



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

I'm really looking forward to the 100th Anniversary Celebration of our church on June 11th! Our Committee has been working very hard to make this event a special one.

As we prepare for this celebration, I am reminded of the words to a song sung by Steve Green, called "Find Us Faithful":

*We're pilgrims on the journey
Of the narrow road
And those who've gone before us line the way
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace*

*Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses
Let us run the race not only for the prize
But as those who've gone before us
Let us leave to those behind us
The heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives*

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful

*After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone
And our children sift through all we've left behind
May the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover
Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find....*

I like the part of the first verse that says "And those who've gone before us line the way/Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary".

Can you imagine the thousands of lives that have been changed and encouraged by our church over the last 100 years?

The chorus of this song is especially powerful:

*"Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion light their way
May the footprints that we leave
Lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them to obey"*

The good works that we are doing here in God's name are making a huge difference in peoples' lives. Many times we won't even see the results until we meet in Heaven. May the actions that we take and the words that we speak today "leave to those behind us the heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives".

I thank you all for the work that you are doing for this Church and for our loving God. It is with your help that the Federated Church of Willington will continue to "inspire those who come behind us to obey".

"Let us not lose heart in doing good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." (Galatians 6:9)

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.

We are in need of Refrigerator-sized boxes for our scenes. Thank you!

Family Bike Ride

We are having our second Annual Family Bike Ride on June 19th after church. We will be meeting at Rails to Trails Vernon Depot at approximately 11:45.

Start: Vernon Depot

Bike 3.5 Miles to the Vernon/Bolton Town Line.

After we reach the Vernon/Bolton Town line we will proceed to Valley Falls Park and have lunch.

Directions to Vernon Depot (from Willington):

Take 84 West to exit 65.

Left on Hartford Turnpike.

Left on Dobson.

Left on Church Street.

We will enter Rails to Trails at Vernon Depot.



Please RSVP by calling the Federated Church of Willington (860) 429-9911 or Call Rubi Hickson (860) 634 -0220 you may leave a message or text. Adults \$3; Children \$2 (to cover the cost of lunch)



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

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



Auction Update

Our 2nd Annual Goods and Services Auction was held on Friday May 6 at the Willington Public Library. All had a GREAT time. THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this event so successful! The evening would not have run so smoothly without everyone's help with everything from the donated items, setting up and breaking down the rooms, providing refreshments. Special thank you's to Dave Frasier, the auctioneer; Debra Hickson, Hannah Dancosse, and Amanda Maloney our very own "Vanna Whites"; and Tom and Heather Kelly for setting up the PowerPoint presentation. The evening netted a profit of \$3,520.

49th Annual Flea Market!

Mark your calendars – the 49th Annual Flea Market will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Tish and David Ignatowicz will again be the Co-chairs of the event. It's not too early to begin preparing for this busy day!

Initial Letters have been sent to advertisers, but we will need people to help follow up on those who don't return their ads and for people who may have never advertised before. The advertising booklet is a great source of income and a great way to showcase local businesses. If you can visit businesses, please speak with either Stephanie Dakin or Tish for more information.

We are now collecting White Elephant items. Any donations can be placed in the basement back room of the Hill Church. Don't forget, there is also a craft booth, so if you are a crafty person, begin making items. Suggested selling prices are always a big help for ANY donations for both of these tables.

If you have any questions, please contact Tish or David Ignatowicz 860-429-1862.

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 still need to fill several teaching positions. We are currently looking for a teacher for the 7th & 8th grade class, and a teacher for the High School class.

We are also looking for donations of large appliance boxes (Refrigerator-sized, washer, dryer, etc.) for our drama backdrops.

Teachers are needed to attend a training session this month to prepare lessons and crafts, and to offer any suggestions for recreation, the mission project, music and for the refreshment coordinators.

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@FedChurchWilmington.org.

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

June 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Choir Rehearsal 7PM - Hill Church	2	3	4 Men's Breakfast 9AM - Track 9 Diner
5 Communion Sunday Journey with Jesus Children's Summer	6	7 Prudential Board 7 PM - Hill Church	8 Choir Rehearsal 7PM - Hill Church	9	10	11 100th Anniversary Celebration - 2pm Hill Church
12	13	14	15	16 Outreach Board 6 PM Hill Church	17 July//August Newsletter Article Deadline	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 Board of Deacons 7 PM - Hill Church	23	23	24	25
26	27 Church Council 6:30 PM - Hill Memorial Church	28	29	30		

Month of June - 2011

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

SUNDAY 5	SUNDAY 12	SUNDAY 19 <i>Father's Day</i>	SUNDAY 26
Worship Leader Ronald Kauffman	Worship Leader Dorothy Howlett	Worship Leader Tish Ignatowicz	Worship Leader Chris Jensen
Greeter Donna Hardie Alice Cassells	Greeter Barbara Smith Eileen Smith	Greeter Elizabeth Robertson Laurel Millix	Greeter Mi Cha Sarachek Shirley Ogozalek
Ushers Larry Palmer	Ushers Thomas Smith Jefferson Smith	Ushers Judson Hunter Ernest Morris	Ushers Richard Sarachek Thomas Smith
Altar Flowers Dale Dyer	Altar Flowers Pastor Del & Rubi Hickson - <i>In Honor of their Anniversary</i>	Altar Flowers Laurel Millix - <i>In Memory of her husband, Norbert</i>	Altar Flowers Mi Cha Sarachek
Communion Richard Sarachek Eileen Smith			

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 (429-9911) of the change prior to Tuesday, or contact Rosanne Parizek (429-2362), Board of Deacons.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6th - Ernest Gunn
8th - John Smith

26th - Kevin Black
29th - Sherry (Gangaway) Robb

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Don't see your Birthday? Call the church office or email us at info@FedChurchWillington.org and we'll add you to our database!

