

September 2010

Sunday Schedule

Sept. 5 Care and Share Sunday
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
No Sunday School

Sept. 12
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Summer Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Library Committee
1:00 p.m. Scrapbook workshop
3:00 p.m. Koinonia II

Sept. 19 Rally Day
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship &
Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Indoor Picnic
6:00 p.m. Koinonia I

Sept. 26
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Board of Missions Meeting
First Annual Mini-Golf at
Fairways Mini-Golf in
South Windsor



Starting on Sept. 15th, the **Senior Choir** will rehearse each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise notified.

Children's Choir rehearses immediately following morning worship on Sundays (11:00-11:15 a.m.) unless otherwise announced.



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September 19 is Rally Sunday and the first day of Sunday School. We will celebrate our return from summer with an indoor picnic lunch sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. There will be crafts and games for the children and fellowship for all.



Everyone is welcome!

No reservations or food donations are necessary.

In The Beginning

Some of the Oldest Stories of the Bible
Morning worship themes this fall will follow those selected by the Christian Education Goals Committee for the Sunday School curriculum. Each week an early Old Testament story will be studied with children, youth, and adults focusing on the same texts. Discussions begun in church could even continue at home. *The oldest stories of the Bible will begin*, September 26, with the Creation, Adam and Eve, and Garden of Eden narratives. The stories to be considered next month will be introduced in October *Columns*.



Women's Retreat - A special get-away weekend has been planned for the women of the church Friday, October 8 - Sunday, October 10 at Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon, CT. For those who would like, we have the option of staying through Monday, October 11 at no additional cost.

Our theme this year is *Symbols of Our Faith*. We will have a Spiritual program, some Bible fun, free time and lots of great food that is prepared for us. The setting is relaxing and the company is outstanding! If you are interested, let me know as soon as possible, so we may plan.
Cost: \$90.00 per person. Please see *Louise Holmes* for more information.

The Pastor's Corner:

Religion in the News

So, Ted, you guys are getting a lot of press lately.

Okay. I'll bite. Which guys and which press?

You know, you religious types and all the hullabaloo about the Mosque at Ground Zero. How come there's always so much controversy around religion? To paraphrase the inimitable Jack Nicholson in 'Mars Attacks,' "Why can't you all just get along?" No wonder religious institutions don't carry the respect they once did!

O my! Where to begin? Where to begin? First of all, you're right about one thing. It is the press that is stirring up all the controversy. But that's what the press often does. To borrow another well worn phrase, that's how you sell newspapers. As for the Mosque in question, it really would not be built at Ground Zero at all. Depending on how you measure, it would be at least two blocks away. There are two established churches already closer to Ground Zero than that. Churches and Mosques and Synagogues around the world for centuries have been built close to each other. Religions, although they obviously disagree with each other, actually do get along rather well. But people, sometimes in the name of religion, that's another story. As for religious institutions not receiving the respect they once did, which institutions do?

But so close to Ground Zero? After what they did!

For goodness sakes, you're still not blaming Islam for 9/11 are you? No matter what they said, the 9/11 terrorists were no more truly Islamic than you or me. President Bush got it right. Islam literally means peace and is a religion of peace.

Don't you think there have been religious wars?

No truly religious wars, no. Wars begun and justified through some twisted sense of religion, yes. That's why it's so important for those of us who understand and embrace the message of true religion to speak out against and condemn false religion whatever name it may claim. The message of all true religion be it Christian, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, whatever, is love for God and love for other people, both those people with whom we agree and those with whom we disagree. There is no exception to that rule.

I don't know. It still seems to me that religion causes a lot of problems.

Maybe the surrounding culture of Wall Street is better?

No.

It's not religious.

No, it's not.

If that Mosque is built, it will be a community center which will welcome all people for recreation, relaxation, healthful living, and interfaith understanding. Sort of like the YMC (which stands for Christian) A. True religion always solves problems. It doesn't start them.

Then we better be sure to support congregations of true religion, and participate in them, and see that our children learn true religion and experience it, because there sure is an awful lot of the other going around!

Yes, we better. Nothing else we could ever do is more important.

Truly,

Ted

"Care & Share" Sunday is the first Sunday of every month when we bring items for Food Bank. You will find white envelopes marked Food Bank in the pews in which monetary donations may be made. All donations are gratefully accepted.

Just a reminder...if you have moved, have a new phone number, or your college student would like to receive news from their church in the Columns..... we want to know!!!

(Information for October Columns must be in the church office no later than September 15th!)



Senior High Fall Retreat

Friday evening and Saturday, September 10 and 11, the High School Youth Group will meet to plan events for the upcoming year. , the gathering will be a retreat setting at their beach house in Westerly, R.I. which will allow the youth group to also have an afternoon at Misquamicut Beach.

