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United Church of Christ—Gathered 1630
An open and affirming community
for all God's people



**Our mission is to worship God, love our neighbor, and
follow Jesus as together we journey in faith.**

MAY 2011

From the Minister –



*“Celebrate, celebrate, dance to the music.”
Three Dog Night*

Now that Easter has come and gone it's time to enter what I like to call the “Season of Celebration” (confirmation, graduations, weddings, etc...). Though not technically part of the liturgical calendar, it comprises an important part of the church year nonetheless. There are two noteworthy events coming up this month that I would especially like to call your attention to. First, our annual celebration of “John Warham Sunday” will be held on May 15. Named after the founding pastor of our church, this festive day honors all those members who have belonged to First Church for forty years or longer. I'm happy to report we have four new members joining the John Warham Society this year—Hugh and Kate Mclean, Dana Pizzoferrato, and Greg Shafer. In addition, we also want to recognize Tom and Helen Butterfield, John and Joanne Coghill, Sophia Dubinsky and Janet Graves, all of whom belonged to the Wilson Congregational Church for forty years or more. Please be sure to make a special effort to attend church that morning and congratulate these good and faithful servants warmly.

Second, Confirmation Sunday will take place on May 22. Char Corbett and I have had the privilege of working with eleven outstanding young people over the course of the past eight months. The purpose of the confirmation class (“Seeking Disciples”) is to prepare our young people to unite with us in the ministry and mission of the church. This year's class has been exceptional and they deserve special recognition. I know you will all want to be at the 10 a.m. service that day to cheer them on and welcome them into the life of the church. The members of this year's class are Coleen Belanger, Stephen Blood, Lauren Canoni, Megan Canoni, Lauren Dube, Valerie Diehl, Marcus Hudson, Rebecca Nelson, Ben Osowiecki, Brett Sherman and Kelly Taplin.

The “Season of Celebration” is a busy time of year, but as our former interim-organist Dave Senak used to say, “It's all good.” There are lots of good things happening at First Church this spring and much to celebrate. I hope you will be there to “dance to the music” and participate in all the joyful events taking place throughout this special season.

Grace & Peace, RHH

May Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship
8 a.m. Holy Communion
10 a.m. Family Worship
& Church School

May 1

Char Corbett

May 8

Rick Huleatt

May 15

Rick Huleatt

May 22

Rick Huleatt

May 29

Char Corbett

May Lectionary Lessons

May 1

Acts 2:1-14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
I Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

May 8

Acts 2:1-14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
I Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

May 15

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
I Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 22

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
I Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 29

Proverbs 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
I Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Thanksgiving in May

A Feast of Desserts

Come to Nelson Hall at 7 p.m. on May 7. All are invited to bring your favorite desserts to share with our friends. In our faith tradition, giving thanks is the way to start and end every day and every meal. Because we often feel rushed for time, it is good to pause in our routines and rededicate ourselves to the practice of expressing our thanks. At this Thanksgiving feast on the opposite side of the year, we will start with the dessert course. (And if we are still hungry we can continue with another course of dessert!).



In addition to enjoying the taste of some great desserts we will have opportunity share verbally, and give artistic expression to what it is about First Church that makes us feel thankful. We'll bring the art supplies. You bring the ideas to an evening of fun, fellowship and thanksgiving. Everyone is invited, with or without a dessert!

Everything begins and ends by giving thanks.

CT Conference Spring Meeting

The 144th Annual Meeting, Part I, will be held on May 14 at the Congregational Church of Naugatuck. The theme of this spring's gathering is, "Worship Remix." The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. J. Mary Luti, Visiting Professor of Worship and Preaching at Andover Newton Theological School. In addition, over twenty workshops will be offered on a variety of topics related to worship and reinvigorating the life of the local church. Our CT Conference delegates this year are Al and Lauren Relyea. For more information contact the Conference website at www.ctucc.org

Youth Mission Trip Tag Sale Postponed

Due to May's busy calendar, this Youth Mission fundraiser has been postponed. We're looking for a fall date but need volunteers to help organize and execute this event. If you are interested and want to know more, contact Char Corbett.

