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# CRIER

*A community of faith  
in the heart of Colchester.*

Colchester Federated Church



Dear Members and Friends of Colchester Federated Church, Summer sabbath time nears its end in August. The high school marching bands and sports teams begin their practices for another year. Here at CFC, we are forming Sunday School teaching teams in preparation for Rally Day in September. We eagerly look forward to our Vacation Bible School, August 15-19. If you're available to help, there's still time to get on board for the fun, faith-filled adventure. Just contact Tracy Bausum or the church.

But we don't want to wish or worry away these golden, glowing, sometimes sweltering, days of August. For me, they are times of tradition as well as preparation. For 40 years, I travelled to Penn. in August to see my mother, and now my daughter comes from Ohio to CT in August to see me. I've been going to the UCC week at Star Island for over 20 years. Beginning the day with communion and ending with evening vespers in the lantern-lit stone chapel are just part of feeling near to God's presence, in intimate and grand ways. This time of renewal reminds me that there's nothing more essential than swimming in the presence of God, breathing into the being of God.

*My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the Road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.*

*But I believe that the desire to please you does, in fact, please you.*

*And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.*

*I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.*

*And I know that if I do this, you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.*

*Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.*

*I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.* —Thomas Merton

My prayer is that there will be—for each of you—sabbath space in these days, to nurture everything else that you do. (I know that's a challenge for those of you with young children, so our prayers are especially for you and your families.)

Yours in faith,  
Rev. Linda U. Barnes

# August Worship Services



August 7

9:00 a.m. Worship and Communion,

Cheryl Anderson leading worship and preaching

Special Brunch in honor of their wedding  
provided by Cheryl and Jim,  
following the service

August 14

9:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Barnes leading worship and preaching

Eric Ouelette, Organist, for this worship service

Dedication of VBS leaders for Aug. 15-19

Scriptures: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 67

Theme: Bold Moves



August 21

9:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Barnes leading worship and preaching

Scriptures: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Romans 12:1-8

Theme: Be Transformed



August 28

9:00 a.m. Worship

Rev. Barnes leading worship and preaching

Scriptures: Exodus 3:1-15; Romans 12:9-21

Theme: Spirit-Led Living

From The First Congregational Church UCC of Norwich newsletter:

*"Please come to church on Sunday, your pew needs dusting!!!"*



**The Church Life Ministry would like to thank the members of the Garden Club for coordinating the Sanctuary flowers during the Summer and the Fall. If you are interested in donating flowers for a particular weekend, please contact the appropriate person below in order to make arrangements. The flower schedule for the Sanctuary is as follows:**

Month	Name	Phone	Email
August	Diane Capasso	860-228-8734	amston1@sbcglobal.net
September	Nancy Bray and Shelly Hirsch	860-537-4728 860-537-5131	amifox55@hotmail.com croshelly@sbcglobal.net
October	Pat Culhane	860-537-1202	tvculhane@yahoo.com
November	Avis Hull	860-537-2094	Avis.hull@sbcglobal.net

If you would like to supply flowers or some other type of decoration for a special occasion or remembrance, please contact the appropriate person listed above. Also, please advise Susan Skoglund in the Church Office as to how you would like the notice to read in the bulletin.



August 7	9:00	Jim Caronna Allison Capasso
August 14	9:00	Mitch and Lori Koziol
August 21	9:00	Frank Ball Gerry Caron
August 28	9:00	John Dooley Tom St. Louis

We are still in need of some folks to serve as ushers. This is not a complex responsibility, but one that needs to be fulfilled every week. If you are interested, please speak with Jim Caronna, Rev. Linda, or any of the ushers.



There are Church members and friends who need our prayers, cards or a telephone call. If you should know one of these people, please send a card or call; if you know someone in need of spiritual help, please tell the Pastor.

### **Those sick or recovering:**

Emily Grundy  
Gail Joslin  
Betty and John Koes  
Laura Koziol  
Wildred Marvin  
Glen Piette

### **Our friends in Assisted Living, Rehab and Convalescent Homes:**

Mark Bosse's mother Eleanor (Florida)  
Bob Fletcher (Apple)  
Elizabeth Hageman (Middletown ELCA Village)  
Stanley Moroch (Apple)  
Paulette Sharp (N. Hampshire)



**A Loss  
in the Church  
Family**

Karl and Amy Ferling passed away on Sun., 7/10, and Mon., 7/11, respectively. They were long-time members of our Church and their funeral was held on Friday, July 15, officiated by Rev. Linda Barnes and Cheryl Anderson. Marion Fletcher passed away on Thurs., 7/21; her funeral will be held on Sat., 7/30, at 2 p.m., officiated by Rev. Linda Barnes.

