

# October 2011

## Sunday Schedule

**Oct. 2**

*World Communion Sunday*

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship w/ Communion & Sunday School**

11:30 a.m. JYF

6:00 p.m. Stockholder's Banquet

**Oct. 9**

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship & Sunday School**

11:15 a.m. Library Committee

11:30 a.m. Missions Meeting

3:00 p.m. Koinonia II

**Oct. 16**

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship & Sunday School**

11:30 a.m. JYF

6:00 p.m. Koinonia I

**Oct. 23**

10:00 a.m. **Morning Worship & Sunday School**

1:00 p.m. CROP Walk

**Oct.30**

**Morning Worship & Sunday School**



The **Senior Choir** rehearses each Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m. unless otherwise notified.

**Children's and Choirs** will rehearse following morning Sundays (11:00-11:15) unless otherwise announced.



**Youth** immediately worship on (a.m.) unless otherwise announced.

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Senior Pastor: *Rev. Dr. Theodore H. Mosebach*

Pastor Emeritus: *Rev. William E. Flynn*

Director of C.E.: *Mrs. Louise R. Holmes*

Director of Music: *Mr. Jerry K. Scheinfeldt*

Church Secretary: *Mrs. Thory Donofrio*

Treasurer: *Mrs. Donna L. Basler*

Sexton: *Mr. Dennis J. McCarthy*

## CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN RELIGION AND MORALITY

Sept. 18	Environmentalism
Sept. 25	Religion and Science
Oct. 2	Religion and Politics
Oct. 9	Interfaith Relations
Oct. 16	Fundamentalism
Oct. 23	Family Values
Oct. 30	War
Nov. 6	Atheism and Agnosticism
Nov. 13	Religion and Technology
Nov. 20	Religion and Public Education

## **The Wisdom of Proverbs**

**Women's Retreat** al get-away weekend has been planned for the women of the church Friday, October 7 - Sunday, October 9 at Silver Lake Conference Center in Sharon, CT. For those who would like, we have the option of staying through Monday, October 10 at no additional cost.

Our theme this year is *The Wisdom of Proverbs*. 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 for church members. \$95 for non-church members. Please see *Louise Holmes* for more information.

**Standing Committee** will meet Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. All representatives are encouraged to attend. If unable to attend it is your responsibility to ask another member of your board.



- Oct. 2** Sunday School following Children's Moment Communion
- Oct. 9** Sunday School following Children's Moment Women's Retreat Weekend
- Oct. 16** Sunday School following Children's Moment
- Oct. 23** Sunday School following Children's Moment
- Oct.30** Sunday School following Children's Moment



### **Junior Youth Fellowship**

JYF is a youth group for students in grades 6-8. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

- Sun. Oct. 2** First Meeting. We will get pizza. 6:00 p.m. Stockholder's Banquet
- Sun. Oct. 16** Meeting. Bring your lunch
- Sun. Oct. 23** 1:00 p.m. CROP Walk

### **Prayer Meeting**

On the first Wednesday in October, November and December there will be a Prayer meeting in the Chapel from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

 **Coffee Hour** - Everyone is invited to Coffee Hour following worship. Members of The **Board of Christian Education** are serving for the month of October. 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.

**EHIM**  
East Hartford Interfaith Ministries  
Human Needs Fund Office  
*Beth Harlow*, Coordinator  
(860) 289-4919

The **Board of Christian Education** will meet Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Deaconesses** will meet Monday, October 3 at 1:00 p.m.

The **Board of Deacons** will meet Monday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Board of Missions** will meet Sunday, October 9 at 11:30 a.m.

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

The **Board of Trustees** will meet Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**W.E.B.** will meet on Thursday, October 20 at 6:15 p.m. for dinner.

### **W.E.B.**

**Women Empowered and Blessed** is a group comprised of members of the **Guild**, the **Business & Professional Women's Group** and **Mother's Club**. All women of the church are invited to attend.

The W.E.B. meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> will be presented by Ruthie Brown, a member of Friends of Center Cemetery. The program will be "The History of Center Cemetery". All members of the church are encouraged to attend.

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

## **Stewardship Moment**

Giving Back – October 2011

What are you thankful for this fall? Warm days and crisp nights? The color of the trees? Kids back in school? Are you thankful that you're healthy or employed or in a solid relationship? Are you grateful for football games, the World Series or the Annual CROP Walk?

Do you feel blessed because you live in a country that provides you with great freedoms – the freedom of speech, to worship where you want, the freedom for your children to be educated? Are you thankful that you belong to a church that is so willing to help others?

As the song goes – Count your blessings, count them one by one. Count your blessings, see what God has done. This fall, won't you remember your many blessings when considering your giving for the coming year? Pledge cards will be in the mail soon.

## **The Pastor's Corner**

The United Church of Christ

Almost Always There

Say, Ted, I guess Connecticut pretty much dodged a bullet with Hurricane Irene!

