

The Carillon

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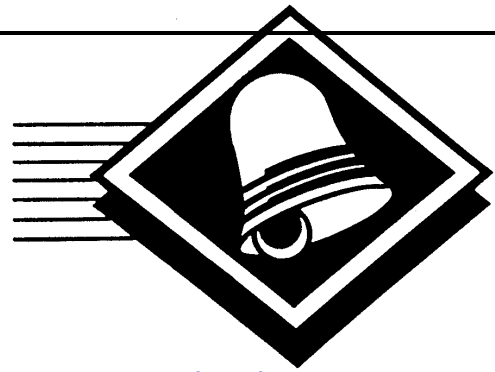
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April

8th 12 – 2 Women's Fellowship

15th Carillon Deadline

17th Covenant Soup Kitchen

25th Pot Luck Luncheon after
Worship

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday (March 28)

10:00am A festive service with Special Music and message from Pastor Karen.

Maundy Thursday (April 1):

6:00pm Fellowship Supper: Come share a light supper of soup and sandwiches in our accessible auditorium.

7:30pm Communion and Tenebrae Service: After supper, stay for a special service remembering Jesus' last night with his disciples. The Adult Choir will sing and our Hand Bells will play. We will share in communion by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup) and then experience the "service of shadows"-- tenebrae, extinguishing candles as we acknowledge the growing darkness as Jesus went to his death.

Good Friday (April 2): Prayer Vigil

Our sanctuary will be open from noon until 3 pm. You may come any time to pray and meditate during that time. Let us pray for our church, for our spiritual lives and for the deep spiritual meanings of Holy Week to be part of our lives individually and as a church family. Some prayer books and materials will be available in the sanctuary prepared by Dr. Jay.

Easter Sunday (April 4)

Sunrise Service 6:30am

All are welcome to the family-friendly Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 4, at 6:30am! This year it will again be held at the top of the Storrs Cemetery on N. Eagleville Rd. For those of you who wish to begin your early morning in darkness, feel free to drive or walk to the top of the hill either before worship begins to enjoy the quiet morning and God's Resurrection peace, or for the 6:30am start time. Pastor Karen Bailey-Francois is organizing this worship and Ray Joesten will lead us in music. Please dress casually and warmly should the weather require it.

Breakfast 7:30am

Following the service, we will all either walk or drive back to the church for a delicious Easter Breakfast prepared for us by Nancy and Dave Bull, the Castle Family, and others! We are so thankful for their willingness to spread God's love through food! All are welcome, so please invite friends!

Festival of the Resurrection 10:00am

Glorious music by the Youth and Adult Choirs, beautiful floral decorations, and message entitled: "We've Got Something to Celebrate!" by Dr. Jay Terbush. There will be no Sunday School. Children will remain in worship and be provided with Easter activity sheets.



From the

Transitional Senior Pastor

Recently I was talking to a friend about some really tough situations that this friend is facing. You know, the kind of life experiences in which you feel overwhelmed, when you don't know how you are going to cope, you don't feel like you can survive, you are not sure you will ever get over it. And you are finding yourself struggling with "Why?".

The friend turned to me at one point and asked a probing question: How have you gotten through some of the horrible things you have gone through?

I have thought about that question many times since it was asked. And there is no simple answer. My trust in God's goodness and grace in my life has helped. Prayer and solitude have given me strength. The love of others both family and friends, and especially my church family, have held me up or helped to pick me up. The wisdom of the Good Book and the testimony of people of faith have provided perspectives.

I have both laughed at and affirmed the truth of a statement attributed to Mother Teresa: I know that God doesn't give us more than we can bear, but right now I wish God didn't trust me so much!

A couple of months ago, I went to a Rascal Flatts concert—they are a country pop music group who have become favorites of mine, since being introduced to them by friends a few years ago. One of my favorite songs is entitled "Stand"—it isn't the only thing I would say about facing life difficulties, but I believe that it speaks truthfully about my experience and probably yours too.

You feel like a candle in a hurricane.
Just like a picture with a broken frame.
Alone and helpless
Like you've lost your fight,
But you'll be alright, you'll be alright.

[Chorus:]

Cause when push comes to shove
You taste what you're made of.
You might bend, till you break
Cause its all you can take.
On your knees you look up
Decide you've had enough.
You get mad, you get strong.
Wipe your hands, shake it off.
Then you stand, then you stand!

God uses the rough places of life and our experiences of pain, to make us stronger and better people. And that truth applies to churches and our life together as God's people: challenges grow our faith, deepen our love, enlarge our wisdom and our lives.

Dr. Jay

FROM THE (NEW) INTERIM ASSOCIATE MINISTER

WOW! What a welcome I have received. From cake and flowers to a sparkling and well-equipped office, phone calls, emails, cards and (my personal favorite) invitations “*come join us*” from church members that stop by on their way to wherever they are going... I am in awe. And enamored. And grateful for all your kindness.



