

the edge

First Church in Windsor
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.



From the Minister

March 2012



“The mission of The Center for Progressive Renewal is to renew Progressive Christianity by training new entrepreneurial leaders, supporting the birth of new liberal/progressive congregations, and by renewing and strengthening existing progressive churches.”

The Center for Progressive Renewal

On Saturday, March 31, The Rev. Cameron Trimble, Executive Director of The Center for Progressive Renewal will lead us in a day-long workshop entitled, “Being Church in a New Time.” Cameron is one of the foremost experts on revitalizing mainline Protestant Christianity. Char and I had the opportunity to hear her speak at a retreat last September and she was thought provoking to say the least!

The format for this important event in the life of our church family will be as follows:

- 9 a.m. Gathering and Opening Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Being Church in a New Time, Part I
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Being Church in a New Time, Part II
- 4:15 p.m. Closing Worship
- 4:30 p.m. Workshop Ends

Although there is no cost for the workshop a free-will offering will be received to defray the cost of the afternoon lunch. Funding for Cameron's visit is being provided by donations to “Look to the Future,” a new ministry at FCW committed to keeping our congregation “Vital, Alive, and Growing.” Childcare is available but you need to notify us a week ahead of time so we know how many children to expect.

In order to plan for the lunch we ask that participants pre-register by contacting the church office at 860-688-7229 or first.church.windsor@snet.com no later than Wednesday, March 28.

We are indeed fortunate to be able to bring someone of Cameron's ability to Windsor. What she has to say has important ramifications for the future of our congregation's ministry, life and mission. I encourage as many of you as possible—young and old, married and single, active and inactive—to make every effort to attend. I can assure you it will be time well spent.

Grace & Peace, RHH



March Worship Schedule

Sundays at 8 a.m.
Holy Communion
10 a.m. Family Worship

March 4

(2nd Sunday in Lent)
Holy Communion
Rick Huleatt

March 11

(3rd Sunday in Lent)
Rick Huleatt

March 18

(4th Sunday in Lent)
One Great Hour of
Sharing
Char Corbett

March 25

(5th Sunday in Lent)
Rick Huleatt

March

Lectionary Lessons

March 4 (2nd Sunday in
Lent)

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38 or Mark
9:2-9

March 11 (3rd Sunday in
Lent)

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 18 (4th Sunday in
Lent)

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 25 (5th Sunday in
Lent)

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm
119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Lenten Activities at First Church—2012

- Feb. 21:** Fat Tuesday: Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Nelson Hall.
- Feb. 22:** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Worship service at 7 a.m. with light breakfast following.
- Feb. 26:** Lenten Bible study based on “The Last Week” by Borg and Crosson, **Sunday Feb. 26, March 4, 18 and 25 at 11:15 a.m. in the Morrell Room.** Led by Erica Nierendorf
- Feb. 26:** Lenten Book study based on “Take This Bread” by Sara Miles hosted by Jean and Doug Kelly at their home. **Sundays, Feb. 26, March 4, 11, 18 at 7 p.m.**
- March 7:** First Wednesday Concert, 12:30 p.m. in the meetinghouse. “Lenten Reflections” is the theme.
- March 7:** Lenten Series “Simple Gifts” **March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 6 p.m. in Nelson Hall.** Come for a bread and soup supper followed by speaker events built around the theme of a simpler lifestyle.
- March 11:** Mid-Lent revelries! Join us for the fun and interaction of the Chili Challenge, 11:15 a.m. in Nelson Hall.
- March 18:** One Great Hour of Sharing Pancake Breakfast and offering. Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. in Nelson Hall.
- March 31:** Cameron Trimble from the Center for Progressive Renewal joins us for an all-day workshop in the Parish House from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Child care provided free of charge. (*see story on page one*)
- April 1:** Palm Sunday: The Hosanna Fair will be held at 11:15 pm in Nelson Hall.
- April 5:** Maundy Thursday: Service of Tenebrae in the meetinghouse at 7:30 p.m. Labyrinth will be open in Nelson Hall from 4—7:15 p.m.
- April 6:** Good Friday: Musical Meditation will be held from 12—12:30 p.m. in the meetinghouse.
- April 7:** Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m. on the lawn, weather permitting, followed by brunch in Nelson Hall at 11 a.m.
- April 8:** Easter Sunday—Identical services at 9 and 11 a.m. No church school; childcare only.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The annual One Great Hour of Sharing all-church missionary offering will be given and received on Sunday, March 18. The theme of this year’s offering is “Sharing Brings Joy to Others” (2 Corinthians 9:7-15). Since the end of the Second World War OGHS has helped support international programs related to health, education, agricultural assistance, refugee resettlement and disaster relief. Special OGHS envelopes have been included in this mailing but will also be available in the pews March 18 and 25. Checks should be made out to First Church in Windsor with OGHS on the notation line. For further information visit the UCC website at www.ucc.org/oghs or contact the church office at 860-688-7229.



