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May Calendar

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 3, 2009, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Service of Holy Communion

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Psalm 23; John 10:11-18

Sunday, May 10, 2009, Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Psalm 22:25-31; John 15:1-8

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Evening Prayer Service 7pm

Sunday, May 17, 2009, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Baptism

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Psalm 98; Acts 10:44-48

Sunday, May 24, 2009, Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 24, 2009

Vesper Service, 5pm

Sunday, May 31, 2009, Pentecost Sunday

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching

Ezek 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21

Sunday, May 31, 2009

Worship Service of Installation For Rev. Martha Bays 3pm



From the Minister

Installation. It's an odd word. When I think of it, I think of the time several years ago when my hot water heater just stopped working. After a few phone calls, two men backed their truck with lots of loud beeping noises up my driveway. They then unloaded a very large box which they broke down into a flat pile of cardboard in no time at all. It only took about 10 minutes for a beautiful new large 50 gallon tank to suddenly appear in my laundry room and the connecting took even less time. My guess is however that it would have taken me significantly longer (and probably with much less success) if I had done the installation myself. Within an hour, I had hot water to spare.

Installing a new pastor isn't much different. But instead of two guys and a truck, there will be many clergy processing in robes adorned with red stoles (the color of ministry) and a wonderful congregation ready to receive the new pastor.

An installation service is a ceremonial event (I have been your pastor since I arrived on January 12) but the word ceremonial comes from the same base as celebrate, and that is what it is all about.

It is a celebration confirming the covenant between a church and its pastor, and at the same time it confirms the covenantal relationship with all the churches in our association, the Middlesex Association.

The service is planned by the association and the local church, and is always at a time when other clergy can attend. In fact, the invitation is extended to the entire local community (we have placed several articles in the local newspapers and web-site), and we will send invitations to other local clergy of other denominations in the area.

Our installation here at The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC (I use the plural intentionally as I see our covenant as one of mutual ministry) will be followed by a reception which the Deacons are organizing (and to which you may be asked to sign up to bring some goodies).

A service of installation of a new pastor is a landmark event in the life of a church and is one that will propel us forward with new excitement and energy to grow our church, to grow in our service and to grow in our faith.

So it is with great joy that I offer you, your family, your friends and your neighbors this invitation:

The Middlesex Association of the Connecticut Conference
of the United Church of Christ
Cordially invites you to the
Service of Installation
The Reverend Martha Bays
The Congregational Church in Killingworth, UCC
273 Route 81, Killingworth, CT
Sunday, May 31, 2009
3:00 P.M.
Reception to follow in the Parish Hall

You certainly don't get an invitation like that from a hot water heater!

In joy and celebration,

Martha

Sunday School Corner

In various countries throughout the world many different events are celebrated in the month of May. One example is "Cinco de Mayo" which is celebrated in Mexico. Here in the United States we celebrate "Mother's Day" and "Memorial Day". On the one day we take time to honor mothers and on the other day we take time to remember all the men and women who died defending our country. The Christian Education Committee will be having two events that tie into Mother's Day. We will be holding a plant sale on Sunday, May 3rd. The proceeds will benefit the Scholarship fund. Also the children will be making a Mother's Day gift on Sunday, May 10th.

At this time the end of the Sunday School year is approaching quickly. We will be finishing up the "Resurrection" workshop and practicing for our Children's Sunday program which will be held on Sunday, June 14th. A picnic is planned following the service on June 14th. We will be finishing up our mission projects as well. The children should have gotten their ark banks on Sunday, May 3rd and hopefully are continuing to collect money for our Heifer International project. The ark banks will be collected on Sunday, June 7th. On Sunday, May 10th the children will be assembling Baby Kits for Church World Service.

Our confirmands have been busy exploring and learning with their mentors. Some of them have been involved with the Senior High Youth group helping out in the community. In the past few weeks they have visited other churches. They will all have met with Reverend Bays and will have written their own "Statement of Faith". They have made a banner which will be hung in the sanctuary on Confirmation Sunday. I invite all of you to join us on Sunday, June 7th to welcome these young people as the newest members of our church.