- We pray for all who teach and nurture children, for our ministry of Christian education in this time of transition; and for our Vacation Bible School children, helpers, teachers, and leaders.
- We hold Tracy Bausum in prayer, in gratitude for her work here and ask blessings upon all she does, including her new work with the Chester church.
- We pray for all who are in need, and for those whose eyes and hearts may be opened to help.
- For all who are hungry we pray, for the work of soup kitchens, food pantries, and for our own mission efforts.
- We pray for children, families, and teachers and they prepare for the beginning of another school year.
- As we engage in our back-to-school mission project, we pray for each of the children we will be serving.
- We pray for all who grieve—those in our church family, the family and friends of Amy and Karl Ferling, and of Marion Fletcher— all who have lost loved ones.
- We add our hearts to the worldwide prayers for the families and people of Norway in this time of tragic loss.
- We give thanks for the Hospice organization, and pray for all who are nearing the end of this life, and those who care for them.
- We pray for peace in our world—that all may know God's peace which passes all understanding.
- Our prayers continue for those joys and concerns offered during our worship services.

*If you know of someone in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit, please call Rev. Barnes or the church office. We'd much rather be told twice, than be unaware and not able to respond with care. Thank you.*



Greetings...

We would like to take an opportunity to thank all the wonderful folks that help us throughout the year. There are several folks that give of their time and talents that go a long way toward keeping our church home maintained and running well.

Of course, we thank Dave Hock who gives so much more than he receives. We also need to remember those lovely ladies that do the counting. Even throughout the hot summer months when many of us, including me, might find alternative ways to spend a Sunday morning or two, these ladies are dutifully here helping the church. We love you and thank you for your steadfastness.

While we did not receive quite the turnout for the *Pull A Weed Day* that we had hoped for, we are very grateful for the folks that did come out and sweated through the summer day. Very special thanks to Tom and Ray who did a great job at the front of the church weeding and planting beautiful flowers. Thank you also to Rev. Linda, Mike McPherson and Jim C. for their efforts near the office area. *We fully encourage anyone who is interested to come on down to the Church anytime they feel called and spend some time beautifying the gardens.* For some, this could be a wonderful relaxing way to spend in meditation while working with our Mother Earth.

While working on Saturday 7/16, we discussed possible ways we could move forward with the issue of maintaining our beautiful landscaping here at CFC. While we did look into having our landscaper perform this, we feel that it remains a good item that we as a church could still get behind. We mainly discussed that the best way to keep the gardens healthy was to be more pro-active next year, instead of reactive, like this year. We will be taking this up with other folks in the Congregation and putting together a better plan for next year. We are confident with more notice and a better plan and some concrete ideas from our horticulturally-gifted members including our Garden Club, we will develop a long term plan in which we can all be proud of our beautiful church.

A word or two about our pledging:

A great big thank you goes out to all the folks who are doing their best at keeping up with their pledging responsibility. By the numbers we are doing quite well. With great thanks to a couple folks who have actually been able to give substantially more than they initially pledged, we are showing a high percent of pledged vs. received. If this anomaly was removed, the numbers would be slightly lower.

We are doing a fairly reasonably job at keeping our projected costs low. So far, we seem to be in good shape; but as always, we ask everyone to do his or her best at keeping up with their pledge.

Thank you and we hope the rest of your summer is relaxing and enjoyable.

<b>2011 Giving Status</b>	
<u>As of June 30, 2011:</u>	
<b>Pledged:</b>	<b>\$53,045.00</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>\$50,219.50</b>
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>\$2,825.50</b>
<b>95%</b>	

## Greetings from the Mission of Wellness



TO YOUR  
HEALTH

Summer is a time of fun and relaxation. Children are home from school, and many adults plan their vacations for this time of year. Last month's article from The Mission of Wellness focused on prevention of heat-related injuries. This month's article will discuss that pest of an insect: the Mosquito.

