



The Messenger

King Street United Church of Christ

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*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

This is one of the taglines our denomination, the United Church of Christ, has used the past few years. We've used it, too, for it describes our congregation well. When new people come to us, they are welcomed without thought to their religious background, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. They can be lifelong church-goers or may think they need to wear a hardhat to church for fear the roof will cave in when they step through the door. We don't care. These things, in one sense of the word, simply don't matter.

And yet they matter very much because all of these things help to make us who we are. We are formed by our past, shaped by the journey that brought us to this place and time, and so our stories matter.

I am familiar with some of your stories. I know pieces of your journeys. I've heard painful stories and hilarious stories and everything in-between. And I want to hear more. Were you ever kicked out of Sunday school or invited to the White House? What was the funniest thing that happened at your wedding? Where did you first learn gratitude? What takes your breath away?

I want all of us to know more about one another. So, together with the 2010 Task Force (yes, I know we need a new name), we will begin hosting some gatherings intended to help us get to know one another and have fun together. We'll be starting with groups of people in similar life situations—parents of preschoolers, for example, or maybe empty nesters. Then we'll move to other things that unite us—hobbies, careers, backgrounds. We might even gather all your former Catholics together, you just never know.

So keep your eyes open for an invitation to a Growing Ties event. You never know what stories you might hear!

Peace,
Pastor Cindy



*Carolyn Ruffles
Harriet Mangels*

*Blanche Masi
John Jennings*

Laura Thompson's brother, diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer;
Ken Landall, recovering from cancer and gall bladder surgeries;
The Loschiavo family, in the recent death of Jim Loschiavo;
Bill Humphrey, recovering from a heart attack;
Jane Sanger, in the recent death of her mother;
The Comstock family, in the recent death of Charles Comstock;
David Foy Crabtree, in the recent death of her husband, David;
Mary Dunkle, in the death of her mother;
Harriet Mangels, in the death of her sister;
Cathi Brody, on the passing of her father;
The Thompson family, in the death of their grandmother/great-grandmother;
Keith Westby, for continued improvement in his health;
Valerie Fuller, in the death of her father;
Chris and Donna Ryan's granddaughter, Victoria;
Michelle Chuisano, in the death of her father;
Sue Mills, in the death of her father;

The families of the victims affected by recent tragedies, violence and natural disasters; those who are serving in the armed forces and their families and all who are victims of war.

LASAGNA BUFFET



The lasagna supper will be
 February 12th

Open to the community, it will be continuous seating from 5-7 pm. We'll serve:

Fresh garden salad - With assorted dressings
Cheese lasagna with meat or vegetarian sauce -
Parmesan cheese on the side
Italian bread and butter
Cold beverages: soda, iced tea, water
Hot beverages: coffee and tea
Home baked desserts: pies, cookies, cakes
Cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$9.00 for seniors
5.00 for children 5-10 yr. old, 4 and under free

February Lasagna Dinner Helpers

Chuisano, Michelle	Chuisano, Elise
Dunkle, Mary	Dunkle, Tom
Haislip, Mary	Healy, Elizabeth
Laskowitz, Tracey	Medford, Susan
Mills, Fred	Petzold, Jeff
Ruffles, Carolyn	

VALENTINE'S DANCE!

Come for the lasagna, stay for the dance! Our youth are sponsoring a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 12, following the lasagna dinner (around 7pm). We will play music for people of all ages so come and join the fun. There will be small entrance fee because this is a fundraiser, but nobody will be turned away. Details coming soon.

Women's Society

February meeting will be after worship on February 6th.

Action Items: March Dorothy Day dinner and March Women's Service Day. All ladies of the church welcome!



The Thrift Shop is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9-noon and also during the Lasagna Dinner. Stop by and see our great selection! All proceeds from the Shop support our church pledge (over \$4200), holiday gifts to the staff, and other projects for the church.



News from the Outreach Team:

The Outreach Team would like to thank everyone for their generosity and help over the past few months. Thanks to the support from the members of King Street, we were able to have a very successful fall and Christmas season!

- We collected \$340 for the Neighbors in Need offering in October.
- We were able to give overflowing Thanksgiving food boxes to 13 local families. There was even money and food left over that was donated to the Daily Bread Food Pantry.
- We provided toys for 20 children through the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

Now we look forward to the Church World Service Blankets + Offering which will be collected in February. For over 60 years, CWS has used its expertise in helping communities around the world and in the US recover from catastrophes. Please prayerfully consider giving to this very important mission.

Thank you again!
Your Outreach Team – Cathi, Sue, Heather & Jane

Has your child been to Silver Lake?

Silver Lake Camp and Conference Center is a ministry of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ. Nestled in the foothills of the Berkshires of Litchfield County, Silver Lake offers a vibrant church camp experience for up to 1300 fourth graders through high school-age young people every summer. These week-long conferences offer “once-in-a-lifetime experiences, over and over,” helping to shape future leaders and spirited community-builders everywhere.

