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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

Church School for Pre-school 3 through Junior High and  
Nursery/Toddler care at both hours

**Sunday, October 1 – (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost):** Communion and Food Offerings; Neighbors in Need Offering; Alison McCaffrey will preach; Coffee hours at 10 & 12 hosted by the Stephen Ministers; the lessons are **Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22** & Psalm 124 OR Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 & Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20 & Mark 9:38-50

**Sunday, October 8 – (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost):** Coffee hours at 10 & 12 hosted by the Deacons; the lessons are **Job 1:1, 2:1-10** & Psalm 26 OR Genesis 2:18-24 & Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16; 2 p.m. Harp Recital

**Sunday, October 15 – (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost):** Rick Dacey will preach; Reception of New Members and Baptisms at both services; Coffee Hours at 10 & 12 hosted by the Membership Committee; the lessons are **Job 23:1-9, 16-17** & Psalm 22:1-15 OR Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 & Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

**Sunday, October 22 – (Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost):** Lisa Horst will preach; Coffee Hours at 10 & 12 hosted by the Music Board; the lessons are **Job 38:1-7, (34-41)** & Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c OR Isaiah 53:4-12 & Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10 & Mark 10:35-45

**Sunday, October 29– (Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost):** Stewardship Sunday; Alison McCaffrey will preach; Coffee Hours at 10 & 12 hosted by Men's Breakfast; the lessons are Job 42:1-6, 10-17 & Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) OR Jeremiah 31:7-9 & Psalm 126 & Hebrews 7:23-28; **Mark 10:46-52;** 12 Greeter Thank-you Luncheon

## MALAWI MINISTRY TEAM

The Malawi Ministry Team asks you to redeem your cans and bottles at your favorite grocery store and bring the credit slips to church on Communion Sundays (the Lord has need of them!). Leave them in the MMT mailbox located in the parlor, bring them to the office, or drop them in the offering plate. The funds raised will feed hungry school children in Nthandizi, Malawi.

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## ... FAQ'S ABOUT CHOIR SECTION LEADERS

Many people seem to have questions about the purpose of our new section leaders in the Senior Choir. Here are some answers to the most frequently asked questions:

What ... are section leaders?

Professionally trained singers who assist Joe and help to support the Senior Choir with their voices and musicianship. Many amateur and church choirs make use of such assistance.

Who ... are our section leaders?

We are fortunate to have two very experienced and talented section leaders:

*Patricia Barbano, soprano*, a graduate of the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore, and

*Paul Fletcher, baritone*, a graduate of the Hartt School at the University of Hartford.

And as a bonus, Paul's wife Jessica, a trained alto, will be singing with us as well this year! All three will be around at coffee hours - introduce yourself and say hi!

Why ... do we need section leaders?

We are fortunate to have a small but very dedicated group of amateur singers in our Senior Choir. But some of our sections are covered by only two or three

singers. Under these circumstances, the illness or other absence of just one choir member can have a major impact on our ability to sing a planned anthem. The section leaders provide needed stability, so that we don't have to change our scheduled anthem at the last minute if someone can't be there. Joe works closely with the other clergy members to ensure that each anthem precisely fits the theme of the service, and if we have to change the anthem that is additional work - not to mention our hard work during rehearsals!

Our choir strives for excellence in supporting and enhancing the worship service, and the section leaders provide us with a solid foundation from which to work.

How ... are we compensating our section leaders?

Both section leaders are paid on a per call basis for each rehearsal and Sunday service, in much the same way that we pay instrumentalists to come for special services. The Music Board has mounted a number of major fundraisers to support this and other aspects of the Music Program, and will continue to do so in the future. By the end of this year, we will have doubled our budget by fundraising!

Further questions? Speak to Joe D'Eugenio, Music Director, or Megan Stephan, Chair of the Music Board at any time and we will be happy to answer them.

## Staff Search Updates Mid-September 2006



As you know, “change is in the midst” in regard to three staff positions at our church. We have had a committee working for most of the year in search of an Associate Minister for Parish Care. In addition, about six weeks ago, we learned that our Youth Director had accepted a position elsewhere. Finally, our Senior Minister has shared with us his call to ministry in Australia and his plan to go there in the New Year.