### **Mosquito Bites**

Mosquitoes and mosquito bites are annoying. What's worse, mosquito bites sometimes transmit diseases, such as West Nile virus, equine encephalitis, malaria, yellow fever, and dengue fever (an infectious tropical disease). You're most likely to get mosquito bites at dawn or at dusk, when mosquitoes are most active. But, it's not always possible or desirable to stay indoors during those times. Fortunately, you can take steps to keep mosquitoes at bay. Several brands of insect repellants work well to ward off those itchy bites. Insect repellants with DEET are considered the most effective.

However, no method is foolproof. If you do get bitten, the telltale signs and symptoms of mosquito bites--redness, swelling and itching--may not show up for up to two days after you've been bitten. A number of treatments, such as oral antihistamines, topical lotions and creams, can ease the itch from mosquito bites.

### **Common signs and symptoms**

Typical signs and symptoms of mosquito bites include soft, initially pale bumps on your skin that can become pink or red and begin itching. The bump that results from a bite can appear immediately or may take up to two days to appear. If you're highly sensitive to mosquito bites, you may have a much larger area of itching. Rarely a serious reaction to mosquito bites might occur, which results in swelling in the throat, significant hives, and wheezing. Any insect bite that causes this life-threatening condition (anaphylaxis) requires immediate medical attention.

### **Mosquito-borne disease**

Mosquitoes in our area can transmit diseases such as West Nile virus and equine encephalitis. In other states, it is possible to get malaria, yellow fever, and dengue fever. Signs and symptoms of a more serious infection may include:

- Fever
- Severe headache
- Neurological changes, such as one-sided muscle weakness
- Body aches
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Swollen glands
- Rash
- Lethargy
- Confusion
- Sensitivity to light

### **When to see a doctor**

If a mosquito bite seems to be associated with more serious signs and symptoms such as those listed above, contact your doctor right away and/or seek emergency medical treatment.

The Mission of Wellness hopes the above information is useful. Enjoy the rest of this summer and stay safe.

Cheryl Letendre RNC, BSN, Parish Nurse

(Source: Internet search: Article by the Mayo Clinic Staff)

**S**tarting in mid-September, Cheryl Anderson will be offering a **six-week Bible Study entitled *Bad Girls of the Bible***. These gatherings are planned for Thursdays at 7 p.m. in our church lounge beginning September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each will be approximately 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes. Under the theme of *Bad Girls of the Bible* the following Biblical women will be discussed:



**Eve:** Willful or Wise; **Lot's Wife:** Homicide or Suicide; **Rebekah:** Deceptive or Direct?; **Tamar:** Parasite or Persistent?; **Delilah:** Enemy or Entrepreneur? and **Jezebel:** Devious or Diva?

[Monday morning lectionary based Bible study with Rev. Linda will resume September 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in this study but another day is better, let us know. The day is flexible.]



## TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

*in planning this pilgrimage! We both love to encourage others as they grow in faith and community.*

*May this unique opportunity provide a living reflection on your own faith journey, deepening your understanding and experience. Share with us in the learning, love and laughter.*

*Come, join the adventure as the Bible comes alive.*

**TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND** with Rev. Barnes  
February 28 to March 8, 2012

Visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Sea of Galilee in this 10 Days of Biblical Discovery tour, starting February 28, 2012. Join Rev. Linda Barnes and Sister Patty Cook as Tour Hosts for this spiritual journey.

*Dear Friends,*

*We invite you to join us in the wonder of walking in the footsteps of Jesus in the Holy Land. As your tour hosts and spiritual directors, we feel privileged to work together, as ecumenical partners,*

*in planning this pilgrimage! We both love to encourage others as they grow in faith and community. May this unique opportunity provide a living reflection on your own faith journey, deepening your understanding and experience. Share with us in the learning, love and laughter.*

*Come, join the adventure as the Bible comes alive.*

*--Pastor Linda Barnes and Sister Patty Cook, RSM*

Come to an information meeting: Monday, August 22, at 6:30 at our Church. *Is this the year for your pilgrimage? Explore the possibilities of being part of this ecumenical adventure, walking in the footsteps of Jesus.*



**The Back to School Giving Project** began July 24<sup>th</sup>. This project provides youth from Colchester, identified by Social Services, with new clothing items to start the school year. There will be apples hanging on a display in the sanctuary. Each apple will list an item of clothing with size, style and color preferences.

