



FROM THE PASTOR

With the last days of summer behind us and vacations becoming a fond memory, we often fall into the trap of the proverbial "rat race." This is when we're rushing almost blindly from one event to the next and we barely have a moment to stop and take a breath. With all of this running around, it is very easy to lose your sense of peace.

What do you do when the "check engine light" comes on in your car? Do you ignore it? Do you cover up the warning light with a piece of duct tape and keep driving? Do you crank-up the music so you don't have to hear the rattling and clanking sounds that are trying to tell you that your car needs urgent attention? Most likely, you would immediately take your car to a mechanic. Yes, it's a hassle, but if you ignored the "service engine" light or the clanking noise, you know that you could end-up stranded on the side of the road, sitting in a broken-down car.

Just as your car needs fuel, regular maintenance, repairs, and cleaning, you need to nurture your spiritual health. As you spend time communing with the Lord and fellowshiping with other believers you will experience "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding." (Philippians 4:7)

In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus says:

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

A Sunday School teacher once asked her students what a "yoke" was. One of the

children said it was "God putting His arm around you." This is so true. Jesus wants us to come to Him when we are feeling weary, burdened and "stressed out." When we have communion with Him and cast our cares upon Him, He lifts us back up again and gives us rest for our souls.

Coming to church gives you time to be around other Christians who will help lift you up as well. Sometimes just the chance to sit in the sanctuary and soak in the quiet and the beauty of the place is enough to bring back a sense of well-being that may have been eroded away by stress and an over-packed schedule. It is so encouraging when we worship together on the Lord's Day and spend time praying for each others needs.

You may be thinking "but I just have so much to do. I'm too busy to go looking for peace. Isn't there some kind of shortcut?" In response to that, here is a great quote by M.E. Andross:

"Make time to pray. The great freight and passenger trains are never too busy to stop for fuel. No matter how congested the yards may be, no matter how crowded the schedules are, no matter how many things demand the attention of the trainmen, those trains always stop for fuel."

Make sure that you are "fueling up" on prayer to help you get through the hectic days and weeks ahead. And even in the midst of children's activities, and an ever growing "to-do" list, I encourage you to make church a priority for you and your family.

With Love In Christ,

Pastor Del

Don't forget the Men's Breakfast! 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!

The 49th Annual Flea Market Is Here!

The Federated Church of Willington's Annual Flea Market is in its 49th year and is held on the Town Green on Route 74.

Please join us on Saturday, September 10th from 9am to 3pm. There will be more than 40 vendors as well as the various church booths.

We are in need of Baked Goods, Crafts, & White Elephant (used, but in good condition) donations for the Church booth. We are also looking for people to help with set-up, parking, food service and clean-up. If you can volunteer, please contact Tish or David Ignatowicz.



This is the church's biggest fundraiser of the year and a successful Flea Market helps balance the church budget for the rest of the fiscal year. We look forward to seeing you there!

Daily Devotionals

The Board of Deacons provides a daily devotional ministry through **The Upper Room** devotional booklets. A number of families and individuals have reserved copies of this uplifting ministry, with any remaining booklets being placed on the table at the back of the Sanctuary available for a first come-first served basis.

If you would like to receive these booklets on a regular basis and would like your name be added to our reserved copy list, please contact Richard Sarachek.

You may also receive these devotions through a daily email by signing up at www.UpperRoom.org.

2011 PASTORAL EVALUATION

- 1 – Outstanding: Consistently Exceeds Expectations**
- 2 – Very Good: Consistently Meets and Frequently Exceeds Expectations**
- 3 – Good: Meets Standards Set for the Position**
- 4 – Fair: Occasionally Meets Standards, Suggests Need for Improvement**
- 5 – Unacceptable: Performance is Below the Minimum Expected Level**
- 6 – If You Do Not Have Knowledge of a Particular Question, then Circle 6**

A. How would you rate the pastor’s weekly worship duties: sermons, children’s stories and organization? 1 2 3 4 5 6 (circle one)

B. How would you rate the pastor’s administrative abilities: daily church business, returning telephone calls, attending meetings, oversight of church property and the smooth operation of all events? 1 2 3 4 5 6 (circle one)

C. How would you rate the pastor’s ability to inspire others to take an active roll in the ministry of the church? 1 2 3 4 5 6 (circle one)

D. How would you rate the pastor’s visitation efforts to people in hospitals, emergencies, shut-ins, new members and general home visits? 1 2 3 4 5 6 (circle one)

E. How would you rate the pastor’s efforts in the areas of outreach and community? This could include participation in vacation bible school, coffee breaks, maintaining a church website, helping the less fortunate, local and global mission projects and maintaining general community visibility? 1 2 3 4 5 6 (circle one)

Comments: _____

The Pastoral Relations Committee has asked that members and friends of the Federated Church of Willington fill out a Pastoral Evaluation Form and please return it to the church by mail or fold it and place it in the box marked *Pastoral Evaluations* in the back of the sanctuary.

