



First Congregational Church
of
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Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

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The Tie
June 2010

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! I would like to open this month with a word of congratulations to our 2009-2010 Confirmation Class! Dylon Voellings, Tyler Gaudette and Karen Voellings all received the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 23, 2010 during our worship service. They worked very hard over the past year exploring their faith in Jesus Christ and the faith journey we take together as part of the United Church of Christ. Best wishes to Dylon, Tyler and Karen as their journey of faith continues!

I can hardly believe that our program year is winding down for the summer. For many congregations, summer is a relative term. Some congregations are open for business as usual throughout the summer months, while others close down and reopen in the fall. There are a few that only open for the summer, and are closed during what we often consider the usual program year. I won't be surprised if there are churches that open only for the winter, or close during the coldest months of the year.

Whatever the case, and whatever the schedule, the ministry of the church is something that doesn't only happen in a church building, or while there is active events happenings in or around the building. It is something that we, the members of the Body of Christ, can do everyday, wherever we are. We can be the church at the beach, at our campsite, at the 4th of July Parade, at the BBQ, in the pool, or any other place that the upcoming months bring us to this year. What's important is that we serve Christ wherever we are, and whatever time of year it is.

Speaking of congregations being opened or closed, we are here year round at the church to serve you. I am pleased to announce that we will again be offering a summer worship service here at the Church. The summer service will be at the traditional time of 9:30 AM for the months of July and August. Our summer Sunday services are a fun and festive way to celebrate God's blessings, with the hymns that you love and the good fellowship that you can always find whenever we gather in the name of Jesus Christ. They are

also a bit shorter than our services during the program year, running about 45 minutes, so there is plenty of time to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather. I invite you to come and celebrate God's blessing during the season of summer.

Speaking of the summer season, it's the season for iced coffee and iced tea! I would love to get together and have a cup over some good conversation. If you would like a visit, or have some other way that I can be of help to you, please let me know. Also, if you know of anyone who is sick, or in the hospital or other wise home bond, please let me know so that I can pay them a visit as well. Feel free to call me at 508-885-2149, stop by the office, or e-mail me at revwilliamwildman@yahoo.com to set up a time to get together. I hope you all a happy and healthy summer, and enjoy God's blessings throughout!

In Christ,

Pastor Bill

Bible Trivia Contest for June 2010!!!

Congratulations to Susi Cavigioli for winning last months' trivia contest. The correct answer to last month's trivia question, "In the Book of Acts, which person is NOT selected to be Judas' replacement as one of the 12 Apostles?" is "Joseph called Barsabbas." (Acts 1:23-26, NRSV) Would you like to win free coffee and pastry with Pastor Bill? It's easy: just answer the following Bible trivia question:

“How many of Paul’s letters in the New Testament were originally sent to the church at Corinth?”

The first person to get the answer to Pastor Bill (either in person, by e-mail or phone) will win the contest for June. So get your thinking caps on and let this month's contest begin... Good Luck!

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Scholarship Applications are available from the office and are due on or before Sunday, June 4, 2010 for consideration. Applications may be picked up Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to noon.

Attention Church Members due to fire regulations there is no parking in the horseshoe area in front of the Prouty Housing next door or in any of the lined parking spaces in front of the Prouty building these spaces are for housing personnel's use only. Please notify family members and friends regarding this change in the parking areas available. There are parking spaces located in the basketball court.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The Mother's Day Blanket Sale earned approximately \$325 for Church World Service blankets which will be sent to people in need. The following is a list of mothers who were remembered and honored with the purchase of a blanket in their names:

