



# The Messenger

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When the pastor is away the congregation will play (and hopefully continue to come to church)! June is a busy month here at KSUCC, even with our fearless leader off on sabbatical, so please remember to put the following dates on your calendars:

**June 6** Music Sunday

**June 13** Communion Sunday

**June 20** Children's Sunday & Father's Day

**June 26** Annual Summer Fair & Serving at Dorothy Day

As you can see we have dual events occurring on all these dates, all of which are of equal importance, so don't miss the opportunity to take advantage of these two-for-one deals!

Our annual Music Sunday is one of our most popular services and this year's promises not to disappoint with performances by our Sr. Bell Choir, the Children's and Youth Choirs, and as always it will all take place under the wonderful direction of Paul Malyszka, our Director of Music.

June 13<sup>th</sup> is Communion Sunday, and as an aspiring pastor this will be my first opportunity to serve as the presider. Just think, you can say, "I was there when..."

Children's Sunday shares a double billing with Father's Day, and dads, you can take the afternoon off but be sure not to miss church in the morning, as Barb Nobles will be leading the children in a musical production of *100% Chance of Rain* – the story of Noah's Ark.

Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> is the date of our annual Summer Fair, so pray for good weather, tell your neighbors, invite your friends, bring the family and come on down to support your church and indulge in a day of fabulous fun, food, and fellowship. As always we'll have great music, games for the kids, and the opportunity to shop-till-you-drop at the vendor tables. For those not staying for the Fair cleanup, be sure to head on over to the Dorothy Day Hospitality House for our monthly opportunity to serve. The Fair can be a long and tiring day but we must not forget our congregation's mission to truly become a "servant church" as we continue to share the gift of God's love with others.

Come one, come all, and let's keep the momentum going as we await Pastor Cindy's return in August!

Blessings from the substitute pastor,  
Maureen



*Carolyn Ruffles  
Harriet Mangels*

*Blanche Masi  
John Jennings*

*Cathi Brody*, on the passing of her father;  
*Laura, Leandra, and Logan Thompson* in the recent death of Laura's grandmother;  
*Keith Westby*, undergoing radiation treatments;  
*Herb Mahn*, recovering from hip replacement;  
*Valerie Fuller*, in the recent death of her father;  
*Warren Petzold*, recently hospitalized;  
*Chris and Donna Ryan's* granddaughter, Victoria;  
*Jane Sanger*, on the passing of her father recently;  
*John Hundinger*, husband of DaVida Foy Crabtree, undergoing treatment for stomach cancer;  
*Jim Loschiavo*, undergoing treatment for brain tumors;  
*Michelle Chuisano*, in the recent death of her father;  
*Sue Mills*, in the death of her father;  
*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.



Break in your walking shoes!  
The annual Community United Against Domestic Violence walk to benefit the Women's Center of Greater Danbury will be Sunday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, this year. We are again planning to set up a team of walkers and to volunteer in the registration booth at the walk.

Please contact Liz Healy (elizabethhealy@comcast.net) if you are interested in participating. It's a great event and we have been one of the top fund-raising teams each year.

More to come as the event nears.



## **June Fellowship**

### **Summer Kick-Off**

#### **Barbeque and Bon-Fire**

Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M.

The Sands' house....they will provide hot dogs and burgers. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverage.

A bonfire and s'mores will follow.



## **KSUCC OLYMPIC TOWN 2010**

We had another outstanding day on May 8 at Danbury High School at the Northwest Regional Meet of CT Special Olympics. We have received many compliments on the way we ran Olympic Town and above all the caliber of volunteers we have from KSUCC and all our friends.

We had approximately 256 Special Olympians and their siblings go through Olympic Town along with coaches, friends, and family. The numbers were lower this year because when it started to rain around 10 AM more than 60 Special Olympians left. We, however, got bombarded by everyone coming in out of the rain and we had no difficulty keeping everyone busy and dry.

KSUCC had 65 volunteers including 27 friends of the congregation. Sandy and Bob Smith were standout recruiters of friends. Debbi Hynd of the Community Service Group had 8 games and 10 volunteers join us. Becky Forstrom had 7 Girl Scout volunteers. Bob Fedge, Scoutmaster of our own Boy Scout Troop 52, had 43 scouts, family and friends and a number of games and the standout activity in the middle of the floor – the limbo pole complete with Chubby Checker singing the “Limbo Rock” over and over again.

John Jesse had Ryan Alo, Chapter Advisor for Elmira, New York State Future Business Leaders of America at the high school level shadowing him during the day to help him understand how Olympic Town is run and how the meet is run in general. John introduced him to the regional employees and Don Conklin, the volunteer head of the meet. Ryan and his chapter will be running the meet for the mid region of New York State in 2011.

There were more game and craft stations this year. Chris and Carlo Marano had Mother’s Day cards and crafts again which got rave reviews again this year. Bob Cotton coordinated, refurbished, and delivered our fair games. Our pastor, Cindy Maddox, created her bead projects this year with an even bigger selection. The Roberts and the Sangers ran BINGO and had more players than last year with a bigger prize selection. The Manfredonias and Liz Healy ran our prize table with a little different twist this year.

Special thanks to all who donated prizes. Thanks Women’s Society for the many donations from the Thrift Shop. Above all, Wini and Parker Moreland deserve mention in the prize area because of their generosity.

It is risky to start mentioning people by name, but the above deserve recognition for their efforts.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED KSUCC** for the day and made it such an outstanding and memorable experience. We could not have done it without you.

The 2011 date is Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have suggestions on what we can do better next year, please do not hesitate to discuss with Mary Dunkle or John Jesse

Mary Dunkle and John Jesse – Chairpersons



## **Mary Haislip**

Mary Haislip joined KSUCC on May 9<sup>th</sup>. She was raised in Washington, DC and attended Dunbarton College. Mary has lived in Danbury for 26 years. She and her husband, David, have a grown daughter, Jen. Mary is employed by Pitney Bowes, and enjoys gardening and crafts. Welcome, Mary!



## Spirituality

This is the beginning of a series of Messenger articles on the topic of Spirituality. I am writing this anonymously so what is written will be read without any personal bias you may have toward the author. We have all sinned, fallen short, and are living in a state of grace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

How does one begin to broach a topic so broad and begin to write of its application to our daily lives? What is spirituality? How do we know if we are capable of achieving spirituality? Where does it come from? How do we develop a more spiritual existence? I am a fellow sojourner with you on my own faith walk with questions of my own. Some of you are much further along that journey than I, and others are maybe just beginning that walk. I have found this much to be true, we need the guidance of God's Spirit to begin and continue in this walk. In other words we must develop our spirituality. We must learn and practice daily a communion with God. How do we learn? By reading and applying God's Scripture to our lives, meditation, reading books by people further ahead of us in that walk.

Are you in shape both physically and spiritually? In our society, much emphasis is placed on physical fitness, our spiritual health (godliness) is even more important. Our physical health is susceptible to disease and injury, but faith can sustain us through these trials. To train ourselves to be godly, we must develop our faith by using our God-given abilities in the service of the church.

I guess you noticed I really didn't attempt to answer any of the questions with which I started. Over the months ahead I will be attempting to give you sources in Scripture and suggested readings to help you find answers to those questions; and, by seeking answers to those questions you will be well on your way to a more spiritual life.

May God Bless Your Journey,

A Fellow Sojourner

## KING STREET CHURCH COUNTRY FAIR

**Saturday,  
June 26 10 am to 3 PM**

Music and fun! Strawberry shortcake, plant sale, craft vendors, barbecue, games & contest, a jumping castle for the kids, silent auction.



### Office Supplies Needed

A list of office supplies that are needed has been posted in the Martin Room. To make the item easier to purchase, attached to the list is a piece of the box from of the product (similar items are also fine). Please check the list occasionally to see what is currently needed. Then, when you're doing your regular shopping, you could pick up an item for the church. It may not seem like much, but it adds up!



## Historian's Corner

*Helen Brundage*

One of our former members is listed in the museum known as "The Women in Military Service for America," dedicated to women who had served in World War 1 and World War 2. This person, Helen Brundage, is the one who we are remembering today.

Helen was born in Danbury and chose nursing as a career. In 1917 she found herself crossing the English Channel, pursued by German submarines, wearing the blue uniform of an Army nurse. She had orders for France but ended up in a hospital in Portsmouth, England. "We were 36 hours from the front, and the hospital boats crossed the channel at night and were met by ambulances," she recalled. The injuries the soldiers suffered were often terrible and there were no wonder drugs or antibiotics to fight pneumonia and infections.

One day in 1917, the hospital received word that influenza had broken out on board the Olympic, the largest troop carrier at that time. The 1,200 bed facility was to prepare for 1,800 patients. "It was dreadful, you just have no idea. We had patients lying on floors and in the halls. They were dying like flies. Bodies were piled up like cordwood in the morgue." Helen was the first one in the outfit to come down with the disease, but fortunately had a very mild case.

On November 11, 1918, the war ended. It was a day Helen re-enacted in her mind every Armistice Day, as she recalled standing in front of a hut that had been set up for ambulatory men, hearing horns and whistles and great commotion. "I stood there with tears streaming down my face," she said.

Helen had a very interesting life. Once back in the United States, she worked in a hospital in Boston. In 1921 she heard of a doctor recruiting doctors and nurses to work for Chinese hospitals and in September of that year, responded to this call and said good-bye to her family and friends. On the last Sunday before she left, the wife of Rev. Fielder, at the close of the Sunday service, presented Helen with a Bible – as a token of the love and friendship of the members and friends of the King Street Church. The whole congregation sang "God Be with You till We Meet Again." She then boarded a ship for China. She loved the people there and stayed until 1923.

