

The Carillon



June 2011

Storrs Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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June ‘Special Events’ at SCC

- June 4th Covenant Soup Kitchen (p.9)
- June 5th Properties Clean-Up Day
after worship ~ lunch provided
- June 12th Strengthen the Church Offering
(see insert)
 - Korean Church Reception,
5:00 p.m., Parish House
- June 13th Picnic Supper Fundraiser
5:45 p.m., Auditorium
 - Mansfield Middle School Chamber
Choir, 6:15 p.m., Auditorium
 - Desserts in the Courtyard
7:00 p.m., SCC Courtyard
 - Carillon Concert, 7:15 p.m.
- June 14th Flag Day
- June 18th Summer Food Packing
9:00 a.m., Auditorium
- June 19th Summer Food Distribution
11:30 a.m., Lounge

Happy Father’s Day!
- June 22nd First Day of Summer!
- June 25th Reception for Pastor Karen
5:00 p.m., Parish House
- June 30th UCC General Synod



June Worship at Storrs Congregational Church

June 5: The 7th Sunday of Easter/Ascension – Holy Communion

Pastor Matt preaches as we see the Ascension of Jesus, asking what it means for us that God has seated Christ at God’s “right hand in the heavenly places”. Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23 and Acts 1:1-11.

June 12: Pentecost Sunday — SPF Retreat Sunday

We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, embodied in the Spirit’s work in and among our senior high youth, as the Senior Pilgrim Fellowship leads worship following their spring retreat.

We also receive our annual Pentecost offering, known as “Strengthen The Church”, supporting the continued mission and vitality of the United Church of Christ in new and renewing congregations.

June 19: Holy Trinity Sunday

Pastor Matt preaches and, the Holy Spirit having come at Pentecost, we celebrate the fullness and mystery of God known as Trinity. We also celebrate the holy baptism of Gavin Guilmette. Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20.

June 26: The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Having made our way through the fullness of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle, we resume our journey through the “ordinary time” of the year. Pastor Karen and Pastor Matt again offer an engaging dialogue exploration of the scriptures, and we will receive some new members into the congregation.

Reception for Pastor Karen Saturday, June 25, 5:00 p.m., Parish House



All members and friends of Storrs Congregational Church are invited to a reception to celebrate Pastor Karen’s remarkable ministry here. There will be hors d’oeuvres, desserts, a short program, and an opportunity to participate in what Karen has termed her “good goodbye.” Plan to attend.



Seasons of Stewardship

Pentecost: Power

Associated originally with the Jewish festival that began when the first fruits of the harvest were presented to God, **Pentecost** for Christians is a celebration of the “first fruits” of the resurrection: the gift of the Holy Spirit, which is the power of God made known in Jesus—“the power of the power of life itself,” as Frederick Buechner puts it. Known by its fruit, the Holy Spirit is manifest in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

Too often the stewardship work of the church tries to turn on the lights of greater giving when the power is off. New methods of enlisting support, new programs to motivate financial commitment, new ways of doing a fall campaign—all these efforts falter and ultimately fail without the energy that inspires giving in the first place: the joy of the Spirit, God’s power made ours. Giving that is not “pentecostal” is merely adequate and often meager. Generosity is a fruit of the Spirit.

In the secular world, morale is called the key to better giving. In the church “morale” is called Spirit, without which the challenge of giving becomes a plea for support, largely unheeded. Spiritual vitality is the precondition of financial vitality. The number one stewardship task of the church is to build morale: to enhance a sense of God’s Spirit, making sure the atmosphere and attitude of the local congregation express and nurture an experience of God’s power.

This means that stewardship is hardly the monopoly of one committee. It is the responsibility of every committee and group and individual, indeed the very heart of the church’s ministry. The quality of Sunday worship, the vitality of the ministries of faith formation, how well the church enjoys and celebrates its life together, how well the church presence and promotes understanding of its own part in God’s mission, how effectively faith can be shown to strengthen life at home, on the joy, in the community—all these are issues bearing on an experience of the presence of God. Where that experience is thin, giving is thinner, and any emphasis on “stewardship” simply depletes further the limited energy of the congregation.

How strong is the power that “turns on the lights” in your congregation? How vibrant is a sense of God’s presence? During the long season following Pentecost, what is sowed is an awareness that the goodness and mercy of God are a very present power at work in the world and in each of our lives ... right now. What is reaped are “fruits of the Spirit,” among which is generosity—giving founded and grounded in firsthand knowledge of the love of God. Gifted by God with a sense of divine presence, we offer ourselves in praise, living for the glory of God as people who know the richness of life at its best.

Stewardship is not a program. It is not another of the many projects and activities making up the church’s life. It is a way of life. It defines how we understand who we are and what we have; it motivates and molds what we do. Just as there are seasons in the calendar year, so are there seasons in the church year, times that color and shape our experience of God. More sensitive to the rhythms and moods of these seasons, we can become wiser in the different ways we experience the fullness of life in the spirit of Christ. Gifted by God with the assurance of this abundance, we offer ourselves in praise, reaping and sowing a harvest of generosity beyond anything we dreamed possible.

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HAVE A MINUTE?

Thoughts from Pastor Matt...

June is, in so many arenas of life, a time of transition—graduations and vacations, the beginnings of new activities and the pausing of others. This year, even the church’s liturgical calendar places a number of major “transition” observances at our feet in the month of June: on June 5th, we’ll stand with the disciples as they watch the bodily form of the risen Christ depart from them in Jesus’ Ascension; then the following week, we again stand with those disciples as God’s Holy Spirit comes onto the scene in the wind-blown, fire-tongued glory of Pentecost; then, after taking a week to celebrate God-as-Trinity, we transition back into the trek through ‘ordinary time’ that we left back in early March when Lent began.

Of course, I know that it is another impending transition that is on many of our minds. Indeed, this month brings us toward the final phases of Pastor Karen’s ministry with and among us. Karen’s last Sunday here will be July 10th, so this isn’t quite the end yet, but we will be having our “farewell” celebration with her and her family on Saturday, June 25th (Karen’s schedule didn’t permit doing it on her last Sunday).

Many of us—if not all of us—are going to be sad to see Karen’s time among us end. You all have had the privilege of her presence for quite a bit longer than I have myself, but I too feel incredibly gifted to have been able to partner with Karen in these last 5 to 6 months. In preparing to come here, I could not have imagined how wonderful our relationship would be with each other, nor was I quite able to anticipate how huge an asset she would be to me personally, and to us all, through this start-up period. To you all, she has been a pastor, a teacher, and a leader. To me, she has also been a colleague, a listening-ear, a consultant and coach, and—most valuably—a friend.

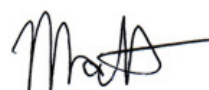
As happens in just about every congregation I’ve known, a few of you have asked the inevitable questions of whether we could just figure out some way to ‘massage the rules’ so that we can ‘keep’ her. Even for me, someone very aware of all the reasons and rationale behind the ethics of interim ministry, it is a tempting thought, after all. But perhaps the transition points that we observe in our liturgical calendar this month provide another frame.

In the version of the story of Jesus that we find in Luke and Acts, some 40 days after the resurrection Jesus “ascended”—he was carried up into heaven. I can only imagine that the disciples wondered why the risen Jesus couldn’t just hang around, doing all the nifty things that he—both pre-resurrection and post-resurrection—was known for. But in the accounts of the Ascension that we read in Luke and in Acts, Jesus makes a couple very important promises.

In Luke’s story, Jesus tells them “I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city **until you have been clothed with power from on high.**” And in Acts, he tells them “**But you will receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Then, as we follow the story forward, the day of Pentecost comes, and the Holy Spirit does indeed clothe the disciples with power, and they do begin a new journey forward, full of the Spirit’s power, to be Jesus’ witnesses to the ends of the earth. Really, in a sense, if Jesus had stuck around, the disciples may never have come into the fullness of the power and witness and ministry that was *theirs* to be had, *theirs* to be carried out, *theirs* to be celebrated.