*Sure did! A Category (1) at worst but probably just a tropical storm by the time it hit most of us. Think of the aftermath if it had been even a Category (3) hurricane, not to mention a Category (5)!*

So, what's the church do when disaster strikes? I guess, just pray for the best? I don't hear much about you Christians reaching out to disaster victims. Don't you think the church should try to be more helpful? Wouldn't that be what Jesus wants?

*Yes, it would be, in fact, yes, it is! And it's in the places where human need is greatest that I am often most proud to be a member of the United Church of Christ. Every state has an organization called Volunteer Agencies Active in Disaster, or VOAD. I represent the United Church of Christ on the Connecticut VOAD. Within days of Irene CTVOAD called a meeting for all the member agencies to report about what they were doing to ascertain and address the needs of which they were aware. The Red Cross was at that meeting, and Buddhists and Mormons and Seventh Day Adventists and FEMA VAL's (Volunteer Agency Liaisons) and I was there for the UCC; altogether more than a dozen different organizations were represented. But no other Protestant denominations had anyone there! No Catholics! Just the UCC! And I don't think it was this way just because of me being the UCC representative. I know many other UCC Disaster Response Coordinators in other states and I know that when disaster strikes their states they care enough to attend their state's VOAD meetings too! It is one of the things we emphasize in the UCC— Reaching out to others with compassion! It is who we are! It is who we think Jesus calls us as Christians to be! Yes, fortunately Irene proved to be a small disaster for Connecticut. FEMA is*

reporting only 102 homes destroyed and 255 sustaining major damage. But guess what?! If your house was one of those houses it is a major disaster to you. Because we are an affluent state most of the damage will be covered by insurance or those affected will have other resources for recovery. But for those who don't, and there will be some, the United Church of Christ will be among those organizations, religious and non religious, that will help. We will send money or mission teams or both. We have already sent tens of thousands of dollars to help meet the needs of churches and individuals due to tornados and hurricanes and fires all over the United States this year! And, yes, we pray, too! That's also who we are. But you probably won't hear much about anything good that we do in mass media reporting. So I'm not surprised you don't know about it.

Wow! It sounds like someone needs to get the word out about the United Church of Christ.

Some of us are trying.

Ted

like to receive news from their church in the Columns..... we want to know!!!

### **Fair Workshops**

(All are Welcome)



Mon. Oct 3	6:30pm-8:30pm	Church dining room
Sat. Oct. 15	9am - noon	Church dining room
Sat. Oct. 22	9am - ???	Church dining room
Sat. Nov 5	9am -3pm	Church dining room

For those interested in helping, any time you could help would be appreciated, even just a couple of hours. *The Fair Committee*

### **RECYCLING FOR THE CHURCH**

First Church is collecting empty inkjet cartridges for recycling. We will receive between \$.10 and \$4.00 per cartridge. Simply place your old cartridge in our collection box under the stairs by the mailboxes. Please check at work to see if they would donate also.



## *Church Library*

### **Recommended Readings**

by the Library Committee

#### ACQUISTIONS

Your church library has several new books.

Stop in and chose one to borrow.

*Read to Understand.*

<u>My Good Grief</u>	by Cindyanne Kershaw
<u>To Kill A Mockingbird</u>	by Lee Harper
<u>Reading Judas</u>	by Pagels, Elaine & Karen King
<u>Eat, Pray, Love</u>	by Elizabeth Gilbert
<u>Cry, the Beloved Country</u>	by Alan Paton
<u>Unlikely Allies</u>	by Joel Richard Paul
<u>The Complete Idiot's Guide to Understanding Judaism</u>	by Benjamin Belch
<u>Judaism</u>	by Norman Solomon
<u>Everyday Biblical Literacy</u>	by Stephen Lang
<u>Getting to Heaven</u>	by Don Piper
<u>A Daybook of Prayers</u>	by Thomas Nelson Nashville

A copy of our current Sunday School Curriculum can be found in the Library for anyone interested.



Just a reminder...if you have moved, have a new phone number, or your college student would

### **Coming Events**

#### **Boy Scouts Magic Tournament**

Sunday, October 9, 2011 2:00 pm

Cost is \$10.00

Everyone is Welcome!



The American Red Cross will be having a blood drive at First Congregational Church on Wednesday, October 12 from 1:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Please sign up via the sheet in the dining room, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or GiveLife.Org

Positive ID is required to donate.

#### **Fall Clean-up**

#### **At First Church**

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m.**

#### **Our orange and grapefruit sale has begun.**

**Please pick up you order forms and information packet in the dining room on Sunday or see Howard Satalino for more information.**



This year's CROP walk will leave First Church at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 23<sup>th</sup> and will make its way down Main St. and Burnside Ave. of East Hartford. The distance will be approximately six miles. The walkers will gather at First Church afterwards for refreshments. *Joe Murdzek* and the walkers will be grateful for your sponsorship to help in poverty, hunger and disaster relief at home and abroad.

