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Our worst fear is not that we are inadequate;
our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves,

“Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous?”

Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God;

your playing small doesn't serve the world.

--Nelson Mandela

These words inspire me every time I read them. When do I *play small*?

I think I *play small* when I believe that my conservation efforts (or lack thereof) have no effect on the planet. I *play small* when I pretend I'm helpless in the face of injustice. I *play small* when I forget the influence I have with my friends. I *play small* when I hide my gifts.

I think we as a church *play small* when we belittle our influence in the community. We *play small* when we undermine our power by undermining our church. We *play small* when we think in terms of scarcity instead of abundance. We *play small* when we say, “We've never done it that way.”

God calls us to live big, not play small.

Nelson Mandela went on to say, “As we are liberated from our own fears, our presence automatically liberates others.”

Is it just me, or does this sound amazingly similar to our own covenant: As we have been blessed, may we be a blessing to others.

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, Christine's mother-in-law

Bob Sanger, recovering from orthopedic surgery;
Terry Dunkle, recovering from heart surgery;
 The family of *Peyton Binder*, born 9/04/08, granddaughter of a friend of Barb Westby's, who passed away;
Paul Malyszka, in the death of his grandfather;
Carolyn Dealy, dealing with colon cancer;
Davida Foy-Crabtree, undergoing treatment for breast cancer;
Dave Kimmel and family, in the 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 treatment for lung cancer.

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
November 8th

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

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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

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

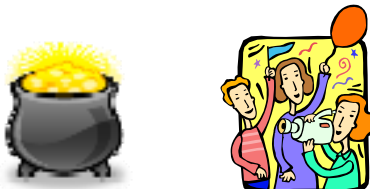


NOVEMBER LASAGNA DINNERS HELPERS

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

Talent/Auction November 15th

Fire House on South King St.



The Most Important Fundraiser of the King Street Church year! (No kidding!)

We are Counting on it, and we are Counting on you! Sooo...what do you need to do? Easy as pie....

Donate goods or services for the silent and the main auction. Donating one item or service for each would be great! Send in form below. Need ideas? *Dinner or wine tasting parties, antique furniture or jewelry, paintings, wall hangings, yard work, cooking lessons, gift baskets, craftwork, computer repair or set up services, gift certificates, theater tickets, movie nights etc...* Be creative and enthusiastic...you can do it! We know you can!

Bring a friend or two. Bring an appetizer or dessert and your own drink. And, of course, bring a little money!!!

**What's the best thing about an auction? YOU GET SOMETHING FOR YOUR MONEY!!!
YOU KEEP OUR CHURCH HEALTHY AND HAPPY! GOD LIKES THAT! REALLY, HE DOES!**

So sign up in the Martin Room or email me at spione@optonline.net. I'm here to help with ideas etc.

DONATION FORM—King St. UCC 2008 Auction

EMAIL TO spione@optonline.net

I/We _____ will donate the following items to the auction:

Item/description/estimated value:

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.... Historian's Corner

A Poster with a Cheese Wheel of Memories

New England is noted for its church fairs, and when I joined the church I could feel the excitement as the time for our fair approached. It was usually held around the time of our Anniversary in August. My former church did not have a country fair - in fact I do not remember a fair at all.

Everyone had something to do, and what really impressed me were the pictures of Jay O Rodgers driving to the Crowley Cheese Factory in Healdville, Vermont and loading wheels of cheese into his car. He and his wife Katharine did this for over 30 years. On Fair Day Jay O would be behind their table cutting the cheese into the sizes we wanted. He did a great job and seemed to know exactly where to levy that knife. It was a very popular item, and people came especially for the delicacy of cheese direct from Vermont.

The first fair was called a Lawn Party Festival and was held in 1943. It was so well received it became an annual event. By 1948 the basement of the parish house had been started, and although we still had no kitchen, we held a meatloaf dinner on the lawn. Meatloaf, potato salad, baked beans, cabbage salad, rolls, desert and coffee all for the price of \$1.00!

In 1955, we were dreaming of enlarging the church and completing the Parish House. We called the Fair "An Old Fashioned Country Fair." Ladies wore 1830 style costumes. The area had been hit by a terrible flood the day before and many roads were washed away. The King Street Volunteer Fire Department worked day and night pumping water from cellars. It was an extremely hot day but a good crowd was present.

The Fair on August 9, 1975, brought out the best in us all. Our Fair Chairman, John Patton, had been critically injured in a motorcycle accident only days before. More than anything, we pulled together to make this fair a day of faith and hope towards his recovery. Our prayers were answered as we learned that John was out of intensive care and on the road to recovery.

