



The Messenger

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We're one month into Pastor Cindy's sabbatical and thanks to the wonderfully competent and tireless contributions of our members and lay leaders, life here at KSUCC has been smooth sailing thus far.

Having the opportunity to serve this congregation as a student pastor has been invaluable to me. As a student, I recognize that I still have much to learn and I am grateful to you all for being my teachers! Going forward I'd like to continue our mutual learning experience with two special offerings during and after Worship this summer:

Sermon Series:

Our lectionary texts this summer follow Jesus' *Journey to Jerusalem* as depicted in the Gospel of Luke. Every week we will pack our bags, pull out our travelogues, and walk with Jesus as his disciples. On the road to Jerusalem we'll encounter the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, the Foolish Rich Man hoarding his grain, and the 70 disciples commissioned to spread Jesus' message of love and justice. We'll camp by the roadside and listen to Jesus as he teaches us the Lord's Prayer, talks about the cost of discipleship, and makes the controversial claim that he has come not to bring peace but rather division. For 8 weeks – June 27th through August 15th - we will pull on our traveling robes and learn first hand what it means to answer God's call.

Words on Worship:

Join us every Sunday after Worship for "Lemonade on the Lawn" and an informal sharing of our thoughts on the day's worship service. Points of reflection: What resonated with you during Worship? What did not? What questions arose for you during the sermon, the scripture reading(s), the children's time, or the prayers? Did we sing your favorite hymn...or your least favorite? These gatherings will be fluid, candid, and all are welcome to wander in and out of the conversation at will. As a pastor-in-training, I welcome your feedback, but I also hope we all will enjoy having the opportunity to reflect on our own experiences as well as hear what others have to say.

While summer is typically a time of kicking back and lightening our load, I hope your vacation plans include spending Sunday mornings with our family here at KSUCC. Let the journey begin!

Blessings from the substitute pastor,
Maureen



Carolyn Ruffles
Harriet Mangels

Blanche Masi
John Jennings

Harriet Mangels, in the recent death of her sister;

Parker Moreland, recovering from knee replacement surgery;

Cathi Brody, on the passing of her father;

Laura, Leandra, and Logan Thompson in the death of Laura's grandmother;

Keith Westby, undergoing radiation and chemo treatments;

Herb Mahn, recovering from hip replacement;

Valerie Fuller, in the death of her father;

Warren Petzold, recently hospitalized;

Chris and Donna Ryan's granddaughter, Victoria;

Jane Sanger, on the passing of her father;

John Hundinger, husband of DaVida Foy Crabtree, undergoing treatment for stomach cancer;

Jim Loschiavo, undergoing treatment for brain tumors;

Michelle Chuisano, in the 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.

Sabbatical Reminder

As many of you know, Pastor Cindy is currently on sabbatical and will return at the end of August. During this time, she is not available either professionally or personally. Sabbatical time is a release from all responsibilities, particularly the care of the congregation.

We are privileged to have Maureen Frescott leading worship during Cindy's sabbatical. If you need pastoral care, please call Maureen (203) 788-5330 or one of our deacons. Basic administrative questions can be addressed to our office manager, Tish McCarthy, at the church office. For other church-related matters, please contact our Moderator, Mary Dunkle.



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. 3rd. We are again planning to set up a team of walkers to raise money and also need volunteers in the registration booth.

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 the past two years. We'd love to continue that tradition!

More to come as the event nears.



Sunday Lectionary Readings: July and August

July 4 – Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 11 – Luke 10:25-37

July 18 – Luke 10:38-42

July 25 – Luke 11:1-13

August 1 – Luke 12:13-21

August 8 – Luke 12:32-40

August 15 – Luke 12:49-56

August 22 – Luke 13:10-17

August 29 – Luke 14:1, 7-14



Faith and Fellowship

Church-wide family pool party and barbecue!
Saturday, July 31st, 4 pm - ? (Rain date: Sunday,
August 1st) Home of Carlo and Chris Marano,
10 Lakecrest Drive, Danbury.

