

**THE  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH IN  
KILLINGWORTH,  
UCC**

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## Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 6, 2008, Third Sunday of Easter  
The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching  
*Service of Holy Communion*

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Pet 1:17-23, Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, April 13, 2008, Fourth Sunday of Easter  
The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23

I Pet 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

Sunday, April 20, 2008, Fifth Sunday of Easter/  
Earth Day Service

The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching  
Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

I Pet 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

Sunday, April 27, 2008, Sixth Sunday of Easter  
The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20

1 Pet 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

# PILGRIM PASTOR



Christ is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! A light shines in the darkness! We've passed the Spring Equinox. So, nature cries out this fundamental truth, as well. Heaven and Earth are full of God's glory – on any given day at any given time. Just open your eyes. Pause and receive the light that is shining in your own life right this minute. And, know that you are blessed, and know that you are a blessing! Thank you for shining your light!

Okay, so let's get onto the next church in our United Church of Christ 4 streams of denominational roots: The German Reformed Church. The Reformed stream had its roots in Switzerland. In 1522, Ulrich Zwingli began to work for the reformation of the Church in Zurich by spreading news that the Christian community was the authority for church doctrine and practice. He influenced the confession of faith and theology in what became the Heidelberg Catechism, written in 1563. After Zwingli died, John Calvin became a force in the reformation of Switzerland. The Reformed Movement spread from Switzerland and Germany, to Holland, to Scotland and England, where it became known as Presbyterianism. Many of these German Reformed church people began to settle in the colonies of the New World around 1700 as a result of the Thirty-Years War, which had produced German famine and political persecution. The German Reformed were associated with the Dutch Reformed Church in Amsterdam, but in 1793 they separated from the Dutch church and adopted the name, "The Synod of the Reformed German Church in the United States."

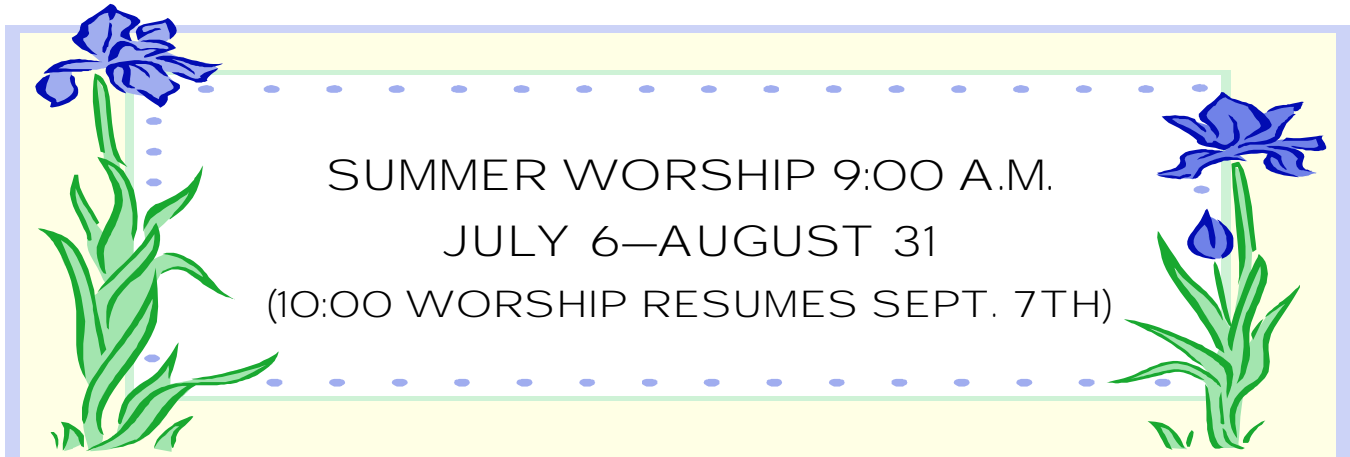
The German Reformed people had a simple Biblical piety. They emphasized lay participation in the congregation, valued the organizational support that congregations could provide for one another, and had a strong sense of mission and social witness. Their intention was reform and renewal in the church.

Next month, The Evangelical Church.

My deepest, most heartfelt blessings to you. May the Spring sounds of tweetering birds and the sight of flowers opening fill your cup with joy.

Light Shines!

