

The Carillon



March 2011

Storrs Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

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At A Glance ~ March Highlights ~

Saturday
Mar. 5th WAIM Workday

Wednesday
Mar. 9th Worship Services
12:00 noon
7:00 p.m. (followed by Lenten Study)

Thursday
Mar. 10th Women's Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday
Mar. 13th 1st Sunday of Lent
SPF Mission Trip
Sunday
Daylight Savings begins

Tuesday
Mar. 15th Middle East Water Project Fund Raiser
(see insert)

Sunday
Mar. 20th 2nd Sunday of Lent

Saturday
Mar. 26th Women's Retreat

Sunday
Mar. 27th 3rd Sunday of Lent
UCC UConn ASB
Sunday
One Great Hour Sharing Offering
(see insert)

See the complete Calendar for times and locations of events



Ash Wednesday Worship

March 9th at
12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm

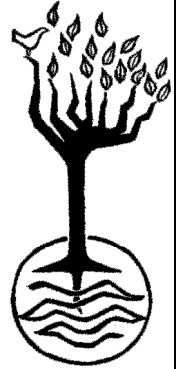
It is the middle of the week. We could be busy about many things, or nothing at all. Instead we gather to remember what we usually try to deny or forget: sin and death are killing us. The litany of our sins is long. "Have mercy" is our only prayer. Palm fronds, burned and ground, are smudged upon our brows. Every human triumph is reduced to ashes, every human tyranny crushed, every human creature returned to dust. This will be the end of all of us.

And this is our beginning. A season of lengthening days, the gift of time stretching toward life. Time to prepare to be born anew by water and the Spirit. Time to practice the way of Jesus, to the end of the earth, to remember the poor, to do the things that make for peace. Time to turn and return to God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. *This is our end and our beginning.*

Begin the Lenten journey by joining us in the Meeting House at either 12:00 Noon or 7:00 pm for a reflective service of scripture, confession, and imposition of ashes.

That You May Have Life

A mid-week Lenten
Series
Wednesdays, 7:00
pm
March 9th – April 13th



Join Pastor Matt for a Lenten journey of midweek prayer and encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John.

Each evening will begin with a meditative service of evening prayer at 7:00 pm. Then, at 7:30, we'll delve into one of the scenes in the gospel of John where we witness someone encountering Jesus and being invited into the life he offers. The great encounters between Jesus and Nicodemus, the woman of Samaria at the well, the man born blind, and Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha have long been used to prepare adults for baptism at Easter. From the earliest centuries of the church until now, these stories have been windows onto the unfolding process of knowing Jesus and living the life he offers.

Plan to join us for evening prayer, the discussion-and-study sessions, or—ideally—both!

Mid-week Lent Evening Prayer: 7:00 pm
"That You May Have Life" Sessions: 7:30 pm

(*On Ash Wednesday, March 9th, the Ash Wednesday service will take the place of the Mid-week Lent Evening Prayer, and the study session will begin following the service.)

COMING SOON

TALENT SHOW – SCC has Talent!

When: Saturday April 16th, 2011
 Where: Auditorium
 Who: Performers – Yes, You!
 Performance Appreciators (aka audience)



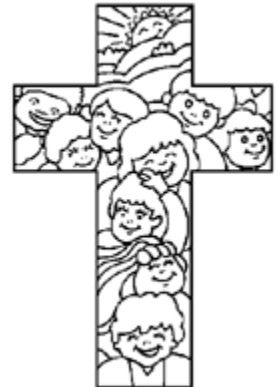
Please plan to join this fun-filled evening of entertainment – with an ice cream sundae intermission!

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

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

Christian Education Corner

Greetings from your newly elected CE Board! We have met twice as a board and we are very excited about upcoming events and serving this church.

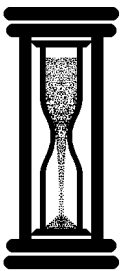


Teachers are now into the first month of the new Sunday school curriculum, Faith Practices. Hospitality has appropriately been the focus of Sunday school lessons over the past month. We continue to get positive feedback from the teachers as they become more familiar with the new curriculum, additionally students have responded in a positive manner to the various fun learning activities. We are planning to have a training and information session for teachers, parents and anyone else who may be interested in learning more about the curriculum. More details will follow as they become available.