Sensing how busy everyone is, I suggest taking a moment to go outside and enjoy the splendor of God's creation. Feel the heat of the sun on your face or smell the freshness of the earth. Take a deep breath and relax!

Sunday School Superintendent - Tina Moore
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Planting seeds like Jesus



"Resurrection" science and art workshop.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May Birthdays

5/6 Kate Saari, 5/10 Julia Abbasi,
5/11 Erin Fredericksen,
5/11 Ross Meglin, 5/13 Dominic Anziano,
5/13 Emma Anziano, 5/20 Drew Burley,
5/22 Jack Kaiser, 5/26 Sam Stoner,
5/29 Holly Nord

Middle School Second Term Honor Roll

Sixth graders- Honors - Julia Abbasi,
Gavin Manzi, Randin Manzi, Brian Saunders,
and Robert Tischbein,
Seventh graders - Honors - Katerine Civitello,
Sam Civitello, and Corey Sodergren
Eighth graders - High Honors - Erin Hutchinson
and Holly Nord.



Middle School Youth Group

On Sunday May 3rd from 4-5:30 p.m., we'll be having a Spring Clean-Up at our church. Come prepared for raking and planting.

Our Finale this year is set for Sunday May 17th from 4-5:30 p.m. in Haddam. We'll be having Pizza! Please call Kris Foley at 663-3536 with any questions.



Wednesday Evening Prayer Services

May 13, June 3 and July 1 at 7 p.m.

If your days rush by from the beginning of the week to the end, these services are for you. Take just 30-40 minutes to join us in the sanctuary for some quiet, reflective time including scripture, prayer and music. This mid-week respite will allow you to center yourself and reconnect with God's peace. All are welcome.

Vesper Service, May 24, at 5pm In the Memorial Garden weather permitting.

Labyrinth Workshop

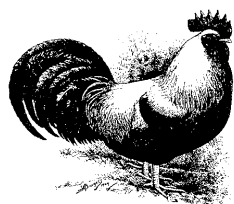
Tuesday, May 26 at 7 p.m.

Whether you are an experienced labyrinth walker or have no idea what this walking in circles is all about, come join us for some information, time of reflection and (weather permitting) walking our beautiful outdoor labyrinth. This ancient practice of walking prayer is easy, relaxing and opens us to a closer relationship with God. We will begin in the Parish Hall and then move outdoors.



Service of Installation, The Reverend Martha Bays, Sunday, May 31, at 3pm

Reception to follow. Come share in this joyous ceremony.



50th Anniversary Country Fair

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this historic event on July 31 and August 1. If we are to top the 49 preceding Fairs, which is our humble ambition, we really need you!

It's not every day that you get a chance to participate in a historic event that is also our single most important reach-out and fundraiser of the year.

We need your active participation to make it all happen. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for all the activities. Additionally, we need your help to spread the word, sell Quilt Raffle Tickets, and for donations to our renowned Silent Auction and White Elephant.

Don't miss this chance to contribute and have a lot of fun!



Green Ministry

(Christians Caring for Creation)

By Marilyn Carlson Campbell

Earth Day, April 22, 2009, has reminded 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.

The environmental ministry gained momentum throughout the past year as many people have contributed their time and efforts in various ways in order to make our church greener. Some accomplishments are as follows:

- Use of ceramic mugs for coffee hour.
- Recycling with directive signs.
- Use of environmentally friendly cleaning products.
- Delineation of nature trail and pond clean up.

Plans for the nature trail began with an exploration of the church land by a small group. We located and hiked along the old wagon road, identifying most of the boundaries.

The pond, which will be a feature on the proposed trail, has been the focus of another group who removed the trash and cut and cleared the brush surrounding it.

Future plans include:

- Clearing the old wagon road and the proposed trail loops.
- Construction of a stone fire pit at pond for ice skating and summer gatherings.
- Construction of a wind powered aerator.
- Installation of a power line from Grange Hall to the pond for a waterfall.
- Erection of wooden benches and nature identification signs.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are summoned to heal and to protect God's precious, interdependent web of life. We welcome ideas and participation from our congregation and we are gratified by all your efforts.

