



# The Messenger

King Street United Church of Christ

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Where do you turn during difficult times? When something goes wrong, who do you call? When a crisis hits, whom do you trust?

I hope you had many answers—your friends, your family, your spouse. I hope you also could say that you turn to your church. I pray you also could say that you turn to God.

During difficult times, people tend to be more open to God than during the easy times. Perhaps this is because we seek meaning in crisis, stability in turmoil. It's hard to walk in shifting sand, and so we look for places that offer solid ground beneath our feet. The church is one of those places. We long for what the church has to offer.

Other people do, too. All around us, people are looking for strength, stability, assurance, and connection. Right now people are searching for reasons for hope and assurances of joy. Churches can help meet these needs, and we as a church are working on ways to do so. But there is one thing people need that only you can provide: people need to be invited. Although some people visit a church because it is in the neighborhood or because they like the website, more people come because someone they know invited them to attend.

Who in your life needs a church home? Do them a favor and invite them to join you in worship. And not just "someday" but "how about this Sunday?" Easter is always a good day to bring guests. Not only is the sanctuary full and lively, but lots of music equals a short sermon! More importantly, Easter promises the very things for which we seek: reasons for hope and assurances of joy.

Please join us for our special worship services during Holy Week—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and two services Easter Sunday morning. And bring someone else who needs the reminder of the resurrection to come.

With prayers for peace,

*Cindy*



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

Jack Barnum Ruffles, newborn grandson of Carolyn and Dick Ruffles

Randy and Jan Esposito's daughter-in-law, Courtney, who is pregnant and undergoing treatments for breast cancer, and whose sister passed away recently

Sue Mills, in the death of her father  
The family of Marie Benicewicz, who passed away on January 9<sup>th</sup>

Doreen Cotton, whose mother passed away on December 2<sup>nd</sup>

John Jennings recovering from a stroke  
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.



We'll have Spring Cleanup day right after the service on April 26<sup>th</sup>. There's lots of work to be done inside and out, so please come in comfy clothes. We could always use some rakes, paper towels, leaf bags, and whatever you feel would be useful to get our church cleaned up after the long, hard winter. Thanks for your help!

### LASAGNA BUFFET



The lasagna supper will be Saturday, April 11<sup>TH</sup>

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

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- Fresh garden salad - Family style
- 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

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Cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$9.00 for seniors \$5.00 for children 5-10 yr. old, 4 and under free



### APRIL LASAGNA DINNERS HELPERS

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| Baker, Toby      | Radcliff, Rick   |
| Cotton, Bob      | Roberts, Susan   |
| Cotton, Bobby    | Ruffles, Matt    |
| Hannan, Ed       | Sands, Michelle  |
| Mangels, Harriet | Sands, Scott     |
| Nobles, Barb     | Sullivan, Sheryl |
| Radcliff, Jeanne |                  |



Ever wonder about what's been going on with various projects around the church? Here are just a few updates.

### Church Growth Task Force

This group was started last year to help us consider ways that we might grow our church numerically – specifically by attracting new visitors and turning visitors into friends and members. You will soon see the results of some of our discussions. They include: Burma-shave type signs along South King Street, some revisions to our already-outstanding website, and new name tags to help us know one another and more easily recognize visitors.

The deacons took on the task of arranging for new name tags to be made, and we encourage people to wear them regularly. Name tags help newcomers feel more comfortable chatting with people, and those without name tags are easier to identify as visitors who need to be welcomed. To make it easier to return your name tag when you leave, a box or basket will be placed by the doors near the offices. Those who leave by the sanctuary door can, of course, return their tag there.

### Memorial Labyrinth Garden

Our labyrinth is completed. The bricks have been in place for a good long time now, and the grass is now growing steadily. All that awaits is the landscaping and the memorial plaque. One of the Scouts may be taking on part of the landscaping as an Eagle Scout project. But either way, we'll be starting soon. If you like gardening – or even tolerate it! – please be prepared to help us do some weeding and planting. We will have a dedication service this summer.

### Jobs-Needs List

Our **Jobs-Needs List** is a new initiative designed to help us support one another during these tough economic times. The concept is that some of us have odd jobs around the house for which we are willing to pay. Others of us have need of additional income. These two needs can come together in a confidential way that helps all involved. Here's how it works:

Anyone who has odd jobs available for hire gives the information to our church secretary, Tish McCarthy. Likewise, anyone who is looking for particular kinds of work can send a list of his or her skills to the church office. Tish then creates a list (without names) and posts it in the Martin Room. Only the secretary will have the names of the parties involved, and she will help them connect with one another.

Our **Jobs-Needs List** currently contains the following work available: mowing, spring cleaning, installing deer fencing, painting, cutting and hauling downed trees, washing windows, etc. If you are interested, regardless of your employment status, please contact the church office for information. Also remember that these jobs do not have to be outdoor work. Any tasks such as cleaning, sewing, cooking, typing, tutoring, and babysitting can be posted.

Naturally, any work hired between church members is a private matter. The church won't get involved in negotiating prices, and we can't endorse anyone's work. Think of the church as the matchmaker. We'll introduce you—the rest is up to you!

### King Street Church's Annual Easter Egg Hunt



**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Following Worship**

For Children age 0-13  
Lemonade and cookies to follow



# EASTER FLOWERS



Anyone wishing to provide a plant/flowers for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please complete the form and put it in the offering plate or Church Office **no later than Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Checks should be made payable to KSUCC.

