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February



Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 6, 2011

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Communion Sunday
Psalm 112:1-10; Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, February 13, 2011

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deut. 30:15-20; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
11 am Pancake Brunch

Sunday, February 20, 2011

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
New Member Sunday
Psalm 119:33-40; Matthew 5:38-48

Sunday, February 27, 2011

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalm 131; Matthew 6:24-34
11 am Annual Meeting

On Sunday February 6th, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 6th. All of the money collected is donated to Helping Hands. None of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.

From the Minister

You have to love a church that celebrates chocolate! Not only does our Celebration of Chocolate fill us with some good sustenance in the middle of the long winter, but it gathers us as a congregation and as a community to share laughter, conversation, fellowship and friendship. On the night of February 11, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., the Old Town Hall will be aglow with lights, warming us as we enter from the cold, and giving us the aroma of soothing chocolate. We will be welcoming not only those whom we know, but folks in our community who will through that event begin to know us - and all while we are eating chocolate. What is not to like!



I have said many times, even from the pulpit, that this church does food well. And that is factually accurate. But the truth is that what we really do well is hospitality.

In the time of Jesus, hospitality was critical in a world where there were limited resources of shelter, water and food. So much of Jesus' ministry focused on hospitality. His ministry began with the wedding at Cana. His parables are full of examples of banquets and who should be invited and who should be given the best seats. His miracles tell of multiplying food while at the same time encouraging those gathered to sit down in small groups to share what is available. His most powerful time of remembrance came sitting around a table with his disciples, using the food and drink at hand to be continual reminders of his life and ministry.

Hospitality involves not only food and welcome, but a sense of caring for others, maybe even strangers, to see that all their needs are met. Most of our mission here at church centers on hospitality. When we take dinners to the Eddy House Homeless Shelter, we not only take food, but we take clothing, bedding and other supplies; and then we sit down with folks to share the meal, all the while sharing laughter, conversation and caring. When we go to help at the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries, not only do we give out the food, along with some clothing, but we try to give everyone there a warm smile and a pleasant personal interaction in the process. When our youth went into New York City for the Youth Services Opportunities Project, not only did they feed the hungry and homeless, but they sat and played card and board games before the meal was served. The list could go on and on. The key to hospitality is caring about the whole person, and sharing in a spirit of a mutual relationship.

As you look through this month's activities and begin salivating at a few of the pictures of chocolate, remember all that is included in these events - welcoming, fellowship, and caring. Take some time also to make sure you have put those in your own lives, maybe even providing that welcoming, fellowship, and caring for folks that you don't even know, but who would appreciate your hospitality just as they might be offering you much in return.

We do food well here. We do hospitality even better. Enjoy!

Martha

Sunday School Corner

The PreK - K class has been learning about God and the first families through stories from Genesis. The 7th and 8th graders have completed their studies on Genesis and are now focused on stories from Luke. For the month of February, grades 1st through 6th will continue to study the Book of Jonah. Through a series of multi-age workshops, the children will have the opportunity to become familiar with the story of Jonah and explore ways to tell others about God, as Jonah did.



The Christian Education Committee is extremely pleased with the many high school helpers available each Sunday. We only need four shepherds each week so we will have the high school students remain seated for the entire service unless they have been asked to shepherd a class. We will be calling a week before classes to schedule shepherds and will do our best to give everyone equal opportunity to help out and to earn community service hours. Please see Deb Fredericksen or another member of the Christian Education Committee if you have any questions or would like to shepherd a specific Sunday. Thank you!

Middle School Youth Group—Grades 5-8



February: Saturday the 5th we will be serving lunch at St. Vincent DePaul soup kitchen in Middletown. Drop off is at 11:30 a.m. And pickup is at 1:00 p.m. Please call Kris Foley at 663-3536 with any questions.

Adult Education: THE BOOK/a book - free choice!