I am also impressed. As I read, explore and take you up on the invitations to come and see what you do, I see the marks of some very hard work. Most obvious, of course, are the new elevator and related renovations which are wonderful and quite clearly hard-won. They are also, it seems, an outward and visible sign of this church’s inner values.

The practice and art of welcoming aren’t rooted in equipment. Welcoming is a work of the spirit... and of the whole congregation. Guided by grace and the earnest desire to honor each and every **body** that comes to this church, well-designed facilities and inviting surroundings become more than nice features – they become tools for ministry. And ministry, for me, is a verb. It is the action we take, with whatever God give us, to tend to our part of God’s purpose.

I was struck, my first day, that the only things on my new desk besides the expected office stuff, were a church directory and a laminated copy of this church’s “Behavioral Covenant.” Without words or the need for further instruction, I heard “*These are our people. This is what we expect from you and from one another. Have at it.*” It was the perfect orientation. It was also, it seemed, an outward and visible expression of this church’s inner intention -- for yourselves as well as for me.

The practice and art of being the church aren’t rooted in documentation. Being and becoming Christ’s gathered church is an on-going work of the spirit. Guided by grace and the earnest desire to honor each and every member of the Body of Christ, policies and standards become more than just good practice -- they become tools for ministry. And ministry is a verb.

Over the course of the next few editions of the Carillon, I want to put some energy into “unpacking” that remarkable covenant. I hope you will help me. I’d love to hear what it means to you... maybe a bit about the history... and, especially, what you think it can do to further God’s purpose here. To get us each started, I took a copy of the covenant and pulled out all the verbs. Here’s what your covenant told me:

As members and friends of Storrs Congregational Church, we seek the presence of God in order to build fellowship with others by....

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| ❖ Praying | ❖ Remembering | ❖ Striving |
| ❖ Inviting | ❖ Including | ❖ Encouraging |
| ❖ Believing | ❖ Welcoming | ❖ Listening |
| ❖ Affirming | ❖ Respecting | ❖ Celebrating |
| ❖ Worshipping | ❖ Asking | ❖ Loving |
| ❖ Studying | ❖ Clarifying | ❖ Affirming |
| ❖ Serving | ❖ Seeking | ❖ Admitting |
| ❖ Creating | ❖ Valuing | ❖ Forgiving |

Wow. I’m very glad to be here.

Pastor Karen

From the
Director
of Music
Ministry



Carillon News

This month we anticipate the renovations of the Austin Dunham Carillon will begin to take place. As a result, there will not be Carillon Concerts on the Lawn this summer although the Music Board expects to be active in a variety of other endeavors. When the bells do return to playing condition next year, let the celebrations abound! The following is excerpted from an article submitted to the national journal Carillon News. We are indeed fortunate to have David Maker as a member of the lay music staff at Storrs.

DAVID MAKER is our recently appointed Carillonneur-in-Residence, presiding over the Austin Dunham Memorial Carillon. For fifteen years Mr. Maker has been a joyous advocate of the bells at Storrs, playing weekday concerts, teaching, and performing for many special occasions.

David's first adventures with bells were surreptitious climbs to steeple clockworks in his hometown of Springfield, Vermont. Later, as a high school and college student in Michigan, he enjoyed hearing the carillons of Christ Church Cranbrook, Kirk in the Hills, and Michigan State University, never dreaming that he would eventually become a carillonneur himself. Upon graduation, David moved to the University of Connecticut as a graduate assistant, beginning a forty-five year career there. During that time he taught Percussion, Music Theory, Ear Training, Orchestration, Arranging, Composition, and beginning Piano. He advanced to the position of Associate Department Head, retiring in 2009. He and his wife Emily live in Vernon, Connecticut.

A former band director, David wrote over 350 arrangements and marching show designs for UConn, Boston College, and the University of Cincinnati; several New England high schools; and drum corps in Holland, Germany, and Italy. He has adjudicated for the World Association for Marching and ShowBands, and the World Music Contest Kerkrade, among others. He founded and conducted the Classic Brass, a British-style brass band in Connecticut. He has composed and arranged for orchestras, choirs, bands, organ, and chamber ensembles.

David struck his first-ever baton at the clavier of the Dunham Carillon in 1994, responding to a request to inspect the instrument. Subsequently he undertook carillon studies at Trinity College under Daniel Kehoe, starting in 1995. He played his GCNA advancement recital in 1999. David has concertized extensively in the eastern U.S., the Netherlands, and Portugal. "Paul Revere, Bellfounder" is the most recent of his compositions published by ACME. His "adapted change ringing" for carillon has generated much interest here and abroad. From 2007 to 2009 David was interim Carillonneur of Trinity College. His appointment at Storrs Congregational Church returns him to his carillon "roots."

