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Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 4, 2009, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Service of Holy Communion

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching
Psalm 8; Mark 10:13-16



Wednesday, October 7, 2009
Evening Prayer Service 7pm

Sunday, October 11, 2009, Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Mark 10:17-31

Sunday, October 18, 2009, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching
Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Mark 10:35-45

Sunday, October 25, 2009, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Reverend Martha Bays, preaching
Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Mark 10:46-52

KERYGMA – to cry or proclaim as a herald, preaching good news to the poor, the blind, the captive: Jesus began his public ministry in the synagogue of his hometown, Nazareth in Galilee. He was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and read: *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”* Jesus rolled up the scroll and sat down. With all eyes in the synagogue upon him he said, *“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing”* - (Luke 4:16-21).



From the Minister

I love apples. For most of each fall when I grew up, there was a bowl of apples sitting on the Formica table in my family's kitchen. The apples seemed to be a part of the comfort that emanated from that kitchen. Even now, when I bite into an apple I can see in my mind the exact apron my Mother used to wear when she prepared dinner. The juice of any apple always has for me just a slight whiff of my Mom's perfume. Many years later when my kids were little we always went apple picking and then afterwards made applesauce, one of their favorite foods. I'm sure there are some maternal memories for them associated with the taste of applesauce. It's interesting how our memories can be so triggered by our senses.

So when I got asked to go apple picking with the Missions Committee last month, even though it was on a Friday which is my usual day off, I jumped at the opportunity. I was looking forward to adding more layers of memories to my apple experiences. And the fact that many of the apples were going to end up as part of our Shared Bounty, the mission of the month, and go straight down the road to the Shoreline Food Pantry was an added bonus. My new memories with good friends in an apple orchard will be multiplied knowing these apples will enhance the meals for those in our community who are unemployed or underemployed.

The energy gathering around our church for missions through the Mission of the Month created by the Mission Committee's Outreach Group is so pleasing to see. This was an area that I knew we could grow together as an expression of our faith and as one way to bring us all together. It was one of my major priorities; it's a joy to see it be one of our church's major priorities.

But what I didn't know was the great strength of memories of missions-past that support our new efforts. I have been delighted to be filled in on the stories of resettling refugees from Afghanistan to filling socks at Christmas to fabulous dinners in the style of the countries of various mission-aries. The list is too long to mention here – we could fill a book with our memories of successful mission projects at our church.

When what we do now is an extension of previous activities that speaks directly to character. The character of our church is such that we believe in living our faith by helping others. This has been made abundantly clear over time. The challenge becomes making sure the extension, the going-forward, isn't just a copy of what was done in the past, but something that is meeting the needs of folks today – both the receivers and the givers. By making sure that volunteers can plug in and out as busy schedules demand, our Mission of the Month program seems to be a wonderful extension of our true character in a form that works for our members today.

Isn't that what our faith is all about - building on the past to change the world today. The memories of our missions in the past are a solid rock for us to build on to reach out to those in need today. Our character and our faith are definitely multi-seasonal.

Enjoy many seasons of apples!

Martha

Sunday School Corner

We had a great start to our Sunday School year. There were lots of familiar faces at registration and several new faces as well. Our "Sunday School Sundae" was well attended and hopefully you had a chance to meet some new folks or got caught up with some folks you knew. If you did not fill out a registration form for your child, please do so. We need to have emergency and contact information for your child. Also, if you did not receive offering envelopes please see Mrs. Moore. All of the offering money that the children turn in goes to mission projects.

By now the children have been back to Sunday School for several weeks. Hopefully they've shared with you something they have learned or done during Sunday School. During the month of October some of the children will do "The Creation Story" workshop. Pre-K, Kindergartners, seventh and eighth graders will continue to use the "Gather Round" curriculum.

Both of our youth groups are up and running. Fifth through eighth graders are welcome to participate in our Middle School youth group under the leadership of Mrs. Foley. Ninth through twelfth graders can get involved with our Senior High youth group under the leadership of Mrs. Gagliardi. Both groups have activities planned for October, so check the Sunday bulletin for more information.

The Sunday School undertakes several mission projects throughout the year. Our first project was to collect school supplies for the people who frequent the Clinton Shoreline Soup Kitchen. The children will be asked to walk or help support those people walking in the "Crop Walk" at Chatfield Hollow at the beginning of the month. Keep on the lookout for upcoming mission projects.

