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Are you a good pray-er? I'm guessing few of us would answer in the affirmative. Prayer can be difficult. We can't find the words, or we feel like we're repeating ourselves. Our minds wander to our to-do lists. Or we fall asleep.

Sound familiar? Then maybe you need a different approach to prayer. This summer I will be leading a five-week group called "Experiencing Prayer." Each Thursday evening we will try a different approach to prayer—not "sit-around-and-pray" kind of prayer, but hands-on, experiential prayer. The five sessions will be:

7/24 **Praying in Color** (No artistic ability required)

7/31 **Drumming Your Way to God** (No musical ability required)

8/7 **Lectio-Divina: Ancient Practice, Ageless Wisdom** (No wisdom required!)

8/14 **Prayer Beads for Protestants** (No beads required, but you're welcome to bring anything you'd like to use—a shell, seed, amulet, pendant, etc.)

8/21 **Walking the Labyrinth**

Men and women, old and young—everyone is invited to participate. Each week stands alone, so don't worry about missing a week because of vacation. Just come the next week and learn a new way to pray.

This summer, I also hope you will be aware of God's presence in the places you travel, and look for opportunities for prayerful moments. And don't forget the prayerful moments we have right here in worship on Sunday mornings!

I wish you a peaceful, blessed summer.

Cindy



COMING THIS FALL

Ever wonder why Catholics do the things they do? Ever wonder why Protestants do the things they do? Ever wonder what the big difference is, anyway?

This fall we will offer an adult education class every week after worship to explore the similarities and differences between Catholicism and Protestantism. The class will be helpful for those who came from a Catholic background, but it should also be interesting to Protestants who want a better understanding of their friends' faith as well as their own.

See the September *Messenger* for more details.



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

John Jesse's cousin, *Robert Cole*, recently diagnosed with leukemia;
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;
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 November 2007;
Harriet Mangels, whose husband, Bob, passed away on 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**

"There Is Sunshine in My Soul Today"

This month let us recall the life of a beloved member of our church - Alfred Benjamin Brundage. He lived on South King Street with his wife Fannie Pierce, whose grandfather, Aaron Pierce, was one of the original eight founders of our church. They had five children: Helen, Ruth, Harold, Augustus and Walter.

Mr. Brundage made his living raising fruits, vegetables and poultry. For nearly half a century he was a leading exhibitor at the Danbury Fair and was widely known among Fair patrons.

Records show that he joined our church on January 11, 1885. A faithful and devoted member who served in many capacities. At one point he had the task of taking care of the naughty boys in the balcony. He was also a deacon, moderator, and for many years superintendent of the Sunday School.

Mr. Brundage was a warm, lighthearted person, and often in church a smile would appear on his face and he's say "Let's begin the service by singing this hymn: "There is Sunshine in My Soul Today."

One of his daughter Helen's recollections was of a warm summer evening when her father decided to visit his dear friend Reverend Lambert, pastor from 1895 to 1897. Normally he would walk from the Brundage farm to the church, but on this particular evening he was somewhat tired, and decided to ride his horse. After securing the animal to the horse shed behind the church, he and Reverend Lambert proceeded to sit on the horse block out front, chatting for well over an hour. He then returned home, only to realize upon arriving

that he had left the horse tied to the shed! Back he went - but this time he rode home.

An interesting article appeared in the Danbury News-Times on December 6, 1944. It stated: "A wood chopping bee will be held Saturday afternoon at the farm of Benjamin Brundage. The wood will be donated by Mr. Brundage to the church. Members of the church and all those wishing to help have been asked to be on hand with their saws and axes, if weather permits."

Early pictures of our church depict the woodpile and horse block out front. Some of our older members can remember the warmth coming from those old wood stoves, which were later donated to the Museum in Danbury.

The Brundage family donated a lovely silver vase in loving memory of their father. On the day of its dedication Ruth Tibbetts recalled many delightful and affectionate memories she had of Mr. Bundage. Almost every Sunday he would arrive with the loveliest blooms from his garden and arrange them most tactfully on the altar. He would ask Ruth with a twinkle in his eye, if she knew what the flowers were. Many times she was stumped, but one Sunday he brought an arrangement he was sure would have her fooled - but alas, she knew what chive blossoms looked like!

A resolution in the clerk's records, December 20, 1946 states: "Resolved - That with the death of A. B. Brundage, the King Street Church lost one of its most devoted and highly respected members. Mr. Brundage was for more that 30 years superintendent of the Sunday School. His untiring efforts during good and bad times to sustain this church - his Christian character and unwavering support of the church - will remain an inspiration to all of us. God be with him."





BACH, PURE & SIMPLE

Works by J.S. Bach for Unaccompanied Viola and Violin

On Sunday, July 13 at 3 PM in the Sanctuary of King Street Church, Larry Deming will present a concert of solo works by J.S. Bach. Larry will play the Viola Suite #1 in G, the Violin Sonata #6 in E and the Viola Suite #3 in C.

The Viola Suites, originally written for Cello, span a wide range of emotions. Their compelling nature and intimacy give the Suites great popularity today.

Virtually every major concert violinist has performed and recorded Bach's Solo Violin Sonatas. The E Major Sonata, or "Partita" as it is made up of dance movements, is particularly brilliant.

Larry remembers being a bit overwhelmed by the Prelude to the E Major Partita at the age of 11. He had, after all, only started playing violin the previous summer. Everyone else in the Advanced Class of Summer Strings at the Danbury Music Centre seemed to know it already. Fast forward to forty years later, and he feels he may have mastered the piece!

Deming has come to the Viola Suites a bit more recently, but feels their melodic and harmonic motion as inevitable as a river flowing downstream.

It is likely that Bach wrote all of these pieces in 1720 with himself in mind as the performer.

Larry Deming has played violin in the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and the New Haven Symphony Orchestra. He has recently been the concertmaster of the Danbury Symphony Orchestra and is currently the 1st Violinist of the Deming String Quartet. He plays violin and viola freelance throughout Connecticut and New York.

This concert will be a fund raiser for the church, open to the public. Suggested donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 to 17. Nursery care will be provided for children up to age 5.

Women's Society...

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.

REMINDER: Thrift Shop will be open through July with a ½ price sale for two weeks, and then a "Bag Sale" for the rest of July. 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. 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.

Enjoy your summer....

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		1	2	3 9-12 pm Thrift Shop	4	5 9-12 pm Thrift Shop
6 9:30 am Worship	7	8	9	10 9-12 pm Thrift Shop	11	12 9-12 pm Thrift Shop
13 9:30 am Worship/Comm union	14	15	16	17 9-12 pm Thrift Shop	18	19 9-12 pm Thrift Shop
20 9:30 am Worship	21 7 pm Ministry Council	22	23	24 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 7 pm Experiencing Prayer	25	26 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 1-5 pm Serving at Dorothy Day
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AT ALL TIMES."*

PROVERBS 17:17, NRSV

According to an Arabian proverb, "A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away."

That's why it's so important to have Christian friends. We can share the good and bad, confident that our friends won't judge us as a result. Instead, true friends celebrate our successes and encourage us during disappointments.

As the Bible says, "A friend loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17, NRSV).



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