



The Messenger

King Street United Church of Christ

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Last year our denominational leaders began asking for us to convene “Sacred Conversations” around issues of race. At that time, our regional conference ministers invited pastors to gather locally to discuss our own thoughts and feelings about facilitating such discussions. One of the ministers made a typographical error in his email about these meetings. His subject line read “Scared Conversations.”

It was a simple transposition of letters, but it spoke volumes. We are scared of difficult discussions. We particularly are afraid of discussions on race—afraid of saying the wrong thing, afraid of saying how we really feel, afraid of appearing to be racist. Yet open, honest, *sacred* conversation is important because of the role of race in our society, our schools, and our churches.

At the Fall Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Conference of the UCC, attendees will be divided into small groups so that we may participate in some of these sacred conversations on race. I will be one of the facilitators, even receiving special training prior to the conference. I hope you will consider attending the conference and participating in these conversations. It will be held on October 23-24 at the Middletown High School. Our keynote speaker for the event is Rev. Geoffrey Black, our new General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. I look forward to hearing about his vision for the UCC.

Please join me in Middletown for at least part of the event. If you are not able to attend, please join us in spirit and in prayer, that our conversations will indeed be sacred.

Peace,

Cindy



Carolyn Ruffles John Jennings
Blanche Masi Harriett Mangels
Scott Merrell Roger Nelson, Jr.

The family of *Ruth Tibbetts*, who passed away on August 15th;
Tom Assheton, friend of John Jesse, recovering from a boating accident;
John Hundinger, husband of DaVida Foy Crabtree, undergoing treatment for stomach cancer;
Jim Loschiavo, recently diagnosed with brain tumors;
Linda Spione, in the death of her mother;
 The family of *Mary Ellen Sanzeni* who recently passed away;
Michelle Chuisano, in the recent death of her father;
Val Fuller, whose mother, Marjorie Mascolo, recently passed away ;
Sue Mills, in the death of her father;
Doreen Cotton, whose mother passed away on December 2nd;
Ann Salamone, Christine's mother-in-law;
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.

LASAGNA BUFFET



The lasagna supper will be
SEPT 12TH

Open to the community, it will be continuous seating from 5:00-7:00p.m. We'll serve:

- Fresh garden salad*
- Cheese lasagna with meat or vegetarian sauce*
- Parmesan cheese on the side*
- Italian bread*
- Cold beverages: soda, iced tea, water*
- Hot beverages: coffee and tea*
- Home baked desserts: pies, cookies, cakes*

**Cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$9.00 for seniors
 \$5.00 for children 5-10 yr. old,
 4 and under free**



SEPTEMBER Lasagna Servers

Anderson, Eileen	Genest, Shari
Brody, Cathi	Jackson, Victor
Brown, Carl	Lutz, Antoinette
Cumisky, Arleen	Lutz, Haile
Cumisky, John	Makepeace, David
Esposito, Randy	Manfredonia, Rebecca
Fenton, Craig	Valine, Janet
Fenton, Erica	Vondle, Kristine



New Member Class

If you are interested in joining King Street UCC—or simply learning more about us—please plan to attend our New Members' Class on Sunday, September 20, after worship. Please let Cindy know in advance so that we can prepare materials.



Rally Day

Please join us on Rally Day, September 13, as we gather back together from our summer travels. The service is always one of celebration, followed by opportunities to get involved in the various ministries of the church. Hope to see you then!



Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting following Worship on Sunday, September 27. All are invited, but members are especially needed for a quorum. This is your chance to get caught up on church activities and missions after a restful summer.

Walk Against Domestic Violence



Things are really gearing up for the annual Community United Against Domestic Violence Walk, set for Oct. 4, and King Street Church is putting together a team and volunteering to help out at the walk again this year.

“Last year, despite the rain, we got over 700 people and this year our goal is over 1,000 people and 50 teams,” Women’s Center Development Director Vanessa Owoye said at a walk meeting Aug. 8. “I know we can do it. We *have* to do it,” she added.

Funding cuts at all levels have put the Center in a tough financial position, so it’s crucial that everyone get involved.

The Center is asking that we put together two small teams of people to help — one on the evening of Oct. 3 to set up tables, etc., and one on the morning of the walk to handle registration. We also are putting together a team of walkers -- the more the better.

