



Tidings

FEBRUARY 2011

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First Church of Christ Congregational UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

In the heart of West Hartford we are called by God to grow together, inspiring and engaging one another through worship, learning, fellowship and outreach.

We faithfully serve our diverse community and world, welcoming and nurturing all people in the living Spirit of Jesus.

PREACHING & WORSHIP PLANS FEBRUARY '11

10:00 a.m. - Meeting House
10:15 a.m. - Church School

February 6 "The Everlasting Hills"

Geordie Campbell
preaching

February 13 "Four Verbs, One Mystery"

Geordie Campbell
preaching

February 20

Joe Tobin preaching

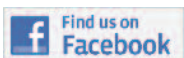
February 27

"A Servant Heart"
Youth Sunday



Flower Delivery Opportunities All Year Long! Brighten your Day!

See page 4 & 6



Dear First Church Family,

Every morning, after my morning meditation, I turn on my e-mail so I can read the morning word from www.gratefulness.org. Gratefulness.org is a wonderful website based on the teachings of Brother David Steindl-Rast, a Benedictine monk. The opening web page states: "Our international nonprofit organization provides resources for living in the gentle power of gratefulness, which restores courage, reconciles relationships, and heals our Earth."

I love the way these daily quotes encourage me to reflect on the blessings of my life, how I might serve God more fully and how I might carry a grateful heart into the day. The daily word is almost always a simple quote from a fellow person of faith - a link to remembering that The Holy One is the real focus and presence of our lives. It is also a reminder that a grateful heart is a key link to knowing God. If we are only thinking about our concerns and ourselves we block ourselves from God's loving presence. One morning not too long ago the morning quote was: "When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around." (Willie Nelson) It is good to remember this truth when we begin our day!

On Christmas morning, the daily quote really caught my eye. "Every act of love is a work of peace no matter how small." (Mother Teresa) I was touched by the way this quote linked us all with the huge Christmas story of the Prince of Peace. Even as we sat in our homes sharing gifts of love with those gathered around us we were participating in the story of peace. It makes me realize that as I seek to share love with those I come in contact with throughout the days of my life, I become a part of God's peace. Even the smallest act of love is enough.

Over the years, I have discovered that having a grateful heart has guided me toward knowing The Holy more fully. These morning quotes remind me to remember God and notice my attitude - how will I carry my heart into the day? The quotes help me to choose gratitude.

It is my hope that you, too, will find a way to remember God's love each morning.

In peace,

Susan Izard
Minister of Spiritual Life



MARCH TIDINGS & WEBSITE DEADLINE:

Submissions are due on FEBRUARY 14th to Joy Taylor (Tidings) jtaylor@hometownmarketing.com AND Patti Malahan (Website) jpwebsterdir@snet.net

**CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD
AND FAMILY NEWS**

DEATHS



● **Constance Davis**, the mother of our church secretary Sheila Harris, passed away 12/25/10.

● **J. Richard Anderson**, the brother of Nancy Antonez, passed away 1/6/11.

● **Gilbert Eddins** passed away 1/18/11.

IN THE SERVICE



● Grandson of Ken and JoAnne Taylor, **Dylan McCracken** is currently serving overseas and is due home this month!

If you have an announcement to share with your church family, please call the church office: 860-233-9605.

Sign up NOW!



**ANNUAL WOMEN'S
RETREAT**

Please join us for the 2011 Women's Retreat. The theme this year is: "Surprised by Wisdom - Delighted by God." Once again we will travel to Wisdom House in Litchfield, Connecticut to share our stories, have fun and take time to listen for The Holy in our lives. The retreat will be held on March 25th to 26th. The cost is \$92.00. Susan Izard will be our leader. Please sign up by calling the church office, 860 233-9605. Women of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend!

**JOURNEYMEN:
Feb. 6th & 20th**

The "Journeymen" men's group meets at 8:15 am in the Fellowship Room on the first and third Sunday of every month. Contact Ken Taylor for more information: 860-243-2502

So Much To Do at First Church...