Miriam Ahlquist
Elizabeth Albro

Jean Gauthier
Ellie Mae Gordon

Leona Larson
Helen Y. Leslie

Sara Russell
Sarah Rutkiewicz

Hazel Andrews	Mary Griffith	Martha P. Lifter	Lilian Snow
Lois Batteiger	Memeré Hames	Helen Lincoln	Jane Stone
Florence Bloom	Hilda Harding	Marge Mac Donald	Zoe Tolis
Regina Bosse	Jessika Hayes	Aili Mac Millian	Mary A. Tribe
Esther Christian	Theresa Hill	Agnes Meacham	Grandma Voellings
Barbara Coutu	Bea Houston	Agnes Mocas	Viola Veaudry
Flora Coutu	Barbara Howe	Dorothy O'Coin	Nadine Wackus
Irma Danner	Donna Ingalls	Irene O'Neil	Barbara Wentworth
Eleanor Small Downey	Pat Irish	Lynn Perreault	Marjorie Wheeler
Harriet Durant	Ethyl Irish	Claire Perron	Eleanor Willard
Dorothy Eddy	Mary Johnson	Jean Peters	Pauline Woodward
Anna Mae Eselhorst	Insrud Kappik	Dorothy Provencher	Mother
Marion Faugno	Dorothy Keefe	Harriet Rivers	Our Mothers
Ida Fisette	Priscilla Kowal	Thelma Rivers	
Mary Fiske	Lorna Krause	Mary Robertson	
Nanna G	Betty Landine	Myrtice Sampson	

TOOL SALE for Father's Day. Tools are on sale through Father's Day June 21st. All proceeds will go to area missions.

Hazel Ahlquist, Chairperson 2010

CHURCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This committee met on Sunday May 16th. We are looking for a new chairperson. Anyone interested in being chairperson, please notify Lisa Brown or Pastor Bill. We are preparing for the Children's Day Service that will be on June 13th. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday June 6th.

Lisa Brown, Church School Superintendent

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. All committee chairpersons are asked to attend this meeting.

It is important to keep the lines of communication open and by attending the council meeting all the committees will be informed of upcoming events or special projects in the works.

Please make an effort to attend the council meetings if you cannot attend please have an alternate attend.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School is going great. The children are still enjoying the lessons and are having fun learning about the parables found in the gold boxes.

We are busy at work preparing for Children's Day Service. The children are excited about picking one of their favorite lessons to present at the service.

We are always looking for help with Church School. Anyone interested in helping out or becoming a teacher, please notify Lisa Brown or Pastor Bill. If you would like to just be a guest to see how the lessons are presented, feel free to stop by.

Wanted all graduating seniors! If you know a senior that is graduating this year, please notify Lisa Brown at (508) 885-6941 or Pastor Bill at (508) 885-2149. We would like to give them crosses at the Children's Day Service.

Lisa Brown, Church School Superintendent

DIACONATE

Diaconate meeting for June is June 13th following the Worship Service.

Deacon of the month for June is Bob Ahlquist

June 2nd – Baccalaureate Service for David Prouty High School will be held at 7:00PM

June 20th – The Rainbow girls will be at our worship service to do the Fathers Day ritual.

June 23rd - Spiritual & Well Being Healing Service will held at 7:00 PM

Looking forward to greeting and meeting you on Sunday mornings.

Ken Landine
Chairperson

MEN'S LEAGUE

Greetings to everyone. Not much happening with the Men's League. We are in the process of preparing the Community Birthday Calendar, and we hope to have the support that we have had in the past. As you all know this is our main fundraiser. Please remember, the deadline for listings is June 13th.

Thank you all in advance.

Sincerely,
Al Orne

MILITARY WHIST PARTY & PENNY SALE

Our Next whist party will be on Friday, September 10, 2010. Have a safe and wonderful Summer. Hope to see you in the Fall.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Greetings! Many thanks to the women (and moms) for keeping the tradition of honoring Mothers Day in song. It is admirable to see new faces each year participate in that special service. Any men who have interest in singing for Fathers Day should see Sarah before or after service. On behalf of the music committee we would like to thank Sarah, Greg, and the choir for an energetic and moving Music Sunday. Over the past few years the collective efforts of the music ministry have introduced the gospel music style to a warmly receptive church family and it is always pleasing to hear the echoes of the choir singing their music well after service has ended! This particular Music Sunday was punctuated by the dedication to the life of William "Bill" Cundall. As we learned, Bill loved Gospel music and was an important member of the choir for many years, often arriving early

and staying late to help. His quiet disposition, witty sense of humor, and devotion to the choir is an example of goodness and will continue to inspire us in our lives and our music.