Multicultural Dinner, May 26

The Greater Hartford Interfaith Coalition for Equity and Justice (GHICEJ) will sponsor their annual multicultural dinner and Covenant Ceremony May 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Society, 50 Bloomfield Ave. in Hartford. First Church is a founding supporter of GHICEJ, whose mission to the Capital Region is focused on education, health care equity, and urban violence. Rev. Huleatt will be putting together a team to attend this inspiring event. Please notify the church office if you are interested. To learn more about the ministry of GHICEJ visit www.hartfordinterfaith.org



CHURCH NEWS
AROUND
the
CONGREGATION

*Dear First Church family and Friends,
A heartfelt thank you for the phone calls,
cards, prayers and support during Alan's
father's illness and passing. We are grate-
ful and truly blessed to have such a caring
and supportive church family.*

*Sincerely, Alan, Lauren, Amanda, and
Matt Morris*

*Dear First Church Friends,
A sincere thank you for everything all of
you did for us while I was in the hospi-
tal. The visits, prayers, phone calls, notes,
cards, and flowers made such a big differ-
ence and were very much appreciated. We
are blessed to be a part of a very special,
caring community of faith.*

Thanks and peace, Glenys Lemere

*I am sure I speak for all those who
attended the April 5th Silver Tea. It was a
delightful afternoon. The centerpieces on
each table were so attractive and
the candy favors at each place added a
thoughtful and lovely touch. The sand-
wiches, cookies and tea offered the perfect
mid-afternoon refreshment. Then, add
to that we all got to enjoy Victor's music
which was both appropriate for us
"oldies" and a beautiful background in
which to enjoy an hour and more of
fellowship with other Church mem-
bers. Thank you to Dorothy Merz and her
Silver Tea committee and to Victor Evans
for a memorable afternoon. Betty Jourdan*

Deaths

Colleen Reardon, daughter of Barbara,
passed away on March 8, 2011. A
memorial service was held at First Church
on April 9. Rev. Corbett officiated.

Wedding

Shawna Markel and Michael Tustin were
married in the Meetinghouse on April 16
by Rev. Huleatt.

*Dear First Church Members,
On behalf of my mother, Marge Tuttle, thank you
for the beautiful handmade prayer shawl. We
also appreciate the thoughtful and friendly visits.
Thank you for the continued support.
With thanks, Nancy Tuttle Discenza & Family*

*Dear Friends,
The Silver Tea was such a beautiful "happening."
Every thing from shining silver teapots warm
with delicious tea, the sandwiches and wonderful
cookies, the flowers—all was perfect! We do
thank you.*

Warmly, Tony and Jay Davenport

*I want to thank all the ladies on the Silver Tea
committee. Everything from the table decorations
to the food was outstanding. It was wonderful to
see so many people I knew and have an opportu-
nity to chat. Thank you again for such a pleasant
time.*

Sincerely, Vivian Webster

*Dear First Church friends,
Many thanks for the lovely flowers recently sent
to me. I also wish to thank all those who sent
cards and stopped by to see me. I appreciate
your thoughtfulness and encouragement.*

Sincerely, Sophie Dubinsky

*Dear Parish Caring Ministries,
Thank you so much for your kind notes during
this time. It's been a tough journey but I'm begin-
ning to see the light at the end of the tunnel! I so
appreciate all the cards, notes, flowers and calls.
All of the prayers and good wishes you've sent
have touched me deeply.*

My love & prayers, Pennie Campbell

Baptisms

Van Weaver, son of Kate and Greg Weaver, was
baptized on February 27 by Rev. Huleatt.

Charlotte, Bennett and Audrey Bennett,
children of April and Mike Michaud, were
baptized on March 27 by Rev. Huleatt.

Email, Phone and Address Updates

Please let us know if your email, phone and/or
mailing address has changed so that we can
keep our files up-to-date and make sure you re-
ceive all church mailings/emails. Thanks!

New Members Join

On Sunday, April 17, we welcomed seven people into the fellowship of our faith community. Please be sure to greet them warmly!

Bill and Janet Allen, 595 Matianuck Avenue, 860-688-4719

Bill and Janet are former members of the Wilson Congregational Church. Bill enjoys reading scripture at the 10 a.m. service and both he and Janet enjoy taking part in the fellowship events of the church.

Susan diLauro, 7 Alden Road, 860-687-1232

Susan is also a former member of the Wilson Congregational Church and a long-time Windsor resident. She and her husband (Jerry) are the parents of four grown children. She looks forward to participating in the Women's Club.

Alma Ellis, Windsor Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, 581 Poquonock Avenue

Alma belonged to the Wilson Congregational for many years. She grew up on a farm and later became a successful real estate agent in town.