CHURCH NEWS
AROUND
the
CONGREGATION

My dear friends,
What a joy it is to be the recipient of so much love demonstrated in so many ways. Prayers, visits, flowers, candy, food and laughter. I am still in awe of it all and know every effort was a gift from God.
Peace and gratitude, *Lynne Gillette*

Dear friends at First Church,
Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia that was delivered to me. It was a lovely addition for the holiday.
Roberta J. Gilbert

To the First Church members,
Thank you all so very much for all of your cards, prayers, good wishes, flowers, offers of food and telephone calls. Thank you all so much. I still don't get out too much. I do miss you so much.
Sincerely, *Barbara Reardon*

Dear Friends,
This is a sincere note of gratitude for your gift of \$1,000 to the Christian Activities Council. Your commitment and support for the ministries and mission of the CAC are deeply appreciated. Thank you.
Sincerely, *Rev. Donald R. Steinle*
Executive Director

Dear Friends at FCW,
On behalf of the WCSC Board, I would like to thank you for your donation of cash and food to the Windsor Community Service Council. This donation will help make sure that no person goes hungry, is cold, or is without basic necessities. We thank you!
Sincerely, *Ann Walsh*
Secretary

Thank you for your gift to the UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns. This supports our core ministries and strengthens our commitment to the growing ONA movement.
Sincerely, *Andy Lang*
Exec. Director

Deaths

Josaun Lee DeLawrence, brother-in-law of Helen Jones, passed away on February 9, 2012.

Meetinghouse Update - No-Pain CanPane is Coming!!!

As most of you are aware our church was awarded a grant from the State of Connecticut, utilizing Community Investment Funds administered by the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism. This grant covers 50% of the cost of restoring the windows and repainting the outside of the meetinghouse. After a detailed bidding process we accepted a bid for \$74,000 and work has begun. Eight windows have already been removed for restoration.

Since we were very fortunate to secure a grant that covers 50%, we only need to raise half of the cost. A new group staffed by Noel Osowiecki, Deb Berry, Carolyn Whyte, Mark O'Donnell and Kate McLean has been formed to raise the funds. Here is what we can share so far:

The name of the campaign is the "No Pain CanPane". CanPane is a play on words. "Can" is referring to the cans of paint required to paint the building and "Pane" refers to the panes of glass.

Our goal is to raise \$45,000. This will cover our half of the construction cost and raise 10% for outreach as our tradition.

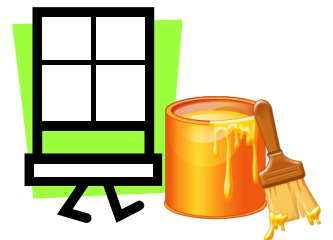
The "CanPane" will swing into full action after Easter in the last half of April and the first half of May. We do not want interfere with our Lenten and Easter traditions.

Finally, our intention is not to run a traditionally serious type of capital campaign. We hope to make this at least a little bit fun!

You will be hearing from us more in the upcoming months as we get closer to the kick off date. In the meantime, please send your pictures of the meetinghouse to the church office. Taken inside or outside - it does not matter. We'd like to build a video to help with the campaign and would love to include your special pictures in it!

Respectfully yours!