Now, we all hopefully know that Karen is not Jesus ☺. Neither was Dr. Jay. Nor am I. I think all three of us are probably quite relieved about that—I know I am, at least! Nevertheless, this movement from Easter to Ascension to Pentecost and onward into Ordinary Time mirrors the journey we are on as our long journey of “transition” and “interim ministry” draws to a close. And so we relish and take joy in these last days of Karen’s presence among us and then we stand with a bit of wonder as to why it has to end. But Ascension leads to Pentecost, and Pentecost leads into the new life of the church. We, Christ’s church in this place, will yet again be clothed with power from on high, and the ending of our “interim” time is also the Spirit leading us into a journey that belongs uniquely to us. And this extraordinary journey becomes our “ordinary time”, full of the Spirit’s power, shining forth with our witness to God’s power made known in Christ.

Yours in the journey,



SO WHAT'S GOING ON?

News from Pastor Matt...

- **Staffing Discernment:** Your staffing discernment group (SDG) has begun meeting. The members of this team are: Jan Hoyle, Stacy Malecki, Eileen Metzgar, Zach Vannais, and Ted Yungclass, along with myself and Pastor Karen. We have oriented ourselves to some of the 'lay of the land' as to what we need to process through, and have identified key areas of shared agreement and understanding—thus allowing us to better focus in on the areas that need more discernment. Our next step will be to decide on a process to engage the whole congregation in sharing input and perspectives as to these areas. Hopefully, you should be hearing more about this by mid-June.
- **Shorter-term Staffing Decisions:** As of this writing, we are still looking at our possibilities. The personnel committee and church council are ultimately responsible, but I, Pastor Karen, and the SDG are also giving input into the conversation. We hope to have more information to share with you soon.
- **General Synod:** I will be attending the UCC General Synod this year, and will be away the afternoon of June 29th through the morning of July 6th for that. You can learn more about General Synod in an article elsewhere in this issue of *The Carillon*. Although I have often attended General Synod of my own volition, this year it is a required part of my participation in the *Target 2030 Initiative*.
- **Installation:** The service of Installation will be in the afternoon of Sunday, September 18th. We all hope for as many of you to be there as possible, so... save the date!

Would you like to endow a Choir chair?

The Music Board is purchasing music chairs for the choir rehearsal area in the chancel to replace the ancient and uncomfortable folding chairs which we presently use.

If you would like to support our choristers in making a joyful noise unto the Lord, please make your check payable to the church with "Choir Chairs" on the memo line. The price of a chair is \$80.

Thank you.



PASTOR KAREN'S CONTEMPLATION

During the first week of May I went to Syracuse, NY, for a full and enriching week of Intentional Interim Ministry Training. In my sermon on May 15th and here, in excerpts from that sermon, I talk not so much the training, but about the ministry itself: my ministry, here with you; and your ministry, with me and with one another.

ACTS 8:26-40



²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went.

And he sees a high ranking Ethiopian finance manager who also happened to be a eunuch sitting in a finely appointed chariot trying to sort through what a particular bit of Scripture had to say that might be relevant to him.

²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."

³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him... ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at ...

...The next place to which he was sent by the Spirit.



In this Bible story from the BOOK OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, Philip (one of Jesus' twelve disciples) came when he was called; did what the Spirit needed; extended the grace he'd been given to share through Water and the Word; then he went on to where he was sent to be next.

It's very neat and tidy when we're talking about Philip. It is a little bit harder when we're talking about me.

You see, that circular sequence of being called, coming, caring, hopefully contributing and then continuing on in response to God's next call is precisely what we're in the midst of... and we're coming pretty quickly into the time when I – as the most obvious moving part in this sequence -- will need to continue on.

While we are not there yet, I think we need to talk about this – my leaving – sooner rather than later, now instead of next month. Next month I want to talk about you – all the good work you have done; the fruits of your faithfulness through your transition time; the richness of your ministry and the indelible mark of your care and your caring on the things to which you commit.

This is a remarkable community. I am honored to serve among you. And soon, I will be honored to be sent out by you -- blessed by the indelible marks you have made on me and on my ministry.



But WHY, some may say, if she likes us so much, can't she just stick around?!?!?

Well, some will answer, it's because she signed a contract – that Interim Ministry Contract -- that promised she wouldn't stay... And (a few might note) we signed it too.

Others might recall that the budget doesn't cover "more Karen" for this calendar year.

And a few – who clearly don't know me well or how I feel about you – might simply mumble something like "Sure, she likes us, she just doesn't like us that much."



PASTOR KAREN'S CONTEMPLATION (continued)

Well, the first two points -- the part about the contract and the part about the budget -- are both absolutely true. The third bit is not... but I've got time and extra hugs for anyone who needs a reassuring reminder.

Ultimately, what's happening here -- my coming, my caring, my continuing on -- has nothing to do with budgets or contracts. While valid and important, both are more accurately understood as documentation.

What's binding for you, for me, and for us, is the commitment we made -- first to God and *then* to one another -- to pursue the path we've been set on -- trusting in our heart-of-hearts that our purpose and our place in God's plan will unfold along the way.

Let me say that again -- what's binding for each of us ~ is the commitment we make ~ to pursue the path we've been set on ~ trusting that our purpose and our place in God's plan will unfold along the way.

I've been blessed to have my path meet, merge and in some ways, meld with yours these past many months. More than blessed. I've been changed -- made deeper and stronger and more open in my conviction that God is ever-present, ever-leading, ever-loving and, frankly, ever-pushing me to trust that there *is* a purpose and a place for us each in God's plan.

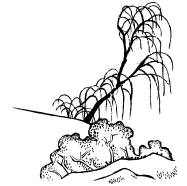


You all have done so much to prepare me for the next part of my journey.

AND/BUT (my favorite combination) -- you're not rid of me yet!

Our paths are still all entangled. **AND** I, for one, am planning to enjoy every moment of our remaining time together. **BUT** you and God called me to be your INTERIM pastor, which means that part of my job -- a very important part -- is helping you

bring closure to your interim process... And that means we need to start sorting out our own paths so that we can be untangled before we get to the fork in the road.



For some of us, this may be hard work... but I have an idea! And -- for purposes of full disclosure -- I confess it's also my homework.

The last part of my formal training for intentional interim ministry is to do a ministry project. When I did one of those for my doctoral degree it took five years and nearly 500 pages. This one will be a bit smaller. And the work that I've been encouraged to do -- by the Holy Spirit, my own assessment, my colleagues and project advisor and my various conversations with many of you -- is to ask you to help me define and document the way that this congregation might experience a good good-bye. And then let's try to do it.

You've done it before. And you've had a few that were, at least for some, not done quite as well.

A good good-bye can be a celebration of all that has come before. A good good-bye allows sadness to be sadness without trying to turn it into something else. A good good-bye honors the relationships that time together has allowed. And a good good-bye invites the peace of a proper ending without diluting the value of the experience that preceded it. A good good-bye blesses everyone involved; it can wash away regrets and disappointments; it can cleanse us of residual "what ifs." And lastly, most importantly, a good good-bye can open our hearts, challenge our minds and free our strength so we can be ready for whatever comes next. Ready for whatever God calls us to next.