Nursery School & Church School Kids JPW Library & Art Gallery
Fellowship Prayer Shawls Habitat
Worship Stephen Ministers
choir Green Team
Pizza Night Book Groups Bells Carillon Concerts
Blessing of Animals Holy Land Adventure
Youth Caroling LENT Advent Baptisms
TAIZE services Workshop **Reach Out**
... visit us today!

Looking for a Church to call home?

First Church is a wonderful spiritual home for so many! A new opportunity to join with us in the Church Family is coming on March 13 with orientation sessions for those who are new to us planned for 11:30 on Sundays, February 6 and 20. If you would like to be included please speak to Geordie Campbell or Barbara Frey.

Church School News

**News from the 4th Floor
4th Graders Presented with Bibles**

During our church service on January 23rd, eight 4th graders and one 6th grader were presented with their very own children's Bibles, which were gifts from the Jennie Lord Hodgdon Fund from the JPW Library. Each keepsake Bible was embossed with the child's name. After the service, the recipients participated in a "Bible Funshop." The children played games and worked on activities to help them become more familiar with their Bibles. Activities such as Bible Bingo, Noah's Promise, Bible Verse Scrambler and The Beatitude Match were designed to teach the children about stories in the Bible and of course, how to find the book, chapter and verse in the Bible they are looking for. Bible Recipients:

**Lauren Barlow
Hannah Barry
Kyla Barry**

**Jason Clewes
Colby Currier
Alex Dobbins**

**Eve Doolittle
Kaitlyn Epps
Abby Quinn**

Our Good Samaritans

The 4th floor was abuzz with children learning about the parable of the Good Samaritan. This familiar parable took some modern day twists! In Bible Quest, "The Super Samaritan" relay races took children to the auditorium for some fun. Children needed to race from Jerusalem to Jericho and help a "person" in need along the way. Tunnels, band aids, and firefighter hats were part of the game! In Moved By the Spirit, the children gave "Object Theater" a try. The play "The Good Spatula" was produced using a variety of kitchen utensils. Students jumped in on collecting "Yum Yums for Dylan" and created beautiful cards and Valentines to send with them in Gather Round the Community Garden.

If your children are in Kindergarten through 7th grade, please have them join us on the 4th floor for our Faith Journeys church school program. We'd love to have them! Please contact Dawne Quinn about Kindergarten - 7th Grade Programs: dawne.quinn@whfirstchurch.org or 860-233-9605 x206

WILL YOU BE OUR PARTNERS?

Dear First Church Friends,

In April, our senior youth group and some adults will be making their annual mission trip. We invite you to become partners with us by becoming a Mission Sponsor. Your donation as a mission sponsor will help offset the costs of transportation, room and board as well as the materials that will be needed to complete their work. As a mission trip sponsor, we will send you a postcard and invite you to a special program about our trip when we return.

We will be traveling to Puerto Rico to use our hands and hearts for a week of work experiences. We will live in the community and get to know the people and the unique culture and religious traditions of this area. Although we will work hard, we will have time for fun and fellowship with the people that we meet there. Our hosts in Puerto Rico are planning opportunities to work side by side with their church youth groups, visit historic and scenic areas and to worship in a local church on Palm Sunday, take part in religious processions/traditions for Holy Week, as well as other activities. Our sponsor of this mission trip is Laura Ayala.

As always, our youth and adults are eager to go on their annual mission trip. It is always an intensely rewarding project, and the group comes home tired but fulfilled. We hope that you can help us make this mission trip another success by becoming a mission sponsor. You will find a mission sponsor form next to this letter for your convenience.

We are blessed to have friends like you, who see the enormous impact our young people can have on the world and who are willing to support the effort.