The following is a brief update on the progress in these staff calls:

### **Associate Minister for Parish Care**

The Search Committee, headed by Kevin Ross and Lisa Canas, reported this week that the candidate, to whom they had offered the call, has decided not to accept the position. The Search Committee plans to review the resumes of the other potential candidates and to consider their next steps. Reverend Peggy Allen, who served as the Interim for this position, completed her work in August. In the meantime, the lay leaders who worked with Peggy are continuing to support the Parish Care ministry in the church.

### **Youth Director**

The Christian Education Board has decided to hire an “acting” youth director in order to give themselves time to study the long-term needs of the program. This differs from an interim position in that an “acting” person is allowed the opportunity to apply for the job at the end of the contracted time, whereas an “interim” is not. The search committee, headed by Ellen Wright, has essentially completed the job description for this position, along with defining the qualifications sought. A broad description of the position has already been advertised and several exciting candidates have expressed an interest. It is the hope of the Board to have someone in the acting position sometime in October, serving through August 2007.

In creating a vision for the settled youth director position, a focus meeting for both the Junior and Senior high youth was held on August 29. In addition, plans are underway to schedule separate meetings with the Resource Adults and selected parents.

### **Senior Minister**

After meeting with the Regional Minister from the Connecticut Conference in late August, the Deacons recommended to the Executive Board in early September, that an Interim Senior Minister be called as soon as possible in 2007. The calling of an interim minister allows time for church members and friends to discern God’s call as it relates to our church and to the calling of a new senior minister. An

4. Interim Search Committee, currently being created, will work with the Regional Minister to find the most appropriate individual. The search committee for the settled senior minister will be created in early 2007.

In an effort to keep all informed, regular updates on the status of these positions will be provided. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Susan Hostage, Church President, Susan Mancinelli, Senior Deacon, or Cornelia Viols, Chair of Christian Education to share your thoughts or ask questions.

#### **QUESTIONS ARE GOOD!**

During this time of transition, it is important to raise questions or concerns so that we can move forward together. Over the next several months there will be various forums for church members and friends to pose questions including the following: Cottage Meetings (sponsored by Stewardship, Trustees and Deacons), Coffee Hour Gatherings, and a Questions Box (similar to a suggestion box) for people to write questions. Other ways of communicating have yet to be finalized. Information about the Cottage Meetings to take place in October will be distributed shortly by Stewardship. In the meantime, members of the Executive Board will be available in the Chapel from 10:15-10:45 (between services) on September 24, October 1, and October 8 to answer questions or concerns in response to plans for the searches for the senior minister, associate minister for parish care, and the youth director. If you are unable to meet

at that time and have questions, please feel free to contact any of the following people directly: Susan Hostage, Church President; Susan Mancinelli, Senior Deacon; Cornelia Voils, Chair of Christian Education; or any member of the Deacons, CE Board, or the Executive Board.

### **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **CHRISTIANS IN ACTION**

*Fellowship Group for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders*

**Led by:** Marge Williams, Deb Brown, and Jim and Leslie Parys. Other parents will be asked to help out as needed.

**Date:** Friday, October 20

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Place:** Parish Hall

Parents with 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth are asked to send a snack to share for the meeting.

Parents with 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth are asked to send a drink to share for the meeting.

Any questions, please call Debbie Gravell at 203-272-5323 ext.16 or Jim Parys at 203-699-9929.



Confirmation is for 9-12th graders who are interested in exploring their faith and church membership. Classes will begin on Monday, October 16 at 7:00 in the Parish Hall.

**BIBLE JOURNEYS FOR  
GRADES 2-6**

This workshop rotation Church School program is for children and youth entering grades 2-6 this fall. Children will know what workshop they will go to by checking the schedule below, the bulletin, or the Bible Journeys Board in the hallway across from Room 8.

**Grades 3-6** will go to class when dismissed from the church.

**Grade 2 at the 9:00 service only** will leave for Chapel in the early part of the service. After Chapel they will go with their Shepherd to their Bible Journeys workshop. When Church School ends, parents may find their children in the classroom listed in the bulletin.

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**SUMMARY OF MOSES ROTATION  
OCTOBER 2006**

**Thou Art Room 8**  
Use a variation of the ancient Jewish art form of micrography to create a burning bush scene. Focus on the burning bush portion of the Moses story and God's call on our lives. (micrography uses very small writing to create shapes and designs).