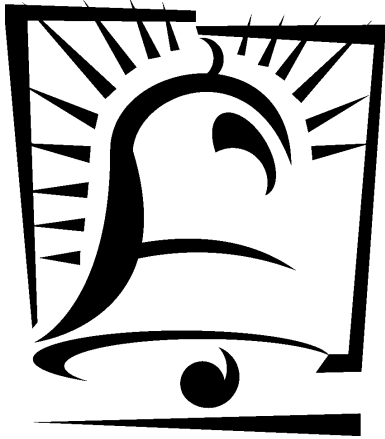
I want that for you. For me. For us. So waddya say? Will you help me with my homework? Help me know what you need to make this a good good-bye. Work with me so, together, we can discover what we each need to make ours a good-good bye. Thank you. And God bless you, always...



Pastor Karen

Storrs Congregational Church presents

CONCERTS ON THE LAWN!



MONDAY, JUNE 13

5:45 – 6:15PM *Auditorium*
Light Dinners available for purchase

Support our FUNdraising chefs!
Reserve in advance by calling the church office

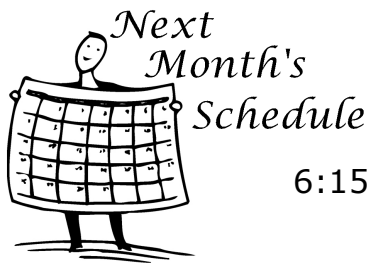
6:15PM *Auditorium*

**MANSFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHAMBER CHOIR**
Ken Johnson, Director

Desserts in the courtyard

7:15PM *On the Lawn*

JON LEHRER, Carillonneur
International laureate!



Coming July 18....

5:45 Picnic Dinners for purchase
6:15 **Dudley Hamlin and the Long River Band**
7:00 Desserts in the Courtyard
7:15 **George Matthews, Carillonneur**

Freewill Donations encouraged.

The historic **Austin Cornelius Dunham Memorial Carillon** was renovated and refurbished this past year by the firm of Meeks and Watson and Company of Georgetown, Ohio. The project included the casting of five new bells to extend the range of instrument to a full three octaves and replacement of the action. The Building and Grounds Committee of the University of Connecticut provided funding for the refurbishment of the carillon that is housed in the church steeple. The carillon was rededicated on April 30th as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the School of Fine Arts at the University of Connecticut. David Maker, Carillonneur-in-Residence of Storrs Congregational Church, and Richard Watson performed for the gala concert.

The **Mansfield Middle School Chamber Choir** performs under the leadership of Director Ken Johnson. This superb ensemble is well-known locally for their polished a capella performances and range of repertoire. They will be performing on the Auditorium stage of the church's Parish House at 6:15PM. After intermission at 7:00 with desserts available for purchase, the audience is invited to listen to the carillon from the lawn at 7:15. Closed circuit TV screens now enable the audience to view the carillonneur playing from on high in the church steeple.

International prize-winning **carillonneur Jon Lehrer** began his carillon studies in 2000 at Yale University. Since graduating with a degree in Mathematics, Jon has been a frequent performer on the carillons of Frederick, Maryland and Arlington Cemetery, Virginia, and has played five concert tours spanning the US, Canada, Belgium, and the Netherlands, Spain, and Germany. Jon is a laureate of four international competitions for carillon, most notably the Queen Fabiola International Carillon Competition, where he was also awarded the SABAM prize for the best interpretation of Flemish carillon music. He is the winner of the 2010 International Carillon competition of the Dutch Carillon Guild, and the highest ranked competitor in the International Alexius Julien Competition for baroque music. Jon graduated with great distinction from the Belgian Royal Carillon School 'Jef Denyn' where he studied with Eddy Marien, Geert D'Hollander, and Koen Cosaert. From 2008-2009 he performed the Cast in Bronze theatrical carillon show on the Mobile Millenium Carillon at Renaissance festivals across the US. In 2010, Jon began work for GeneKey, a company that can genetically analyze a cancer patient's tumor to determine what treatment will be most effective.

Concerts on the Lawn! is sponsored by the Storrs Congregational Church Music Board through the generosity of the Lamb Fund in memory of past UConn carillonneur Jack Lamb. Rain or shine all events begin at 6:15PM and are open to the public. Families are invited to attend with their children and there is a playground on site. Bring your own lawn chairs or a blanket. **New this year!** Light picnic dinners will be available for purchase from 5:45-6:15PM. Dinners can be reserved in advance by calling the church office at 860-429-9382. Deadline June 10. Home-baked desserts will also be available for purchase at intermission. The Carillon begins playing at 7:15PM. A Freewill Donation is encouraged.

**Coming July 18: Dudley Hamlin and the Long River Band
George Matthews. Carillonneur**



Welcoming All Campaign Pledge Update

For a little over two years, we have been reporting to you on the progress of the *Welcoming All Campaign*. We launched the fund raising drive in January of 2009 to raise more than \$1.1 million to install an elevator to make our Parish House and Education buildings accessible to all. The project included other accessibility improvements, such as new restrooms, a ramp, and the addition of a second floor hallway connecting the buildings.

The elevator is in – but we haven't gone to the top yet. The line of credit will be paid off soon, but our responsibility doesn't stop there.

We are pleased to report that since our last announcement in late January; more than \$34,000 in additional funds has been received, bringing total receipts to more than \$1,005,000.

We have now received **more than 91 percent** of our goal.

We also are pleased to report that of the original \$320,000 borrowed to finance construction, outstanding debt is now only \$13,500, which we expect to pay off in the near future.

Welcoming All is more than an elevator. In addition to the building improvements, the congregation also made a commitment to designate the first \$100,000 over and above construction costs for outreach and missions. The congregation will vote on specific uses of these funds.

% of Pledge Paid	% of Pledge Units	No. of Pledge Units
100%	63.4%	71
67-99%	21.4%	24
33-66%	11.6%	13
0-32%	3.6%	4

The terms of our bank loan required that *Welcoming All* income first be applied to reduce our construction debt, however, in a very real sense a portion of every gift already received may be considered as dedicated to the goal of extending Christ's welcoming embrace to the wider community – just as contributions yet to be given also support the construction which has greatly improved access to our buildings

The elevator is in – but we haven't gone to the top yet. The line of credit will be paid off soon, but our responsibility doesn't stop there. To reach our final goal, we need to keep up with our pledge commitments. We've accomplished so much in a relatively short time. Let's keep going together.

The *Welcoming All* Committee: Paul Schur (Co-chair), Mark Roy (Co-chair and publicity), Sue Schur (collector), Jane Scott (collector), Dick Roberts (publicity), Carol Jordan (treasurer), Pam Roberts (Council liaison).

NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY



Thank you for your participation in the “Best Selling Children’s Books 1946-1964”.

By the time you receive this issue of the Carillon the voting results of the SCC Congregation will have been announced. Be sure to check and see if it was your favorite.

The titles published in “American Profile” in August 2009 and eligible for voting are as follows: *The Littlest Angel*; *Goodnight Moon*; *Misty of Chincoteague*; *Where the Wild Things Are*; *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*; *Charlotte’s Web*; *Eloise*; *The Cat in the Hat*; *Are You My Mother*; and *The Giving Tree*. Thank you to

Deborah Gacek for printing the images for use on the bulletin board. We hope you enjoyed this activity.

As you begin to consider your plans for the vacationing months of summer we encourage you to consider the many books we have on places to visit in Connecticut and New England. We also have books on making travel easier with your family and non-fiction and fiction books on settings in our local area.

A new order of books has just arrived in the library and they will be on the shelves very soon for your enjoyment. Look for information on the new acquisitions in the Sunday Bulletin and future issues of the Carillon. Avail yourself of the wonderful, adventurous opportunities of holding a book and a glass of lemonade.

Janet Atkins, Charleen Knapp, Sue Schur, Jane Scott, Jennie Talbot and Joan Webster work in the library and are a sub-committee of the Christian Education Board.