Sincerely,



Reverend Barbara A. Frey on behalf of the mission trip participants

Mission Trip Sponsor/Stockholder

Whether or not you become a sponsor/stockholder for this event, we appreciate the support and prayers of our church family that makes opportunities such as this available. If you do wish to become a sponsor/stockholder, please sign up during the fellowship time or use the form below.

Please detach and mail to: Spring Mission Trip, First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107. (Please make checks out to First Church Sr. Youth Group, and memo mission trip.)

THANK YOU!!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Comments: _____



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Junior Youth Group News • 5th-7th Grades

We have started the New Year out with a great turn out of Youth, so let's keep the momentum up! February promises to be a fun-filled month!

Unless otherwise noted, our Junior Youth will meet on Sundays from 4-5:30 in the Youth Room. And please remember, you are always welcome to bring a friend.

Calendar for February 2011

February 6th Super Bowl Weekend. Want to have a super bowl party in the Youth Room? We can watch the game previews and eat? For those not interested in the game hype-games and hide and go seek or always available.

February 13th Valentine's Day Progressive Dinner. We will travel to various youth homes (of course with permission from the parents) to have an early evening progressive dinner. Make it surprising. Let's see, maybe Lucky Charms for an appetizer or Raman Noodles for a main course? Or a magic potion? Use your creative ideas

February 20th No Meeting -School Vacation

February 27th Anyone up for laser tag? Details to follow.

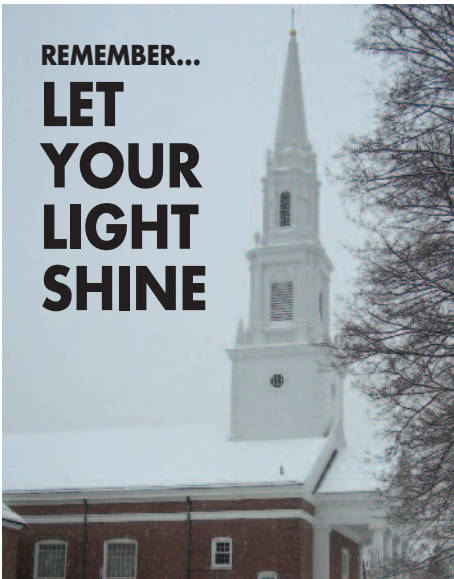
-Cindy Bemis

cindy.bemis@whfirstchurch.org

Don't forget to pick up your Baked Potatoes and Chili on Super Bowl Sunday - February 6th!

Thank you for supporting the Mission trip to Puerto Rico!





REMEMBER...

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

At 5 pm January 31, 2010, the east side of the steeple was lit for the first time. This light will be lit from hereon in the perpetual loving memory of Al and Nellie Nweeia who loved First Church and were active longtime members. This light had been a longtime dream of First Church and is now a beacon of hope, faith and love that symbolizes how First Church, in the heart of West Hartford, serves, welcomes, and nurtures all people in the Living Spirit of Jesus. This perpetual gift of "Light" is possible through the generosity of the Nweeia family. A beautiful commemorative plaque hangs in the narthex.

Flower Delivery is Rewarding

Did you think about signing up to deliver poinsettias at Christmas, but you felt like your "to do" list was already long enough? I know the feeling... but I did it anyway and how rewarding it was! When you deliver flowers on behalf of our church, you may be surprised - you will likely make a new friend or strengthen an old friendship! I visited two families and was welcomed and appreciated by both. One visit lasted over an hour and included tea and plenty of chatting, while the other one was just a few minutes long and was just as satisfying. Brightening someone's day and you'll likely brighten your day too!

- Joy Taylor

(see sign up information on page 6)

Taizé

Worship Services



Taizé services are held monthly at 6:30 p.m. at the First Church of Christ Congregational, in the newly remodeled Chapel, on the second Sunday night of the month.

