



## FROM THE PASTOR

God's Word says that every believer has at least one spiritual gift. Do you know **YOUR** gifts? The following are brief descriptions of the most common spiritual gifts:

**Exhortation** (Romans 12:8) The spiritual gift of exhortation is the ability to encourage, comfort and challenge others in their walk with Christ. They give words that encourage and strengthen people by reminding them of God's love and power.

**Service** (Romans 12:7) and **Helps** (1 Cor. 12:28) Those having these gifts are able to come alongside those who have needs and help them complete the task God has given them. The word "service" comes from the Greek work *diakonia*, and it is a general word for ministering or serving others. The word "helps" refers to helpful deeds or assistance, whether to the poor, sick, widows, orphans or any others in need.

**Mercy** (Romans 12:8) The gift of mercy is the ability to deal effectively and lovingly with those who are sick, troubled, and afflicted. People with this gift are able to perceive people's hurts and to console them without condemnation. Those who have the gift of mercy show a practical, compassionate love.

**Administration** (1 Cor. 12:28) This gift is the ability to give organizational and superintending leadership to the church. Those with this gift are often detail-oriented and organized. They understand the immediate and long range goals of the various ministries within the church. They are able to devise and carry out effective plans for the accomplishment of those goals.

**Teaching** (Romans 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28) A person with the gift of teaching is able to instruct others in the truths of Scripture. If this is your gift you might enjoy serving as a Sunday School teacher.

If you enjoy ministering to the needs of the church and community, or if you like to help care for and console the sick and the needy, you might find yourself at home on the **Board of Deacons**.

If you are interested in helping to care for the Church properties, or in helping with the Church's budget, the **Prudential Board** is the place for you.

If you enjoy coordinating social events and activities, sign up for the **Board of Christian Fellowship**.

If missionary activities, evangelism, social action and caring for those in the Community interest you, sign up to be a member of the **Board of Christian Outreach**.

If you have some great ideas for ways we can improve the educational program of our church for both adults and children, then the **Board of Christian Education** needs you!

I thank God for each and every one of you and rejoice in your desire to use your gifts to serve God within our church and community. **If you know that you would like to serve on a particular Board or Committee (or continue serving if your term is up), please speak to one of our Fellowship Board members, Laurel Millix (860) 684-5368 or Mi Cha Sarachek (860) 684-5498.**

With Love In Christ,  
*Pastor Del*

## **Don't forget the Men's Breakfast!**

**The first Saturday of every month, 9 am at the Track 9 Diner in Willington.  
Come join us for food and Fellowship with other men of the church!**

## **Columbus Weekend Coffee Break**

Many thanks to EVERYONE who helped out with the Coffee Break over the Columbus Day Weekend. We were very fortunate to have both sides of the highway and the weather could not have cooperated any better. We are very happy to announce the total collected after expenses were \$7,312.92. 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
- Mountain Dairy - milk
- Tolland Dunkin Donuts - Munchkins
- Parizek Realty - apples

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.



### **Time to think of Christmas presents!**

Believe it or not, Christmas is less than 2 months away. Have you begun your gift lists?

This year, think about purchasing a set of knives or serving products from Circle One from RADA. There will be a catalog available during the Coffee Fellowship each Sunday morning, at the Christmas Bazaar or you can browse on-line at <http://www.radacutlery.com/Products.asp>. Tish has many of the RADA knives available immediately, and will be placing a final order for products on December 6 (after the Christmas Bazaar). Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get some shopping done early.

Keep these products in mind. Circle One carries many of the RADA cutlery products all year long, and not just for the Flea Market and Christmas Bazaar.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**CHRISTMAS  
BAZAAR!**



**Saturday, December 3, 2011  
from 9:00 AM. to 2:00 PM.  
at the Hill Church, (Jct. Rte 320 & Rte 74)**

We plan on having **Christmas wreaths, gift baskets, attic treasures, baked goods, crafts, a cookie walk** (ask Circle One about this) **and a café luncheon.**

**A work session for making gift baskets** for anyone who is interested in participating will be held **Saturday, November 5, 2011** from 9 a.m. – 12 noon at the Hill Church. **Items needed for the baskets are** bath items such as lotion, shampoo, soap, etc.; Christmas knick knacks; candles; kitchen items such as dish towels, pot holders, measuring spoons, etc.; baby items; child toys, etc.; food items such as packets of coffees, teas, hot chocolate, small packages of cookies, crackers, etc.; candy for filler or for a chocolate basket; or anything you might imagine you would like to see in a gift basket. Please tell Claudia D'Agata, Tish Ignatowicz or Donna Hardie if you plan to be there.