Attention families...mark your calendar!! March 20th is Bible Sunday. All children in kindergarten, 3rd and 5th grade will be presented with a bible during the worship service. Pastor Karen will also be leading Sunday school on March 20th, teaching the children about communion. They will have the opportunity to take communion as well.

If you have any ideas, questions or would like to help out with Sunday School in any way, please contact a board member.

Sue Irvine, Carolyn Holmy, Julie Klimkiewicz, Barbara Chilinski, Phil Gibbs, Zoe Strickler



HAVE A MINUTE?

Thoughts from Pastor Matt...

Oh boy, oh boy...! It's everybody's favorite time of year again soon... Lent!

What's that? You've never heard anyone tell you that Lent is their favorite time of year? You're not expecting to start hearing all the favorite Lenten hymns wafting down from the shopping mall speakers?

Ok, I suppose you've got me here. Children are not, in fact, counting down the days until they can get their ashes and people are not laying out plans for any grand Lent parties (well, unless you count *Mardi Gras*, but that's technically the party that comes right before Lent in order to get all that partying out of your system). Suffice it to say that, at least compared to the rest of the seasons we celebrate as Christians, Lent has a bit of a reputation problem.

Part of that poor reputation is probably deserved based on how we as Christians have portrayed Lent in various times past. For some of you, you probably grew up with a Lenten season that basically seemed like a 40-day Good Friday observance—a constant diet of sad music and focus on Jesus' death, with plentiful side-dishes of sin and guilt. Others may remember years of “giving up something” for Lent (including meat, at least on Fridays, if you were Roman Catholic), with the idea that somehow self-deprivation was redemptive, or you were giving it up “for Jesus”. Still others of you probably never paid much attention to Lent at all—either because you didn't grow up “churched” or because in your previous church background, Lent was one of those “Catholic things” that we didn't do.

But what if Lent is something else? Or, something more? What if Lent is, in fact, a gift—a gift in the form of an invitation from God to new beginnings and to simplicity?

New beginnings... This is in fact where the whole season of Lent originated, as that time when people who were new to faith and discipleship would make their final preparations to be baptized on Easter and thus be welcomed as new Christians, new members of the Body of Christ. The whole church joined together with the new converts in a period of fasting, self-examination, prayer, scripture study, and reaching out in ministry and generosity to others. For all of us, Lent is a season that says to us, “what would it mean for us to come to faith once again?” and “how might God be at work renewing us in the promises and commitments that flow through the waters of our baptism?”

Simplicity... I think there is something to be said for that old practice of “giving up something for Lent”—but I don't think it has anything to do with whether we are willing to go 40-some days without chocolate or caffeine. Rather, I think the invitation is to simplify, not to self-deprive. In the jumble of meetings and emails, errands to run and homework to do, “stuff” to buy and other “stuff” to maintain, even church committees to run and events to plan, I suspect many of us could well use a space to slow down, breathe, simplify. At the Leadership Retreat on February 6th, as well as in some other contexts, I've been pressing folks with the question “what are you passionate about?” Perhaps Lent is a season that asks us, both in our individual lives and in our common life as a congregation, “if I am / we are not actually *passionate* about (*fill in the blank*), then why are we busying ourselves with it in the first place?” Maybe Lent invites us to find ways of simplifying our lives that are so life-giving that we want to continue them onward, after Lent is over—rather than eagerly giving up the “giving up” the very second Easter morning comes.

Most of all, whether it's simplicity and new beginnings, or penitence and the cross, or yet some other metaphor and layer of meaning, Lent is ultimately about encountering Jesus. That is the journey that I hope we are able to take together this season. In worship and in the midweek discussion-and-study series I'll be leading, we'll be journeying with folks like Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus as they all encounter Jesus. At the feast table we share, we will encounter Christ in our midst. In prayer and in service, we will see the face of Christ in places of need or pain. These are but a few of the stops we'll visit together this season on what hymn-writer Sylvia Dunstan calls “the road where faith is found.”

