouting Ministry

The Scouting program at Colchester Federated Church is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors.

Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

But the success of our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry.

As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its anniversary, we salute the splendid volunteers who serve in leadership positions.

Many volunteers give their time so Scouting's members will be involved in a quality program. Merit badge counselors help Scouts learn more about vocations and hobbies. Volunteers see that the Scout camps of the CT Rivers Council have the necessary physical facilities and that all camp activities meet the high health and safety standards of the national organization.

Volunteers serve behind the scenes on committees so that community organizations using the Scouting program can find the best leadership possible for the youth related to their organizations. Volunteers, too, provide training for these leaders and offer a continuing service to every Cub Scout pack and Boy Scout troop.

Many men and women offer their services to Scouting, but more volunteers are always needed to serve as leaders or share their special skills with young people and other adults. All these people experience a special sense of achievement through their work in Scouting.

We congratulate all the volunteers who are active in Scouting throughout Colchester and want to offer a special prayer and word of the thanks to the leaders of Pack 72 and Troop 72 chartered to Colchester Federated Church.