The apples can be picked up on Sundays or on weekdays during office hours. Please return the apple with the item to the box by the display where each item will then be identified and sorted. Please return items to the Church as soon as possible (hopefully by August 21<sup>st</sup>) so the items can be delivered before the beginning of school.





A monthly meeting of the Church Life Ministry will not be held in August.

Please be advised that the Ministry of Church Life members will be calling Church members soon to ask for updated contact information for our upcoming Parish Directory. We appreciate your assistance!

What a wonderful opportunity we have to celebrate our past on September 18, when we honor Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree as our Pastor Emeritus.

Davida's time with us certainly left an impression upon our Church as a whole, and many of us individually as well. If you would like to help out in any way on this day of thanks, please contact Joanne Riddell, Deborah Howard, Jeannette Tomlinson, or John Sawchuk.

### CHILDREN'S MUSIC NEWS

Happy Summer! I have some exciting news to announce. This fall, with the wonderful help of Lynn Goodwin, we will be starting up the children's choir!!! We are both very excited about this, and are thrilled to bring the joy of music to our younger church goers.



Right now, we are planning on having a brief informational meeting on Sunday, September 11, after worship.

This time will be for any questions you may have, and for Lynn and me to determine how many kiddos are interested in participating.

The choir will be open for any child, Kindergarten age and up. We are planning on holding rehearsals on Sundays directly after the service, with more information to follow at the meeting on the September 11. If between now and then, you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-531-9462 or [kimlewis826@gmail.com](mailto:kimlewis826@gmail.com).

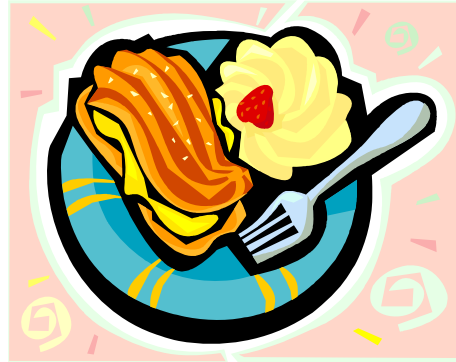
Thanks, *Kim Lewis, CFC Music Director*



I know that right now during these hot days of summer and dog days of August, you are sitting there thinking, "Now, what could I possibly do to help our Church?" Well, even if that wasn't on your mind, maybe you could take a moment during this down time and ask where you are being called to help in God's work here at CFC.

While there are still many places for your talents, we are currently looking for a person to fill a vacancy on the Mission of Personnel. Maybe you have just the skills and compassion

that this position requires. If so, please contact Jeannette Tomlinson, John Sawchuk or our satellite, Dolores Sawchuk. On another note, Diane Capasso recently completed an amazing run as our Chair of Fundraising. Her departure leaves a great many opportunities for others to get involved with this dedicated committee. It will truly be difficult to fill Diane's shoes, but we are a church of many; and many hands always make the work lighter. So pitch in, help out, get active, maybe even co-chair or chair a committee. Anyone interested should contact a Fundraising or Stewardship member. *John Sawchuk, Chair*



## **Your help is needed!**

Join the members of Mission & Witness  
in serving breakfast to the less fortunate  
in Middletown, Connecticut

**Where: St Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen**

**When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month**

**Time: Leave Colchester Federated Church by 7:15 am**

We need a total of 5 volunteers each month.

Please consider volunteering at least once during the next year.

**Thank you, Members of Mission & Witness**

Sign up sheets are posted by the double doors next to the Jerusalem Room.

“God has given us two hands: one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing.”  
- Billy Graham



## SUNDAY BRUNCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2011

Following the 9am service

Cheryl Anderson and Jim Caronna will be providing a special coffee hour brunch to the Congregation in celebration of their upcoming wedding.

*It is not feasible for us to have everyone at our wedding, so we would like to say thank you for being a part of our lives. Come and join us, Please no gifts, just come and share a meal with us.*

*Cheryl & Jim*



## Ready for a Wild Adventure?

- New friends • Amazing crafts • Wild games
- Lip-smacking snacks • Wild Bible adventures
- Incredible music •

At VBS PandaMania, kids discover that God is wild about them—a fact that will change them forever! PandaMania is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Bible Point crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the PandaMania activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

We're looking for kids to come and have fun as well as adult volunteers to lead the fun. Details are on the registration form on the following page.