1980 was a special year as we were celebrating the 150th Anniversary of our church. People worked tirelessly behind the scenes for months to make this fair the most memorable. A special innovation was the "Hot Air Balloon" which we hoped to get up in the air. The wind was not with us - or rather the wind was with us - making it far too windy to allow any rides. In spite of that disappointment crowds milled around enjoying Billy Willys Band, finding treasures in Mrs. McGillicuddys Shoppe, bargains in Attic Treasures, cheese direct from Vermont, delicious food in the Tea Room or hot dogs at the snack bar. Children enjoyed the parade which included a fife and drum corp, a fire engine, many decorated bikes and Danbury's Mayor Dyer. God indeed blessed us on that glorious fair day.

Last year - 2007 -our Country Fair was called Barbecue & Bluegrass! We were treated to strolling musicians Don Lowe and friends providing country music and fun. At 4 p.m. we went in the church and heard down-home, foot-stomping fiddle tunes and old-time dance tunes by Larry Deming and Sawmill. At 5 p.m. we enjoyed a contemporary bluegrass string band led by Dick Neal. During all this we enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage and peppers and that great strawberry shortcake served by the Women's Society. There were games, a silent auction, a bake sale and many craft items including a plant sale.

Now to get back to Jay O Rodgers, who started this ride down Memory Lane. Imagine this in your mind... The wheels of cheese were loaded into his trunk for the short trip down upper King Street to the turn into the church yard. As he drove along he suddenly heard a THUMP and off the car rolled a wheel of his wonderful cheese. How much of it was salvaged and sold is still anyone's guess.

Please check the Martin Room for a poster honoring Jay O Rodgers. Make room on your calendar for November 15. That day the Women's Society is having a Mini Fair featuring fresh turkey sandwiches with hot soup and at anytime you can have doughnuts, coffee and juice. The Thrift Shop will be open for many bargains. In the evening we will have our annual auction at the Firehouse. A full day of enjoyment. See you there!

--Barb Westby



Harvest Sharing 2008

Where will you be eating your Thanksgiving feast? Do you know there are some families for whom there will be no feast? Each year we try to help a few families in Danbury have a wonderful holiday by bringing them all the food and goodies they will need to have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. We all know the state of the current economy. It is even more important for us to share in our abundance. There are a number of ways that you can help.

- ✓ On Sunday, Nov. 16, the youth of our church will be going from home to home to collect non-perishables to fill these baskets. We hope to support 10 to 12 families. **Start shopping now for those canned goods, cereals, pasta, coffee, tea, etc.** to give to the King St. kids when they stop by. Any excess will be donated to the Food Pantry at St. James to help fill their shelves. If you will not be home on the 16th, or prefer to bring your food donations to the church, let me know so I will put you on our "do not call" list. Donations can be left at the church Nov. 16 through 23.
- ✓ There will be envelopes in the pews in Nov. for your **monetary donations** to purchase the turkeys, fresh fruit, vegetables, and other perishables. If you prefer to mail a check, please note on check: "**Harvest Sharing.**"
- ✓ I need **drivers to deliver the baskets** after church Nov. 23. The more drivers we get, the lighter the burden. If you would like to help, see Eileen Anderson or Becky McKee.

Thank you for helping to make the Holiday Season a happier one for many people.

Outreach Team.

The church is in need of a DVD player. Please see Pastor Cindy if you have one you can donate.



To the Congregation of King St. UCC,

I just wanted to share with you some of the Thank You's we have received from the different organizations you have helped support through your pledges and through the endowment we received this past year:

Church World Service- for the \$500 we sent for spring storm relief, to aid victims of the spring floods along with our \$100 general gift.

Ann's Place \$100, cancer support services.

WestConn Christian Ministry \$100

Amos House Transitional Living Program \$100 (another \$100 sent this month.)

Fisher House Foundation \$200, military servicemen and women, to improve the quality of life.

