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“Life is a multifaceted journey. It calls for a multifaceted vision.”

“There is nothing more potent than a group of people who hold a vision in common.
No matter what you do, you cannot sidetrack them.”

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.”

These are just a few quotes from books I've been skimming recently. (Well, the last one is from the Bible so I hope I've been doing more than “skimming!”) I've found these statements both challenging and comforting as we have discussed our vision for our next big adventure together. Our discussions have been lively, as each of us has spoken our own personal desires for our congregation. Our decisions have been sketchy, as so many details still need to be explored. But our over-arching vision has been clear: we want to grow. We want to grow closer to one another. We want to grow our outreach ministries. We want to grow numerically. This is all good news.

Then another quote caught my eye: “Growing churches possess a measurably higher ‘love quotient’ than stagnant or declining ones.” The researchers determined this “love quotient” by asking questions such as how much time members spend with one another outside of church-sponsored events, to what extent are people able to share their struggles, and how much laughter is in the church. This reminded me of the first things I was told about King Street Church by your interim minister at the time: “They know how to be church. They care for one another. They like one another.” I have found these three statements to be true. I also believe that these truths will keep us strong and united as we move forward in our vision for growth. Other things may change, but those truths will not.

Thank you for your willingness to dream. Thank you for your ability to imagine. Thank you for being *church* in so many wonderful ways. I am glad we are *church* together.

Pastor Cindy



<i>Carolyn Ruffles</i>	<i>Ruth Tibbetts</i>
<i>MaryEllen Sanzeni</i>	<i>Ann Salamone</i>
<i>Scott Merrell</i>	<i>Roger Nelson, Jr.</i>
<i>Blanche Masi</i>	<i>Marie Benicewicz</i>

A Big Thank You to our deacons for all their help with our special services during Holy Week. They all did a wonderful job. Our deacons are: Mary Dunkle, Becky Forstrom, John Jesse, Wini Moreland, Anne Reichman, and Sherie Sullivan. Thanks for all you do!

George Englert, recovering from orthopedic surgery;
Mary Jane Stryker, recently diagnosed with cancer;
Marilyn Kelly, in the death of her husband Kenneth;
Eva Tooker and her family, in the death of her father on New Year's Eve and her mother on January 25th;
 The family of *Mildred Wibling* who passed away November 26th;
 Angie Jennings sister, *Elnora Evan*, in a nursing home;
 The family of *Frank J. Thompson*, who passed away in October 2006;
 Barbara Westby's nephew, *Andrew Rowan*, diagnosed with B-cell lymphoma;
 Cathi Brody's dad, *Pete Bartenstein*, suffering with advanced diabetes;
Andrea Makepeace and her family on the passing of her father;
Harriet Mangels, whose husband, Bob, passed away on May 26th;
Ed D'Ettore undergoing treatments for lung cancer;
Thomas Morgan Varinac, nephew of J. T. Cooke, with neuroblastoma of the abdomen;
Kitty Field recovering from cancer surgery.

Those who are serving in the armed forces and their families and all who are victims of war.

Jewelry Needed

At our Flea Market April 18-19 we will have a special jewelry table. We will be selling original pieces made by members of the Women's Society, plus we will be selling high quality used costume jewelry. Please give any jewelry donations to Cindy Maddox, who will be handling this table.

LASAGNA BUFFET



The lasagna supper will be
 April 12th

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

Fresh garden salad - Family style with assorted dressings

Cheese lasagna with meat or vegetarian sauce

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*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 \$9.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors
 \$5.00 for children 5-10 yr. old,**

4 and under free



.... Historian's Corner

Rose Wilder Lane

Years ago we had a celebrity living in our area who was a friend of many of our church family. Her name was Rose Wilder Lane, the daughter of Almanzo and Laura Ingalls Wilder. For 30 years she lived at 23 King Street. Do you remember "Little House On the Prairie?"

Rose was born in De Smet, South Dakota, on December 5, 1886. Her mother named her for the wild roses which cover the prairie in June, later writing that "after all, a rose in December was much rarer than a rose in June."

Graduation in 1904 ended her formal education. She worked as a telegrapher in Mansfield and later Mount Varner, Indiana. She moved to San Francisco in 1908 where she met and later married Claire Gillette Lane. They settled in Kansas City and Rose began her writing career working there for the Kansas City Post. Here she gave birth to a son who did not live. The death was so painful to her that she would never talk about it. Rose and her husband embarked on a joint career, selling old ranch land which was being broken up for sale into smaller farms. Soon, Rose was out-earning her husband, and finding satisfaction in being her own woman, Rose and Gillette grew apart and separated, divorcing in 1918.

From 1915 until the 1940's Rose sold many articles and stories to major magazines, among them *Sunset*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Harper's Monthly*, *Asia*, *Country Gentlemen* and *Saturday Evening Post*. Rose moved to New York in 1938 and later purchased a house in Danbury, CT.

Rose gave up writing in the early 1940's to avoid supporting with her taxes President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal policies. She declared she

would raise her own food on her farm on King Street and live on an income of \$60 a month. In 1963 she abandoned her resolution with the publication of her "Woman's Day Book of American Needlepoint." It was one of her best known works.