Wednesday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for this adult Bible study sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. Bring a favorite Bible verse which we will read and discuss together. If it reminds you of a good book, bring that too. We will spend some time discussing ideas for future sessions, in addition to enjoying some good fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome, even if you haven't been before.



The Infant and Toddler Room will be staffed and available to parents during worship. The speaker in the room can be turned on to fill the room with beautiful music and God's message. If you would like more information, please contact a member of the Christian Education Committee.



A plea for more Ushers....

Your Church is looking for your smiling face and strong handshake. Where? At the two doors leading into our Sanctuary this Sunday.

We will do the " On The Job " training. It only takes 1 1/2 hours a week to help welcome our congregation to worship.

Please contact Charlie Smith at 860-663-1583.

Update

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee needs your help. Would you like to be on a committee but not sure how, would you like to be a part of the inner workings of Our Congregation? Would you like to be part of our Leadership? If yes, then please consider joining a committee.

We have been hard at work filling new terms, vacancy's & unexpired terms. There are just 4 more positions to be filled in order to fulfill our goal to present a full slate of Nominations for the February 2011 Annual Meeting. Some of these committees require just a few hours a year to just an hour or two per week. If you or someone you know, would a great asset to any of the 4 remaining positions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

The available positions are: Deacon (term exp. Feb.'13)

Auditor (term exp Feb'14),

Memorials (term exp Feb.'13),

Staff Relations (term exp Feb.'13).

Join a committee and help make a difference!

- Dee Esposito, Paulie Lally & Randy Puska

Events Committee

The purpose of the Events Committee is to coordinate and promote all fundraising events of the church. Any committee that has a fundraising event for the church can request assistance from the Events Committee for publicity and marketing support. A completed *Events Committee Form* is requested from the Committee Member hosting the fundraising event.

The Events Committee also serves as a clearinghouse to ensure that multiple fundraising events are not running at the same time and all efforts are successful. The Events Committee may also initiate and run events.

Currently our members are as follows: Angela Thelin (Chair), Clas Thelin, David Gross, Liz Blair, Dawn Tishbein and Martha Bays. New members are always welcome.

Save the dates for these upcoming Events

- Feb 11th** 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall – Join us for the 3rd annual Celebration of Chocolate
- March 19th** Join us for *Cabaret Night with Michael Cartwright*. Details of this event will be announced.
- May 7th and 8th**. Mothers' Day Plant and Gift sale.

We have many other exciting events that are in the planning stages at this point. Any fundraising ideas are welcome for discussion. Anyone having an interest in joining, helping, or has questions about our committee, please contact Angela Thelin at 860-664-3868 or email at angelathelin@candeo-group.com.



Music Notes

COME SING WITH US!

Choir rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 9:00 am. All are invited.

Call To Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of The Congregational Church in Killingworth to be held according to the By-Laws during the month of February. The meeting will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2011 following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

- 1) To approve the minutes of the Fall Meeting of October 24, 2010.
- 2) To receive and act on the 2010 Annual Reports of Officers, Committees, and Boards.
- 3) To elect Officers, Committees, and Board personnel.
- 4) To accept and approve a financial budget for the church for 2011.
- 5) To approve the Amendments to the By-Laws as approved by the Church Executive Council.
- 6) To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Annette Cook, Clerk
January 23, 2011

By-Law Changes

At its January meeting, the Church Council voted to propose several by-law changes to be voted on at the February 27 Annual Meeting. The first proposal involves switching the number of times that pledge statements are sent out from four to three, in an effort to be more efficient. The second proposal makes changes to the Nominating Committee, recommending that it be elected instead of appointed so that it is responsive to the entire congregation and that the length of service be staggered, three year terms so that there is continuity within the committee. The third proposal has to do with the composition of church council - the vice-moderator becomes a voting member, the Stewardship Chair becomes a member and the Pastoral Relations Committee no longer sends a representative as that committee, due to confidentiality reasons, does not make public reports. The wording of the full changes is available in the church office. Stop in if you would like a copy in advance.