The upcoming dates for 2011 are:

- February 13th • March 13th • April 10th • May 8th

The Taizé worship service is based on worship created by the Taizé Community in Taizé, France. Co-sponsored by the Spiritual Life Center and First Church of Christ Congregational, the ecumenical Taizé Service is a contemporary, contemplative time of song, silence and prayer. It is a time to center ourselves in the presence of God, to let go of the busy schedules of our lives, and be held in God's tender love and compassion.



A Great Way You Can Help A Friend!

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Do you have a friend, a neighbor, coworker, or relative going through a difficult time? A Stephen Minister may be able to offer support he or she needs. Stephen Ministers are members of our church trained to provide emotional and spiritual care to people who are hurting.

To learn how you can help a friend receive care, talk with a pastor or one of our Stephen leaders (**Richard and Linda Moffitt, Suzanne Carnes, Anne Selden**).

"As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13: 34b

DID YOU KNOW? **Charlie Goodwin** is a Stephen Minister-in-training who began the 50 hours of training on Saturday, January 22 with 8 other participants from other churches. First Church will be hosting this training. Our prayers and gratitude are with Charlie and the other participants for their wonderful gift of time and commitment.

John P. Webster Library

Patricia Malahan, Director

(860) 232-3893 • Look for regular updates online: www.jpwlibrary.org.

HOURS:

Sunday, 9 – noon

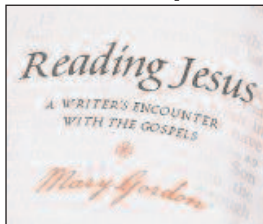
Monday 9 – 5 • Tuesday 9 – 7 • Wed. & Thurs. 9–5

Closed Friday and Saturday

Christian Classics Book Group

Our group meets on Mondays at noon to discuss books on Christianity, religion, spirituality and other germane topics.

Copies of the books are available in the library. Our next book is *“Reading Jesus, a Writer’s Encounters with the Gospels,”* by Mary Gordon. Please bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea are provided. We will not meet on February 21 as the library will be closed in observance of President’s Day. As a reminder, if the West Hartford School System is closed due to inclement weather we will not meet.

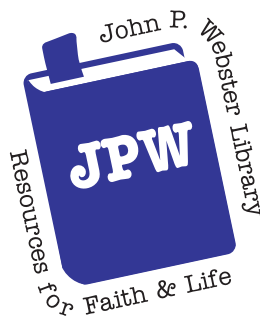


Soup and Scripture

On each Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., our group meets in the library. A basic meal of soup and bread is served, we then take turns reading scripture and have a brief informal discussion of the readings. We are reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Food for Thought Book Group

This popular book group discussion is held on the first Thursday of each month, from October through May, from 5:45 to 7 p.m. Participants are invited to bring their own “brown bag” supper and the library will provide beverages and dessert. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 3 when we will discuss *“Let the Great World Spin,”* the 2009 National Book Award winner by author Colum McCann. Copies of the books are available in the library.



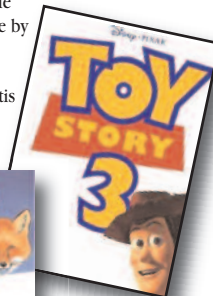
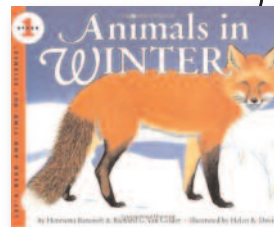
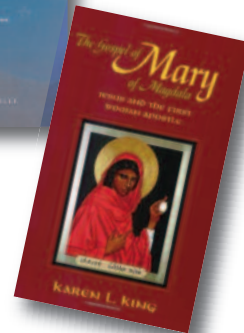
New Resources