**Red Sea Productions Room 9**  
Children will re-enact the various parts of the story of Moses, including his birth, early life, and call.

**Desert Tales Room 10**  
Children will view portions of the video, The Prince of Egypt, and discuss the events of the story of Moses.

**Gospel Games Room 11**  
Children will play a life-sized board game to review the events of the story.

**9:00 Church School**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Thou Art</b>	<b>Red Sea Prod.</b>	<b>Desert Tales</b>	<b>Gospel Games</b>
Oct. 1	Grade 2	Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 5&6
Oct. 9	Grade 4	Grade 5&6	Grade 2	Grade 3
Oct. 15	Grade 3	Grade 2	Grade 5&6	Grade 4
Oct. 22	Grade 5&6	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 2
Oct. 29	Game Day	Game Day	Game Day	Game Day

\*\* Oct. 29 all classes will be in Rooms 8 and 9 for a review game. Shepherds are asked to be with their classes.

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### 11:00 Church School

Date	Thou Art	Red Sea Prod.	Desert Tales	Gospel Games
Oct. 1	Worship	Worship	Worship	Worship
Oct. 9	Grade 4	Grade 3	Grade 2	Grade 5&6
Oct. 15	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5&6	Grade 2
Oct. 22	Grade 2	Grade 5&6	Grade 4	Grade 3
Oct. 29	Grade 5&6	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4

#### INTERESTED IN PRAYING FOR OUR COLLEGE YOUTH?

It is difficult to be a college student away from home. As a congregation we can reach out to our college students with our prayers for them. If you are willing to pray this school year for one of our college students, please contact Debbie Gravell at 272-5323 ext. 16 or

[dgravell@cheshirecongregational.org](mailto:dgravell@cheshirecongregational.org).

She will then match you with a college student. You will receive his/her name, email address, and postal address. You are asked to pray for them and invited to let them know they are being prayed for throughout this year. Please contact Debbie as soon as possible so she can get our prayers going for our students away from home.

## YUTES NEWS

### OCTOBER CALENDAR

The YUTES are scheduled to meet each week in the Parish Hall on the dates listed below except where otherwise indicated.

#### Sunday, Oct. 1

5-7p.m. Jr. & Sr. High meeting with dinner

#### Sunday, Oct. 8

5-7p.m. Jr. & Sr. High meeting with dinner

#### Sunday, Oct. 15

5-7p.m. Jr. & Sr. High meeting with dinner

#### Sunday, Oct. 22

5-7p.m. Jr. & Sr. High meeting with dinner

#### Sunday, Oct. 29

5-7p.m. Jr. & Sr. High meeting with dinner

#### Friends Visiting YUTES

Youth are able to bring friends to our youth group meetings. For the safety of your friend, we insist that you download a visitor slip from the website and have your friend fill it out and bring it with them. Or at sign in, please be sure that the greeter knows you have a friend with you and provides you with a visitor slip.

#### MISSION TRIP 2007 FOR SR. HIGH YUTES – UPDATE

The 12<sup>th</sup> graders voted to attend the Group Work Camp at Lyons, NY.

**When: July 29-Aug. 4**

There will be 50 available slots for Sr. High youth interested in going. The slots do fill up fast so watch your mailbox, YUTES website, and youth group meetings for more details about signing up.

**ATTENDANCE ON MISSION TRIP**

All youth in Sr. High are welcome but you must attend YUTES meetings regularly, at least once a month. Any adults interested in being Resource Adults for the mission trip must also attend YUTES regularly. Why you may ask? Because we all need to know each other for a variety of reasons; the comfort of all involved, the ability to get along, bonding, safety, and fundraising to name a few of the reasons. See Debbie Gravell with any questions or concerns.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Topic:** Hope  
**Leader:** Debbie Gravell  
**Began:** Wednesday, September 27  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor

We will use a study guide from the Life Guide Bible Study for the Hope in God series. Each week, as we walk through this series, we will explore different scriptures about Hope. Join us for this study that is sure to give you the reassurance of hope in God.

7. We use a study guide each week which is available throughout the study. The cost of the study book is \$5.00.

Babysitting is available. You are welcome to join us when you can and be away when you must. Each week stands by itself. We read the scriptures together, share reflections on the scripture and close with prayer requests. All women of the church are welcome.



