



Pastor's Summer Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

Did you know that the Dead Sea is a body of water in Israel that is *below* Sea Level? Water is able to trickle into it, but no water is able to flow out of it because it would have to fight gravity to do so. The result is that mineral deposits have built up to such a great extent that the water is unable to sustain life of any kind.

The Sea of Galilee is said to come from the same source of water as the Dead Sea, flowing down from Mount Hermon.

The difference is that the Sea of Galilee has an outlet. As the water flows into it, it is also flowing back out, using its minerals to fertilize the plain of Jordan. The Sea of Galilee is filled with fish and other living things. However, as the fresh clean water flows into the Dead Sea and mixes with the stagnant, salty water, it loses its vitality.

These two bodies of *the same* water have completely different results. One of the bodies of water takes of this life-giving source, but never gives. The other allows the life source to not only flow into it, but to continue to flow *through* it, bringing beauty and life to others.

So how does this relate to us?

Sometimes we find ourselves needing to fill ourselves up with MORE of something. Often, we try to fill that emptiness with material things - MORE money, MORE possessions, MORE "stuff". We become so caught up in trying to find that fulfillment that we begin to operate in fear. We are afraid to give of ourselves because we worry that we won't have enough. When we don't allow anything to flow out, we are doing ourselves a disservice, because now there isn't room for anything good to flow in. We become stagnant just like the Dead Sea, filled with bitter water and devoid of life.

On the flip side, have you ever noticed that when you are overflowing with joy, it's difficult to keep it all to yourself? You find it trying to bubble out of you to everyone you encounter - either with a smile, a kind gesture, or an encouraging word. When we allow this to happen, we're letting our joy and our love flow through us, making room for more of the good things to flow in.

As with the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30), by showing God that we can be faithful with what we have now, He will trust us with more. "For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

Sometimes we're hesitant to say yes to an opportunity to serve. We might feel that we're too busy, or that we just don't have the energy. However, when God is leading us to serve in a particular way, He will give us the energy and the resources that we need. When we do this, we are rewarded with the feeling of joy that comes from serving Jesus and knowing that we are helping others. As Jesus said, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." (John 15:11)

I praise God for each of you who use your gifts and talents to bless others. As Jesus promised, "He who believes in me from his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." - John 7:38.

With Love In Christ,

Pastor Del

Journey With Jesus

Beginning Sunday, June 5th, we will have a **Children's Sunday Morning Worship program** called "Journey with Jesus". Each child will receive a "passport", and we will be traveling to the different places that Jesus walked and lived, in order to experience and understand Jesus' life and ministry.

We ask children of all ages to join us in this fun journey. *Jr High-ers and High Schoolers – we'll be putting you to work helping us on this journey.* ☺ This will take place during the regular Sunday Morning Worship service that starts at 10 am.

News from the Outreach Board

The Outreach Board, in conjunction with several members of our church as well as the Willington Town Hall and other Willington residents is involved in helping to clean up the destruction from the recent tornado in Monson Mass. They are very much in need of volunteers to help with clean-up, and feeding the helpers and the residents. The "command center" is the First Church of Monson. A recent announcement from the Willington Town Hall states that the Town Office building will be storing donated relief items as the First Church of Monson is experiencing space issues. Here is a suggested list of items needed:

Food/Drink: flavored water, juice, vitamin water, Gatorade, non-perishable items.

Any Cleaning Supplies: paper towels, dish detergent, brooms, mops, disinfectant wipes, Lysol & laundry soap.

For the workers: poison-ivy relief lotion, any First Aid supplies, Tylenol, sunscreen, bug spray & hydrocortisone spray.

Also: chain sharpeners, garden clippers, aluminum pans for serving food, canopy tents, tarps & ropes, plastic bins, nylon laundry bags, large trash bags (contractor-grade if possible), saw parts, blades etc., gas for generators, trash barrels and safety glasses.

Items can be brought to the Town Hall during business hours, or left at the Willington Transfer Station on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.

God bless Village Springs, Kids Kingdom and Mainline Heating of Ashford for their help in aiding in this relief effort!

Tricia Millix is acting as a liaison with the First Church of Monson to keep us informed in what is needed. If you are on Facebook, please enter into the search bar at the top of your page "Willington Working to Help Monson MA", and "Like" the page to keep up to date with the town's needs. If you would like to send monetary donations directly to Monson, go to the Monson Savings Bank website (www.MonsonSavings.com), and you will see an area on their homepage to submit a donation. Thank you!

49th Annual Flea Market – September 10

What Can I do now to get ready for the Flea Market??