Keith Rutkiewicz, Dave Wentworth & Phil Harding

STRATEGIC PLANNING & CHURCH GROWTH PROJECT TEAM

The survey was sent out with the May Tie as to date we have only received 3 responses. We need your input so that we will be able to meet the needs of our parish family. Questionnaires are available from the office Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. to noon. You do not have to write your name on the questionnaire. Whatever insight you may have will help us enormously.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

BUDGET FOR 2010 - 2011

Foster Children – Plan Int'l.....	264.00 + 264.00 +336.00	1,368.00
Children Inc. U.S.A.	252.00 + 252.00	
Birthday & Christmas Gift Foster Children.....		200.00
Minister's Christmas Gift		300.00
Custodian's & Secretary's, Choir Director & Organist Christmas Gift (75.00 ea)		375.00
One Great Hour of Sharing.....		100.00
Steeple Lighting		500.00
H.H. Fisher Memorial Permanent Scholarship Fund.....		500.00
Scholarship Aid Fund	(\$500 plus per deceased female member) ...	1,000.00
Pledge to the Church.....		15,000.00
Mother & Daughter Banquet Expenses.....		350.00
Men's League Christmas Dinner Entertainment		200.00
Heifer Shipper (Super).....		100.00
Sunshine Committee		150.00
Superintendent of Sunday School		1,000.00
Sr. High Pilgrim Fellowship Leader		1,000.00
Office Fund (To Copier)		500.00
Scholarship (Baccalaureate) Spencer Clergy		150.00
Lite Sticks (Children's Christmas Eve Service)		125.00
Copy Machine (maintenance contract)		960.00
Worcester Telegram & Gazette (church ad) ..		840.00
TOTAL		\$24,718.00

Women's Fellowship Officers for 2010 - 2011

The officers for the year 2010 – 2011, with the exception of the Second Vice President there is no one

at this time. If you are interested

The Officers are:

President – Jean Vandale
First Vice President – Ann MacDonald
Second Vice President
Treasures – Virginia Fanning
Secretary – Barbara Gatto
Correspondence Secretary – Patricia Stark
Economy Shop – Mary Ingalls
Sunshine & Cheer – Marie Snow
Social Activities – Marjorie Bemis

Nominating Committee:

Rachel Walden
Bev Wentworth
Joyce Hames

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Walden

Sunlighters, and all women of the Church are welcome to a Pot Luck luncheon at Bev Wentworth's on June 15, 2010 at 12 noon

Remember **ALL** women of the church are invited to attend. - Great refreshments and fellowship - Come join us!

Bev Wentworth
President

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The program "Women of the Bible" which was sponsored by a grant from the Spencer Cultural Council was successfully received. About seventy people attended and enjoyed the performance by Linda Gray Kelley, a widely traveled and well known artist.

The Food Concession and Freewill offering final total was \$510.10.

I wish to thank all of you, who supported this project by attending, baking and all other necessary job related to this cause.

Your generous support for the Haiti Disaster Relief Fund will help alleviate their struggles and give hope, where it is needed.

Thanks you,
Pat Stark

EVENING WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The June meeting will be held at the Flea Market held on June 26th.

"2nd Annual Flea Market". We are sponsoring an Indoor / Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday, June 26, 2010. Rent a space: \$20 for 6' table and \$25 for 8' table, which includes one table, two chairs. Set up on Friday, June 25th - 5 to 7p.m. or Saturday at 7 a.m. Unsold items are the sole responsibility of the renter.

Morning "Coffee and" also lunch will be served from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
To reserve one or more tables, fill out and return the form below with your check, or contact the church office at 508-885-2149 or fccspencer@verizon.net

Reservation Deadline: Friday, June 18, 2010

Space is limited. Please do not sell food at your booth. Remove your own trash after the event.

