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Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 2, 2011 Second Sunday after Christmas
Communion Sunday

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching
Jeremiah 31:7-14; John 1:1-5



Sunday, January 9, 2011, First Sunday after Epiphany

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching
Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 16, 2011, Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching
Psalm 40:1-11; John 1:29-42

Sunday, January 23, 2011, Third Sunday after Epiphany

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching
Isaiah 9:1-4; Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday, January 30, 2011, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Ally Glass, preaching
Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12

Christmas Pageant 2010



From the Minister

Welcome to the new year! New years are worth welcoming. They give us a means to mark time in a way that allows us to focus on what was and to think about what will be. Sometimes we get stuck in the “what was” part, which explains our obsession with New Year’s resolutions. We try very hard to do better, based on what we perceive as our shortfalls of the year before. There is nothing wrong with a little self assessment, but I think it’s better to think of the new year as a completely fresh start. It’s a chance to reinvent ourselves in ways that are closer to the values we hold dear to our hearts. If we really think of it as door to the future, it is totally correct to “welcome” the new year.

Isaiah gives us wonderful words to ponder each new year, “Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert” (Isaiah 43:18-19). Isaiah was talking to the displaced Israelites longing to go home to Jerusalem. His words can speak to each of us today about the power of God to give us hope that life will be better. And the message of Christmas can still linger in our hearts that hope is at the core of our Christian faith.

In her book Fresh Bread, Joyce Rupp has a beautiful poem entitled, “Welcoming a New Year.” Here are excerpts from that poem:

a new year stands on my doorstep.
something in me welcomes this visitor:
the hope of bountiful blessings,
the joy of a new beginning,
the freshness of unclaimed surprises
something in me fears this visitor:
the unnamed events of future days
the wisdom needed to walk love well
the demands of giving away and growing.

a new year stands on my doorstep.
with fragile caution I move
to open the door for its entrance.
my heart leaps with surprise,
joy jumps in my eyes,
for there beside this brand-new year
stands my God with outstretched hand!
He smiles and gently asks of me:
can we walk this year together?

and I, so overwhelmed with goodness,
can barely whisper my reply:
welcome in!

Our faith promises us all things new. We have received the newborn baby in the stable with the hope of better things to come. Those things will come to us when we allow God to walk with us in this new year. With New Year’s blessings to all,

Martha

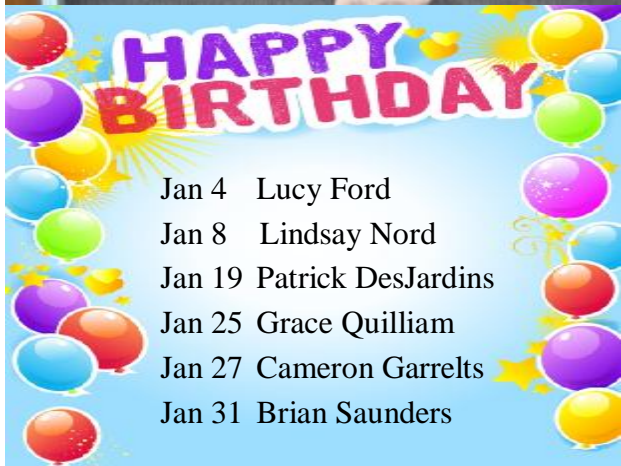
Sunday School Corner

A Message from Rev. Martha

With the first of the year, we will be saying good-bye to Tina Moore as our Sunday School Superintendent. Tina will be returning to school full time to get her teaching certificate and master's degree in education. We are all grateful for the service Tina has given to this church through her leadership of our Sunday School. We wish her well in her new endeavors and are fortunate to keep her as a member of our church. We will say thank-you, but not good-bye!

For budget reasons, the decision was made not to have a paid Sunday School Superintendent going forward, but instead to have our very able Christian Education Committee take over those duties. We are blessed to have such a competent and active CE Committee who are well-known for their leadership of Vacation Bible School, children's mission projects, creative learning workshops, and great meals! Deb Fredericksen, the chair of CE, will be the person to contact for any questions or if you are interested in volunteering. The full committee (Dee Esposito, Jen Figurelli, Karen Gagliardi, Janet Johnson and Andrea O'Boyle) will be participating in the leadership of the Sunday School. We will continue the same format - a gathering time, followed by workshops in art, science, cooking, storytelling or singing, using the same Rotation Workshop curriculum.

There will be no Sunday School on January 2. Beginning January 9, the children will continue the "Good News" workshops. We are grateful for such a strong start to this school year and are looking forward to more good things to come. Put January 9 on your calendar and bring some friends to Sunday School!



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.