A hearty thank you to David for his joyous contributions to our ministry of music!

Blessings,
Trisha Snyder





UCC UConn Alternative Spring Break Trip

UCC UConn would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout this school year. We greatly appreciate all of the support, and our 2010 Alternative Spring Break trip to Texas City, TX could not have been possible without you. All of the contributions over the years, including attending the Valentine's Themed Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction, the candy sales, super bowl snacks, screw sales, assisting with our Amazing Race fundraiser, the hiring for yard/house work and whatever else we have done has made it possible for close to 100 students over these past five years to attend on these life-changing ASB trips. As many of you might have heard during the March 21st church service, we have come back as stronger individuals, closer as a group, and have had questions answered about God and why certain events happen.

We were blessed to meet many of the homeowners that we are rebuilding for. That includes all four homeowners from this year's trip to Texas City. To be able to hear their stories and the gratitude that they have is just simply amazing.

This year's trip to Texas City, TX was once again amazing. 21 students and 2 "over 25ers" traveled over to Texas over UConn's spring break. While there, we helped four different homeowners rebuild their homes by performing various rebuilding projects. The projects varied between the houses, but included muddling & sanding drywalls, texturing and painting walls and ceilings, installing insulation, digging drainage ditches (which included the finding of an old septic tank!), installing flooring and trim work, and of course plenty of time spent just talking with the homeowners and hearing their stories.

We had a little fun too, traveling into Houston on Sunday afternoon, where we visited the museum district and then ate dinner in the center of the city. Thursday afternoon we visited Galveston Island and hit some touristy shops.

The week went by way too fast, and for me personally, it was quite sad to see the trip end so quickly, after putting so much time and effort into planning it all. However, I couldn't have been any happier with the way it turned out.

Thank you again for all of your contributions. Make sure to check out the large bulletin board near the elevator soon as well! We will be putting up pictures from our trip.



Richie Kremer & Everyone at UCC UConn

Ushers & Greeters



WE NEED YOUR HELP! There are many opportunities to help with greeting, ushering and fellowship hour and Reading for March and April. Below is a copy of the signup sheet posted outside the church office. The signup sheet will be on the coffee table or you can see Juanita Hall today. Please consider helping out.

| DATE | READER | GREETER | HEAD USHER | USHER | USHER | USHER | FELLOWSHIP HOST |
|------------------------|--------|----------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-----------------|
| April 4 th | | Karen R/Bloom | | | | | |
| April 11 th | | Marietta Johnson | | | | | |
| April 18 th | | Marietta Johnson | | | | | |
| April 25 th | | Bob Wyss Dianne Sprague | | | | | Potluck |
| May 2 nd | | Klimkiewicz | | | | | |
| May 9 th | | | | | | | |
| May 16 th | | | | | | | |
| My 21 st | | | | | | | |



One Great Hour of Sharing Do you love me?...Feed my sheep.
John 21: 15-17

Donations are still welcome for One Great Hour of Sharing, the refugee, relief and development fund of the UCC. Your gift supports international programs of health, education and agricultural development, as well as disaster relief and refugee assistance. Please give generously. Thank you.



Covenant Soup Kitchen

The Storrs Congregational Church is preparing and serving dinner at the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic on **Saturday, April 17th**. You can help by providing a dessert and/or coming to help at the kitchen from 9:30 AM – 1 PM. Please sign up on the church bulletin board, or call Carol Jordan at 429-8909.

Join in a morning of fun, fellowship, and service!



It's hard to believe that the Sunday School Year is almost over. We have two short months left. CE board wants to thank all the teachers and shepherds that participated in our new curriculum. Without you, it would not have been a success. Students enjoyed learning from different teachers and activities. Thank you again.

The themes for the next two months are Holy Week and the Apostles.

Important dates to remember are:

March 28, 2010- Palm Sunday- No Sunday school- families may worship together

April 4, 2010- Easter Sunday- No Sunday school- Celebrate Easter service together

May 16, 2010- last Sunday school day- teacher appreciation day.

Come one; come all to the new and amazing All Church Vacation Bible Camp! We are trying a new format this year by having it in the evening from 6:30-8:00pm June 21-June 24. Coming soon to a church near you. Stay tuned for more information.

Adult Education continues to go well. There have been a consistent 4-5 people each week. There have been lively discussions and good camaraderie at these sessions. Remember these meetings are open to everyone. Each week there is a different topic. Adult Education is lead by Louise Wright and Dwayne Keller every Sunday from 9:00- 9:45am.

Junior Pilgrim Fellowship (JPF) may be starting up again. There are plans for a "Lock In" for the students in middle school. This is planned for April 16 – April 17. Louise Wright will be contacting you with more information.