Interim Minister



# Sunday School Corner

Hopefully during this month of April you will be enjoying the beauty of God's creation. It may be a rainy month, but with that comes the renewal of life. The green buds will start to appear and baby animals will be born. Take a moment and share with your children that this is a wonderful time to be alive.

Moving on to what's happening with Sunday School. We have about two more months of classes and then we will settle into our more relaxed summer Sunday School lessons. On the first Sunday in April we will be concluding our workshop rotation entitled "The Lord's Supper" by doing a multiage craft project. The following four weeks we will be doing a workshop rotation entitled "Ruth". Through art, science, and game workshops, the children will learn about the story of Ruth and what the Bible teaches us about love, loyalty, commitment, and community. Even though there will be school vacation during a week in April, the Christian Education committee encourages all those children who are not going away to take part in these wonderful workshops. The seventh and eighth graders will continue to meet with their teachers. Our ninth grade confirmation students, Nick Uihlein and Stephen Saunders have been meeting with their mentors, Walt Tischbein and Chris Moore. Confirmation will be held on Sunday, June 8th this year.

The Senior Youth group is hosting an appreciation dinner on Friday, April 11th. This spaghetti dinner is their way of thanking all those people who supported their trip to Washington, D.C.. The youth will also be giving a brief presentation about their trip. Mark your calendars for Children's Sunday which will be held Sunday, June 15th.

Sunday School Superintendent - Tina Moore  
 (860)345-8828  
[mooreavonpl@hotmail.com](mailto:mooreavonpl@hotmail.com)

## April Birthdays

4/2 Adam Anziano  
 4/3 Megan Tischbein  
 4/20 Matthew Moore  
 4/26 Lexi Hines





## The Middle School Youth Group

Sunday April 6th there will be a pool party at the HK Pool from 12:00–2:00 p.m.. Drop off and pick up is from the pool.

Sunday, April 27th—Beautifying God's Creation—An Earth Day Celebration—from 4:00–5:00 p.m. at The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC. Please call Kris Foley at 663-3536 with any questions.

## THE PASTORAL SCHOLASHIP FUND

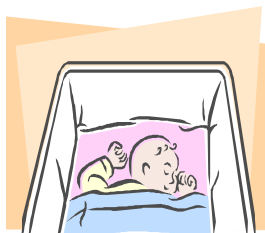
- A call for High School Seniors: The Pastoral Scholarship Fund is pleased to have applications ready for any high school senior who is interested in applying for a scholarship to assist in the high cost of higher education. If you are;
    - a member of the church since Sept 2007
    - are accepted to an education program beyond High School
    - are planning to attend either full time or part time (at least 9 credits)
    - application may be postponed for one year
    - are willing to fill out the application and write an essay on 'How the church has influenced your life'.
- Please get an application in the church office. All applications are due in the church office by **April 15th**. Contact Sue Anziano with questions at 663-2176 or any CE member.



## SCHOLARSHIP FUND PLANT SALE

Looking forward to getting into the Garden and making your flowerboxes looking great? Please keep the SCHOLARSHIP FUND PLANT SALE in mind! We will have geraniums and impatiens for sale on **Sunday, May 4th** after church. All profits will go directly into the scholarship fund, which gives generous scholarships to our church family's high school graduates. If you'd like to place an early order and reserve some plants in your favorite color, please contact Sue Anziano at 663-2176

Graduating from high school? Don't forget to get your Scholarship Application into the church office by April 15th! Any questions, contact Sue Anziano at 663-2176



**We love and welcome babies to our time of worship, but sometimes parents need a break! The Infant & Toddler Room will be staffed and available Sunday mornings for families.**

**If you would like more information, please contact Tina Moore or a member of the Christian Education Committee.**

## YOGA



Join us every Tuesday at 10 a.m.  
in the Old Town Hall.  
Additional classes for kids and adults.  
Call Cindy Vogt for more information.  
860-395-9110 or 860-663-2629.  
\$48/6 classes (preregistration) or \$10 walk-ins.