The No Pain CanPane Team



Auction and Dinner Loomis Chaffee School

March 24, 2012, 5—9 p.m.

Want to know what to look forward to at the First Church Silent Auction and Buffet Dinner? Here's a sample:



Baked Goodies



Bird Watchers Basket



A Mexican Fiesta Meal

Dinners Galore - Yum!

RED SOX TICKETS



Places to Go! Vermont, the Cape, Holland!

Round of golf for 2



**Ticket Sales end March 5
Do you have yours yet?**



Baskets filled with Goodies and more!



Spring Cleaning for your car



Beautiful Artwork

Four hours with a Live DJ

Lessons: art, swimming, stained glass



Beautiful House Tours



Ski Tickets



It's Back...The FCW Tag Sale is May 5



Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 5th The FCW tag sale is back, with a planned car wash, plant sale and bake sale to entice Windsor bargain hunters of all types to come out and support the summer youth mission trip, which all sales will benefit. The tag sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Nelson Hall. Nelson Hall will be open on Friday, May 4th for those of you who wish to drop items off. Please keep us in your thoughts as you prepare for spring cleaning. As the date gets closer we will have information regarding large item pick-ups and storage of any items you wish to donate. We are still looking for additional adult volunteers from the church community to assist the mission trip youth and leaders planning this fund-raising event. Please call the church office for details.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES
Mid-Week Lenten Series
Simple Gifts: Balancing Our Lives

The Board of Deacons will once again be offering a mid-week Lenten program consisting of a simple soup meal, a speaker and a time for discussion.

This year's theme, "Simple Gifts: Balancing Our Lives" will help us to focus on various practices that help us to simplify, balance and un-clutter our lives - materially, physically, environmentally and spiritually. The format for the sessions, which will be held on March 7, 14, 21 and 28 will be as follows:

- 6 p.m. - Simple meal of bread, soup and beverage
- 6:30 p.m. - Speaker
- 7 p.m. - Questions, Answers and Discussion
- 7:30 p.m. - Closing Devotion

Speakers will be confirmed in the coming days and will be announced through weekly bulletin inserts and online. Please sign up for the programs during fellowship hour in Nelson Hall or call the church office at 860-688-7229. Childcare is offered with advanced notice and a free will offering will be received. We hope you'll join us this Lenten season.

Lenten Book Study

A four-week Lenten Book Study will be held at the home of Jean and Doug Kelly (59 East View Drive) Sunday evening at 7 p.m. February 26, March 5, 11, and 18. The focus of the study will be *Take This Bread*, by Sara Miles, an Episcopal lay woman who rediscovered her faith by operating a parish food pantry. You can order copies of the book in advance by contacting the church office but participants should pre-register for the course by contacting Jean Kelly directly at 860-688-7792 or jmlkelly@aol.com

From your student minister...

Dear friends,

What do the events of Holy Week have to do our lives *now*? Please join me for a four-week Lenten conversation as we consider the events during the seven days of Holy Week, as told in the Gospel of Mark. Our conversation will be based on the book, *The Last Week*, by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Reading the book is optional and not required. All are welcome! We will be meeting after worship at 11:15, in the Morrell Room, on February 26, and March 4, 18 and 25 and you are welcome to come to one or all of the dates. If babysitting is needed, please be in touch with me or the church office.

Grace and Peace, Erica Nierendorf, Student Minister

860-944-0695/erical130@comcast.net

On The Edge of Fire: Men's Spirituality Retreat

Join us for this first ever, spiritual retreat for men at the Silver Lake Conference Center May 4th - 5th, 2012. The Rev. Dr. Mark Heilshorn and the Rev. Dr. Peter Allen will guide a weekend of activities, workshops, and speakers to discuss the value of the masculine spirit. For more information go to <http://www.silverlakeect.org/events.php?event=2880>.

Stewardship Reflections

"From time to time the Stewardship Committee will be asking members of the congregation to contribute a reflection on the word Stewardship in a short article for the "Edge." Hugh McLean is our first contributor.

Jean Kelly, Chair.