Adult Non-Fiction

- American Madonna: crossing borders with the Virgin Mary by Deirdre Cornell
- Chasing the shore: little stories about spirit and landscape by David Weale
- Devil dog: the amazing true story of the man who saved America by David Talbot
- Earth: making a life on a tough new planet by Bill McKibben
- Forgotten among the lilies: learning to live beyond our fears by Ronald Rolheiser
- The Gospel of Mary of Magdala: Jesus and the first woman apostle by Karen L. King
- The journey home: stories from hospice (DVD)
- The majesty of your loving: a couple's journey through Alzheimer's by Olivia Ames Hoblitzelle
- Monk in the inner city: the ABCs of a spiritual journey by Mary Lou Kownacki
- Mrs. Hunter's happy death: lessons on living from people preparing to die by John Fanestil
- The restless heart: finding our spiritual home by Ronald Rolheiser
- The resurrection of Mary Magdalene: legends, apocrypha, and the Christian testament by Jane Schaberg
- Without Buddha I could not be a Christian by Paul F. Knitter

CHILDREN

- Animals in winter by Henrietta Bancroft illustrated by Helen K. Davie
- Despicable me (DVD)
- Funny Farm by Mark Teague
- Hibernation by Margaret Hall
- How do you wokka-wokka? by Elizabeth Bluemle
- Knuffle Bunny: a cautionary tale by Mo Willems
- Let's do nothing! by Tony Fucile
- The mitten: a Ukrainian folktale by Jan Brett
- My mommy hung the moon: a love story by Jamie Lee Curtis
- Toy story (DVD)
- Toy Story 3 (DVD)



Letter from Covenant to Care for Children Adopt a Social Worker Program Regional Coordinator

December 28, 2010

Where does one begin... Thank you does not seem adequate to cover the depth and breadth of the generosity I have witnessed in 2010. This year has presented its challenges with an increase in need and requests throughout the state. However, that in no way hindered the loving hearts in our communities.

When CCC asked for monetary donations, we received monies to fill furniture orders. When asked for sheets to accompany those beds being distributed you gave us mounds of sheets to give. We asked for baby clothing and essentials and you responded with adorable clothing and baby items for us to give to new mothers in the community. Back to School efforts resulted in an amazing array of backpacks and school supplies that were distributed to children filled with anticipation of the new school year.

Faith based organizations, doctor's offices, women's clubs, scout troops and businesses throughout Connecticut once again empowered Covenant to Care for Children to make a difference in the lives of many children for the Holidays and beyond. Thank you for your contributions and support in 2010!

Blessings to you and yours in the coming year,
Catherine Haugh, AASW Regional Coordinator



Reach Out

(A column from Service & Outreach)

This month the Fourth Sunday Special Offering will benefit **My Sister's Place and South Park Inn**.

My Sister's Place has been a safe haven for those who are suddenly forced on the street due to domestic violence, eviction, unemployment or mental illness. My Sister's Place is committed to ending homelessness and empowering women and families in Greater Hartford to achieve independence and stability in their community by providing housing and support services.

South Park Inn provides a continuum of programs and services for people that are homeless. From weekly Street Outreach to Long Term housing they work hard to make sure that their clients solve the problems that led to their homelessness and to become stronger individuals.

Through your generous contributions, December's Special Offerings raised over \$2,339.38 for the benefit of Hungerfighters and the Christmas Fund (Veterans of the Cross).

Service and Outreach sponsors a Special Offering every fourth Sunday of the month to benefit a service organization that helps those in greater need than ourselves. In this time of economic uncertainty, we hope you will be able to support those who most need our help. If you support organizations that need the Church's wider support, please let us know. We encourage you to consider a contribution to My Sister Place and South Park Inn in our "Reach Out" envelope. Thank you for your support.

Temperature Control

Did you know that on average, a whopping 46 percent of home energy use is energy loss. In other words, no productive energy use at all! I know it's cold out there, but each degree you turn down the heat saves 3 percent of heating costs, while each degree you raise the temperature of your air conditioner saves 3-4 percent of cooling costs. By changing the temperature by 2 degrees all year, you can save about 2,000 pounds of CO2 a year, and you won't be heating and cooling the air in your front yard.