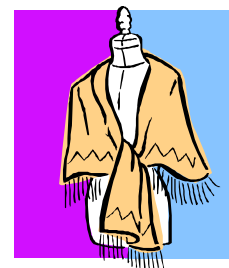
## MUSIC NOTES by Carolyn Engle



- Look in the bulletin on Sundays for interesting facts about the music you hear during the worship service that day
- New choir members are always welcome -- see Carolyn Engle if you're interested in joining
- Coming up -- Music Sunday -- more information to follow

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

We will be meeting on the last Monday of the month at 1:00 pm.  
The dates are March 31st, April 28<sup>th</sup>, May 26<sup>th</sup>, and June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please continue working on your shawls or lap robes. Any questions or comments call Jan Jette at 663-1686.



## Happy Birthday!



April 3	Lynn Lehane Christine Tischbein	April 15	Alan Chapmen Joann Slocombe
April 6	Carole Koziy Karen Gagliardi Marilyn Breister	April 16	Sheryl Wescott
April 8	Mary Cass	April 17	H. Franklin Nash
April 9	Ginger Lahey	April 20	Susan Otto
April 11	Sal Benevento Kim Pascucelli Erin Ford	April 21	Charlene Reynolds
		April 23	Mike Chrzanowski
		April 24	Enid Sherman
		April 25	Robert Drew James Bowen



# Christians Caring for Creation

By Marilyn Carlson Campbell

*"We've all got to be involved in putting this world together."* - Pete Seeger

Earth Day, April 22, 2008, reminds us that God has entrusted each one of us with stewardship of his creation. In recognition of Earth Day, we are called into action to meet the challenges presented by the energy crisis as well as global warming. Our involvement covers our eco-friendly choices at home, at work, and in church.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are summoned to heal and protect God's precious, interdependent web of life. In the words of Gordon Bates, head of our conference's Environment and Energy Ministry Team, "Climate Change and Energy Crises are moral and ethical issues that force us to go to the heart of our faith: our call to love God above all else and to love our neighbors as ourselves."

## Church History Books

Tom Lentz's book 'History of the Congregational Church in Killingworth' is now available. Along with a detailed history of Killingworth, there are many pictures from the archives as well as many photos from not so long ago. This book is a wonderful tribute to the past and present.

Books may be purchased any Sunday during coffee hour, from the church secretary during regular office hours, Banknorth, or the Town office building. Books can also be ordered and sent first class mail. If you have any questions call the church office 663-1789 or Janet Johnson 663-1456.

.....ORDER FORM.....

'History of the Congregational Church Killingworth' by Thomas Lentz



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

The price is \$35 each (please add \$5.00 per book if you'd like it sent to you).

Cash or Checks only please. Total number of books ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Tom is available to personalize your book on most Sundays.**

## The Congregational Church In Killingworth

# April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> Forecast: 90 degrees and Sunny *7:30 Boy Scout 7:30 WF	<i>2</i> 7:00 Tai Chi 7:00 Deacons *7:30 AA	<i>3</i> 3:30 UGC 6:45 Choir *7:30 AA	<i>4</i> 7:00 NA	<i>5</i> 9:00 CCD 7:30 AA
<i>6</i> 8:30 Pastoral Search 9:00 choir 12:00 MSYG HK Pool	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 6:30 Trustees 7-9 pm Choir *7:30 Boy Scout 7:30 WF	<i>9</i> 7:00 Tai Chi *7:30 AA	<i>10</i> 3:30 UGC *7:30 AA	<i>11</i> 6:30 MSYG Dinner 7:00 NA	<i>12</i> 9:00 CCD 7:30 AA
<i>13</i> 8:30 Pastoral Search 9:00 choir 11:30 Music	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> *7:30 Boy Scout 7:30 WF	<i>16</i> 7:00 Tai Chi *7:30 AA	<i>17</i> 3:00 UGC Auditions 5:00 Worship 6:45 Choir *7:30 AA	<i>18</i> Kerygma Deadline 5:30—8 Rummage Sale 7:00 NA	<i>19</i> 9 - 12 Rummage 7:30 AA
<i>20</i> 8:30 Pastoral Search 9:20 Choir Earth Day Servc.	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Earth Day *7:30 Boy Scout 7:30 WF	<i>23</i> Admin. Day 1:30 Wed Eves 7:00 Council 7:00 Tai Chi *7:30 AA	<i>24</i> 3:30 UGC *7:30 AA	<i>25</i> 7:00 NA	<i>26</i> 9:00 CCD
<i>27</i> 8:30 Pastoral Search 9:20 Choir 4:00 MSYG	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> *7:30 Boy Scout 7:30 WF	<i>30</i> 7:00 Tai Chi *7:30 AA			
• * = Meets in Old Town Hall •		WF = Women's Fellowship (Call 663-1789 for meeting place)		UGC = United Girls Choir		

MAY KERYGMA DEADLINE Friday, April 18, 2008

## Stewardship – To Bridge the Gap

We have just finalized our stewardship campaign for 2008 and are happy to announce that we have taken a step in the right direction. We are still short of a balanced budget but are considerably stronger than 2007.