Yours in the journey,

Pastor Matt

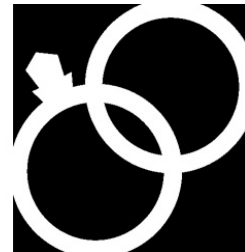
***** Library Activities *****

Advent and Christmas books are set out for you to review and borrow. There are many craft and story books to share as a family and also some adult stories. For Mary Higgins Clark fans there are several Christmas mysteries.

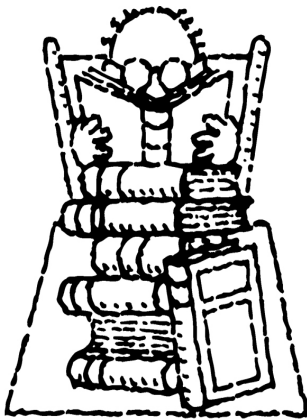


At the program for the Women's Fellowship on Nov 11 Jennie Talbot and Joan Webster reviewed several books which were examples of the breadth of the collection in the library. The list of the titles is posted on the bulletin board in the hall by the library. If you were in attendance and even if you weren't, you may want to look at the list so that you have a better idea of some of the types of books available for you to read.

HONORING AN *Anniversary*



Gift books have been received in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Charles and Frances Woody. The selections were made to represent them both so now you can enjoy *Norman Rockwell's Boy Scouts of America* book. This is a collection of the very traditional, laughable and honorable paintings done by Rockwell through many years to represent the Boy Scout Program. You don't have to converse with Fran too long to know she is a loyal UConn Women's Basketball fan so we are pleased to add Mel Thomas' book, *Heart of a Husky* to the collection. Please come and enjoy these books in the Woody's honor.

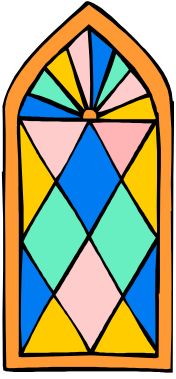


Suggested Reading

The Girls From Ames, A story of women & a forty -four year friendship

by Jeffrey Zaslow

Eleven mid-west girls whose relationship started as early as sharing the local hospital nursery at birth for some and for others it began in elementary school but by the time they were in high school they were a "group". Through the years they have maintained a friendship and bond that is unusual in its qualities and its support to each of them. Read how they have dealt with shared boyfriends (at different times), college, marriage, children, divorce, death, and careers. Now in their 40's their stories will have you laughing, crying and enjoying this very special group of women. Results of studies on women's friendships are woven into the text to add verification to how rare this group of women are in their unwritten rules, length of friendship, and strong support from their husbands and children. If you are the mother of a woman in her 40's you will chuckle about common experiences and if you grew up in 70's ad 80's - or are still growing up - you will enjoy reading about this "extraordinary friendship". Janet Atkins



PASTOR KAREN'S CONTEMPLATION

...have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and to try to love the questions themselves.... Don't search for the answers, which could not be given to you now, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is to live everything. Live the questions now...

RAINER MARIA RILKE FROM "LETTERS TO A YOUNG POET" (1903)

So many lament the month of March – it's so long, it's so gloomy, it's so cold... And yet, with all the perversity of our paradoxical faith, March marks the richest – and, for me, the most sacred -- season in the Christian calendar: Lent.

Don't get me wrong – I love Advent and Christmas and Pentecost, too. And I appreciate the respite of the time in between these fine seasons which makes space and invites attention to the "ordinary time" of life... But I love Lent. I love its intentionality; its steady, albeit sometimes stumbling, insistence that we take time to ask the hard questions about Jesus journey to Jerusalem and about our own lives' paths. I find solace in the solemnity of the liturgy this time of year. I am encouraged by the resilience revealed in nature and in *our* natures in this season of transformation. As a person of faith, I revel in the absence of retail-driven distractions in the marketplace and the malls. And, frankly, I rejoice that – while we're all still really busy – there are fewer calendar-driven distractions fragmenting our time together as a church.

The word "discipline" is quite often invoked as a theme for Lent. I also like to use the word "focus." Indeed, the liturgical season of Lent -- like month of March, itself -- strikes me as a practical time that invites purposeful and proactive efforts ... like publishing my professional profile and beginning to consider "what's next" ... and like pushing (just a little) to help my current church to contemplate its own hopes and dreams for the future.

