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The Carillon

January 2012



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IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Monday January 9th – Annual Reports due to Deborah by end of the day.

Thurs., January 12th – Women’s Fellowship Gathering & Program ~ 10:00 in the Lounge

Friday, January 20th – Collating & Binding Annual Reports (volunteers needed, call office)

Sunday, January 22nd – 275th Anniversary Kick-off ~ starts in worship and ends with activities and a potluck.

Sunday, January 29th – Annual Meeting ~ will begin after worship, in the Lounge
Snow Date: Sunday, February 5th

Sunday, February 5th – Leadership Retreat ~ begins at 11:30 in the Auditorium
Snow Date: Sunday, February 12th

Worship at Storrs Congregational Church: January

Jan 1st: The 1st Sunday after Christmas

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Jonathan Lee – Pastor Lee has served in both senior and associate pastor roles in a number of congregations, as well as being active around the Connecticut Conference in other ways. He now serves on the staff of Hartford Seminary.

Jan 8th: Baptism of Christ Sunday (1st Sun. in Ordinary Time) – Communion

“Wind Upon the Waters” – Scripture: Psalm 29 & Mark 1:4-11

Jan 15th: The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Guest Preacher: Elaine Greer – Scripture: John 1:43-51 & 1st Samuel 3:1-20

Jan 22nd: 275th Anniversary Kick-off Sunday

“The Tree of Life, Part 1” – Scripture: Revelation 22:1-5 & Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17. Plan to stay after worship for a potluck lunch together with exciting, engaging activities for kicking-off our year of anniversary celebrations.

Jan 29th: The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Authorized Healing” – Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 & Mark 1:21-28

Women’s Fellowship Invites You



It's a new year!
 Ring in and Renew

time to renew

...our mission
 ...our friendships
 ...our discipleship

Women's Fellowship Thursday, January 12th 10 am - 12 noon

Come for coffee and a scrumptious snack.

The program is Crafts with Dianne. We’ll be making a surprise craft for all skill levels, and something to be sold at the Spring Fair.

Let's enjoy our time together, everyone is invited. There will be an opportunity to go out to lunch afterwards.

Valentine's Day Dinner

*Please come support UCC UConn's
Tornado Relief Trip to Tuscaloosca, AL*

**INCREDIBLE FOOD!
GREAT COMPANY!
IMPORTANT CAUSE!**



**JOIN US AS WE COME TOGETHER TO HELP THOSE IN
NEED!**



Silent Auction

Storrs Congregational Church Auditorium

Friday, February 10, 2012

One Seating: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 11, 2012

First Seating: 5:00 p.m.

Second Seating: 7:30 p.m.



HAVE A MINUTE?

Thoughts from Pastor Matt...

Hard to believe it, but what a year it's been! Yes, that's right, not only are we marking another year on the calendar, but it's now been a year since my journey with you officially began. As we look back upon 2011, I want to thank all of you for welcoming me among you, putting up with the questions and quirks as we each began getting used to each other and our ways of doing and being, and most of all, for caring—caring for each other, caring for the life and mission of this congregation, caring for the world and God's mission therein, and caring for me and my well-being, too! Any of us may have our foibles and faults, but you are also God's beloved, and I feel blessed to be a part of you and look forward to a new year of journeying together.

New Year's time is often a time of reflecting on where we are now and setting goals—'resolutions'—about who we want to be and what we want to do in the coming year. Indeed, none of us are the same persons that we were a year ago, for we have each been changed by the people we've met, the events that have happened, and the work we've done. This is just as true for a congregation as it is for any of us as individuals—Storrs Congregational Church has already been changed by the new people who are in our midst, by the events and happenings we've shared in, and by the pieces of God's mission in the world that we've accomplished.

So, what are *our* "New Year's resolutions" as a congregation? What do we want to do—more of, less of, differently—in the coming weeks and months? Who do we want to be together? What is God calling us to and equipping us for?

Of course, these are not questions I can simply answer for you—after all, even as I am called to leadership among you, we *all* have to own the journey we are on in order for it to truly be *our* journey. But, even as I can't definitively tell you what our resolutions as a congregation will be, I think it not too bold of me to offer a few ideas for consideration, as well as perhaps give you a look at a resolution or two I'm thinking of for myself.