If you have ideas to help us become more green, contact Bob Izard via email: rizard@izardnobel.com.

Troop 12 News: February 2011

West Hartford resident and West Hartford BSA Troop 12 member since age 11, **Christopher D. Allen**, received his Eagle Scout Award at a Boy Scout Court of Honor at First Church in Wethersfield on Wednesday evening, December 29, 2010. The ceremony was attended by a group of proud parents, relatives, and friends.

The Eagle ceremony included music by the **Colonel John Chester** Ancient Fife and Drum Corps of Wethersfield, the traditional Eagle Charge by **Mr. William Simonds** of Unionville, BSA District Advancement Committee, and receipt of congratulations from Connecticut Governor, **Jodi Rell**, the West Hartford legislative delegation, and the West Hartford Town Council. Chris was presented his Eagle Scout neckerchief from **Mr. Fred Stone** of Farmington, the charter organization representative, and former Troop 12 Scoutmaster.

To become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank achieved in scouting, Chris had to rise through five ranks, earn 12 required merit badges, and 9 other merit badges of his choice. Among the required merit badges he earned were Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Personal Fitness, Camping, and Swimming.

Each rank advancement calls for completing public service projects, however the Eagle rank requires a large service project initiated, organized, directed, and carried out by the Eagle candidate. Chris' Eagle Service Project involved building a portable stage for our church's youth room.

Each Eagle Scout not only honors his parents with a miniature Eagle Badge pin, they also honor a mentor who has been influential in their lives.

Troop 12 meets weekly on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 at First Church's Youth Room and welcomes all boys 11 to 18.



Dear Friends,

Thank you from The Children's Home of Cromwell

Thank you so much for all the wonderful items you donated for our youngsters at The Children's Home. We certainly appreciate your generosity. May you be blessed with as much joy as you have helped to give our children. Your congregation donated everything from pencils to duffle bags and photo albums to coats!

Our youngsters have been blessed this year with donated tickets to local theaters, sporting events, bowling and laser tag. They are also giving back. For the fifth year in a row our kids are collecting gifts for others. It's amazing to see how happy the children are helping others. It is truly a good lesson.

Your continued support of The Children's Home is a blessing to all the families we serve. Happy New Year to you and yours.

You are great friends!
Garrell Mullaney
President and CEO

Sharon Graves
Sharon Graves
Events Coordinator



Flower Delivery

Thank you to those church members who have signed up to deliver flowers during the upcoming year. We are still in need of a few more people to help out. To volunteer, contact Liz Kuhn (860-461-0704) Kuhn007@aol.com or Carol Lennig (860-521-9329) lennig@comcast.net. We look forward to adding you to our roster of flower delivery folks.

THANK YOU FROM OUR 12 CONFIRMANDS

On the snowy weekend of January 7-9, we joined the confirmation classes of North Haven, Naugatuck, Avon, East Woodstock, Gilead for a Connecticut UCC Conference Confirmation Retreat at Silver Lake Conference Center, Sharon, CT. We appreciate the generous financial support of the Board of Deacons and our chaperones/partner leaders, **Alan Dobbins**, **Joe Tobin**, and **Barb Frey** who attended the retreat with us.

The purpose of this retreat was not to teach confirmation all in one weekend, but to help build community and to ask the questions that are key to a Confirmation process. Our learning times were sometimes intense because we wrestled with some new ideas and new questions. These were balanced with hands-on activities, worship, discussions with new friends from the other churches. For example: In 6 mixed church groups, we explored the core values of the United Church of Christ, read scripture, shared and reflected and created awesome skits. We also had some free time to go walking in the snow or to do mattress sledding, as well as time to listen to music, play games, or just be together and talk.