**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**



**OUTREACH**

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING  
OCTOBER 1, 2006**

At a World Council of Churches meeting in 2004, delegates from Latin America offered to the assembled a theme proposal for their common work: Another World is

8. Possible. And that's what the Neighbors In Need special missions offering is all about. Another world is possible – a

world free from violence, poverty, hunger-free from discrimination and oppression.

*This is the promise of God so clearly heard throughout scripture:  
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19)*

*I will give them a new heart, and put a new spirit within them. (Ezekiel 11:19)*

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. (Revelation 21:1)*

Neighbors In Need is the foundation of a strong, multi-issue peace with justice movement in the United Church of Christ.

The Neighbors In Need movement is made possible only with your help! The things that will make for peace with justice are in us! Our faith in God, our discipleship as followers of Jesus, our church communities of caring and committed people, and our desire for healing the breaches among us.

The Holy Spirit is our advocate and ally, breathing new possibilities into our staleness and encouraging us. God is still speaking through Neighbors In Need! We can make another world possible!

Please help the cause for peace by giving generously.

## **COVENANT TO CARE**

The final delivery of school items were put to quick use. Money donated by Eleanor Gager made further purchases possible in the form of notebooks, paper, and a backpack. Harry Payne provided a number of items for children eager to start school with new things. The grandmother who took in her one month old granddaughter was given a beautiful crib with a new mattress, bumper guards, and sheet donated by Beth Ross and family. New and gently used infant clothing was donated by Sherry Gray and Patti Dickinson. In addition, the Dickinsons donated a pack & play and 3 boys' snowsuits. A baby blanket was donated by Chris and Ed Albrecht. Thank you again to everyone for your generosity in outreach and heart. Jan Cowles

## **COLUMBUS HOUSE**

On August 30th, Ken & Pam Euerle, Jan Cowles, Joe and I delivered and served our Church's meal of meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, rolls and pie. Those of you who so generously & lovingly prepare this food for the people at Columbus House deserve to know some of the comments we hear. There is always a cheer when they hear what the menu is for the evening. It reminds many of their own Mother's home cooking; some request an end piece, an extra scoop of potatoes or beans, and always relish picking out what kind of pie they are going to have. No matter how many people are there for dinner that night, we always have plenty for everyone and enough for seconds for those who ask. (It always reminds me of the story of the fishes and the loaves). Once again, many thanks to all the wonderful

cooks: Marilyn Gordon, Donna Mead, Jan Cowles, Marianne Eagleson, Emma Norback, Patti Dickinson, Heather Musante, Grace Knipe, Chris Fitzmaurice, Bev Euerle, the Albrechts, Susan Mancinelli, Lisa Canas, Lisa Brodbar, Terri Adesso, Emilee Ziolkowski, Ruth MacDonald, Nora Adams, Beth Eichelman, Beth Ross, Betsy Adams, & Pam Cappiello.

Blessings, Jan Garthwait

## 'MISSION DAY'



### SAVE THE DATE!

#### **OCTOBER 28, 2006**

Set aside part of Saturday, October 28 for your participation in Mission Day, a continuing initiative sponsored by the Board of Outreach.

On that Saturday, members and friends of First Congregational Church will visit several local social service agencies to work on tasks such as painting, cleaning up, and packing food. We support these agencies financially, but Mission Day

will give us an opportunity to get to know them better and to participate in "hands-on" outreach.

The Board of Outreach is currently working with executives of the agencies to determine exactly which activities will be done and how much time will be needed. When these details are finalized, they will be made known to members and friends.

Remember: As a Congregation of Outreach, we can make a difference!

### FOOD OFFERING

The Outreach food offering was **292** for **September**. The Food Pantry request for the month of **October** is **canned fruits**.

## BOARD OF MUSIC

### MUSIC NOTES



**Piano Accompanist Needed for Youth**  
Our Primary and Junior Choirs are in need of a piano accompanist to play for weekly choir rehearsals and both worship services on one Sunday per month. Wednesday evening rehearsals are from 6:00 - 7:15. Interested professional, amateur, and/or student pianists should

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contact our Music Director, Joe D'Eugenio, at 272-5323, x18.