The total pledges for 2008 are \$93,753 which is \$15,600 higher than 2007. Also, the number of pledges has increased to 89 which are 15 more than the previous year.

A complete profile shows that we have weekly pledges up to \$125.

The number of new pledges for the year is 24.

These new pledges contribute with \$17,186 or 19% of the total pledge amount.

This should be compared with the net increase of \$4,400 from pledge units who have pledged for both 2007 and 2008. The difference is \$7,900 (31) in increased pledges less \$3,500 (9) in decreased pledges.

The lost pledges amount to 10 of which 3 have moved away from the area or have passed away.

The average weekly pledge is \$20.26 which is approximately the same level as last year. This is also the highest level we have seen over the last five years. A very encouraging development as we also have seen quite a big increase in new pledges.

We are happy about the positive development but can not really rest until we have been able to bridge the gap. It can be done through joint efforts in faith.

Clas Thelin

For the Stewardship Committee

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The Pastoral Search Committee did not meet over Palm Sunday nor Easter Sunday due to all the other activities, both in the Church and our family lives.

As we look ahead, the rest of March and a good part of April will be a busy time for us. There are reference checks to complete, preparation for a mock interview, the mock interview itself and its debriefing by Rev Micheal Penn-Strah, and decisions on six new profiles.

Looking toward April we will be arranging candidate visits and interviews; including follow-up on requested samples of sermons, etc. for continuing evaluation.

For the Committee, Dave Montgomery

## PLEASE HELP US BALANCE THE BUDGET

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Reverend Suzanne has inspired us with words from the Bible since she joined us last August. She has also shared personal experiences such as the broken Christmas tree ornament and the fisherwoman stories.

Well, she has done it again! “Why not share some of our federal tax rebate with the Church?” she said. This May most of us will receive a monetary incentive from our friends in Washington. The money return will range between \$300 and \$1200 for most of us. These dollars are intended to stimulate the economy. If you have strong ties to our Church, why not donate all or a portion of the rebate to help us balance the 2008 budget.

Let's *stimulate* the economic vitality of our Church.

Charlie Smith for the Stewardship Committee

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The Trustees are also asking you to prayerfully consider adopting a line item or a portion of a line item from our church budget this year. Adoption means taking responsibility for supporting the line item with prayer, volunteering your time to cut costs, becoming more involved with supporting the line item financially through extra monetary gifts and perhaps fundraising with other individuals who have adopted the same line item.

Please take the time to review the line items of our annual budget and sign up to help us meet our financial goal.

Allyson Glass for the Trustees

### **2007 Annual Report and 2008 Member and Friends Directory**

Each family may receive one annual report (gold cover) and two directories (blue cover).

If you or a member or friend of the church have inadvertently been left out of the directory, please let Maureen in the church office know. A list of the omissions will be made available. Thank you.



## SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE "ADOPT A BUDGET LINE ITEM FOR 2008" CAMPAIGN

BUDGET ITEM	EXPENSE	SIGN UP AND INDICATE THE AMOUNT FOR WHOLE OR PORTION OF BUDGETED ITEM YOU OR YOUR GROUP WOULD LIKE TO SPONSER. MULTIPLE SPONSORS FOR LARGE ITEMS WELCOME.
PURCH.	\$10,000	
GAS	\$300	
ELECTRIC	\$5,000	
TELEPHONE	\$1,200	
WEB SITE	\$900	
INTERNET	\$500	
LAWN MOWING	30	
DEEP CLEAN	\$100	
SNOW PLOWING	\$800	
PLUMB REMOVAL	\$900	
WATER TESTING	\$800	
MAINTENANCE	\$6,000	
GENERAL SUPPLIES	\$1,000	
POSTAGE	\$1,000	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$2,500	
INSURANCE	\$11,320	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$8,000	
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$1,000	
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIR.	\$12,000	
OFFICE STAFF SALARY	\$9,200	
SEXTON SALARY	\$2,600	
EMPLOYEES SOC. SEC.	\$2,185	
INSUR. WIDOWNESS COMP.	\$800	
MISSIONS	\$2,000	
OUR CHURCH'S WIDOW MISS.	\$8,000	
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$1,250	
MISSIONS	\$215	
STEWARDSHIP	\$600	
CHILD MINISTRY	\$150	
YOUTH/TP AIDS	\$500	
HOSPITALITY	\$150	
SUBSTITUTE MINISTERS	\$800	
ORGAN MAINTENANCE	\$850	
GUEST ORGANIST	\$800	
MUSIC	\$100	
GUEST SOLOIST	\$600	
PIANO MAINTENANCE	\$150	

## Church Service Positions

Church Executive Council: Rick Albrecht, Dave Montgomery, Rich Nelson, Bruce Bowman, Dawn Tischbein, Annette Cook, Jim Puska, Geoff Cook/Glenn Johnson, Clas Thelin, Lorraine Oeschlager, Christian Education Chair (tbd), Pastoral Relations Chair (tbd), Elizabeth Bowman, Randy Puska, Charlie Smith, Judy Lentz, Cheryl Fine, Cynthia Vogt, Nominating Chair (tbd), Joan Reed-Wilson, Jim Skelly, Rev. Suzanne Personette

Moderator: Rick Albrecht

Vice-Moderator: Dave Montgomery

Clerk: Annette Cook

Treasurer: Rich Nelson

Associate Treasurer: Vacancy

Financial Secretary: Bruce Bowman

Assistant Financial Secretary: Dawn Tischbein

Diaconate: Chair, Jim Puska; Marilyn Campbell, Ann Pavlou, Denise Acker, Ben

Mochan, Anita Vallee, Jan Jette, Christina Forristall Enid Sherman, Vacancy

Trustees: Co-Chairs, Geoff Cook and Glenn Johnson; Jim Skelly, David Gross, Ally

Glass, Bruce Campbell, Bill Burley, Lou Desjardins, Vacancy

Missions Committee: Chair, Lorraine Oeschlager; Marlene Turnbull, Joan Lewis, Helen Coulter, Rosemary Vidoli, Vacancy

Christian Education Committee: Janet Johnson; Karen Gagliardi, Walt Tischbein, Krissy Abbasi, Jennifer Figurelli, Debbie Fredrickson

Church Council Members-at-Large: Cheryl Fine, Cynthia Vogt

By-laws Committee: Joan Reed-Wilson, Robert Sherman, Vacancy

Music Committee: Chair, Elizabeth Bowman; Jan Jette, Sandy Smith, Faith McKenzie,

Cheryl Fine, Bob Drew

Worship Committee: Chair, Rev. Suz; Carolyn Engle, Denise Acker, Judy Lentz,

Eleanor Sanderson, Charlie Smith, Elizabeth Bowman

Stewardship Committee: Chair, Clas Thelin; Chuck Langevin, Charlie Smith

Membership Growth Committee: Charlie Smith, Ben Mochan, Vacancies

Pastoral Relations Committee: Denise Acker, Ally Glass, Krissy Abbasi, Lorraine

Oeschlager; Members-at-Large: Carol Ann Nash, Delores Tyner, Tommie Peterson

Pastoral Search: Chair, Dave Montgomery; Randy Puska, Christina Forristall,

Debbie Frederickson, David Flynn, Dawn Tischbein, Geoff Cook

Personnel: Chair, Joan Reed-Wilson; Bob Sherman, Joann Bennett

Auditor: Jim Benjamin

Investment Committee: Jim Skelly, Richard Gruber, Vacancy

Board of Ushers: Charlie Smith, Dave Montgomery, Angela Thelin, Erin Ford, Anita Valle, Gerry Kukta

Memorials Committee: Randy Puska, Vacancy

Flower Committee: Judy Lentz, Dawn Tischbein, Annette Cook, Heidi Zenie

Memorial Garden Committee: Glenn Johnson, Grady Slocombe, Cheryl Fine, Bruce Campbell