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH

Our Prayers go out to:

Esther Phelps; Donna Hardie; Tom Kelly; Lee Goodell; Samantha Dobbyn; Rev. Norman Swenson; Ramonde Descheneau (Buddy Estey's former mother-in-law); **Yen Kauffman**; Laurel Millix's **brother-in-law**; Claudia D'Agata's friends **Kathy** and **Mona**, and Claudia's sister, **Elizabeth Gilpatrick; Karen Cushman; Marge Servidio** and **Bob Burns** (mentioned by Barbara Smith); Wilbur Gangaway's friend **Jim** and Wilbur's **niece; Wilbur Gangaway**; Chris Kelly's friend **Scott**; Fred Goetz's son, **Jesse**; Dale Dyer's brother, **Sheldon, and his family**; Betsy Gunn's son-in-law, **Bryan**; Continued prayers for the family of Dick Giannini upon his loss (mentioned by Gigi Booth); For the people in the flood area of the Mississippi River and tornadoes in the South; and the **men and women overseas**.

Travel Mercies for **Curtis Smith** (Ron & Yen Kauffman's son-in-law), traveling home from a business trip to Hong Kong & Singapore; for **Barbara Smith** traveling to Massachusetts, & for her son, **Dale**, flying in from Missouri.

Our Condolences go to:

Pam Hodge upon the loss of her brother (week of May 8th)(mentioned by Claudia D'Agata.

The Family of Ryan T. Lee, age 19, upon his loss (04/26) due to injuries sustained from being struck by a car in Brooklyn, New York. (Nephew of David & Anne Lee, Shirley Ogozalek's daughter & son-in-law).

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

We Praise God that:

Wayne & Hope Fritz are back at worship after their winter stay in Florida; that **Buddy Estey's son, Joshua**, walked away from an auto accident, uninjured; **Wilbur Gangaway's** cataract surgery

went well. He is thankful to everyone for their prayers, cards, and calls; that **Nancy Goodell** was able to attend her granddaughter's college graduation in New Hampshire; that **Gigi Booth's daughter, Connie**, came and spent a week with Gigi; Claudia D'Agata's sister, **Elizabeth Gilpatrick**, came through her surgery okay (05/06); and that the situation with Betsy Gunn's son-in-law, **Bryan**, is looking better.

Congratulations and Blessings to:

Rhonda and Christian Tryon, who are expecting their first child (Yen & Ron Kauffman's daughter & son-in-law);

Molly D'Agata, who graduated from UConn in Allied Health Saturday, May 7 (granddaughter of Ed & Claudia D'Agata);

Rubi Hickson received her Master's Degree in Nursing from UCONN Saturday, May 7, with a 3.9 score placing her on the Honor List for Nursing.

Birthdays Mentioned in Worship:

Cathlin Palmer (5/1); Cindy (5/8) (daughter of Nancy Goodell – born on Mother's Day of that year!); Linh **(Kauffman) Ruschmann** (5/9); **Jennifer** (5/9) (daughter-in-law of Betsy & Ernest Gunn); **Lisa** (5/12) (Betsy & Ernest Gunn's granddaughter); **Jake** (5/13) (son of Fred Goetz); **Doris Polcaro** (5/25); **Cynthia Sarachek** (5/27), daughter of Richard and Mi Cha Sarachek.

Please join us for our 100th Anniversary Celebration:

Saturday, June 11th at 2:00 PM at the Hill Church. All are welcome!

It was on June 12, 1911 that the articles which united the Congregational Church and the Baptist Church in worship and service were accepted by both churches

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH, continued

and became known as "The Federated Churches of Willington." (Now the Federated Church of Willington).

"In essentials Unity, In non-essentials Liberty, In all things Charity."

On June 5, 1910, ground was broken in South Willington for the building of a new church. A large gathering assembled for this memorable occasion. Then on October 15, 1910, the corner stone was laid under auspicious circumstances. Gradually the new edifice rose until it was completed and dedicated October 22, 1911. All Willington rejoiced and the people were proud and happy, for at last, a long felt need had been met.

The new house of worship was a memorial to Clara Hall Elliott, a beloved daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gardiner Hall, Jr., whose untimely death prompted the giving by the family of this beautiful and permanent memorial. Much of the inspiration to the erection of the Clara Hall Elliott Memorial Church came through the person of Miss Rosa I. Hall, whose unflinching devotion to the Willington church was largely instrumental in seeing the project carried out. The church is, therefore, also a lovely and lasting symbol of her Christian spirit.*

*from "A History of the Willington Baptist Church of Willington Connecticut 1828-1928," by Edwin E. Sundt, Th.M., Pastor of the Federated Churches of Willington, 1924-1929

FATHER'S DAY Sunday, June 19, will be celebrated in a special way for all the men of the church! "Honor your Father as the LORD your God has commanded you..." Deuteronomy 5:16



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