Reflections of the Meaning of Stewardship

Perhaps the place to begin delving into the meaning of stewardship is to imagine what the church would look like if the stewardship task were unnecessary.

At first glance this sounds like a dream come true, especially, for members of most Stewardship Committees! But consider: no stewardship function means that any operating expenses in excess of endowment income would come from... where? From whatever authority that collects the taxes. This was the way established churches were managed back then when the church's role was to legitimize the King and keep the eyes of the poor focused on the assurance of the joyous experience they would have in the life to come.

The theory, of course, dating back to the beginnings of David's royal house, was that government was subject to religious authority. But that turned out to be an inconvenient arrangement. History teaches that it is the nature of a king to exercise sovereignty. Power corrupts. Notwithstanding priests or bishops in their employ, governments will make a mess of things sooner or later.

Voices of those not beholden to powerful governments or dominant cultures need to be heard. Today the future of our planet may depend on such voices including ours. For each of us who choose to belong to an independent church, holding itself accountable to a higher authority, stewardship is a responsibility we accept with joy, humility and gratitude.

Hugh McLean

5th Annual FCW Chili Challenge -

Sunday, March 11th is the 5th Annual Chili Challenge in Nelson Hall, immediately following worship. Stay for the event and you decide who makes the best chili in church by casting your vote. We'll tally the results and let the majority decide! Chili samples will be sold at 50¢/each or 3/\$1.00. Quarts of chili will also be available for \$5/quart and cornbread and bottled water for \$1.00. All proceeds benefit the Summer Youth Mission Trip team.

Want to be a Chili Challenger? Sign up in Nelson Hall to enter your chili by Sunday, March 4. We ask all Chili Challengers to commit to making

at least 4 quarts to be sold as well as a crock pot full for the sampling challenge. Got questions? See Char or speak with one of our mission trip leaders.



Easter Flowers

We are accepting orders for the spring plants which will decorate our meetinghouse on Easter, April 8. Following the Sunday service, the plants will be distributed by the flower committee to members of our church family who are confined to their homes or to a continuing care facility. The cost is \$10 per plant. Checks should be made out to: First Church in Windsor and mailed to the office at 107 Palisado Avenue, Windsor, CT 06095. The order deadline is April 3. Please be sure to include the names of loved ones being remembered.





News from First Church Early Learning Center

We are now in the process of registering for next year's (2012-2013) classes. If you are interested in signing up your child or know of anyone with a young child please contact the office at (860) 688-4597 or

fcearly@yahoo.com and speak to Laurel Slate or Ellen Monchun to find out more information and schedule a tour.



Christian Education Board's "Change Sundays"

The CE Board is very excited about our goal to increase our support to parents of Silver Lake attendees. Presently, we are able to help parents with \$50 per child but that amount was established when conferences were only \$150 per week. Conferences at Silver Lake have increased to \$500 this year which puts a large burden on our families. Our goal is to increase the gift by another \$50 to total \$100. To do this we have come up with "Change Sundays." Every second Sunday we will announce in the bulletin the name of our "Change Sunday" which will signal that we will be collecting any silver change from your pockets on that Sunday in one of our Silver Lake containers. We are hoping these collections will not be difficult as everyone always has some change.

To prepare please consider loaning any photos you have of your time at Silver Lake to the office so we can decorate our announcement board.

Energy Audits

The following people took advantage of doing an energy audit at their home this winter: the Bernstein Family, Doris Carey and Ken Potts, Randy and Nancy Clark, Davida Crabtree, Fran and Don DaRos, Jay and Tony Davenport, Jim and Priscilla Ford, Tom and Sue Gilmartin, Lee and Carolyn Hoffman, Jamie and Darlene Klase, Bob and Ginny Lougee, Elaine Mesick, Michael and Denise Novak, Mark and Martha O'Donnell, Phia and Peter Blume, Cindy and Ken Taplin, Jim and Joan Thornton, Charlotte Zoner, John and Joanne Coghill, Jim and Char Corbett, Kevin Doyle, Ginny and Dave Drapeau, Terry and Maria Eberle, Mark and Lynda Fredette, Burt Hamilton, Jack and Carol Hubert, Rick and Susan Huleatt, Betty and Donn Jourdan, Kate & Hugh McLean, Heather and Scott Mitchell, Laurel Pepin, Ann and John Pickens, Ron and Heather Renaud, Leslie and Gary Sava, Gregg and June Shafer, Stephanie and son, David Stone, Heidrun Toben, Emily Vasquez, Elie Word, Mark Watkins and Victor Evans, Hans and Helene Westenburg, Sue and Bang Williams, Dave and Michelle Wilson, Janet Focarelli, Doug and Jean Kelly, George and Judith Merrick, Penny Richards, Sue and Bill Warner-Prouty.