2011 Confirmation Class

*FuRen Bemis
Molly Bobman
Molly Bugos
Sam Dobbins*

*Zach Dobbins
Stephen Espinal
Tim Fisher
Hannah Gluck*

*Nathan Kwak
Allie Kyff
Anna Lumbruno
Michael Terranova*

SILVER LAKE 2011 APPLICATIONS HAVE ARRIVED!

It's time to send in your reservations for Silver Lake Conference Center's summer programs. The listing will be posted on the CE bulletin board on the 3rd floor and in the main office or you can view it online. These conferences are for youth entering 4th grade through high school. Each conference lasts one week and has a special theme. Some are about sports and some include hiking and biking. Conferences fill very quickly. It's time to make your summer camp plans now!

When I say Silver Lake, I remember ...the fun, the friends, the challenge courses, going swimming, making music, working together, playing games...

Check it out online www.silverlakeect.org



New Year greetings from First Church Nursery School!

● We'd like to thank so many First Church members for your support of our Barnes and Noble fund raiser. Watching our children perform on "stage" and seeing so many of you shopping created a joyous kick-off for the Christmas season!

● Our in-house and community registration were highly successful this year. Most of our classes for September 2011-June 2012 are at capacity. Again, we thank you for recommending us to your friends and neighbors. Our reputation, after almost 70 years, and a wonderful staff keep us full!

● And speaking of 70 years, we will be celebrating all next school year! The Nursery School was established in 1941 by Hartford Seminarians as an experiment in mid-week Christian Education for preschoolers. As we work toward aligning policies of the school and church, I think it is important to remember that the school was established with that link. We started out under the loving arms of the church and still feel the warmth!

● We will be calling on all of you who attended the school yourselves, sent children or even grandchildren to us over the years. We'd love pictures and comments and stories about what's become of those precious little ones now that they are in their 20's, 30's, 40's, 50's....

● Thank you to Katie Zahara and her band of cleaners for volunteering to scrub doors and walls that the church and nursery school share. THANK YOU to all participating youth!

● During February, we will be collecting toiletries for South Park Inn. This will be our fourth year donating. This year our families have joined with the church in collecting Thanksgiving food, items for the WH Food Bank, mittens and hats for Covenant to Care and general items for the Cromwell Children's Home. Thank you for providing opportunities for our families to teach their children the joy of reaching beyond themselves.

● And...for all of you chocoholics... our Munson's Fund raiser is just around the corner. All orders will arrive before Easter!

Blessed to be here!

Ruthie Johnson, Director

The Knitting Ministry has moved to an evening meeting.

We are looking for experienced and new knitters and crocheters. The members will knit prayer shawls, mittens, hats and other items for Service and Outreach projects. Our meetings will ordinarily be held on the third Monday of each month from 7:00 - 8:15 P.M. Since the church building is closed on the third Monday in February, the group will meet on February 28. In March we will return to the third Monday, March 21. Meetings are held in the Quiet Room on the 4th floor. We have some yarn to share, but please bring knitting needles in size 11 or 13 and your own crochet hooks. Patterns are available to get you started on projects. If you have questions, please contact Carol Lennig (lennig@comcast.net) or Susan Izard (ssizard@gmail.com). New members are welcome!





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First Church of Christ

Congregational UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SAVE THE DATE

Cabaret & Silent Auction

Saturday, March 19 (Time to be announced)

FREE baby sitting

Proceeds to benefit First Church Youth Group Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

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SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

Do you have a cabin in the woods, tickets to a show, special talent, gift certificates, or a service to donate to our Auction? Please fill out this form or contact katie.zahara@whfirstchurch.org or call our church office at 860-233-9605.

Name _____

Phone _____

Auction Donation(S) & description _____

*All donations are tax deductible and appreciated.
Proceeds to benefit First Church Youth Group Mission Trip*



GOT TALENT?

The talent Search for our special Cabaret and Silent Auction on March 19 is on NOW! If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, do comedy or read poetry, please do not be bashful, share it with your church family! For more info, ask Barb at 860-233-9605.