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We are a nation united.

We are united in our concern for our fellow citizens.

Everywhere we turn we see the news of bankruptcies, foreclosures, mounting debt, and rising prices. We are united in our prayers for ourselves and for one another.

We are united in our concern for our country.

In addition to our economic worries, we continue to worry about the war in Iraq and its impact individually, nationally, and globally. We are united in our prayers for safety.

We are united in concern for our world.

In many places on earth, peace seems like an impossible dream, with hatred holding the power of the day. We are united in our prayers for peace.

We are a nation united.

And yet we are a nation divided.

We are divided over the course our country should take and the solutions to our problems.

We are divided over sound bites and insults and definitions of dirty politics.

We are divided over issues of experience and change.

In the coming month, the level of rhetoric will worsen. The insults will increase. The division will grow wider. I grow weary of it. I'm saddened by the fact that we focus on what divides us, when what unites us is so much greater.

As Christians we need to remember that we are not Republicans or Democrats first. We are Christians first. Our faith in God and our commitment to Christ come before our dedication to our political party. These commitments must also inform our politics, so that we are voting out of our values and not only our interests.

In the coming month, let us choose to remember our covenants and our commonalities.

Cindy



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

Terry Dunkle, recovering from heart surgery;
Peyton Binder, granddaughter of a friend of Barb Westby's, born 9/04/08 with leukemia;
Paul Malyszka, in the death of his grandfather;
Carolyn Dealy, diagnosed with colon cancer;
David Foy-Crabtree, undergoing treatment for breast cancer;
Dave Kimmel and his family, in the recent death of his father;
John Jennings recovering from a stroke;
 The family of *Mildred Wibling* who passed away November 2007;
Harriet Mangels, whose husband Bob passed away in 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.

LASAGNA BUFFET



The lasagna supper will be
 October 11th

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

Fresh garden salad - Family style with assorted dressings
Cheese lasagna with meat or vegetarian sauce -
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

**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

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



FUND RAISER- TALENT/AUCTION

Save **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th** for our **FUND RAISING-FUN NIGHT TALENT/AUCTION!** It will be held at the King Street Firehouse beginning at **7:00 p.m.**

Our goal this year is to raise over \$6,000 and we hope **EVERY MEMBER** of King Street Church will participate in its success!

Here's how you can help:

- 1) If every member could contribute one or more items to the auction...ideas include gourmet dinners, theme gift baskets, furniture, flower arrangements, show or sports tickets, vacation time, baked goods, lawn and gardening skills...you name it...be creative. Call or email Linda Spione with a description of your contribution....(914-485-1119 spione@optonline.net)
- 2) Bring a friend. Besides increasing the pool of buyers, we'll increase the fun! \$5 admission per member will be charged but admission will be free if you bring a friend!
- 3) 2 auctions will be held...a SILENT auction in the morning in conjunction with the Women's Society bazaar and a LIVE auction in the evening at the firehouse. Plan on attending both!
- 4) Do you have a talent you can share? We'll be providing entertainment

breaks throughout the evening, call or email Chris Marano if you have an idea! (748-9114 maranochris@sbcglobal.net)

An advance auction item list will be posted so that those who **ABSOLUTELY** can't attend can submit advance bids. Keep an eye out!

Everyone who attends in the evening is asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share and their own beverage. Coffee and paper goods will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE AND PLAN TO BE PART OF THIS SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISER!!



Women's Society...

Our September meeting was a very busy one. Some of the results are the following dates for all of you ladies to mark on your calendars and to make a special effort to participate with us.

- 1) Our next meeting will be Monday October 7th, at 7:30 pm. Please make an effort to join us.
- 2) We will have "Mini Bazaar" on Saturday, November 15th. More info to follow. (Please bake for us.)
- 3) Monday, December 1st our Annual Christmas Dinner Party at "Chuck's"
- 4) On Sunday, December 7th our Annual 'Kids' Room" in the library after church services.

Watch and listen for more information in regards to all the above.

Peace and love, Harriet Mangels



.... Historian's Corner

King Street Church as an old woman remembers it (Cordelia Fuller - not me!)

We have a letter written by Cordelia Fuller in our archives. It was her wish for people to remember the families who lived here 100 years ago. It is sometimes difficult to decipher, but the letter appears to cover the King Street area in the years 1888 through 1907. Her memoir is lengthy, so I have only touched on a portion - for the most part relating to those families who lived on King Street.

We start at the far end of King Street, very close to the home of Carolyn and Richard Ruffles. Cordelia describes where people lived and in some cases the type of work they did, and how life was lived here in the King Street District. She mentions the farm of Mrs. Reuben Salmons, or Aunt Sarah as she was called. Fred Ruffles managed her farm and later owned it. His family was active in the church. The farm was called by the older people "Cider Mill Hill." Mrs. Louise Knapp and her family occupied the house on the right just below the road level. Her husband was a blacksmith, their son farmed, and did some blacksmithing, trapping and hunting. Cordelia writes about a small house on a bank with an immense lilac bush that almost hid the house. She thought that it may have been a tavern. Moving along on the other side of the road was the farm of George Henry Knapp. He and his wife were the driving force behind the church. Others were faithful and hard working, but it was those two who kept things going. Continuing down the road was the Leonard Salmons home. He and his wife had three children. He butchered calves for the local market and beef for the farmers. Turning the bend, you came to the parsonage - previously owned by Asa Hoyt. The Christian Church was across the

street on the corner of King and South King Streets. Beyond the bend on the left side was a boarding school built by Turnery Bullsley. His daughters were teachers. It is said that the pond on the property was made when they dug clay to make bricks for the house. Next to this was the one-room King Street schoolhouse (now in Rogers Park). In those days there were quite a number of children in the District. The last house on the left was the William Northrup place followed by the First Baptist Church and cemetery. (The William Northrup house is now owned by Bill Humphrey whose mother was Helen Northrup before she married Donald Humphrey).