Virginia Nicholas, 20 Olga Avenue, 860-524-8899

Ginny is a former member of the Wilson Church. She is employed in the food services industry at Mohegan Sun. She is also a talented musician. Because of her work schedule she can only attend the 8 a.m. worship service.

Greg and Kate Weaver, 33 Mechanic Street, Unit 206, 860-219-1190

Greg is an attorney who grew up in West Hartford. Kate is originally from Burlington and runs her own business. Their son Van was baptized in church February 27.

Thanks to May PCM Volunteers:

Care Notes - Midge Christopher
Fellowship Team - Andrea Schnure
Flowers - Mei Chen
Meals & Transportation - Linda Carillo
Prayer Team - Kathy Hardman

Thanks for Spring Cleaning

Doug Kelly, on behalf of the Pru Board, wishes to thank the many volunteers who worked on cleaning the church so it would shine for Easter. The church cleaners were Jim, Char and Katie Corbett, Rick Huleatt, Andy Schnure, Noel and Ben Osowiecki, John Zepp, Scott Mitchell, Pam Petro, Sue Warner—Prouty, Rene Fitzsimons, Jamie Vernon, Mary Jane Demboski, Randy and Riley Cole and Randy Clark. Thanks also to Randy Clark, Al Boehm, Barry Budlong, Gary Whitney, Rick Hazelton and Bang Williams for their time spreading mulch so the grounds would look beautiful as well.



News from the Early Learning Center

We have begun registration for the school year 2011-2012. We currently have openings in all of our classes, both full day and part time. If you are interested in signing your child up or know of anyone with a young child please call the office at 860-688-4597 to schedule a tour.

The policy board and parents of the Early Learning Center recognized the teachers during the week of April 11 by serving breakfast and lunch for the teachers. The teachers greatly appreciated their kindness!

We will be looking for a replacement to start on August 1 for Joan Waterhouse, who is retiring. Anyone interested in the position should contact the office. Candidates should have a four year degree in early childhood or primary education with two years experience in an early childhood setting. Interviews will be held starting the week of April 18.

The school will be having a Pizza Supper on Wed. May 4 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for the families in the center. We are also having Karate classes through Villari's Martial Arts Centers for 3 weeks on Tuesday and Thursday's beginning April 26. This is a fund raising event for the school and we receive the entire cost for each child who attends.





Lofty Notes

Dear First Church Family,

Promises, promises...we make them, we keep them, we break them, we forget them, we misunderstand them, we cling to them, we disdain them.

Going back yet again to the formative years of my Christian faith, I'm reminded of an old-line Gospel song: "Standing on the Promises". The refrain went:

"Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior.
Standing, standing.....
I'm standing on the promises of God!"

Some people may say that such songs and such belief patterns are nothing but eggs in moonshine - a kind of wishful thinking that sets one up for great disappointment spiritually. But having had forty-plus years of actively testing these promises, I'm here to tell you that God does not disappoint. Choosing to believe that God has reasons for things that may be beyond our capacity of understanding is not a cop-out or an abdication of responsibility. It is an informed decision based on trusting someone we cannot see or hear or taste or touch or grasp. Faith is like that. As a very wise man once said to me, "Faith is not belief without proof; faith is trust without reservation." Rationality is not the principal component of a faith-based decision. Love is. Love and trust that are given freely, with the expectation that they will be returned in kind. We are not expecting a life free of pain or turmoil or conflict. What we are expecting is a life in which God is with us in everything, good, bad, dull, thrilling. whatever...

And because of this, we can read the Biblical exhortation to "Praise God in all things". Admittedly, I've done so with a rather wry face a few times. But my heart and spirit respond to God's outrageous kindness, love and mercy. May it always be that way for all of us!

Peace,

Mark

Back Bay Mission or Bust!

February 5 - February 12, 2012

"Since there will never cease to be some need on earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.'"

Last February (2010) 20 members and friends of First Church went to Biloxi, Mississippi, to stay and work with the Back Bay Mission to finish a new home and restore an existing home. Some of us also worked on organizing the supplies and supply sheds based at the Mission. Back Bay is a social service agency of the UCC and has served the poorest citizens of the coast area for over 89 years. Check it out at backbaymission.org.