One resolution possibility I might offer up is for us to *resolve to find ways to spend less time on management and more time on ministry*. As I have found myself saying in a few contexts around the congregation lately, I believe that we have too many people having to spend too much of their time on the operations of the organization, and thereby not having time or energy left for things like engaging in faith formation, joining together for spiritual practices, helping with mission-service work, reaching to others in ministries of caring, or raising a voice in ministries of evangelism or social justice. I believe we must continue to remind ourselves that our purpose, our mission, our *raison d'être*, is not found in buildings or budgets or bylaws, minutes or meetings, flowers or floor tiles, committees or cultural customs. Our purpose and mission is to form people into disciples of Jesus and to be disciples of Jesus ourselves. Yes, I know as much as the next person that a certain amount of organization and management are going to be a part of our life—but, nevertheless, such is not the reason for our existence. Can we resolve to work together to find ways to do less management and more ministry?

Here's another one... perhaps we should together *resolve to expect God to be a part of our life together*. As in, can we be a place and a people that are just as concerned with what God is doing—among us, through us, in our world—as we are with what we are doing? Maybe it's a matter of language as far as this sort of paradigm shift goes: can we speak more sentences that have God or Jesus or the Spirit as the subject, and fewer that have either "the church" or simply "us" as the subject? Pastor and author N. Graham Standish writes in his book *Becoming a Blessed Church: Forming a Church of Spiritual Purpose, Presence, and Power* about the ways that mainline congregations like ours have found vitality, vibrancy, and new life through this sort of shift. He says that in such congregations, "Their expectations open the door to God, who stands knocking. They *expect* to hear the Creator's voice guiding the church to what it is called to be and do. They expect to encounter and be blessed by Christ. They expect the power of God the Holy Spirit to flow through their life and the church's, blessing them in so many ways." That's the sort of church that I believe God is calling us to be, in order that we might be a blessing to this wider community we're called to serve. So, can we together resolve to expect the power of God and the work of the Spirit active among us?

There are many other possible "resolutions" for us in the coming year. Maybe we should resolve to stop any "us – them" dichotomies in reference to the university students among us (whether that be among us in this church or among us in the wider Storrs community), recognizing that we are all part of *one* body. Or, perhaps more concretely and practically, perhaps we should resolve to get to know the university students among our congregation better and more personally. Or any 'newcomers', whatever their age, for that matter. Perhaps we need to resolve to work on doing whatever we do in ways that try to reduce the overall anxiety level in our relational systems, as a way

to work on the overall health, morale, and vitality of our congregation. There are, I suppose, lots of possibilities for us...

What are my own “New Year’s resolutions”? Well, I have a few. I’m resolving to continue working on reshaping my weekly schedule—which I’ve already begun doing—so that I can devote some more intentional time to sermon preparation. This is partly in order that I can give that work the time I feel it deserves, and partly a self-care measure around my own time, stress, and workload. Speaking of self-care, I also need to make a resolution around exercise and probably, truth be told, diet, but I haven’t decided what those are yet (I know, perhaps I’m getting too personal now, but I’m hoping you’ll indulge me for a moment). I’m resolved to do another round of intentional “one-on-ones” in the coming months, like I did when I first arrived, since there are still a good number of you that I’ve not had the opportunity to sit down with more personally. I have a couple more regarding my role among you as a pastor and leader that I’m thinking about, as well, but they’re still in the formative stages (I am, after all, writing to you with another couple of weeks to go until it’s officially New Year’s).

What about you? What resolution possibilities would you lift up for our congregation? For yourself? For me, as your pastor, even? What sorts of goals should we be reaching toward, and what sorts of standards should we be holding ourselves up to? What of these sorts of things would mark something new for us, rather than just the same-old sorts of resolutions that we perhaps aren’t very good at following through on anyway?

I’d love to hear your thoughts! Feel free to drop me an email (matt@storrscongchurch.org), a phone call, an invitation to chat over food or drink, or whatever...

