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First Church in Windsor
United Church of Christ—Gathered 1630
An Open and Affirming Community
for all God's people



**AUGUST
2011**

From the Minister –

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



I am happy to announce that April Michaud has been hired as our new part-time (10-12 hours per week) Coordinator of Parish Caring Ministries. A new member of our congregation, April has extensive experience in training and recruiting volunteers and will be a wonderful addition to our church staff. April and her husband Michael reside in Windsor and they are the proud parents of three children—Charlotte, Bennett, and Audrey. April will officially begin her new duties on September 1.

The primary task of the Parish Caring Coordinator is to work with the ministers and lay volunteers to oversee the caring needs of the congregation. In addition to recruiting and training volunteers, the Coordinator meets weekly with the ministers to discuss parish caring needs, attends monthly meetings of the Parish Caring Council, and helps plan special programs and events. The Parish Caring Coordinator is accountable to the congregation through the Senior Minister and the Board of Deacons.

Conceived shortly after my arrival in 1997, Parish Caring Ministry has become an integral part of our life together at First Church. Originally intended to provide meals and transportation for those in need, the program has evolved over the years to include such ministries as Parish Visitors, Meals and Transportation, Care Note Writing, Phone Reassurance, Prayer Team Requests, the Knitting Ministry, the 80-Plus Birthday Club, and Helping Hearts (a ministry of the church school that involves making cards for the hospitalized, lonely, and infirm).

Baron Friedrich von Hugel (1852-1925) once said, “Caring is the greatest thing—caring matters most.” Caring is indeed, the thing that matters most, and we are fortunate to have the services of April and our many dedicated PCM volunteers to help us carry out a ministry of caring and compassion to our entire church family and beyond.

Grace & Peace, **RHH**

Rick on Vacation

Rick Huleatt will be on vacation August 6-20. Char Corbett, our Associate Pastor will be covering things in Rick's absence. In the event of an emergency Rick can be reached by contacting either Mary Phelan or Char in the church office.

August Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship
8 a.m. Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Family
Worship & Church School

August 7
Char Corbett

August 14
Davida Crabtree

August 21
Char Corbett

August 28
Rick Huleatt

August Lectionary Lessons

August 7 (Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost)
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 14 (Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost)
Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Luke 12:49-56

August 21 (Tenth Sunday
after Pentecost)
Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 28 (Eleventh Sun-
day after Pentecost)
Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-18

First Church Women's Club Announces

2011/2012 Programs

The Women's Club meets the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. Lunch begins at noon—bring your own sandwich and \$2 to cover the cost of refreshments and programming. The programs begin at 1:00 p.m.. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

September 13: Mark Watkins
"Oh Them Bells!"

October 11: Connie Nadolny
"Line Dancing"

November 8: Janet and Bill
Allen
"Life as an Early 1900's
Missionary in China"

December 13: The Rev. Ruth
Martz
"Advent Dramatization"

January 10: Holistic
Medicine

February 14: Team Trivia—
Cash Prizes

March 13: Karen Jordan—
Jordan's Florist
"Spring is Near—Smell the
Flowers!"

April 10: Giscella Davis
"A Trip to the Land of the Bi-
ble"
Potluck

May 9: Restaurant Luncheon
(tbd)

Save the Dates

October 15: Stewardship All-
Church Dinner

October 30: Consecration
Sunday

November 5: Book Sale

March 24, 2012: First Church
Silent Auction

Keep tuned for more informa-
tion about these events.

We have been blessed with a grant for the Meetinghouse

I am proud to announce that we have been awarded a *State of Connecticut grant utilizing Community Investment Act funds administered by the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism* that covers 50% of the costs to repaint the peeling exterior and repair the leaky windows.

We owe many thanks to Doug Kelly, Al Boehm, our Church Administrator, Mary Phelan and many others for their hard work and dedication on the application.

If all goes as planned we will be starting the project in the spring of 2012. In preparation for the project we will soon form a team to create a plan to fund our ½ of the construction costs and then work to execute it. If you are interested in this very worthy cause please contact Noel Osowiecki at 860-688-6779 or the church office.