As always, we could use a few good people to help teach, act as a shepherd or help cover the nursery. If you have any interest in helping, please let Mrs. Moore know or any of the Christian Education members.

Sunday School Superintendent - Tina Moore
(860)345-8828
mom.first@live.com

10/10 Peyton Tyler

10/11 Brandon Chapman

10/14 Lara Ellison

10/12 Joseph Wolf

10/15 Abby DesJardins

10/16 Katherine Civitello

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



10/16 Sam Civitello

10/18 Clara Gumbart

10/24 Jessica Randall

10/26 Natalie Wilson

10/30 Jiji Barrett

10/31 Rachel Kelly



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.

Happy Halloween

Why do witches fly on brooms?

Vacuum cleaner cords aren't long enough.

What do you call two spiders that just got married?

Newlywebs

When is it bad luck to see a black cat?

When you are a mouse





First Wednesday Prayer Service: October 7 at 7 p.m.

If your days rush by from the beginning of the week to the end, these monthly 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.

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 Thursday, October 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, October 25. We would love to have you join us!

THE BOOK/a book

The first in a series entitled, "THE BOOK/a book" will be offered by the Christian Education Committee as an adult education program on Tuesday, October 20 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 at both Matthew 25:31-40 and at The Hole in our Gospel by Richard Stearns. You do not need to have read the book first, just come to see how both of these books call us into action. There will be discussion, refreshments and good fellowship!

Music Notes



Attention musicians. Do you play an instrument not often heard in a church setting, or belong to a musical group that plays elsewhere? If so, I'd love to hear from you. We have a spot in the service for a short piece by either by a instrumental or vocal soloist. Accompaniment, coaching, and/or help finding appropriate musical selections is available. Small groups are welcome, also. You can contact me at mccarym@aol.com for more information or to discuss. Maryann McCary Organist/Choir Director



Can't come to choir rehearsal? All singers are welcome to join us on open choir loft Sundays which will be held every last Sunday of the month. We will prepare an anthem for use at Sunday's worship.

Choir Rehearsals are
Thursdays at 7:30pm
and Sundays at 9:00am



Open Choir Loft
Sunday, October 25
Rehearsal 9:00 a.m.

Outreach Group

Over the summer, a new group has been established in our church as a part of our Missions Committee. The Outreach Group is an ongoing program for adults to do outreach service projects to help people in need outside our own church community. Listening to Jesus' call to help our neighbors wherever they may be, the group is planning a "Mission of the Month" for any volunteers in our church who are able to commit to that month's project. This group is primarily for adults, but many of the projects will be intergenerational which will allow all members of our congregation to participate in living their faith by actively working to help those in need.

Anyone is welcome at our planning meetings with suggestions for mission projects, or even better, a willingness to organize one project, for just one month. And everyone is welcome to participate whenever you can. One of the joys of this group is that you can plug in when and as you are able. Just keep an eye out for our Mission of the Month.



MISSION OF THE MONTH



CROP Walk, Oct. 4 at 12:30 p.m.

We walk because They walk. Many Sunday, Oct 4th at Chatfield Hollow, CROP stands for **C**ommunities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty . The proceeds we collect will go to Church World Service and to Helping Hands. If you have any questions, please call Joan Lewis at 663-5460. Please join us in our walk

people have to walk miles to get food or water. On we will help them by walking and collecting money.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: A Look Ahead

We can't do it without you! Look for more details each month.

NOVEMBER: Clinton Shoreline Food Pantry, Nov. 18
3-6 p.m. OR 6-9 p.m. shifts

DECEMBER: Habitat for Humanity in Middlefield

MARCH's Mission will be Midnight Run to New York City. We need 5 drivers to commit now. Others can sign up later. Please let Karen know if you can help.



Middle School Youth Group:

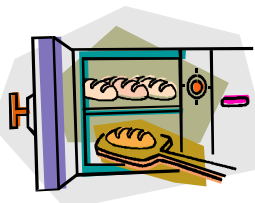
October happenings are as follows:

October 4th Crop Walk

October 11th Camp Hazen – Rope Course \$10.00

October 25th Lyman Orchards – Corn Maze & Apple Picking

Please call Kris Foley at 663-3536 with any questions.