1. Save your White Elephant Treasures - all donations can be dropped off to the basement of the Hill Church or, beginning after first week in August, to the basement of the Hall Church. Please note that they are for the White Elephant sale.
2. Plan what you want to bake for the Bake Sale Table. Bake in advance and freeze.
3. Solicit advertisements for the brochure. Letters were sent out to the businesses that placed an ad in last year's brochure, and we have received many responses. Please contact the church office (860-429-9911) or check on the kitchen counter of the Hill Church for an updated list of businesses that we have heard back from prior to doing your solicitations. **All ads need to be in Tish's hand NO LATER than August 5th.** The brochure is pure profit to the flea market – please help by getting more advertisers aware of the brochure!
4. Think about where you would like to volunteer your time the week before and the day of the Flea Market. Be prepared to say "YES!" when you are called to volunteer.
5. PRAY FOR GOOD WEATHER!



We urgently need someone to coordinate the upper field Food Booth!!! Please speak with Tish or David if you are interested.

The Flea Market is a major fundraiser for the Church's budget. The day will only be as successful as we make it. Thank you in advance for all of your help!

Tish and David Ignatowicz

Co-Chairs



Our bills don't take a vacation -
Please keep your pledge up to date. Thank you!



Pastor's Vacation Time

Pastor Del and family will be on vacation from **July 11th through July 25th**.

Pulpit supply the two Sundays Pastor Del is away will be: Rev Kingsbury 7/17 and Rev Scott 7/24.

For Pastoral assistance during this time contact the Church Office (860-429-9911) or Richard Sarachek (860-684-5498) who will refer you to the available clergy.

Join Us For the Men's Breakfast

1st Saturday of every month, 9 am

at the Track Nine Diner

12 Tolland Turnpike (Rte 74) in Willington



Memorial Day Weekend Coffee Break

Many thanks to EVERYONE who helped out with the Coffee Break over the Memorial Day Weekend. Even though we only had the Westbound side, we are very happy to announce the total collected after expenses was \$3,516.97. Half of the profits were given to the Outreach Board, and the other half will go toward Church Expenses.

Special thanks to the following companies who made donations and price reductions:

- Village Spring - Water, water & water!!!!
- Mountain Dairy - milk
- Tolland Dunkin Donuts - Munchkins
- Parizek Realty - apples

You may have heard that the State was proposing to close the rest stops, but at the last minute, it was overturned. With this in mind, we will be applying to host another break over the Columbus Day Weekend. Stay tuned for more information.

The coffee break gives tired drivers a reprieve on their journey over the holiday weekend and allows them time for fellowship and refreshment while they stretch their legs. We do not charge for any of the food/beverage items we give out but do accept donations. All donations (after expenses) are divided evenly between the Outreach Board and the Church's general fund.

Vacation Bible School

August 1-5

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner again! This year's program is SonSurf Beach Bash, a week of fun and adventure with a rainforest theme! The Bible theme will be **John 14:6 (NIV): "I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me".**

As they participate in fun-filled activities, children will learn the five daily truths: they will discover:

Day 1 - Who is Jesus?

Day 2 - Why can I trust Jesus?

Day 3 - Why do I need Jesus?

Day 4 - How can Jesus help me when I mess up?

Day 5 - What does Jesus want me to do?

As teachers, our goal is to reach children one on one, simplify these Bible truths, and most important have fun and love the experience of learning together. All adults can qualify for this role – with the love of Jesus in our hearts, and by being part of the thorough planning process.

Once again this year, we will be having our closing program at **11:00 a.m.** on Friday morning followed by a pizza lunch. There will be a **\$5.00** donation per family to help pay for the pizza.



We are looking for donations of the following:

- **large appliance boxes (Refrigerator-sized, washer, dryer, etc.) for our drama backdrops.**
- **large Soup cans (like the Progresso soups, for example)**
- **shoeboxes.**

These can be left downstairs at the Hall Memorial Church.

If you are looking for a way that you can help with VBS, we need volunteer help with: **bringing refreshments, traffic, building and grounds, greeters, registration, recreation, drama staging and backdrops, and our end-of-the week Pizza party.**

If you have any questions, or if you are interested in teaching or helping in any way, please contact the church office at 860-429-9911, or via email, info@FedChurchWillington.org.

To obtain printable VBS-related downloads, or to listen to the 2011 songs, please go to our website, www.FedChurchWillington.org, and click on the VBS link in the Navigation bar at the top of the page.