Rose spent two years in Harlington, Texas but then returned to her home in Danbury. Her sudden death at 82 came as a shock to the King Street community. Rose was well known among those attending our church, but as Ruth Tibbetts recalls, she left when we joined the National Council of Churches. She continued to attend the Easter Sunrise Services.

Her neighbors remember her walking down the road with her two white poodles, noticeable because most families in the area had mongrels. Carolyn Ruffles, then a young child, gazed in awe at the turban she always wore on her head, believing in her mind that Rose must be bald. Many nights Rose could be seen proof reading beneath a bright light above her kitchen table. At one point Carolyn told Rose how much she loved reading the series "Little House on the Prairie" and Rose suggested she write to her mother. Laura Ingalls Wilder answered, telling her how happy she was that Carolyn enjoyed her books. This letter is now laminated for safe keeping.

After her death, a memorial service was held at the King Street Church with the Rev. Charles Gerlinger, interim pastor, officiating. Her ashes are buried besides the graves of her parents in Mansfield, Missouri, and many of her personal belongings were placed in the museum at Rocky Ridge Farm.

We remember her with love.

-Barbara Westby





Youth Group Fundraiser

April is a busy month as the youth group prepares for its mission trip this summer.

There are a couple of fund raising opportunities for everyone to help us raise funds.

There will be a Tupperware fund raiser.

Enjoy the lifetime warranty of a great product while 40% of your purchase goes to the youth group. Rebecca Manfredonia will have a Tupperware table at the flea market and youth group members will also have fund raiser catalogs to take orders in April.

Another fundraiser will be a carnation sale for Mother's Day. Buy one or many flowers for that special lady in your life and they will be handed out at services on Mother's Day.

Order forms will be available soon.

As always there is the gift card fund raiser.

Remember that you can buy gift cards at their face value and the youth group receives a percentage. Have you been thinking about getting some new spring or summer clothes? Why not get a gift card for the stores you like to shop at like Old Navy, JCPenney, or Macy's. Orders for April are due on Sunday, the 13th. Keep in mind if you have an order ready before then you can feel free to hand it in early. If you have any questions ask Rebecca Manfredonia.

Women's Society...

The ladies of the Women's Society held their monthly meeting on Monday, March 3rd, in the Martin Room. There were 10 people present. Meeting was open with a religious reading by President Melody. Reports were read and approved.

Jessie and Harriet attended "Church Women United World Day of Prayer" at the First Congregational Church on Deer Hill Ave on Friday, March 7th. The "May Friendship Day" will be held on May 2, 2008 at Prince of Peace Church in Brookfield, CT, at 9:30 a.m. Plan to attend. Following close of meeting we worked on making jewelry under direction of Pastor Cindy.

Special Note – All students of King Street Church interested in college – the ladies are offering a scholarship. So ask for information as soon as possible.

Peace and love to all – Harriet Mangels



We'll have spring cleaning day, right after the service on April 6th. Come in comfy clothes, and be prepared to get down and dirty.



Congratulations to Jessie Patton who was recently nominated for a special award through the Connecticut Women of the United Church of Christ. All nominees will be honored at the annual meeting of the CWUCC, Saturday, April 26th, 9-3 in Bridgeport. If you would like to go and support Jessie, registration forms are on the bulletin board. Congratulations, Jessie, and thanks for all you do

Faith Promise: Our Next Big Adventure is our Growth

We have spent the last few weeks exploring our next 'big adventure.' We are happy to let you know that collectively we have decided to focus on our growth in three areas:

- 1) **Outreach and ministry** (Exploring Special Olympics, and two women's shelters)
- 2) **Community and relationships** (more time together to develop deeper relationships)
- 3) **membership numbers** (targeted growth campaign)

Thank you to the folks who drew pictures of our passions, reminded us of our rich past, and explored what projects would help others while bringing us closer together. Your time and energy around this is much appreciated!

We are also happy to announce that **we have collectively promised to find \$6,461 (so far!)** through God's love to achieve this growth. That's 64% of our \$10,000 goal, so please continue to look for ways to regain, retain, and attain funds through God. This promise in faith runs through Easter 2009, so we are each promising to find these funds by then. We will each have an opportunity to share how we found the funds if we would like.

So, what's next?

Several members are exploring the three growth areas. On **Sunday, April 27th at 5:00 pm** we will have a **potluck dinner** where we can all come together to review the findings and then move forward on these initiatives. We will have an ongoing list in the Martin Room for us to share our ideas for growth. We will review these ideas and decide what will move us along our journey. We will ensure we stay focused, which may mean stopping things we have always done to do more of the items that will get us closer to our adventure.

Let's stay connected.. **Try out the blog to share your ideas:**

<http://www.blogger.com/i.g?inviteID=8934158616585625834&blogID=7167854824125587667>

We are excited about growing our church together - please join together to make something truly special!