Senior High Youth Group

Sunday, October 25, 2009 Pumpkin Bread, 7-8:30pm

Helping Hands provides Thanksgiving dinner to families in need in Killingworth. We will meet at the church to bake breads for the Thanksgiving baskets. For more info call Karen Gagliardi 663-3866



Cook & Care Walk-a-Thon

Sunday, October 18th, 2009

Please plan to join us for our 13th Annual Cook and Care Walk-a-thon on Sunday, October 18th at 1 p.m. Individuals, families and groups are encouraged to participate in this fun 3 mile walk at the beautiful Edgerton Park in New Haven. Walkers enjoy live entertainment, delicious refreshments and receive event T-shirts. Proceeds help the elderly, the poor, and the needy right in our own communities via the work of the Community Soup Kitchen, the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, FISH of Greater New Haven, and Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. For more info visit our website at www.cookandcare.org or call us at 203-230-8994.

Thank you for your support

Connie Pino, 203-878-6443

Under the auspices of Interfaith Cooperative Ministries

CALL TO FALL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Fall Meeting of The Congregational Church in Killingworth to be held according to the By-Laws during the month of October. The meeting will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2009 following the worship service.

The meeting is called for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Spring Meeting of May 17, 2009.
2. To receive and act on Reports of Boards, Committees, and Officers.
3. To approve the Amendments to the By-Laws as approved by the Church Executive Council.*
4. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Annette Cook, Clerk

September 27, 2009

* Those persons receiving the Kerygma via e-mail, the proposed Amendments are sent under separate attachment. Those persons receiving the Kerygma via mail, copies are available at the Church office and on the usher's table.



For the Beauty of the Earth Thank you to Diane and Gary Gladstone who have spent their summer coming to church every week to mow our extensive lawns! This labor of love is greatly appreciated by all of us who have enjoyed the beauty of our church grounds all summer. What a wonderful gift Gary and Diane have given their church and community! Another thank you goes to Jim Skelly who has been here all summer raking, sweeping, trimming and hauling yard debris in order to give our grounds that extra touch that makes it so lovely. Thank you so much Diane, Gary and Jim.

Proposed Changes to the By-Laws for the Fall Meeting, October 18, 2009

1. The Personnel Committee proposes changing its name to the Staff Relations Committee and replacing the entire description found in Article VIII Committees, Section 8 Personnel to read:

8. *Staff Relations. The purpose of the Staff Relations Committee shall be to provide guidance to support the efforts of staff employed by the church; to provide a plan to enhance good communication relating to goals and performance of the staff consistent with church expectations; to act as the representative of the staff in dealing with personnel matters with other church committees; to provide a plan through which questions and concerns relating to staff can be resolved effectively and efficiently.*

The Staff Relations Committee shall consist of three members, one elected annually to serve staggered terms of three years.

The Committee shall develop and administer uniform personnel policies for the staff of the Church. To meet this responsibility, the Committee shall develop and maintain a comprehensive set of written personnel policies, procedures and job descriptions for the staff; conduct annual performance evaluations, using a process that jointly involves the minister and the appropriate committee, and present the evaluations for approval to the Trustees; provide the Trustees with recommendations regarding compensation and benefits annually each Fall; report to the Trustees and maintain the official personnel records of the Church in an appropriately confidential matter.

2. The Christian Education Committee proposes the following deletion from the By-Laws so that they might be free to organize in a manner appropriate for their programs. The purpose of providing education to children, youth and adults would remain the same. The following passage contained in Article VIII Committees, Section 6 Christian Education, is recommended **to be deleted:**

The Committee shall divide into three sub-groups. The first shall include two members directing ministry to children. The second sub-group shall include two members directing ministry to youth, and the third sub-group shall include two members directing ministry to adults.

United Church News

The United Church of Christ website is www.ucc.org. Check it out! You can also subscribe to the United Church News on the website, or phone 888-732-3826. It's a free bi-monthly on-line publication, but they do ask for a contribution. This is a good way to know more about our denomination. You will also be sent the Connecticut conference news, which is called ConnTact. Our Connecticut Conference website is www.ctucc.org; phone 860-233-5564.

Lions Club Food Drives

The Killingworth Lions Club will hold their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive on November 7 and 14 and their annual Christmas Food Drive on December 5 and 12 at the town compactor site from 8am to 12noon. Free –will donations of food, food gift cards, and cash will be greatly appreciated. All items collected will be turned over to Helping Hands of Killingworth. Please remember your neighbors in need during the holidays.