After returning to the United States, she served as an assistant superintendent at a hospital in Vermont and later as a school nurse at Silver Hill, a psychiatric hospital in New Canaan, where she worked for 16 years.

Helen was very active in our church, as was her family before her. Aaron Pierce, one of the original eight founders, was her great grandfather. She became a member August 5, 1904. She served on the Board of Trustees, and was an active member of the Women's Society and also the Dorcas Circle. A warm, loving person, who shared her many interests with those around her. She loved the gifts God has given us – the birds – the flowers- the land itself. A woman blessed with the will to give of herself to others, and who will live forever in the memories of our hearts.

Helen passed away on August 11, 1980, at the age of 86, and is buried in the King Street Cemetery. It is a privilege to have known her.

Barbara Westby  
Historian





## REFLECTIONS

### CINDY'S 5<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT KSUCC

Read by Mary Dunkle – 5/09/10 Worship Service  
Written by Tish McCarthy

I am not going to share my feelings about the start of Cindy's sabbatical because I, like most of you, selfishly do not want her to go. However, it is a wonderful opportunity for her spiritual growth as a pastor and a person, and I keep trying to remember that.

But I would like to honor Cindy's 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary and would appreciate it if you could listen to my thoughts on the almost 4 years I have spent working for her.

Most important, Cindy has never hesitated to answer any of my stupid or sometimes intelligent questions – “Why don't you honor the saints?” “Why don't you pray for the dead?” “What exactly is a foot washing?” She has taught me a great deal – bathroom tissue should always be rolled “over,” she doesn't like bananas too much especially if they have even one spot on them, and Revelations is her least favorite book of the Bible. Yes, even pastors have least favorite books of the Bible.

Watching a pastor work has given me a new appreciation for my own pastor. Cindy labors over each worship service – what to write in her sermon, what songs to sing, what would make it extra special. She is constantly thinking about your church and how to make it even stronger. When any member of your congregation is hurting, she hurts. If Cindy feels that she could have said or done something differently, she is very hard on herself. When she gets a call about someone being ill or in need of her help, she will literally run out of her office to be there for them, if needed. And on those rare occasions when someone has left the KSUCC flock, Cindy struggles. Yes, pastors are very human and do

have hearts and feelings – and even pastors sometimes ask the question “Why?”

For me, Cindy has been a godsend – we have laughed together and we have cried together – and she has been there for me on some extremely challenging days. For example, on November 8, 2007, I called her around 11 am and asked her if she could come while one of my most beloved poodles, “Shadow,” was put to sleep after a very brief illness. Cindy didn't even hesitate. She met me at the vet at noon, read a special prayer and stayed right by my side as I wept. One week later, Cindy's beloved dog, “Tonks,” unexpectedly passed away. She was heart-broken. As you can imagine, November 2007 was a very sad month in the KSUCC offices. Last June, I had to go to New York for a very painful and frightening medical test. When Cindy learned this, her first words were “If no one is going with you, why don't you let me take you?” She has no idea how much this meant to me. She was my strength going to the hospital and when the test was done, the sight of her in the waiting room was just what the doctor ordered.

We share a love of Coca Cola, all things chocolate, our canine friends and most of all, our respective families. And Cindy also truly loves her KSUCC family.

I'm not going to tell you that we always agree on things – we don't. But we respect each other and I believe that mutual respect is essential for any relationship on any level to be successful. While I am sure that some days Cindy goes home and wonders “Why did I hire her?” – she has never given me that feeling. She always listens, and sometimes has to listen more – and then we discuss.

You are very blessed to have a pastor who truly cares about each one of you and I hope you will join me in wishing Cindy a special and Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a very Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Mother's Day!





<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>June</i>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:30 pm Senior Handbells	<b>3</b> 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open  7:30 pm Sr Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
<b>6</b> Music Sunday 9:30 am Worship	<b>7</b> 7 pm Women's Society	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30 pm Senior Handbells	<b>10</b> 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open  7:30 pm Sr Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open  7pm Faith & Fellowship Sands' Home
<b>13</b> 9:30 am Worship/ Communion	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open  7:30 pm Sr Choir	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
<b>20</b> Father's Day Children's Sunday 9:30 am Worship	<b>21</b> 7 pm Ministry Council	<b>22</b> Messenger Deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open  7:30 pm Sr Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open  10-3 pm Summer Fair  1-5 Dorothy Day
<b>27</b> 9:30 am Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

## Are you listening?

A father asked his 7-year-old son to say the mealtime prayer. “All right,” the boy said. “Let’s pray.”

When every head was bowed, the boy prayed, “Lord, we thank you for the pancakes we’re going to eat tonight. Amen.”

“Jimmy,” his mother said. “I think you should know we’re having chicken, not pancakes, tonight.”

“I know,” Jimmy answered. “I just wanted to see if God was paying attention.”



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