We request that the form be returned by October 16, 2011.
Thank you for your participation.

Columbus Day Weekend Coffee Break!

The Coffee Break Committee received their confirmation to hold their annual Columbus Day Weekend Coffee Break at the I-84, East & West Bound Rest Areas in Willington. The Coffee Break will begin on Thursday, October 6 and will conclude on Monday, October 10.



The Committee is looking for volunteers. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the Hall Memorial Church beginning Sunday, September 18. Please consider

setting aside a 2, 3 or 4 hour block to make this event go as smoothly as possible. This is a GREAT family activity. 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 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.

Of the monies that are collected at the Coffee Break, ½ is given to the Outreach Board for the Local Causes and Beyond Fund and the other ½ is put into the Church budget. We have witnessed so many grateful people who stop to stretch their legs, have a little conversation, and enjoy the coffee, cookies and hot dogs that we provide for them

If you have any questions, speak to any member of the Coffee Break Committee:

- Hope & Wayne Fritz (860-429-5573)
- Nancy Humphrey (860-429-1051)
- Nancy Goodell (860-429-2421)
- Tish Ignatowicz (860-429-1862)
- Julia Cartabiano (860-487-9954)

NEEDED:

- Empty (and clean) margarine, cottage cheese and large yogurt containers. Please pass along to Tish.
- Codes from Coke boxes, and bottles. We were able to get the soda for the Flea Market for free from these codes. Please continue to keep collecting them. If you are unsure what to keep, please speak with Tish The codes can be left in the Silver container marked "Big Y Coins"
- We are still collecting Bug Y coins to use to purchase hot dog rolls from Big Y. If you have a coin that you don't need, feel free to put it in the silver container marked "Big Y Coins".

A Note of Thanks:

Dear friends and members of our church,

I'd like to thank everyone for their prayers and support for Abby (and our family) during this crazy time. She is feeling better and we're slowly getting back to normal.

Sincerely,

Amy Page

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

Vacation Bible School started on August 1 at the Memorial Church, with 54 students registered. This year's theme was SonSurf Beach Bash, where the children learned the answers to these five questions:

Who is Jesus?

Why can I trust Jesus?

Why do I need Jesus?

How can Jesus help me when I mess up?

What does Jesus want me to do?

Each morning and afternoon, Pastor Del lead the kids in doing "the wave", as well as in praying a blessing over the children and our VBS program.

Rubi Hickson directed our drama and each morning we were treated to a continuing skit which concluded on Friday with our closing program. We thank Deborah Hickson, Hannah Dancosse, Joshua Hickson and Eliza Baker for all their work the weeks prior to and the week of Vacation Bible School. A wonderful backdrop was made for the skits thanks to Doreen Maloney.

There were plenty of refreshments donated by parents, and served every day with the leadership of Claudia D'Agata and supported by Barbara Smith, Laurel Millix, Betty Marks and Dale Dyer in the kitchen. These ladies also stayed Friday afternoon to help with the pizza and salad lunch and clean up afterward. We thank them for their dedication. We also thank Carol Noyes who every year calls the parents and sets up the refreshment schedule.

Our mission project this year was in support of the victims of the tornadoes that devastated the Monson, Massachusetts area and the surrounding towns. The money was raised in a combination of ways. We had a Son Surf Beach shop that sold souvenirs and craft projects, and a stand outside the church selling slushies.

This year we had an additional stand selling hot dogs, chips and drinks to offer a lunch option to the families as they left for the day. Many thanks

to Jason Knight for his vision and leadership (and his hot-dog grilling!) in this area!

We also had a donations jar for people to put any monetary donations into, and the kids donated toys in good condition that they were no longer using to give to the children that lost their own possessions.

It seemed like this year we had fewer hands helping, but the helpers that we did have took on multiple jobs and everyone pitched in where they were needed.

Many thanks go out to our teachers and helpers:
Preschool: Sarah Maheu (assisted by Brittany Byram, and Hannah Dancosse, Erin Christopher & Jen Morales)

Kindergarten: Nancy Humphrey, Debbie Byram, (assisted by Brittany Byram & Jen Morales)

1st & 2nd grade: Lynn Philippi (assisted by Deborah Hickson)

3rd & 4th grade: Linda Cooper (assisted by Linda Knight, Stephanie Waite)

5th & 6th grade: Pastor Del

7th & 8th grade and the high schoolers for Bible time: David Fraser.

