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Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 7, 2008, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

Service of Holy Communion

Ex 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Psalm 119:33-40; Rom 13:8-14

Sunday, September 14, 2008, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

Ex 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13; Rom 14:1-2

Sunday, September 21, 2008, Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

New Member Sunday

Ex 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Psalm 145:1-8; Matt 20:1-16

Sunday, September 28, 2008, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
The Reverend Suzanne Personette, preaching

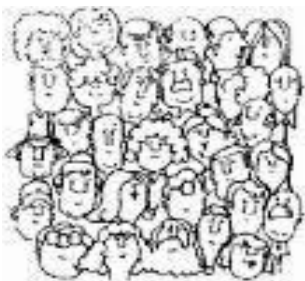
Ex 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Psalm 25:1-9; Matt 21:23-32



**"By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather
And autumn's best of cheer."**

- Helen Hunt Jackson, *September*, 1830-1885

PILGRIM PASTOR



It's that time of year again – getting back to the routine of school, and church (and Sunday School). September marks the beginning of the Church year. I know that Tina Moore and the Christian Education Committee have been busily preparing for the year ahead, complete with Sunday School registration beginning at 9:30 on September 14th, followed by worship, Sunday School, and the Welcome Back Picnic! I'm told we have at least 7 youth for confirmation this year. Please say yes if you're asked to be a confirmand's mentor! The church utilizes a wonderful confirmation curriculum, entitled Making Disciples.

The choir comes back in September, too, from a summer off resting their voice boxes. However, extra thanks to Ellie Becker, who served as a soloist in the summer months. Many blessings to the choir and to choir director and organist, Mrs. Carolyn Engle for their special gifts to the Lord, which adds so much to each parishioner's and pastor's worship experience. Sadly, the choir, the deacons, and the rest of the church, will miss the presence, talents, and heart of Ben Mochan, who died July 7th in a boating accident. We remember him, and we'll remember him, along with all of our other saints, on All Saints Sunday, November 2nd.

The Stewardship Committee will be back in full swing, as well! It's such a big, important job, as they pray for the guidance and inspiration to find a new way into our heart, soul, and pocket!

I'm sure some of you thought you might have a new settled minister in your midst to begin the church year, but you're stuck with me for the time being! The Pastoral Search Committee began their search last November 2007. It typically takes at least a year – sometimes more, sometimes less. Continue to keep them in your prayers. They have been extremely loyal, faithful, and dedicated to the auspicious task of presenting a final candidate to be your Pastor. It's a large process to trust and allow to unfold.

We'll receive new members on Sunday, September 21st for anyone out there whose ready to join in and make the commitment. You'll be glad you did! Studies have shown that church members who regularly attend church enjoy better mental, physical, and spiritual health. It's great to have a spiritual home, some sanctuary for our often chaotic lives.

With that, I'll see you in church! And, remember,

A Light Shines in the Darkness,

Interim Minister

Addendum from November's Pilgrim Pastor Kerygma article:

"I've heard that some members would prefer a male pastor, some would prefer a female pastor. What's essential is to affirm the one who has been chosen to be the right person for the church!

...I suggest that the church trust [and respect] the Pastoral Search Committee in their process, and then in their recommendation of the final candidate. This committee was chosen by the church and commissioned by the church on its behalf. The committee strongly represents the diversity within the church, so that when they present the final candidate, from many, many months and hours of labor: from the monumental task of writing the church profile, to reading candidate profiles, phone and in-person interviews, neutral pulpits (when the search committee observes a candidate lead worship and preach at another church), discussion among themselves, prayer and discernment, that the church needs to trust the committee is acting in their best interest. Even if the candidate doesn't look right to you, or something may not

Pilgrim Pastor Continued...

seem completely right, you need to trust that the committee has had in-depth conversations with the person, not to mention having checked references, read the person's history, their qualifications, their theology, etc., and knows much more about the candidate than the church will know when the church finally meets the candidate during the candidating and "call" weekend, which includes the congregational vote following worship that Candidating Sunday. (The candidate's family is normally present for this weekend.)

...How long will it take before your settled minister begins his/her ministry with you? It can be anywhere from 4-12 months! The Rev. Dr. Michael Penn-Strah (our Regional Conference Minister) says that generally, it's 9-12 months – beginning with this month of November (2007). It's not something that can be rushed. There is a time, there is a season. Trust the process, and trust that God has called you and me to be together in the interim!"

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 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.