Work/Clean Up Day, Sunday, June 5th

WHEN: Sunday, June 5th, following Fellowship Hour

ATTIRE: Work Clothes (wear them to church or bring a change of clothes)

WHAT WE PLAN TO DO:

- Clean the playground area/remove broken items
- Paint trim
- Clear gardens as needed
- Remove ‘junk’ from church basement, education building attic, etc
- Wash windows

Please bring whatever tools you have to help with any of the tasks listed!

If you are aware of something that needs to be done, please contact a member of the Properties Board, Dudley Hamlin, Don Hoyle, Wes Lang-Rodean, Peter Latincsics, Dick Roberts, Paul Schur

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

(Rain date June 12th)



Imagine What's Possible: God Is Still Speaking,

A preview of the UCC General Synod 28, July 1 – 5 in Tampa, Florida

In about a month, a few thousand members of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, will gather together in Tampa, Florida, for that bi-annual event we call “General Synod”. Some eight to nine hundred of those people will be official delegates—elected by conferences and the boards of directors of the four covenanted ministries that make up our national setting—and the rest will be ‘visitors’, attending as worship leaders, workshop presenters, staff members of ministries, or even just out of personal interest.

But just what is General Synod? Well, in an official sense, the General Synod gathering of a faith community representative of the wider church to listen for and discern the call of God to the United Church of Christ. The General Synod deliberates, discerns, and identifies the mission of the wider church of the United Church of Christ in God’s world and receives and offers suggestions, invitations, challenges, and assistance in covenant with Local Churches, Conferences, and other settings as they engage in mission. It is the “representative body” that directs the work of the national setting of the United Church of Christ. The Synod considers business items that give guidance to the various national offices, including issues of “social witness”; it elects officers; it handles our official ecumenical relationships (that is, our relationships with other denominations); and carries out structural duties, such as amending the Constitution and Bylaws of the UCC. The General Synod also offers a voice from the denomination as a whole to the local churches—but, importantly, in the United Church of Christ, the Synod speaks *to*, but not *for* the local churches: actions of the General Synod do not involuntarily impair our freedom as a local congregation.

But General Synod is also a lot more than this, a lot more than simply a legislative assembly that meets to carry out business. It is also a bit like a family reunion, a ministry fair, a joyful celebration of God’s work in, through, and among us through gatherings, worship, celebration, and community. The Synod agenda has plenty of time for business, but it also includes many worship services, loads of workshops, music concerts, speakers and presentations, storytelling, a gigantic exhibition hall, and more. Back in 2007 when General Synod was in nearby Hartford, a tradition was begun of devoting all day on Saturday to these opportunities for learning and formation, celebration, recreation, mission, and community.

That said, the business that comes before General Synod is important, and not just to the delegates, but to us. Part of our “covenantal” polity we cherish in the United Church of Christ is that we are, indeed, in covenant across the various settings of our denomination, and we covenant to listen to and honor the witness that each setting offers to another. So, we live out that covenant to the fullest when we keep ourselves aware of what’s happening at places like the General Synod.

Governance: The “big ticket item” on the business agenda for this year’s Synod has to do with a significant restructuring of the governance of the national setting of the United Church of Christ. Currently (that is, since the year 2000), our national setting is comprised of 4 “covenanted ministries”—the Office of General Ministries, Local Church Ministries, Wider Church Ministries, and Justice and Witness Ministries—which are autonomous from one another, separately incorporated with their own financial bases and boards of directors of around 50 members each. The chief executives of each of these ministries together make up “The Collegium” of officers of the UCC. Some of the challenges in the current system have centered around an inability to coordinate and communicate across the different Covenanted ministries; the unequal financial bases among them that resulted from complicated histories of predecessor bodies, endowments, and historic mandates; concerns that such a large and unwieldy governance system was not able to be nimble in terms of mission or sustainable in terms of finances; and a lack of clarity about the role and authority of the General Minister and President vis-à-vis the other executives in The Collegium. *In the proposed change*, known as “Unified Governance”, these four independent bodies would be essentially be unified through the creation of a single United Church of Christ Board of Directors, whose 52 members would, by legal definition, also be the board of directors of all of the Covenanted ministries—technically, the different bodies would still exist, but the exact same people would form the boards of each one of them. The proposed changes also clarify and strengthen the role of the General Minister and President. Since this proposal can only be

implemented through amending our UCC Constitution and Bylaws, if General Synod 28 adopts the proposal, it would then need to be ratified by the Conferences.

The proposed changes have been extremely controversial in some circles. There are a couple reasons for this controversy. One of these is the tendency of some of us in the United Church of Christ to be suspicious of efforts that appear to be consolidating or centralizing power and authority; for people with this viewpoint, four independent boards with a total of approximately 200 persons is to be preferred, they feel, to one board with only 52 members. The counterpoint to this view would be that having four independent boards has hampered the national setting's ability to be nimble, responsive, and truly missional in its work. The other place of controversy around the proposal—and one that is highly charged with emotion—centers around the way we live our commitment as a denomination to being a multi-racial, multi-cultural open and affirming church, accessible to all. Some people, particularly certain members of groups that make up the Council of Racial Ethnic Ministries (COREM), believe that the proposal chips away at the representation these groups have had in the national setting under our current system. Not only does the proposed board consist of far fewer members, but these members are not chosen in a way that gives designated representative seats to certain groups. Instead, standards of diversity are enforced, whereby the new board must consist of at least 50% persons of color, 50% women, at least one self-identified person-with-disability, and at least one self-identified LGBT person. Of concern to the COREM groups, however, is that the 'official' voices of the particular communities do not have a say in putting forward someone who officially "represents" the group—which some construe as an effort to eat away at the ability of those groups to still have a voice at the table. It's a complicated and nuanced distinction—between competing values of "diversity" versus "representation"—but it is an important one fraught with much emotional charge.

For a better and fuller take on this whole governance thing, you can watch a video presentation at: <http://vimeo.com/22240248> . My [Pastor Matt] take on what will happen with the governance issue at Synod this year is that the proposal will probably, I believe, be adopted, but that its adoption will cause deep emotional pain for some of our sisters and brothers in the United Church of Christ, and we will have hard work in front of us to repair many relationships.

Other business: Here's a quick run-down of the other resolutions that are coming before this year's General Synod. (These summaries are copied from the resolutions themselves.) A reminder that "Resolutions of Witness" simply express the view of the General Synod on an issue of concern, and that they speak to, but not for, local churches:

- *"On Actions of Hostility Against Islam: A Resolution of Witness"* — This resolution speaks against anti-Muslim hatred and fear—indeed all types of hostility toward other faith groups—which is contradictory to our Christian faith. It also encourages increased learning and interaction between settings of the UCC and members of the Muslim community, in the US and globally.
- *"U.S. Ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty: A Resolution of Witness"*— This resolution calls upon the United Church of Christ and its congregations to petition the United States Senate to ratify the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.
- *"A Resolution to Form a Theological Commission"*— This resolution calls for the formation of a theological commission to serve as a resource for helping our church in work it has committed to do in our Constitution Preamble: holding fast to the historic Christian faith, "in each generation to make this faith its own" ... "in honesty of thought and expression."
- *"A Covenant for Church Youth Ministries"*— This resolution calls upon local churches to adopt a set of promises, known as the Covenant for Church Youth Ministries, to provide support to persons who work in youth ministries.
- *"The Right of LGBT Parents to Adopt and Raise Children: A Resolution of Witness"*— This resolution calls upon General Synod to support the right of LGBT parents to adopt children, and encourages all settings of the church to defend the LGBT community when their families are threatened by campaigns to limit or eliminate their parental rights.

