



The Messenger

King Street United Church of Christ

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There's no doubt about it: times are tough. This recession is hitting all of us in one way or another—and some of us harder than others. Recently our leaders have been discussing how we might support one another. More specifically, how can we help people in our own church if we don't know their needs and don't want to offend by asking?

So here's one way we're going to do it. We are creating a **Jobs-Needs List**. This list will help us hire people within our own church to do jobs for which we might otherwise pay strangers. And it will still respect confidentiality.

Here's how it works: Say, for example, that I need to make some extra money, and I want to offer my power-washing services to church members. I will give this information to Tish McCarthy, our church secretary. She will add "power washing" to the list of tasks people in the church are looking to be hired for. This list will be posted in the Martin Room, but without names attached. Then, if someone in the church is in need of power-washing services, they will contact the church office to find out who is available.

On the flip side, I know I will be looking to hire people this summer to help me get my backyard ready for a wedding reception. I can go to the list, see if anyone would like to be hired for gardening or catering or manual labor, and I will get the names from the church office. If no one is listed, I will post my needs and see if anyone comes forward.

Please note that these are not volunteer opportunities. This is to help people supplement their income or replace lost income. But I would rather hire someone I know and care about, wouldn't you?

We will begin creating this list immediately. If you would like to offer your services or post a need, please call or email the church office right away. We will update the list frequently. Naturally, any work hired between church members is a private matter. The church won't get involved in negotiating prices or terms, and we can't endorse or vouch for anyone's work. Consider the church your **jobs-needs** matchmaker. We'll introduce you—the rest is up to you!

This is just one way we can help one another during the recession. Do you have any other ideas? We would love to hear them.

With prayers for peace,

Pastor Cindy



Carolyn Ruffles Ruth Tibbetts
 MaryEllen Sanzeni Blanche Masi
 Scott Merrell Roger Nelson, Jr.

Sue Mills, in the death of her father;
Anne Harrigan, recovering from collar bone surgery;
Cathy Zacotinsky's dad, recovering from surgery;
 The family of *Marie Benicewicz*, who passed away on January 9th;
 The family of *Ed D'Ettore*, who lost his battle with lung cancer and passed away recently;
Doreen Cotton, whose mother passed away on December 2nd;
 Randy and Jan Esposito daughter-in-law, *Courtney*, who is pregnant and undergoing treatments for breast cancer;
 The family of *Caroline Dealy*, who passed away on November 23rd;
John Jennings recovering from a stroke;
Harriet Mangels, whose husband, Bob, passed away on May 2007;
Ann Salamone, Christine's mother-in-law;
Marcelle Corsi, Shari Lynn Niland's mother.

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
 Saturday, March 14th

Open to the community, it will be continuous seating from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We'll serve:

Fresh garden salad - Family style with assorted dressings

Cheese lasagna with meat or vegetarian sauce -

Parmesan cheese on the side Italian bread, butter and olive oil

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



MARCH LASAGNA DINNERS HELPERS

Anderson, Eileen	McKee, Dave, Jr.
Boyle, Ellen	Orr, Alyce
Cumisky, John	Reinhardt, Beth
Esposito, Jan	Renna, Bruce
Goodwin, Keith	Renna, Lisa
Jesse, John	Roberts, Art
Landheer, Courtney	



Habitat for Humanity.....

Please Join Us for Our Seventh Annual

DREAM BUILDERS' GALA

Dinner, Dance & Auction Fundraiser

Friday, March 20, 2009

6:30-11:00pm

Candlewood Inn

*506 Candlewood Lake Road
Brookfield, CT*

Black Tie Optional

******Special Guest******

**Emmy Nominated Actress
Tonja Walker-Davidson**

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING TICKETS,

Please call
203-744-1340



Recently my husband and I had our first child. Her name is Madison Shawn. We want to say thank you to all the families who helped by bringing us a dinner each night for the first five nights we were home from the hospital. I don't have all your names but I want to say "**Thank You**" to all the families. - Dina Canarozzi

Women's Society...

Our February meeting was poorly attended due to weather. We hope to see you all at our March meeting which will be March 2, 2009. We have returned to the Martin Room so please try to attend.

"Special Date to Remember"

All members are asked to make a 3 pound meat loaf for "Dorothy Day" on Friday, March 20th and deliver to the church kitchen at 6:30 pm. Other members of the congregation are welcome to contribute. Thank you!

The Thrift Shop is keeping busy with various members working during Joy's absence. If anyone in the congregation is willing to give some time, please call President Melody Montgomery.

Here's hoping for a good response to all of the above. God bless one and all,
Harriet Mangels



Blanket Sunday!