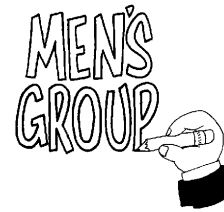


Fall Rummage Sale

The Wednesday Eves of The Congregational Church, 273 Route 81, Killingworth, will sponsor a Fall Rummage Sale on Friday, October 16th, 5:30—8:00 pm and Saturday, October 17th, 9:00—12:00 pm. Donations of clothing and household items are appreciated and accepted all day Monday, Oct. 12th through Friday, Oct. 16th until 3:00 pm. Please, NO computers, TV's or electrical appliances. Children's car seats or strollers will not be accepted

Church History Books

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.



WE'RE BACK!!!

Your Mens Group is resuming our monthly work party at 8:30 AM on October 28. We welcome any and all gents who have little or no skills, but are willing to lend a hand, to join us on the fourth Wednesday of the month to wash windows, move air conditioners, repair window shades, etc.

Hope to see you then..... Charlie Smith 663-1583

- Oct. 1 Louis Des Jardins
- Oct. 3 Dorothy Swan
- Oct. 4 Evan Gross
- Oct. 6 Wesley Forster
- Oct. 7 Chris Moore
David Lewis
- Oct. 9 Alyson Ricketts
- Oct 12 Karen Montross
- Oct.13 Allyn Chase
- Oct 14 Sarah Brundage

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- Oct. 15 Susan O'Connor
- Oct. 16 Paul Cusick
- Oct. 21 James Hughes
- Oct. 22 David Gumbart
- Oct. 23 Dolores Sansing
- Oct. 26 Shannon Bugbee
- Oct. 27 Steven Miller
Patti McClay-Saari
Brooke Faircloth
- Oct. 29 John Raudat
- Oct. 30 Cassandra Sodergren



Once again the congregation pulls together in grand style. The 50th Anniversary was a huge success, but only because all of you poured your love for the church and the members into making sure it was.

The Lord works in mysterious ways like sending the thunder cloud right over us and showering us with his love and proving to us that we can weather any storm or curve that might come our way. I still picture the folks standing under the tent as the rain is coming down in buckets asking "when can we eat?" I love it! You all pulled together, wiped the chairs and tables off, but I don't think it mattered to anyone that came. They came because they knew they would be taken care of and well fed - and they were, so was I.

The BBQ was the beginning of the 50th Country Fair event this church has held and it opened us to an absolutely spectacular day for a top notch Road Race, the best coffee and homemade donuts this side of the world, nice selection of unique vehicles in the touch-a-truck display to kick things off on Saturday. Now for those that know the history of the Fair, they knew it was not unreasonable to expect anything less than a world class, artistic marvel of the always successful Silent Auction. No one was disappointed (well maybe someone bidding that didn't win the item) with the beautiful displays of all the great items. It doesn't stop there though. If you were looking for a chance to win a quilt, the raffle was a huge success. Congratulations to our winner, Barbara Benjamin. Then there was the Country Store sporting the Killingworth items consisting of hand-made items galore, and of course Faith and Tracy's Jams and Jellies. If you wandered to the other end of the tent, you could partake in a friendly game of Bingo or take a few steps to the side and play the many games and take a shot at the dunk tank victim.

Okay, now you've enjoyed that, you must be hungry. See you at the Moore's Food court to enjoy a great burger and chips. To wet your whistle, Parker Hutchinson would mix you up a wonderful Root Beer Float. For dessert, we had freshly made cotton candy by the Cooks and home-made baked goods by Ginny. Now you need a rest. Well saunter by the book and tape section for a good read, then cruise into Marlene's Jewelry boutique for a bit of *bling* to go with that Road Race shirt - gives it a bit of pizzazz. Now you want to be sure you recycle, so you head to none other than the White Elephant where, who knows, you might even buy your donation back and realize you just couldn't live without it.

Now you are bushed and want to just veg out for a bit. Find Rich Nelson for a hay ride to complete your day. On your way back to the Silent Auction to put in a new bid, you grabbed an Iced Tea, Lemonade, or ice cream to keep you cool and then take it all in one more time. This is a readers digest version of all the event had to offer, but it can't begin to top the fellowship we all experienced those few hours. Aaah, what a great day.

Folks, because of all of you and what you did for this year's Fair, we also realized a profit to shore up the coffers (a bit more than expected) with about \$18,000 - so give yourselves a big hand for your success.