Senior Pilgrim Fellowship (SPF) had a moving and spiritual experience in Washington DC. They gave an inspirational service that included the question "Which body part are you?" along with beautiful music and a meaningful children's message.

We are looking for one more member for our board. If you are interested, please contact nominating.

FROM THE FELLOWSHIP BOARD...

The Board of Christian Fellowship would like to invite everyone to share in a Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, April 25th beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Auditorium. With the long winter months now in the past, the Board would like to celebrate the season of Spring when everything is fresh and new. And with the arrival of our Interim Associate Pastor, the Reverend Karen Bailey-Francois, the Board feels that this might be a nice way to come together and share in food and friendship.



A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board between the Parish House Lounge and the hallway leading to the Education Building. We hope you will be able to attend this event and we look forward to seeing you at that time.



Women's Fellowship

Thursday April, 8, 2010

11:30AM Communion Service

12 Noon Luncheon

1:00 P.M. Program

UConn Students Alternate Spring Break Hurricane Relief Annual Meeting

Everyone is invited to this exciting event. Once again, Gail Kapinos will prepare a delectable lunch after an inspirational service by Dr. Jay and Pastor Karen. We had a terrific turn out in March for an outstanding lunch and program and April promises to be equally as enjoyable. Please mark your calendar and join us.



Is there a birthday, anniversary, memorial or maybe a loved one you would like to dedicate the Flowers on Sunday to? There are many Sundays available. The flower chart is on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please fill out a slip found in the pocket underneath the chart with your dedication. Leave the completed slip in the pocket for Debbie to put in the bulletin. Flowers are \$15.00 and checks can be made out to the church.

Storrs Congregational Church Council Meeting
February 23, 2010
Draft Minutes

Present:

Louise Wright (Chair)
Pam Roberts (Vice Chair) (Clerk Pro Temp)
Bob. Malecki (Member At Large)
Dave Jordan (Treasurer)
Lynn Brown (Deacons Rep)
Jamie Lang-Rodean (Growth Rep)
Betty Robinson (Outreach Rep)
Paula Dixon (Fellowship Rep)
Ray Joesten (Finance Rep)

Rich Cowles (Properties Rep)
Dick Roberts (Music Rep)
Dr. Jay Terbush (Interim Senior. Pastor)
Dr. Karen Bailey-Francois (Int. Assoc Pastor nominee)
Susan Dione (Int. Assoc Pastor Search)
Jan Muller (Deacon, Guest)
Tom Suits (Nominating Committee, Guest)
Marjorie Brown (Nominating Committee, Guest)
Charles Knapp (Properties Committee, Guest)

Informed Absence: Chuck Vinsonhaler (Clerk)

Absent: A Representative from Christian Ed

1. Called to Order by Louise Wright at 7:07 P.M. who thanked all present and welcomed guests.

2. Meditation and Candle Lighting: Dr. Jay lit the 1st candle representing the Light of God, the spiritual guidance we invite to all our meetings. Louise lit the 2nd candle representing the Light within each of “us” present tonight. Lynn lit the 3rd candle representing the Light of all those in our church family who each hold God’s gift of light. We were asked to recognize and “see” the Light” of God’s presence in each face around the room thinking about doing all we can as leaders to empower each person’s “light to shine” at this meeting, in our church work and in our lives.

3. Additions to the Agenda: Hosting the “Spiritual Institute” of the “True Colors” Conference and a motion to invite the Windham Association to hold their Annual Meeting at the SCC were added to new business.

4. Review of Council Minutes (January 17, 2010): Lynn moved and Jamie seconded that we approve the Minutes of January 19, 2010 as distributed. Motion passed with one abstention.

5. Present to Speak: Louise reminded guests (named above) they were welcome to ask questions and participate. Susan Dione was present to speak from the Interim Associate Search Committee.

6. Old Business

a. Interim Associate Pastor Search Committee – Recommendation

Lynn Brown, on behalf of the Search Committee, introduced Dr. Karen Bailey-Francois and shared highlights that distinguished her as a match for our needs. He distributed a background summary which will also appear in the March Carillon if her Call is approved.

Louise (Chair of the Search Committee and personnel committee rep on the Search Committee) shared a written comment of support from Stacy Malecki. Louise also shared her own positive impressions of Dr. Bailey-Francois’ 1st and 2nd interviews mentioning her flexibility, honesty and experience working through multiple transitions. Louise went on to describe the “on the spot scripture reading and meditation” in the 1st interview which convinced the committee of Dr. Bailey-Francois’ ability to spiritually lead our church with grace and insight. Susan Dione thanked Ted and the Council for inviting her to participate on the search committee. Speaking of her own growing and positive personal experience, Susan supported the Call based on how Karen “instilled confidence that she has the ability and skills to do what we need her to do”. Dr. Jay disclosed that Karen is a colleague from his past experience in downtown Hartford and is the wife of his friend Rev. Don Bailey-Francois, Pastor of the Ellington Congregational Church. He reinforced what others stated – of the three well qualified candidates interviewed, Karen was by far the clear choice for the position. Pam spoke on behalf of the Personnel Committee who participated in the 2nd interview. She and Bob wholeheartedly and without reservation support the recommendation.

