



FROM THE PASTOR

Moms You Are dearly Loved & Precious in God's Eyes!

Moms have a tough job today. It can be easy to feel overly burdened & discouraged by the responsibility. Moms always remember that God loves you lavishly, for you are His child. (1 John 3:1, paraphrased) Rather than criticize yourself when you fall short of your expectations, remember that God calls you His special treasure (Exodus 19:5)

Imagine you are going on a trip on an airplane. Before the plane takes off, the stewardess tells you to fasten your safety belts, the location of the emergency exits and:

"In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, oxygen masks will deploy. Place the mask over your mouth and nose and breathe normally. If you are traveling with an infant or a small child, be sure to put on your own oxygen mask first before assisting others."

It is natural to want to take care of others first, but as the oxygen mask scenario reminds us, we must first make sure that our own mask is on so that we can effectively help others.

What does this mean in our daily life? It means before we can pour our hearts and our energy out for our children, for our friends, for our families, we need to spend time with the One who will fill our tank up. We need to spend time reading the Word and talking to God.

God is always there to help and strengthen you. In Jeremiah 33:3 He says, "Call on me and I will answer you and show you great and wonderful things which you do not know."

In Isaiah 41:10-11 he reminds us: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand".

Moms, God notices all the good things you do. We praise God for each of you and look forward to honoring you on Mother's Day.

With Love In Christ,

Pastor Del

We Have Moved!

Church services will be held at the Hill Church (Junction of Rte 320 & Rte 74) from Sunday May 1st through mid-September. Please join us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

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?



We will have a great time with lively songs, hilarious skits, creative crafts, exciting games, Bible stories and tasty snacks – all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so much fun for children and for the adults who help out.

We still need to fill several teaching positions.

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.

Teachers are needed to attend a training session in May to prepare lessons and crafts, and to offer any suggestions for recreation, the mission project, music and for the refreshment coordinators. More information on this to follow.

For a preview and to start listening to the songs for this year, please visit the Church website www.fedchurchwillington.org and click on the link for VBS 2011. We welcome newcomers!

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



Join us for Men's Food & Fellowship!

Memorial Day Weekend Coffee Break

The State of Connecticut has approved the dates of May 26-30 for the Memorial Day Coffee Break held on the I-84 Rest stops on Westbound side only. **Please note WESTBOUND ONLY!!!! Another group has gotten the Eastbound side.**

A sign-up calendar is posted on the bulletin board in the Hill Church. Can you sign up for a 2 or 3-hour block of time to either serve coffee or cook hot dogs? If you have never helped out at the Coffee Break before, never fear – we will be glad to help orientate you to the tasks required!

Are you going to be away for the Memorial Day Weekend and can't help out??? We use a LOT of baked goods. Baked items (cookies, muffins, breads, cakes, etc) can be baked ahead of time and frozen. Feel free to leave them in the freezer in the Memorial Church marked "Coffee Break". We have also found that snack bags with small snack items such as goldfish crackers, pretzels or grapes are very popular.

The 49th Annual Flea Market is September 10

You can help prepare now by saving codes from Coke products to purchase FREE soda to be sold at the Flea Market.

Coke has a program called My Coke Rewards. Most coke products have a 12 digit code that has a value from 3-25 points each. Codes can be collected and redeemed for Free Coke Coupons. 240 points are good for a Free 12-pack! The Flea Market purchases a lot of soda to sell. The more points we can redeem for free soda, the better the profit.



Where can you find My Coke Rewards codes? Most Coca-Cola brands are participating: Coke, Diet Coke, Coca-Cola Zero, Sprite, Fanta, Vault, Barq's, Dasani Water, Powerade, Minute Maid, Pibb, and Fresca. On 20-ounce, 1 and 2 liter bottles, the code is under the cap. On Fridgepacks, it's inside the tear-off flap. On shrink-wrapped cases, it's inside the shrink wrap on the bottom of the carton.

