



The Messenger

King Street United Church of Christ

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June is a busy month. Our personal and family calendars are full of graduations, weddings, sports banquets, dances, and parties. We're planning for summer vacations and camp and childcare. Our schedules are full to overflowing.

And then there's church. We have something special going on each Sunday in June. Take a look at what's in store:

- June 1** Sermon title: "Preaching, Prophets, and Politics"
After worship: a second, more in-depth view of our survey results
- June 8** Sermon title: "Red and yellow, black and white..."
- June 15** Children's Sunday
- June 22** Sermon title: "A son of a slave"
- June 29** Guest preacher

As you can tell from my sermon titles, I'll be dealing with some difficult issues in my preaching this month. I hope you will be here so that we may be God's community together.

Please also make every effort to attend a special presentation on Friday, June 13 by Dr. Michael Fowlin. (See the listing later in this newsletter for the details.) From everything I have heard and read, this promises to be an eye-opening experience for all of us. We are inviting other churches to join us for this important time together, so space may be an issue. Call or email the church office to reserve your space. Youth in grades 7 and above are encouraged to attend as well.

We are a busy people. We are a blessed people. We are God's people . . . together.

Cindy



Carolyn Ruffles *Ruth Tibbetts*
 MaryEllen Sanzeni
Scott Merrell *Roger Nelson, Jr.*
Blanche Masi *Marie Benicewicz*
Marcelle Corsi, Shari Lynn Niland's mother
Ann Salamone, Christine's mother-in-law

Youth Group Fundraiser

The flamingos have landed!! Look for them in a neighborhood near you, or maybe they will be landing in your yard. Watch out, we are never quite sure where those pesky pink birds are going to land next. You can purchase insurance to make sure they don't land in your yard. Or if they do land, you can pay to have them removed and sent to the yard of your choice. See your senior high youth group, Matt Baker, or Matt Manfredonia with any questions.

Also, remember the gift card program as you prepare for you summer parties or vacations. Get grocery store cards to get supplies for that graduation or July 4th party. Planning a vacation? You can get gas cards, Marriott hotel gift cards, and even gift cards for Disney. The deadline for June is Sunday the 15th. If you have any questions contact Rebecca Manfredonia.

Sherie Sullivan, on the death of her best friend from college;
Lisa Petzold on the death of her grandfather; Cathi Brody's dad, *Pete Bartenstein*; recovering from leg amputation surgery;
George Englert, recovering from orthopedic surgery, and with recent deaths in his family;
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 December 31st and her mother on January 25th;
 The family of *Mildred Wibling* who passed away in November 2007;
Harriet Mangels, whose husband, Bob, passed away in May 2007;
Ed D'Ettore, undergoing treatments for lung cancer;
Thomas Morgan Varinec, nephew of J. T. Cooke, with neuroblastoma of the abdomen;
Kitty Field, recovering from cancer surgery.

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.



.... Historian's Corner

Barbara Westby

Time Goes By So Fast

To me it seems like just a short time ago that we were enjoying the Patterson family. I am going back to December 27, 1981, the Sunday after Christmas. Bob Patterson was preaching – but then, he always preached the Sunday after Christmas. Really quite nice of him, as Pastor Ken must have been exhausted after the busy activities during Advent and Christmas.

Bob began by saying that he was preaching part three of a sermon started three years ago - today's theme "Gifts of Grace." I couldn't remember anything about the other two, although I did remember the children's story - just in case! Never mind, he would clue us in for sure and maybe I wouldn't feel so dumb. Somehow he seemed to be focusing on the word "If." Lord, if you sell my house I'll go to theological school – and then the Lord said – you go to theological school and then maybe we'll see about selling your house. All of a sudden it hit – Bob was going into the ministry! My immediate feelings were ones of joy. Here was a man from our very own church answering the call to God. Then the selfish feelings began to creep in and I could feel the tears filling my eyes. The rustle of tissues around me made me know I was not alone. My thoughts went back to the day Bob announced from the pulpit that after ten years he and Millie were going to have a baby. He was so happy. In due time, on

June 21, 1977, the baby arrived – a little girl, Melinda – the exact image of her dad. Millie brought her to church every Sunday, and we all came to watch for that baby, being rocked on her Mother's shoulder, back and forth, back and forth. Then the little face started looking around, watching the people behind and then up to the balcony where the choir was singing so beautifully. Her little arm would swing as if trying to direct them herself.