Yours in the journey,
Matt

OTHER NOTES FROM MATT...

Minister for Faith Formation and Discipleship Search

As you’ll see elsewhere in this issue of *The Carillon*, we’re diligently working on putting together a search committee to discern a call to a new Minister for Faith Formation and Discipleship to work with and among us. There are all sorts of gifts needed for a search committee—organizational, spiritual, visional, creative, relational, and more—and so please give it a thought, a prayer, a consideration. Please let the nominating group (Pam Roberts, Bob Malecki, Jan Castle, Sue Schur, and Chuck Vinsonhaler) know of either your interest, or of the name of anyone else in the congregation who you feel would have the discernment and gifts needed and whom you trust would represent you and your passions well.

Target 2030 Initiative

Many of you will remember that I am part of the inaugural class of a program called the *Target 2030 Initiative*, which is an intensive 10-year program of leadership development and continuing education for select cohorts of the UCC’s younger clergy. We start into the 2nd year of our program this month, with our second January intensive, this time focusing on adaptive leadership theory and practice. Our leader for the week is Dr. Sharon Deloz Parks, who served for sixteen years at Harvard University in the Schools of Divinity, Business, and the Kennedy School of Government, and currently teaches in three leadership programs at Seattle University. I’ll be leaving on the afternoon of Sunday, January 8th, and be returning Saturday, January 14th. I will be in worship on January 15th, but I’ve invited our own seminarian, Elaine Greer, to preach—not only so that I don’t have to worry about sermon writing that week, but also because I need the opportunity to observe her in this area so as to be able to evaluate and mentor.

Nancy McLaren

For anyone who missed it, our Specialist in Christian Education and Faith Formation Ministries, Nancy McLaren, did have her baby! Margaret Liliann “Maggie” McLaren was born at St. Francis on November 22nd, and all is good! Nancy will continue to be on maternity leave until sometime in the latter half of January.

A heart felt THANK YOU!

A tremendous amount of energy goes into the practice and preparation of special music for the holiday season, so a big THANK YOU to all who gave so generously of their time and talent. I am also very grateful for the hard work of the Music Board members who put so much energy into making our music events welcoming and enjoyable for all.



CELEBRATE!

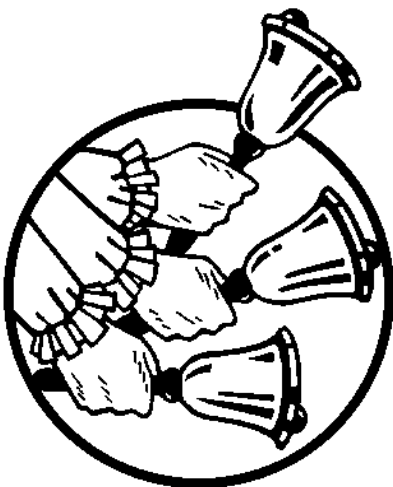
We have much to celebrate as we head into our 275th anniversary year. As we look back on all the accomplishments of the past 25 years (and earlier), it’s also a time to dream dreams and set goals. What will be the narrative of our music for worship? What will our special events say about who we are as a congregation of worshippers? The past 25 years have been shaped by the purchase of a beautiful organ, the gift of a superb Steinway piano, the addition of handbells and chimes, the restoration of the carillon, and the participation of many in choirs and ensembles and as soloists. It’s been a rich and full time that we will celebrate with a concert on April 29th. Many individuals have left their indelible marks, too many to name here, but whose leadership, example and enthusiastic spirit have shaped who we are as a congregation. So let us rejoice! Let us think about what we can do to shape a bright future. Let us dare to be bold.

PLEASE JOIN US

The music ministry welcomes any and all that would like to participate. **Handbells** and **Chimes** are an excellent way to learn and polish music reading skills, and coincidentally have a lot of fun! **Choral singing** is a most convivial way to improve your health and wellbeing and provides a wonderful way to contemplate sacred texts. There are offerings for individuals of any age, so please don’t hesitate to explore the possibilities

Chimers, Mirella Cole, director	Intergenerational, grade 1 and up
Junior Choir, Janice Castle	Grades 3-6
Adult Choir, Trisha Snyder	College and above
Adult Handbells, Trisha Snyder	College and above

Even though our Handbells will not be participating this year, you are still encouraged to attend this special fundraising event. Proceeds from the Freewill Offering help the American Guild of Organists fund the L. Cameron Johnson Memorial Organ Competition.



