



In 1975, Raymond Dunn, Jr. was born in New York state. According to the Associated Press, a skull fracture and oxygen deprivation at birth caused severe retardation. As he grew, he suffered up to twenty seizures per day. He was blind, mute, and unable to move on his own. His severe allergies limited him to eat only one food - a meat-based formula produced by Gerber Foods.

In 1985, Gerber no longer made that meat-based formula. Raymond's mother, Carol Dunn, scoured the country to buy all of the meat-based formula that stores had in stock. She accumulated enough cases of the formula to last until 1990. Desperate and afraid for her son, Carol Dunn appealed to Gerber Foods for help. Without this particular formula, 15-year-old Raymond would starve to death.

In a beautiful act of community, volunteers donated hundreds of hours to set up old equipment and production lines, and obtained special approval from the USDA to produce this formula - all for one little boy. In January 1995, Raymond Dunn Jr., who was known as the Gerber Boy, died from his physical problems. Though his life was brief, and his experiences were limited, his mere existence brought forth a wonderful thing that we call compassion.

Compassion is defined as a "deep awareness of the suffering of another, coupled with the wish to relieve it."

Jude 1:22 tells us "...have compassion, making a difference."

Can you remember a time when someone showed you compassion? Did it bring joy to your heart and motivate you to help others? Compassion for others creates a ripple effect that echoes throughout

eternity. It is also a joy to know how Jesus feels about it:

"In as much as you did it unto the least of these my brethren, you did it unto me." - Matthew 25:40



GALATIANS 5:13, NIV

Of course, we can't always show compassion on such a grand scale as this. But there are little ways that we can show it every day to our family, our friends, our neighbors....or a stranger that you encounter in the grocery store.

We can show compassion by praying for others, sending someone a card, or bringing them a meal. if we know they are struggling. We can hold the door for someone, or ask them if there is any way that we can help them.

The recipients of the "Pay It Forward" task that the Outreach Board sponsored a few months back had to come up with some creative ideas to help others in need. I encourage you to be on the lookout for ways that you can bless another, and in doing so, that you are able to spread the love of Jesus. Remember that oftentimes when we strive to bless another, we are blessed in return.

I praise God for each of you and your willingness to help others.

With Love In Christ,

Pastor Del

The Annual Meeting of The Federated Church of Willington

Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Preceded by Potluck Supper at 6:00 P.M.

at the Hall Memorial Church

132 River Rd, Willington

All are Welcome!

(Snow Date - Sunday, February 12, 2012 following Worship)

Copies of the Annual Report are available on our website, or you can pick up a printed copy at the Hall Memorial Church.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING 2012

- I. Introductory Hymn - "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"
- II. Call to Order
- III. Opening Prayer - David Ignatowicz, Moderator
- IV. Roll Call (Determination of Quorum)
- V. Reading Minutes of last Annual Meeting (and any special Meeting)
- VI. Annual Reports of Minister, Officers, Boards and Committees
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Discussion and acceptance of new budget
 - B. Election of Officers and Boards
 - C. Other Business
- IX. Announcements
- X. Parting Hymn - "Blest Be The Tie That Binds"
- XI. Closing Prayer
- XII. Adjournment



Cancellation of Services Due to Inclement Weather

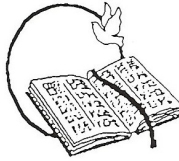


For Cancellation of Worship & Sunday School due to inclement weather watch WFSB-TV, Channel 3 (wfsb.com) or WTNH-TV, Channel 8 (wtnh.com), or WVIT-TV NBC 30 (nbc30.com).

Updates are also listed on our Facebook page. Please see the right-hand sidebar of our website (www.FedChurchWillington.org) and "like" the page.



Ash Wednesday



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 22, 2011 7:00 PM

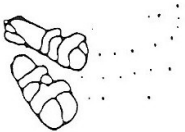
Hill Church Jct. Rte. 74 & 320 South

BEGINS SEASON OF LENT – The 40-day period, not counting Sundays, in preparation for Easter. Corresponds to the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness before he began his ministry and it is estimated he was in the tomb for 40 hours. The number 40 is used in the Bible repeatedly signifying “a period of transformation”.

TIME TO REFLECT – Christ died for our redemption. This is a time to recall and renew one’s repentance for sin. A time to recall and renew one’s confession of faith in Jesus as Christ and Lord.