It's too soon to talk about my leaving, even though we all know that time will come. It is *not*, however, too soon to start thinking about what you want, what you like, what you need and what you'd love for this church going forward. And if we start now, we may even have time to practice!

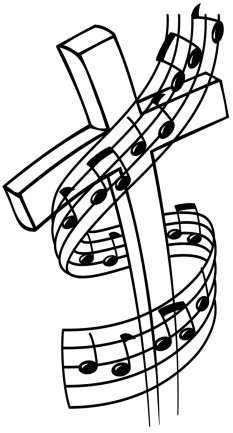
So, what sort of staff would you like to see support this congregation? What ministries are essential in your view and what do you need to sustain them? These and other questions can't be answered in a vacuum. They are an integral part of the other broad questions this congregation and its leadership will be asking through the course of this year. They are questions for which there are no singular right answers. And they are questions whose answers may yet be embedded in a vision that has yet to come into focus.

That's where practice, prayer and discipline – the good work of Lent – can come into play even as we exercise patience, faith, humility and restraint in our quest to "live the questions" in communion with each other and with God. (Did I mention the paradox?!?) As we enter these lengthening, brightening days of winter's close and draw closer to spring's fresh promise, I give thanks for the chance to live the questions with you and am thankful that, in the process, you'll be with me as I encounter some of my own. May God bless us on our journey and guide us in all things.



See you in church! *Pastor Karen*

Middle East Water Project Flyer goes here.



From the Director of Music Ministry

O SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG!

I have the pleasure of talking with a wise old clergyman on a regular basis. He asked me recently how things were going at Storrs Congregational and I found myself bubbling with enthusiasm about new hymns and new anthems for the choir. The conversation reminded me that spring is just around the corner. Time to shake off the cozy covers, investigate how the earth is renewing itself yet again, and peruse the seed catalogues for new varieties. The time for growth, energy and exploration is upon us and it feels good.

Whether you delight in the opening exhortations of Psalm 96 or 98 or 149, or any of the other myriad Psalms that invite us to “Praise the Lord” with singing and instruments, let us rejoice and raise our voices with enthusiasm. Let’s open the doors, feel the fresh breezes and rejoice in this time of renewal.

“O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.” *Psalm 98:1*

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE PREPARE FOR EASTER!

We are preparing some wonderful music for the journey to Easter. Help us make an even more joyful noise. There are offerings for individuals of any age, so please don’t hesitate to explore the possibilities. Our ensembles are open to all who wish to participate. Don’t wait until the last minute! Contact Trisha for more information.

Chimers, Mirella Cole, director	Intergenerational, grade 1 and up	Sunday: 11:15am
Junior Choir, Janice Castle	Grades 3-6	Sunday: 9:00am
Youth Choir, Wendy Hamlin	Grades 7-12	Sunday: 10:20am
Adult Handbells, Trisha Snyder	College and above	Thursday: 6:30pm
Adult Choir, Trisha Snyder	College and above	Thursday: 7:30pm

When the Carillon restoration is complete, there will also be opportunities to learn how to play the big bells! Contact David Maker via email at forksandhope@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.

Musically yours,
Patricia Snyder, Director of Music Ministry





Come to Silver Lake this Summer!

Once a camper, always a camper - and the Silver Lake experience is one that you'll never forget. Registration forms and a description of this summer's conferences can be found on the bulletin board outside the CE Office on the first floor of the Education Building.

Need more information? See Pastor Karen

SILVER LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER
A ministry of the CT Conference, United Church of Christ





THE SPRING FAIR NEEDS YOU!

This year the Spring Fair (formerly Plant Bake and Tag Sale) is scheduled for the Sat. after Mother's Day, May 14th.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We need volunteers to help with the **Bake Sale**, **Plant Sale** and **Tag Sale**. Please contact **Sondra Morrison** or **Eileen Metzgar** if you can help us with the Bake Sale. Nancy Rucker needs help with the Plant Sale and Paulla Dixon could use any time you have with the Tag Sale. Nancy Rucker is going to do publicity and Gail Kapinos will be serving her yummy Belgian Waffles again. And, of course, we always need **Cashiers**.