Tish will coordinate the points as they are donated. Codes can be left in the Big Y "Silver Coin" container at the Hill Church or can be passed on to Tish directly. If you have any questions feel free to contact her via phone (860-429-1862) or e-mail: Ignatowicz@prodigy.net.

What a great way to keep our expenses down for the Flea Market!!

It's Here!!!!
The 2nd annual Goods and Services Auction
FRIDAY, May 6 from 6:30-9pm at the Wellington Public Library

The evening will feature LOTS of auction items – both silent and live – Do you have a ticket yet?

The itinerary for the evening is:

- 6:30** Social time – greet your neighbors and friends, look at the items up for bid, enjoy the entertainment and have a bite to eat. Place your bids on Silent Auction items
- 7:00** The Live auction begins
- 7:45** Intermission – last chance to place your silent auction bids
- 8:15** Silent Auction ends & Live Auction continues
Silent Auction winners announced throughout live auction
- 9:00** A successful evening ends



There will be entertainment by “the Jazzman” throughout the evening along with food and beverages.

Auction booklets are available at the church beginning May 1 or can also be found on the church website at www.fedchurchwillington.org/auction/

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call the Church Office (860)429-9911, Alice Cassells , 860-429-9394, Chris Jensen, 860- 684-0324 or Julia Cartabiano, 860-429-9954.

Christian Education Update:

The Board of Christian Education has some great things planned!

The move to the Hill Church will be on May 1, at which time it was decided that the younger children would make gifts for their moms. On May 8, students will prepare for their Children’s Day presentations.

Children’s Day is May 15. We will have recognition of the Sunday School students as well as a presentation by the classes.

We are in need of a **Sunday School teacher for grades 1-3** for the next Sunday School year (beginning in September). If you are interested in teaching, please see a Christian Ed member (Current members are Linda Knight, Rubi Hickson, Karen Cushman and Stephanie Dakin with David Fraser as the Sunday School Superintendent). Samples of the curriculum can be made available.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st - Steven Black2nd - Shirley Bates3rd - Nancy Krivanec9th - Linh (Kauffman) Ruschmann10th - Heather Standish13th - Aurora Bidwell25th - Kyle Krivanec27th - Cynthia Sarachek30th - Lucy Roberge

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

If you would like to see your Birthday or Anniversary listed, please contact Stephanie Dakin in the church office. Office phone is 860-429-9911 and email is info@fedchurchwillington.org.

Month of May - 2011

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

SUNDAY 1 Move to Hill Church	SUNDAY 8 Mother's Day	SUNDAY 15 Children's Day	SUNDAY 24 Pentecost	SUNDAY 29 Memorial Day Weekend
Worship Leader Thomas Smith	Worship Leader Elizabeth Robertson	Worship Leader Jefferson Smith	Worship Leader Edward D'Agata	Worship Leader Tracy Pelletier
Greeter Claudia D'Agata Barbara Smith	Greeter Shirley Ogozalek Alice Cassells	Greeter Sunday School	Greeter Elsie LaBonte Eileen Smith	Greeter Laurel Millix Claudia D'Agata
Ushers Wilbur Gangaway Alice Gangaway	Ushers Ronald Kauffman Ernest Morris	Ushers Sunday School	Ushers Jefferson Smith Thomas Smith	Ushers David Black Edward D'Agata
Altar Flowers Barbara Smith - <i>In memory of her mother, Anne Arooth</i>	Altar Flowers Dale Dyer	Altar Flowers Dorothy Howlett	Altar Flowers Yen Kauffman	Altar Flowers Shirley Bates - <i>In Memory of her husband, Vaughn Bates</i>
Communion Edward D'Agata Elizabeth Robertson				

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.