A typical day last year would have you up between 7 and 7:30 a.m. for a self-made breakfast and on site by 8:45 to 9 a.m. Once there we primed walls, ceilings and floors followed by three coats of paint, did some insulating, and basic carpentry work building railings for the front and back stairs.

Those that stayed at the Mission completely reorganized three sheds filled with an assortment of electrical and hand tools, paint supplies and much more. At the end of the week it was like going into a Lowes to shop.

We all gathered back at the Mission for a wonderfully prepared lunch and returned to our sites until 4 p.m. After cleaning up there was a brief social gathering before dinner (also wonderfully prepared). One evening we went to a neighboring church for a service, another night Rick insisted we go to the casinos, and other evenings were spent relaxing with our new-found friends from two churches in Illinois who were there for the 5th year in a row to work on Katrina damage.

We need to get a firm fix on who is interested in going to a warmer climate next February, by Labor Day. It's a fun and rewarding trip and 8 members from last year have already signed up to return. Come join them.

If you have any questions contact Kate McLean or Randy Clark.

Parish Caring Ministries



It was wonderful to see so many guests at the Silver Tea on April 5 enjoying one another's company, the special food and the piano entertainment provided by Victor Evans. And the next week there was a full house for the Women's

Club 100th anniversary celebration of its founding. Shortly, John Warham Sunday will be upon us when individuals who have been members of First Church for 40 years will be recognized.

All of these happenings speak to the sense of community here at First Church which so many people find both energizing and comforting. We hope our friends from the Wilson Congregational Church who have either joined or are attending First Church are feeling that sense of community has well. In our very busy and fast paced world it is good to know that we have a place to share our cares and concerns in a faith-based community with others who are grounded in the same beliefs. Thanks be to God for this special place we call First Church.

For many more pictures of the Silver Tea, go to the website at www.fcwucc.org.



Parish Caring Ministries Council members from left: Beth Horlitz, Dorothy Merz, Heidi Kelsey, Marilyn Boehm (PCM volunteer) and Dottie McAllister. Missing from the picture are Council members Linda Carillo and Ruth Budlong.

Vacation Bible School New Week this Summer

Come to Vacation Bible School 2011 where we'll learn that God's love and grace for all creation is the most sustainable and recyclable love there is.

RECYCLE, REUSE...REJOICE!

**Monday, July 11 - Friday, July 15,
9 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Youth & Children Celebration Sunday
July 24**

**Family VBS Potluck Picnic
Wednesday, July 13 at
5 p.m. at Northwest Park**

Children entering kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to be part of this week of learning about God and our call to care for creation in creative and joyful ways!



Registration begins April 1 online at fcwucc.org.



Cost is \$15/child - max \$35/family.

Youth going into 6th grade and older are invited to join us as helpers.

Adults - Join the Amazing Volunteer VBS Team and reveal your creative and renewing spirits, too! Call Helga Finlay to volunteer at 860-688-7229, ext 12.

» Rejoice! «

From Our Church School Coordinator—Helga Finlay

If April showers bring May flowers, then First Church has you covered with our annual plant sale. Preorders for hanging basket planters will take place on May 1 and be available for pickup on May 8 during the plant sale. This year's event will take place inside Nelson Hall, where there will be hanging baskets, potted flowers and herbs for sale. Happy Mother's Day!!

I would like to give a special thanks to Diane Dwelley and Pricilla Ford for their AWESOME craft projects during the Hosanna fair. Our church children are truly blessed with the kindness and thoughtfulness of these two ladies.

Save the date: On June 11 there will be a special musical evening from 7-8 p.m. when the musical group "Strike A Chord "will be our guest performers.

Mark your calendar for June 12 when First Church will hold its annual Christian Education picnic. More details will follow as we get closer to the date.

VBS is looking for volunteers from July 11-15 to lead with snack, games, crafts, bible stories and music.

Happy Birthday!

Morgan Finlay 5/2

Shelby Finlay 5/5

Andrew Blume 5/17

Michael Grakowsky 5/10

David Stone 5/6

Peter Eckhardt 5/3

Gabrielle Osowiecki 5/4

Daniel Jackson 5/20



Here are some pictures from Karaoke and Dance Night as well as the Hosanna Fair.



Confirmation Class (Seeking Disciples) Update

May is an exciting month for our Seeking Disciples. Class members will review their faith statements or projects with the ministers on May 1 as well as provide leadership for Children's Chapel that morning. They will then present their faith statements/projects to the Deacons on Wednesday, May 18. Their confirmation on May 22 will be here before we know it! Please keep our Disciples and their mentors in your prayers and ready yourselves to walk with them on these last few steps of the journey.