### **Bus Trip Fundraiser**

NYC on your Own. Sat. Oct. 29. Cost is \$32.00  
Leave 8am. Return 5:30 pm.  
Contact: Kathy Cattanach - 860-528-4532.

### **Save the Date!**

This fall, we are celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as part of the UCC. In honor of that celebration and to participate in the UCC's Mission 1, the Historical Committee is hosting a Family Movie Night on Saturday, November 5 at 6:00 PM. A donation of \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 maximum for a family plus a can of food will include popcorn, lemonade and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Food items will go to our food bank and all money collected will be sent to support the \$111,111 goal to be donated for famine relief in East Africa.

### **Budget Sunday**

Sunday, November 13, 2011  
Congregational Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

### **Holiday Village Fair**

Saturday, November 19, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Victorian Tea - 11:30 a.m.  
Dinner – 5:00 p.m.

### **Thanksgiving Sunday**

Sunday, November 20, 2011 – 10:00 a.m.  
Thanksgiving baskets delivered to our homebound.

### **31<sup>st</sup> Annual**

### **Thanksgiving Day Dinner**

Thursday, November 24, 2011  
1:00 p.m

### **Thanksgiving Worship**

7:00 p.m. Temple Beth Tefilah  
465 Oak St. E. Hartford, CT

### **Nice Notes**

A total of \$800 was donated by our congregation to the roof fund in honor of Reverend Bill Flynn's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. After learning this news, Reverend Flynn sent us the following letter:

Dear Kathy, Donna, Members and Friends  
of First Church,

Your belated birthday greetings on behalf of First Congregational Church brought me joyous astonishment beyond measure! And I am greatly honored by the generous gifts of the congregation to the roof fund in celebrating my four score years.

Please tell the congregation of my gratitude. I also received many birthday cards with accompanying notes from church members and cherish each one. What wonderful memories they refresh. The best years of my life were spent as minister of First Congregational Church, and I never cease to be grateful that I was privileged to serve a congregation of such remarkable people for thirty-one years. I should add that some of the cards that meant the most came from those who were children or adolescents when I was their minister. How gratifying it is to know that they are still active and that some are even church leaders. Can you image the thrill those cards gave me?

It does seem that my gratitude calls for some concrete response. Elaine has suggested a matching gift. Accordingly, you will find enclosed a check in

the amount of \$800 to be added to the new roof fund and with it, my affectionate greetings to all.

And don't forget: my hundredth is coming!

Wishing you all the grace and peace of our Redeemer,

Faithfully,  
Rev. Bill Flynn  
Pastor Emeritus

Dear First Church,  
School began last week after a very hectic start. Backpacks are full and the children are ready for

TIME VALUE

PLEASE RUSH

another year. Many head off to school wondering what the new year will bring. One thing I know many children will be bringing with them to school this year is a mind full of memories from YMCA Camp Nowashe. And this is what you made possible with your generous donation to the 2011 Strong Kids Campaign. Your kindness helped to change lives this summer. Thank you for helping us to build memories that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,  
Brian P. Liss  
Executive Director  
East Hartford YMCA

CAN YOU - bring in paper bags with handles to use at the booths ?

**CAN YOU - bring in new or gourmet items for baskets by October 16<sup>th</sup> ?**

CAN YOU - put finishing touches on craft items for the Holiday Boutique ?

CAN YOU - ask all your friends to mark their calendar for November 19th ?

CAN YOU - come to Fair Craft days: Oct 3 or Nov 7 6:30-8:30, Oct 15 or Oct 22, from 9-12 Nov 5, Nov 11, Nov 12 from 9-3 ?

CAN YOU - reserve a seat for you and a friend for the Church Fair Dinner ?

CAN YOU - sign up to volunteer for a few hours at the fair on November 19 ?

**YES !! YOU CAN!! -- YOU CAN!! -- YOU CAN!!**

CAN YOU - put a Church fair sign on your front lawn?

CAN YOU - bake cookies for the Cookie Walk or Tea Room ?

CAN YOU - pickle cukes or beets, make jam or jelly for the Country Store ?

CAN YOU - make a cake, pie, brownies etc. for the Bake Booth ?

CAN YOU - create chocolate or other tasty treats for the Candy Shoppe ?

CAN YOU - donate a clean, slightly used item to Grandma's Attic ?

CAN YOU - crochet a scarf, knit a hat, sew a pillow for Handicrafts ?

CAN YOU - pass on your unworn jewelry to the Nu-To-U Jewelry Shop ?

## **Holiday Village Fair News**

November 19th                      9am - 3pm  
Dinner:    5pm

### **THE FAIR NEEDS YOUR HELP!!**

**CAN YOU** - help get baskets & things down from  
the Church attic ?

**CAN YOU** - put out posters at the stores &  
businesses you go to ?

**CAN YOU** - mail or give fair invitations to all of  
your friends ?

**A little help from all, is a big help to First  
Church!!!**

**You CAN be part of the Church Fair success!!**

**Ask any booth chairman how You CAN help!!**