This year we are going to have a pre-sale for plants; certificates will be sold to give your favorite Mom a Mother's Day gift card to select the plant of her choice on May 14th. So everyone is invited to share in the fun.

All proceeds will be used for our church outreach and budget support. Please help us make this bigger and better than ever.



Thank You from Women's Fellowship.

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

Present:

Louise Wright (Chair)	Dick Roberts (Music Rep)
Pam Roberts (Vice Chair)	The Rev Matt Emery (Senior Pastor)
Betty Robinson (Christian Outreach Rep)	Frances Woody (Deacons Rep)
Chuck Vinsonhaler (Clerk)	Nancy Rucker (Call to Care Rep)
Jamie Lang-Rodean (Growth Board Rep)	Charlie Knapp (Properties Rep)
Ray Joesten (Finance Board Rep)	Dave Jordan (Treasurer)

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

2. Meditation and Candle Lighting: Dave, Pam and Jamie lit the spirit candles. Pastor Matt led a responsive prayer from "Growing Together: *Spiritual Exercises for Church Committees*" by Eppley. Then Matt prompted each of us to express thanks for some blessing received or to relate an instance where we had received gratitude from another.

3. Additions to the Agenda: Jamie will speak for the Growth Board and Dave will discuss a new proposal from AT&T, both under New Business.

4. Review of Council Minutes: Dave moved and Jamie seconded that we approve the Minutes of December 14 with one small correction. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Present to Speak: None.

6. Old Business

a,b,c. Senior Pastor. Pastor Matt prefers to submit a written report each month. He noted that Pastor Karen's mother-in-law is gravely ill, so Karen could not be with us this meeting. Matt requested prayers for the family.

The Transition Team met on January 8. They discussed the issue of public relations in general and publicizing Matt's arrival in particular. Wally Robinson has again offered his assistance. The Team plans a series of "get to know Matt" events that also provide opportunity for serious discussion of church issues, along with some fun. The leadership workshop on February 6 offers an excellent kickoff opportunity. The theme of the event series is "Imagine – Conversations about our passions." Matt noted that there are numerous models for us to follow. The Transition Team will meet as needed, and the next scheduled meeting is January 24.

d. Scheduling. Louise urged that events be entered in the Schedule Book and also be passed along to Deborah. The issue of a scheduling meeting was raised (again) by Dave. Pam assured the group that this issue is on her to-do list as Council Chair.

7. New Business

a. Computer Station in Office. A second workstation is needed for students and various church members to do word-processing, filing, help for Deborah, etc. The office provides a "fish bowl" where

use of this station could be easily monitored, particularly in regard to internet use. The Finance Board has recommended the following three-piece motion that includes funding for the new station:

Motion – Disposition of Operating Budget Balance: Following the recommendation of the Finance Board, the Positive Operating Fund Balance of approximately \$9,986 is to be allocated as follows:

- \$1,500 to an off budget preproduction account for future productions
- \$3,500 to the Prior Year Fundraising Carryover line in the 2011 Operating Budget*
- \$1,200 added to the Computer System Support line item under Council Expenditures in the 2011 Operating Budget for an additional computer workstation

The residue of approximately \$3786 to the Major Projects Fund in recognition of commitments made for disposition of Verizon income.

The motion was moved by Pam, seconded by Jamie. In the ensuing discussion, Dave pointed out the need for a more comprehensive overhaul of our computer system. Many agreed, but noted the urgency of the need for a second workstation now. The motion passed with one abstention.

b. Resignation: Jamie moved and Ray seconded that we accept with regret the resignation of Ed Tomastik from the Finance Board. Passed with one abstention. We are grateful to Ed for his service.

c. Welcoming All. Dave moved and Betty seconded the following three-part motion:

- (i) The Building Committee be released as of the January 30 Annual Meeting, with appropriate thanks for their efforts.
- (ii) A Welcoming All Committee for 2011 be appointed, with consideration for the following constituency willing to serve: Co-Chairs Paul Schur and Mark Roy, Treasurer Carol Jordan, Collectors Jane Scott and Sue Schur, Publicity Dick Roberts (with Mark Roy), and Construction Follow up Stacy Malecki.
- (iii) Paul Schur, Mark Roy and Carol Jordan be authorized with Welcoming All Fund signatory authority beginning January 31, 2011.