A second child was to arrive, this time a son, Christian, born on March 26, 1980. He was the first child baptized during the reconstruction of the sanctuary, on April 13, when nothing but the bare walls and old beams were visible.

Bob and Millie were both a very active part of our church family. Bob's involvement in the Diaconate was extensive – proving even more the course his life must take. He became a Pastor, serving churches in Georgia, Connecticut and Missouri. It is so hard to believe that he retired just this past April, 2008. They are living in Florida.

Where did those years go – a family so familiar that he could walk in the door making us feel like it was only yesterday? A man, a family, who graced our lives and gave us joy.

God be with him and his family.



Women's Society...

We had a brief meeting and then finished the jewelry project which was placed on sale in the Martin Room following our Sunday service. There will be no Fair in June, just a "Mini-Bazaar." Our next meeting will be held on June 2 at 7:30pm. Please try to attend. As per our practice, no meeting in July, but please note - we will have our usual "Pot Luck Supper" in August. All ladies of the congregation are welcome so watch for further information.

Special notes: Donations of good, clean saleable clothing, linens, small household items for our Thrift Shop will be accepted only on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9 am to 12 pm. Shop will be open through July with a ½ price sale for two weeks, and then a "Bag Sale" for the rest of July. The shop will be closed during the month of August. Proceeds of all sales are given to our King Street Church and other outreach projects.

Will see you at our June meeting.

Peace and love to all -
Harriet Mangels

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

June 15 is Children's Sunday. Parents, make sure your children are here every Sunday until then so they can participate!

Summer Newsletter Deadline

We will have a combined July/August newsletter this summer. The deadline is June 23. Please plan ahead to make sure we have your news for the whole summer.



MICHAEL FOWLIN

YOU_DONT_KNOW_ME...
UNTIL_YOU_KNOW_ME

A DANCE WITH DIVERSITY



You Don't Know Me Until You Know Me

... is a one-person show that deals with the issues of race, discrimination, violence prevention, personal identity, suicide, gender equity, homophobia, and the emotional pain felt by special education children.

In a gripping, fast paced, 75-minute performance, Michael Fowlin slips in and out of nine characters, both male and female, who "share their stories." The characters speak in an often humorous but, at times, heartbreaking manner.

Dr. Michael Fowlin, better known as Mykee, combines his professional acting talents and his doctorate in clinical psychology to create programs that reach people intellectually and emotionally. His mission is to create an atmosphere of worldwide inclusion, not just tolerance, toward all people. He hopes that audience members will leave his performance with that wonderful, awakening feeling of beauty: the beauty within one's self and the beauty within others, the celebration of our differences, and the acceptance of our shared experiences.

Reviews:

"Michael's performance is intense yet funny, emotional yet thoughtful. He held us spellbound for over an hour and evoked emotions from laughter to tears."

"Your performance and its message have left an indelible imprint."

"You made us all aware of the pain many people suffer as a result of intolerance."

Performing Friday, June 13, 7pm
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Space is limited to 150. Reservations suggested.

Call (203) 748-0719 or email office@kingstchurch.org

\$5 donation suggested.

<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>9:30 am Worship/Comm union</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 pm Women's Society</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6 pm Jr Bell Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8 pm Sr Bell Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop</p> <p>7:30 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am Worship/Comm union</p> <p>10:30 am Bible 102</p> <p>4 pm Youth Groups (First Congregational)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7 pm Women's Society</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6 pm Jr Bell Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8 pm Sr Bell Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop</p> <p>7:30 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 pm Michael Fowlin Presentation</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Children's Sunday</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p> <p>10:30 am Bible 102</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 pm Ministry Council</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop</p> <p>7:30 pm Senior Choir</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>9:30 am Worship</p>	<p>30</p>					

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Father's Day

The first celebration of Father's Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who'd cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father's Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father's Day as a national observance.



**SUMMER Messenger articles due
Monday, June 23rd.**

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