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9:30 am

Sunday Worship/

Sunday School

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Dorothy LaCour	Debra
Rose Carcova	Suzanne Bracchi
John Pesavento	Kim Adler
Zaida June	Barbara Grisgraber
Annette Bashar	Alec Wildhaber
Patrick Raymon & family	
Betty Lucas	Jennifer Pazereckis
Marilyn Lamy	Craig Vincent
Bill Stewart	Lydia Hoyt
Juli Lindsay	Debbie Kandro
Cherylyn Lee & Daniel Vigezzi	
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FROM THE MINISTER...

Dear Folks,

Welcome to Stewardship Season 2011!

Here's something I wrote a few years ago that still rings true today:

All The Church Does Is Ask for Money!

Absolutely!

As long as there are babies to be baptized;
As long as there are children to learn about Jesus;
As long as there are youth to be confirmed;
As long as there are couples to be married;
As long as there are the dead to be buried;
As long as there are the bereaved to be comforted;
As long as there are the sick to be consoled;
As long as there are the lonely to cheered;
As long as there are the frightened to be reassured;
As long as there are the lost to be found;
As long as there are the hungry to be fed;
As long as there are the homeless to be housed;
As long as there are the oppressed to be freed;

Until the day that justice is established;

Until the day that peace prevails;

Until the day that love reigns;

Until the day that God's Realm becomes a reality on this earth--

Until that day,

The Church will ask for money!

(Inspired by the Rev. Steve Gray, at the 2008 Fall Connecticut Conference Meeting.)

Please keep all these things in mind as you prayerfully consider your 2012 faith promise (pledge) to continue HCCUCC's ministry.

Peace,

Rev. Lucille

STEWARDSHIP 2012
“UR” Support Completes our “CH_RCH”

You all should have received your stewardship mailing by now. This year our Stewardship Season will start on Sunday October 2nd with a photo Stewardship presentation and Rev. Lucille’s Stewardship Sermon.

This year we will be collecting pledges over three Sundays in October:

- Sunday October 9th we will accept pledges from Church Officers and Council Members
- Sunday October 16th we will accept pledges from The Choir and Committee Members
- Sunday October 23rd we will accept pledges from All Members of HCC

If you will not be in church on the Sunday that best fits your membership, you may present your pledge on any of these three Sundays. Or please mail in your pledge card or EFT authorization form as soon as possible.

The Stewardship Committee has set a goal for our church to have each member give a minimum of \$20 per week to the church. While to some of you, this may seem like a lot per week, but please consider that your cable/satellite TV and phone/cellular bills each exceed this amount per week. Aren’t your Faith, your Church and God’s caring worth at least that much?

For those that are giving below this level, we are asking that you prayerfully consider increasing your pledge to a minimum of \$20 per week for each confirmed member in your household. For those that are giving at or above this level, we are asking that you prayerfully consider increasing your pledge by \$5, \$10 or more per week. Your increased pledge and giving by these amounts will have a tremendous impact on your church’s ability to maintain our facilities and increase our Missions and Outreach programs.

On August 14th while Rev. Lucille was away, Soren Ibsen, Chairman of Stewardship gave the sermon that Sunday. And as you would expect Soren gave a sermon on Stewardship. That sermon was titled “Wouldn’t It Be Nice”. Find below part of that sermon for those that missed it or would like to read it again.

Here at Huntington Congregational Church we are very blessed. We have a wonderful church family, we have a great group of dedicated leaders,

we support quite a number of worthy missions, but we can do so much more with your continually increasing support.

Wouldn’t it be nice if at the annual meeting each year we did not have to worry about meeting the budget, just to keep the lights on, but instead decide what worthy causes we will be supporting during the coming year from our overflowing bounty. That can happen with your generous support.

Wouldn’t it be nice if all the proceeds from our various fundraisers; The Norwalk Oyster Festival, The Pumpkin and Holly Fair, The Goods and Services Auction and many others could be given to worthy mission projects, instead of being used mostly to keep the lights on here at HCC? I am sure all that help at these fundraisers would feel so much better about themselves after the event is over. That can happen with your generous support.

Wouldn’t it be nice if we had a full church each Sunday and a growing Sunday school? A generous and giving church with growing outreach will attract new members. That can happen with your increased generosity. Remember what Paul wrote in his letter to the Corinthians, *“the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop”*. As our giving grows so will our membership and our gifts to those in need will be overflowing.