Mark these dates on your calendar:

**Monday, August 15, 2011 - Friday, August 19, 2011**

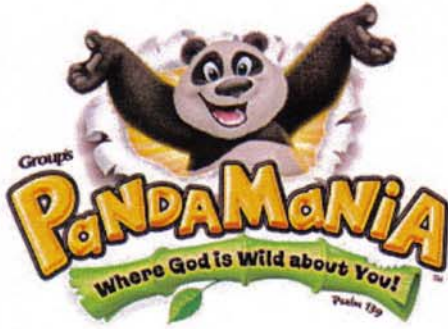
The fun starts at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 12:00 p.m.

Contact your PandaMania Director, Tracy Bausum, for more information:  
860-537-4550 or [tbausum@yahoo.com](mailto:tbausum@yahoo.com)

We need some volunteers who are willing to help show that God is wild about us... Please consider helping out:

- Panda Preschool - 1 leader/ 4 assistants
- Wild Bible Adventures - 2 people/ 1 assistant
- Crazy Crafts -2 leader/ 1 assistant
- Chadder's Movie Mania - 2 people
- Treetop Treats - 1 leader/ 2 assistants
- Sing and Play - 1-2 people
- 4 Crew Guides (lead children to each station)

There are detailed directions and lots of support. Please consider being part of the adventure!



**Colchester Federated Church  
2011 Vacation Bible School**

**August 15 – 19, 2011**

Preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Monday – Friday, 9 am – 12 Noon  
Registration donation request: Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
\$20 per child; Family cap \$50

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

To register your child, please fill in the form below and return to the Colchester Federated Church office by **August 1, 2011**.

For more information, contact VBS Director, Tracy Bausum, at 860- 537-4550 or tbausum@yahoo.com.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be 3 by 12/10)

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed 06/11: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be 3 by 12/10)

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed 06/11: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**I give permission for my child to be photographed and possibly have his/her photo and name printed in the local newspapers and posted on our website without names:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child attend church school? Yes No If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer\* in some way? Yes No **If yes, fill out Be a VBS Volunteer! below**

*\*Preference for youth volunteers is given to families that attend CFC*

Please mail registration form with donation request (listed above) to: Colchester Federated Church, 60 Main Street, Colchester, CT 06415. Checks should be made payable to: *Colchester Federated Church*. **Thank you!**

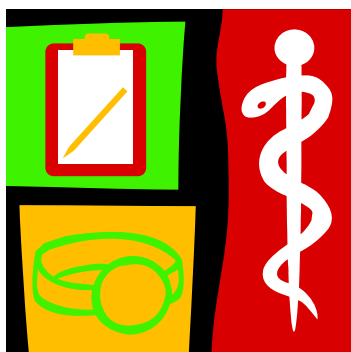
<b><u>Be a VBS Volunteer!</u></b>		I would like to help in the area(s) that I have marked
below:		
Name: _____		Phone: _____
<b>Station Leaders:</b>		<b>Crew Leaders:</b> (Accompany children to activity stations)
<input type="checkbox"/> Party Time Sing & Play		<input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten
<input type="checkbox"/> Bamboo Blast Games		<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> grades
<input type="checkbox"/> Treetop Treats		<input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
<input type="checkbox"/> Crazy Crafts		<input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> grades
<input type="checkbox"/> Chadder's Movie Mania		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Decoration/Set-up</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Bible Adventures		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Clean-up</b> (after finale on 8/19)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Panda Preschool</b> (Leaders stay with group all day)		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Registration/Sign-out</b>

Allow us to brag for just a moment... Did you know that in our very community of faith we have some of the most interesting, thought-provoking and life-changing individuals you might ever interact with?

That's right! Imaginative and joyful, kind and curious, (and indubitably able to leap tall buildings in a single bound when fueled by lemonade and animal crackers), **the children and youth of Colchester Federated Church are now seeking Sunday School teachers for the fall! Openings are available to partner with seasoned and experienced teachers at all grade levels ~ preschool-8th!**

If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact Rev. Barnes or a member of the Ministry of Christian Education