Now on to the Parish House and Pierson House! We expect these audits will take place in the next couple of months.

Outreach News

Winter 2012 Shelter Meal at Immaculate: Volunteers are needed for Sunday, March 26. We'll be serving 150 men at the ICSHC shelter and volunteers are needed to help with any or all of the following: shoppers to purchase food; prep cooks and servers; two volunteers to clean up in the parish house kitchen following the meal prep. Monetary donations for the shelter meal fund will also be gratefully accepted. Checks can be made out to First Church with a notation "shelter meals." Contact Mark Fredette at 860-285-0675 with any questions or if interested.

Coat Drive Update: Thanks to your many contributions, 153 coats and dozens of hats, scarves, gloves and warm sweaters were collected at FCW as we partnered with our sister church in Hartford, Faith Congregational UCC to support their coat distribution in the North End community. Both the FCW Outreach Committee and Faith UCC extend their heartfelt thanks for the wonderful response to keep others warm during this winter season.



Lofty Notes

Dear First Church Family,

I am excited to begin the first steps of the Eastern Seaboard Premiere of "Life All Around", an Easter musical that tells about resurrection life from several surprising perspectives. Auditions were held on February 26th, and callbacks/further auditions will continue into this month before rehearsals begin in earnest. It is good to sense the enthusiasm about this project, especially among the kids of Genesis Generation.

In other musical news, our Bell Choir is in serious need of two or three regular, reliable ringers. We have a good group, but sometimes some of us have to manage five and six bells at a time. This makes for some very humorous moments, but doesn't serve the music too well.

For this reason, I am strongly encouraging middle and high school students to consider giving Hand Bells a try. We meet once a week, Thursdays at 6:30 pm, and finish by about 7:15. And we play in worship no more than once a month. Music reading is useful but NOT essential. We'll gladly show you the ropes.

Lent is a time for growth and change. Why not consider using Lent to take a chance on something new and different by way of ministering to others in music? Give me a call, or just show up on Thursday evening. We're working on some really interesting music.

We would all love to see *YOU* there!

Peace, Mark

Hey, all you string players!

Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass

FCW is working on its own Philharminiature Orchestra, a multigenerational ensemble of string players at ALL levels. Simple but effective music will be provided.



Watch for further details, including the announcement of our first get-together.

Life All Around

An Original Easter Musical

by Mark Watkins and Victor Evans

TO BE PERFORMED DURING OUR
FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, APRIL 29 at 10 a.m.

News from the First Church Women's Club

The Women's Club met on Tuesday, February 14. Everyone was in Valentine's Day colors with heart pins and pendants and earrings aplenty. Valentine's Day centerpieces and red velvet cake made for a festive event. Betty Jourdan led a Team Trivia contest that was most enjoyable for all as we discovered either how much we knew or learned some interesting facts new to us.

The Women's Club next meets on Tuesday, March 13. Come join us for "Spring is Near-Smell the Flowers!" presented by Karen Jordan of Jordan's Florist. We meet at noon for lunch. Please bring a sandwich. Beverages and dessert are provided. There is a \$2 donation to cover the cost of program and refreshments. The program begins at 1 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend. Please call Elaine Mesick at 860 688-4714 if you need more information.

