



# The Messenger

King Street United Church of Christ

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I received some unexpected money today. Perfect timing. An extra \$200 arriving just a week before I head off to the Cape for a couple of days—excellent!

I told a friend, and she said, “What a great unexpected gift!” Her words triggered something in my mind—what was it? Oh, right! I had used those same words in the pulpit a few months ago... when I was talking about the Faith Promise Campaign. This money was the epitome of the definition of Faith Promise—“money unusually attained.” And then I remembered that I had only paid \$200 of my \$500 Faith Promise pledge. A voice in my head—a voice that sounds amazingly like my father—said, “Great, now you can pay more of that pledge!” But there’s another voice in my head. She is the voice that tells me I need to buy more beads, neglect my weeding, and drink Slurpees for breakfast. She reminded me that I could use that money on vacation to pay for a dune tour, a whale watch, *and* a lobster dinner. With costs skyrocketing as they are, who wouldn’t be tempted to keep that unexpected money?

But then I remembered where that Faith Promise money is going: to sponsor the Walk Against Domestic Violence in October, and the Special Olympics District Invitational in May. I thought of the women, men, and children who are victims of domestic violence every day. I thought of the Special Olympics athletes and how proud they are of their accomplishments. And suddenly I knew I couldn’t keep the money. That lobster dinner wouldn’t have tasted quite right.

I only have \$100 more to go on my Faith Promise pledge. I don’t know where the money will come from. I do know that when it comes, I’ll probably want to spend it—if not on a splurge dinner, then on a tank of gas! I also know that it *will* come, and I know that God will find some way to remind me where it needs to go.

Cindy



*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*

*David Foy-Crabtree*, recently diagnosed with breast cancer  
*Randy Esposito*, recovering from a ruptured Achilles tendon;  
*Carolyn Dealy*, recently diagnosed with colon cancer;  
*Debbie Englert*, recovering from sinus surgery;  
*John Jennings* recovering from a stroke;  
 John Jesse's cousin, *Robert Cole*, recently diagnosed with leukemia  
 Cathi Brody's dad, *Pete Bartenstein*, recovering from leg amputation surgery;  
 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.



Did you get behind on your pledge while you were away this summer? Now is a really good time to catch up!

**LASAGNA BUFFET**



The lasagna supper will be  
 September 13<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 with assorted dressings*  
*Cheese lasagna with meat or vegetarian sauce*

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*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 \$9.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors  
 \$5.00 for children 5-10 yr. old,  
 4 and under free**

**SEPTEMBER LASAGNA DINNERS**  
**HELPERS**

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| Balanda, Jessica | Jackson, Victor  |
| Brody, Cathi     | Lutz, Antoinette |
| Brown, Carl      | Makepeace, David |
| Cumisky, Arlene  | Manfredonia,     |
| Esposito, Randy  | Rebecca          |
| Fenton, Craig    | Valine, Janet    |
| Fenton, Erica    | Vondle, Kristine |
| Genest, Shari    | Vondle, Morgan   |



.... **Historian's Corner**

**A Second Chance**

When a child, I had a Great Aunt Alice. She was my grandmother's sister, and one of the most handsome and stately women one would ever see. She was a truly fascinating person who had traveled the world as both a nurse and a governess. Unfortunately, I did not like her! For some reason she felt she knew how I should be brought up, and didn't mind criticizing my mother's efforts at raising me. When I started to date, she had the nerve to ask my friend what his intentions were! I was so humiliated! She passed away soon after that episode, and as I grew older I often thought about her, and wondered if perhaps had I known her in a different period in my life I would have been more fond of her.

One day after I started coming to the King Street Church, a tall handsome woman walked in. My heart nearly skipped a beat as I looked at her, because she reminded me so much of my great Aunt Alice! Her name was Helen Brundage, and, as I was to find out later, she too had been a nurse and had traveled to many far away places, here and across the oceans. She, too, knew what she felt was the proper way to do things, and didn't mind speaking her mind. I grew to love this woman so much, and in my own fantasies liked to feel that God did give me a second chance to know a woman very much like my Aunt Alice.