Linda Knight did a wonderful job directing the music during the week and the closing program on Friday morning. The kids really seemed to enjoy the music, and it was great watching them perform the songs that they learned throughout the week. This year we had our closing program at 11: 00 a.m. on Friday with lunch following.

Recreational activities were led by Jason Knight - he did a great job once again, and we are very thankful to have him as part of our VBS team!

We had a wonderful closing musical and skit led by Rubi Hickson and the drama team, and the music portion directed by Linda Knight. Parents were able to see their children performing the songs they had learned during the week, and were also treated to the skit.

VBS 2011, continued

We would like to give a big thank you to Knight Construction company for their generous donation of sand. The sand is currently out on the volleyball court (across the street from the church, next to the parking lot), that we hope to be able to use for future activities!

We are also very thankful to the firefighters from Willington Volunteer Fire Dept. #1 who donated their time to us on water day. The kids got a big kick out of seeing the fire truck, and running back and forth under the spray of the firehose!

Thank you to Jason Knight, Amanda Maloney, Wilbur Gangaway and Pastor Del for providing safe passage to and from Vacation Bible School every day.

Our wonderful kitchen staff was once again made up of: Claudia D'Agata, Barbara Smith, Laurel Millix, Betty Marks and Dale Dyer.

Lastly, I would like to thank our behind the scenes people for set up, clean up, calling for refreshments, greeting, etc. Thank you Carol Noyes, David Fraser, Wayne Fritz, Roger Wilson, Ernest Morris, Jerry Parizek, Claudia D'Agata, Betty Marks, Dale Dyer, Michael Maloney, Doreen Maloney, Laurel Millix, Eileen Smith, Rosanne Parizek, Barbara Smith, & Nancy Goodell.

As you can see it takes a lot of people to have a successful Vacation Bible School and I can't thank each of them enough.

If I missed anyone, I'm sorry and please accept my thanks for all you did.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Dakin, Linda Knight & Rubi Hickson
Vacation Bible School co-Directors

A Note from the Board of Christian Education

Greetings! We hope you all had a great summer! We just wanted to mention a few of the exciting things that we are working on for this year.

First off, we will be having a Sunday School booth at the Flea Market (right when you come in at the lower entrance). We plan to face-painting, games and a few surprises. You'll have to come visit us on Saturday Sept. 10th on the Town Green to find out more!

Rally day is Sunday, September 18th at the Hall Memorial Church, where we kick off our 2011-2012 Sunday School year. We invite everyone to come, and to bring a friend with you.

You will find a Sunday School registration form at the back of this newsletter. There will also be a downloadable form on our website, as well as forms available on the first day of Sunday School. Parents, we need you to fill out the pertinent information and give it to your child(ren)'s teacher on the first day of Sunday School, or to our Superintendent, Karen Cushman.

We would love to get some family fun events going for this year. If you have any suggestions, please email them to info@fedchurchwillington.org, or see a Christian Ed member (Rubi Hickson, Linda Knight, Karen Cushman, David Fraser, Stephanie Dakin).

We look forward to helping you ***Make Sunday Special!***

September 2010

Hill 'N Dale

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 <i>Communion Sunday</i>	5 Labor Day	6 Flea Market Fence Setup 1:00 PM Town Green	7 Choir Rehearsal 7PM – Hall Memorial Church	8	9 Flea Market Tent Setup 9 AM – Town Green	10 Flea Market 9 am – 3pm Willington Town Green
11	12	13 Outreach Board 6 PM, Hill Church	14 Choir Rehearsal 7PM – Hall Memorial Church	15	16	17
18 Rally Day/First Day of Sunday School	19 October Newsletter Article Deadline	20 Board of Deacons 7 PM – Hill Church	21 Choir Rehearsal 7PM – Hall Memorial Church	22	23	24
25 Move to Hall Memorial Church	26	27 Church Council 7 PM – Hall Memorial Church	28 Choir Rehearsal 7PM – Hall Memorial Church	29	30	