- *“Putting Our Money Where Our Values Are: A Resolution of Witness”*— This resolution asks United Church of Christ congregations and church bodies—Associations, Conferences and the national church—to use our money to provoke change in the practices of big banks, or move our money to local banks that have records of fair lending and investing in our communities.
- *“Affirming Health Care Coverage For Clergy Families: A Resolution of Witness”*— This resolution is based on the belief that clergy and their families need to be provided health, dental and vision coverage when they begin a new ministry, and seeks to address issues related to insurance coverage during times of transition.
- *“Resolution for Mindful and Faithful Eating: A Resolution of Witness”*—This resolution encourages the exploration and discussion of how food choices can accord with Christian values and beliefs, and seeks the development and utilization of an Adult Education curriculum addressing issues related to food choices.
- *“In Support of Effective and Constructive Peacemaking Between Palestinians and Israelis Through Positive Investment in Palestine: A Resolution of Witness”*— This resolution calls upon the Twenty-eighth General Synod of the United Church of Christ to: act as a “third voice” in the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians and work towards a thoughtful and constructive approach to effective peacemaking in the Middle East that will support Palestinian sovereignty, economic growth in Palestine, good and productive relationships between Israelis and Palestinians and long-lasting stability with peace and security for both parties.
- *“In Support of the Release of Puerto Rican Political Prisoners: A Resolution of Witness”*— This resolution describes the UCC’s long history of support for Puerto Rican men and women incarcerated for acts and beliefs in favor of the independence of Puerto Rico, and calls for the release of Oscar López Rivera and Avelino González Claudio.
- *“Supporting International Human Rights Related to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity: A Resolution of Witness”*— This resolution seeks to raise awareness of international instances of systematic discrimination, violence, and abuse targeting persons based on their sexual orientation or gender identity, and of contexts where such abuse is not prohibited by law but rather legally, politically, socially, and even religiously sanctioned. The resolution would commit the UCC to advocate for the fair and equal application of universal human rights principles and laws toward the protection of all persons from sexual or gender status-based abuse, discrimination or criminal prosecution.
- *“A Call for a Reflection and Advocacy on Behalf of the Democratic Republic of Congo: A Resolution of Witness”*— This resolution seeks to raise awareness of and engage settings of the church in advocacy regarding the violent conflicts and human rights abuses in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, related especially to the exploitative mining of resources for export and industrial application.
- *“Common Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Baptism: A Formal Motion”*—This formal motion asks the General Synod to affirm the Common Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Baptism with United Church of Christ; Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); Reformed Church in America, and Christian Reformed Church; and U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). This is an ecumenical statement that formalizes the common recognition of baptism between churches of the Reformed tradition (which includes the UCC) and the Roman Catholic Church; the statement expounds our common understandings and offers “pastoral recommendations” for expressing our mutual recognition.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of these items of business (including the full text of these resolutions)—or if you want to learn about all of the other fun, cool, exciting things going on at Synod aside from the business—you can find it all at: <http://www.ucc.org/synod/>.

~ Outreach News and Needs ~



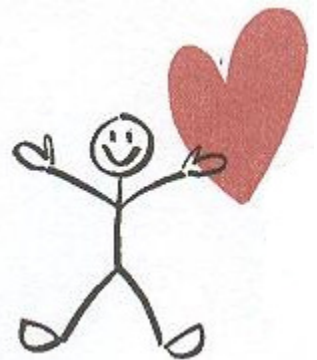
HELP THE COVENANT SOUP KITCHEN

On June 4th our church will be cooking and serving food at the Covenant Soup Kitchen located at St. Paul's Church, 220 Valley St., Willimantic, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway just outside the Parish House Lounge for those wishing to participate by either helping cook and serve, or to provide desserts for this event. Desserts may be dropped off to our Parish House Lounge kitchenette on Friday, June 4.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

On Sunday, June 12, we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. Through our gifts to Strengthen the Church, we further our commitment to be a multiracial, multicultural church, open and affirming, and accessible to all. Programs supported by Strengthen the Church:

- Fund **new church starts** and **invigorate existing congregations**
- Nurturing **lay and pastoral leadership**
- Build **youth and young adult** ministries
- Support the **God is Stillspeaking Ministry** and its extravagant welcome for all within the United Church of Christ.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Our **End of School Food Distribution** activities will take place on June 18 and 19. We will be sorting food on the Saturday the 18th, and distributing it to needy families on the 19th.

This food distribution is especially helpful for families in which children may be obtaining subsidized school lunches during the school year.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS

We welcome everyone's input regarding Outreach priorities for funds tithed from the Welcoming All Campaign. Contact any of the Outreach Board Members, Paulla Dixon, Bettejane Karnes, Betty Robinson, Donna Latincsics, or Rich Cowles.

You are welcome to attend their meetings on the second Tuesday of each month (7:00 p.m.), to express how we may best help others.

Thank you for taking the time to make your opinion known!



**Storrs Congregational Church
Council Meeting
April 19, 2011
Minutes**

Present:

Pam Roberts (Chair)	The Rev Matt Emery (Senior Pastor)
Dr. Karen Bailey-Francois (Int. Assoc. Pastor)	Carolyn Holmy (Christian Ed Rep)
Betty Robinson (Christian Outreach Rep)	Sue Schur (Deacons Rep)
Bob Malecki (Vice Chair)	Jan Castle (At Large)
Chuck Vinsonhaler (Clerk)	Dave Jordan (Treasurer)
Dick Roberts (Properties Rep)	Liz Cowles (Growth Rep))
Jan Hoyle (Call to Care Rep)	Kathy LaJoie (Finance Rep)
Trudy Lamb (Women's Fellowship Rep)	Carol Jordan (Music Rep)

1. Called to Order by Pam Roberts at 7:10 P.M.

2. Meditation and Candle Lighting: Pastor Karen lit the three spirit candles, representing God, the Council as leaders, and the congregation, respectively. When we live our faith, the stone is rolled away. Karen offered prayers for a list of people dealing with health issues.

3. Conversation: Continuing the theme "IMAGINE: Conversations about our Passion" Pastors Matt and Karen led a discussion of the second chapter of *Changing the Conversation: A third way for congregations*, by Anthony B. Robinson. Next Council meeting we will discuss the third chapter.

4. Additions to the Agenda or Present to Speak. None

5. Minutes:

a. With a typo noted, Dick Roberts moved, second by Sue, that the Minutes for the March 15, 2011, Council meeting be accepted. The motion passed with one abstention.

b. With a typo noted, the Minutes of the March 27 Congregational Meeting were accepted for action at the next Annual Meeting.

6. Old Business

a. **Senior Minister Report** Pastor Matt submitted his article for the Carillon. He also reported that the Transition Team had fulfilled its charge and was ready to dissolve. Thanks to the Team for their excellent work - for example, the displays in the narthex of the Meeting House.

b. **Associate Minister's Report.** Pastor Karen praised the spiritual activities of the church that she has been involved with, including the recent women's retreat and the worship service for children. As her time to leave approaches, she is enjoying just being with us. She and Pastor Matt will present a joint dialogue sermon on May 1.

c. **Treasurer's Report.** Income is balancing expenditures. The Finance and Properties Boards looked at funds remaining from several major projects approved by the congregation. They include \$489.28 remaining from the 2007 Computer Systems Upgrade, which will be made available to support the current, budgeted computer upgrade and \$3,595 remaining from the 2005 Paving-Parking and Drives Project which is available to remark parking spaces and install proper signage, including reinforcing the one-way drives.

d. Council Chair Report.

1. **Calendar Planning Session.** Pam circulated the May calendar and invited comments. There will be a Calendar Planning Session on May 15, 12 to 1 pm in the lounge.

2. **Coordinating Space Needs, Special April and May Needs.** An opera production will use our space during April 26-28. Staging will be up for part of April 29 as well. Also affecting space, refinishing the Memorial Room floor will begin on April 29.