May 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Move to Hill Church Communion Sunday	2	3	4 Choir Rehearsal – 7 PM, Hill Church	5	6	7 Mens' Breakfast 9 AM - Track 9 Diner
8 Mother's Day	9	10 Prudential Board 7 PM – Hill Church	11 Cirlice One 2:30, Hill Church Choir Rehearsal 7PM – Hill Church	12	13	14
15 Children's Day	16	17 Deacons Meeting 7 PM – Hill Church	18 Choir Rehearsal – 7 PM, Hill Church	18	20	21
22	23 Church Council Meeting, 7PM, Hill Memorial Church	24	25 Choir Rehearsal – 7 PM, Hill Church	25	27 Memorial Day Weekend Coffee Break, Westbound Only	28 Memorial Day Weekend Coffee Break, Westbound Only
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May Newsletter Deadline: Please turn in all articles/announcements to the church office by Friday May 20th. Thank you.

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH

Our Prayers go out to:

Bryan Gilligan (Betsy Gunn's son-in-law), **Dick Giannini**, **Lee Goodell**, **Donald Bellows** (mentioned by Laurel Millix), Pat Dobbyn's father-in-law, **Richard**, **Jerry Cavar** (mentioned by Claudia D'Agata), **Ramonde Descheneau** (mentioned by Buddy Estey), for Richard Sarachek's uncle, **Bill Weiden**, **Larry Cody**, for the people impacted by the tornadoes in the south, for the **Japanese** and **people of the South Island of New Zealand**, and the **men and women overseas**.

Travel Mercies for Richard and Mi Cha Sarachek as they travel to and from South Korea.

Our Condolences go to:

Debra Linares and family upon the loss of her father, **John Branigan**;

To **Marjorie & John Carpenter**, upon the loss of their daughter, **Gai Carpenter** (04/02/11)

For the family of **Lynn Hickerson** upon her loss (mentioned by Georgiana Booth).

For the family of **Geraldine Cavar** upon her loss (04/22/11) (mentioned by Claudia D'Agata).

For the family of **Dennis J. Grover** upon his loss (04/22/11) (mentioned by Tia Klaus).

The family of **Richard Giannini** upon his loss (04/18/11)

In Remembrance of Renee Gangaway, on her birthday (April 5).

We Praise God that:

Ron Kauffman back at worship following his surgery and recovery; **Fred Goetz** is thankful that his son, **Jesse**, now has two jobs and is doing better, that his son, **Jake & his wife**, have been blessed with a baby girl (their first child), and that he was not charged for use of a phone that he had to return.

We **Praise God** for this church setting where we are able to come and share our prayers (mentioned by Laurel Bowman).

Ron Kauffman is thankful that his twin grandsons, **Dylan & Conner Smith**, celebrated birthdays April 16, and that his daughter, **Lee Tyson**, celebrated a birthday on April 5.

Alicia Dobbyn is thankful for everyone that helped her reach her monetary goal to participate with Global Leadership Adventure program. They will be going on a humanitarian trip to a small community in Costa Rica and will be working with twenty other students from around the world teaching the children English, sports, arts and crafts. They will assist in projects to improve the school such as building a play ground for the children or constructing a basketball court.

Looking Ahead:

MOTHER'S DAY Sunday, May 8, will be celebrated in a special way at worship for all the ladies of the Church!

CHILDREN'S DAY Sunday May 15, which concludes Sunday School for the summer. Recognition will be given to the children of the Sunday School.

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

100th Anniversary Celebration:

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

Were You There?

HOLY WEEK SERVICES HELD:

PALM SUNDAY was April 17th, with distribution of Palm Fronds by the Sunday School children, a special Altar arrangement provided by Rosanne Parizek,

MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE Observance of the Last Supper, followed by the **TENEBRAE SERVICE**, Remembrance from the Upper Room to the death of Jesus.

MAUNDY is the English form of the Latin word meaning "Commandment." Jesus' new commandment to "love one another even as I have loved you," is demonstrated in Jesus' example of servanthood and Jesus' gift of himself in Holy Communion.