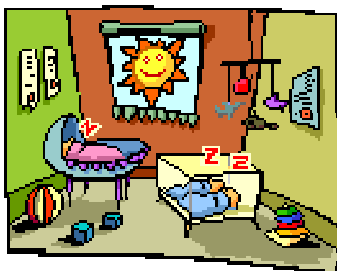
Middle School Youth Group:

Look for upcoming information on the 2008-2009 events for the HKMS Youth Group. All youths in grades 5th – 8th are welcome to attend and to bring a friend.



Some dates to set aside are: September 14th Kickoff and September 27th Overlook Farm Trip (limited to a few of last years members). October will include the Crop Walk and the Lyman Orchard's Maze.

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



The Infant and Toddler Room will be open and staffed starting September 14th. 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.

Sunday School Corner

Greetings on behalf of the entire Christian Education Committee. Hopefully you and your family have been able to enjoy some of the hot, hazy days of summer. It's hard to believe, but September is right around the corner and with that will be the start of our Sunday School year. For grades one through sixth we will continue to use the workshop rotation model (where the same topic is taught by using teaching methods involving cooking, science, videos, storytelling, art, games and sometimes music for several weeks). Pre-K and grades 7 & 8 will be meeting with a team of experienced teachers, since relationships are important to these age groups. They will study theme units on such topics as prayer, stewardship, missions and outreach, etc. They will also become familiar with the bible.

Registration and Sunday School will commence on Sunday, September 14th. Your family should receive a registration form in the mail. We will hold registration from 9:30am to 10:00am on September 14th. There will be extra forms and parents are welcome to check out our classrooms at this time. The children will actually have classes that day and there will be a church family picnic following the ten o'clock service. Hotdogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. We ask that you bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

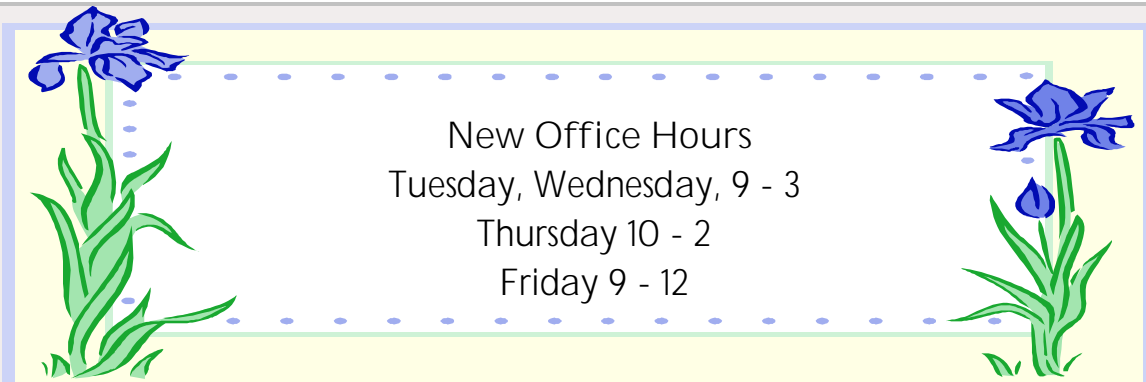
As always, we could use a few good people to act as teachers and shepherds. The curriculum we use is easy to follow and the materials are provided for you. If you decide to teach it would only be for about 4 - 5 Sundays. We do ask you to fill out a form for our safe church policy. If you have any interest at all or questions please don't hesitate to call Tina Moore at (860)345 - 8828.

We're hoping that several or all of our confirmands will act as shepherds this year. Shepherds basically help the teacher with their class. Any student entering 9th grade this year will be eligible for Confirmation. These children will be receiving a letter in the mail with information on the process of Confirmation.

Beginning September 14th the crib room will be open and staffed. We could use some volunteers to help staff the crib room. Please consider spending one Sunday a month watching a toddler or two, so some young parents can spend some quality time in church. We all have busy lives, but please consider giving about an hour of your time teaching or helping out in the crib room.

I think back on all we accomplished last year - pumpkin bread to shut-ins, school kits, health kits, supporting our African friend Simon, and buying a water buffalo, not to mention what our youth groups were able to do. Let's make this another successful year by committing to our church and our Sunday School program.

Sincerely,
Tina Moore - Sunday School Superintendent
(860)345 - 8828
mooreavonpl@hotmail.com



49th Annual Fair

49th Annual Fair

We started out slow and finished with a Bang! It all starts with a Dream and then the ideas on how we make the dream become reality. I have to admit, when this Congregation sets their sites on a goal or a task, you pull it off in grand style... that is for sure!

How about that great BBQ –we were sold-out with 227 Meals served.

Well done by all - too many to name. Music by John Condie, rock on!