Dr. Bailey-Francois was asked what brought her to decide that this position was something she wanted to pursue. Among other things, Pastor Karen noted that she is fascinated with the “organic evolving church in transition”, and indicated that participating in ‘figuring out how to change together’ fascinates her. She feels called to and wants to “engage head and heart” with the SCC as the church moves into the future.

Louise asked if there were questions from others present.

Dave Jordan asked: "How will you differentiate where your talents will be used given the ¾ time and the fact that you have talents in so many areas?" Karen responded that across the years she has learned that she is happiest and most productive when she sets priorities and boundaries, and she counts on determining those priorities with input from others. She focuses in structured ways on those things she expects of herself and that others have agreed to expect of her based on where they determine together her talents are needed. She mentioned that she sees focusing priorities as a challenge here at the SCC where so many exciting things are happening. She stated that she also thrives on such challenges. She indicated she has "fun" doing a variety of things and is sure based on her experience with the Search Committee that this church has a number of places where she can have "fun".

Charlie Knapp commented that he felt it will be important for the Council to clearly share with the congregation the vision of a changing role and need for priorities as well as clarifying the call as ¾ time without the change being interpreted and talked about as "only ¾ time". Louise thanked him for the comment. There being no further questions or comments the chair invited a motion.

Lynn moved and Jamie seconded the motion that the SCC Council call the Rev Dr. Karen Bailey-Francois to serve as the Interim Associate Pastor according the terms agreed upon.

Dave asked Louise to outline the basic terms of the call. Louise responded that the call specifies ¾ time with specific responsibilities left to negotiation with the Senior Pastor in consult with the Personnel Committee to allow for the changes in responsibilities which will exist through the multiple transitions expected. The call identifies start date as March 1st, 2010 to last through at least 6 months into a settled pastor's time with the SCC. A 60 day notice of end of employment by either party is identified. The financial package was worked out within the 2010 budgeted total package amount of \$51,607.00. The Nominating Committee will move forward to recommend for appointment her Pastoral Relations Committee and Dr. Bailey-Francois will have input into the choice of individuals recommended. Given no further questions, Louise asked Susan Dione to accompany the candidate to the Library.

Louise called for a vote on the motion on the floor. The Council voted unanimously to call the Rev. Dr. Karen Bailey-Francois to serve as the SCC Interim Associate Pastor. Susan and Dr. Bailey-Francois returned to the meeting. Pastor Karen was welcomed as the new Interim Associate Pastor with applause. The chair called for a 5 minute break inviting those present to congratulate Pastor Karen and help themselves to refreshments before reconvening to complete or the rest of the council business. Pastor Karen was invited to stay for the rest of the meeting and given related meeting documents.

b. Transition Decisions and Priorities/ Minister's Report: Dr. Jay lifted up the transformational success of the capitol campaign juxtaposed to the realities of the transitions to come that will continue to challenge us. He mentioned how excited he is to begin to work with Karen and indicated he would limit his comments given the time. He announced the resignation of Rev. Davida Crabtree after 14 years as CT Conference Minister and asked for prayers for the conference as they discern future leadership, finances and programming. He anticipates Davida's contributions ending in the middle of May with an interim conference minister named by the Board for at least 6-12 months and eventually a nationwide search. Dr. Jay invited people to participate fully in LENT and indicated that there will be a Maundy Thursday service with involvement of the Deacons.

c. Senior Pastor Search Committee: Bob Malecki reported that he would be regularly reporting instead of Alyssa and that they are busy reviewing candidate profiles. He asked for continued prayers. When asked, he indicated they have received and are reviewing 34 candidates. Candidates were sending their profiles based on seeing the short paragraph ad about the position. Using a consistent evaluation process, the committee has identified some potentially promising candidates to receive the church profile. He indicated that the committee has received positive feedback about the clarity and complete "snap shot" of the church included in the profile. Discussion and clarification of the process occurred. The committee continues to meet at least weekly.

d. Welcoming All: Next meeting is Monday, March 1st. Primary 2010 activities include 1) determining a plan for follow up steps to maximize realizing the pledged amounts, 2) continuing to monitor the

income, to acknowledge gifts/pledges, and to pay end project expenses and 3) implementing the financial model with the expectation that the loan will be paid off at the end of the three year capitol campaign as authorized by the congregation. Future updates at church will be based on the amount of pledges and committed gifts actually received since we have met our goal of \$1.1 million as announced on January 24th. Pam referred Council members to the distributed WA Committee minutes of January 10th which include the discussion and decision to apply the unexpected 2009 savings account interest of over \$3,000 toward the goal. During 2010 the WA Committee will take steps to keep the "Welcoming All" extended concept as a goal.

e Space & Facilities In January, the Council accepted the challenge of setting priorities and planning follow up to the Space & Facilities Work Group recommendations received at the December 2009 Council meeting. Pam asked that each Board and Committee review the recommendations paying special attention to areas involving each board or committee. Pam will email the report again so all would have access and offered to attend and participate in discussions of the recommendations on request. She reminded the Council that the Space & Facilities Work Group charge was complete and the work group discharged.

f. Building Committee: Update given by Pam for Stacy who was unable to attend;

- The list of close out tasks (i.e. doorbell, light switch in Parish House stairwell, kitchen pipe box, etc) is on hold until we close out our contract with Paul Sarazin.
- There are some remaining issues with stair treads and carpet glue being worked with Sarazin and the flooring contractor.
- The bump in the hallway at the top of the stairs – with the red duct tape – may be due to a steam leak warping the floor board. Fox (our steam contractor) will be in to inspect. Flooring repair will probably be required before the carpet can be fixed.
- Locks have been re-keyed to similar biting (cutting) as before. Some of the duplicate copies of keys from the past may need jiggling and may be difficult to get to work. Properties is doing a key inventory to determine which key shapes need more copies. Please support this survey.

Questions about keys occurred. To save time Pam suggested she add more detail to the minutes and asked that if questions still exist that effect the ability of our volunteers to function well in the building, they should work with Debbie who will use the resources of the property board and Pam as a Council liaison when the problem cannot be solved by the office. To clarify, the section below is added as a resource:

- *The same key as in the past fits the parking lot door into the new vestibule and opens all other exterior doors in the Education Building and the Parish House except the courtyard door to the Education Building which is on the same key as worked in that door in the past. Old copies of this key are the ones that create the most difficulty in the new lock mechanism. There are original keys available which work. If you are having difficulty, ask to switch your key. Many of the old as well as new locks do require occasional jiggling to work.*
- *The new Finance office key is the same as the old Finance office key.*
- *New doors in the 1st floor Ed building to Room 106 (PreK/K) and Room 105 (Nursery/Childcare) are keyed to the same keys as in the past.*
- *The key to the old SERVE and Counseling room opposite the lounge kitchen was repurposed for the closet opposite the elevator.*
- *The office was rekeyed to be consistent with the master key scheme. All locks are now consistent with the old master key scheme, which means the master key works as intended.*

The Building Committee will continue to update the Council until the project is complete.

g. Leadership retreat: Louise thanked all for participation in the Feb. 7th gathering. The next Council Retreat in which all committees are encouraged to meet at the same time after church will be for the annual scheduling meeting. Watch for more details. Also note that the issue of a new directory brought up at the leadership retreat has been addressed with a work group named to include Dianne Sprague (Lay Coordinator), Debbie (Data Base supervision and production) and Pam Roberts (Council liaison with lay leadership for coordinated efforts). Watch for details of the plan in the March Carillon.

7. New Business

a. Louise brought up the welcoming presence that Dr. Jay and she hoped could occur by volunteers during the priority times during the 2 day "Spiritual Institute" occurring parallel to the "True Colors Conference". The Institute will be using the church space on Friday and Saturday March 12 and 13th. The conference has a successful history of providing opportunities for families and youth to explore gay, lesbian and transgender issues for youth in Connecticut. The 2 day "Spiritual Institute" is offered for the first time this year and adds an opportunity for keynote and break-out sessions to explore spirituality for families and youth.

Paula Dixon indicated that based on the request made at the January meeting for discussion with boards and committees, she was bringing the opportunity for hosts to the Fellowship meeting scheduled on Thursday, March 4th. Paula confirmed Louise request that she be the contact person for others who wish to participate.

Council members agreed to notify anyone they thought might be interested in helping about the opportunity. Dr. Jay indicated that those running things are well organized and we are not talking about lugging chairs but a welcoming presence by those who know the building. Paula was thinking about having coffee during the times of the conference registration and sign in times in the am. Dr. Jay indicated he was going to be around to assist in Welcoming.

b. **Lynn brown moved that the Council extend an invitation to the Windham Association to hold their Annual Meeting on May 16th at the Storrs Congregational Church.** Discussion occurred. Lynn clarified that no meal is usually associated with the meeting but sometimes beverages and cookies are enjoyed. We would know the formal response to the invitation after a March 10th meeting of the Association. The advantages of the invite include use of our accessible space and the opportunity to possibly collaborate with Rev. Chang and the Korean Church of Storrs who are exploring ways for formal recognition of the Association. Question existed re: the alternative for recognition. Dr. Jay indicated he would clarify the process as he, Lynn and Rev. Chang have a meeting schedule soon. Dr. Jay indicated there are currently no conflicts on the master schedule. Louise called for a vote on the pending motion. **The motion passed without objection or abstentions.**

8. Treasurer's Report: David confirmed that the 2009 budget ended with surplus of ~\$10,000 that was moved to major projects based on congregational intent for Verizon income. January 2010 income and expenses balanced. Debbie has started managing the payroll and accounts payable while Dave is monitoring the cash flow (no concerns exist at the moment) and attending to off budget accounts which started 2010 fully balanced. He asked for Committees and Boards 1) to identify any Line Items that should be automatically paid so he could put in place a process for payments without requiring individual requests and 2) to share with him how they wish to receive information through emailed reports in PDF format similarly to Council distribution or print copies distributed in mail boxes. Distributions will typically occur within a week of the end of the month.

9. Council Chair Report: Louise handed out the new draft of contacts for Officers, Boards and Committee asking that any corrections be brought to Debbie's attention and requested that when meetings change or events are planned please work with the office to schedule and keep the master calendar updated.

- a. **Logo Committee:** Louise will be reconvening the Logo Committee to continue their work,
- b. **Facilities Use Review:** Ted Yungclas has agreed to lead the facilities use policy review
- c. **Web Site Revision Advisory Committee: Jane Scott and Mark Roy** continue to gather input and work to revise and update the site. Model for permission for pictures were implemented by SPF and the model has been passed on to the Christian Education Board to work on a plan of permission and use of pictures to represent the Church School activities. Others should think about permission needs.
- d. **Personnel Handbook update:** Ted with the assistance of Nancy Bull have accepted the responsibility of bringing the Personnel Handbook up to date as an extension of the Council's Personnel Committee (Louise, Pam and Bob).
- e. **Personnel Committee** will be wrapping up the staff evaluations and will work with the Music Board to revise the job description of the Director of Music Ministry.
- f. **FUNdraising Coordination:** Louise announced that Pam will coordinate the FUNdraising (target for 2010 is \$10,000) for Council working with representatives of the Church Council and other groups. Stacy is organizing a talent show fundraiser and a substantial portion of the goal is expected from

Oliver. Questions arose about Oliver. Louise noted that the tentative dates are November 17 or 18 through 21st, 2010. Allison Burchell-Robinson and Louise are on the production team.

Other: The Council will formally thank the full Interim Associate Minister Search Committee for their successful work on behalf of the congregation and dismissed the committee with appreciation. Dr. Jay indicated an appropriate consecrating time will occur during worship to formally celebrate Dr. Karen Bailey-Francois's call to the SCC. Louise indicated plans are ready to get the Assoc Pastor's office prepared for Mar 1st.

Announcements:

- a. Marjorie Brown announced there is still room at the NE Women's Celebration Weekend, March 12-14.
- b. Paulla invited people to assist in the SCC WAIM Workday scheduled for this coming Sat, Feb 27th.

10. Closing Prayer offered by Pastor Karen celebrated work completed and asking God's guidance for the future.

11. Meeting was adjourned about 9 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday March 16, 2010 @7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Roberts, Clerk Pro Temp



**** Last Chance to Sign Up and Share your Talents! ****

TALENT SHOW – SCC has Talent!

When: Saturday May 15, 2010

5:30-6:15 – Children of the Church Recital

6:30 – 8:30 – SCC has Talent (with Ice Cream Sundae Intermission)

NOTE: There will be a dry-run for performers Sunday May 2 after church (11:30 AM)

Where: Auditorium

Who: Performers – Yes, You!

Performance Appreciators (aka audience)

Please plan to join this fun-filled evening of entertainment – with an ice cream sundae intermission!

We still need performers! – individuals or groups are welcome. Do you have a talent that you would like to share – perhaps a song, a short comedy act or a skit, how about a comic/dramatic poetry reading or a special skill (juggling? Jump-roping? Did I hear unicycle?) Please sign up with Stacy Malecki who is coordinating this event on behalf of the Music Board. **We are also looking for a Masters of Ceremonies** to keep the fun moving during the evening!

Also, a special opportunity for the younger set – **A Children of the Church Recital** is being planned the same evening. This is a great opportunity elementary and younger middle school aged kids to share their talents – be it piano, flute, voice or maybe a magic trick or two.

Questions? Please talk to Stacy Malecki (860) 487-4538 or RMalecki431@earthlink.net.