Thanks to all and God Bless,

The Fair Committee



Silent Auction



White Elephant



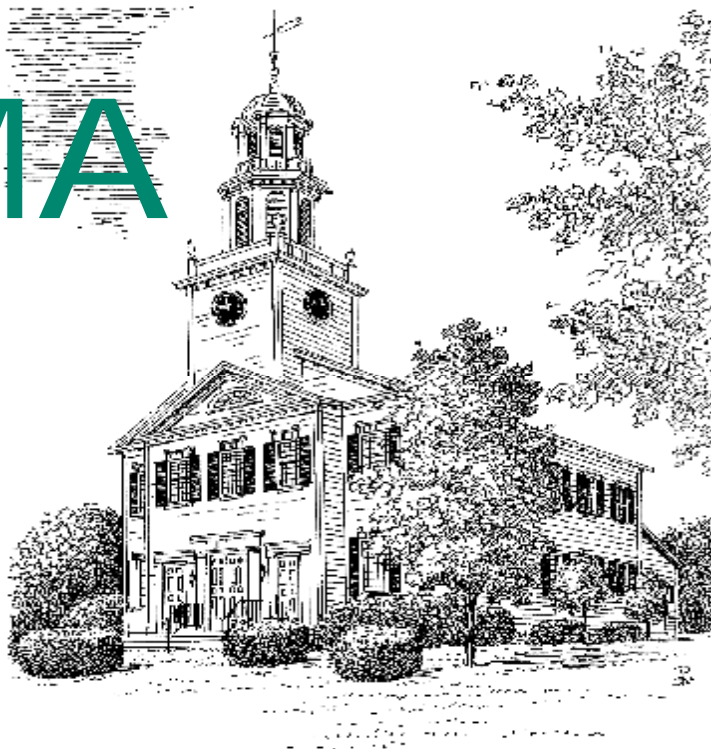
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10am Yoga 3:30 UGC 7:30 Choir 6:30 Events 7:30 Steward. *7:30 AA	2 *7pm NA	3 9am CCD *10am UPTC 7:30 AA
4 9am Choir 10am Service 11am Fellowship Cropwalk *1pm UPTC	5 1:30pm K'worth Srs *6pm UPTC 7pm CE	6 *10am Yoga *7pm BS 7:30 WF	7 *9:30 NA *6pm Yoga 7pm Tai Chi 7PM Prayer Service *7:30 AA	8 *10am Yoga 3:30 UGC 6:30 Pastoral 7:30pm Choir *7:30 AA	9 *7pm NA	10 St. Lawrence Rummage 7:30 AA
11 9am Choir 10 Service 11am F'ship 11:20 Confirmation Mtg *1pm UPTC MSYG Camp H	12 7:30 LaLeche 7pm Deacons Columbus Day	13 *10am Yoga 6:30 Trustees *7pm BS 7:30 WF	14 *9:30 NA *6pm Yoga 7pm Tai Chi 7pm Missions *7:30 AA	15 K'ma Deadlin *10am Yoga 3:30pm UGC 7pm New Member Orient 7:30pm Choir *7:30 AA Nat'l Boss Day	16 KCC Fall Rummage Sale *7pm NA	17 KCC Fall Rummage Sale *10am UPTC 7:30 AA
18 9am Choir 10am Service 11am Fellowship 11am Fall Mtg *1pm UPTC	19 7pm Council	20 *10am Yoga *7pm BS 7:30 WF 7:30 Adult Ed	21 *9:30 NA 10am Staff *6pm Yoga 7pm Tai Chi *7:30 AA	22 *10Yoga 3:30 UGC 7:30pm Choir *7:30 AA	23 *7pm NA	24 9am CCD *10am UPTC 7:30 AA United Nations Day
25 9am Choir 10am Service New Member Sunday 11am F'ship MSYG Lyman *1pm UPTC	26 1:30 Wed Eves *6PM UPTC	27 *10am Yoga *7pm BS 7:30 WF	28 8:30 Mens *9:30 NA *6pm Yoga 7pm Tai Chi *7:30 AA	29 *10Yoga 3:30 UGC 6:30 Historical Society 7:30pm Choir *7:30 AA	30 *7pm NA	31  9am CCD *10am UPTC 7:30 AA Halloween
	* = Old Town Hall BS = Boy Scouts UPTC = United Productions Theater Co. WF = Women's Fellowship				<i>The deadline for the next issue of the Kerygma is October 15.</i>	

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