Come one, Come all! Bring your bathing suits,
floats, games, towels, something to share (appetizer,
salad, side or dessert), and your favorite drink.
Hamburgers and hotdogs, paper goods will be
provided.

Pray for hot and dry weather! And let's bring
family and friends together for a summer bash!
RSVP Marano's - 203-748-9114

Ministry Council Meeting

No council meeting will be held in July. The August
meeting is currently scheduled for August 16th,
however this date may change so stay tuned.

Anniversary Sunday

On Sunday, August 15th, we will celebrate the
180th Anniversary of the
founding of King Street UCC!
As is our tradition, we will
pay tribute to the history of
our church and lay flowers in
our cemetery to honor the memory of those
who contributed time, energy, and love to our
beloved congregation.



A very special “thank you” to
Bev Knisley who has
contributed her time and talents
in preparing the monthly
Messenger for over the past 10
years, and who officially
retired from this activity in

June. Bev has done a terrific job in getting our
newsletter together so that everyone is up-to-date on
church “happenings,” oftentimes accommodating
both challenging and last minute requests.

Thank you, Bev!

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop will be closed in August. Thank
you to everyone who worked in the Thrift Shop this
past year and those who donated items. Each of
you helped make it a success.



Spirituality

Hi, Fellow Sojourners,

Last time we discussed very briefly the topic of Spirituality. In this letter I would like to start us on the track of improving that seed of spirituality God has placed within us. Wherever we are along our faith journey, every one of us could use improvement! None of us are perfect; we have all fallen short of the glory of God!

We said one way was to study the Scriptures. Let's look at one particular passage that has been one of my favorites, Philippians 4:8. "Finally brothers (and sisters), whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable** – if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy** – **think about such things.**"

That's right – think on such things!! Do you see any negatives in the above Scripture passage. Clear your minds of negative thoughts. Dwell on the positive. If you are harboring grudges, Jesus tells us to forgive the person who wronged you. If you are embarrassed because of your own actions, Jesus tells us to repent and ask for forgiveness. Whatever it takes keep your minds focused on those things which are God-pleasing.

St. Paul has laid out quite a list of positive to think about. Look at the words in bold print in the above passage, and set your minds on them. In Philippians 4:9 God promises, "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – **put it into practice.** And the God of peace will be with you."

Want an assignment? Look up each of the epistles of Paul (the books of the Bible that follow Acts) – find the 8th verse of chapter 4 in each of them. Do one or two a week. Meditate on those verses in a quiet place for as long as you want. Have fun!

God Bless You!
Your Fellow Sojourner

Sun Shines on King Street Fair

Under sunny skies, the King Street Country Fair took place on Saturday, June 26. Highlights of the day included musical performances by the Danbury Mad Hatters Barbershop Chorus and the Deming/Lafreniere Duo.



The Fair Team is grateful to all who helped with this important fund-raiser. Special thanks are extended to the members of Boy Scout Troop 52, who provided fantastic support.

Rebecca Manfredonia arranged for participation by "Gold for Good," an organization that purchases unused gold and silver items and makes a donation of 20% to the church for each purchase.

Although final figures weren't available as of this writing, it appears that the fair raised funds approximately equal to the goal of \$3,000.

Women's Society

The opening Women's Society meeting will be a Potluck Dinner on Monday, August 30th, at 6 pm. Please bring a dish to share. The location of this dinner may be at the Danbury Historical Society - please listen to announcements in August for final details. ALL women of the church are invited. Bring a friend!



Wanted!

If anyone has a dehumidifier that is no longer needed, please contact the church office. We are in need of one or two for the downstairs area.



Historian's Corner

The Gift

In November, 1993, our church received a gift of a ladder-back chair, similar to those owned by our grandparents, but this chair has special meaning, as it belonged to Aaron Pearce, one of the original members of our church.