Month of July – 2011

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

SUNDAY 3	SUNDAY 10	SUNDAY 17	SUNDAY 24	SUNDAY 31
Worship Leader Tish Ignatowicz	Worship Leader Linda Knight	Worship Leader Thomas Smith	Worship Leader Jefferson Smith	Worship Leader David Ignatowicz
Greeter Patricia Dobbyn Rosanne Parizek	Greeter Elsie LaBonte Barbara Smith	Greeter Alice Cassells Eileen Smith	Greeter Claudia D'Agata Nancy Goodell	Greeter Laurel Millix Tish Ignatowicz
Ushers Alice Cassells Nancy Goodell	Ushers David Ignatowicz Tish Ignatowicz	Ushers Wayne Fritz Larry Palmer	Ushers Edward D'Agata Ernest Morris	Ushers Wilbur Gangaway Alice Gangaway
Altar Flowers Rosanne Parizek	Altar Flowers Dale Dyer – <i>In memory of her Father, Donald Dyer</i>	Altar Flowers Alice Gangaway	Altar Flowers Georgianna Booth – <i>In memory of her Parents</i>	Altar Flowers Barbara Smith – <i>In memory of her Aunt Pauline</i>
Communion Eileen Smith David Ignatowicz				

Month of August – 2011

SUNDAY 7	SUNDAY 14	SUNDAY 21	SUNDAY 28
Worship Leader Elizabeth Robertson	Worship Leader Edward D'Agata	Worship Leader Barbara Smith	Worship Leader Tracy Pelletier
Greeter Shirley Ogozalek Mi Cha Sarachek	Greeter Rosanne Parizek Elizabeth Robertson	Greeter Patricia Dobbyn Eileen Smith	Greeter Elsie LaBonte Mi Cha Sarachek
Ushers Wayne Fritz Chris Jensen	Ushers Thomas KellyJudson Hunter	Ushers Jefferson Smith Thomas Smith	Ushers Ernest Morris Richard Sarachek
Altar Flowers Yen Kauffman	Altar Flowers Betsy Gunn	Altar Flowers Rosanne Parizek	Altar Flowers Mi Cha Sarachek
Communion Ernest Morris Ronald Kauffman			

If you are not able to fulfill your duties on the day that you are assigned, please notify the church office by the prior Tuesday.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 nd - Richard Sarachek | 20 th - Joshua Hickson |
| Dara Kelly | 21 st - Sophie Marshall |
| 6 th - Esther Phelps | 23 rd - Joshua Cilfone |
| Garth Gangaway | 24 th - Pastor Del Hickson |
| 12 th - Yen Kauffman | Deborah Hickson |
| 13 th - Hope Fritz | 25 th - Joshua Dakin |
| 18 th - Annaliese Halle | 27 th - Darienne Halle |
| | 29 th - Janet Weisner |



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 7 th - Rubi Hickson | 25 th - Miranda Cilfone |
| 15 th - Elizabeth Robertson | 26 th - Skyley Parizek |
| 16 th - Elsie LaBonte | 29 th - Ann Gray |
| 17 th - Daniel Zalewa | 31 st - Debbie Linares |

Summer Calendar:

- Saturday, July 2nd – **Men’s Breakfast**, 9AM – Track Nine Diner
Monday, July 4th – We wish you a SAFE and HAPPY Independence Day!
Tuesday, July 19th – **Deacon’s Meeting**, 7PM – Hill Church
Monday July 11th – Monday July 25th – **Pastor’s Vacation**
Sunday July 17th – **Guest Minister, Rev. Jerrold Kingsbury**
Sunday July 24th – **Guest Minister, Rev. Ronald Scott**

Mon. Aug. 1st–Fri. Aug. 5th 9AM – Noon– **Vacation Bible School**
Hall Memorial Church (Rte 32)

Friday Aug. 5th 11AM – **VBS Closing & Pizza Lunch**
Hall Memorial Church (Rte 32)

Saturday August 6th – **Men’s Breakfast, 9AM** – Track Nine Diner

In & Around the Church

Our Prayers go out to:

Lee Goodell and **his family**; **Tom Kelly**; **Donna Hardie**; **Ryan LaBelle** as he is deployed to Afghanistan (Wilbur Gangaway's neighbor); Tom Smith's mother-in-law, **Claire Avery**; Doreen Maloney's **co-worker** and for David Cushman's **co-worker** who lost their homes in the Massachusetts tornado; for the **people of Massachusetts** affected by the tornadoes; for **Bill Weiden** (Richard Sarachek's uncle) who is facing serious health issues; for Shirley Ogozalek's **3-year old great-niece**; for **Abby Page**; **Rev. Swensen** (mentioned by Betsy Gunn); the **families of servicemen & women** who are now serving or have lost loved ones while serving; and for the people of Chile having trouble with the Volcano.