*Carolyn Marvin and Laurie O'Neill, Co-chairs*



### **Information on Sustinet, CT's Integrated State Health Care System**

SustiNet, an integrated state health care system for Connecticut, is moving forward. In the closing days of the legislative session, both the house and the senate passed House Bill 6308 which will put Connecticut on the path of meaningful health care reform. House Bill 6308 allows municipalities and qualified non-profits to pool into the State employee health insurance plan, as well as creates the Sustinet Healthcare Cabinet in the Lt. Governor's Office. This Cabinet serves as a clearinghouse for the coordination and integration of state and federal health care reforms, as well as promoting initiatives to improve health and spend the State's health care dollars more wisely. It also creates the Office of Health Reform and Innovation in the Lt. Governor's office, which support the Cabinet and function as the State's central coordinator of health policy. It directs the Sustinet Healthcare Cabinet to produce a business plan for a non-profit, public health insurance option, which must be completed by October 2012; and to assess the feasibility of the State offering the Basic Health Program beginning in 2014, serving people with incomes between 133 percent and 200 percent of federal poverty level.

Lastly, the bill opens the State employee pool to municipalities beginning in 2012 and to qualified non-profit organizations in 2013. Municipalities who decide to join the pool will find that similar benefits bought through the pool will be less than if they purchased them on their own. Those savings can be reinvested into the local community and can help minimize the impact of health insurance increases on the local tax base.

It is our faith calling us that it is a moral imperative that everyone should have access to quality, affordable healthcare. It is a basic human right. This bill will move us in that direction.

From Michele Mudrick, Congregational Organizer, Christian Activities Council, 47 Vine Street, Hartford, CT 06110 ( 860) 796-3822; [mmudrick@christianactivities.org](mailto:mmudrick@christianactivities.org)



- **To Dolores Sawchuk who faithfully and tirelessly arranges for Sunday worship service greeters and handles all of the arrangements for receptions after funeral services held at the Church.**
- **To all of the wonderful women** who cook, bake, buy and set-up for the Church receptions.
- **To everyone who gives so generously** of their time, talents and income to make this a safe place to worship, share some fellowship, and help others.
- **To all our ministries** whose work we see everywhere we look.
- **To Avis Hull** for taking the food collected on Sundays to the Food Bank and thank you to all of our parishioners who donate the food!
- **Thank you to Hirsch Family** for the donation of a case of 8 ½ x 11 copy paper for the Church Office. Paper is always needed and is so appreciated!
- **Thank you to the unknown parishioner(s)** who donated large quantities of paper towels and toilet paper for the Church. We thank you for your generosity!
- **To our faithful Sunday counters and to Nancy Knapp** for her weekly trips to the bank.
- **To everyone else** who empties trash, checks doors, closes windows, locks up, and generally helps to care for our building and our church family. We appreciate all your efforts and couldn't survive without you!! Thanks for your support!!

## TAG SALE THANKS!!!

We appreciate everyone who made donations; the Jerusalem and Stage Rooms and gym were filled, with more items out in front of the church! Special thanks to Avis Hull for storing items in her barn during the year, and to all those who helped tag, organize, and clean items during the previous week. Many thanks to those who baked, our "counters," and to all who helped with set-up, clean-up and running the sale on Saturday. Everyone pitched in and did an amazing job! They were: Cheryl Anderson, Tina Ashley, Frank Ball, Rev. Linda Barnes, Bea Bradstreet, Ralph and Diane Capasso, Jim Caronna, Jen and John Clarke, Allison Cook, Pat, Tom and Tiffany Culhane; Karen Delzell, John, Nancy and Patrick Dooley; Kerry Hathaway, Melanie Hathaway, John and

Shelly Hirsch, Dave Hock, Deb Howard, Avis Hull, Nancy Knapp, Mitch and Lori Koziol, Dawn and Greg Lepage; Jennifer and Mike McPherson, Karen Monteleone, Pat Moon, Anne Neilson, Karen Partington, Carol Plecan, Joann Riddell, Ted and Sue Sanford, Dolores Sawchuk, Necia Stopa, Mary Tomasi, Jeannette Tomlinson, Bethann Voiland, Karen Wheeler, and Chris, Donna and Emma Wink.

We were blessed with great weather, lots of shoppers and a wonderful community spirit. Together we raised \$1,819.50 to help support the ministry/missions of our church. Left-over items were taken to the Red Barn in Hebron, owned by the Church of Hope. Proceeds from their sales support their mission programs.