JOIN US for this time of Reflection and Prayer

*“Let us look to Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was waiting
endured the cross...” Hebrews 12:2A*

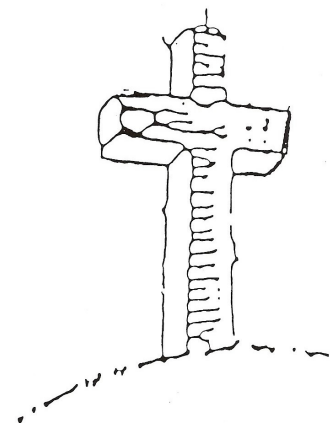


Those who walk daily with Jesus, especially during the weeks of Lent, will experience Easter with renewed joy. Alleluia!

**Come, “EVERYONE”
The Board of Deacons**

THE WOODEN CROSS (On Display in the Fellowship Area)

As we travel The Journey of Lent, we hope you will take time to pound a nail into the Wooden Cross, representing sins and burdens, and on Easter Sunday you will be given an opportunity to replace the nails with flowers as a symbol of “New life” given through faith in Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior!



“Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the Cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that you have been healed.” 1 Peter 2:24

February 2012 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Men's Breakfast – 9am Track Nine Diner
5 Communion Sunday	6	7 Annual Meeting 6:00PM – Potluck 7:00 PM – meeting Hall Memorial Church	8 Circle One – 2:30 Hill Church Choir Rehearsal 7pm - Hall Memorial Church	9	10	11
12 Annual Mtg. snow date (following worship)	13	14 Prudential Board Meeting 7pm Hill church Happy Valentine's Day!	15 Choir Rehearsal 7pm - Hall Memorial Church	16	17	18
19	20 President's Day March Hill 'n' Dale Article/Meeting Date Deadline	21 Deacon's Meeting – 7PM, Hill Church	22 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm Hill Church	23	24	25
26 First Sunday in Lent	27 Council Meeting 6:30 PM, Hill Church	28	29 Choir Rehearsal 7pm - Hall Memorial Church			

Month of February - 2012

Worship Leaders, Communion Server, Greeters, Ushers, & Altar Flowers

SUNDAY 5	SUNDAY 12	SUNDAY 19	SUNDAY 26
<p>Worship Leader Shirley Ogozalek</p> <p>Greeter Elsie LaBonte</p> <p>Ushers Alice Cassells Nancy Goodell</p> <p>Altar Flowers Shirley Ogozalek</p>	<p>Worship Leader Thomas Smith</p> <p>Greeter Tish Ignatowicz</p> <p>Ushers David Ignatowicz Judson Hunter</p> <p>Altar Flowers Betsy Gunn</p>	<p>Worship Leader Barbara Smith</p> <p>Greeter Patricia Dobbyn</p> <p>Ushers Tom Kelly Elizabeth Robertson</p> <p>Altar Flowers Dale Dyer – <i>In Memory of her Grandparents</i></p>	<p>Worship Leader Tish Ignatowicz</p> <p>Greeter Alice Cassells</p> <p>Ushers Nancy Goodell Larry Palmer</p> <p>Altar Flowers Nancy Goodell</p>
<p>Communion David Ignatowicz Elizabeth Robertson</p>			

Note: If you are not able to fulfill your duties on the Sunday you are assigned, please change with someone listed for that particular duty and notify the Church Office (860-429-9911) of the change prior to the Tuesday before you are assigned.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

<u>Month of February</u>	
<p>2 Bryan Standish Tracy Pelletier</p> <p>7 Melissa Jensen</p> <p>9 Jay Philippi</p> <p>10 Rhonda Tryon (Kauffman)</p>	<p>11 Betsy Gunn</p> <p>15 Chris Kelly</p> <p>19 Nancy Goodell</p> <p>26 Laurel Millix</p> <p>27 Caitlin Halle</p>



Don't see your birthday on the list? Submit your birthday to the Church office and we will make sure that it appears in the newsletter! Birthdays can be emailed to Info@FedChurchWillington.org.