**Please save the dates for these special services!**

***Candlelight Lessons and Carols***

Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006 at 4:00 pm. Please join us for an enhanced version of this always wonderful service - our annual retelling of the Christmas story in words and music.

***Memorial Music Sunday***

April 29, 2007 at 4:00 pm. It is a very special Memorial presentation of Brahms' German Requiem, given in conjunction with the Greater Middletown Chorale. You won't want to miss this intensely spiritual musical masterpiece.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**EQUIPPING  
GOD'S PEOPLE**

**STEWARDSHIP 2006**

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"... to equip God's people for works of service, so that  
the body of Christ may be built up."  
*Ephesians 4:12 (TNIV)*

Who: members and friends of First Church. You're all invited . . .

What: to a series of small group 'cottage meetings'

When: From Sunday, October 15 to Saturday, October 28

Where: in various members' homes and at church, mornings, afternoons, and evenings, to fit every schedule

Why: to talk and listen about God's call to our church in the future. We'll have snacks and a time to discuss how the church has influenced our lives. We'll have to discern where we see our mission and ministries taking us in the New Year and beyond.

More details follow in the church bulletin, on the bulletin board, and in coffee hour-- stay tuned. . .

**NOMINATING**

**WHAT ARE YOUR GIFTS?**

This is the time of year talented and gifted people should come forward to share their gifts. The Church is looking to fill important and interesting positions on many boards and committees including the Executive Board, Deacons, Trustees, Outreach, Christian Education, Stewardship, Flower, Fellowship, Library, History, Personnel, Delegates, Membership, and Ushering.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities

to perform service, but the same God gives ability to all for their particular service. *1 Corinthians 12:4-6*  
*Good News Bible*

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Please call Roy Pritchard at 203-272-1133 or Cheryl Guetens at 203-272-8054 to support your Church in this hour of need.

## CHURCH LIBRARY

These are the latest new library books and videos:

The Betrayal, by Beverly Lewis

The Englisher, by Beverly Lewis (both are part of a series)

Light from Heaven, by Jan Karon (last of the Mitford series)

*Children's Books:*

The Lord's prayer, An Alice in Bibleland Storybook

The Story of Jonah, An Alice in Bibleland Storybook

Also, please note:

**We are still missing two recently donated books:**

October Song, by Beverly Lewis

Faith of My Fathers, by Barack Obama  
*Please* check your bookshelves. We would greatly appreciate their return.  
Thank you!

## A Special Notice to Sunday School Students and Parents

This is to welcome and encourage you to stop by and browse through our newly painted children's library book shelves. They are located right outside the nursery room. Some students and parents may not be aware that this is the SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY. We have many new additions. Simply sign the card and leave it in the small box and return the book to the larger box... and **ENJOY!**

## MISCELLANEOUS

### THE PRAYER NET

For the last few years, members and friends of First Church have been part of a network of prayer, called the Prayer Net, an email Prayer Chain. We invite you to become part of this ministry of prayer. It works like this: someone with a prayer concern or joy is in contact with me, and I send the prayer request to our group via email. When they receive the request, they pray for the request in their own personal prayer time. All prayer requests are treated

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confidentially. Generally, requests come to us several times a month.

If you are interested in joining, please send me an email or speak with me and I can give you more details. The Apostle Paul reminds us to pray without ceasing, and to let all our requests be made known to our God. Please join us in the powerful ministry.

Blessings,  
Alison McCaffrey  
[amccaffrey@CheshireCongregational.org](mailto:amccaffrey@CheshireCongregational.org)

## VOCATIONAL PRAYERS

We believe that God is creating  
in the clay of a potter  
in the music of an orchestra,  
in the bread of a baker.  
We believe that Jesus Christ is present  
in the hospitality of a waitress  
in the care of a social worker,  
in the voice of a teacher.  
We believe that the Holy Spirit is moving  
in the healing touch of a doctor,  
in the actions of a peacemaker,  
in the laughter of a child.  
~Worship & Daily Life

This fall, we begin a new prayer practice in our Sunday morning worship. On the last Sunday of each month, we invite your participation in the blessing of our members and friends in their particular occupations and vocations, whether volunteer or employed. For example, on October 29, we will pray for all our members and friends who work with their

hands: artists, electricians, plumbers, etc. All who work in the field are invited to bring an object or symbol of their work and place it on the Communion table. Prayers of blessing will be included in our prayers of intercession. Each month on the last Sunday, we will lift up a different vocation, which will be listed in advance in the bulletin and Parish Post.