Wouldn’t it be nice if we were always welcoming new members to our church family and we were all making new friends. That is a by-product of a generous and giving church.

Wouldn’t it be nice if there were a waiting list to join all the various church committees, with members eager to do God’s work and spread God’s grace. Increased giving creates those members eager to spread God’s grace.

Wouldn’t it be nice to be able to schedule and complete all our much needed church property maintenance projects? We can with your dedication and generous support.

Wouldn’t it be nice to have air conditioning in this sanctuary on those late spring, summer and early fall, hot Sunday mornings and have the sanctuary full on those days? Even that could happen with your increasing generous support.

All this will not happen overnight, but it could happen if we all increased our pledge and giving by just \$5 or \$10 per week for the years to come. Chances are that you will not even miss the money and the reward of God’s Grace and generosity back to you will be overwhelming.

NOW WOULDN’T THAT BE NICE!!



**“Imagining Another World is Possible”
NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING**

Neighbors in Need is the UCC’s annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries.

This offering will be collected on Sunday, October 2nd.

The next Missions Committee meeting will be held on October 5th at 6:30 in the library.

REV. LUCILLE’S PRAYER DAYS

Rev. Lucille’s prayer days will be Thursdays, October 13th and November 10th. Please let her know if you have any joys or concerns you would like her to lift up.

NEW MEMBERS

A New Members Class will be held after worship on Sunday, October 23rd in the church library. For more information, please contact Rev. Lucille.



**WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP
NEWS**

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE REMINDER

We continue to collect for the Women’s Fellowship “Gifts of the Heart” school kits.

Items needed for each school kit are:

Each School Kit Includes:

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| ~ 3 Spiral notebooks-70 count | ~ 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded) |
| ~ 1 Hand-held pencil sharpeners | ~ 6 new Pencils w/erasers |
| ~ 1 12” Ruler (30 centimeter) | ~ 1 Box 24 crayons (only 24) |
| ~ 1 Large eraser | |

If you can donate 1 or 2 of these items, the “school bus” box will be in the alcove.

Many thanks for your help in our mission project.

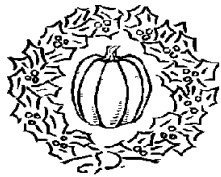
Shirley Bleston, Material Aids



Church Cookbook Update

Thank you for all the many donations of recipes and all the early orders!

What we need now are patrons and advertising. Do you have a service and/or business you would like to promote? Do you frequent a business that might be interested in buying an ad? Would you just like to show your support for our church and this endeavor, maybe make a dedication? Several people have done so already, but we would like more participation. There are forms by and on the Cookbook board in the alcove, or see/call Denise Melsenti, 929-2656. Thank you!



Pumpkin & Holly Fair

Friday, November 18, 2011

5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Saturday, November 19, 2011

9:30 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

The fair is quickly approaching. There are many jobs and opportunities for people to volunteer and make the fair a success. This is a major fundraiser for Women's Fellowship to support the many local and worldwide missions that the Women's Fellowship supports.

Raffle: This year we are fortunate to have 4 raffle items. We would like to thank the quilters for contributing a beautiful quilt, Bob Boroski for donating a painting, Gourmet Baskets group for a large gift basket, and this year a \$250.00 Visa gift card. If anyone is interested in helping to sell tickets we would greatly appreciate it.

Santa's Attic: Donated items for this area are greatly appreciated. Remember – one person's junk is another person's treasure. **You can begin to drop off items starting October 30th.** This area is always looking for volunteers to set up and price. Questions regarding this area contact Gordon Harris at 203-924-7900.

Gourmet Baskets: This area is always in need of a variety of baskets looking to be filled with goodies. If you have any baskets, please drop them off in the large white box in the alcove.

Jams & Jellies: If you are interested in helping make the jams or pick fruit for the jams & jellies, please contact Linda Sember at 203-929-5853. No experience necessary!!

Gingerbread Houses: Debbie Oppel has volunteered to chair this area. We will be in need of volunteers to bake gingerbread houses, sleighs, and gingerbread boys & girls. We also will be holding workshops to build and decorate these items.

Christmas Fantasy: Workshops are being held Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in Reuman House. If you enjoy making gifts, ornaments, wreaths, to name a few, come join the fun. Contact Shirley Bleston at 203-929-0350 to find out more.