Card Ministry: Faith McKenzie

Historian: Thomas Lentz

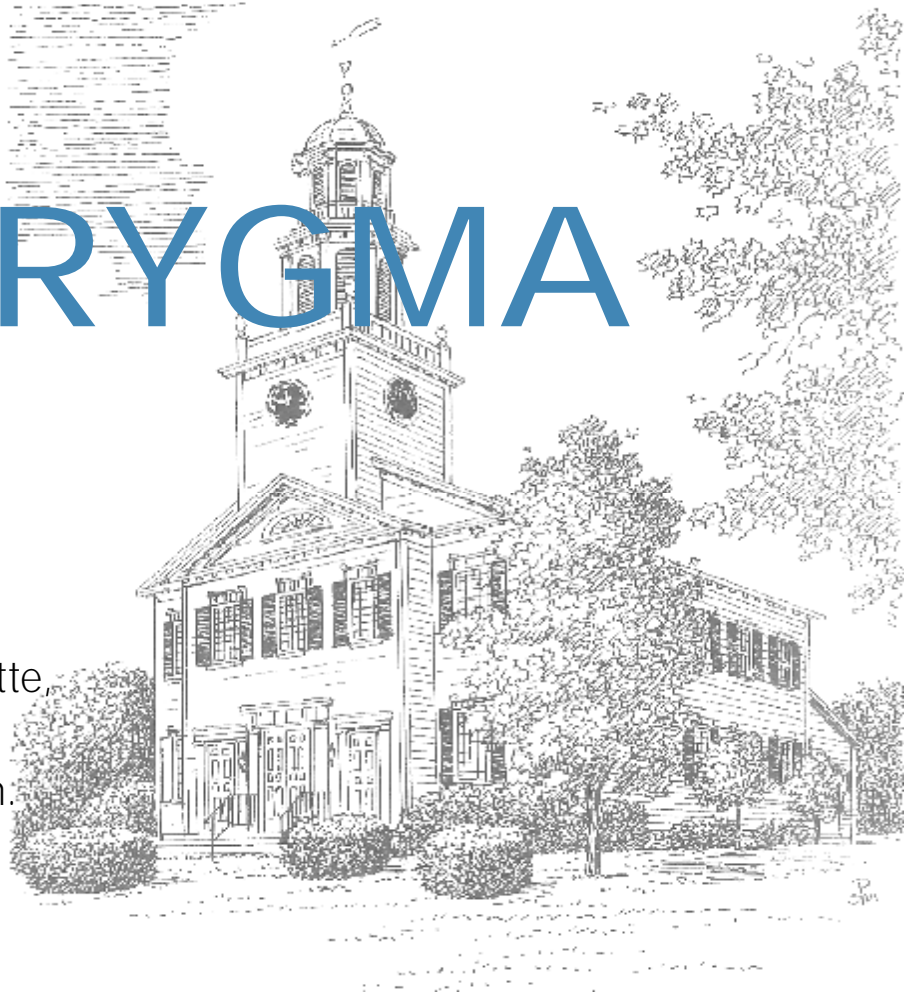
Wednesday Eves: President, Eleanor Sanderson, and a very large group of women!

Nominating Committee: Cheryl Fine, Joann Wright, Vacancy – please see/call if you'd like to serve!

**Women's Fellowship** meets every Tuesday evening to visit, talk, share, and laugh. It provides a great opportunity to develop new friendships and enjoy the company of other women. This is the only church group that exists just for the pleasure of being together! Please see/call Cheryl Fine if you're interested in coming and she'll let you know in whose home the group will next meet.



# KERYGMA



The Rev. Suzanne Personette,  
Interim Pastor  
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

## April 2008

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Organist/Choir Director	Carolyn Engle
Sunday School Superintendent	Tina Moore
Church Secretary	Maureen Alfiero
Sexton	Alyson Somerville

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Tuesday 10:15—3:15, Wed. 9-1,  
Thurs 10:15-2:15 Friday, 9:00 - 12:00  
860/663-1789  
860/663-2942

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or call the office. Thank you.

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**Rummage and Bake Sale**  
273 Route 81

Friday, April 18th 5:30—8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 19th 9:00—12:00 p.m.

We will be accepting clean clothing and household items all day Tuesday, April 15th through Friday, April 18th until 3:00 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

No electrical items accepted or children's car seats and strollers.