Sunday School Update

Our Curriculum Goal Committee has reviewed the information from the surveys returned to us in May and June. Using those suggestions, we are creating our own Sunday School curriculum. Each class will be learning the same story each week, at their own level. We are beginning with Genesis and Exodus in the fall. Thank you for your input.

Sunday School Teacher's Meeting

will be held on Thursday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Standing Committee will meet Thursday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. All representatives are encouraged to attend.

The **Board of Christian Education** will meet Monday, Sept. 27 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Deaconesses** do not meet in

September.

The **Board of Deacons** will meet Monday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Stewardship** will meet Monday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Trustees** will meet Tuesday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Library Committee** will meet Sunday, September 12 at 11:15 a.m.

W.E.B.

Women Empowered and Blessed is a women's group in which all women of the church are invited to attend.

W.E.B. will meet Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. for dessert.



Coffee Hour - Everyone is invited to Coffee hour following worship. Members of **The Board of Stewardship** are serving for the month of September. Each week the **Board of Deaconesses** provides the refreshments. Please be generous with your donations to the *Coffee Fund* in the basket on the table in the dining room.

Koinonia Groups

Koinonia I, Sunday, September 19, 6:00 p.m.

Koinonia II, Sunday, September 12, 3:00 p.m.

Stewardship Moment

Giving Back

Are you ready to sign up your teams? September 26th is the date for the First Annual Mini-Golf Tournament at First Church! For the low price of just \$10 per person, you'll be treated to 18 heart pounding holes of miniature golf at Fairways Miniature Golf Course on Spielman Road (Ellington Road) in South Windsor. After you have amazed friends and family with your amazing golfing skills and worked up an appetite, kick back and enjoy your free ice cream confection. While you're waiting to hear if your team will be taking home the bragging rights of Best Mini Golfers at First Church, you can browse the raffle table and take a chance on some awesome prizes! Look for the sign up table in the dining room during coffee hour. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the General Fund.

For those dedicated people who'd like to help with the Mini Golf Tournament, we could use donations for the raffle table. Since we are planning a family orientated event, raffle prizes for younger folk are especially

appreciated. Please contact any member of the Board of Stewardship

Looking ahead to other upcoming Stewardship events at church, be on the lookout for your pledge cards in the mail later this fall. And don't forget the Holiday Village Fair in November.

The following books were placed in our Church Library by the Board of Christian Education. They were given in honor of our Sunday School teachers

The Berenstain Bears Learn to Share

by Stan & Jan Berenstain

Share in Sister Bear's joy as she learns that God has blessed her with great friends and lots of time and toys to share.

My First Message by Eugene H. Peterson
A Devotional Bible for Kids.

Inspirational Tales

Ten beloved classics from the Little Golden Book Collection.

WOW Worship

Two CD set of 30 songs by contemporary Christian artists.

This Little Prayer of Mine by A. DeStafano
This rhyming book helps children learn to talk to God.

Adventure Bible Book of Devotions by Wooding
This yearlong daily devotional will carry children on a journey of spiritual growth and discovery.

The Miracles of Jesus by Tomie dePaola
An inspirational collection of twelve stories of the miracles Jesus performed.

VeggieTales Family Devotional

See faith grow as your family learns how to connect to God through love, faith, communication, trust, joy and time.

A Reminder from the Library

Books and videos taken out from the library during the summer are due September 12.

EHIM

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OTHER NEWS:



JYF Plant Sale

We are in need of new plants for the October 23rd Flea Market. We need all the plant lovers to start rooting pieces of your house plants. Please start now so that the plants will be large enough to sell. Also, please set aside any pots, containers, baskets, bowls, cups and anything you think would enhance the beauty of our plants.

Scrapbooking

There will be a scrapbook workshop from 1-6 in the church dining room on Sept 12. The workshop donation fee is \$15 which includes a pizza dinner. All proceeds from the event will be donated to Autism Speaks, a non profit group that has become the nation's largest autism science and advocacy organization .

Mini Golf Fundraiser Sunday, Sept. 26th
Fairway Golf - Rte. 5 in South Windsor.
Round of golf, Ice cream cones and raffle prizes.
Fun for the whole family.