We can't wait to have the meetinghouse looking new again!

Noel
Osowiecki,
Cabinet Chair



CHURCH NEWS
AROUND
the
CONGREGATION

Dear First Church,
Thank you so much for the Pearl Tiffany Scholarship. I plan to attend McGill University in the fall but will come back to visit when I'm home.
Sincerely, Nigel Pepin

Dear First Church,
I'm so thankful to have been chosen as the recipient of the Lyn Loucks Memorial Scholarship. This church has played a huge role in my life from the time I was baptized and I don't expect things to change. Thank you again.
Kathryn Zeugner

Dear First Church,
Thank you very much for awarding me the scholarship—I really appreciate it. The scholarship will help me next year at Westfield State University where I will major in criminal justice.
Thank you again, Zachary Sherman

Dear First Church,
I would like to thank you for helping me with the scholarship towards my education. I will continue helping out at church.
Sincerely, Ian Porcaro

Dear Members of First Church,
Let me show my huge gratitude towards all of you at church! It meant so much to be accepted as a member of the choir where I found peace and relaxation each week. Words are not enough for me to express my gratitude and thankfulness for the scholarship and the gift of friendship.
Sincerely, Jack (Xiaomeng) Hu

Dear First Church,
Thank you for the Lucille Parker Music scholarship. I was able to purchase my cello and that means a great deal to me.
Brian Canoni

Dear First Church,
Thank you for the Silver Lake scholarship. My conference was "Water World" and I loved the food (especially the chili.)
Sincerely, Hudson Berry

Thank you for the Silver Lake scholarship. We're sure we'll have a lot of fun there.
Lauren and Megan Canoni

Dear First Church Friends,
Thank you for supporting me in my first trip to Silver Lake. I had a lot of fun, met many new friends learned about missions day, and played fun games. I can't wait to go back!
Sincerely, Alexa Files

Dear First Church,
Thank you so much for the Silver Lake scholarship. My conference was "I learned it all in volley ball." It was an amazing experience and in the future I'd like to be a counselor.
Your friend, Cady Berry

Dear First Church,
Thank you for giving me money to attend Silver Lake this year. Every year I eagerly wait to go back. It has become a second home to me.
Sincerely, Liam O'Donnell

Dear First Church,
Thank you all very much for my scholarship to Silver Lake. I adore going and have been going since 4th grade. (7 years) My two weeks will be my 8th and 9th conference and I'm greatly looking forward to it.
Rebecca Nelson

Dear First Church,
Thank you for helping my family send me to Silver Lake. I'm looking forward to it.
Sincerely, Erin Howe

Dear First Church,
Thank you for giving me a scholarship to Silver Lake. I went to the "Water World" conference and made lots of friends and had a fun time. Since my return, our family says "grace" before dinner and I say prayers every night. I learned so much—thank you again.
Sincerely, Lauren Bernstein

Around the Congregation (continued)

Dear First Church,

Thank you for the generous scholarship to Silver Lake. I went to the "40 Hours in the Wilderness Conference" where we spent 40 hours in the woods learning survival skills, using tools to make our food and build our shelter and learning about Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. I have many memories and new songs to take with me from Silver Lake. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Emily Bernstein

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the soft warm prayer shawl I received. It's beautiful and I will always cherish it.

Sincerely,

Sophie Dubinsky

Dear First Church family,

Thank you so much for the flowers, meals, phone calls, and overall thoughtfulness during the week following the birth of our third (Lillian) and Mark having his appendix removed (great timing). It is great to know what a wonderful church family we have. Everyone is back on their feet, and the boys are keeping us busy! Have a great summer!

Love,

Ericka, Mark, Eli, Brett, and baby Lillian Fangiullo

Dear First Church,

Well, it seems to be set—in two weeks we'll be off to Bermuda. As you know, Jack didn't make the trip purchased with the travel voucher we won at church but my daughter, Judy, her husband, Joe, and my niece will come along. Thank you all for this super trip!