HANDBELL FESTIVAL
Sunday, February 26, 2012
7:00PM
St. Joseph Church, Willimantic
(snow date, March 4)

**Storrs Congregational Church
Council Meeting
December 6, 2011
Minutes**

Present:

The Rev Matt Emery (Senior Pastor)
Pam Roberts (Chair)
Nancy Rucker (Call to Care Rep)
Chuck Vinsonhaler (Clerk)
Kate Alexander (Sub as CE Rep)
Jan Castle (At Large)
Sue Schur (Deacons Rep)

Suzanne Hathaway (Music Rep)
Dick Roberts (Properties Rep)
Kathy LaJoie (Finance Rep)
Liz Cowles (Growth Rep)
Marsha Creese (Fellowship Rep)
Dave Jordon (Treasurer)

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions: 7:07: Pam welcomed all and Kate Alexander was introduced as Rep for CE.

2. Candle Lighting and Opening Prayer. While Pam made observations about the Advent when we wait for the "Christ Star" to renew the light within us all, Sue, Suzanne and Dick lit the three candles. We celebrated our diverse "sparkle" by choosing white, gold or silver star ornaments to take home to represent the "light of Christ" in each of us. An opening prayer was offered.

3. Council continuation of "IMAGINE: Conversations about our Passion"

Lesson 8: "The Church and the Public Square" and Lesson 9: "Death and Resurrection"

A long, frank discussion showed the power of our text in fostering "conversations".

Pastor Matt passed out ("Building Up Congregations and their leaders" by N. Graham Standish) which we read silently and we briefly spoke of the next conversation "10 – Where do we start?" which will be the focus of the Jan 2012 Council meeting.

4. Additions to the Agenda: none

5. Minutes: The clerk reported that email approval process for minutes of November 1, 2011 occurred. Pam reported that the distributed Nov 1 minutes for this meeting include requested revisions and serve as the recorded minutes for Nov 1 Council meeting.

6. Correspondence to share/distribute: None. Question was asked about posting the thank you notes from the WA mission gifts. Pam indicated some are on the bulletin board in Ed Building hallway and several will appear soon.

7. Formal Reports:

a. Senior Minister

- pastoral care -report lifted up many including Council member Betty Robinson
- Worship planning for the season is going well.
- Pageant during 5:30 service on Christmas Eve.
- Employee evaluations almost complete
- Advent Spirituality Series well attended
- Budget Meeting next Sunday
- Erin Scholes needs help with pageant
- Don't forget to "like" SCC on Facebook
- Pledges are coming in well but we still need more (107 pledge cards).

b. Treasurer: Still in the black for the year. Both income and expenses are below expected. Written Treasurer's report available and appended to these minutes.

c. Council Leadership

- **Calendar:** Pam urged careful inspection of the calendar for Dec and Jan, distributing samples provided by Deborah for review and corrections during the meeting.
- **Committee on Antenna Facilities update:** AT&T \$2500 signing bonus was received and used to partially repay the borrowed Major Project Funds which paid the legal fees in full. Plans for construction are evolving, no date yet for construction to begin. Contact Bill Thompson with question on construction plans Committee on Antenna Facilities can answer questions you might have.
- **Safe Church** requires annual fire drill. Discussion led to postponement until 2012.
- **Heat:** Properties reps and Pam are meeting Dec 8 with UConn decision-maker, Ron Gaudet, re: short term and long term heat solutions, responsibilities and costs. Dick and Paul (Properties Board) are updating staff/church leaders as needed by email. Deborah is informing groups affected. Ed Building currently has no central heat. Portable heaters are available and effective. Contact Dick Roberts or Paul Schur with any questions.
- **Annual Reports** are due to Deborah January 9. Consider volunteering to collate/bind on Jan 19 or 20. Distribution will occur on Jan 22. Dave clarified that the last pages (financial reports) may need to come in later. Deborah is aware of that.
- **Council Annual Report:** Pam offered to draft council report in narrative and bullet format unless someone else preferred to draft it or co-write it. No offers. Dave requested it be ready for Jan 3rd for council review. Pam indicated that she cannot promise by Jan 3rd but she is glad to meet the request for email input by Council before it is finalized.