New Members

What does it mean to join our church as a member? If you are interested in finding out the answer to that question, come to the New Member Information Session on Tuesday, February 15 at 7 p.m. This will be an informal evening to meet with the minister and some current members to find out about our church.

Whether you know you want to join or if you just want to come to find out what it is all about, we would love to see you there. We will be welcoming new members into the church during the worship service on Sunday, February 20. We would love to have you join us!



Come join us on
Friday, Feb 11th from 6:30-9:00 p.m. for the 3rd Annual
Celebration of Chocolate
Congregational Church in Killingworth, Old Town Hall

Sample a wide variety of chocolate treats, including: cakes, cookies, candies, mousse, and a chocolate fountain. Baked goods, valentine treats, and valentine gifts and cards will be sold as well. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and take out containers are available for purchase.



Celebration of Chocolate 2010



Pancakes, Benches and an Eagle Scout!

Brunch Fundraiser after church on Sunday, February 13

Everyone is invited to a scrumptious pancake brunch after church on February 13 organized by our own Drew Sodergren. For his Eagle Scout project, Drew is repairing and replacing the benches in our outdoor chapel. As a fundraiser for this project, Drew is organizing a pancake brunch with a free-will offering. Invite family and friends to church, and then stay for pancakes, being as generous as you are able for this great project.

Play Group at Church

Every Tuesday Morning from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

We are off to a great start for this new program for children ages 4 and under along with their parents, grandparents or caregivers. Play Group will be a weekly time each Tuesday when the littlest members of our community can come to play with each other while Moms, Dads, Grandparents or Caregivers can enjoy a chance to connect with others who are at this stage of child-raising. The Parish Hall will be baby-proofed and full of toys welcoming any in our community who would like to come play. Play Group will be unstructured and folks can come and go as their children's schedules allow. This program is offered to our entire community so spread the word and come play with us! Thank you to Christine Link and JoAnn Bennett for getting this group up and running!



Caregivers Support Group

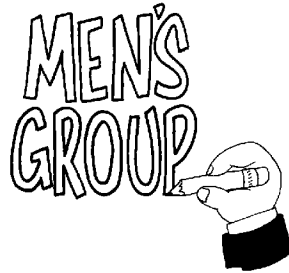
An on-going and free of charge support group for caregivers is held each Wednesday from 12-1 p.m. This group is held here at church in the CE Office and is facilitated by Cynthia L. Sarris-Vogt, LCSW. Call the church office or Cindy directly for more information and to register. Space is limited so call now.



- Feb. 1 Gayle Skelly
- Feb. 2 Marilyn Campbell
James Puska
Tina Moore
- Feb. 4 Dawn Tischbein
Kristina Burley
- Feb. 5 Lillian Griswold
- Feb. 7 Anthony Aeschliman
- Feb. 8 Robert Wassell
- Feb. 9 Emily Eldredge
- Feb. 11 Wanda Vine
Deborah Lynskey
Shelly Cumpstone
- Feb. 19 Christopher Reynolds
- Feb. 20 Alice Montgomery
- Feb. 22 Geoff Cook
Courtney Eldredge
- Feb. 23 Evelyn Burley
Janet Shipman
Bruce Gagliardi
- Feb. 26 Peter Cumpstone
Frank LaPila
Joshua Reynolds
- Feb. 27 Beth Skipton



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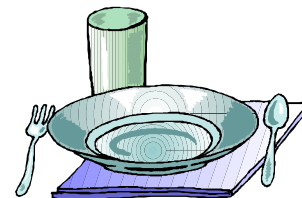


CHURCH MEN'S GROUP

If you have a few hours once a month, why not join us for fellowship and male bonding while performing minor maintenance to our four church buildings. Give me a call for more information. - Charlie Smith, 663-1583

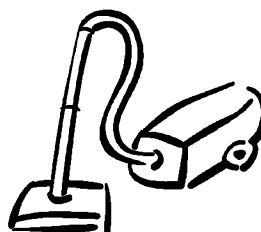
Missions Planning Potluck Dinner:
Mon., Feb. 28, 6-7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to a brainstorming session to gather ideas for new outreach mission projects. Meatballs will be provided. Bring a dish to share and some good ideas. This will be an informal evening of idea sharing, good fellowship and good food!