Parish Caring Ministries



Parish Caring
Ministries

Sophia's Circle

A newly formed First Church Women's Group has chosen a name - Sophia's Circle. Voted upon by the many who have expressed initial interest in joining this group, the name "Sophia" was chosen for its literal Greek translation: "wisdom". More than that, however, Sophia has been revered as the Wise Bride of Solomon by Jews, as the Queen of Wisdom and War (Athena) by Greeks, and as the Holy Spirit of Wisdom by Christians. Some see Sophia as a feminine aspect of God representing wisdom, and others see Sophia as a theological concept regarding the wisdom of God. The circle aspect of the name seemed fitting because literally we are a circle of women seeking to gather. We may choose to stand facing inward, reflectively. Or we may at times stand facing outwardly at the world around us. To select the name Sophia's Circle seemed a perfect fit for this group. We hope that this group allows us the opportunity to deepen our relationships with each other as well as with God. We hope at times to have more personal reflection through fellowship times together or future spiritual mission opportunities, but we also hope to have the outward reflection and opportunities to help in the larger community - church and beyond. We hope to embody the true meaning of the name we have chosen for ourselves.

Sophia's Circle Gets Cooking!

Sophia's Circle members have begun actively planning a cookbook fundraiser. The project officially kicks-off in March. Our goal is to have the cookbook ready for sale in the fall, so there is a lot of work that needs to take place now. To that end, we ask all members of the congregation to help us out. First, we ask that all chefs out there start thinking of recipes you'd like to include in this cookbook - Do you have an old family favorite? Something that has been served at a church event in the past? Something that reminds you of comfort? Then we want those recipes!



We will have a special form available in March to start gathering recipes, so be on the lookout. The forms will be on the church website, outside the church office, and also available after the 10 a.m. Sunday services in March. All recipes for the cookbook need to be submitted by April 15.

Are you clever with words? Then we would like your help, too! If you would like to help name our cookbook, we will take submissions until *March 14*. We plan to have all members of the congregation help us choose the final name and cover artwork - we want this cookbook to be a part of all of us!

Do you feel particularly creative? We are looking for original artwork to adorn the cover of our cookbook. If you would like to submit your artwork for consideration, please provide a digital file and 2 hard copies of your design by *Friday, April 6*. Information on digital file format and size are available upon request.

To submit recipes, name suggestions or cover art, please contact Mary Phelan or April Michaud (860.298.0193).

From Our Church School Administrator

Church Auction: March 24, 2012 will be a fun night out for church parents. Come out with your friends—tickets are available online at www.fcwucc.org or after church on Sunday. Don't forget to register your children for childcare at a great reduced cost and a very good cause—the Youth mission trip.

Special thanks to the 7th and 8th grade classes and Mike Michaud for cooking the yummy pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

Hosanna Fair is around the corner, April 1. Yes, on April foolish day. Our church families can enjoy making crafts and coloring eggs during fellowship hour in Nelson Hall.

On April 7 at 10:30 a.m., Peter Rabbit hides all the eggs for the church school children to find. A brunch in Nelson Hall follows, rain or shine.

Helga Finlay, Church School Administrator



Happy Birthday to you! Amelia Krol (3/27), Jack Porcaro (3/3), Elisa Eckhardt (3/28) Andrew and Timothy O'Reilly (3/19), Matthew Cleveland (3/18)

Girl Scout Sunday is March 11

In 2012, March 11 is nationally celebrated as Girl Scout Sunday. This day gives girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship and be recognized as a Girl Scout for their service and contributions to the community. In addition, they are encouraged to perform a service at their place of worship on this day, such as greeting, ushering, or other ceremony. If you have a daughter who is a registered Girl Scout who would like to greet, read during the service, or serve punch and snacks on March 11th, please contact April Michaud at 860.298.0193 or aprilmichaudct@comcast.net



FUN is in the Air!

Multi-Church Youth Event @ First Church in Windsor

Sunday March 18, 5 - 7 p.m.

For Youth Grades 5 - 12

ICE BREAKERS * GAMES * T-SHIRTS * FOOD * MUSIC

Meet Kids Your Own Age from Greater Hartford

PLAN FOR BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW ~TOGETHER!

HAVE FUN!