*Back row from left: Brett Sherman, Steven Blood, Marcus Hudson
Rebecca Nelson, Ben Osowiecki. Front row from left: Lauren Dube,
Lauren Canoni, Megan Canoni, Coleen Belanger,
Kelly Taplin, Valerie Diehl*

Cluster 13 Youth Mission Update

Twenty youth and seven adults have nearly completed their required 10 hours of sensitivity and safety training for our upcoming youth mission trip to Camden, NY **July 16 – 23**.

- Wednesday, **April 27**, 5:30-7 p.m. OR Sunday, **May 1**, 5:30-7 p.m. – Construction/Tool Safety Training with pizza dinner (pick one)
- Saturday, **May 7** – HOMEFRONT Community Service Day, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Everyone is invited to join the group for worship on **Sunday, July 10**, for a commissioning worship service, and at 8 a.m. in the parking lot on **Saturday, July 16**, for a send-off prayer.
- The Cluster 13/Youth Mission Trip Group will lead the 9:30 a.m. Youth and Children Sunday worship service on **Sunday, July 24**. Come worship, sing and learn about their summer experiences!

Connecticut Conference &
Faith Congregational Church
“Walking In the Spirit” ~ A Youth Revival



When: Friday ~ May 13 6:30 p.m.

Where: Faith Congregational Church, Hartford

UCC youth from across the state will share in fellowship, music, dance, drama and worship. There will also be a display from *In Our Shoes*, an anti-bullying project of the King Street UCC Church and a Signature Partner of the CT Conference. Sign up to attend as a youth or chaperone in Nelson Hall or speak with Char.

Youth White River Rafting Trip is Back

Calling all FCW Youth, ages 14 and older. Join us for four outrageously fun days Thursday, August 11 – Sunday, August 14. We will take an adventurous rafting trip on the Black River, enjoy beach time and a canoe ride, toast marshmallows and hang out at the Milliken’s farm in upstate NY. The cost of the trip is \$70, which covers travel, food and the rafting event. A deposit of \$35 is due by May 15. We will be cooking most of our meals but you’ll need money for two additional lunches while we are on the road. Sign up now in Nelson Hall and let the adventure begin! Chaperones are still needed for the trip, too. Email or speak to Char with any questions.

Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship

If you are a confirmed member of First Church, a senior in high school, planning to attend a four year college and can demonstrate financial need, you may be eligible for the Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship, a UCC Conference scholarship held in trust by Bank of America through Trinity College. Eligibility requirements and the application process are on-line at our website, www.fcwucc.org under the “Scholarship” tab. Call the church office for more information. *Applications are due May 15.*



HomeFront Day, Saturday May 7: Be a Volunteer

Imagine having to make a choice between buying groceries or fixing a leaky roof...or struggling to keep your yard maintained when you have a fixed income. For some homeowners, the cost or ability to make basic home repairs is simply out of reach. HomeFront helps senior citizens, the disabled, single-parent families and others who are on a fixed income stay in their homes. Homeowners are selected on the basis of income guidelines and the need for critical repairs or maintenance. On Saturday, May 7, members from First Church in Windsor, Connecticut Valley Church of Christ and Grace Episcopal Church will be teaming up to help make simple but needed repairs for a homeowner in Windsor. If you are age 14 or older, won’t you consider being part of the team? No skill necessary. Contact Martha Pinckney at mkjspinck@sbcglobal.net or speak with Char to volunteer. This event has received substantial financial support by a donation from the Youth Mission trip fund.

Chili Challenge Was A Success!

Thank you to everyone who came out for the 4th Annual Chili Challenge to support the summer youth mission trip, which raised \$530! It was an energetic, intergenerational event and fun was had by all. A special shout-out goes to Char Corbett, George Petro, Jennifer Osowiecki, Heidrun Toben, Claudia Jones, the Milliken Family, and John Zepp for entering their delicious chili entries for this year's contest. The youth did an amazing job, too, with decorating the hall, managing tables and serving up the chili and corn muffins. Char Corbett, our Associate Pastor and longstanding Queen of Chili was finally out-voted (one vote!) by King John Zepp who rocked this year's competition with a great beef and corn chili - Chili #5 for those of you who voted.