Love,

Elie Cowan

(Elie has taken the trip and is back home at McAuley—she had a wonderful time with her family.)

Dear First Church,

I would like to say thank you for the beautiful flowers that arrived in my room from First Church as I was undergoing rehab at McLean Home after having a hip replacement. They were a day brightener. And a thank you again to the many people who brought dinners and flowers and sent cards to our home. I am very appreciative of your concern for me as I am getting back on my feet.

Sincerely,

Ruth Budlong

Deaths

Vera Lavery, a member of the First Church Women's Club, passed away on May 31, 2011 and a service was held for her on June 10 at the church meetinghouse with Rev. Huleatt officiating.

Margaret Loucks, long-time church member, passed away on June 1, 2011. Her service was held on June 4 in the church meetinghouse with Rev. Huleatt officiating. The Women's Club hosted a reception afterward.

John T. Overbaugh passed away on June 10, 2011 and his service was held on June 14.

Baptism

Haley-Blair Rivera, born November 11, 2009, daughter of Lizzie Derosiers and Carlos Rivera, Jr., granddaughter of Cassandra Derosiers, was baptized on July 10.

No More Calls—

We have our Chairperson

Helen Davenport-Senuta has volunteered to chair next year's Silent Auction (assisted by her little sis, Mary Phelan) taking place at Loomis-Chaffee School on March 24, 2012. It's a big job and she'll need volunteers. If you have an interest in working on this important church fundraiser, you can contact her at **860-285-8694** or **dancerhiker@yahoo.net**. Much more to come!



Recycle reading!
**First Church Windsor will hold its
3rd annual**

**Used Book Sale Fundraiser
Saturday, November 5, 2011
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Nelson Hall, Parish Center
107 Palisado Avenue, Windsor**

Clean out your family books shelves this summer and set aside your donations for the sale. New or used books are welcome, including children's books; no old textbooks or magazines, please. Also, please do not donate any books that you would like returned to you; we will dispose of unsold books.

Donations of books may be dropped off in Nelson Hall on Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

For more information or to offer your help, please contact Betsy Kenneson by email betsy.kenneson@gmail.com or by home phone, 860.688.8070.

Thanks to August PCM Volunteers

Care Notes - Heather Renaud

Fellowship Team - Libby Parker

Flowers - Doris Carey

Meals & Transportation - Marilyn Boehm

**News from the Early
Learning Center**

The summer is going fast! The children have enjoyed a visit from the Lutz Museum bringing some backyard creatures. We look forward to a visit from Riverside Reptiles with lots of "creepy" critters as well as lots of sprinkler time. We will end our summer with a trip in August to Forest Park Zoo.

We are looking for three and four year old children to fill our MWF, M (pm) TTH or TTH (9am-11:45am) classes. If you are interested in signing up your child or know of anyone with a young child please call the office at 860-688-4597 to schedule a tour.



Lofty Notes

Dear First Church Family,

Every opportunity to serve God and to live the Gospel provides us with the chance to enjoy an august privilege.

August privilege.

This is a phrase I have heard most of my life, although rather infrequently; it seems, according to all of my internet sources, that "august" as an adjective is rarely used. Of all the definitions I found, my favorite was this list of synonyms: noble, venerable, majestic, awe-inspiring. Or, to be a bit wordier: of high birth; worthy of respect and honor; grand in scope or scale; producing a sense of wonder or reverence. Bingo!

When we avail ourselves of opportunities for service and ministry, we tap into something that is greater than the sum of its "many parts", something totally worthy of respect and honor, something completely awesome: the Body of Christ, alive and well on the earth, bringing God's love to a hurting world.

Whatever your gifts and interests may be, First Church has a place for you to get in on the "august privilege" of serving God. Of course, I'm hoping a lot of you will choose music ministry--after all, that *is* my job--but if music isn't your "thing", I hope you'll thoughtfully consider how your time and talents may strengthen the Body of Christ in other areas.