Silver Lake 2012

It's time to sign up for Silver Lake Summer Camp. The schedule can be found on-line at <http://silverlake.ctucc.org>. Families can register in paper form or online. The church contributes \$50 per child per 1 week session. Additional scholarship may also be available. Want more info? Check out the video in the Computer Room or speak with a former camper.

Be a Camp Counselor at Silver Lake

Youth and adults ages 16 and older are invited to apply as volunteer counselors for the conference(s) or week(s) you prefer. What a great way to meet new friends, celebrate the outdoors and share your gifts with others! Please see Char Corbett for more information.

Hey YOU-th! It's NYE Time!

The National Youth Event (NYE), which is held every four years, is an inspiring opportunity for over 3,000 diverse UCC youth (ages 13 to 18) from across the country to gather for worship, workshops, faith, music, fun and fellowship! **This year's uplifting and exciting NYE is gathering at Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN from Tuesday, July 10 - Friday, July 13, 2012.** Registration is \$425 per youth. There are two great transportation options being offered: the "New England Service Bus" where youth from all over New England will leave on Saturday, July 7 to "camp out" and worship at an urban church, do service work and tour the UCC National Headquarters in downtown Cleveland, OH before arriving at NYE (\$320 per youth/adult); or take the "Express Bus" which leaves on Monday, July 9 with non-stop transportation to Purdue University/NYE (\$180 per youth/adult). Both buses return on Saturday, July 14. Partial scholarships and travel stipends through both the CT UCC Conference and FCW are available. Additional details are at <http://www.ctucc.org/events.php?event=2800>. **Curious about attending NYE 2012? Want to be an adult chaperone? Need more information? Speak with Char!**



Scholarships Available

Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship Available: If you are a confirmed member of First Church, a senior in high school, planning to attend a four year college and can demonstrate need for financial aid, you may be eligible for the Frank Roswell Fuller Scholarship. An application, 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.

FCW's School Scholarships now available: Applications are due May 1: First Church youth members graduating from high school and continuing their education are encouraged to apply for First Church school scholarships, which are available through the generous donations of current and former church members. Please visit "Scholarships" on the church website, www.fcwucc.org, for details and an application or contact the church office for more information.

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	Kevin Doyle	2013	
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<i>Christian Outreach</i>	Davida Crabtree	2014	
	Bernie Simmons	2015	
	Joanne Coghill	2015	
	Cassie Copeland	2013	
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	Carrie Canoni	2015	
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	Ian Porcaro	2015	

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<i>ELC Policy Board</i>	April Michaud	June 2012	
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<i>Hospitality</i>	April Michaud	Mar.—May	
	Ruth & Barry Budlong	June—Aug.	
	Open	Sept.—Nov.	
	Helene Westenburg	Dec.—Feb.	
<i>Music</i>	Carolyn Whyte	2013	
	Heidrun Toben	2013	
	Cyndie Eisnor	2013	
	Joanne Coghill	2013	
	Tony & Jay Davenport	2013	
<i>Personnel</i>	Martha O'Donnell	2012	
	Al Relyea	2013	
	Lynda Fredette	2014	
	Rick Huleatt	In Perpetuity	
<i>Prudential</i>	John Zepp	2013	Chair
	Scott Mitchell	2013	
	Mike Michaud	2014	
	Randy Cole	2014	
	Rick Hazelton	2015	
	Jim Corbett	2015	
<i>Stewardship</i>	Jean Kelly	2014	Chair
	Jen Osowiecki	2013	
	Andrea Schnure	2015	
	Mark O'Donnell	2015	
	Shawn Gale	2013	
	Bang Williams	2014	

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<i>Trustees</i>	Donn Jourdan	2014	Chair
	Warren Johnson	2013	
	Joyce Ward	2015	
	Chris Phelan	2016	
	Lee Hoffman	2017	
<i>Delegates of the Ct Conference</i>	Al and Laureen Relyea, Mike Novak	2013	
<i>Delegates of the Hartford Association</i>	Don and Fran Da Ros	2013	

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Missing from picture: Joanne Coghill, Charlotte Zoner, George and Judith Merrick

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