If you would like to help out, please contact Liz Healy. There will be a stack of registration forms available in the Martin Room. You can also go to www.wcogd.org and download a printable form or register online. Please note: Because we are a sponsor, you do NOT have to pay a \$25 registration fee. Just collect donations and show up.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 10, at WestConn’s Westside campus. In the event of rain, the walk will be held inside the O’Neil Center on campus.



A Moment of Remembrance

Ruth Tibbetts

August 31, 1916 – August 15, 2009

Ruth was one of the first people I met when coming to King Street Church. I loved her immediately and knew I had come to the right church for *me*. According to records, she joined the church in 1944, making her a member for 65 years. She was probably our first Historian, and knew everything there was to know about King Street Church, its families and neighbors. We could be at a church meeting and after listening to many pros and cons on a difficult subject, Ruth would get up and let us know exactly what we *should* do. We gratefully agreed and the meeting adjourned.

Ruth Forbes and Jim Tibbetts were married April 24, 1960, in the King Street Church, by Rev. Charles Kennedy. Their dear friend, Mrs. JayO Rodgers, played the organ, and Ruth's sister, Mrs. Clifford Kaiser, sang "I Love Thee" by Greig, "Serenade" by Schubert, and "The Lords Prayer" by Malotte. A reception for 125 guests followed in the Parish House.

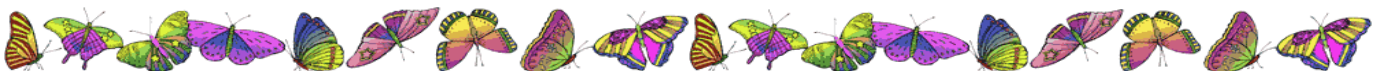
Ruth, a very special and dear friend, brings memories of Mrs. Mc Gillicuddy. At special Women's Society events, we would often have an auction. Out would come this lovely lady, dressed in black, with a very fancy hat and waving her magic wand. She knew how to be an auctioneer and whether you wanted the item or not, you eventually would relent and buy it!

She and her husband, Jim, opened an Antique Shop in their basement known as "Mrs. McGillicuddy's Antiques and Stuff," all for the benefit of the church. Ruth got the name from a character in a story heard in her youth. They both enjoyed their store so much and would shop to fill their basement with things picked up along the way. Ruth used to chuckle, remembering boxes of stuff she had to have – much to Jim's dismay. The contributions they made to our church at a time when it was most needed totaled in excess of \$60,000.

For years on Fair Day, with Art Roberts and Don Cole, truckload after truckload was carted to the church creating an Antique Shop in what is now the music room - and later named "The Tibbetts Room." Ted Knapp, and anyone else who knew him, remembers that Jim was 6 feet 8 inches tall. Not only did he have a problem with doorways, he also had to carefully maneuver in and out of cars.

Ruth was actively involved in almost every aspect of our church – trustee, historian, choir member, charter member of the Women's Society, chairman of the building program for the education facility. She was also a member of The Danbury Museum and Historical Society, the former Dorcas Circle in King Street, and the Afternoon Musical Society. On a lighter side, she was one of our older members who always wore a hat and gloves. She will be dearly missed. Thank you, Ruth, for being such an integral part of the King Street United Church of Christ, our lives, and our fondest memories.

Barbara Westby
Historian





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 7:30 pm Senior Choir	4	5 9-12 pm Thrift Shop
6 9:30 am Worship/ Communion	7 Labor Day 	8	9	10 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 7:30 pm Senior Choir	11	12 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 5-7 pm Lasagna Dinner/Thrift Shop
13 9:30am Worship RALLY SUNDAY 	14 7:30 pm Women's Society	15	16	17 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 7:30 pm Senior Choir	18	19 9-12 pm Thrift Shop
20 9:30 am Worship New Members' Class	21 7:00 pm Ministry Council	22	23	24 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 7:30 pm Senior Choir	25	26 9-12 pm Thrift Shop 1 - 5 pm Serving at Dorothy Day
27 9:30 am Worship Congregational Meeting	28	29	30	<h1>September 2009</h1>		



Change

Change keeps occurring throughout all of life.
Sometimes it brings joy, and sometimes it brings strife.
Change what you should; but you still have a voice -
How you accept every change is your choice.

-Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems



**OCTOBER Messenger articles due
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E-mail articles to Knisleys127@sbcglobal.net



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