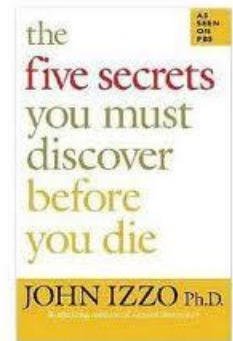


Youth Mission Brunch, January 2 after church

Chef Bruce and crew will be offering a wonderful brunch after church on January 2. This will be a benefit to raise money for our youth who are going on a mission trip to NYC on January 14-15 to work with food pantries and homeless centers. The mission trip is through YSOP (Youth Service Opportunities Project) and we will be joining with First Congregational Church of Haddam for the trip. Our youth are each paying half the cost and we need to raise the other half through this brunch. Invite family and friends (folks from other churches may join us after their church!) and be as generous as you are able when the basket is passed. This will be a perfect ending to the New Year's Weekend and before everyone's January diet! Donated goodies are welcome.

THE BOOK/a book: Monday, January 24 at 7:30p.m.

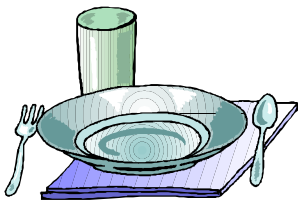
THE BOOK/a book is offered by the Christian Education Committee as an adult education program. Everyone, even if you have never been before, is invited to join us on January 24 at 7:30 p.m. This will be a combination Bible study (THE BOOK) and book discussion (a book) led by Rev. Martha. We will look in depth at Matthew 16:21-27 and at chapters 7-10 of The Five Secrets You Must Discover Before You Die by John Izzo. This program was rescheduled from November. You do not need to have read the book first, just come to see how both of these books enrich our faith. There will be discussion, refreshments and good fellowship!



Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has begun the process of preparing a slate of nominees for our church leadership to be voted on at the February annual meeting. If you would like to suggest a name (maybe even your own) for any of the church leadership positions, please just leave a note in the Nominating Committee mail box in the Parish Hall. You do NOT need to contact your suggestion – the Nominating Committee at this point just wants ideas and they will approach folks to determine their availability or interest. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee:

Randy Puska, Dee Esposito and Paulie Lally. Thank you.



Eddy House Dinner: Tuesday, January 25

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.



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.



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.

Winter Fellowship Pot Roast Dinner

Please come to enjoy a home made Pot Roast Dinner on Friday, January 21st from 6 - 8 pm. Menu will include Herbed Pot Roast, Red Skinned Potatoes, fresh carrots, garden salad, warm bread & butter and home-made apple crisp with ice cream.



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!

Middle School Youth Group



Sun., January 9th - 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

First Congregational Church of Haddam

Fellowship Hall

We will be making gifts to bring with us to Aaron Manor.

Sun., January 23rd

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Aaron Manor Nursing &

Rehab Center

Rt. 148, Chester

Permission slips needed.

REMINDER: Saturday, Feb 5th is our Souper Bowl of Caring service blitz at St. Vincent DePaul in Middletown -- we will be helping to serve lunch.

Questions?

Nancy Soneson, 345-2742 or nsoneson@sbcglobal.net

Kris Foley, 663-3536 or Tracy Thompson, 345-7324

Thanks to all who supported our Cookie-in-a-Jar Fundraiser!

We donated the \$86.00 in proceeds to Helping Hands.



**Dec 5th
Advent Brunch**



Choir Appreciation Sunday

Christmas Fair



**Ribbon
Cutting
"Blessing of
the Deck"**



**Christmas
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Exploring the Great Loop The Benjamin's Tugboat Adventure



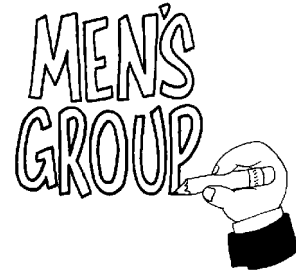
Monday, January 10, 2011

6:30 pm



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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

Next meeting is January 26, 2011 to clean up the lower level of the Old Town Hall. See you there.



Happy Birthday

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| Jan. 1 | Andrea O'Boyle | Jan. 19 | Janet Johnson |
| Jan. 2 | Suzanne Anziano | | Janine Stoner |
| Jan. 4 | Debbie Fredericksen | Jan. 21 | Delores Tyner |
| | Kathleen Mones | Jan. 25 | Marion Sanso |
| Jan. 5 | Lorraine Oelschlager | Jan. 26 | Barbara Benjamin |
| Jan. 8 | Rev. Martha Bays | | David Montgomery |
| | Jonathan Rich | | Ashley Cook |
| Jan. 11 | Susan Nash | Jan. 30 | Joe Van Huysen |
| Jan. 14 | Diane Flynn | | Gordon Turnbull |
| Jan. 18 | Eleanor Kimball | | |
| | Robert Flynn | | |

We are off to a very promising start of our Stewardship Campaign for 2011. As per December 26, we have received 83 pledges to a total value of \$96,048. Of these, 71 are returning pledges and twelve are new. The returning pledges are in total \$4,206 or 5.0% higher than last year and the new ones represent a total additional amount of \$7,362. The average weekly pledge for the coming year is at this stage \$22.25 which is 2.5% higher than for 2010.