Travel Mercies for **Garth Gangaway and family** as they travel to and from Pennsylvania.

Our Condolences go to:

Pastor Del and his sister upon the loss of their oldest brother, John (06/15).

Jean Hall (Alice Cassell's sister-in-law) upon the loss of her brother, Bob.

Chuck & Maureen Morgan, upon the loss of their son (mentioned by Dale Dyer)

Major Aukland upon the loss of mother (mentioned by Dale Dyer).

May God's healing touch be with these and the many others not mentioned who have hurts and struggles.

We Praise God that:

Shirley Bates' daughter, **Donna**, was able to surprise her and join her for worship (05/29/11); for **all of the people working at the Coffee Break** (mentioned by Gigi Booth); **Dorothy Howlett** was back in the Choir (05/29/11) (mentioned by David Ignatowicz); that **VFW** presented a program to the patients at Mansfield Center for Nursing & Rehab and among the patients present were **Gloria Hunter and Mary Krivanec** (mentioned by Ron Kauffman); that **Tom Kelly's** Knee Replacement surgery went well (05/25/11); the congregation has accepted and;

supported new programs such as the **Puppet Ministry** for the Children's Message during worship **two of Buddy Estey's sons** were accepted into the mid-east Nuclear Science program!; Shirley Ogozalek's Granddaughter, **Caitlin**, for whom we prayed, is now cancer free and became engaged!; **Wilbur Gangaway** is thankful for friends who helped him get out of a problem, and thankful for his father and the influence he had upon him; Claudia D'Agata was grateful that her sister, **Patricia Mihanki**, was able to attend the church's 100th Anniversary; **Yen Kauffman** thanks everyone for their cards and well wishes following her treatment for osteoporosis; **Dale Dyer** is thankful that she was given the courage to help in the tornado-stricken area of Monson, Massachusetts; **Barbara Smith** is thankful that we will hopefully share some monetary funds for relief in the Mass. Tornado area; **Claudia D'Agata** was able to participate in a walk for cancer with hopes they will find a cure someday.

Congratulations and Blessings to:

Doreen and Michael Maloney, who celebrated their 17th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, June 4.

David & Tish Ignatowicz were away the weekend of June 4 in celebration of their 23rd Wedding Anniversary.

Pastor Del & Rubi Hickson celebrated their 19th Wedding Anniversary (June 13)

Lee & Eric Tyson (Ron & Yen Kauffman's Daughter & son-in-law) celebrated their Wedding Anniversary (June 16).

Linh & Gary Ruschman (Ron & Yen Kauffman's Daughter & son-in-law) celebrated their Wedding Anniversary (June 18).

Birthdays Mentioned in Worship:

Ernest Gunn (June 6); **John Smith** (June 8); **Teagan & Aiden D'Agata**, (June 9)(6-year-old twin grandchildren of Ed & Claudia D'Agata); **Christian Tryon** (son-in-law of Ron & Yen Kauffman) (June 17) **Eric Tyson** (son-in-law of Ron & Yen Kauffman), (June 22); Yen Kauffman (July 12).

Vacation Bible School

August 1 - 5, 2011



9 a.m. to 12 noon
at the Federated Church
Rte. 32 South Willington

Closing Program –Friday at 11:00 a.m.
****Pizza Lunch – Friday at 12 NOON**

STORIES! CRAFTS! SONGS! SNACKS! GAMES! MISSION!

Cost: \$15/child if received by June 30th (Maximum per family: \$35)
\$17/child after June 30th (Maximum per family: \$40)

TO REGISTER – Please use one form per child and mail check paid to: **The Federated Church of Willington, 132 River Rd., Willington, CT 06279. Questions? Call 860-429-9911 or email us at info@FedChurchWillington.org**

Name _____ Home Phone # _____

Street Address _____

P.O. Box Address _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Allergies _____

circle one – Pre-K (3yr) Pre-K (4 yr) or **entering grade:** K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Parent Names _____

Emergency Phone #'s (1) _____ (2) _____

Email address (optional, for updates) _____

Siblings Attending? _____

For more information, or more registration forms, go to FedChurchWillington.org and click on “VBS”. VBS Music & printable downloads are now available on our VBS site!

WE NEED PARENT HELP! *Please circle possible areas/time(s) available*

I can: make refreshments help serve refreshments help w/ recreation help w/ crafts
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday