

The Carillon

May 2010

Storrs Congregational Church

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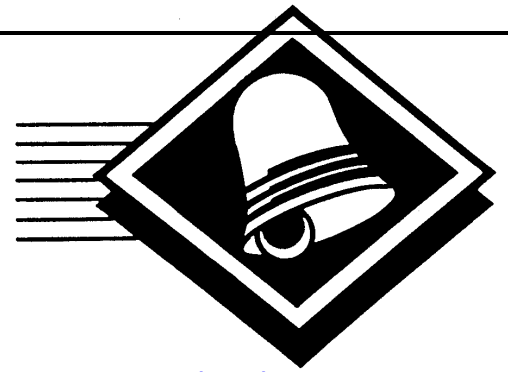
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May

- 5/1 & 5/2 Oliver Auditions
- 5/2..... Communion Sunday
- 5/6 & 5/7 Spring Fair Set Up
- 5/8 & 5/9 Spring Fair
- 5/9..... Blankets + Offering
- 5/9..... Confirmation Sunday
- 5/15..... Talent Show
- 5/15..... Carillon Deadline
- 5/16..... Last Day of Church School
- 5/22..... L. Cameron Johnson
Memorial Organ
Competition
- 5/23..... Pentecost Sunday
- 5/28 – 5/31.. SPF Retreat

Confirmation Class Celebration Weekend

The weekend of May 8 and 9 will be a special day in the life of our church. Three young people have been meeting for a year with Dr. Jay and with individual mentors to learn about their faith and to prepare to affirm their allegiance to Jesus Christ publically. Kent Grisamer, Scottie Duval and Sierra Jesanis will formally become part of this family of faith.

Saturday evening there will be a celebratory dinner hosted by the Deacons for the confirmands and their families. There will be recognition of each youth, words from their mentors and gifts given. Sunday morning, May 9th is Confirmation Sunday in which we will hear the Statements of Faith written by each of these young people as part of their experience. Then we will participate in the ancient Rite of Confirmation and Laying on of Hands. This year we have moved this event off from a Communion Sunday, to give the service more focus on the sacred rite. Please keep these three young people in your prayers as they prepare for this weekend.

CWS BLANKETS+ OFFERING – MAY 9

For more than 60 years Church World Service has worked in partnership with churches across the United States to assist local communities around the world. When disaster strikes, people need blankets – and much more. And in recovery they need tools, training, clean water, and other resources. Your gift to Blankets+ provides the warmth and comfort of blankets, as well as assistance in the long-term struggle against poverty, illiteracy and disease. Please give generously, using the special offering envelope or writing “Blankets+” on the memo line of your check made payable to Storrs Congregational Church.

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Mark 12:31



From the

Transitional Senior Pastor

A couple of weeks ago, we celebrated what might have been the first annual Holy Humor Sunday at our church. Holy Humor Sunday is an opportunity to continue the joy of Easter and resurrection.

I welcomed people to Holy Humor Sunday worship by recalling something said to me many years ago. There are two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say: “Good morning, Lord!” And there are others who wake up in the morning and drag themselves out of bed declaring: “Good Lord, its morning!”

I believe that Christians ought to be the first kind of people, at least most days, happy to be alive and greeting God at the beginning of the day. We have heard the good news of the love of God and we can and ought to experience the joy of living each day.

The twentieth century theologian Pierre Teilhard de Chardin once wrote “Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God.” You have heard me say so often that dour faces, and critical complaining attitudes are antithetical to what it means to live as one who is a follower of Jesus Christ. We have so much to be thankful for, so many gifts from God, so many reasons to be continually filled with God’s presence and JOY.

On Holy Humor Sunday there was much laughter and joy in the sanctuary. Here is a story I did not share that morning. Jesus is walking through heaven one day, perhaps a bit bored. He passes the Pearly Gates and notices that St. Peter is talking with an elderly gentleman. Jesus decides to go over and talk with the man.

So Jesus starts the conversation by asking, “Where are you from, Old Man?”

“Well, I lived all of my life on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea,” the old man replied.

“Hmmm. I spent some time there myself,” says Jesus. “What did you do for a living?”

“Well I was a poor carpenter” replied the old man.

“Wow, so was I” says Jesus.

“And I had a son,” says the old man. “Well he wasn’t really my son, but a miraculous spirit came into him and he became famous, and people talked about him all over the world!”

Jesus was becoming very excited, and is sure he now knows who this man is, and can’t hold it back any longer. He cries out, “Father!”

And the old man falls into Jesus’ outstretched arms and sobs, “Pinocchio!”

Life is far too short to go through it with an “ain’t it awful” perspective. Remember the most infallible sign of the presence of God is joy!

Dr. Jay



We will seek the presence of God in order to build fellowship with others...

As I promised last month, I will dedicate these first few Carillon articles to a celebration and exploration of the “Behavioral Covenant for Storrs Congregational Church.” Having missed out on its inception, I have been inclined to skip that first word. The word “behavioral” seems redundant or at least tacitly understood. For me, it is the “covenant” part that’s important. ...But I sense that may be an overly cavalier perspective on the part of someone who did not experience the shock-waves of change that have rocked this congregation.

If that is your sense, please forgive me. I do not discount – or even under-estimate – the impact of the kind of volatility this church has had to move through. At the same time, I celebrate the obvious resilience with which you have “kept your feet” and clung to your confidence as you’ve sought out firmer ground. My prayer and my commitment is to catch the wave of that forward momentum and, in whatever ways you and the Spirit enable, help to make this next part of the journey encouraging, expedient, exciting, enticing and fun.

And that, my friends, brings me directly back to the words of your Behavioral Covenant: “*As members and friends of Storrs Congregational Church, we will seek the presence of God in order to build fellowship with others.*” What a solid place to start: “grab God and go find your friends.” How else do any of us navigate of everyday living, much less the complexities of life in community? And we need community. At its best, community feeds us; it grounds us; it provides the safe space in which our greatest joys, darkest fears and most deeply held values can be exercised and expressed. Jesus knew that. That’s why he gave us the church. And why, in the fullness of time and divine omniscience, we were also given the Holy Spirit.

Is there any aspect of human existence that suggests we will always and innately simply get things right? We are experiential learners... and tough times tend to teach us the most. And so we learn – independently and together – what works; what is helpful; what can move us more effectively toward times that aren’t so tough; and what it takes to build the foundation so that the good we create is also good we can sustain...

- ❖ By praying individually and collectively;
- ❖ Inviting God into our discussions;
- ❖ Believing in a larger purpose than ourselves;
- ❖ Worshipping, praying, studying, serving
- ❖ Creating a fun and safe environment for all;
- ❖ Committing ourselves to welcoming as spiritual task we all share;
- ❖ And respecting decisions developed in community with one another.

...Sounds like a good plan to me. What do you think? I honestly want to know. And, in fact, I need your opinion if my journey with you is to serve.

Pastor Karen

From the
Director
of Music
Ministry



CELEBRATING YOUNG ORGANISTS

ORGAN RECITAL
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 7:30 p.m.

Organist **ANNIE LAVER** returns to her home state for a performance at Storrs Congregational Church. Laver (ne Kirk), a native of Woodstock, is a doctoral student at the Eastman School of Music, where she studies with Hans Davidsson and serves as graduate organ instructor and Project Manager for the Eastman Rochester Organ Initiative (EROI). Laver began her musical training with Jacqueline Smith and Angela Salcedo and continued with Mark Steinbach at Brown University and Jacques van Oortmerssen in Amsterdam. She has studied and given recitals in Germany, France, the Netherlands, and Scandinavia, as well as in the northeast and midwest United States. In October she was a semifinalist in the International Buxtehude Competition held in Lübeck, Germany.

A recipient of a number of awards and church music scholarships, Laver has most recently been named a semifinalist in the American Guild of Organists' biennial National Young Artist Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP). This multi-stage competition is open to organists under the age of 32 and has launched the careers of many talented young performers. Tuesday's concert offers listeners the chance to hear competition repertoire selections on the church's magnificent Fisk organ. The program will include works by Johann Sebastian Bach, François Couperin, Olivier Messiaen, and Lionel Rogg.

Sponsored by the Music Board!
Free and open to the public. Wheelchair accessible.

L. CAMERON JOHNSON MEMORIAL ORGAN COMPETITION **SATURDAY, MAY 22** **11:00 a.m.**

Three talented high school students have been chosen to compete this year for scholarships sponsored by Storrs Congregational Church (\$1,500 First Prize) and the American Guild of Organists. In a time when many churches are experiencing difficulty finding someone who has the ability to play the "King of Instruments" it is indeed inspiring to hear these young people. You are warmly invited to attend and listen. The level of technical ability and musicianship heard at this nationally advertised competition is quite astonishing. Each competitor will play a 30 minute program for a panel of three jurors. Repertoire this year includes works by Bach, Biery, Dupré, Duruflé, and Widor. Thank you for leadership role of this church in encouraging young organists and future church musicians. Sponsored by the Music Board!

Blessings,

Trisha

Dr. Patricia Snyder



KEEP THOSE PLEDGES COMING!

As we enter May and proceed through the summer, pledge income often lags behind targets. In fact, as of the end of March we were already about \$8,500 behind where we should be. Our budget is based on pledge income of \$281,000 spread evenly across the year. Our expenses (particularly salaries) are generally steady throughout the year. Therefore, it is important that pledges be kept up to date or we will have to draw on limited reserves while we wait for pledges to catch up. So, I encourage you to try to keep your pledges up to date as we go through the summer. If you pledge monthly, quarterly or semi-annually, try to pay your pledge early in the period. And if you are expecting a tax refund you might consider using it to cover your pledge. Thank you for your continuing generous support of our church.

Keep Your
Pledge
Up to Date

David Jordan, Treasurer.



ANNUAL SPRING FAIR:

***PLANTS, BAKED GOODS, TAG SALE, BRUNCH CAFÉ,
HANDMADE GIFTS***

MAY 8, 2010, 8:30-11:00 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!!!!!!

Please remember to pot division plants, donate to the bake sale, and the tag sale, and provide gifts and books. Donated items prior to the sale can be put in the Lounge or in Room 106 in the Education Wing.

Volunteers are still needed.

*Please contact Dianne Sprague, Event Coordinator, at 401-447-4421 or email at dispraguew@gmail.com.
THANKS!!!!!!*

Just So You Know...

This week, mid-April, we shipped off to the National Church World Service (CWS) Warehouse in Maryland the many kits assembled with the help of the congregation.

There were 56 School Kits – colorful bags made by Service Sewing, filled with paper, pencils, crayons, scissors, eraser and ruler. CWS values these kits at \$13.00 each - \$728.00 value.

We contributed 61 Health Kits, 51 with this shipment and 10 sent out right after the Haiti earthquake. These kits are valued at \$671.00.

A special Thank You to all who took a ziplock bag and filled it with towel, washcloth, comb, nail clipper, soap, toothbrush and band-aids!

Finally, we wrapped 14 layettes in the receiving blankets made by Service Sewing. Long gowns and sweaters were also made here. Added to the “bundles” were cloth diapers, short shirts & washcloths, all held together with diaper pins. The value for each is \$39.00 - \$546.00 value.

The total for all three, plus \$2.00 per kit to help with shipping - \$262.00 – for a grand total contribution of \$2,207.00. **WOW!!!**

Thanks to all who helped.

**Marge Brown, Patty Tanaka, Jan Muller,
Dianne Sprague, Elaine Brand, May Guttay**

Eastern District Study Meeting:

JOSHUA SERIES

Monday, June 7th – First Church of Christ – MANSFIELD, 9:30 till 1 pm

PROGRAM: “Praying in Color” with Gloria Bent

Bag Lunch - \$1.00 Registration, astern District Board Meeting follows from 1- 2 pm

Contact: Julie Evans, 860-889-1636 daisy.01@snet.net



“God’s Church in a Strange Land: 7 Ways to Thrive”

May 8, 2010 9 AM – 4:30 PM

First Congregational Church of Madison
26 Meetinghouse Lane

143rd Spring Annual Meeting and Gathering
Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ
www.ctucc.org



▲ Come be equipped to face the challenges of today’s church.

▲ Learn about ways to grow the church in this wilderness that is today’s world.

▲ Learn how we identify and equip leadership for the church of today and tomorrow.

Keynote Speakers

The Rev. Stephen L. Sterner is Executive Minister of the United Church of Christ’s Local Church Ministries. Local Church Ministries encourages and supports UCC congregations in the fulfillment of God’s mission. Steve believes the United Church of Christ is at a critical and exciting moment in its history. Local Church Ministries has as its charge the ministry of supporting and strengthening local congregations in their transforming work.

The Rev. Cameron Trimble is the executive co-director of the Center for Progressive Renewal, a church planting and resourcing organization affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Rev. Trimble is convinced that the future of the progressive mainline Church is dependent upon our ability to cultivate the highest quality of leadership in both ordained and lay leadership.





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
May 2 nd		Klimkiewicz		Donna Latincsics			Paul Schur
May 9 th			Eileen Griffin	Donna Latincsics			
May 16 th		CE Board		Donna Latincsics			
May 23 rd		Susan, Lindsay & Emily Irvine		Donna Latincsics			
May 30 th							



GENEROUS RESPONSE TO HAITI EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Thanks to all who donated to the UCC appeal for assistance following the disastrous earthquake in Haiti. Our congregation contributed \$2,855 to this effort.

Your generosity helps make a real difference in people's lives.



Thank You!



Talent Show!

**** TALENT SHOW – SCC has Talent! ****

When: Saturday May 15, 2010

5:40-6:15 – Children of the Church Recital

6:30 – 8:30 – SCC has Talent

NOTE: There will be a rehearsal after church on Sunday May 2, at 11:30 AM.

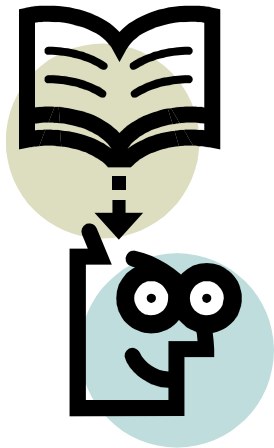
Please plan to join this fun-filled evening of entertainment. Performances will feature the many talents of our very own Trisha Snyder, Pastor Karen, and Dr. Jay who will be joined by Master of Ceremonies Robin Blomstrann other members and friends of our congregation and of the Korean Church!

For those who may not wish to perform on stage we need an audience!

Finally, in conjunction with the Ice Cream Sundae Intermission we are hosting a Brownie Bake-off! Please bring Brownies to the kitchen at 6:20 PM.

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY AVAILABLE IN MAY



Communication to support each other, to coordinate events and tasks, to share ideas and to spiritually grow with each other is increasingly an important part of our church life. **The printed Directory will be available for pickup by members and friends in the lounge in mid May. If you prefer to have the final Directory emailed to you for electronic reference, simply send an E-mail to the church office (SCCOffice@storrcongchurch.org) with “Email me my Directory” in the subject area.**

A draft is available for proof reading before final print and electronic distribution. Should you wish to help review the directory before printing let Pam Roberts know (drpampt@charter.net). Please offer you thanks to Dianne Sprague (dispraguew@gmail.com) for the multiple hours of data entry she accomplished during March and April – another goal met!

Your generosity helps make a real difference in people's lives.

Storrs Congregational Church presents . . . OLIVER!



“There are so many exciting aspects of *OLIVER!*, I don’t know where to begin,” enthuses Louise Wright, co-Producer for the 2010 Storrs Congregational Church production. “For starters, our *Godspell* directors—Allison Burchell-Robinson, David Vaughan, and Erin Scholes— are back!”

The musical production is based on the novel *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens. Oliver is a young workhouse orphan who draws attention to himself when he asks for more to eat. No one likes a greedy orphan, so the parish sells him to an undertaker. He runs away, and is taken in by a group of pickpockets. Eventually Oliver escapes from the crime ring and finds love, happiness, and a home. Dickens wrote the dark and sometimes graphic novel in the mid 1800s to expose the hardships of the London poor. The book’s happy ending seems incongruous after the long series of sordid episodes. The stage version, with music and lyrics by Lionel Bart, is considerably more upbeat.

“After *Godspell*, a few people suggested that we sponsor a production with more parts for children,” explains Louise. “That’s one reason why we decided on *OLIVER!*, which features dozens of opportunities for young people. We hope to see many youngsters at our auditions.”

Auditions will be held in the Meetinghouse on 2 North Eagleville Road, Storrs on:
Saturday, **May 1**, 10-2; Sunday, **May 2**, 1-4; Saturday, **June 5**, 10-2; Sunday, **June 6**, 1-4.

Parts include:

Oliver Twist (Boy Soprano, C4 - F#5, age 9-13) Pious, charming workhouse boy. Small for his age.

Fagin (Baritone C3 - F4, 50+) A conniving career criminal. His charm hides a cold heart.

Nancy (Alto G3 - G5, 30) An abused career thief, but noble and likeable. Wise beyond her years.

The Artful Dodger (Soprano Bb4 - Eb5, 15, cockney accent) Clever and charming pickpocket.

Mr. Bumble (Baritone, C3 - A5, 40 - 50s) The pompous, self-important beadle. Chubby.

Mrs. Corney (Soprano, D4 - F5, 40 - 50s) The matron of the workhouse. Hypocritical, callous, demanding.

Bill Sykes (Baritone A3 - D4, 30-50) Brutal, menacing professional burglar reared in Fagin's gang.

Bet (Alto, 16) One of Fagin's child pickpockets, idolizes Nancy.

Mrs. Bedwin (Soprano, 45-60) Mr. Brownlow's kindhearted, motherly housekeeper.

Mr. Sowerberry (Baritone C3 - F4, 40-50) The undertaker to whom Oliver is apprenticed.

Mrs. Sowerberry (Soprano C4 - F5, 40 - 50) Mean, judgmental, henpecks her husband.

Charlotte Sowerberry (14 - 17) The Sowerberrys' slovenly daughter

Noah Claypole A charity boy and Mr. Sowerberry's apprentice. A pimply, overgrown, cowardly bully.

Mr. Brownlow (non-singing, 50+) A well-off, compassionate, sensible, gentleman.

Street Vendors (may be doubled with other parts): **Strawberry Seller** (Soprano), **Rose Seller** (Soprano),

Milk Maid (Mezzo/Alto), **Knife Grinder** (Baritone/Bass), **Long Song Seller** (Baritone).

Other Characters: Dr. Grimwig, Chales Bates, Old Sally, Old Lady, policemen, workhouse boys, Fagin's boys

For more information about the auditions, contact: Allison Burchell-Robinson: allwall5@aol.com; David Vaughan: dhvaughan@charter.net; Erin Scholes: erinrachel410@yahoo.com

If you are not an actor, but would like to participate behind-the-scenes, contact co-Producers Louise Wright (retdet@yahoo.com) or Holly Matthews (holly.matt@sbcglogal.net).

Storrs Congregational Church Council Meeting
March 16, 2010
Minutes

Present:

Louise Wright (Chair)
Pam Roberts (Vice Chair)
Bob. Malecki (Member At Large)
Dave Jordan (Treasurer)
Lynn Brown (Deacons Rep)
Trudy Lamb (Women's Fellowship Rep)
Chuck Vinsonhaler (Clerk)

Paulla Dixon (Fellowship Rep)
Rich Cowles (Properties Rep)
Dick Roberts (Music Rep)
Dr. Jay Terbush (Interim Senior. Pastor)
Dr. Karen Bailey-Francois (Int. Assoc Pastor)
Ed Tomastik (Finance Board Rep)

1. Called to Order by Louise Wright at 7:02 P.M.

2. Meditation and Candle Lighting: Karen lit the 1st candle representing the Light of God, the spiritual guidance we invite to all our meetings. She also introduced a cup of life, a bowl of cleansing and a pitcher of blessings that filled the cup to overflowing. Pam lit the 2nd candle reminding us of God's many gifts to us as Council members with responsibilities for using those gifts well. Paulla lit the 3rd candle representing the entire congregation, each of whom hold God's gift of light.

3. Additions to the Agenda: Hosting a Windham Association meeting on May 16 was added to old business, and a letter of resignation was added to new business.

4. Review of Council Minutes (January 17, 2010): Lynn moved and Dave seconded that we approve the Minutes of February 23, 2010 as amended to show that a CE representative was not in attendance. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Present to Speak: None.

6. Old Business

- a. **Senior Pastor.** Dr. Jay described joint efforts with Karen to create meaningful Easter worship services, including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and two services on Easter Sunday. Next Dr. Jay asked the Council about looking at the organizational structure of the church. Is this a priority? A lengthy discussion followed. Dave, Rich and Louise all pointed out the need for extensive information gathering as part of the process. Lynn noted that the church has gone through many changes recently and members may feel some reluctance to undertake yet another. Dr. Jay said he had heard a number of requests to improve committee structure and assignments and would like to bring forward some ideas to the Council. Louise spoke in favor of holding off on this initiative, but others saw no harm in looking at information collected by Dr. Jay. Trudy noted that there is reorganization literature that might help, and singled out the 3-year term for board and committee members as a specific item for review. In the end, Pam, Louise, Bob and Dr. Jay agreed to meet to discuss how the information gathering might begin, with Pastor Karen bringing up some ways that small groups could begin the process.

Dr. Jay next asked about what the congregation was saying about him and Karen. Several people underscored the positive feeling about both ministers, especially that Karen seems such a wonderful fit. Dr. Jay asked for input about the Church in general. Dick R. spoke on the Music Board's desire to show off the new facilities and strengthen youth programs. Dave Jordan noted that a decision needs to be made about the Assistant Treasurer. Pam raised the issue of central and coordinated publicity. In response to a question about Christian Education by Ed, Louise briefly reviewed recent history of that board and noted that she, Nancy Titchen and Karen are rebuilding that program.

As his final issue, Jay asked that the Council determine where to go with the Behavioral Covenant that was adopted by the previous Council and some of the individual boards and committees. Should the Covenant be brought before the entire congregation?

b. Interim Associate Minister's Report. Karen is enjoying her nascent adventure at Storrs Congregational. She has begun visiting parishioners at Mansfield Rehab and elsewhere.

c. Senior Pastor Search Committee: Bob Malecki reported that the committee has evaluated over 40 applications and has established some phone contacts. They continue to meet once a week and would appreciate prayers for God's guidance of their work.

d. Welcoming All: Pam reported that her committee is following up on pledges and will do a sensitive mailing to remind pledgers to send in what they have promised or a revised pledge. The finances are in good shape and the committee is optimistic about meeting its goal to pay off all Welcoming All costs by the end of the 3-year campaign period. More detail is shown in the WA Treasurer's documents distributed with the Council packet. Pam offered to answer any questions. There were none.

e. Building Committee: Update given by Pam for Stacy Malecki, who was unable to attend; 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. Problem was probably caused by the elevator installation and will be the responsibility of the contractor. Repair of flooring and steam leak should be done together. Anyone concerned about an activity that might be impacted by the problem should contact Stacy Malecki. Pam will pass along food packing needs on the Saturday before Palm Sunday, along with a request that the project wait until after Easter if possible.

f. Windham Association. Lynn noted that the Windham Association has been invited to hold its May 16 meeting at Storrs Congregational. Our Korean Church brethren may provide food as a fund raising effort.

7. New Business.

a. Space and Facilities Action Plan.

1. Bulletin Boards. Pam began with a report on the Bulletin Board Assignment Scheme. The goal is to use space for useful information which is up to date. Boards and other groups will make decisions about their board space and this should not be a burden, but an opportunity. Groups could work out rotating responsibility based on season, events, etc. Pam's group made the following assumptions: (1) Work only with the bulletin boards currently available and see how it goes; (2) No bulletin board will be put up on the large wall over the bench in the vestibule; (3) If a group would like space and available space is insufficient, contact Pam.
2. Memorial Room. Based on a request from Pam, Dave moved and Rich C. seconded a motion to Authorize Council Chairperson to appoint a Work Group to follow through on changes to the Memorial Room to increase functional use while respecting historic context. Motion passed unanimously. Pam will continue contacts with persons who have been recommended or volunteered and provide Louise with a list of those willing to serve.
3. Art Work. Pam recommended that the next priority for Space and Facilities be to examine the artwork in our buildings. Tasks include decisions on displaying or storing or getting rid of art work currently in the buildings, stored or on display. Coordination with the Memorial Room work group is essential.

b. FUNd-raising 2010. Pam reported progress toward the \$10,000 churchwide fundraising goal.

- a. Proposed Activities. Efforts include a production of Oliver in November and a chamber concert sometime in October. Other possibilities include a theatre dinner with Oliver, a pasta supper with the chamber concert or stand-alone, and a cobbler dessert sale at the Festival on the Lawn. Women's Fellowship has promised 25% of the profits from their two large events to support the fundraising goal. Thank you Women's Fellowship! Stacey Malecki expects the Talent Show will contribute some income also. A full report with estimates per activity will be available in April.

- b. Musical seed money. On behalf of the Music Board, Dick R. proposed to the Council that a seed money fund for future productions be started as a separate line item. The concept is that the funded amount invested by the Music Board in Oliver, from whatever source, would not flow to the event net income line, but rather would be retained and reserved in a separate fund for use in support of the next similar event. This insures retention of the “principle” to avoid erosion of available funds over time. Louise explained that starting a separate fund was also the intent of the Oliver producers. Louise also indicated that arrangements to meet the Music Board request have already been set in place.
 - c. Oliver Tithe. Production staff for Oliver decided 10% of profits should go back to the community. Input on recipients of this tithe money is welcome. The production staff and the Outreach Board will cooperate on selection of recipients.
- c. Letter of resignation. The council received a letter from Nancy Tomastik who asked to resign from Christian Education. After some discussion, Lynn moved and Ed seconded a motion to accept the resignation. Christian Education is communicating with Nancy on this matter. Council also has an opportunity to check with her. With this communication in mind, Pam moved to table the motion, second by Paulla. Motion to table passed 5-4, two abstentions.
8. Treasurer’s report. Dave reported no problems. The balance sheet for February looks fine. Dave will send Council members a copy of the income and expense sheet each month.
 9. Council Chair’s report. Thanks to Paulla and Fellowship for sponsoring the True Colors workshop held on campus. Louise asked that members check the April calendar. The following changes were noted.
 - Maundy Thursday dinner is at 6 pm
 - There is a potluck on April 25
 - The Soup Kitchen date is April 17Louise noted that a decision will soon be required on the probation status of the office administrator. The choices are: (i) extend probation; (ii) hire permanently; (iii) terminate employment. Rich Cowles moved and Ed seconded a motion that the Personnel Committee be empowered to act on the office administrator’s probation on behalf of the Council. Motion passed unanimously.
 10. Pastor Karen led us in closing prayer.
 11. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 20, 2010 @7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Vinsonhaler, Clerk

Storrs Congregational Church Special Council Meeting
April 6, 2010
Minutes

Present:

Louise Wright (Chair)
Pam Roberts (Vice Chair)
Bob. Malecki (Member At Large)
Lynn Brown (Deacons Rep)
Paulla Dixon (Fellowship Rep)
Jaimie Lang-Rodean (Church Growth)
Chuck Vinsonhaler (Clerk)

Rich Cowles (Properties Rep)
Dick Roberts (Music Rep)
Dr. Jay Terbush (Interim Senior. Pastor)
Betty Robinson (Outreach)

Ed Tomastik (Finance Board Rep)
Linda Malloy (Pastoral Relations)

1. Called to Order by Louise Wright at 6:31 P.M.

2. Meditation and Candle Lighting: Dr Jay read from Galatians 2. We live by faith as followers of Christ. Jay then lit 3 candles of gratitude: One for Pastor Karen's ministry with us; one for those of us gathered to transact council business; one for the risen Christ.

3. New Business.

- **Temporary Office Assistant.** A background discussion was offered by Louise. She explained that Personnel, in reviewing the probationary appointment of Debbie Hlobic, found that Debbie is not a good fit for our church, despite her numerous talents. Thus, Debbie will no longer be employed by Storrs Congregational. In light of these facts, Louise asked for and received the following motion from Lynn Brown: **that the Personnel Committee together with Dr. Jay and Dave Jordan be authorized to hire a temporary office assistant.** Second by Ed Tomastik.

Discussion of the motion brought to light the following:

- a. Pam has offered to recruit volunteers to staff the office until a temporary assistant is hired.
- b. A temp agency, JobPro, has been contacted. We will pay \$17.87 per hour.
- c. Dave Jordan (Treasurer) has determined that there is money in the budget to cover the temp salary.
- d. Sixteen weeks is the standard contract length for a temp. Payment is pro-rated for shorter contracts.
- e. Thirty hours a week will be expected to keep the hours of the office the same.
- f. For now, keeping the office organized is ahead of book-keeping as a priority.
- g. A letter went out today informing the congregation that Debbie is no longer working for SCC.
- h. Jaimie, Louise, and Dr. Jay thanked all those involved in this difficult process.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Closing Prayer. Dr. Jay led us.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 20, 2010 @7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Vinsonhaler, Clerk

News from Christian Education:



Sunday May 16 is our last day of Sunday school for the year. We will be having teacher appreciation day on that day.

Adult education is a fun and thought provoking place to be on Sunday mornings before church as reported by Pastor Karen. Cafe Storrs is another excellent discussion arena.

Great News! JPF (Junior Pilgrim Fellowship) has started again. A group of 5-8 graders got together on Friday April 16 with a few members of the SPF and Pastor Karen and Louise Wright. They enjoyed an evening of music, discussion and ice cream. They will be meeting again on Friday May 14th from 7-9. If you know of any 5th-8th graders, please let Pastor Karen or Louise know so that they may be invited to attend.

SPF is planning their spring and end of year retreat at Enders Island for Memorial Day weekend.

Vacation Bible School: Come one, come All! Come to Jerusalem to sell your wares, learn about this amazing teacher, Jesus. Come to the market place! Bring your family, friends, come by yourself. Just be there. June 21-24, 6-8 pm (we will meet at 6 for a light meal and fellowship- program will start at 6:45) This is an intergenerational program with something for everyone. We will be learning about Jesus' life through activities around the market place. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a nominal fee to cover expenses. Watch for more information in the coming month.

Happy Spring



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.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARIES:

John & Harriett Brubacher May 11

BIRTHDAYS:

Alison Kuhn	May 1	Ridg Davis	May 18
Ariana Javidi	May 1	David Heng Litrico	May 18
Anna Keyes	May 2	Emily Irvine	May 19
Bradley Johnson	May 3	Mason Babbitt	May 20
Elizabeth Norris	May 3	Eric Abell	May 20
Kleoniki Nikolaidis	May 4	Todd Mickel	May 20
Katie Ryder	May 4	Harriet Brubacher	May 21
Chase Klimkiewicz	May 5	Sarah Elliot	May 21
Lindsey Johnson	May 5	Elaine Greer	May 22
Brittany Castle	May 6	Kayla Redanz-Swett	May 22
Kris Lynes	May 6	Marion Outerson	May 22
Victor Scottron	May 6	Catherine Longley-Cook	May 23
Clifford Pellegrine	May 6	Ruskin Storrs	May 23
Bettejane Karnes	May 7	Marissa Muller	May 24
Jessie Gifford	May 7	May Guttay	May 25
Lloyd Duff	May 7	Jessie Daniels	May 26
Morgan Acklen	May 7	Margaret Taylor	May 26
Poppy Whitaker	May 7	Caitlin Sleight	May 27
Jason Rucker	May 8	Alaina Klimkiewicz	May 27
Chauncy Rucker	May 9	Elliot Clark	May 27
Charlene Dickenson	May 10	Vida Javidi	May 27
Nicole Proulx	May 10	Victoria Chilinski	May 27
Derek Newcomb	May 11	Aaron Ferguson	May 28
Jonas Goes	May 11	Nancy Tomastik	May 28
Bob Guttay	May 12	Aline Booth	May 29
Natalie Nikolaidis	May 12	Bryan Huey	May 29
Christine Guyette	May 14	Kristin Tingley	May 29
Gretchen (Schur) Leming	May 15		
Kenneth Larson	May 15		
Mary Thatcher	May 16		
Tyler Thorson	May 17		
Katherine Bakken	May 17		

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.