Online registration is now open for this summer’s camps. Each week has a different theme, from exploring animals in “All God’s Critters” (Grade 4) to creating an original musical in “God Show” (Grades 10-12), and all kinds of things in-between. You can find the entire schedule at www.silverlake.ctucc.org.

Our Women’s Society offers some assistance to any child or youth from our church who attends. The Fairfield East Association of the UCC offers scholarships (deadline April 1), as does Silver Lake itself (deadline May 1), but funds are limited so they ask that these scholarships be saved for those in need. Applications for the association scholarships are on the bulletin board.

Silver Lake is not just any camp. You can send your child knowing that s/he will be taught the values we work so hard to teach them at home and in church. They will learn more about God, the world, and themselves, while having a great time. I hope you will consider sending your child to Silver Lake this summer.

--Pastor Cindy

We Teach

We are considering starting a series of classes after worship called “We Teach.” Each week would teach a new skill or offer a lesson on a different topic, all taught by members of our community. Do you have a skill or area of expertise that you could share in a one-hour class? How about First Aid for Parents, Writing a Winning Resume, Investing for Retirement, or Intro to Website Design? Or maybe you can teach on endangered species, Danbury history, or modern art. If you are interested in teaching such a class, contact Pastor Cindy.



Historian's Corner

As We Were

I have been thinking of when my family joined this beloved church and Reverend Stoddard Williams was our Pastor. He had the distinction of being the first full time Pastor and was with us from 1962 through 1968.

At that time the church sanctuary ended where you see the arch. We did have a kitchen in the basement and when suppers were held in the Parish House, food was brought up and down by way of a dumpster, no longer available.

To become a member was to immediately be a part of a special family. Everyone made you feel welcome – which we are doing for others to this very day.

On August 23, 1964, we celebrated our 134th Anniversary, and former Pastors, Reverend Charles Kennedy, Reverend Otto Reuman and Reverend Seldom Humphrey took part in the service. We were proud to announce the full payment of the mortgage on the Parish House, now known as the Martin Room, named for the Reverend Harry Martin.

The area was growing as was membership and by 1965 there were 110 pupils in the Sunday school. Classes were held in the kitchen, the nursery school, downstairs (now the Thrift Shop), in the sanctuary, in the parsonage and even in the King Street Firehouse. Cars shuttled the children back and forth. We are so happy that once again our Sunday school population is growing by leaps and bounds. We did indeed need more room, and in January of 1966, the amount of \$75,000 was approved for a new educational wing. A year later, on January 1, 1967, Reverend Williams led us in a ground breaking ceremony for the new building which was to include a study for the minister, a library, six classrooms, a large meeting room, and a kitchen. While plans were under way for the expansion, the church proper was painted, screens added on one

side, and a new furnace purchased. Due to some missing parts we were without heat for the month of March and services were held in the Parish House. On Palm Sunday, April 3, 1966, a portable heat blower was acquired and was used to heat the church until the furnace was finally installed on May 29, 1966.

During these years numerous groups within the church were successfully organized, including the Men's Fellowship and Junior Diaconate. The men contributed much to the care of the church and our young people assisted the deacons during the service, helped address the Messenger, and cared for the nursery children.

The years from 1960 to 1968 were certainly very special and today we look back on those years and realize how we got to where we are today. We saw the education wing completed, the driveway paved, the church itself enlarged and our old parsonage replaced with a lovely new building next to the church. Through the efforts of our own Pastor Cindy Maddox, we built a labyrinth in our yard for all to meditate, pray, focus our thoughts, or center ourselves. Walking the labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice.

We are a community growing with many needs which our church was sent by God to fulfill. What does our Lord have for us in the future and will we be ready to go on that journey with him?

Barbara Westby



THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Thanks to your generosity in pledging, at our congregational meeting last month we were able to pass a budget without a deficit! We were able to keep all staff at current levels and increase our Outreach giving. Thank you for your loving support of King Street United Church of Christ!

--The Ministry Council



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2011		1	2 7:30 pm Sr Bell Choir	3 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	4	5 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
6 9:30 am Worship/ Communion 11 am Women's Society	7	8	9 7:30 pm Sr Bell Choir	10 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	11	12 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 5-7 pm Lasagna Dinner/Thrift Shop 7pm DANCE
13 9:30 am Worship	14	15	16 7:30 pm Sr Bell Choir	17 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	18	19 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
20 9:30 am Worship Messenger Deadline	21 7 pm Ministry Council	22	23 7:30 pm Sr Bell Choir	24 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	25	26 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 1 - 5 pm Dorothy Day
27 9:30 am Worship	28					





in case of inclement weather

alerts to be sent to your cell phone. Keep in mind that, depending on the conditions on any given Sunday, we could choose to have a one or two hour delay rather than cancelling.

In case of bad weather, how will you find out if church is cancelled? It will now be posted on WFSB-3. You can check either on television or online at www.wfsb.com. And if you like text messages, you can even sign up for automatic



March Messenger articles are due on Sunday, February 20th Please e-mail articles to: office@kingstchurch.org



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