- The Stewardship Team - Kim Goodwin, Carlo Marano, Annie Kanzow

A logistical note: When you do find the funds to meet your promise, please note that it's for the Faith Promise, so we don't pay the electric bill with it!!

KING STREET UCC TAG SALE/FLEA MARKET

APRIL 18TH 9:00am - 3:00pm

APRIL 19TH 9:00am - 2:00pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

You can support this event in the following ways:

Bring your gently used items to the Church for us to sell at the tag sale. Drop off will be **Tuesday, April 15th through Thursday, April 17th from 4pm-8pm.**

Rent a space and sell your own goods. Remember it is carry in and carry out. Rent a table for one day for \$30.00 or both days for \$40.00.

If you are a vendor or know a vendor who would be interested in renting a space have them call Jean Jackson for details. (203) 792-0450.

Volunteer to help tag and sort items.
Volunteer to help the day(s) of the event.
We will need baked items for our bake sale, too!

Tell your friends, family and co-workers!!!

Enrollment form available via email or at the Church office.

Hearts and Hands of Pineland Suzuki School

*The Pineland Suzuki School Advanced Ensemble from Maine, directed by **Larry Deming's sister**, joins with the Hope Partnership mission to help bring peace among the children of Abraham.*

The group will be traveling to Palestine this coming July.

They will join other children from Israel and Palestine and perform several concerts.

Some of the students have participated in "Seeds of Peace" camp in Maine and will reunite with their Middle East friends and continue their "peace talks" and friendships.

They hope you will come to listen to their story and hear their beautiful music on

Tuesday, April 22 at 7 PM at King Street UCC,

Music of Bach, Handel, John Williams, Greek folk dance, Klezmer music and more, free will offering



On March we were pleased to welcome the following new members into our church:

Morgan and Kristine Vondle

Morgan and Kristine were both raised in Danbury. Kristine is employed as a private nanny, and Morgan utilizes his culinary skills from the Culinary Institute of America at the Fife-n-Drum Restaurant in Kent. On August 9, 2006, they were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Ava. They enjoy cooking, reading, outdoor activities and most especially, spending time with their daughter. Morgan and Kristine currently live in New Milford but will be moving to Danbury in July.

Elizabeth Healy

Elizabeth also was raised in Danbury. She is the daughter of George and Marjorie Knapp of King Street. She has lived in Torrington, Litchfield, and Washington, D.C., returning to Danbury in 1999. Elizabeth is employed by the Taunton Press in Newtown. Elizabeth enjoys the company of her two dogs, and her hobbies include gardening, cooking, and volunteering at the Women's Center of Greater Danbury.

Warren and JoAnn Petzold

Warren and JoAnn were raised in Mamaroneck, New York, and have lived in Danbury for 34 years. JoAnn is employed by a local physician and Warren is retired from IBM. They have three children and three grandchildren who they enjoy spending their time with. JoAnn also enjoys knitting and reading. Warren's hobbies include target pistol and rifle shooting, salt water fishing and model railroading.

Jeff and Lisa Petzold

Jeff and Lisa were raised in Danbury and attended local schools. Jeff is the son of new members, Warren and JoAnn Petzold. Lisa is employed as a nurse at Danbury Hospital, and Jeff is employed by IBM. On February 2, 2007, their daughter Chloe was born, and they take great enjoyment from parenting. Jeff also enjoys playing golf, and they both enjoy traveling.

APRIL

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 6 pm Jr Bell Choir	2 8 pm Sr Bell Choir	3 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 7:30 pm Senior Choir	4	5 9-12 pm Thrift Shop
6 9:30 am Worship/Comm union Spring Cleanup 4 pm Youth Groups (First Congregational)	7 7 pm Women's Society	8 6 pm Jr Bell Choir	9 8 pm Sr Bell Choir	10 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 7:30 pm Senior Choir	11	12 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 5-7 pm Lasagna Dinner/Thrift Shop
13 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible 102	14	15 6 pm Jr Bell Choir	16 8 pm Sr Bell Choir	17 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 7:30 pm Senior Choir	18 9-3 pm Flea Market	19 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 9-2 pm Flea Market
20 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible 102 4 pm Youth Groups (KSUCC)	21 7 pm Ministry Council	22 6 pm Jr Bell Choir	23 8 pm Sr Bell Choir	24 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 7:30 pm Senior Choir	25	26 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 1-5 pm Serving at Dorothy Day
27 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Bible 102 5 pm Potluck Dinner	28	29 6 pm Jr Bell Choir	30 8 pm Sr Bell Choir	2008		



Fellowship Time Volunteers Needed

Please consider signing up for Sunday Fellowship Time (coffee hour). This is a very important time after the service where we come together as a church community and welcome visitors as well.

All that is required is for you to arrive a little early, start the coffee, set out the supplies and clean up afterwards; you also need to bring some milk or cream for the coffee. Refreshments are always welcome, but not necessary.

If you have never volunteered to help with the Fellowship time, please let me know and I would be happy to help you. Thank you for volunteering!

-Laura Thompson



**MAY Messenger articles due WEDNESDAY,
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E-mail articles to Knisleys@prodigy.net



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