On March 8th we will observe the Church World Services Blanket/Tool drive. This program helps empower people to bring better tomorrows for their communities. Ordinary things - things that we often take for granted like blankets, clean water, education, tents, garden tools, and seeds - can make a world of difference for people devastated by tragedy, as well as those working to build a better life for themselves and their communities. Please join us on Sunday March 8th as we support this important and successful program! Questions please contact Keith Goodwin, 778-4897

.... Historian's Corner



On King Street, not far from our church, there stood the tiniest schoolhouse I have ever seen. One room, yet during its day it was able to hold an average of 40 children, grades one through eight. Helen Brundage, a former student, could recall the exciting days in the early 1900's, when art and music teachers drove out by horse and carriage to give lessons. The regular teacher, in addition to preparing studies, also did janitorial work, which included cleaning the room and building a fire each morning in the pot belly stove. For this she was paid an additional 30 dollars a year. Her salary for the year was \$404.00.

The school was standing as far back as 1800 when the road passed behind it, but in 1856 was moved to the other side of the street. The last class was held in 1939. The building was later restored and painted by the Dorcas Society to be used by them and also the Boy Scouts.

In 1970 a reunion was held with several former teachers and students attending. Several names familiar to our church family were present: Helen Brundage, Hal Brundage, Gus Brundage, Henry Curtis, Ellen Hawley, David Valine, Hildur Valine Thompson, Helen and Don Humphrey.

It was a sad day when the area learned that a developer had bought the property and was planning to tear the schoolhouse down. A group of concerned friends pleaded with the Mayor to see if he could obtain the schoolhouse as a remembrance of the city's heritage. Before long, they were contacted and told the schoolhouse was theirs if it could be removed from the property. The Scott-Fanton Museum (now the Danbury Historical Society) granted permission to place the schoolhouse on a piece of property in Rogers Park, near the Charles Ives home. You need money to move a building, so a fund drive was started with neighbors and friends raising the \$2,000.00 needed for the seven mile trip to Rogers Park. We all watched in awe when the school was rolled down the road.

To date it has been painted, but never used for the city. I was told there are no funds for using it.

We are a loving community - ready to move ahead, but wishing to hold in our hearts some memories of times gone by.

Barbara Westby
Historian



Message from Finance

Have you heard? Our pledges for 2009 are roughly \$109,000! Thank you all so much for being so generous, even in these difficult economic times. This generosity has allowed us to maintain our commitments to Outreach and provide a modest increase for our overworked staff. Still, we know that times are tough and have recognized this in the budget. Wherever we could find savings, we have...and will keep looking for more.

In spite of these efforts and your generosity, the loss of the Danbury Hospital facility usage money means that we still need to increase fundraising, especially the reinstatement of the Spring Fair. Please do all you can to support this effort...and let us know if you have any ideas.

Due to your increased pledges, our cost-cutting budget, and our hopes for increased fundraising, this year's budget has the smallest planned deficit in recent history. We budgeted a deficit of only \$2,000 (compared to \$18,000 in 2005), and our reserves are more than ample to cover this. We currently have \$19,000 in the building fund, \$33,000 in investments, and over \$50,000 in our checking account (much of which will be moved to a better savings vehicle soon).

I also want to extend an offer to all: if you have any questions about the 'hows' and 'whys' of the budget, or have suggestions/concerns, please feel free to contact me. I welcome all suggestions! Andrea Makepeace recently joined the team and is a wonderful asset. She brings an accounting background to the 'party,' so we'll see even better reports soon. Welcome, Andrea!

Thank you again for all that you give to King Street Church.

Sincerely,
Eileen Anderson,
Finance Trustee

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Why Be a Volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame...it's not for a personal gain. It's just for love of fellow man. It's just to lend a helping hand. It's not for the medal, it's not for pride. It's for that feeling down inside. It's a feeling that you've been a part of helping others. That's what makes you a volunteer!

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<p>1</p> <p>9:30am Worship/Communion</p> <p>10:45 am Adult Education</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30 pm Women's Society</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6 pm Jr. Bells</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8 pm Sr Bell Choir</p> <p>Bell Choir</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7:30 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7 pm Wine and Cheese Fundraiser</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>9:30am Worship</p> <p>10:45 am Adult Education</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 pm Ministry Council</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6 pm Jr. Bells</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8 pm Sr Bell Choir</p> <p>Bell Choir</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7:30 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30am Worship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6 pm Jr. Bells</p> <p>Bell Choir</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>8 pm Sr Bell Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7:30 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>1 - 5 pm Dorothy Day</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30am Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6 pm Jr. Bells</p>				

Move the fence

In Europe during World War II, two soldiers attempted to provide a decent burial for their buddy. At a nearby village, they found a cemetery next to a church. When the friends asked for permission to bury their friend there, the pastor said that wasn't possible because the soldier belonged to another denomination.

Sensing their disappointment, the pastor agreed to bury the soldier in a grassy area beyond the cemetery. "It's just outside the fence," he said. The two friends accepted the offer and vowed to return.

A few weeks later, when they came back to the village, they couldn't locate the new grave. The pastor quickly calmed them down. "Everything's all right," he said. "After we buried your friend, I kept thinking about him. So I came out here, and I moved the fence."

Denominational divisions often keep us from interacting with other Christians. The next time you have the opportunity to fellowship with someone who's different from you, remember this story. Take a bold step and move the fence.



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