Have a pleasant and restful August!

Peace,
Mark

**News from
Teaching Parish Committee**

Get ready to welcome our newest student minister! Erica Nierendorf is a student at Andover Newton Theological School, pursuing her Masters of Divinity degree, she resides in Bloomfield. Erica will be joining us in early September.



Back Bay Mission Trip February 5-February 11, 2012

Six months from now, 20 (we hope) stalwart souls from FCW will head south for a week of “giving back” at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. We have 20 spaces reserved for the week February 5-11, 2012.

What is Back Bay Mission, the only presence of the UCC in Mississippi, up to these days? Check it out on their web site <www.thebackbaymission.org>.

In September we will want to make definite plans and arrangements, especially airline reservations (\$450 pp on Southwest) and van rentals.

If you are planning or would like to be a member of the group, please contact the church office or Kate McLean (katemclean@cox.net) by Labor Day. Indicate if you would like to fly or if you are planning your own transportation and will have a car in Biloxi.

There will be a meeting of the Back Bay group soon after Labor Day. If you have any questions before then, Kate or Randy Clark will be glad to help!

A Letter from Stewardship

Dear Friends,

As I write this in Vermont I find that I am spending considerable time and energy in the backbreaking labor of rooting out Oriental honeysuckle. As a consequence I have had plenty of time to marvel at how well this invasive import has adapted to fields and pastures of Vermont where, unchecked by the biological predators and competitors of its original environs, it will eventually become the dominate species of untended open land.

Eradicating Oriental honeysuckle is a daunting task, one I would have continued to put off were not for my 19 year-old grandson's strong back that providentially (from my point of view) became available due to the scarcity of more desirable summer employment. I can't say the work is fun, but working together makes it bearable, and we take great pleasure in watching the brush pile grow ever larger.

Does what we are doing in our little corner of Vermont make any difference in the grand scheme of things? Who knows? It's an act of faith: what we do know is that we love this little bit of Vermont with its hills, streams, open fields, and woods, and that we, along with many of our neighbors, have committed ourselves to preserve open spaces in order to provide a habitat in which a large variety of native wildlife will continue to thrive.

Soon enough we'll be back in Connecticut, and we'll turn our attention once again to the church and community that we've come to love. And maybe we'll think back to the hot July days we spent getting dirty and sweaty with some nostalgia. But after a moment's reflection we'll remember the satisfaction we had in work we did to make the world more beautiful. And after another moment's reflection, I trust that we'll remember that's exactly what being part of this church family is about, working together—acting out our faith—to beautify the not-so-little corner of God's creation that we have been given.

On behalf of the Stewardship committee, may you all have time away this summer to experience the beauty of God's creative and renewing energy.

Hugh McLean, Chair



From our Church School Coordinator

I don't know how you're feeling, but I'm starting to feel the summer sizzle. Sounds a bit crazy, but I'd take a brief respite from the heat and trade one of those earlier days this year when we had more than three feet of snow on the ground. Wait, did I really just say that? Anyway, I'm still patiently waiting for my husband to install a central air conditioning system in our house, but don't be surprised when you hear my cry about this come a year from now. The joke around our home is that since I'm the one who chose to live in a 100-year-old house, he committed to ensuring that the experience is authentic.

Here we are mid-summer and I'm hoping that all First Church children are having a great summer vacation. Regardless of whether you are a kid or a parent, we all need a break from the regular school calendar, as well as those activities that come along with that schedule. If your child attended Silver Lake Summer Camp, went to the beach, visited with relatives or enjoyed some other summertime activity, they continued to learn and grow in ways that can only be shaped outside the school classroom.

Sometimes we just have to stop everything in order to allow ourselves to grow. These days, children often have as full a plate during the summer months as they do during the regular school year. Spiritual growth for all of us, especially in children, requires some alone time and quiet time for reflection and contemplation. I often make it a point to tell my children that they need to slow down a bit, so that God can have a chance to catch up to them. My summertime message to all parents is to make sure that they sign their child up for a little alone and quiet time this summer.