Regional Hospice's **Healing Hearts Center for Grieving Children** \$100

Other donations made from the *endowment* were:

ARC- Emergency Aid - \$250 for one time grants of up to \$99 for basic needs (food, work uniforms, heating fuel, winter coats or funeral expense)

Silver Lake Conference Center Renovation Project - \$200

Youth Group Mission Trip - \$500

Pastor's Discretionary Fund - \$500

From the Moderator

Many thanks to church members who contributed rocks for the retaining wall behind the meditation labyrinth. Everything is in place and the grass is growing. Thanks also to Kim and Keith Goodwin for hosting the recent dessert potluck and games.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY is November 9th and our theme is "Fired Up." Church members have been sharing stewardship moments during worship service. Pastor Maddox's sermon on Oct. 26 was powerful. Our current budget is behind in pledges and fund raising. In addition to making up those amounts we need to look ahead to a difficult financial year in 2009. Look for a letter and pledge cards in the mail. Pledges can be presented during worship on November 9 and for the rest of the month. The finance committee will be meeting in December to develop a 2009 budget proposal for the January congregational meeting.

Facility usage is one way for King Street Church to generate budget income. You may know of groups looking for a meeting room or individuals in need of a place for activities such as piano lessons. Please suggest the church to such folks and have them contact the church office or give me a call. 746-3095

Thank you,
Steve Fuller



November 2 is All Saints Sunday. We will honor members who have died in the past year, as well as those who have been saints in our lives. This is a special service each year, so please join us.



**Fall Clean Up -
Sunday, November 9,**
following worship service.

This is your chance to wear really casual clothes to church. Bring your tarp, rakes, and other favorite tools. Cool, crisp weather has been ordered.



In Steve Fuller's article as our moderator, he thanks everyone for donating rocks to the retaining wall behind the labyrinth. What he doesn't mention is that he built the wall single-handedly. He also planted the grass seed which is growing so nicely. Thank you, Steve, for your hours of hard work.

Women's Society... **ATTENTION!!!!**

For all the ladies of King Street Church! We ask your full attention to the following dates and activities and hope that you will be able to take part whether you come to our monthly meetings or not!

MONDAY, Nov. 3 We will have our monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Hope you can attend.






SATURDAY, Nov. 15 We will hold a "mini-bazaar" from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will feature many articles of interest including new jewelry for you to purchase. There will also be lots of baked goodies, a silent auction, a light lunch, and the Thrift Shop will be open. Hope to see you there!!

MONDAY, Dec 1 We will have our annual Christmas Party at Chuck's Steakhouse. Cost will be \$25.00 each. All are welcome so bring a friend!

SUNDAY, Dec 7 Following church we will have our annual "KIDS ROOM" gifts for parents, grandparents, etc. You may contribute articles beforehand.

Please try to share all the above with us to help make a successful time for our King Street Church.

Peace and love, Harriet Mangels

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>NOVEMBER 2008</h1>						1 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
2 9:30am Worship/ Communion 6 – 8 pm Confirmation	3 7:30 pm Women’s Society	4 6 pm Jr. Bells 	5 8 pm Sr Bell Choir 	6 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	7	8 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 5-7 PM Lasagna Dinner/Thrift Shop Open
9 9:30am Worship Fall Cleanup 6-8 pm Confirmation	10	11 6 pm Jr. Bells 	12 8 pm Sr Bell Choir	13 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	14	15 9-1 pm Thrift Shop Open 9-1 pm Women’s Society Holiday Bazaar & Silent Auction 7pm Talent/Auction
16 9:30am Worship Scavenger Hunt 6 – 8 pm Confirmation	17 7 pm Ministry Council	18 6 pm Jr. Bells	19 8 pm Sr Bell Choir	20 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 7:30 pm Sr Choir	21 6 pm – 8am Confirmation Overnight Retreat	22 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 1 – 5 pm Dorothy Day
23 9:30am Worship Harvest Sharing	24 7 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service	25 6 pm Jr. Bells	26 8 pm Sr Bell Choir	27 Thanksgiving  <small>Celebrate Thanksgiving</small>	28	29 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open
30 9:30 am Worship						

You're Invited!

The annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service of greater Danbury will be held on Monday, Nov. 24, at 7pm at the United Methodist Church on Clapboard Ridge Road. The highlights of the service will be the calls to worship from various traditions and the joint choir from many faith communities.



You can find out by picking up your quarterly giving statement in the Martin

Room. Now would be a really good time to get caught up.



Confirmation Retreat

All Confirmands are asked to participate in our closing retreat beginning at 6 pm on Nov. 21 and ending at 8am on Nov. 22. We will complete our study of the UCC

Statement of Faith, and we will make preparations for Confirmation Sunday. Please bring a beverage (no caffeine) and a snack (no sugar) to share. (Yes, Pastor Cindy learned from the last retreat!)



DECEMBER Messenger articles due Sunday, NOVEMBER 23RD

E-mail articles to Knisleys127@sbcglobal.net



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