CALL TO SPRING MEETING

Minister's Office Hours
Monday & Thursday 9-12
Tues & Wed. 9-2
Home: 663-5531

Office Hours
Tuesday, Wed., 9-3
Thursday 10-2
Friday 9-12

Notice is hereby given of the Spring Meeting of The Congregational Church in Killingworth to be held according to the By-Laws during the month of May. The meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2009 immediately following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of February 22, 2009.
2. To receive current reports from Boards, Committees, and Officers and the Pastor
3. To act on the 2009 budget.
4. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Annette Cook, Clerk
April 21, 2009

HEY! What's going on here!



SIGN-UP

In the Fellowship Hall

2009 Coffee Hour

2009 Flower Calendar

2009 Steeple Lighting

The Flower Committee welcomes and appreciates cut flowers and blooms from local gardens for the altar table on Sunday mornings. Please contact Judy Lentz at 663-1361. Thank you!



Attention Graduating Seniors



Thinking about college? Our church family wants to help! Applications for the Pastoral Scholarship are now being accepted. Pick up a copy of the application in the church office, fill it out, and return the application to the church office by May 24th. Any questions, contact Sue Anziano or a member of the Christian Education Committee.



Plant Sale to Benefit Scholarship Fund

On Sunday May 3rd after church, please support the church's scholarship fund and get gardens filled! We will be offering the following plants:

Geraniums, New Guinea Impatiens, Annual Dahlias

4.5 inch pots will be \$5.00 each, 6 inch pots will be \$8.00 each

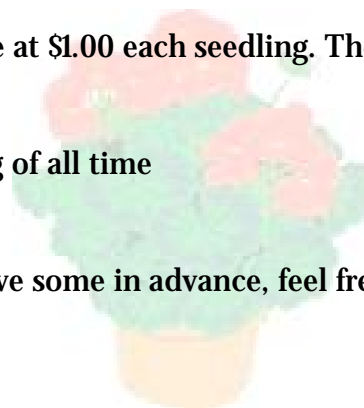
Also, Charlie Smith's famous tomato seedlings will be for sale at \$1.00 each seedling. The following tempting tomato varieties will be on hand;

Rutgers - HEIRLOOM, a great slicing tomato

Brandywine - HEIRLOOM, pink color, one of the best tasting of all time

Roma - classic Italian plum

If you can not make it to the plant sale or would like to reserve some in advance, feel free to contact Sue Anziano at 663-2176.



Church History Books

SALE

Tom Lentz's book, *History of the Congregational Church in Killingworth* is 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 during coffee hour on Sunday, from the church secretary during regular office hours, Banknorth, or the Town office building at \$25.00. Books can be ordered and sent first class mail. Call the church at 663-1789 or Janet Johnson 663-1456.

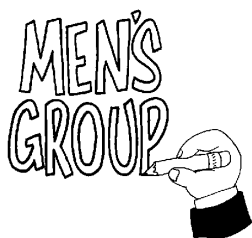


Psychotherapy/Yoga group session

Psychotherapy/yoga session to begin Mon May 4, 2009 for 4 weeks. The time is 1:00-2:30pm at The Old Town Hall (no class on Mon, May 25). The focus is dealing with depression/anxiety through the benefits of Talk therapy and yoga postures. Space is limited to 8. Cost is \$20.00 per class. Some insurances may cover the expense. Call today to reserve your space. Cindy (860) 395-9110 or log on to the website www.talktherapyandyoga.com



La Leche League of Killingworth meets the second Monday evening of each month at 7:30pm. La Leche League is an international, nonprofit, nonsectarian organization dedicated to providing education, information, support, and encouragement to women who wish to breastfeed. All breastfeeding mothers and pregnant women interested in breastfeeding are invited to attend. Babies welcome. For more information contact: Beth 663-8026 or Joyce 663-4222.