Secrets of the Labyrinth

I'll be honest with you! (That's always a good policy.) I came to see the labyrinth strictly out of curiosity. I had heard about a labyrinth. The fact that it existed summed up my knowledge of it. When it was announced that this labyrinth would be available on Ash Wednesday evening, I came . . .

Never having seen one before, I was amazed (I use that word deliberately) to see that "the mat" covered nearly the entire floor of the hall. It seemed like a huge maze, the center of which was decorated with what seemed to be three-leaved clovers. Apparently, to get to the center, one had to travel twisting and turning paths.

Rev. Char, who had welcomed me, explained how things worked. "It means different things to different people. Some may focus on a person or people, or an object of some kind, or a situation, or anything at all. The labyrinth is a personal experience."

"That's fine," I said, "but, it still looks like a maze. How many dead ends are there?" "None," she smiled. "What will happen if I step outside the path?" "Nothing. Just step back in. You won't be penalized." "Okay, here goes."

"What was the labyrinth like for you? Rev. Char asked. "I felt like I was travelling the road of life," I told her, "Sometimes I stepped outside the path. I think that in life we occasionally stray from the 'straight and narrow', but we get back on and move forward. As I journeyed, I did feel a sort of presence of some kind. It really was a special experience."

If I were ever asked about it, I would highly recommend walking the labyrinth. As Rev. Char said, it is a personal experience. Oh, one more thing. Since we were alone at the time, Rev. Char said, "Since this is your first time at the labyrinth, I'll walk through it with you so you don't feel self-conscious."

Now, there's kindness for you!

By Bill Allen



Outreach in the Community

Our Pastors and Outreach Committee have been very active in reaching out to the community. Thank-you letters have been received from the following agencies: **Mercy Housing and Shelter Corp.**, **True Colors**, **Archer Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church** (for a contribution to their scholarship fund,) the **Windsor Community Service Council**, and the **Christian Activities Council**. We also received a thank-you letter from the UCC Pension Boards for our Christmas donation to the **Veterans of the Cross and Emergency Fund** which both go to support ministers in the Conference, active or retired. The Outreach Committee members also voted to send Davida Crabtree, Mark Watkins and Victor Evans to a very special conference May 6—7 called "**Partnering with a Green God: Calling People of Faith to Environmental Ministries.**"

Women's Club Celebrates 100 Years of Service, Fun and Fellowship

On Tuesday, April 12, more than 80 Women's Club members and their guests gathered in Nelson Hall to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Women's Club. **Polly Ellis**, the president of the club, welcomed all. In her blessing, **Jan Dagenhart**, asked us to keep in our memory the many good friends who have died or could not be with us that day because of illness or distance.

We enjoyed a gala luncheon prepared by The Beanery and served by our club members. Dessert was a festive cake decorated with pink roses and inscribed with "First Church Women's Club Celebrating 100 Years 1911 - 2011." We thank **Ada Martin** for arranging for our delicious meal. We thank **Dorothy McAllister** for her spring flower tea cup arrangements that decorated each table.

Beth Horlitz prepared several display panels illustrating significant events in the history of the Women's Club. Her resources were a 4 page document, written in 1950 by a Woman's Club member, entitled, "The Woman's Club, 40 Years of Service and Sociability," a scrapbook covering the same time period and the Women's Club annual reports written by the presidents from 1950 to this year. Each guest received a scroll with one of those annual reports written on it.

Mary Ransom read highlights from the 1950 document and reminisced about some of the notable women and events mentioned in it. Mayor Donald Trinks read to us a proclamation from the town of Windsor honoring our 100th anniversary and presented it to Polly. Beth read from Anita Woodstock's 1969 Annual Report. **Jan Dagenhart** spoke to us about the Costume Committee which she and **Jean Hotchkiss** chaired for many years. **Jay Davenport** spoke to us about the history of the First Church Nursery School which was founded in 1956 by the Women's Club. Jay was its longtime director. She also told us about the Couples Club. **Elizabeth Parker** told us about the Merry Wives.

The program concluded with **Sue Keirstead** at the piano while we all sang the Women's Club 100th Anniversary song, composed by Bea MacLaughlin with additional lyrics by **Mark Watkins**. The women of the Women's Club invite all the women of the church to join us at future meetings as we embark on our next century of service to the church and the world.

More pictures are available on the website at www.fcwucc.org.



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