Quilt – Congratulations to Judy Lentz's Daughter who won the ticket thanks to here Mom purchasing the winning ticket for her! Thank you Florence, Sandy, Ann and Anita

Road Race – Great turn out. Great morning for a run. Start practicing for '09!

Keeping on pace, Sue, Chuck and Sean, thank you!

Food booth – Plenty of food only out done by the down pour, thanks to the Moore clan!

Plants – Should be "Charlie's Evergreen" stand! Beautifully done!

White Elephant – The girls tell me they were hoping it would last another two to three days, they had so much steam. You go girls!

Jams by Faith and Tracy McKenzie – sold-out, sold every single jar!

Jewelry – We had jewelry, what a showing – and donations at the same time!

Thank you Marlene

Baked goods – more than a bakers dozen there, but every last crumb is gone now! Ginny, done to perfection!

Coffee and Donuts – Wendy's Donut Gazebo– Yum, Cinnamon and Sugar donuts.

Books – Book worms were crawling with delight over the fresh layers of reading material ready to cultivate our minds. Nice work Joan & Janet

Children's Games, Pony Rides and Hay rides - Did any one find the white elephant hayride? Now that is entertainment, a slam dunk! Dee, Deb, Rich, Gayle, the youth that helped out - great job.



First annual Touch A Truck – Ally, Geoff, and the vehicles donated to the cause. Who keeps honking the horn? Suzanne, you, Ken, and Abraham enjoyed that pretty well.

Silent Auction – Someone said—and even the advertising said - that it was being held in the Old Town Hall – So I looked inside what I thought was the Old Town Hall and to no ones surprise and everyone’s expectations I found an absolutely stunning set-up and display that truly captured me and I know many others were in awe. Simply fantastic. Sandy, Diane, Dawn, Christine, Florence, Bob, Walt, Angela, Clas, who did I miss? Great job by everyone involved.

So far, early tally shows that we hit our budgeted goal of \$12,000. After all is accounted for, we believe it will be a little more than that. We will keep you posted.

Speaking of money and accounting, we need to remember JoAnn Bennett and Rich for getting, distributing, and accounting for it all. And of course our Leader Suzanne, and the one we serve - our Lord and Savior

Did I leave anyone out???

We would like to survey you all in the next couple of weeks your thoughts on the BBQ and Fair to see how we can better serve you and the community. Please make notes of what you might like to share.

Only 11 ½ months until the 50th Silver Anniversary Fair begins. I’m counting on all of you to help us pull it off one more time!

Thank you all. We have truly been blessed.

Bill



COMMITTEE NEWS

The Pastoral Search Committee continues its work. Of the 78 profiles received to date, 16 are still in various stages of review; of which eight (8) were received in the last few weeks. Additionally, we will be visiting two (2) neutral pulpits in the next few weeks in order to observe these candidates preach. We've interviewed both twice and feel this is an important next step in the process. However, please keep in mind that much remains for the Committee to evaluate. We will continue to keep the congregation informed of our progress.

Dave Montgomery, for the Committee

From the Flower Committee



There are still some Sundays available in the next months for memorial, special occasion, or celebratory flowers for the sanctuary during morning worship. The sign-up sheet is located in the Parish Hall on the bulletin board next to the door from the handicap ramp. You will be contacted by a member of the Flower Committee two weeks in advance of the date. Questions?? call Judy Lentz (663-1361).

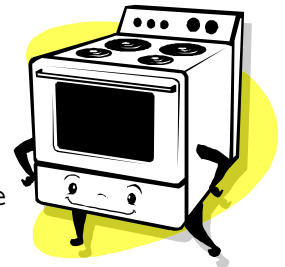
Join the Choir



Calling all church members who wish to share their talented voices with the congregation! Church choir meets Sunday mornings prior to each service as well as one night per week. See Carolyn Engle if you think you might want to join. The choir is open to anybody grade 9 through adult.

From the Trustees

Our kitchen stove is beyond repair and needs to be replaced. We are looking for a 60" double oven with burners and griddle on top to match the Garland that is there now. If anyone knows of a good used commercial stove that might be donated, please let one of the trustees know or call the church office at 663-1789. Thanks for your help!



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Dear Friends,

"Seek and You Shall Find..."

You're just in time! ...to reserve space in the fall semester of Mercy Center's School of Spirituality. The School is a two-year ecumenical adult education program that helps individuals from a variety of faith traditions and communities deepen their basic understanding of Christian spirituality, scripture, prayer and mission. Classes meet Monday evenings from 7–9 pm, September through March in Madison, CT. Tuition of \$450/semester, or \$900/year. Please contact Joan Linley, Program Director, to apply: 203.245.0401, extension 180, or joan@mercybythesea.org.