We plan to make Christmas wreaths at a later date and will put the date in the program for those interested in putting them together. **Items needed for the bazaar are** attic treasures, baked goods, crafts and homemade cookies for cookie walk and helpers.

Thanks for your support.  
Circle One

## Sunday School News & Dates to Remember

Once again our Youth Group will be participating in Windham Area Interfaith Ministry's (WAIM) Walk for Warmth. This is their annual fundraiser to raise money for their Energy Assistance Fund. This year's walk for Warmth will take place at 2:15 on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, and the participants will walk a two-mile track beginning and ending at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church in Willimantic. If you would like to sponsor a member of the Youth Group, please see one of our Jr. Highers or our High Schoolers during church or speak with Rubi Hickson.

With Christmas being just around the corner, we will begin our parts assignments and rehearsals for the Christmas Pageant very soon! Attendance during the weeks leading up to the Pageant is critical so that we can assign parts to everyone and rehearse together.

We had originally hoped to have another Family Bike ride on the first Sunday of November - more details to come (and weather permitting!).

We would also like to do a Family Movie Night here at the church. This date is tentatively set for Saturday, November 26 at 6pm.

If you have not filled out your Sunday School Registration form for your child(ren) please do so right away and give them to Stephanie Dakin, or your child's Sunday School teacher.

Thank you!

### Stewardship Campaign



*"A generous person will prosper; He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." -Proverbs 11:25*

The Stewardship Campaign is under way. Please look for your letter in the mail from the Prudential Board. If you do not get a letter please stop by the Church Office or call (860-429-911) and one will be sent out to you.

As we have done in the past, on Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, after worship service, Prudential Board members will man tables where members and friends will have a chance to fill out "Estimate of Giving" cards. There will be extra cards available if needed.

You can help by 1) keeping an eye out the mail that comes out in the beginning of November, which will include a proposed budget; 2) spending time with spouse and others considering what this might mean for your family; and 3) coming to church ready to fill out your "estimate of giving" card on November 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.

We thank everyone for your generosity and support. *"You glorify God... by the generosity of your sharing"* -2 Corinthians 9:13

## OCC Kickoff

Operation Christmas Child has begun! OCC is the world's largest children's Christmas project that brings gifts to children all over the world. In addition to the gift of toys and personal hygiene products, many children are being exposed to the love of Jesus Christ for the very first time.



Our church will be collecting packed shoeboxes as well as individual gifts in the Fellowship Hall from now until our **Shoebox Dedication Sunday on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**.

We ask that everyone participating please bring in completed shoeboxes by this date.

### How do you pack a shoebox? (from [www.samaritanspurse.com](http://www.samaritanspurse.com))

1. Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
2. Determine whether your gift will be for a **boy or a girl**, and the child's age category: **2-4, 5-9, or 10-14**. Print out the appropriate boy/ girl label by downloading the artwork to the right. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.
3. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided on the bottom of this page.
4. Please **donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs**. You can give online by using our "Follow Your Box Donation" option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are donating more than one shoe box, please make a combined donation.
5. Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and **bring it to church on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>!**

To read more about Samaritan's Purse or OCC online or to print additional labels, please visit our website, [www.FedChurchWillington.org](http://www.FedChurchWillington.org) and navigate to the bottom of the "Ministries" page.

**Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks Back Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2011**



## November 2011 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>Prudential Board Meeting</b>	2 <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 7pm - Hall Memorial Church	3	4	5 <b>Men's Breakfast –</b> 9am Track Nine Diner  <b>Christmas Bazaar Basket-making</b> 9am-12, Hill Church
6 <b>Communion Sunday</b> Family Bike Ride?	7	8	9 <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 7pm - Hall Memorial Church	10 <b>Veteran's Day</b>	11	12
13 <b>OCC Shoebox Dedication</b>	14	15 <b>Deacon's Meeting –</b> 7PM, Hill Church	16 <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 7pm - Hall Memorial Church	17 <b>Outreach Board Meeting</b> 6 PM Hill Church	18	19
20 <b>Christmas Pageant Parts Assignment</b>  <b>WAIM Walk for Warmth</b>	21 <b>December Hill 'n' Dale Article/Meeting Date Deadline</b>	22	23 <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 7pm - Hall Memorial Church	24 <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	25	26
27	28 <b>Church Council Meeting</b> 6:30 PM, Hill Church	29	30 <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> 7pm - Hall Memorial Church			

### CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS Month of November

<p>6 <i>Eileen Smith</i>  <i>Alison Jensen</i>            9 <i>Danielle Smith</i>            12 <i>Matthew Bolduc</i></p>	<p>13 <i>Harriet Muska</i>            14 <i>Shirley Ogozalek</i>            20 <i>Wilbur Gangaway</i>            25 <i>Larry Palmer</i>            29 <i>Chase Parizek</i></p>
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**Month of November – 2011**  
**Worship Leaders, Communion Server, Greeters, Ushers, & Altar Flowers**

<b>SUNDAY 6</b> <i>Daylight Savings Time End</i>	<b>SUNDAY 13</b>	<b>SUNDAY 20</b> <i>Thanksgiving Sunday</i>	<b>SUNDAY 27</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>
<b>Worship Leader</b> Tracy Pelletier	<b>Worship Leader</b> Edward D'Agata	<b>Worship Leader</b> Jefferson Smith	<b>Worship Leader</b> Linda Knight
<b>Greeter</b> Shirley Ogozalek	<b>Greeter</b> Barbara Smith	<b>Greeter</b> Elsie LaBonte	<b>Greeter</b> Nancy Goodell
<b>Ushers</b> Nancy Goodell Alice Cassells	<b>Ushers</b> Thomas Smith Eileen Smith	<b>Ushers</b> David Ignatowicz Richard Sarachek	<b>Ushers</b> Ernest Morris Larry Palmer
<b>Altar Flowers</b> Shirley Ogozalek	<b>Altar Flowers</b> Betsy Gunn	<b>Altar Flowers</b> Rosanne Parizek	<b>Altar Flowers</b> John & Jackie Smith – <i>In Memory of Harold &amp; Alice Kneeland</i>
<b>Communion</b> Richard Sarachek Ernest Morris			

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 Tuesday, or contact Eileen Smith (860-429-8927), Board of Deacons.

Thank you!

# IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH

**Dear Lord, we lift up to you in prayer:**

**David Fraser; Keith Wasilefsky** (neighbor of Tia Klaus); **Alison** (niece of Tom Kelly); **Lee Goodell; David Cushman; Lonnie** (Karen & David Cushman's son-in-law); **Ashley Kennedy** (daughter of Emily Kennedy); **Dale Dyer; Alice Gangaway; Gerard** (Gigi Booth's cousin); **Larry Palmer; Brandon** (son of Tia Klaus); **Hope Fritz; Nicholas** (son of Pat & David Dobbyn); the **Rev. Norman Swensen** (mentioned by Betsy Gunn).

## CONDOLENCES:

For the **family and friends of Bob Runge** (cousin of Gigi Booth), who passed away 5 days before his 99th birthday.

For the **Family and friends of Tom** (Carol Caisse's cousin) who passed away on October 4 from Leukemia.

For the **Family and friends of Henrietta Hipsky**, upon her loss (10/13) at age 90. (Mother of Loretta Bugbee and sister-in-law to Ernest Morris). (mentioned by Elizabeth Robertson).

For the **Farina family** upon the loss of their son in an auto accident (10/19). (mentioned by Ed D'Agata).

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF** the many lives taken upon the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Marine bombing in Beirut.

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

**Lord, we enter your gates with Thanksgiving and your courts with praise!** (Psalm 100:4)

**CELEBRATIONS:** **Joe Philippi** is thankful for the beautiful Fall Colors; **Laura** is thankful to God for her friend, **Larry Palmer**, who has enriched her life; **Betsy Gunn** is thankful for prayers for her son-in-law, **Bryan**, whose surgery was successful; **Alice Cassells** is thankful that her grand-nephew, **Ryan**, who was born prematurely August 19, (2 lbs.) is now home with his parents; **David Fraser** is thankful for the cards and phone calls following his recent hospitalization and surgery; **Laurel Millix** is thankful for the prayers for her sister-in-law, **Rita Osella**, who is recuperating nicely following surgery.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES MENTIONED IN WORSHIP:

**Alden (AJ) Palmer** (son of Cathy Palmer), celebrated his 28th birthday on October 2.

Betsy Gunn's son-in-law, **Bryan**, celebrated a birthday October 3.

**Gloria Hunter** celebrated her birthday Sunday, October 23 (mentioned by Marlene Wilson).

**Stephanie & Matthew Dakin** (daughter and son-in-law of Richard & Mi Cha Sarachek) celebrated their 9<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 5.

Congratulations and many blessings to all!

## IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH, continued

**GRANDPARENT'S DAY** was observed in a special way at worship on October 16. Special gifts were made by the children of the Sunday School and presented to the Grandparents along with pens with the inscription "God bless our Grandparents," and "Thank you for showing us the wonderful things that the Lord has done." (Psalm 78:4)

### NOTICE OF CANCELLATIONS:

For Cancellation of Worship & Sunday School due to inclement weather watch WFSB-TV, Channel 3, WTNH-TV, Channel 8, or NBC 30 WVIT on Sunday morning.