TENEBRAE is the Latin term for "Shadows." A service of readings from scripture accompanied by the gradual extinguishing of lights. As our Tenebrae follows Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, the readers and candles are arranged along an extended Communion table.

This service was led by the **Rev. Del Hickson** with twelve participants: ***Eileen Smith, Jefferson Smith, Bob Johnson, Alice Cassells, Claudia D'Agata, Jerry Parizek, Pam LaMattina, Elizabeth Robertson, Thomas Smith, Danielle Smith, Shirley Ogozalek & Ed D'Agata.***

The **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE** was held at the Town Green at 6 AM with a Large Wooden Cross decorated by the worshipers with silk flowers. The Wooden Cross was transported to the front of the Memorial Church for the 10:00 AM Easter Celebration of Worship where it remained for several weeks.

EASTER CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP with Pastor Del's message. The Altar beautifully adorned with Easter Lilies shared by members & friends in memory or in honor of Family & other Loved Ones, & the Wooden Altar Cross, which worshipers had put nails into representing sins or burdens during Lent, were replaced with real flowers by the worshipers. Alleluia! Christ is risen! May His everlasting love touch your lives in new and wonderful ways.

Are You Current On Your Weekly Pledge?

We are currently facing challenges in meeting our monthly budget obligations. The Prudential Board sincerely asks our members and friends to review their pledges, and make any additional contributions to catch up. Thank you for your faithful giving and support in continuing our ministry.



EASTER LILIES SHARED WITH US THIS MORNING

Shirley Bates - In Memory of husband, Vaughn Bates, & her mom, Mabel Beebe

Georgianna Booth - In Memory of Loved Ones

Marjorie (Pilcher) Carpenter & John W. Carpenter - In Loving Memory of Gai Carpenter, daughter (departed 04-02-2011) and Eleanor Palmer, friend (departed 09-23-2007)

Ed & Claudia D'Agata - In Memory of James & Jean D'Agata and Claude & Marion Eldredge

Dale A. Dyer - In Memory of parents, Donald & Ruth Dyer, grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Elijah Dyer, & Loved Ones

Wayne & Hope Fritz - In Memory of Wayne's parents, Stanley & Mary Fritz & Hope's parents, George & Lillian Killam and brothers & sisters

Wilbur & Alice Gangaway - In Memory of Renee Rose Gangaway

Nancy Goodell - In Memory of Parents, Sisters & Brothers

Ernest & Betsy Gunn - In Memory of Our Parents, Cliff & Jane (Ernest's) and George & Blanche (Betsy's)

Jimmy & Nancy Humphrey - In Memory of Ann Pfalzgraf (Nancy's mom), & John Humphrey (Jimmy's dad)

Ronald & Yen Kauffman - In Memory of Loved Ones

Elsie LaBonte - In Memory of her husband, Harry LaBonte

John & Pam LaMattina - In Memory of Beloved Parents, Sister and Brother of the Dean & LaMattina Families

Doreen, Michael & Amanda Maloney - In Memory of Stephen Dunne

Laurel Millix - In Memory of husband, Norbert Millix

Ernest Morris - In Memory of Ruth Morris

Evelyne A. Parizek - In Memory of Parents, Cherished Family & Friends

Rosanne Parizek - In Memory of Loved Ones

Esther M. Phelps - In Memory of her husband, Floyd W. Phelps

Elizabeth Robertson - In Memory of Lillian Smith (grandmother)

Richard & Mi Cha Sarachek & Family - In Memory of Eleanor & Sheldon Childs, Eloise Roberts, Bob Dakin & Loved Ones

Barbara Smith - In Memory of Departed Relatives

Curtis & Kim Smith - In Memory of Michael Smith & Arnold Watrous

George M. Thompson, Jr. - In Memory of Loved Ones

Vacation Bible School

August 1 - 5, 2010



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 _____

Grade – circle one – Nursery(3yr or 4 yr) or entering 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 www.FedChurchWillington.org and click on “VBS”. VBS Music and printable downloads are now available on our new 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