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. Bring your own tools and good humor to the Parish Hall every fourth Wednesday, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. There will be no dues, agenda, dress code, bylaws, or required attendance, only an interest in making our Church a better place. Give me a call for more information. -Charlie Smith, 663-1583

MEN'S GROUP UPDATE



Wow, Have you noticed what some of the guys from the Men's Group have done around the Church? After coffee and donuts every 4th Wednesday morning, these hard working lads have made a number of improvements such as:

Painting the Narthex kickboard and door. Thanks Bob Sherman

Started the lawn mowers and changed the oil. Gary Gladstone will do most of the mowing this season.

Ernie Groth fixed the metal stripping on the Parish Hall counter.

Gordon Turnbull and Lou Desjardins changed light bulbs and inventoried the locker in the Boiler Room. Now we know what to throw out.

Thanks to Ron Fine and Rick Albrecht, the *Rev. Martha Bays* sign has been hung in its proper place.

A BIG THANKS FROM A GRATEFUL CHURCH



Geoff Cook from Trustees has a long list of tasks for the upcoming months. Re-glazing windows in all of our buildings is a priority. If you are able, please join us!

- Compiled by Maureen's anonymous reporter



A Mother's Love

Erma Bombeck

Some day when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a mother, I will tell them:

I loved you enough to ask about where you were going, with whom and what time you would get home.

I loved you enough to insist that you buy a bike, that we could afford to give you, with your own money.

I loved you enough to make you return a Milky-Way— with a bite out of it—to the drug store and to confess "I stole this."

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that would have taken me 15 minutes.

I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, disgust and tears in my eyes.

I loved you enough to admit I was wrong and ask for your forgiveness.

I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall and hurt.

But most of all, I loved you enough to say NO when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.



Happy Birthday!

May 1	Patrick Brandon	May 15	Shawn Sodergren
May 2	Carl Nord		Elizabeth Ellal
	Jessica Litevich		Alex Piala
May 5	Robin Faircloth	May 17	Jean Peckham
	Adam Bache		Raynor Clark
May 7	Harris Wilson	May 15	Virginia Chapmen
May 8	Clas Thelin	May 19	Richard Anziano
May 12	Angela Thelin	May 27	Kris Nystrom
	Emily Peterson	May 28	Barbara Chase
	Dan Allen	May 29	Kurt Uihlein
	Janet Welter		

The Infant and Toddler Room



is open and staffed.

Please consider helping out one Sunday per month.

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




Tiny Tots Fair

On Saturday, May 9, 2009 the Killingworth Nursery School will hold its 43rd annual Tiny Tots Fair from 10:00 am—2:00 pm. It is held at the Killingworth Congregational Church Fair Grounds. The fair offers pony rides, decorate-a-cookie, face painting, raffle, silent auction, sand art, games, prizes, vender tables, refreshments and much, much more! Admission is \$1.00. Please join us rain or shine!