Helen had a very interesting life. From her early childhood, she knew that she wanted to be a nurse. She graduated from Danbury Hospital Training School in 1916. The year 1917 found her crossing the English Channel, pursued by German submarines. She was stationed in Portsmouth, England - 36 hours from the front. After the war she came back to the United States, where she worked at a hospital in Boston. She served with Army nurses who had been on duty

in China, and set about to go there herself. In April, 1921, she heard of a doctor who was recruiting doctors and nurses and in September of that year said goodbye to her family and friends. On the last Sunday before she left, Rev. and Mrs. 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." In the years to follow that simple hymn was to bring back a treasured memory each time it was sung.

Helen loved the Chinese people and spent four years with them as a teacher for the Yale - In-China Hospital. After returning to the United States she served as an assistant superintendent at a hospital in Vermont and later as a school nurse here in area towns. In 1950 she became a private duty 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 Pearce, one of our original eight founders, was her great grandfather. Records show that she became a member on August 5, 1905. She had served on the Board of Trustees, been an active member of the Women's Society and also the Dorcas Circle. She was 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 gift of giving of herself to others. She will live forever in the memories of our heart. It was, indeed, a privilege to have known her.

Helen was born in 1894, died in 1980, and is buried here at the King Street Church, the home she always came back to.

--Barbara Westby, Historian





**Come to “Building on Faith” Week Events - September 15th-21st**

**Building on Faith Week** is set aside each year by Habitat for Humanity International for affiliates around the world to call attention to Habitat in their churches and communities. This year from September 15-21 affiliates are asked to develop ideas and events that create awareness and spread information about their mission, goals, accomplishments and volunteer opportunities in their local areas. Our affiliate, Housatonic Habitat for Humanity, is extending an invitation to church and community to come to several special events.

An **Open House/Dedication** will be held on Tuesday, September 16 from 12-2pm at its new Housatonic Habitat for Humanity office at 90 Shelter Rock Road in Danbury. Come for a light lunch and a tour that shows the 'growing room' to implement HHfH plans and ideas. Learn about the development of a ReStore, a home improvement store that will be part of the same building and volunteer opportunities, not only to build, but to serve on one of 10 committees that are the building blocks of the organization.

The **12th Annual Friendship Breakfast** will be held on Friday, the 19th 7:30-9am at the Ethan Allen Inn in Danbury. Here is a chance to be informed about HHfH, what it accomplished and what future plans are in store. Learn what it means to be a home sponsor, a home builder and a homeowner

while enjoying a full breakfast and a chance to win a raffle prize, all in 90 minutes! \$20/person. It will be a perfect jump start on a fall Friday.

An additional **Volunteer Work Day** is added on Friday, the 19th, for those who want to try their hands and hammers at house building. Come to the breakfast in your building clothes prepared to help at Bayberry Lane in Danbury, a three house property that is in the early stage of construction.

For additional information about this week of events, look at danburyhabitat.org or contact Keith Goodwin at k2goodwin@yahoo.com or 778-4897.

*Women’s Society...*

Our September meeting will be Tuesday, the 2nd, at 7:30 pm in the library. All KSUCC women are welcome.

Thrift Shop has re-opened for business: brand names, good quality, great prices --- start your fall shopping at our own Boutique. The Thrift Shop is looking for quality donations and also donation from retailers wishing to reduce inventory (please let us know if you have any connections).



## **Confirmation Class Begins This Month**

We currently have **ten** youth signed up for Confirmation Class this fall! We will begin on Friday, September 5, with an overnight retreat here at the church. Then we will meet most Sundays at 6pm through the fall.

If you know of any other 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders who would like to join the class, please let Pastor Cindy know. Watch the Messenger and Bulletins for updates and news of what we are doing.

## *Notes from Our Moderator*

Sue told Melody told Val told me to read The Shack this summer. Maybe you have read it, too. If you haven't: a father suffers the loss of one of his children to a serial killer, later to encounter God in the form of the Trinity as he finally is able to move on and become transformed. I agree with the author that following Jesus is all about relationships. I don't agree with his assertion that human institutions, including the church, have to get in the way and work against those relationships. I believe that the good our church members do is empowered and magnified by the organization of our church body and council.

Things are happening at the King Street United Church of Christ. Thank you to Reverend Maddox for hosting the potluck picnic at the parsonage over Labor Day Weekend. Thank you to all who contributed to good-bye gifts for Maureen Frescott as she leaves for seminary. Maureen was in the pulpit at the end of August as we had an

official recognition of all of her work for the good of our church missions and our church members.

Rally Sunday is September 7. During worship there will be a skit reflecting the opportunities for service available to church members through King Street's different ministries. The Senior Choir should be back from its summer hiatus. Following worship we will have different sign-up sheets available. Please don't be shy.