3. Tax Reporting Question. Should we as a non-profit organization report real property income such as rent? This issue was referred to the Finance Board.

4. AT&T Proposal. The project is a go. The clerk will issue the following

Call for a Congregational Meeting on May 1. The members of the Storrs Congregational Church are called to a special meeting of the Congregation to be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 immediately following worship, for the purpose of

- (i) Authorizing a lease agreement with AT&T for the installation and operation of a Communication Facility in the Meeting House
- (ii) Assuring that landlord related responsibilities are carried out
- (iii) Specifying how 2011 lease revenue above the signing bonus would be applied
- (iv) Increasing the previously approved major project appropriations toward legal fees from \$2000 to \$2,500.

Dissemination of information on the agreement will include a two-page insert in the Bulletin and the Carillon, a posting on the bulletin board, question and answer sessions, fact sheets and a resource notebook in the lounge.

5. Board and Committee vacancies. Carol moved, with a second from Sue, that Council accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to appoint Samantha Malecki to serve out a term through January of 2013 on the Growth Board. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Lounge Couches. Kathy reported that Finance and Properties are looking to replace the couches in the lounge. Dudley Hamlin (Properties) will consult with the Finance Board. The necessary money can come from the Waring Fund (with congregational approval). Kathy will report back when action is needed.

e . Welcoming All. The Committee held its quarterly meeting on April 17th. An announcement on progress of pledge receipts will be made during worship on either May 8 or May 15.

The following motion was passed by the WA Committee on April 17, 2011.

“That Pam Roberts bring to the Council the recommendation of the Welcoming All Committee that the Council request that the Outreach Board and others come up with a prioritized list of outreach and mission projects to be supported by the \$100,000 mission funds in the WA budget.”

By consensus the Council authorized Pam to work with the Outreach Board, identify others to be involved and respond to the Welcoming All motion.

7. New Business.

a. Staffing Discernment Group. Bob M moved, second by Liz, that Council appoint a committee consisting of Eileen Metzger, Ted Yungclas, Zack Vannais, Stacy Malecki, Jan Hoyle, and a parent of a school child to be named later, to serve as a Staffing Discernment Group. Pastor Matt’s information, distributed to council members as a resource for this meeting spells out the charge for the Group. The motion passed unanimously.

b Fund-raising 2011. Jan Castle presented a table showing the current status of fund-raising efforts. The next big event is the Spring Fair, and help is needed. The Festival on the Green is September 25, the Pasta Dinner and Auction is scheduled for October and Pastor Matt’s Installation is targeted for September 18. Consideration is being given to some summer events.

There being no further business, Pastor Matt led us in closing prayer.

Adjournment 8:40 pm.

Chuck Vinsonhaler, Clerk

Next Meetings: May 15, Central Calendar Planning 12-1

May 17, 2011, Council Meeting 7 pm

Storrs Congregational Church
Special Congregational Meeting
May 1, 2011
Minutes

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by Vice-Moderator Tom Suits at 11:20 am. Pastor Matt led an opening prayer.

The Reading of the Call was waived by consensus.

The Call. The members of the Storrs Congregational Church are called to a Special Meeting of the Congregation to be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 immediately following worship, for the purpose of

1. Authorizing a lease agreement with AT&T/Cingular for the installation and operation of a Communication Facility in the Meeting House
2. Carrying out the landlord-related responsibilities
3. Specifying how any derived 2011 lease revenue above the signing bonus would be applied
4. Increasing the previously approved major project appropriations toward legal fees from \$2,000 to \$2,500.

On behalf of the Council (no second needed), Dave Jordan introduced the following motion (the strikethrough indicates an editorial deletion approved by consensus before the vote).

Motion 1: Authorize the Council Chair, acting for the Storrs Congregational Church and with the advice of SCC Attorney Representation, to enter into a lease agreement with AT&T permitting installation and operation of an “Antenna Facility” in the belfry tower with an “Equipment Room” in the Meeting House basement, including necessary connections as described in the lease ~~and Exhibit 1.~~

The motion passed without dissent.

Again on behalf of the Council, Dave Jordan introduced the following

Motion 2. Authorize the Council Chair, acting for the Storrs Congregational Church and with input of a Council-appointed Ad Hoc Committee and any necessary others, to carry out all lease-identified landlord responsibilities.

The motion passed without dissent.

On behalf of the Finance Board, Ray Joesten introduced

Motion 3. Apply any 2011 revenue derived from the AT&T lease beyond the signing bonus as follows: first, to cover legal fees over the amount received by the SCC from AT&T upon signing; second, to cover any other costs associated with implementing the lease; and third, to support recommendations of the Staffing Discernment Group of Council to sustain ministries and fiscal vitality of the SCC.

Rich Cowles moved, with a second by Carol Jordan, to amend the motion by substituting a period for the final semicolon in the motion and deleting everything following.

The amendment passed by voice vote.

Amended Motion 3. Apply any 2011 revenue derived from the AT&T lease beyond the signing bonus as follows: first, to cover legal fees over the amount received by the SCC from AT&T upon signing; second, to cover any other costs associated with implementing the lease.

Paul Schur, with a second from Rich Cowles, called the question. This passed without dissent.

The vote in favor of the amended motion was then without dissent.

Ray Joesten, on behalf of the Finance Board introduced:

Motion 4. Increase to \$2,500 the previously approved appropriation of \$2,000 from Major Projects to cover the legal costs of review of the AT&T lease, with the understanding that the funds drawn from Major Projects will be returned on receipt of the signing bonus.

The motion passed without dissent.

There being no further allowable business, Pastor Karen spoke on behalf of all of us in thanking Pam for her superb leadership and hard work in negotiating the AT&T lease. Karen then offered a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 12:17

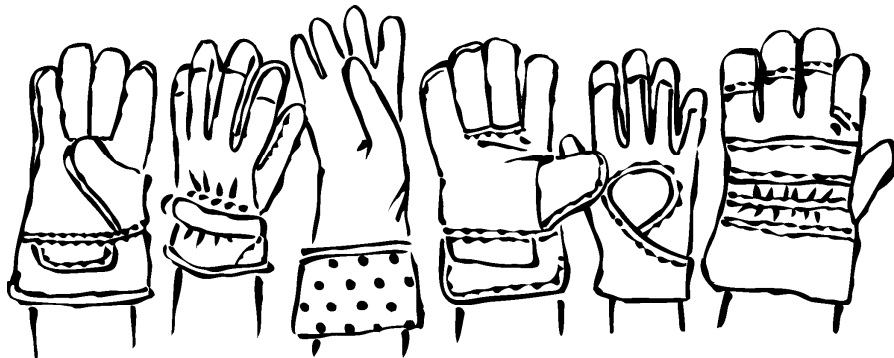
Charles Vinsonhaler, Clerk

Seeking Volunteer\$

Your Church Council is looking for one or more volunteers to be an assistant to the treasurer. The goal is to have additional congregation members become familiar with the functions of the Treasurer so that church business functions can continue when the Treasurer is unavailable, and to share the workload.

The Assistant Treasurer works with the Treasurer to learn the mechanics of the Treasurer position, assists the Treasurer in day-to-day and monthly activities, and serve as back-up for the Treasurer as needed. This position may, but does not necessarily, lead to the Treasurer-Elect position described in the By-Laws.

See Dave Jordan to learn more about the duties of the Assistant Treasurer. Please contact Bob Malecki, Council Vice-Chair, to express your interest at 860-487-4538 or bobmaleckiSCC@earthlink.net.