The motion passed unanimously.

d. Annual Meeting. Louise will clarify the notice in the Bulletin with regard to the starting time for the meeting. Pam will work with Donna Latincsics to provide tea and cookies in the narthex before the start of the meeting. The following motions that will be put forward by the Finance Board will be printed for distribution to meeting attendees:

Enabling motions:

Motion 1: To authorize David Jordan, Treasurer, to transact any and all financial business necessary for the financial operation of the Church including the authorization to sell, assign, and endorse for transfer certificates representing stocks. This authorization is to last until January 29, 2012, or the actual date of the 2012 Annual Meeting if it is postponed.

Motion 2: To authorize: David Jordan, Treasurer, Allison Burchell-Robinson, and Robert Malecki, Council Vice Chair, to act as signatories on bank accounts, mutual funds and stock investments owned by the Church with authorization to transact all necessary business for the opening, maintenance, reinvestment and/or closing of the Church investments, one signature to be sufficient

for transacting any business. This authorization to last until January 29, 2012, or the actual date of the 2012 Annual Meeting if it is postponed.

Motion 3: To authorize any one of the following officers to have access to the Storrs Congregational Church safe deposit box: Pamela Roberts, Council Chair, David Jordan, Treasurer. This authorization to last until January 29, 2012, or the actual date of the 2012 Annual Meeting if it is postponed.

e. Report from Growth. On behalf of the Growth Board, Jamie raised the following issues for future consideration:

- Examine the possibilities for reaching out to members who resign
- New members should not be approached for committee work until 6 months after joining.
- Use the By-Laws to help educate new members on the activities of various committees.
- Recruit Wally Robinson to help with press releases to publicize church activities.

f. AT&T Proposal. Dave reported that AT&T would like to put a second antenna in our steeple. He is meeting with their engineers to discuss the terms of a lease. The contract would be for 25 years, renegotiable every five years, with initial payments of \$2500 per month (similar to the Verizon lease).

8. Treasurer's report. The last three weeks have been hectic. As predicted by Dave, we ended the year with a positive Fund balance of around \$10,000. Plate and undesignated gifts are up, and investments grew encouragingly. The search for an Assistant Treasurer continues, with some urgency to relieve the burden on Dave.

9. Council Chair/Personnel Report. Trisha's contract has been redone and she is happy with it. Deborah is now permanent with a 2-month probation period. Bob Malecki has discussed the new insurance coverage with Antonio. We are fortunate to have such competent, hard-working staff and should do all we can to keep them happy. Beyond the staff we are lucky to have such dedicated lay leadership, in particular Louise Wright, who passes on the Council Chair to Pam after a year on the job. As Nancy Rucker said, "Louise, you are our blessing."

10. Closing Prayer. Led by Louise.

11. Adjournment at 9:10 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 15, 2011 @7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Vinsonhaler, Clerk



The Women's Fellowships

of the

Storrs and Ellington Congregational Churches

Cordially invite you to

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...join in a half-day retreat that will focus on the unique ways in which women create, nurture and honor the "thin places" wherein the divine may draw close. Coming

together as WOMEN OF VISION / WOMEN OF FAITH, we will worship, we will wonder and we will wander through the heritage of God's abiding presence in our own lives and the lives of others.

DATE: Saturday, March 26th

TIME: 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Storrs Congregational Church

2 North Eagleville Road ~ Storrs, CT 06268

COST: \$20/person - all inclusive

includes continental-style refreshments, lunch, leadership and materials. Scholarship assistance is available (contact PastorKaren@storrsconchurch.org)

Pre-registration is required. Reservations and payment should be made through your own church office. Please make checks payable to SCC-WF or ECC-WF, respectively. Need more information?