As part of our faith promise we are supporting the walkathon for the Danbury Women's Center on Sunday, October 5. There will be a regular worship service that morning for folks not working at the walkathon or planning to go later in the day.

Our Stewardship theme this year is "Fire Up." More information will be coming your way soon.

Steve Fuller  
Moderator

## *Looking Ahead . . .*

Coming in January is a class called "From Rome to the UCC," which will examine the differences between the Catholic church and the Protestant church, particularly as it applies to us in the United Church of Christ. The class will meet after worship beginning in January. See the December Messenger for details.

***Notes from Outreach Board***

We held our summer meeting to divide up the tasks of the year and to allocate our windfall funds. The whole board was present except for Chelsea Edgar, who was away with her family. We are very happy to welcome a new board member, Cathi Brody. She expressed excitement to be on board.

If you are interested in helping out with a particular Outreach Project, these are the people to contact:

**UCC & CWS Appeals**

- Neighbors in Need - Michelle Chuisano**
- Christmas Fund/Gifts to God - Becky McKee**
- Blanket Fund - Keith Goodwin**
- One Great Hour of Sharing - Eileen Anderson**

**Local Outreach**

- Dorothy Day House - Eileen, Cathi & Becky**
- Habitat for Humanity - Keith**
- Daily Bread/Elon Home - Chelsea Edgar**
- Harvest Sharing - Eileen & Becky**
- Salvation Army Angel Tree - Cathi**
- IAM Christmas Appeal - Michelle**
- Child Sponsorship -Michelle**

Thanks to an endowment left to the church, Outreach was able to help the following, *in excess of our Budget*

**Already spent:**

Youth Group Mission Trip	\$500
CWS (Spring Storm Relief)	\$500
Gift for Maureen	\$150
Silver Lake (improvement fund)	\$200
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	
(emergency relief)	\$500
ARC -Emergency Energy Relief	\$250
Ann's Place (Cancer support)	\$100
Healing Hearts	
(Children's bereavement center)	<u>\$100</u>
	<u><u>\$2300.</u></u>

**Was that a compliment?**

After a worship service, a pastor was greeting people at the front door. A woman shook his hand vigorously and said, "That was a very helpful sermon. You know, you ought to have your sermons put in a book."

"Thank you!" answered the pastor. "Maybe my wife will have some of them published after I'm dead."

"Well," responded the elderly saint, "the sooner the better."



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><b>1</b></p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>7:30 pm Women's Society</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7:30 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6 pm – 8 am Confirmation Retreat</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>  <p>Rally Day</p> <p>9:30am Worship/ Communion</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8 pm Sr Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7:30 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>5-7 pm Lasagna Dinner/Thrift Shop Open</p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:30am Worship</p> <p>6-8 pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>7 pm Ministry Council</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>8 pm Sr Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7:30 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:30am Worship</p> <p>6-8 pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>8 pm Sr Bell Choir</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>7:30 pm Sr Choir</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p> <p>1-5 pm Serving at Dorothy Day</p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9:30am Worship</p> <p>6-8 pm Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 10px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">                     SEPTEMBER 2008                 </div>			



## Lasagna Dinner Workers for Fall

### OCTOBER

Balanda, Marc  
Ballard, Laoretta  
Deming, Larry  
DiCostanzo, Anita  
Dunkle, Terry  
Forstrom, Becky  
Harrick, Erica & Rob  
Maddox, Cindy  
McKee, Travis  
Montgomery, Melody  
Petzold, JoAnn & Warren  
Sullivan, John  
Westby, Robin

### NOVEMBER

Bogolawski, Charlie  
Cooke, Diane & John  
Day, Elizabeth  
Kaminski, Marci  
Marano, Carlo & Chris  
Marano, Sandy  
Olsen, Bob & Susan  
Onorato, Greg & Zia  
Reichman, Anne  
Reinhardt, Jon

### DECEMBER

Baker, Matt & Pam  
Edgar, Chelsea  
Edgar, Scott & Sherri  
Fuller, Steve  
Kimmel, Michelle  
Knisley, Bev  
Loschiavo, Sue  
Patton, David  
Schultz, Joy  
Spione, Linda  
Westby, Barb  
Zacotinsky, Cathy



**OCTOBER Messenger articles due  
Sunday, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>**

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



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