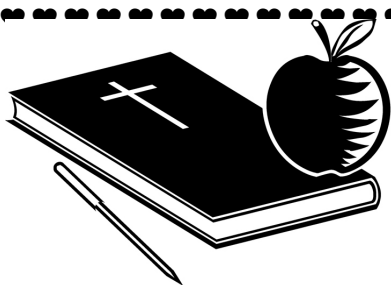


Are You Able?



FELLOWSHIP USHER & GREETER SCHEDULE

Date	Greeter	Lead Usher	Usher	Usher	Usher	Fellowship hour
5-Jun	Susan Irvine	Chuck Vinsonhaler		Mark Roy	Charlene Dickenson	Parish Piecers
12-Jun	Carol Jordan	Chuck Vinsonhaler		Mark Roy	Charlene Dickenson	Pam Roberts
19-Jun	B & J Klimkiewicz	Chuck Vinsonhaler		Mark Roy	Charlene Dickenson	Dave & Carol Jordan
26-Jun	Donna Latincsics	Chuck Vinsonhaler		Mark Roy	Charlene Dickenson	F.Woody S. Morrison
3-Jul	Marietta Johnson		Charles Knapp		Charlene Dickenson	
10-Jul	Frances Woody		Charles Knapp		Charlene Dickenson	Vanessa Rivera
17-Jul	Charlene Knapp		Charles Knapp		Charlene Dickenson	Bryan Klimkiewicz
24-Jul	Carol Jordan		Charles Knapp		Charlene Dickenson	
31-Jul			Charles Knapp		Charlene Dickenson	



Christian Education
Corner

On May 15th, during worship, we were able to recognize the teachers who worked with our youth throughout the year. We would like to take one last opportunity to thank those Sunday school teachers for their dedication and commitment to teaching our children all year. We appreciate all you've done!

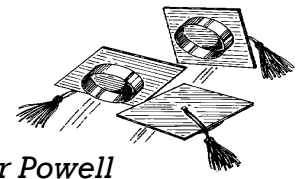
Now that the Sunday school year has come to an end, the children will be meeting on the playground after children's worship. If you would like to volunteer to cover playground time, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the nursery. Thank you to those who have already signed up.

Save the date! Vacation Bible School will be held July 5-8 from 6-8pm. Last year's family format was such a success that we have decided to plan another intergenerational event. We'll start each evening with dinner and fellowship together, enjoy fun, spiritual workshops and end each evening with prayer and song. Tell your friends and family and plan on joining us for this exciting week of worship together. You won't want to miss what we have in "Storrs" for you!

Watch for a registration form, coming to a mailbox near you.

Sue Irvine, Carolyn Holmy, Julie Klimkiewicz, Barbara Chilinski, Phil Gibbs, Kate Alexander

Celebrating Our Graduates



What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God. ~Eleanor Powell

E.O. Smith High School Graduates Monday, May 23rd, 2011

*My granddaughter,
Stephanie Murana
(mother, Mary Beth),
graduates with a BA in
psychology from Southern
CT State University. She
has been accepted for
Masters at UConn in
Educational Psychology
and Hallelujah has a job!
~ Ken Doeg*

Nate Holmy ~ In the fall, Nate will be attending Johnson & Wales in Providence, RI. He will be entering the Culinary Arts and Nutrition program. During the summer, Nate will be working at a camp in Webster.

Maddy Malloy ~ Maddy will be graduating with honors from E. O. Smith High School this year. She will be attending the University of Connecticut in the Fall, where she will be pursuing a degree and career in Nursing. She has had an interest in this field for quite some and is currently doing an internship with a nurse-practitioner this semester, which has allowed her not only first-hand observation of nursing, but also the opportunity to perform some work independently. This has been an educational and rewarding experience for her, and she enjoys it immensely.

Haley Hamlin ~ Haley will be attending UConn in the fall as a Vocal Performance Major.

Alec Malecki ~ In the fall, Alec will be attending Villanova in Pennsylvania. He will be studying mechanical engineering.

John Edward Tanaka, son of Peter and Lisa Tanaka, and grandson of Patty and John Tanaka will graduate in June from E.O. Smith High School. John will attend UConn in the fall.

***Sarah Lang-Rodean** graduated Sunday,
May 15th from Springfield College with a
Bachelor of Science degree in Applied
Exercise Science with a specialization in
Sports Performance.*

In Honor of those Graduates that prefer to remain
unrecognized by name
GREAT JOB!

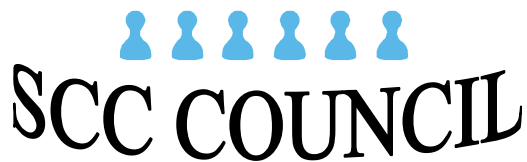
We bid a fond farewell to graduating UConn Seniors, Jennifer Van and Sara Muldoon who have cared for our Nursery children for the last few years.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a notice of Congratulations for this page. We are delighted to recognize the successes of our community members and look forward to celebrating each accomplishment with you!

Send your notice of celebration via email to Deborah at sccoffice@storrsconchurch.org by the 15th of the month for publication in the next edition of *The Carillon*.

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail.
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

A Circle of Faith and Leadership



Dear Members and Friends,
Much is going on in the Circle of Faith and Leadership known as the Church Council with an emphasis on listening to God in our midst. Based on our meditative studies on changing the Conversations, we are challenging ourselves and you to welcome “God” and “Christ” into our decisions. Below, find a “bit” about some of the Council’s recent work. In Christ, Pam

Council Appoints Ad Hoc Committee on Antenna Facilities

Pam Roberts, Council Chair will be convening an Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the Council on May 17th. Bill Thompson, designee of the Properties Board, Charles Knapp, representative of the Finance Board, and Dave Bull, representative of the Music Board agreed to serve. Jack Rice volunteered to assist. Pastor Matt and Trisha Snyder (Director of Music Ministry) will server in ex-officio capacity. The committee will serve throughout the anticipated AT&T construction period managing the landlord related lease responsibilities for both the AT&T project and the existing Verizon lease.

AT&T Exhibit 1 HVAC and Exhaust Revisions

AT&T representative John-Markus Pinard has confirmed engineer permission to move the units back to the original location which was considered a better alternative by the Board of Properties and others. This successful change from the revised location on the exterior of the northwest side of the meeting house back to the exterior north wall of the meeting house will be reflected in revised Exhibit I drawings. Watch the AT&T alcove display for arrival of the revised drawings.

Safe Church Review added to Personnel Committee Agenda

Bob Malecki is handling the Annual Review of the Safe Church Policy. Pam Roberts is working with the CE Board, Call to Care and others to assure that the recommendations for the safety for especially our youth, children and elders and those supporting and supervising these ministries are aware of and protected under these important policies. Your input is welcome.

Outreach Board and Others Accept a Challenging Task

In response to a request from the Welcoming All Committee, the Council asked the Board of Outreach to accept the task of determining a prioritized written list of mission and outreach causes to serve as the core for congregational consideration for distribution of the first \$100,000 of pledges and gifts received past the costs of the 2008 authorized construction project and *Welcoming All: Campaign for Accessibility*. Louise Wright and Carol Jordan will participate in the task and Pastor Karen will give support as these important and prayerful decisions are made and reported to the Council and Welcoming All Committee for their July 17th Quarterly meeting. Contact the Outreach Board Chairperson, Paulla Dixon (pdixon1218@hotmail.com), or any members of the task group. Watch for additional news in the Carillon and bulletins on Sunday mornings.

Teacher Appreciation Sunday

...was recognized with celebration and song during worship on Sunday, May 15th. To honor the occasion, Jan Castle led the gathered children in singing "A Christian Should Be an Alleluia," the words of which are printed below. Thank you to Jan for her direction and guidance of the Sunday School students and teachers in adding the last verse. And **MANY THANKS** to all who have made this Sunday School year such a vibrant part of our community's life together. While Sunday School has now ended for the program year, our summer playground ministry with children has begun. Volunteers are both needed and welcome. Please see any CE member for more information!