**SEASON OF ADVENT** begins *Sunday, November 27*. A time of preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. The deacons will be coordinating the Lighting of the Advent Candles during worship.

### WHITE GIFTS FOR LYON MANOR -

The deacons will be coordinating the purchasing of white gifts for the residents at Lyon Manor as they have in the past. There will be tags available at church Sunday, November 27, with the suggested gift items to purchase and labeled for a man or woman. The gifts are to be returned to church on or by December 11 with label attached indicating for man or woman and item(s) enclosed. Thank you.

### A BLESSED THANSIVING TO ALL!

*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." (Psalm 100:4-5)*



## 2012 Committee & Board Nominations & Vacancies

<b>Moderator, One Year -</b>	<b>Expires</b>
<i>*(currently D. Ignatowicz, term expiring)</i>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Church Clerk, Two Years -</b>	<b>Expires</b>
<i>*(currently Eileen Smith, term expiring)</i>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Treasurer, Two Years -</b>	<b>Expires</b>
<i>*(currently T. Ignatowicz, term expiring)</i>	<b>2014</b>

### BOARD OF DEACONS, Three Years

(responsible for cooperating w/ the pastor in ministering to the needs of the church & community assisting in sacraments, worship, care & consolation of all downcast. Recommends people to be members & annually surveys the Church Roll)

Edward D'Agata	2013
Eileen Smith	2013
Elizabeth Robertson	2013
Ernest Morris	2013
<i>*(currently R. Sarachek, term expiring)</i>	<b>2014</b>
<i>*(currently D. Ignatowicz, term expiring)</i>	<b>2014</b>

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN ED., Two Years

(Concerned with the educational program of our church for both adults and children.)

* David Fraser	2013
<i>*(currently Stephanie Dakin, term expiring)</i>	<b>2014</b>
<i>*(currently Rubi Hickson, term expiring)</i>	<b>2014</b>
<i>*(currently Linda Knight, term expiring)</i>	<b>2014</b>
<i>*( )</i>	<b>2014</b>

### BD OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 2 Years

(Responsible for coordination of social activities within the Church. They also act as the Nominating committee for our annual elections.)

Laurel Millix	2013
Mi Cha Sarachek	2013
<i>*( )</i>	<b>2014</b>
<i>*( )</i>	<b>2014</b>
<i>*( )</i>	<b>2014</b>

### DELEGATES TO UCC CONFERENCE 2012

<b>Meeting, One Year</b>	
<i>*(currently A. Cassells, term expiring)</i>	<b>2013</b>

<b>Financial Secretary, Two Years -</b>	<b>Expires</b>
<i>*(currently Nancy Goodell, term expiring)</i>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Sunday School Supt., One Year</b>	<b>Expires</b>
<i>*(begins in June) (currently Karen Cushman)</i>	<b>6/2013</b>

### PRUDENTIAL BOARD, Two Years

(has care & custody of the Church properties and has charge of the financial affairs of the church, within certain guidelines of the budget. They plan the budget and financial enlistment of the year.)

Alice Cassells	2013
Julia Cartabiano	2013
<i>*(currently held by Chris Jensen)</i>	2013
<i>*( )</i>	<b>2014</b>
<i>*( )</i>	<b>2014</b>

### DELEGATES-AT-LARGE, One Year (acts as liaison between Congregation & Church Council)

<i>*(currently Julia Cartiabiano, term expiring)</i>	<b>2014</b>
<i>*( )</i>	<b>2014</b>

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN OUTREACH, Two Years

(Concerned w/ missionary evangelism, social action, Christian service & witness, & community service.)

Nancy Humphrey	2013
Gigi Booth	2013
Tom Smith	2013
Barbara Smith	2013
Tom Kelly	2013

### DELEGATES TO WAIM CONFERENCE 2012

<b>Meeting, One Year</b>	
<i>*(currently Thomas Kelly, term expiring)</i>	<b>2013</b>

### DELEGATES TO ABC CONFERENCE 2012

<b>Meeting, One Year</b>	
<b>AUDITORS, Two Years</b>	
<i>*(currently R. Sarachek, term expiring)</i>	<b>2014</b>
<i>*(currently Evelyn Parizek, term expiring)</i>	<b>2014</b>

If you are a Member of this church and are interested in filling any of these vacancies, please speak with Laurel Millix (860) 684-5368 or Mi Cha Sarachek (860) 684-5498. (They can also be found at the Refreshment table during Fellowship time).