Sunday School Calendar

Sunday, February 5th -

Reader's Theater (performed just before the Children's story)

Valentine's Day Crafts (during Sunday School)

Sunday, February 12th -

Reader's Theater (performed just before the Children's story)

Preparation of the Refreshments for Fellowship Time (during Sunday School)

Saturday February 25, 2012 -

Jr High/Sr. High Outing to Woodbury Ski Area (with parents). (If inclement weather, alternate day is March 3, 2012)

Sunday March 11th -

Annual Spaghetti Luncheon & Talent Show

The Sunday School classes prepare the Spaghetti Luncheon during Sunday School time and serve it to all who attend immediately following worship.

Everyone is invited to attend the Luncheon and to share their talents following the Luncheon!

The Prayer Team is in place and ready to serve!

If anyone would like to request prayer or join the team, please contact any of the members listed below. We are all grateful to our loving GOD for the privilege of serving our wonderful Church family.

Pastor Del - 860-429-9676

Gigi Booth - 860-429-0516

Rosanne Parizek 860-429-2362

Hope Fritz 860-429-5573

Wilbur Gangaway - 860-429-2527

Pam LaMattina 860-684-5266

Linda Knight 860-429-5257

"Then you will call upon ME and come and pray to ME, and I will listen"
Jeremiah 29:12

Looking Ahead....

It is time for the **Vacation Bible School Committee** to start planning once again. If you are interested in participating on the Committee or helping out at Vacation Bible School, please contact Stephanie Dakin (860-742-0428), or the Church Office (860-429-9911). Thank you!

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH

OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS reach out to our Brothers and Sisters who have various needs and struggles: Gigi Booth's cousin, **Gerard; Jacqueline** (mentioned by Karen Cushman); **David Cushman; Charles Lowe** (mentioned by Ed D'Agata); **Catherine Bugbee**; For the **Somers Congregational UCC Church** which was destroyed by fire; for Sheila Courchesne's brother, **Russ; Jim Humphrey; ; Nancy Humphrey; Rev. Norman Swensen** (friend of Betsy & Ernest Gunn); **Evette** (mentioned by Wilbur Gangaway); for Buddy Estey's son, **Joshua; Charlotte Simmons** (mentioned by Pam LaMattina); for **Tim Tebow** to have the strength to continue expressing his faith on a national level; **Julia Cartabiano; Stephanie, Joshua & Cassidy Dakin; Esther Phelps**; for **David Ignatowicz's son, David; Rick Marks and Family; Alice Gangaway**; Alice Cassell's nephew, **James; Doris Polcaro; Fran** (friend of Emily Kennedy); **Ernest Gunn; Sheldon** (brother of Dale Dyer); for Dale Dyer's **nephew; Betty Merriam** (Jerry Parizek's sister);

CONDOLENCES: To the **Family and Friends of Betty Marks** on her passing (1/1).

THANKSGIVINGS: **Gigi Booth** was happy to have **her son, Gregory, and his wife, Allison**, at worship Sunday, January 1, visiting from New Zealand; **Rosanne Parizek** was happy to have her daughter and son-in-law, **Lisa & Ray**, along with her grandsons, **Micah & Jacob**, and Jacob's wife, **Rachael**, at worship Sunday, January 1, visiting from Houghton and Rochester, New York; **Jim & Nancy Humphrey** are thankful for the prayers for Jim and the cards he received while recuperating from his surgery. They are grateful to be part of this awesome Church family; **Nancy & David Krivanec** expressed their thanks for the cards received upon the loss of David's mother, Mary Krivanec (11/21/11); **Betsy Gunn** is thankful for **Boyd Wood**, our Organist/Choir director, for his gift of music especially today with the difficult accompaniment to play for the Choir anthem which he performed grandly (1/29); It was good to have Holly (Eldredge) Ladd at worship (01/29); **Dale Dyer** passed along a "hello" from **Esther Phelps**; Fred Goetz is planning a trip to Oregon to visit his sister, **Tina**.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Buddy Estey** and **Heather Dancosse** on their recent engagement (12/30).

BIRTHDAYS MENTIONED DURING WORSHIP: **Carol Caisse** (1/1); **Jeff Smith** celebrated his 18th birthday (01/06); **Dale Dyer** (1/14); **Sheila Courchesne** (01/18); **Jerry Hall; Carolyn Gunn** (granddaughter of Betsy & Ernest Gunn) celebrated her 15th birthday; **Cassidy Dakin** celebrated her 3rd Birthday (01/26);