Eddy House Dinner: February 22.

We will again be bringing and serving a hot meal to the Eddy House Homeless Shelter in Middletown. Come to our kitchen at 3 p.m. to join in the cooking fun, or meet at church at 5 p.m. to go up to Eddy House to enjoy the sharing of hospitality as we eat with the guests there.



If you have a vacuum that you are no longer using, please consider donating it to the church. Thank you!

2011 CHURCH DIRECTORY (MEMBERS & FRIENDS)
AND MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We would like *everyone* to fill out this update form
and return it to the church office NO LATER THAN FEB 14.
Please include all information requested. Feel free to add additional notes if needed.
The information provided is for church use only.

Name(s) (all family members) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Include in Directory? _____

Cell Phone _____ Include in Directory? _____

Work Phone _____ (Will not be included in directory)

E-mail Address(es) _____ Include in Directory? _____

Birthdays _____




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You may complete this form online by visiting the church website at
www.killingworthchurch.org



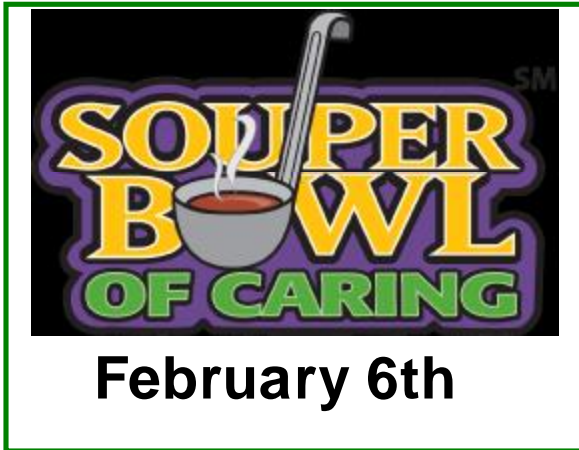
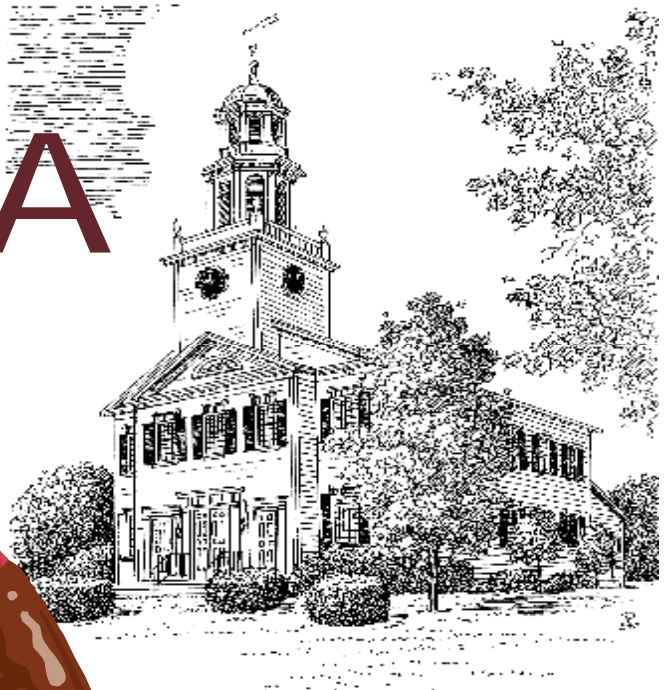
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