Lily (\$12.50) \_\_\_ Tulip (\$10.50)\_\_\_ Daffodil (\$10.50) \_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please order a plant(s) for me. I have enclosed \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide my own plant and deliver it to the church by **noon, Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**.

Name of person making donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Given in memory or honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please circle as appropriate) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## New Outreach Opportunity

The Outreach Committee is starting an ongoing drive to collect items for our local animal shelters. Most people don't realize that pets are also victims of the economic downturn. More people are abandoning their pets as it becomes financially difficult to care for them, and at a time when shelters are feeling the pinch of decreased donations. But you don't have to spend a penny if you don't want to. A box has been set up to collect your (clean) used blankets, comforters, towels and sheets. Other items you can donate include food, paper towels or extra large black trash bags. Please see Cathi Brody for a complete list of items that are needed.

## Welcome, New Members!

The following people joined KSUCC on March 8:

### Dina Canarozzi

Dina was raised in Brewster, NY and attended local schools. She and her husband Stephen are the proud parents of Madison, who was born in January. In addition to her responsibilities as a new mom, Dina is employed by IBM.

### Anne Coffman

Anne is an ordained minister in the UCC. Recently she started doing church coaching and consulting, as well as providing spiritual direction for individuals without churches. Anne and her husband, Paul Schmidt, reside in Ridgefield. They have two grown children and one son in college.

### Anne Harrigan

Anne and her husband, John, live in Danbury. Anne was raised in Queens, NY and graduated from Western CT State U. Anne lived in Wausau, WI, before moving back East 35 years ago. She has also lived in Stamford, CT and Newark, DE. Anne is retired and enjoys volunteering and gardening.

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The Maundy Thursday service is one of the most special services of the entire church year. The tone is reflective, with meditations and music that focus us on the last events of Jesus' earthly life. As usual, we will share in the Office of Tenebrae, during which we read our way through the Passion story, and we will share in the bread and cup, as the disciples did the night before Jesus died. The choir will help us worship through anthems selected specifically for this service. So please join us on Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. for this special time of community. Childcare will be provided.

## EASTER MORNING SERVICES & BREAKFAST



Our **Easter Sunrise Service** will take place again this year in our very own cemetery next to the church. After all, a cemetery is where the original "Sunrise Service" took place! We will gather in the early morning light to hear the Good News together, and then we will move into the sanctuary. We will uncover the cross that was draped in black during the Maundy Thursday service, and we will bring back in the banners that were removed during the Ash Wednesday service. As we sing together, we will also decorate the sanctuary with Easter lilies and other spring flowers that have been donated in honor and memory of loved ones. Think of this service as a "Hanging of the Greens" service but for Easter. Those who attended last year said it was definitely worth getting up so early! This service will begin at 6:45.



Then we will move downstairs for an **Easter Potluck Breakfast**. Everyone is invited to bring something they enjoy eating for breakfast, and we will share a common meal together. Last year people brought quiche, egg casserole, bagels, fruit, and sweets. If you aren't able to attend the Sunrise Service, plan to arrive at breakfast around 7:45-8:00.



The morning's celebrations will culminate in our **Morning Worship** at 9:30. This is always one of the highlights of our church year. Friends far and near will gather, our adult and children's choirs will sing, the bell choir will play, our "buried Alleluia" will be released, and our sermon will reflect the joy of resurrection. This is a wonderful service for introducing visitors to King Street Church so please think about people in your life who might be searching for a new church home. Invite them to join you and your family in worship.

Ready for some old-fashioned fun?

Come to the

# King Street Country Fair



Perfect Plants

**Saturday, June 6**

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Fabulous Food

Endless Entertainment

Colorful Clowns

Great Games

Beautiful Baked Goods

And More!!!!



**Volunteers Needed! Contact Linda Spione, Kim Goodwin, or Liz Healy**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8 pm Sr Bell Choir</p> <p><b>Bell Choir</b></p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7:30 pm Sr Choir</p>	<b>3</b>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:30 am Worship/Communion</p> <p>10:45 am Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>7:30 pm Women's Society</p>	<b>7</b>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8 pm Sr Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7:30 pm Sr Choir</p>	<b>10</b>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>5-7 pm Lasagna Dinner/Thrift Shop Open</p>
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Easter</p> <p>6:45 am Sunrise Service</p> <p>8 am Potluck Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8 pm Sr Bell Choir</p> <p><b>Bell Choir</b></p> 	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7:30 pm Sr Choir</p>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>7 pm Ministry Council</p>	<b>21</b>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8 pm Sr Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7:30 pm Sr Choir</p>	<b>24</b>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>1 - 5 pm Dorothy Day</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p> <p>10:45 am Spring Cleanup</p>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8 pm Sr Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7:30 pm Sr Choir</p>		

## Welcome, New Members! (Continued)

### Bob and Jane Sanger

Bob and Jane are former members of our congregation who moved back to our area from Hollywood, Florida, where they lived for 12 years. They currently reside in New Milford. Bob is semi-retired and Jane is employed as a kindergarten teacher at Faith Academy. They have a blended family of six grown children. Bob enjoys reading, geology, and music. (His musical talents already have been evident at our worship services.) Jane enjoys several hobbies, including scrapbooking, crafts, and baking.

We are so pleased to welcome all of you into our faith community. We're glad your spiritual journey has brought you to us.



**MAY Messenger articles due  
Wednesday, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>**

E-mail articles to [Knisleys127@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Knisleys127@sbcglobal.net)



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