On the behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I would like to extend my thanks to all of you below, who have already pledged. It's a great help for us in our planning for the coming year and your support is certainly an important base for us to build on:

Tony and Diane Aeschliman	Ernest Groth	William and Marion Sanso
Matthew Albrecht	Richard and Grace Gruber	Robert and Enid Sherman
Richard Albrecht	Brian Hansen	Katherine Sims
James and Mary Jennifer Amato	Bernard Harrison	James and Gayle Skelly
Martha Bays	Edward Hayash	Charles and Sandra Smith
Jo Ann Bennett	Patti and John Hutchinson	Deb and Shawn Sodergren
Lauren Blaha	Janet Jette	Alyson Somerville
Elizabeth Blair	Glen and Janet Johnson	Colin and Marcella Stegman
Bruce and Elizabeth Bowman	Catherine Kovi	Dorothy Swan
Don and Andrea O'Boyle	Carole and Don Koziy	Clas and Angela Thelin
Laurel and Patrick Brandon	Geraldine and Walter Kukta	Dawn and Walt Tischbein
Mr & Mrs Robert Broach	Pauline Lally	Gordon and Marlene Turnbull
Robert and Evelyn Burley	Chuck Langevin	Dolores M Tyner
Bruce and Marilyn Campbell	Thomas and Judith Lentz	Anita Vallee
Alan and Virginia Chapman	Neal and Joan Lewis	Bill and Gayle Van Huysen
Robert and Elizabeth Civitello	Matt and Christine Link	Rosemary Vidoli
Nanci Coleman	Charles and Deborah Lynsky	David Walton
Geoff and Annette Cook	David and Alice Montgomery	Robert Y Wassell
Elaine L Coomes	Karen Montross	Wednesday Eves
Louis and Irene Des Jardines	Arnold M Moore Jr	Opal Wilkinson
Christa Des Jardines	Carol Ann Nash	Christina Woytowich
Robert Drew	Ginger Nash-Lahey	
Ron and Cheryl Fine	Susan M Nash	
Kristin Foley	Richard Nelson	
Debra Fredricksen	Ann and Ken Pavlou	
Bruce and Karen Gagliardi	Emily/Tommie Peterson	
Evelyn Gill	Jim and Randy Puska	
Diane and Gary Gladstone	Dennis and Cynthia Rich	
Allyson Glass	Marion Rich	
Mr & Mrs Raymond Griswold	Jessica Ryan	
David Gross	Eleanor Sanderson	

Thank You

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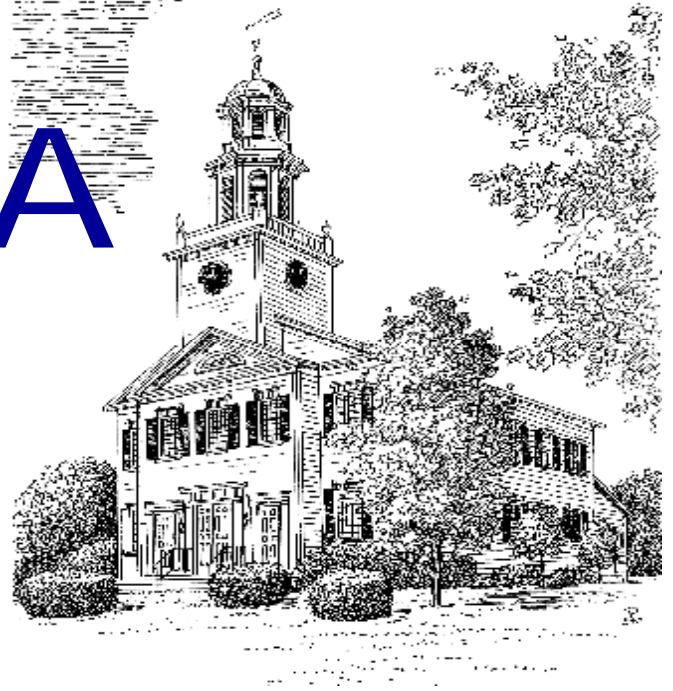
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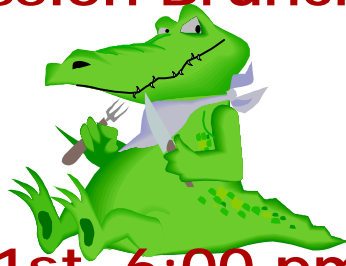
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January 2011



**January 2nd 11:00 am
Youth Mission Brunch**



**January 21st 6:00 pm
Pot Roast Dinner**

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