Cordelia had a very good description of the church. In the rear of the church was a row of sheds where one could tie his horse while inside attending services. They were deep enough so that the eaves covered a two-seated wagon. A horse block, which made alighting from wagons easier, stood in the center of the front lawn. The interior of the church had two square boxed pews with aisles next to the wall on either side. Following the old custom, the men and boys sat on the left and the women and girls on the right - all except Mrs. George Hawley who sat with her husband. Box stoves warmed the Church in the winter. The cordwood was brought during the summer when most of the farm work was done being neatly piled outside. The men would often have what they called a "wood bee."

Luckily, enough remains that we can still imagine how King Street must have looked 100 years ago. Thank you, Cordelia, for letting us see it through your eyes!

Barb Westby, Historian





**NEIGHBORS IN NEED -
ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE**

The Neighbors in need offering, which we will receive on October 12th, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCCTakeAction.org our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin and northern Nebraska.

Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of

other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Please give generously.



HELLO from Andover-Newton!

To all my friends at King Street UCC, I want to **THANK YOU** for all your generous gifts and for the wonderful send-off you gave me as I headed off to seminary last month. I've settled in here at Andover-Newton Theological School (just outside of Boston) and I feel truly blessed to be here. I have Cindy's framed blessing prominently displayed in my dorm room, and the funds that you so generously gathered for me have gone towards the many, many books I've had to buy for my classes, with plenty left over to pay for books for next term as well. I'm taking four classes this semester and I suddenly find that my every waking moment is filled with reading and writing papers, but I love it. I have fabulous professors, the classes are amazing, and the community here at Andover-Newton has been nothing but warm and welcoming. I am in the Master of Divinity program, which will take me 3 years to complete, but I hope to make it back home to Danbury at least one weekend a month to be with Stephanie, and to visit with you all at KSUCC. I'll keep you updated on my progress with postings here in *The Messenger*, and for those of you who'd like a link to my online blog, or to just check in, you can email me at mfrescott@ants.edu. I'll see you all in mid-October, and **thank you** again for your amazing generosity. I love you all!

In Christ,
Maureen Frescott

P.S. from Cindy: Maureen also sent a card, which is posted on the bulletin board. Included was a check to the church—her tithe of 10% of what we gave her, given back to the church's Faith Promise initiative!



From the Moderator

One of our church members has been sharing copies of Cindy’s sermons with a friend at work. It was a kick to hear that they are the reason we may be getting two new members. I wonder what effect Cindy’s newspaper columns may have?

Many thanks to Scott Sands for a fine job refurbishing the front entrance to the sanctuary. A project that started as a job fixing dry rot in one of the doors just kept growing. Scott’s legendary attention to detail has served the building well.

FLAT ROCKS - how many churches do you know of that request a flat rock donation? The meditation labyrinth project is near completion. The privacy fence is up and grass is being planted. We need flat rocks to complete the retaining wall. Please leave your contribution between the edge of the parking lot and the labyrinth. How gneiss it will look!



Dessert Pot Luck – Saturday, October 25th, 7:00 PM.

Bring your favorite dessert with extra to share. Beverages will be provided. Location to be announced.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY - November 9th - “Fired Up”

Many hands make King Street Church a positive presence locally and far away. The worship and work of the congregation is powerful. But we also need to address budget needs. Please be thinking about your pledge and how it could be increased. If you haven’t pledged in the past, please consider doing so next year. More thoughts on stewardship will be in your mailbox later this month. And a few stewardship moments are coming during worship service.



Fall Clean Up – Sunday, November 9th, following worship service. This is your chance to wear really casual clothes to church. Bring your leave tarp, rakes, and other favorite tools. Cool, crisp weather has been ordered.

Steve Fuller
Moderator





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCTOBER 2008			1 8 pm Sr Bell Choir	2 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	3	4 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
5 9:30am Worship/ Communion Walk for Domestic Violence 6 – 8 pm Confirmation	6 7:30 pm Women’s Society	7	8 8 pm Sr Bell Choir Bell Choir 	9 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	10	11 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 5-7 PM Lasagna Dinner/Thrift Shop Open
12 9:30am Worship	13	14	15 8 pm Sr Bell Choir	16 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	17	18 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
19 9:30am Worship 6 – 8 pm Confirmation	20 7 pm Ministry Council	21	22 8 pm Sr Bell Choir	23 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	24	25 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 1 – 5 pm Dorothy Day 7 pm Dessert Potluck
26 9:30am Worship 6 – 8 pm Confirmation	27	28	29 8 pm Sr Bell Choir Bell Choir 	30 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	31	



United Church of Christ to air new TV ad

Now through October 12 keep your eyes on CNN, Bravo, BET and TV One. The United Church of Christ will be airing another television ad on these channels. This particular commercial, referred to internally as "the steeple ad," is different from our previous commercials and is quite endearing. I hope you will enjoy it. In case you miss it on television, you can check it out at www.ucc.org.



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