Looking ahead towards next month:

Rally Sunday will take place on September 11th, which kicks off our start of the church school year. Would you please consider teaching or volunteering some of your time to work with our future leaders of church?

On September 11, all Faith Quest children will participate in an important 9/11 service project, where they will decorate illusion bags for our town's Memorial and Remembrance service held on the town green. If you or your child is interested in decorating a bag, follow the faith quest group to the youth room which is located downstairs below the Parker Room on that Sunday.

Teaching Opportunities

Classrooms	September	October	November	December
Threes and Fours	No teacher or assistant openings	No teacher or assistant openings	No teacher or assistant openings	No teacher or assistant openings
Kindergarten	No teacher or assistant openings	No teacher or assistant openings	No teacher or assistant openings	No teacher or assistant openings
First/Second Grades	One Assistant needed.	One Assistant needed.	One Assistant needed.	One Assistant needed.
Rotation (3-6)	Two Open positions	Two Open positions	Two Open positions	Two Open positions

Cluster 13 Trip One in the Body of Christ

On July 16, 25 youth and adults ranging in ages 14 - 55+ left with Pastor Char for Camden, NY to assist Cluster 13 Inc. to repair several homes in the Oneida County area. This is the third year that FCW has supported the growing ministry of Cluster 13. As of the printing of this article, the volunteers are in the midst of their mission trip experience, so we don't have actual stories to share - yet!

What we can tell you is that our four teams spent the first Saturday afternoon bonding and revisiting the Sterling Renaissance Festival in Sterling, NY. This Renaissance styled theme park is a dramatic recreation of an Elizabethan village, offering theatrical performances, interactive events, arts and crafts, a jousting tournament, parade and other all-day activities, food and fun. This fellowship time was fitting, too as the park's weekend theme was "Knights and Heroes."

Then on Sunday, July 17, our group worshipped with the Camden United Methodist Church and hosted their coffee hour as a way of extending our gratitude for generously hosting our teams throughout the week. That afternoon our teams also visited and assessed the homes to be repaired, met the families they would be working with, gathered supplies, went grocery shopping, played team-building activities and were hosted for dinner by the United Presbyterian Church in Camden.

Work projects included sheet-rocking, decking, door installation, wiring, painting, trailer skirting and some yard work. Showers were offered every afternoon at the Middle School several blocks from the church - a welcome and refreshing time during the hot week! In the evenings, the teams returned to the church for meals and to participate in a variety of fellowship and educational activities together including crafts, story-telling, games, miniature golf, picnics, swimming, a town green concert, free time and evening vespers before lights out at 11 p.m. We will have more to share upon our return.

On a financial note, our fundraising goal of \$6,000 was met - as were all of our prayers. We owe special thanks to the generous support from members and friends of First Church in Windsor and also the Outreach Committee. The theme of this year's mission program comes from John 17:20-23: "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one." Indeed, through the work, play, prayer and fellowship shared, we live in the hope that we may one day live in the peace and joy that God promises. We are blessed by your prayers and support and we hope we faithfully demonstrated the love of Christ and First Church in Windsor during this mission trip. Reverend Char Corbett



Youth Mission Trip 10th Anniversary Dinner Sunday, September 25 @ 6 p.m.

Come join us for a night of remembrance and celebration as we look back on the ten years that FCW has been participating in summer youth mission trips. All mission trip alums are invited back for an evening of sharing; bring your families, pictures and stories. We'll not only share the adventures of Youth Summer Trip 2011, but we'll also highlight some of our most memorable moments in Tennessee, West Virginia, Virginia, New York and all the places between! Currently we are gathering pictures and quotes from all ten years for our power-point presentation and story boards.

If you have pictures and stories that you wish to contribute, please send them by email or post before September 15 to the church office to be included. And look for the September Edge for more details. If you can help to coordinate invitations, pictures and story board, please contact the church office - we could use a few more helpers.