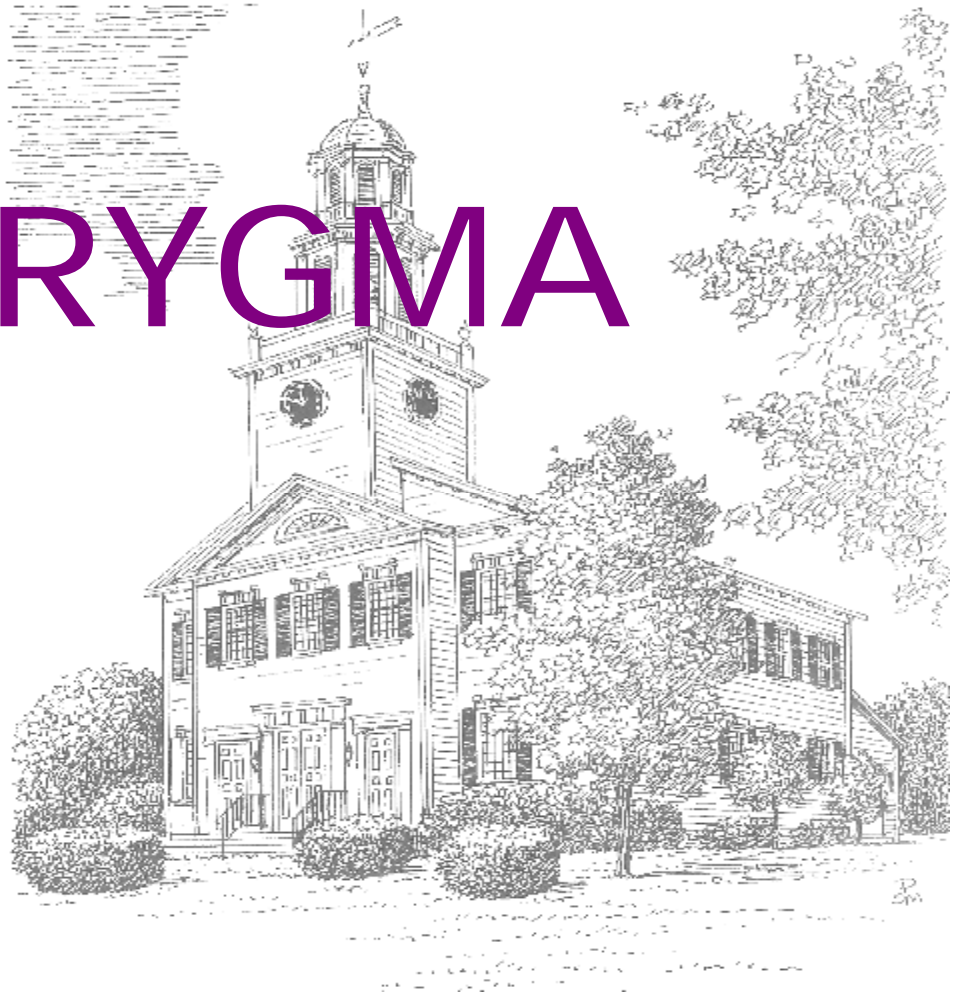
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 10am Service 11am Fellowship					1 *7pm NA	2 9am CCD 7:30 AA
3 Plant Sale Relay for Life 4pm MSYG	4 *1pm Yoga 7pm CE	5 *7pm BS 7:30 WF	6 *9:30 NA 9:30 Staff Mtg *6pm Yoga 7pm Tai Chi 7pm Choir *7:30 AA	7 *10am Yoga 3:30 UGC 3:30 Guitar *7:30 AA	8 *7pm NA	9 9am Tiny Tots Fair *5pm Private Party 7:30 AA
10  <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 *1pm Yoga 7pm Deacons 7:30 LaLeche	12 9:30 Missions *7pm BS 7:30 WF	13 *9:30 NA *6pm Yoga 7pm Tai Chi 7pm Prayer Srv *7:30 AA	14 *10Yoga 3:30 Guitar 3:30 UGC 7pm Choir *7:30 AA	15 Kerygma Deadline *7pm NA	16 7:30 AA
17 Holy Baptism Spring Meetg	18 *1pm Yoga	19 *7pm BS 7:30 WF	20 *9:30 NA *6pm Yoga 7pm Tai Chi *7:30 AA	21 <i>Ascension</i> *10Yoga 3:30 Guitar 3:30 UGC 7pm Choir *7:30 AA	22 *7pm NA	23 7:30 AA
24 5pm Vesper Service	25 <i>Memorial Day</i>	26 7pm Labyrinth Workshop *7pm BS 7:30 WF	27 8:30 Mens *9:30 NA 1:30 Wed Eve *6pm Yoga 7pm Tai Chi *7:30 AA	28 *10Yoga 3:30 Guitar 3:30 UGC 7pm Choir *7:30 AA	29 *7pm NA	30 7:30 AA
31 3pm Installa- tion Service	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> * = Old Town Hall BS = Boy Scouts WF = Women's Fellowship </div>					



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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

May 2009

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