In Storrs, contact Deborah at 860-429-9382 ext. 10 or email SCCOffice@storrsconchurch.org

In Ellington, contact Leigh at 860-871-6606 or email sec-eccucc@sbcglobal.net



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March 2011

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27	28						24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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 11:15AM Chime Choir (Room 201) 4:30PM Storrs Korean Church (Lounge) 7:00PM Handbell Festival (St. Joseph Church, Willimantic) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Service Sewing 10:00AM Staff Meeting (Pastor Karen's Office) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 9:00PM UCC UConn (Lounge) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">28</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) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Quilters (2nd Floor Education Building) 10:30AM Cafe Storrs Bible Study (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:00PM Church Growth (Library) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:30PM AA Meeting (Room 201) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">3</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: 48pt; text-align: center;">4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM WAIM Workday 7:30PM Contra Dance (Auditorium) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">5</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Transfiguration Su</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Adult Choir (Sanctuary) 9:00AM Adult Ed. (Room 202) 10:00AM Worship (Communion) 11:00AM Christian Fellowship Meeting (Ed. Bldg Room 202) 11:00AM Library Open & Fellowship Hour 4:30PM Storrs Korean Church (Lounge) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Service Sewing 10:00AM Staff Meeting (Pastor Karen's Office) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:15PM Church Growth (Library) 9:00PM UCC UConn (Lounge) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30AM Library Open (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:00PM Christian Ed Board Meeting (Room 201) 7:00PM Outreach Board (Lounge) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">8</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ash Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Quilters (2nd Floor Education Building) 10:30AM Cafe Storrs Bible Study (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 12:00PM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 7:00PM Worship Service (Sanctuary) 7:30PM Lenten Study Series (Location TBD) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">9</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 12:00PM Women's Fellowship Luncheon (Lounge) 7:30PM AA Meeting (Room 201) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">10</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: 48pt; text-align: center;">11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11:00AM Memorial Service - Leslie Mehrhoff (Meeting House) 12:00PM Reception for Merhoff Service (Lounge) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">12</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">1st Sunday Lent</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 11:00AM Library Open & Fellowship Hour 11:15AM Chime Choir (Room 201) 11:30AM Christian Outre... 4:30PM JPF Meeting (Yo... 4:30PM Storrs Korean C... 6:30PM SPF Meeting (Y... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Service Sewing 10:00AM Staff Meeting (Pastor Karen's Office) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:00PM Finance Board (Lounge) 7:00PM Properties (Room 201) 9:00PM UCC UConn (Lounge) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Carillon Deadline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30AM Library Open (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:00PM Council Meeting (Lounge) 7:00PM Middle East Water Project - Fund Raiser (Auditorium) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">15</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Quilters (2nd Floor Education Building) 10:30AM Cafe Storrs Bible Study (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:00PM Lenten Study Series (Location TBD) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">16</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 5:45PM Adult Handbell Choir (Meeting House) 7:30PM AA Meeting (Room 201) 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Meeting House) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">17</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: 48pt; text-align: center;">18</p>	<p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">19</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">3rd Sunday Lent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">One Great Hour of</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 11:00AM Library Open & Fellowship Hour 11:15AM Chime Choir (R... 4:30PM JPF Meeting (Yo... 4:30PM Storrs Korean C... 6:30PM SPF Meeting (Y... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Service Sewing 10:00AM Staff Meeting (Pastor Karen's Office) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 9:00PM UCC UConn (Lounge) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">28</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30AM Library Open (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">29</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Quilters (2nd Floor Education Building) 10:30AM Cafe Storrs Bible Study (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:00PM Lenten Study Series (Location TBD) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 6:30PM Adult Handbell Choir (Meeting House) 7:30PM AA Meeting (Room 201) 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Meeting House) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">31</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: 48pt; text-align: center;">1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30PM Contra Dance (Auditorium) <p style="font-size: 48pt; text-align: center;">2</p>



FELLOWSHIP USHER & GREETER SCHEDULE

Date	Greeter	Lead Usher	Usher	Usher	Usher	Fellowship hour
6-Mar	B & J Klimkiewicz	Chuck Vinsonhaler	Nancy Rucker	Chauncy Rucker		Cowles Family
13-Mar	Pam Roberts	Chuck Vinsonhaler	Nancy Rucker	Chauncy Rucker		Jan Weston
20-Mar	Eileen Griffin	Chuck Vinsonhaler	Nancy Rucker	Chauncy Rucker		
27-Mar	Donna Latincsics	Chuck Vinsonhaler	Nancy Rucker	Chauncy Rucker		
3-Apr	Susan Irvine	Lynn Brown				Pam Roberts
10-Apr	Linda Blum	Lynn Brown				Jan Weston
17-Apr	Karen Bloom	Lynn Brown				
24-April	Pam Roberts	Lynn Brown				