November: All who work in sales and retail  
December: All who care for others: from infants to our elderly  
January: All who work in offices and support services  
February: All who work in the medical professions  
March: All who work in the financial field  
April: All who work with the earth  
May: All who work in human resources and helping professions  
June: All who are students  
July: All who work in computer and other technologies  
August: All who work in field of law

If you don't see your occupation listed, please let us know as we will continue to develop this rotation. If your occupation spans several categories, you are welcome to bring your symbol for those months. Your suggestions are welcome.

Blessings, Alison

## GIFTS OF LOVE

...it is a place in Avon, CT where battered/abused women go to get things

to start their lives over again. They have a program that screens people and upon acceptance it helps them get started in a new life with "things". Things they probably left behind. In most cases these woman leave with little more than the clothes on their backs. Many have small children. They are near the junction of Rt.10 and 44 **BUT** they are only open for intake donations between 10 am and 3pm Mon-Fri.

**Look around your house. Here is a list of the things that they need:**

- Linens (all sizes bedding, sheets, towels, pillows, etc.)
- Household items (useful/practical) dishes, glassware, silverware etc.
- Lamps, TV's, VCR's, alarm clocks, radios (working of course)
- Food (any kind)
- Clothes (in-season, right now they aren't taking summer stuff)

Here is what they **CANNOT TAKE:**

- Large Furniture
- Books
- Toys
- Shoes that are not new
- Suitcases
- **Out of season** clothes

Thank you for considering this worthy cause.

**NEEDED**

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If you have an air conditioner and/or a dehumidifier you no longer use, the church could use both. The Nursery and Church School areas get very damp during the summer and the dampness often causes the copier used downstairs to jam. In addition, there is no air conditioning in the offices which will be used by our future Youth Director and Minister of Parish Care and the offices become unbearably uncomfortable starting in late spring.

If you are willing to donate any of these items, please call the church office at 272-5323 before dropping them off. Thank you for your generosity.

**PERSONALS**

*Thank you from...*

**-Jane Richards**

I was delighted to receive birthday flowers from the church, delivered by Frank Scinto.

**-Robert E. Moseley**

My friends and members of the Congregational Church – it was a surprise to find a bouquet of flowers at my door. I thank you all for remembering my 91<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**-Jim Brown**

It was good to receive the beautiful bouquet of flowers brought to me by Helen Wilson.

It was also good to receive "birthday greetings" from Martha Lape when she called me on the phone – many thanks to all of you.

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***Thank you from...continued***

**-Ruthe Sperzel**

How wonderful to be remembered on my birthday. Thank you all for the cards, calls, and the pineapple boat delivered by Mark Sullivan and the beautiful flowers delivered by John Crowell. I feel blessed to be part of a wonderful church family.

**-Sharon Perry**

How lovely to receive such a terrific bouquet of flowers for my special birthday – and brought to me by someone I had not met before, Helen Wilson. We had a very pleasant visit. Thank you again.

**RENEWAL OF VOWS**

**-August 19**

Susan and David Hostage

**MARRIAGES**

**-August 25**

Juliet Pufahl and John Hilzinger

**DEATHS**

**-August 21**

Walter Fabianski (Barbara Larson's father)

**-August 26**

Cheryl Sagendorf (granddaughter of Lillian and Charles Malis)

**-August 27**

Sally Flynn (Kevin Flynn's mother)

**-August 29**

Al Ehrenfels (Karl Ehrenfels' father)

**-September 7**

Gertrude Slauson (Sarah Payne's grandmother)

**HOSPITAL STAYS**

If you are hospitalized, it is important that you or a family member call one of the ministers or the church office to let us know so we can visit and care for you properly. A new federal law prohibits hospitals from giving us any patient information so we will not know you are there.

**Emergency Pastoral Care**

After office hours, you may call Rev. Dacey at 250-1623, or Rev. McCaffrey at 272-3233.

Please be mindful of their family time and call only in an emergency or crisis.

**FALL IS HERE!**