New Youth Program at FCW - Giv²



At FCW, we find ourselves at an exciting time of discernment as we move to deepen our commitment and involvement with all of our young people. Over the past year we have talked with the youth about what they would like to experience and participate in as a fellowship group, gleaned wisdom and insight from our adult leaders and parents and reached out to other UCC churches in the area to understand their needs, resources and ideas. And in the end we believe that the CT UCC has something to offer that's EXCITING, FUN, ENGAGING and RELEVANT for all our youth! It's called Giv² (pronounced Give Squared).

Giv² is a corps of UCC youth and adults from local congregations who support one another in giving back to our communities in response to the gifts of God. Together, we explore our faith through service and fellowship. Giv² is for youth in grades 6 - 12 with age appropriate activities for everyone involved. Giv² events are scheduled every other month at a variety of sites. At these bi-monthly events, participating churches gather for fellowship, orientation and a light meal, followed by a service project for 2-3 hours, where we then reflect on our experience and the work we have done before returning to our respective churches to tell the latest Giv² story! All of these events are planned by a collaborating team of leaders from all the participating churches who have covenanted with one another on an annual basis. On the alternating months that Giv² doesn't meet, our own FCW youth groups will enjoy social fellowship during planned church and youth events.

As of August, we are fine tuning all the elements to establish a Greater Hartford Giv² Chapter, but it is our hope that we can celebrate a "lift off" event in late September/early October. So keep your eyes open and your ears ready for more news in September about Giv² at FCW.

We'll be Floating with Joy August 10 - 14



In just a few days, an adventurous group of FCW youth, ages 14 and older, will set out to stay at the Milliken's farm in upstate NY and take advantage of the white water rafting on Black River. Additionally, we look forward to enjoying the outdoors together as we canoe, hike, toast marshmallows, sing, cook and enjoy fellowship at the Milliken Farm. A special thank you to the Milliken's for once again sharing their special place with us and for the chaperones who have fearlessly stepped up to the task: Paul Bagioni, Priscilla Ford, Hal Milliken and Char and Jim Corbett. Please keep our youth group in your thoughts and prayers while they set out on this last adventure for summer 2011.



Looking for Knit-Wits!

If you are in grades 2 - 8 and know how to knit or would like to learn, here is your chance to be a First Church Knit-Wit. This is a new children and youth knitting ministry that will meet once a month to knit and/or crochet children's prayer shawls, bookmarkers, stuffed animal prayer shawls to give to children at the local hospitals or to knit whatever else the group can imagine that will help comfort others. Needle and loom knitting will be taught. It's easy and fun.

Each meeting will be an hour long and will include 30-45 minutes of knitting, followed by a brief time of worship, food and related games. Older youth, parents and adults wishing to help out are welcome. Parents of younger knitters are asked to stay to encourage and assist. Childcare can be provided for younger siblings with advance notice. Our first Knit-Wits gathering will be held on **Sunday, September 18 at 6 p.m.** in the Parish House (brick building). To let us know you are coming, please contact the church by email or call youth member Katie Corbett at 860-658-4554.

HomeFront Day

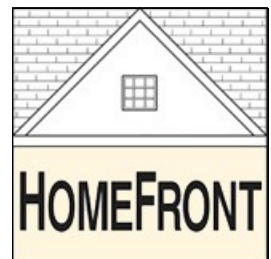
On Saturday, May 7, over 40 volunteers from First Church, Grace Episcopal Church and CT Valley Church of Christ came together to make home repairs for Mrs. Bea Wojtukiewicz of Colton Street in Windsor as part HomeFront Day, an annual day of neighbors helping neighbors.

HomeFront is a community-based, volunteer-driven home repair program that provides free repairs to low-income homeowners, thus enabling them to remain in their homes with an improved quality of life.