Time to Order Your Easter Flowers

Orders are now being taken for the Easter flowers. You have your choice of azaleas, lilies, and hydrangea. These flowers are available on first come – first served basis. Please order early. The plants cost \$15.00 each. Order forms will be in the Sunday Bulletins starting in March 20th, or you may call the church office to place your order. When ordering, be sure to note which type of plant you want and whether or not you will be picking the plant up after the Easter morning service on April 24th. **All orders must be in to the church office no later than Palm Sunday, April 17th.**



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

*Thursday March 10th
12noon – 2 PM*

Women's Fellowship meetings keep getting better and better. You don't want to miss the fun and fellowship. In February we were entertained by the UConn opera music students under the direction of Connie Rock and forty five people attended. Now we're planning the Spring Fair (May 14th), and you guessed it, we are going to include a musical performance to enhance our usual offerings. So please come to our March 10th meeting from 12 – 2 and help us launch the next big event.

There will be soup and sandwiches, crafts for all of us to create together , devotions and sharing of ideas. We need your input!



NEWS OF THE PARISH

ANNIVERSARIES:

Lynn and Marjorie Brown

March 22nd

Ed & Nancy Tomastik

March 28th

BIRTHDAYS:

Mary Patrone	3/1	Bethany Saypalia	3/14	Laura Bryant	3/22
Erica Blum	3/2	Erin Cowles	3/14	Laura Popelski	3/22
Jessica McCabe	3/2	Haley Hamlin	3/15	Cayce Schmidt	3/24
Dianne Sprague	3/3	Luke Allen	3/15	Emma Swift	3/24
Foster Lindley	3/3	Marty Kinsman	3/15	Jan Scottron	3/25
Maxwell Calverley	3/4	Pamela Reichel	3/15	Curtis Hoffman	3/26
Stephen Schur	3/4	Katherine Taylor	3/16	Jennifer Dixon	3/26
Audrey Manter	3/5	Jennifer Cano	3/17	Steve Dahlberg	3/26
Leigh Jones-Bamman	3/5	Joe Miller, Jr.	3/18	Janet Adamcik	3/27
Faith Halloran	3/7	Thomas Dillon	3/18	Allison Bergen	3/28
Grace Malloy	3/7	Laura Sharpe	3/20	Christopher Bevin	3/28
Rebecca Thompson	3/7	Cayce Schmidt	3/21	Ryan O'Keefe	3/28
Ruth Maker	3/7	Charles Nagy	3/21	Chuck Vinsonhaler	3/29
Alec Chvirko	3/9	Kelly Gifford	3/21	Veronica Downey	3/29
Gregory Weston	3/9	Madison Palmer	3/21	Amanda Higgins	3/31
Hayden Abdullah	3/13	Nathaniel Ash-Morgan	3/21	Jenna Castle	3/31



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
John A. Pryor, Jr.
Frances 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
Margaret Pryor
John & Patty Tanaka
Russ Wheeler
Bryan & Susan Stailing
John & Patty Tanaka
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Nichole Gronski Ward

One Great Hour of Sharing is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ. By sharing our resources, combined with offerings from thousands of other congregations in eight denominations across the United States we:

- build homes, schools, medical clinics, and clean water and sewage facilities in villages devastated by earthquakes, floods, and poverty
- bring safety, shelter, and food to refugees after often violent circumstances have made their hometowns uninhabitable
- nurture stronger futures and self sufficiency through health care, education, job training, and tools for livelihoods.

Please plan on giving generously to One Great Hour of Sharing – our special offering collection will be **March 27th**.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world.
~Virgil A. Kraft



*People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball.
I'll tell you what I do.
I stare out the window and wait for spring.*
~Rogers Hornsby

*If we had no winter,
the spring would not be so pleasant.*
~Anne Bradstreet