Thank-you all! *The Fundraising Committee*

**\$1,819.50**



**Top Row, L-R:** Jim Caronna; Donna Wink; Susan Sandford and Jennifer Mitchell-McPherson.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Row, L-R:** Deb Howard and Jeannette Tomlinson; Carol Plecan, Karen Monteleone, and Karen Wheeler; a happy shopper and Nancy Dooley; **3<sup>rd</sup> Row, L-R:** Rev. Linda Barnes and Ann Neilson ; Pat Culhane, Dolores Sawchuk and Jeannette Tomlinson; busy shoppers. **4<sup>th</sup> Row, L – R:** John Clarke and Dawn LePage; Shelly Hirsch; Frank Ball, Mike McPherson and Tiffany Neilson; Tiffany Neilson.

# Tag Sale Fun! July 9, 2011



This week, Rev. Barnes will be in the office July 25 through 28. Her vacation begins July 31<sup>st</sup> when Tracy Bausum will lead our 9:00 a.m. worship. From July 31 through August 5, Rev. Barnes will be vacationing at home, while her daughter and family from Ohio are visiting. She will be at the Star Island UCC Conference August 6 to 13. Cheryl Anderson will lead worship on August 7<sup>th</sup> and will host a special brunch following the service.

Rev. Karl Ostberg, pastor of the Westchester Church has agreed to be on-call for pastoral emergencies. His phone is 860-267-0480.

Music Director Kim Lewis will be on vacation from August 12-August 20. The Guest Organist in her absence is Eric Ouelette.

Office Manager Susan Skoglund will be on vacation from August 22-26. Rev. Barnes and volunteers will be in the office during that time.

Check the Bulletin Boards in the Church Office for other area churches' activities, community happenings, information about Rev. Linda's 2012 Holy Land trip, and upcoming events at our Church. Please let Susan Skoglund know if you have church- or community-related activities you would like posted. Thanks!

A parishioner's family has dropped off durable medical equipment that is available to any of our members who need it. Items include a small, custom-made wheelchair (transport chair), bed rail, bathtub handles, walker, canes, shower seats, and a shopping cart. There is also an Electrolux Carpet Shampooer. Please contact Rev. Linda or Susan Skoglund if you or someone you know has a need for any of these items. Thank you.

Free Trade Coffee, Tea, Drinking and Baking Cocoa is available for sale in the Church Office, ranging from \$4 to \$8.

Don't forget to e-mail or call the Church Office to sign-up to receive *The Crier* via e-mail every month!



## Sink or swim?



People's stories about learning to swim often sound like this: "My dad tossed me into the water. I didn't have a choice — I flailed around until I found myself swimming!"

But an elderly Christian tells a variation of this story: "Wanting to teach me to swim, my father threw me off the dock into the lake. I sank." But

then he goes on: "So my father jumped in with me."

The storyteller's wisdom shines in his application: "God doesn't toss us into life and leave us alone to sink or swim. By sending Jesus, God jumped right in with us to save us from death, hold us protectively and help us navigate life."

# August 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	August 1	2	3	4	5	6
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Blood Pressures (after service) 9:00am Worship Led by Cheryl Anderson 10:00am Brunch hosted by Cheryl and Jim (Stage Room)	9:00am Jazzercise (Gym) 4:45pm Jazzercise (Gym) 6:00pm Jazzercise (Gym) 7:30pm AA - Sisters of Sobriety (Library)	6:00am Jazzercise (Gym, Babysitting Room) 9:00am Jazzercise (Gym) 4:00pm Tai Chi (Stage) 5:45pm Jazzercise (Gym) 6:30pm Mission & Witness (Office) 7:00pm Stewardship (Library) 7:00pm Ministry of Education	Rev Linda Vacation (Star Island) 9:00am Jazzercise (Gym) 4:45pm Jazzercise (Gym) 6:00pm MCSALC - Disabled Group (Stage - NEED ALL UPPER PARKING) 6:00pm Jazzercise (Gym) 7:30pm AA (Library)	6:00am Jazzercise (Gym, Babysitting Room) 9:00am Jazzercise (Gym) 10:00am AA (Library) 6:00pm Jazzercise (Gym) 8:00pm Basketball (Gym)	Kim Lewis Vacation 6:00am Jazzercise (Gym) 9:00am Jazzercise (Gym) 12:00pm AA (Library) 4:45pm Jazzercise (Gym)	Kim Lewis Vacation 7:30am Jazzercise (Gym) 8:30am Private Appointment (Library) 9:15am AA - Al-Anon (Jerusalem) 9:15am AA (Stage Room) 9:15am AA (Stage Room) 3:00pm Dinner planned by John
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