Table Reservation for June 26, 2010 Indoor/Outdoor Flea Market

Name _____ Email Address _____

Postal Address _____

Day Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Type of items to be sold: _____

I would like to set up on _____ Friday evening (5 to 7pm) _____ I will set up at 7 a.m. on Saturday.

Number of tables to reserve _____ @ 6' tables \$20 = _____ (amount enclosed)

_____ @ 8' tables \$25= _____ (amount enclosed)

Please make checks payable to "First Congregational Church of Spencer"

Mail to First Congregational Church of Spencer, UCC, PO Box 187, Spencer, MA 01562. Deadline: June 18, 2010

FYI

Free CPR and Auto Defibrillator Training

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the First Congregational Church of Spencer UCC, will be receiving an Auto Defibrillator device (AED) and will also be offering a training course for CPR and Auto Defibrillator use. The course, taught in one 3 hour session, will be offered free of cost! Dates and times will be set starting this summer. There is a sign-up sheet posted in Mary Porter Hall for anyone who wishes to take the training. You may also sign-up by calling the office at 508-885-2149. Please call or see Pastor Bill with any questions.

***Our Next Service of Physical, Mental & Spiritual Healing will be on
Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 7:00 PM***

Our next **Service of Physical, Mental and Spiritual Healing** will be on **Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 7:00 PM**. All are invited to attend and experience the gift of our congregation's healing ministry. The service will feature worship, prayer, a litany of forgiveness, musical & guided meditations, and scripture. There will also be a variety of "healing stations" where ministries such as anointing, symbolic washing & renewal, and one-on-one prayer will be offered. The service will conclude with Holy Communion, which is open to all who attend.

Please contact Pastor Bill Wildman for more information or with any questions.

Thank you and may God bless you!

THANK YOU

To the member & friends of the Church,

Thank you very much for the wonderful celebration upon my retirement as your Church Collector. The flowers were beautiful and gathering after the service was just wonderful. Thank you again and I'll see you in Church!!!

Louise Perreira

Know Somebody in the Hospital? Please let us know...

Do you know of someone from the church who is in the hospital or some other health care facility? Please let us know at the church office so Pastor Bill can pay them a visit. Due to the Federal Health Insurance Privacy Protection Act (HIPPA), hospitals and health care facilities can no longer tell us if anyone from the church is there, even if they have made their church membership known to them. In other words, we have no other way of knowing if someone is in the hospital other than word of mouth. Please let us know the full name that they were admitted by, what the facility name is, and if possible, what their room number is. Thank you so much for your help with the visitation ministry of the church!

ATTENTION ALL CHURCH MEMBERS!!!

PLEASE notify the office of any **changes** to your **mailing information and phone numbers**. It is important for us to keep an accurate mailing list. So please make an effort to contact the office with any **changes**, either **temporary** or **permanent**.

CALENDAR

June 1st – 30th Office hours are 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD no meeting in June & July

June 2nd **Baccalaureate Service** – The service will be held at 7:00 P.M. Congratulations to the graduates of David Prouty High School.

June 8th **CHURCH COUNCIL** meeting 7:00 P.M.

June 9th **STRATEGIC PLANNING & CHURCH GROWTH COMMITTEE** meeting 7:00 P.M.

June 11th **POT LUCK SUPPER & BINGO NIGHT** 6:30 P.M.

June 13th **DIACONATE** will meet following worship service.

CHURCH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet following worship service.

June 15th **SUNLIGHTERS** meeting 12 P. M. Bev Wentworth's home 119 Charlton Rd.

June 17th **TIE NOTICES** due for July & August (Summer Tie).

June 20th **FATHER'S DAY** - The Rainbow girls will be at our worship service to do the Fathers Day ritual.

June 23rd **HEALING SERVICE** 7:00 P.M.

June 26th **EVENING WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meeting & FLEA MARKET 8 A.M to 1 P.M.

LOOKING AHEAD

Summer Worship Service will be 9:30 A.M. starting July 4th.

HELD AT THE CHURCH

Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon and Al-A-Teen meeting every Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Deacon of the month for June is Bob Ahlquist.