La Leche of Killingworth meets every 3rd Monday at 10:00 am at the Congregational Church in Killingworth. The mission of La Leche League is to help mothers to breastfeed through mother-to-mother support, encouragement, information, and education, and to promote a better understanding of breastfeeding as an important element in the healthy development of the baby and mother.

® Please call Beth at 663-8026 or Joyce at 663-4222 for more information.

Yoga is fun with Cindy!

Join us in the Old Town Hall on
Tuesdays 10 am, Wednesdays 6:15
pm, and Thursdays 8:30 am
For more info. Please call Cindy at
663-2629



Happy Birthday!

September 2 Bruce Campbell
 September 2 Mark Lehane
 September 4 Lauren Blaha
 September 7 Susan Gumbart
 September 9 Gilbert Kelly
 September 9 Faith McKenzie
 September 9 Louise Ferguson
 September 10 Leota Lanoue
 September 10 Neal Lewis
 September 13 Bonnie Eldredge
 September 13 Laura Lehane



September 16 Charlene Koziy
 September 18 Mikayla Litevich
 September 20 Jared Langevin
 September 23 Charles Lynskey
 September 23 Tara Szakal
 September 24 Alexa Skoulis
 September 24 Jennifer Figurelli
 September 24 April Acker
 September 26 Matthew Correira
 September 26 Elaine Kaiser
 September 28 Eleanor Sanderson
 September 29 Rosemary Vidoli

Cook & Care Walk-a-Thon Sunday, October 19th, 2008



Please plan to join us for our 12th Annual Cook and Care Walk-a-thon on Sunday, October 19th 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 230-8994. *Thank you for your support*

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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.

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

Follow the Exciting Adventures of the Golden Lily

Golden Lily's Great Loop

As of August 8, we are at Little Current, Ontario on the North Channel. We have about 70 miles to Drummond Island where we will finally get back to the USA, then head to Mackinaw City, then down L. Michigan to Chicago. We have had nice weather so far and fairly calm seas, a few "rough" days. We anchored out several times with a wonderful group of Loopers. We have seen beautiful cliffs and light blue water, gorgeous sunsets and sunrises. We are thinking of everyone and miss Killingworth!

Barbara, Jim, and "Lily

www.goldenlilytug.com

You can follow the Benjamin's awesome journey by logging onto:

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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).

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, Debbie Fredericksen, 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

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Memorials Committee: Randy Puska, Vacancy

Flower Committee: Judy Lentz, Dawn Tischbein, Annette Cook

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

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, Chris Moore – 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.

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> <i>Labor Day</i>	<i>2</i> *10:00 AM Yoga 7:00 pm CE 7:30 WF	<i>3</i> *6:15 Yoga 7:00 Tai Chi *7:30 AA	<i>4</i> *10:00 am Yoga	<i>5</i> *7:00 NA	<i>6</i> 7:30 AA
<i>7</i> <i>Holy Communion</i> 8:30 Pastoral Search	<i>8</i> 1:30 Sr.'s Group	<i>9</i> *10:00 Yoga ? Missions 6:30 Trustees 7:30 WF	<i>10</i> *6:15 Yoga 7:00 Tai Chi *7:30 AA	<i>11</i> *10:00 am Yoga 9:30 Staff Meeting *7:30 AA	<i>12</i> *7:00 NA	<i>13</i> 7:30 AA
<i>14</i> 8:30 PSC 9 am 1st day of Sunday School Reg.—Picnic	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> *10:00 Yoga 7:30 WF	<i>17</i> *6:15 Yoga 7:00 Tai Chi *7:30 AA	<i>18</i> *10:00 am Yoga *7:30 AA	<i>19</i> *7:00 NA	<i>20</i> 9:00 CCD 10:30 am New Member Orieta-tion 7:30 AA
<i>21</i> 8:30 PSC New Member Sunday	<i>22</i> Autumn Be-gins 	<i>23</i> *10:00 Yoga 7:30 WF	<i>24</i> 1:30 Wed Eves *6:15 Yoga 7:00 Tai Chi *7:30 AA	<i>25</i> *10:00 am Yoga *7:30 AA	<i>26</i> *7:00 NA	<i>27</i> 9:00 CCD 7:30 AA
<i>28</i> 8:30 PSC	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> *10:00 Yoga 7:30 WF				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * = Meets in Old Town Hall WF = Women's Fellowship (Call 663-1789 for meeting place) 						

OCTOBER KERYGMA DEADLINE Tuesday, September 16, 2008