Potpourri: This group is busy making many creative items including jewelry, decorations and gifts. Contact Gail Schoennagel at 203-929-7178 or Sue Lindley 203-924-4729 for dates and times.

Cheese & Pecans: Justine Patchkofsky has volunteered to chair this table. She is looking for persons to help cut, wrap, and weight these items. If you are interested, contact her at 203-513-1158.

Sweet Shoppe: This area is looking for homemade candies. If you make candy and would like to donate to this area, please contact Kim Adler at 203-929-9030.

Harvest Café: This year our menu will consist of soups, salads, chili and pie. All homemade, of course. We are looking for helpers in many areas. If you would like to help in this busy, fun area, please contact Debbie Margolies at 203-929-6649.

Bake Shop: We will be looking for a variety of homemade baked items to sell.

As you can see, this is a very busy active and fun event. Please consider volunteering to help continue to make this fair a success.

**Pumpkin & Holly Fair Co-Chairs
Terri Johnston, Pat Tober and Laura Salvio**



The next meeting of Circle I will be held on Thursday, October 13, at 7:30 at Reuman House.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS DECEMBER 2011

Stewardship: Stewardship letter to go out for the October at the end of September. Down 2 positions

Women's Fellowship: Groups busy working on the fair. New items this year.

Christian Education: VBS missions support Hole in the Wall Gang.

Sunday School Changing format- preschool thru 3rd grade, traditional; tween group to spend more time in church.

Missions: Neighbor in Need offering 10/2. Mum sale to benefit the Emergency Assistance Fund in September.

Diaconate: Two member's short (man/woman). The Bloemen's are retiring after 15 years of getting goodies for coffee hour, asking for donations from the congregation.

Nursery: Openings for 3 year olds, required to be immunized. Increasing Tuition next year. Lead painting is chipping.

Business: Handicap Bathroom-2 proposals. Additional work included in larger proposal of doing insulation, widening doorway into sanctuary and remodeling current bathroom. Congregational Meeting--Presentation on Ripton Road Committee Report & Business committee's motion on Ripton Road and Bathroom projects.

Minister: 9/11 Rally Sunday. Confirmation informational meeting. 9/18 Congregational Meeting followed by Picnic at Parsonage. 9/25 Communion training/ guest minister from Simply Smiles our planned 2013 mission trip. April 2012 - 16 day tour planned to Israel.

20 Ripton Road Committee: Oil tank in basement is issue. Committees recommendation is to repair the property and continue to rent.

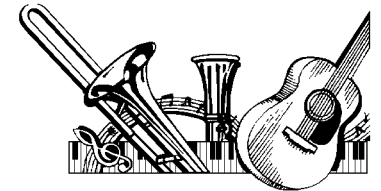
Respectfully submitted,
Kim Adler, Clerk



We are in the process of beginning the Bell Choir once again. Those who are interested in joining, please speak to James Bruni, Choir Director. No experience is necessary!

ATTENTION ADULTS & CHILDREN

The choir is looking for those who play an instrument and are interested in playing during a worship service. Please see Rev. Lucille or James Bruni to sign up or for more information.



CANDLELIGHTER TRAINING

Candlelighter Training will be held on Sunday, October 9th following the worship service. If you are in 4th grade and up and would like to participate as a candlelighter, please join us. The session will take approximately 15 minutes.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST: OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION

Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) Basic Support and Special Support provide funding for the work of Connecticut Conference and National ministries in support of the life and work of the local church and its members. OCWM changes lives by strengthening our ecumenical relationships and global partnerships, by imagining and embodying a better world through prophetic witness and work, and by providing resources and programs to nurture the vitality of our United Church of Christ congregations.

Here at HCCUCC, OCWM is support by your pledge to missions.



FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE...

The Nominating Committee (Shirley Bleston, Mike Kierstead, Linda Sember, Lupe Maybeck-Nicholas, Cheryl Frolish) is looking forward to hearing from all church members who are currently serving on committees or have aspirations to serve. Please let us know as early as possible if you would like to stay on your current committee, join a new committee, or have a good recommendation for us to contact. Last year the task of filling the roster was relatively easy as so many people enjoy serving HCC. We are confident and prayerful that a similar spirit of serving the church alongside fellow members will continue this year. Thanks to everyone both on and off committees that serve HCC in so many ways.