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8. Old Business:

a. Search Committee for Minister of Faith Formation and Discipleship

- i. Liz **moved** to release the Staffing Discernment Group with appreciation. Kathy seconded. Motion passed.
- ii. Dave **moved** approval of council plan, timeline and subgroup to create a Search Committee slate for council consideration, with the goal of congregational consideration at the Annual Meeting. Suzanne seconded. Motion passed.
- iii. By consensus, we added Search Committee slate approval to the agenda for Annual Meeting Jan 29, 2012.
- iv. Pam thanked Chuck and Sue for volunteering to serve on the nominating subgroup with Bob, Jan and Pam. The subgroup will meet on Thursday Dec 8 to implement the approved plan and initiate congregational participation Dec 11.

b. Other: None

9. New Business:

- a.** By consensus, we accepted Mark's resignation effective November 30, 2011 from Co-Chair of the Welcoming All Committee with gratitude for a job well done.
- b.** By consensus, we accepted Susan Dione's resignation effective January 1, 2011 with gratitude for her good work on the Board of Christian Fellowship.
- c.** Signatory authority for Welcoming All Fund: Jan **moved**, second by Sue,
"That the Council of the Storrs Congregational Church authorizes the following members of the WA Committee: Carol M. Jordan, Treasurer, Paul M. Schur, Chair, Richard C. Roberts, Member-at-Large, to act as signatories on bank accounts related to the accessibility project and capital campaign and with authorization to transact all necessary business for the opening, maintenance, renewal and/or closing of said accounts, one signature to be sufficient for transacting any business, with the exception of two signatures required for any expenditure of \$5,000 or more. This authorization is to last until the completion of the accessibility project and capital campaign."

- The motion passed with one abstention.
 d. Other: none requested

10. Round-the-Room: Each present passed or gave brief announcement or request.

Council Calendar reminders (Pam)
 Advent spiritual opportunities listed in December "Carillon"
 Annual Budget Meeting Sunday, Dec 11
 Carillon" deadline for Jan issue, Thursday Dec 15
 Annual Reports due to office by Jan 9 (see article in Dec Carillon)
 Annual Meeting Sunday, January 29
 Plan ahead Leadership Retreat Sunday, Feb 5 (serve as Feb Board Meeting)
 Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services Sat. Dec 24, Sun Dec 25 (Pastor Matt)
 Pastor Matt is still looking for New Year's Day service ideas
 Marsha recommended Chaplin Horan at Windham Hospital, Liz recommended sister, Dave recommended something really different such as a Rock service?
 Carol Sing with Juniper Hill Dec 19, 6:30 - sign up available, please bring cookies.(Liz)
 Fellowship Board requests others be sensitive about asking Fellowship for help at event sothers plan. Willing to help but need others to share the work (Marsha)
 Heat issues are being worked on nearly daily. (Dick R)
 Call to Care - help appreciated (Nancy)
 Lift up celebrating the relationship with the Korean congregation and consider ways to invite their involvement in our activities. (Nancy)
 Liz responded she will invite their participation in Caroling at Juniper Hill.
 Consider "grandparent" assignment for UConn students – (Liz)

11. Closing Prayer -by Pastor Matt with one verse of "O Come, O Come Emanuel"

12 Meeting adjourned, Next Council Meeting Tuesday, Jan 3, 2012 7 pm

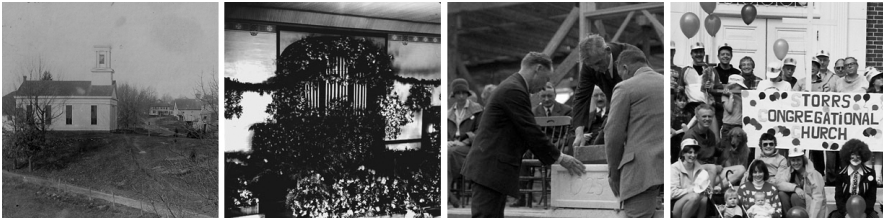
Respectfully submitted,
 Chuck Vinsonhaler, Clerk

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.



<u>Service Person</u>	<u>Submitted by</u>
Matt Allen	Pam & Dick Roberts
Mitchell Ducharme	Adrian & Janet Atkins
Chip Greer	Elaine Greer
Joel Higley	Betty Robinson
Francis Kimenyi	John & Patty Tanaka
Philip Lewis	Russ Wheeler
Eric Stailing	Bryan & Susan Stailing
Marta Tanaka	John & Patty Tanaka
Paul Tanaka	John & Patty Tanaka
Lamont Ward	Nichole Gronski Ward



Celebrating 275 Years as a Community of Faith

Thirty-eight years after the Town of Mansfield was divided into two parishes, the Second Ecclesiastical Society, a political entity, was formed in north Mansfield in 1737. It would be seven more years before a pastor, the Rev. Mr. William Throop, was called, and the first meeting house was built in 1745-46.

These were the beginnings of our church, and throughout this new year of 2012, we will be remembering our past and celebrating our future.

Included in this edition of The Carillon is an anniversary brochure that presents the calendar of events for the celebration, including an opening history and heritage program in January, sessions on preserving family records and history, a concert featuring the premiere of a specially commissioned anthem in April, an exhibit at the Mansfield Historical Society, a picnic and campfire in June, and an opportunity to cultivate our future during a closing celebration event in October.

Two key events at the beginning of the year are the kick off in January and *Picture This!* in February, and we hope you mark your calendar for both.

The Start of Something Big

On Sunday, January 22, we will launch our anniversary celebration during morning worship, and then we will gather in the Parish House Auditorium for a potluck luncheon hosted by the Board of Christian Fellowship and the 275th Anniversary Committee. There will be a short program with photographs on church history, and some interactive and intergenerational activities. Look for the potluck sign-up sheet on the church bulletin boards.

You Must Remember This

The church archives and records included hundreds of photographs, however, many have no indication of the event nor of the people who are in those photographs. On February 18 we will get together for *Picture This!* to view many of these photos and you will have the opportunity to help identify the people, the events, and the dates that are part of our history. Many of these undated and unidentified photos are from the past 20 to 30 years.

The 275th Anniversary Committee:

Janet Atkins, Pastor Matthew Emery, Jamie Lang-Rodean, Richard Roberts, Mark Roy

Photos, left to right: 3rd Church Building, circa 1900; Church interior, hanging of greens, 1903; Parish House cornerstone ceremony, 1925; 250th Anniversary celebration, 1987.

This Month In Our History:

January 29, 1752 – Rev. Mr. Daniel Welch, age 26, is installed as the second pastor of the church. He would serve as pastor for 30 years.

January 8, 1887 – Benjamin F. Koons, principal of Storrs Agricultural School, applies for membership in the 2nd Ecclesiastical Society. He is accepted, and soon becomes clerk of the church, a senior deacon, and a member of the Standing Committee (church council).

January 17, 1905 - A committee of three is appointed to examine joining the church and the society into one body. The committee's recommendation results in allowing all church members over the age of 20 to also be society members and thus allowing women to be members of what had been an all-male society.

January 20, 1924 – At the annual congregational meeting, Rev. Marshall Dawson reports on plans to build a community house and new church.

January 22, 1945 – The church votes a leave of absence for Rev. J. Garland Waggoner to serve as a Navy chaplain. He returns to the parish February 1, 1946.

January 1, 1972 – Adah Ruth Ballard becomes the church secretary. She serves in that position for nearly 20 years.