May 2010

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p>◆ 10:00AM Oliver / Auditions (Aud. Lounge, Meeting House)</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; color: red; text-align: center;">1</p>
<p>▼ 9:00AM Adult Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p>▼ 9:00AM Adult Education - "Living Your Faith" (Room 201)</p> <p>▼ 10:00AM Worship (Communion)</p> <p>▼ 10:20AM Church School Classes</p> <p>▼ 11:00AM Library Open & Fellowship Hour</p> <p>▼ 11:15AM Chime Choir (Rm 106)</p> <p>▼ 11:30AM New Member Orientation</p> <p>◆ 1:00PM Oliver / Auditions (Aud. Lounge, Meeting House)</p> <p>▼ 4:30PM Korean Fellowship (Lounge)</p>	<p>▼ 10:00AM Service Sewing (Ecker Sewing Room)</p> <p>▼ 6:00PM Church Growth (Off site)</p> <p>◆ 9:00PM UCCUConn (Lounge)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">3</p>	<p>▼ 9:30AM Library Open</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">4</p>	<p>▼ 9:00AM Quilters (2nd Floor Education Building)</p> <p>▼ 10:30AM Cafe Storrs Bible Study (Library)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">5</p>	<p>◆ 9:00AM Spring Fair Set up (Lounge, Aud, Ed Rm 106)</p> <p>▼ 6:30PM Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p>▼ 7:30PM Adult Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p>▼ 7:30PM Christian Fellowship (Library)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">6</p>	<p>◆ 9:00AM Spring Fair Set Up (Lounge, Aud, Ed Rm 106)</p> <p>▼ 6:00PM Korean Fellowship (Lounge & Classrooms)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">7</p>	<p>◆ 8:30AM Spring Fair (Lounge, Aud, Ed Rm 106)</p> <p>◆ 11:00AM Spring Fair Clean up (Lounge, Aud, Ed Rm 106)</p> <p>◆ 6:00PM Confirmation Dinner (Lounge)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; color: red; text-align: center;">8</p>
<p>UConn Undergrad Confirmation</p> <p>CWS Blankets + Socks</p> <p>▼ 9:00AM Adult Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p>▼ 9:00AM Adult Education - "Living Your Faith" (Room 201)</p> <p>▼ 10:00AM Worship</p> <p>▼ 10:20AM Church School Classes</p> <p>▼ 11:00AM Library Open & Fellowship Hour</p> <p>▼ 11:30AM Christian Outreach (Lounge)</p> <p>▼ 4:30PM Korean Fellowship (Lounge)</p>	<p>◆ 9:00AM Spring Fair Clean up (Lounge, Aud, Ed Rm 106)</p> <p>▼ 7:00PM Finance (Lounge)</p> <p>▼ 7:00PM Properties (Rm 201 Ed Bldg)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">10</p>	<p>▼ 9:30AM Library Open</p> <p>▼ 6:00PM Music Board (Library)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">11</p>	<p>▼ 9:00AM Quilters (2nd Floor Education Building)</p> <p>▼ 10:30AM Cafe Storrs Bible Study (Library)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">12</p>	<p>◆ 4:00PM Pastoral Relations Committee (Library)</p> <p>▼ 6:30PM Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p>▼ 7:30PM Adult Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">13</p>	<p>▼ 6:00PM Korean Fellowship (Lounge & Classrooms)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">14</p>	<p>Carillon Deadline-4</p> <p>◆ 3:00PM Talent Show (Auditorium)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; color: red; text-align: center;">15</p>
<p>Church Sch. Ends</p> <p>▼ 9:00AM Adult Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p>▼ 9:00AM Adult Education - "Living Your Faith" (Room 201)</p> <p>▼ 10:00AM Worship</p> <p>▼ 10:20AM Church School Classes</p> <p>▼ 11:00AM Library Open & Fellowship Hour</p> <p>▼ 11:30AM Christian Ed (Rm 201 Ed Bldg)</p> <p>▼ 4:30PM Korean Fellowship (Lounge)</p>	<p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">17</p>	<p>▼ 9:30AM Library Open</p> <p>▼ 7:00PM Council Mtg (Lounge)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">18</p>	<p>▼ 9:00AM Quilters (2nd Floor Education Building)</p> <p>▼ 10:30AM Cafe Storrs Bible Study (Library)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">19</p>	<p>◆ 9:00AM LCJMOC (Mtg House)</p> <p>▼ 6:30PM Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p>▼ 7:00PM AA Meeting (Room 201)</p> <p>▼ 7:30PM Adult Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">20</p>	<p>◆ 9:00AM LCJMOC (Mtg House)</p> <p>▼ 6:00PM Korean Fellowship (Lounge & Classrooms)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">21</p>	<p>LCJMOC</p> <p>◆ 7:00AM LCJMOC (Mtg House, Lounge, Ed Building)</p> <p>◆ 1:00PM LCJMOC wind up and clean up</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; color: red; text-align: center;">22</p>
<p>Pentecost Sunday</p> <p>▼ 9:00AM Adult Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p>▼ 9:00AM Adult Education - "Living Your Faith" (Room 201)</p> <p>▼ 10:00AM Worship</p> <p>▼ 11:00AM Library Open & Fellowship Hour</p> <p>▼ 4:30PM Korean Fellowship (Lounge)</p>	<p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">24</p>	<p>▼ 9:00AM Carillon Mailed Out</p> <p>▼ 9:30AM Library Open</p> <p>▼ 11:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library)</p> <p>▼ 7:00PM Deacons (Library)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">25</p>	<p>▼ 9:00AM Quilters (2nd Floor Education Building)</p> <p>▼ 10:30AM Cafe Storrs Bible Study (Library)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">26</p>	<p>▼ 6:30PM Adult Handbell Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p>▼ 7:00PM AA Meeting (Room 201)</p> <p>▼ 7:30PM Adult Choir (Sanctuary)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">27</p>	<p>SPF Retreat</p> <p>▼ 6:00PM Korean Fellowship (Lounge & Classrooms)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">28</p>	
<p>SPF Retreat</p> <p>▼ 9:00AM Adult Education - "Living Your Faith" (Room 201)</p> <p>▼ 10:00AM Worship</p> <p>▼ 11:00AM Library Open & Fellowship Hour</p> <p>▼ 4:30PM Korean Fellowship (Lounge)</p>	<p>Memorial Day (Obs)</p> <p style="font-size: 3em; text-align: center;">31</p>					

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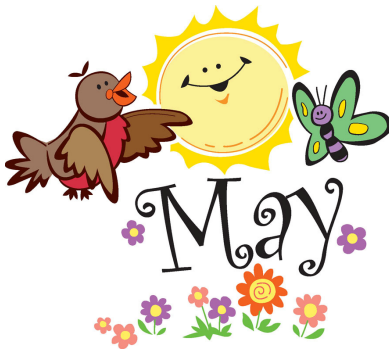
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Happy Mother's Day

A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us when troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts.

--**Washington Irving**

All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother.

--**Abraham Lincoln**

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.

--**George Washington**