...to the family of Dorothy Wilson, Pat Keegan's aunt and Ruth Stewart's sister, who passed away September 25, 2011.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during their time of bereavement.



The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport Highlights – October 2011

October is Council Month!

Member congregations are asked to observe "*Council Month*" one Sunday in October, 2011 (or any other Sunday). *Council Month* lifts and celebrates our partnership in mission with member congregations. We provide tools to **inform** and **inspire** our members about the ways we use your mission giving to "*turn faith into action...helping people at risk meet their urgent needs.*" To date 30 member congregations have agreed to participate.

Here are suggested activities for your observance: reading a two minute message we provide at morning worship; publishing a message in your weekly bulletin and/or monthly newsletter; sharing our materials after worship; a presentation by a delegate, pastor or CCGB Board or staff member; show our promotional seven-minute DVD.

No fund-raising is intended with this observance. Some congregations choose to receive a special offering but **our** goal is sharing news of our ministry. If you want to know more about observing Council Month, please contact Patty Jensen at pattyjensen@ccgb.org or 203.334.1121, ext. 243.

Council Marathon Benefit: Rev. Dr. Brian Bodt will run his sixth marathon the October 9th at the Steamtown Marathon in Scranton, PA as a benefit for The Council of Churches. As of early September, he has raised 65% of his \$20K goal with just more than a month to go. If you would like to contribute, please contact him at brianbodt@ccgb.org or 334.1121, ext. 233.

Project Learn ~ *Turning Students into Scholars*

Project Learn's Annual Benefit Concert will be held on October 14 at 7 pm at Stratford United Methodist Church, 2600 Main Street, Stratford, 06615. Featured performers are members of the **Norma F. Pfriem Children's Choir** and **The Neighborhood Studios Jazz Ensemble**. After-school programming has begun, with a new site at Salem Lutheran Church at 3160 Park Avenue in Bridgeport. The following school supplies are needed: paper, pencils, pens, notebooks, markers, pencil sharpeners, calculators, binders, loose leaf paper, book bags, construction paper, flash cards and book covers. If you are interested in providing some of these items and/or volunteering, please contact Sean Campbell at 203-334-1121 ext. 244 or seancampbell@ccgb.org.

CO-OP Center ~ *Creating Second Chances for Former Offenders*

CO-OP's Annual Client Recognition Event will take place from 5:15 to 6 pm on Thursday October 6th at First Church Congregational, UCC; 148 Beach Road, Fairfield 06824; if you are interested in attending, contact Dan Braccio, danbraccio@ccgb.org or 203.334.1121, ext. 231

Hunger Outreach ~ *Coordinating Area Feeding Initiatives*

H _NGER ~ the problem can't be solved without "U"!! Please consider renewed efforts in collecting non-perishable food items ~ If you'd like information on what kinds of food to collect or a list of feeding programs, call Byron Crosdale at 334.1121 x 249 or byroncrosdale@ccgb.org. To those who serve in community suppers and pantries all year long, our hearty thanks.

THANK YOU!

“Dear Members of the HCC Congregation,

Our family would like to thank you all for your kindness and support throughout my illness and recovery. Your generous & delicious meal preparations, thoughtful cards, kind words of encouragement, prayers, and warm hugs truly sustained me and our family throughout this difficult time. We are deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness.

Suzanne Bracchi”

“Dear Huntington Congregational Church Members,

I would like to thank you for the scholarship given to me on Graduate Sunday. It will help to purchase my books this fall semester.

*Sincerely,
Dana Witiak”*

“Dear Huntington Congregational Church Members,

Thank you very much for the generous scholarship. The money will help with the cost of books as I continue working towards my MBA.

*Sincerely,
Kim Witiak”*

“Thank you so much for the scholarship money for school. It is greatly appreciated and will help a lot – thanks again!

Ashlee Pekar”

“Thank you for the scholarship towards school. It will be put to good use to buy books and help pay for living up at school.

Appreciate the scholarship very much!

John Pekar”

“I would like to thank everyone in my church family for all the calls, cards, well wishes and prayers during my current illness. I know that the power of prayer is alive and well at HCC. It has been extremely heartwarming to me to know that I have so much love and support.