January 10, 2009 – A gala dinner to kick off *Welcoming All: Campaign for Accessibility* is held at Zenny's Restaurant. It is announced that \$887,191.63

STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
275th Anniversary Celebration
1737 – 2012
Schedule of Activities

- Sunday, Jan 22
10:00 a.m.
11:15 a.m. ***Beginning Our Celebration***
Morning Worship.
Fellowship Pot Luck Lunch followed by a short program on our church's history and heritage and some fun interactive, intergenerational activities.
- Saturday, Feb 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m. ***Picture This!*** Come help identify SCC members and activities in photographs from the SCC Archives and Records Collection.
- Sunday, Feb 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m. ***Paging Through the Story.*** The first of our book club discussions on selected works exploring the stories tied to our histories—historical fictions, biographies, and more. Further dates to be determined.
- Saturday, March 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m. ***Preserving Family Records.*** Guest Presenter: Betsy Pittman, University archivist at the University of Connecticut, will provide tips on proper storage and handling of your family's books, photographs, and other treasures.
- Saturday, March 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m. ***Preserving Your Family Memories Through Scrapbooking.*** Hands-on workshop on preserving today's memories for future generations.
- Sunday, April 29, 4:00 p.m. ***Premiere Concert*** featuring the church's Fisk Organ, vocal and instrumental music and the premiere of a specially commissioned anthem.
- Sunday, May 20, 11:30 a.m.
(Bad weather date Sunday, June 3) ***Bringing Our Past Alive.*** Discover information about former Church members, gravestone carvers, and the heritage of early North Mansfield while exploring the Old Storrs Burying Ground.
- Sunday, June 3, 1:30 p.m. ***Opening of Mansfield Historical Society exhibit*** on the Storrs Congregational Church. Exhibit remains open Saturdays and Sundays through September 30.
- Saturday, June 9, 4:00-10:00 p.m. ***Playing Together,*** picnic and campfire at Holiday Hill, Mansfield Center.
- Monday, June 18
5:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m. ***Music on the Lawn Concert***
Picnic dinners available for purchase.
Opening Entertainment.
Dessert intermission.
Carillon recital featuring Dan Kehoe on the Dunham Carillon.
- Monday, July 30
5:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m. ***Music on the Lawn Concert***
Picnic dinners available for purchase.
Opening Entertainment.
Dessert intermission.
Carillon recital featuring Joey Brink on the Dunham Carillon.
- August 26, 4:00 p.m. ***Music on the Lawn Concert*** featuring David Maker on the Dunham Carillon.
- Saturday, October 27, 5:30 p.m. ***Cookbook Supper and Fellowship.*** A chance to try out recipes from past SCC cookbooks and enjoy our SCC culinary culture.
- Sunday, October 28
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. ***Cultivating Our Future***
Morning Worship reflecting on our church's past and present and looking ahead to the future.
Conversation and Refreshments.

January 2012

December 2011							February 2012						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Matt Vacation</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Adult Choir (Sanctuary) 10:00AM Worship 4:30PM Storrs Korean Church (Lounge) 	<p>Office Closed ♦ St</p> <p>12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102)</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Antonio Off</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>3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00AM Quilters (CE Bldg) 10:30AM Cafe Storrs Bible Study (Library) 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 4:15PM 275th Committee Meeting (Lounge) 7:00PM Church Growth (Library) <p>4</p>	<p>Antonio Off</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00PM Storrs Noon Group (Room 102) 7:30PM AA Meeting (Room 201) 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Meeting House) 7:30PM Fellowship Board Meeting (Lounge) <p>5</p>	<p>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>6</p>	<p>7</p>
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Ushers & Greeters



Date	Greeter	Lead Usher	Usher	Usher	Usher	Fellowship
1-Jan			Kathy LaJoie			
8-Jan	Kate Alexander		Kathy LaJoie			Cowles Family
15-Jan			Kathy LaJoie			
22-Jan			Kathy LaJoie			
29-Jan	Pam Roberts		Kathy LaJoie			
5-Feb						
12-Feb						
19-Feb						
26-Feb						

~ Signup sheet is available on the Fellowship board in the Parish House ~

NEWS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

ANNIVERSARIES:

Chauncy & Nancy Rucker January 27

BIRTHDAYS:

Jason Gould	1/2	Maxim Soroka	1/18
Kenneth Fitts	1/2	Lauren Ash-Morgan	1/20
Carly Smith	1/4	Madeline Malloy	1/21
Gwen Duff	1/5	Carol (Reichel) Toomey	1/22
Keith Johnson	1/5	Mark Brand	1/22
Lillian Mason	1/9	Mark Roy	1/22
Nicole Martin	1/9	Paula Enderle	1/22
Douglas Lambert	1/10	Mark Basile	1/24
Barbara Larson	1/12	Meagan Stone	1/24
Joan Webster	1/13	Meredith Hallagren	1/27
John Blomstrann	1/14	Mike DellaFera	1/27
Meagan Smith	1/15	Edmund DeMattia	1/29
Tom Morrison	1/15	William Aho	1/29
Tom Weston	1/15	Sylvia Aho	1/30
Charlie Demurjian	1/16	Jessica Clark	1/31
James Bobbitt	1/18		

Are you wondering why your birthday or anniversary is never listed in the Carillon?

It might be because I don't know when it is. If you'd like to have your birthday or anniversary published so all can wish you well, give me a call or send me an email with your information. Thanks, Deborah (call 860-429-9382 or email sccoffice@storrscongchurch.org)

Would YOU like to help?

We're developing a slate for a Search Committee for our new Minister of Faith Formation and Discipleship!



On November 20th the position, "Minister of Faith Formation and Discipleship" was approved by the congregation. A Council subgroup (Jan Castle, Bob Malecki, Pam Roberts, Sue Schur, Chuck Vinsonhaler, Pastor Matt Emery, Ex-officio) will be preparing a slate of search committee nominees to be recommended to the congregation for the Annual Meeting, January 29, 2012.

The members of this subgroup are looking forward to chatting with you, answering your questions, sharing information and encouraging open dialogue as we seek to develop a strong, diverse and faithful slate of individuals who will represent the talents, ages, experiences and ministry passions of our members.

We invite you to prayerfully consider participation in this new Search Committee by indicating your interest in serving, and/or identifying others whom you believe would represent a cross-section of the church.

Our timeline for this process is as follows:

1. Recruitment of possible nominees, by discussing the process and accepting suggestions from members through Sunday, January 8, 2012.
2. Recommendation of a slate of consenting nominees to the full Council by January 10, 2012 for final decision by January 12, 2012.
3. Introduction of the final slate during the worship service on January 15, 2012.
4. Placement of the slate into the "call" for congregational approval at the Annual Meeting on January 29, 2012.

Please use the form below to nominate yourself and/or others to serve on the Search Committee.

You may mail this to Storrs Congregational Church, 2 N. Eagleville Rd, Storrs, 06268, deposit it in the designated boxes at church, or return to any of members named below.

My name is: _____

- I would like to explore my own interest in serving on the search committee. Please contact me.
- I recommend the following individuals be contacted to discuss their interest and potential to serve.

Are the person(s) you recommended aware of this action? YES NO

Why do you feel you or those you recommended might be strong members of the Search Committee?

What SCC ministries, programs or groups do you believe you or your nominee(s) could represent?

What additions to our plan would help our sub-group meet the intent of our bylaws to "invite, through multiple avenues and by a published date certain, nominations from the membership at large"?

Thanks for helping us search for nominees!

Jan Castle, Bob Malecki, Pam Roberts, Sue Schur, Chuck Vinsonhaler, Pastor Matt Emery, Ex-officio

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JANUARY

**The UConn Students of
UCC UConn are at your service!**

*In an effort to put together our annual
Alternative Spring Break Trip to help with
disaster relief, we are asking anyone who
may have "odd jobs" to please contact us
either by phone, in person, or email*

Phone: (860) 484-1251
Email: uccuconnasb@gmail.com.

*These jobs include anything from yard
work, to moving furniture, to stacking
wood, to babysitting...etc.*

*Here's a toast to the future, A toast to the past, And a toast to our friends,
far and near. May the future be pleasant; The past a bright dream;
May our friends remain faithful and dear. -Anonymous*