Troop 1 Gary Keel has retired as Scoutmaster. Their new Scoutmaster's name is Tim Lynch. He can be reached at 860-985-7793 or by e-mail at thedrizzt@hotmail.com

Volunteer at the CT Hospice, Inc. If you or someone you know is looking for an opportunity to serve others in your community please call Pat Corradino, Director of Volunteer Services at 1-800-8 HOSPICE, ext 510 or e-mail at pnowak@hospice.com

Gifts for Riverside Scott Evans from Riverside has provided a list of suggested gifts for Riverside patients. These items should cost no more than \$10 each. Scott asked that these gifts be delivered shortly before Christmas time. The day after the church Holiday Fair, a box will be put in the downstairs lobby marked for Riverside. The suggestions are:
Lotion for the ladies, perfumes/colognes,
Bags of hard candies, small packaged crackers,
Watches, costume jewelry, Red Sox/Yankee items
plastic drink bottles (water),
small 6-10 inch teddy bears,

Recycling for the Church

First Church is now collecting empty inkjet cartridges for recycling. We will receive between \$.10 and \$4.00 per cartridge depending on the type. Simply place your old cartridge in our collection box under the stairs by the mailboxes. Most businesses throw their empty cartridges away. Please check at work to see if they would donate also. A complete list can be found next to the box.

**All Ladies of First Congregational Church
are cordially invited to our
W.E.B meeting
Thursday September 16th at 7pm
For Dessert and coffee**

W.E.B. – women empowered and Blessed is the weaving together of all the women of the Church to make a strong and long lasting thread of support and friendship.

All the W.E.B. members look forward to the 3rd Thursday of the month for a Delicious meal prepared by Chef Dennis and it just gets better from there.

We are a very active group in the everyday life of the Church, whether it is organizing, creating, cooking, baking, cleaning or just participating the women of W.E.B. are always there.

We are proud to have 4 generations of members; great-grandmothers, grandmothers, mom's and grown children. Our members are working and retired teachers, librarians, bankers, nurses, bookkeepers, secretaries, clerks, administrators and home-makers.

What a support group – Almost every imaginable situation, or question has come up in one of our members lives and we are always willing to share our experience to help each other.

Please join us for good food, good conversations, good programs and great friendships!

Calendar

The six month calendar of events, here at church, is available for pick up in the dining room and outside the sanctuary. Please continue to check Columns and the weekly bulletin for changes and additional events.

Church Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday: *Office Closed*
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Week 10 - Finish the hats & mittens, sew up the placemats. Bring in fair donations to the workshop Sept 12, 9:00 -12:00.

Week 9 - Gather the items needed to create the gift basket. Buy gourmet teas, coffees, and cookies for the baskets.

Week 8 – Look over my baubles for jewelry I can part with. Buy Christmas greenery and wreath for me to donate.

Week 7 – Clean up the slightly used items for Gramma’s attic. Use a craft store gift certificate to donate supplies.

Week 6 - Finish the Christmas ornaments for the boutique. Bring the wired ribbon to workshop Oct 17, 9:00 -12:00.

Week 5 - Bake cookies & freeze them for the Cookie Walk. Put up the posters, help advertise the date.

Week 4 - Send invitations and remind friends of the date.
Help put the baskets together Oct 31 from 9:00 -12:00

Week 3 - Put the Church Fair sign up in my front yard. Help finish the baskets . Nov 7 from 9:00 -3:00. Come whenever you can.

Week 2 - Make the special sweets for the Candy booth. Get items down from the Church attic.
Nov 14, 9:00 -3:00

Week 1 – Bake cakes and pies, make the cheeseballs. Donate fresh greenery for holiday planters Help rearrange, set up & decorate.
Thu Nov. 19 & Fri Nov. 20 from 9:00 - 4:00 & 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Come and join the fun!

Looking Ahead.....

FAIR WORKSHOP – **Church Dining Room:** Tasks for all abilities - tracing, cutting, gluing, tying, stamping, & sewing.

Sat.Sept.11 9:00-12:00p.m. Mon Sept 20 6:30-8:30

Sat. Oct 2 9:00-12:00 p.m. Mon. Oct. 4 6:30-8:30

Sat. Oct 30 9:00-12:00 p.m. Mon. Nov.1 6:30-8:30

Sat. Nov 6 9:00-3:00 p.m. Thu. Nov 11 9:00-3:00

Sat. Nov 13 9:00-3:00 p.m.

SAT. NOV 20 HOLIDAY VILLAGE FAIR

Pick up suggestion cards that list items to fill a themed basket, or help with other basket supplies: wired ribbon for bows, shredded paper for basket filler, small trinkets for bow ornaments, flavored tea, coffee & cocoa, small boxes of tea cookies, bags of hard candy or candy bars.

Craft store gift certificates, 40% off coupons or monetary donations for craft supplies always help.

CHURCH FAIR

November 20 9am - 3pm
Dinner: 5pm

11 weeks and counting down fast !!!
The schedule to get done with the task

Week 11 - Make my home-made jam, and pickle those beets. Bring in the silk greenery for the crafters to use.