"A Christian Should Be an Alleluia"

REFRAIN:

A Christian should be an Alleluia (3)
... from your head to your foot!

VERSE 1

Every cell in ev'ry muscle
In this body I call "me"
Sings aloud in jubilation
Praising God unendingly.

VERSE 2

As a baby, as a toddler,
As a child at school or play,
Mother, father, senior citizen,
Any age can shout "Hooray!"

VERSE 3

In the morning, in the evening,
In the passing of the days.
In the summer, in the winter,
All the time we sing God's praise!

VERSE 4

In Connecticut, in our community,
At the Storrs Congregational Church.
In our homes and in our Sunday School,
Finding God wherever we search.

by Dosia Carlson with Verse 4 written as a collaboration by SCC Sunday School under the direction and guidance of Jan Castle



Storrs Congregational Church CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

Nursery Care

Sara Muldoon (UConn) Jennifer Van (UConn)

Sunday School Teachers

Sue Irvine Bryan Klimkiewicz
Carolyn Holmy Bob Malecki Lois Demurjian
Duwayne Keller (adults)

Substitute Teachers & Nursery Care Providers

Pam Roberts Paulla Dixon Linda Blum
Nancy Rucker Julie Klimkiewicz Kami Babbit

Youth Music

Jan Castle Wendy Hamlin Patricia Snyder
Mirella Cole Brianna Coolbeth Demers

Junior Pilgrim Fellowship (JPF)

Pastor Karen Susan Dione

Senior Pilgrim Fellowship (SPF)

Louise Wright Pastor Karen

With thanks to all the parents and church members who support our children youth programs in so many ways.

Café Storrs

Pastor Matt Emery Pastor Karen Bailey-Francois

Thank you!

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June 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Adult Choir (Sanctuary) 9:00AM Adult Ed. (Room 202) 9:00AM Junior Choir (Ed. Bldg) 10:00AM Worship 11:00AM Library Open & Fellowship Hour 4:30PM Storrs Korean Church (Lounge) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Staff Meeting (Pastor Matt's Office) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30AM Library Open (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 6:30PM Personnel Committee (Lounge) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">31</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Quilters (Auditorium) 10:30AM Cafe Storrs Bible Study (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:00PM Church Growth (Library) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:30PM AA Meeting (Room 201) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pastor Matt ♦ Off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30AM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 6:00PM Storrs Korean Church (Lounge & Classrooms) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30AM Assoc. PRC & Others Meeting (Lounge) 10:30AM Covenant Soup Kitchen 7:30PM Contra Dance (Auditorium) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">4</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Properties Clean U</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Adult Choir (Sanctuary) 9:00AM Adult Ed. (Room 202) 9:00AM Junior Choir (Ed. Bldg) 10:00AM Worship (Communion) 11:00AM Christian Fellowship Meeting (E...) 11:00AM Library Open & Fellowship Hour 4:30PM Storrs Korean Church (Lounge) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Staff Meeting (Pastor Matt's Office) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:00PM Ad Hoc Meeting (Lounge) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30AM Library Open (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30AM Cafe Storrs Bible Study (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 5:30PM 275th Committee Meeting (Lounge) 7:30PM AA Meeting (Room 201) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">9</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pastor Matt ♦ Off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30AM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 6:00PM Storrs Korean Church (Lounge & Classrooms) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">10</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">11</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Korean Church Re- Strengthen the Chi Pentecost</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Adult Choir (Sanctuary) 9:00AM Adult Ed. (Room 202) 9:00AM Christian Ed... 9:00AM Junior Choir (...) 10:00AM Worship 11:00AM Library Ope... 4:30PM Storrs Korean... 5:00PM Korean Churc... 	<p style="text-align: center;">Carillon Concert on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Staff Meeting (Pastor Matt's Office) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 5:45PM Picnic Supper Fundraiser (Auditorium) 6:15PM Mansfield Middle School Chamb... 7:00PM Desserts (Courtyard) 7:00PM Finance Board (Lounge) 7:00PM Properties Bo... 7:15PM Carillon Concert 	<p style="text-align: center;">Flag Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30AM Library Open (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:00PM Music Board Meeting (Library) 7:00PM Outreach Board (Lounge) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30AM Cafe Storrs Bible Study (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:30PM AA Meeting (Room 201) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pastor Matt ♦ Off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30AM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 6:00PM Storrs Korean Church (Lounge & Classrooms) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">17</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Summer Food Packing (Auditorium/ Lounge) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">18</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Trinity Sunday Father's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Adult Choir (Sanctuary) 9:00AM Adult Ed. (Room 202) 10:00AM Worship 11:00AM Library Open & Fellowship Hour 11:30AM Food Distribution (Lounge) 4:30PM Storrs Korean Church (Lounge) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Staff Meeting (Pastor Matt's Office) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30AM Library Open (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:00PM Council Meeting (Lounge) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1st Day~Summer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30AM Cafe Storrs Bible Study (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:30PM AA Meeting (Room 201) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pastor Matt ♦ Off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:30AM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 6:00PM Storrs Korean Church (Lounge & Classrooms) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">24</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00PM Celebrate Pastor Karen (Parish House) <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">25</p>	
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NEWS OF THE PARISH

ANNIVERSARIES:

Stacy & Bob Malecki	June 7	Erin & Oliver Scholes	June 24
Annemarie & Bill Thompson	June 11	Chuck & Patty Vinsonhaler	June 26
Donna & Peter Latincsics	June 16	Liz and Rich Cowles	June 26
Trisha Snyder & Christopher Dustin	June 21	John & Robin Blomstrann	June 27
Bethany & William Saypalia	June 22		

BIRTHDAYS:

Myong-In Esther Chung	6/1	Patty Tanaka	6/13
James Helenski	6/3	Hanna Basile	6/15
Janson Erhard	6/3	Elaine Brand	6/18
Juliana Harakaly	6/3	Joanna Lambert	6/19
Kent Grisamer	6/4	Robin Cote	6/19
Don Castle	6/5	Ryan Proulx	6/20
Dylan Spottiswoode	6/5	Susan Dione	6/20
Pearl Widmer	6/5	James Murphy	6/21
Sarah Brockmeyer	6/5	Jon Simmons	6/21
Gregory Rice	6/6	Eric Bryant	6/22
Leigh Stearns	6/7	Delia Chartier	6/23
Amanda Dixon	6/8	Austin White	6/24
Charlie Knapp	6/8	Janis Hoyle	6/25
Debbie Marshall	6/8	Jim Whitaker	6/26
Isabella Mraz	6/8	Melinda Holdaway	6/28
Matthew Rice	6/8	Krista Rogers	6/29
Laura (Roberts) Allen	6/9	Andrew Marco	6/30

SERVICE PEOPLE ON ACTIVE DUTY:

The following list contains people called to active duty. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. If you know of someone who should be on this list (or have a correction), please contact the church office. Thank you.

Service Person

Matt Allen
 Mitchell Ducharme
 Michael Finch
 Chip Greer
 Joel Higley
 Francis Kimenyi
 Philip Lewis
 Eric Stailing
 Marta Tanaka
 Paul Tanaka
 Lamont Ward

Submitted by

Pam & Dick Roberts
 Adrian & Janet Atkins
 Linda (Finch) Blum
 Elaine Greer
 Betty Robinson
 John & Patty Tanaka
 Russ Wheeler
 Bryan & Susan Stailing
 John & Patty Tanaka
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Walk A Little Slower Daddy

For My Daddy

"Walk a little slower Daddy,"
said a child so small,
"I'm following in your footsteps
and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they're hard to see;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child
Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true,
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."