*Thanks
Kim Adler”*

“I would like to thank the members of HCC for my scholarship for college. I will use the monies to help defray the costs of my books as I start my journey to become a nurse.

*Thank you
Samantha Adler”*

“I would like to thank the church for my scholarship to Silver Lake this was my last year to attend as a camper. Over the last 8 years I have made lasting friends and great memories. I am sad that next year I will not be able to attend as a camper.

*Thanks again
Rebecca Adler”*

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**ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP AND
PARENTS:
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd,
6:30 IN THE “LOUNGE”**

REV. LUCILLE’S TRAVEL LOG:

“THE WONDER OF IT ALL”

Rev. Lucille will be presenting a travel log on her vacation/continuing education trip to Montana and Wyoming on Sunday, October 16, 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!!



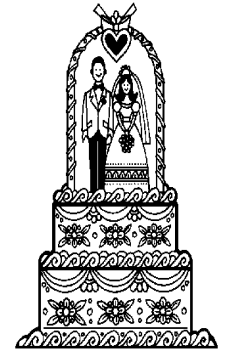
the following who will
celebrate during the month of
October:

- 1 Connie Glenn, Frank Kawalautzki, Jr.
- 2 Bob Sember
- 3 Mary Aylor, Gail Piche, Lauren Kozlowski, Mackenzie Brighindi
- 4 Steven Adler, Lauren Kane,
Bob Mingrone, Don Russell
- 5 Quinton Hongo, Hailey Hongo,
Caroline Margolies, Linda Nicholas
- 8 David Keith
- 9 Stephen Nichols, Kristen Pesavento
- 11 Andrew Amaturio
- 12 Sue Schmitt
- 13 Kirsten Keith
- 14 John Nicholas-Pekar, Kyrsten Heiden
- 15 Claire Manger
- 16 Philip Jones, Ryan Stein, Zachary McEwen
- 17 Samuel Bracchi, Tom Nickse
- 18 Hannah Gill
- 19 Jim Fair, Judy Heyse, Daniel Vigezzi
- 20 Emily Skinner-Daelhousen
- 21 Linda Simics, Barbara Supernaw, Kristina Pfalzgraf
- 24 Kim Adler, Rich Warren
- 25 Jeffrey Pfalzgraf
- 26 Andrzej Dutkanicz
- 27 Brittany Parris
- 29 Lynn Ibsen, Grace MacDonald
- 30 Walter Henderson
- 31 John Glenn



**Congratulations to the following
couples who will celebrate wedding
anniversaries in October:**

- 5 Wendy & Paul Zelanin
- 7 Michelle & Frank Kawalautzki, Jr.
- 11 Karen & Kevin Kellogg, Linda & Brian St. George,
Jennifer & Michael Crawford
- 13 Sheryl & Andrzej Dutkanicz
- 14 Susan & David Roberts
- 17 Karin & Tim Hongo
- 19 Rita & Patrick Boland
- 21 Mary & Joseph DiRienzo,
Judy & Craig Heyse
- 24 Jayne & Rod Kneen, Jr.



R~E~M~I~N~D~E~R
TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

All budgets are due to Rob Reeves



OCTOBER 2011



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Oct 2011 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 9:30am - Rev. Peter 10:30am - Communi 2pm - Court of	26 7:30pm - Zumba	27 9:30am - Circle III	28 7pm - Choir	29 Belfry available 6:30pm - TOPS 7pm - Christmas	30	1
2 NIN Offering 9:30am - Worshio/S 6:30pm - SHYG-	3 7pm - CE meeting 7:30pm - Zumba	4 9:30am - Circle III 7pm - Committee 7:15pm - Business	5 6:30pm - Mission 7pm - Choir 7pm - Troop 101	6 6:30pm - TOPS 7pm - Christmas 7:30pm - Bible 7:30pm - Karate-FH	7 7pm - Den 5-FH	8
9 9:30am - Worshio/S 10:30am - Candlela	10 Columbus Day Office Closed 7:30pm - Zumba	11 9:30am - Circle III 7pm - Council	12 6pm - Nominating 7pm - Choir	13 Lucille's Prayer Day 6:30pm - TOPS 7pm - Christmas 7:30pm - Karate-FH	14 Spooner House meal 7pm - Den 5-FH 	15
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You may view the Belfry & Calendar on our website at www.huntingtonucc.org