Spring Reading Suggestions

The Library is available for reading interests for all ages –

For the Spring Gardeners:

- The Small Garden Planner
- Water Gardening
- Beds and Borders

For the Travelers:

- New England: Special Places and Certain People
- America A-Z
- Charles Kuralt’s America
- How New England Happens

For the younger set:

- The Hobbit
- The Wind in the Willows
- Little Women
- The Chronicles of Narnia
- And numerous wonderful titles for the younger children.

Come and enjoy your library.

Call Letter for Eastern District Day of Renewal Worship Meeting

When: Monday, April 5, 2010, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm

Where: Storrs Congregational Church
2N Eagleville Rd
Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268-1710

Program: “Our Friendship With Jesus” led by the Worship Team with small group discussion time.

Offering: For furnishings for the retreat center at Silver Lake
(Checks may be made out to Eastern District Women’s Fellowship)

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| Agenda: | 9:30 am | Registration (\$1.00), coffee and fellowship |
| | 10:00 am | Greeting and recognition of represented churches |
| | 10:15 am | Worship |
| | 11:00 am | Small Group Discussions |
| | 12:00 pm | Luncheon |
| | 12:30 pm | Brief business meeting |
| | 1:00 pm | Adjournment |

Please Bring: A bagged lunch. (Dessert and drink provided)
(If you have questions, please contact Liz Longacres at 860-376-5837)





The Women's Fellowship's Annual Spring Sale

May 8th from 8:30-11:00 AM

(Day before Mother's Day and UConn graduation)

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are soliciting donations of the following:

PLANTS - Please start cuttings, and start to think about which plants from your yard would be good to divide or take up in the Spring.

BAKE - Calls will be made to ask your help in providing bake sale items.

TAG SALE – Please start to gather gently used items around your house, including jewelry, household items, garden-related items, knick-knacks and toys.

BOOKS - Around a Mother's Day and gardening "theme" gardening books are requested, also cookbooks, nature books and travel books.

GIFTS - SERRV items will be sold, and handmade gift items are needed. Please add any craft items you can.

BOXES/BAGS - We will need short boxes for plants. Save those, please, and/or cut down boxes you were putting in the trash anyway. Different size bags will be needed.

VOLUNTEERS – As always, any FUNdraising event is only a success with the volunteers that make it happen. There are jobs available before, during and after the event, so please help to make this a success.

PLEASE CONTACT – Dianne Sprague, Event Coordinator, at 401-447-4421 or email at dispraguew@gmail.com

THANKS!!!!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jamie & Wes Lang-Rodean April 16

BIRTHDAYS:

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| Duwayne Keller | April 3 | Nancy Rucker | April 16 |
| Jay Chague | April 4 | Samantha Bramberger | April 16 |
| Tom Suits | April 5 | Caitlin Jones-Bamman | April 17 |
| Ruth Reichel | April 6 | Marcia Parker | April 17 |
| Lyndsay Grisamer | April 8 | Matthias Bubloski | April 17 |
| Robert Palmer | April 9 | Megan (Chague) Milici | April 18 |
| Erin Scholes | April 10 | Eloise Trail | April 19 |
| Jocelynn Milici | April 10 | Erich Latinesics | April 21 |
| Lindsay Irvine | April 10 | Louise Wright | April 22 |
| Allison Lowe | April 11 | Nathan Hale | April 22 |
| Katie Rock | April 11 | Sarah Mochel | April 22 |
| Toby Klafter | April 11 | Shawnee Mason | April 22 |
| David Helenski | April 12 | Colby Soroka | April 24 |
| Sarah Long-Rodean | April 13 | Madeline Soroka | April 24 |
| Caitlin Palmer | April 16 | Susan Irvine | April 27 |
| Harold Hipsky | April 16 | Francis Kimenyi | April 29 |

SCC Worship on Channel 14

Our worship broadcasts each Sunday at 11:30am on our local cable Channel 14. It is a 30 minute broadcast of music and message from the previous Sunday.

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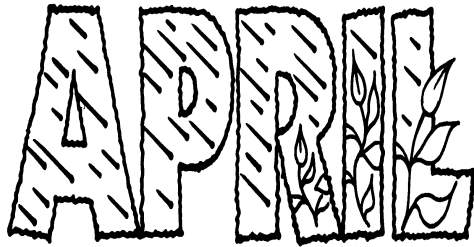
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HOLY WEEK AT



Storrs Congregational Church

Maundy Thursday (April 1st):

7:30 pm Communion & Tenebrae Service

Good Friday (April 2nd):

Prayer Vigil - Sanctuary will be open for private prayer between noon and 3 pm

Easter Sunday (April 4th):

Sunrise Service – 6:30 am - At the Storrs Cemetery (North Eagleville Rd) -
Led by Rev Karen Bailey- Francois

Easter Breakfast – 7:30 am- join us at church for a delicious Easter Breakfast

Festival of the Resurrection – 10:00 am - Glorious music, beautiful floral decorations and message from Dr. Jay Terbush.