Many volunteers came out to help with outdoor repairs such as scraping and painting trim, carpentry, digging and hauling dirt and asphalt (both into and out of the dumpster) and laying concrete blocks. Additional volunteers worked inside installing GFCI outlets, grab bars in the bathroom and general cleaning up! The group was so enthusiastic that many are already talking about next year!

Follow the HomeFront program on Facebook or visit www.americarehomefront.org/ for more information about the program or how to apply.

Consider joining the team next year for fun, fellowship and fulfillment.



Community 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

The Town of Windsor will be sponsoring a community remembrance ceremony to mark the tenth anniversary of 9/11 on Sunday, September 11, at 7 p.m. The service, which will be held on the town green, will feature 2,973 luminary bags (including a number made by our church school children) each representing an individual who lost their life on 9/11. For further details contact Enita Jubrey at 860-285-1835.

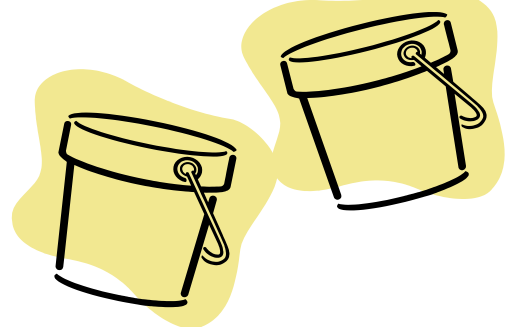
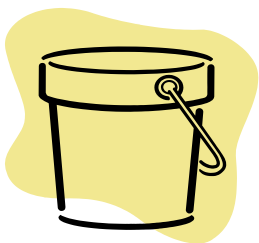
Outreach Makes a Difference

In keeping with our 2006 capital drive commitment, in June we sent a check to the Connecticut Conference to fulfill our pledge to the **“Now for the Future” Silver Lake campaign**. The check for \$17,500 will be matched by a private donor. As part of this commitment, we also sent a check for \$4,167 to **Immaculate Conception Shelter**. Teresa Wierbicki, Development Director for ICSHC wrote “Thank you for your recent donation. It’s because of kindness and generosity of communities of faith such as our friends at First Church that Immaculate can fulfill our mission.”

Several other donations were made by our Outreach Committee and pastors. Here are some excerpts of their thank you notes: “I would like to thank you all very much on behalf of the Windsor Community Service Council and Windsor Social Services for your very generous monetary donation of \$500 to the **Windsor Food Bank**.” (Kristen Formanek, WCSC Liaison); “Thank you for your gift to support the **Roslyn Young Memorial** which helps us to celebrate Roslyn’s life, as well as foster the live performance of the music she loved, in the spirit she embodied.” (Karen Young, Treasurer); “Kids will be kids, unless they suffer abuse, neglect, and loss of family and home. Together we’re improving the odds that these kids can still be kids. Thank you for your special collection for **Covenant to Care for Children** of \$500. Your support is greatly appreciated.” (Caryl Hallberg, Executive Director); “Thank you very much for the most generous contribution of \$1,125 to **HomeFront** toward the sponsorship pledge of the 2011 Windsor Churches team. We are so grateful that you will help to improve the quality of life for many neighbors in need.” (Sean C. O’Brien, Executive); “Thank you for your gift in the amount of \$300. Annual support from the First Church in Windsor is wholeheartedly appreciated and will provide much needed financial aid for **Yale Divinity School** students.” (Constance Royster, Director of Development); “Thank you for your generous donation to our **Project Graduation** festivities at **Windsor High School**. We had close to 300 students graduate and every one who attended the party sends their thanks.” (Nancy Dulz, Chair, Project Graduation)

The Bucket Brigade was a Success

Thanks to the generosity of members and friends, we delivered 22 buckets packed with materials for emergency workers cleaning up after the devastating summer storms in the southern United States. This initiative was sponsored by Church World Services and First Church raised \$800 plus merchandise to answer the call. Thanks to Bonnie Hoddinott for taking the lead and also to the many others who contributed time, cash and/or materials.



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8 a.m.—Communion in the Round
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