Aaron Pearce was born in 1801. He lived on King Street and early in his life his deep faith and love of God became apparent. He was deeply concerned about the alarming unrest in the established churches over theological interpretations. Aaron Pearce writes, "In the winter of 1822 to 1823 this section of the country was first visited by Abigail Roberts and Levi Hathaway, preachers of the Christian Denomination, at which time religion was in a low state." Persecution was carried on against some in the area because a few brave souls dared to challenge theological interpretations. This was the situation when Elder Reuben Allerton, a young man from Green County, New York, came among our people. With his help it was decided to organize a church. A meeting was attended on the 21st of August 1830, and the First Christian Church of eight people "united together to watch over each other for good, and to maintain the ordinances of the Gospel." They met where they could in home or school houses, being denied the use of established meeting-houses.

Elder Reuben Allerton continued as pastor, faithful and beloved until the time of his death which occurred on January 28, 1832. Being deprived of their pastor it was voted at a church meeting held on June 17, 1832, that Aaron Pearce be appointed "Servant of the Church." The duties involved in that office was of the most arduous kind, including the oversight of the church, holding religious meetings, and where practical securing a supply of preachers according to the necessities and ability of the congregation. Many were the times when he provided the sermon when no one was available to fill in. It is recorded that Aaron Pearce will ever hold an honorable place in its history for his

allegiance to truth and his perseverance and endurance under all difficulties.

For the next few years there were additions to the membership, all being good and respected by the people where they labored. Meetings were held in Southeast and at an old Baptist Church and in Danbury (King Street) until the winter of 1845 when the question of building a Church edifice in King Street began to be agitated. There was quite a difference of opinion about where to build, but it ended happily when the present site was chosen. The Church was begun in 1845, but in July 1846, before its completion, Pamela Pearce, wife of Aaron Pearce, passed away. Fannie Brundage, his granddaughter, wrote that the funeral was held in the Church with boards brought in to accommodate the friends.

As the years passed several revivals were held and quoting one instance from the records. "God blessed them in their work there having been added 12 good and influential members, but it was not alone, or indeed mainly the addition of members in which the value of the meeting consisted, but in the increase of spirituality and faith, giving them greater courage and zeal to work in the Master's vineyard."

Through the next 50 years Aaron Pearce served in several capacities: Clerk, Moderator, Treasurer, Committee member, and Trustee. Many times he served on more than one board at a time.

It is recorded in the Weekly Danbury News, that on August 10, 1880, Aaron Pearce, of King Street, died at his residence. Mr. Pearce was a prominent man in official circles, and had filled several offices under the town government.

The Church has been given a chair, but we have been given the Gift of a spirit that will guide our church through all generations. As recorded many years ago "He will ever hold an honorable place in our Church's history for his allegiance to truth and his perseverance and endurance of all difficulties."

The chair is in the church library, along with a portrait of Aaron Pearce. Stop by some time and see it!

Barbara Westby



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<i>July</i> <i>2010</i>				1 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open	2	3 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
4 9:30 am Worship/ Communion	5	6	7	8 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open	9	10 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
11 9:30 am Worship	12	13	14	15 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open	16	17 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
18 9:30 am Worship	19	20	21	22 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open	23	24 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 1-5 pm Dorothy Day
25 9:30 am Worship	26	27	28	29 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open	30	31 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 4 pm Faith & Fellowship The Marano's





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15 Anniversary Sunday 9:30 am Worship	16 7 pm Ministry Council	17	18	19	20	21
22 9:30 am Worship	23	24 Messenger Deadline	25	26	27	28 1-5 pm Dorothy Day
29 9:30 am Worship	30 6 pm Women's Society Potluck Dinner	31				



How to Stay Safe

1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.

However, you will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given time is at church!

And Bible study is safe, too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less. So, attend church, and read your Bible. It could save your life.

You can go to church and just sit there being safe, which lots of people do. But if you move around a bit and get talking to some of the folks, you'll find a whole batch of really neat fringe benefits.



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