Month of September – 2011

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

SUNDAY 4	SUNDAY 11	SUNDAY 18 <i>Rally Day</i> <i>Move to Hall Memorial Church</i>	SUNDAY 26
<p>Worship Leader</p> <p>Greeter Alice Cassells Laurel Millix</p> <p>Ushers David Ignatowicz Tish Ignatowicz</p> <p>Altar Flowers Shirley Bates</p> <p>Communion Edward D'Agata Richard Sarachek</p>	<p>Worship Leader Dorothy Howlett</p> <p>Greeter Claudia D'Agata Shirley Ogozalek</p> <p>Ushers Wayne Fritz Elizabeth Robertson</p> <p>Altar Flowers Dorothy Howlett</p>	<p>Worship Leader Chris Jensen</p> <p>Greeter Patricia Dobbyn</p> <p>Ushers Alice Cassells Nancy Goodell</p> <p>Altar Flowers Nancy Goodell</p>	<p>Worship Leader Shirley Ogozalek</p> <p>Greeter Elsie LaBonte</p> <p>Ushers Edward D'Agata Larry Palmer</p> <p>Altar Flowers Shirley Ogozalek</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 (429-9911) of the change prior to Tuesday, or contact Rosanne Parizek (429-2362), Board of Deacons.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

Month of September

- 1 Sarah Jensen
- 3 Brittany Byram
- 11 Stephanie Dakin
- 19 Mary Zalewa



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 or submitted in person to the church office.

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH

Our Hearts and Prayers go out to: Ernest Gunn; Tom Smith's cousin; for Carol (mentioned by Fred Goetz); Pastor Swensen (mentioned by Betsy Gunn) and for Bryan (Ernest and Betsy Gunn's son-in-law); Courtney Fraser; Lee Goodell; David Cushman; the lady in the Sturbridge area who lost her trailer home in the tornado and lost her second trailer due to severe storms (mentioned by Dale Dyer); Carol Caisse's cousin, Tom; Laurel Millix's sister-in-law, Rita; Shirley Bates; Mary Sullivan (mentioned by Holly Ladd); and all of the people who have lost their jobs and are discouraged not being able to find another job (mentioned by Betsy Gunn); Yen & Ron Kauffman as they prepare to move to Milford, CT, (August 15).

Travel Mercies for: Richard Sarachek's Uncle Frank as he travels to Maine; Gigi Booth's son, Gregory, as he returns home to New Zealand from India and then back to New Zealand; Carly (Fraser) Doria and her husband Matt, returning home from their honeymoon (Daughter and son-in-law of David Fraser); for family & friends traveling home who attended Carly & Matt's wedding; and for David Fraser's sister traveling to the Himalayas; for Sherry Robb and children (daughter and grandchildren of Wilbur and Gangaway) traveling from California to CT for a visit; for Alicia Dobbyn (daughter of Pat Dobbyn) as she travels to Costa Rica July 29; for the safe arrival of Michael Maloney's sister & family from Illinois and her subsequent return trip home (08/14).

Our Condolences:

- *To the ***family and friends of Mildred Marco***, upon her passing (June 21) (mentioned by Gigi Booth);
- *To ***Shirley Ogozalek and Frank Vasington*** upon the loss of their grandson, ***Christopher Cox*** (age 23) on July 6. (Son of ***Philip & Amy Vasington***) (mentioned by Gigi Booth).
- *For ***Ellen Hipsky and family*** upon the loss of husband and father, ***Joseph Hipsky, Jr.***, (08/02) (mentioned by Rosanne Parizek).
- * For the ***families of the 30 U.S. Troops*** killed in downed helicopter in Afghanistan (08/06) and their families (mentioned by Wilbur Gangaway).

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

Our Praises and Thanksgivings:

David Cushman is grateful he was able to celebrate another birthday, and he thanks everyone for the cards and prayers; ***Ron Kauffman*** is thankful for the safe return home of his ***son-in-law, Christian***, from Kenya; ***Fred Goetz*** is thankful for the rides he is given to church by ***David Fraser*** and ***David Ignatowicz***; ***Chris, Melissa and Sarah Jensen*** are in the cast of "Aida" put on by the Windham Theater Group; ***Wilbur Gangaway*** is

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH, continued

thankful to have his entire family together with daughter, **Faith Nixt, and family** coming to visit from California (Week of August 7) and **daughter Sherry Robb and her children**. There were several birthdays amongst their family members that they were able to celebrate together; that Willington has adopted Monson as a "sister town" and the town is collecting donations which are delivered daily. (A list of suggested items was inserted in the bulletins on the 19th.) (mentioned by Claudia D'Agata); **Amy Page** emailed to say that her daughter, **Abby**, did not have the rare disease that she was undergoing tests for. She was scheduled for surgery in California, but they were able to cancel the surgery and return to CT; **Pastor Swensen's** health seems to have made a slight improvement (mentioned by Betsy Gunn); that we had a successful **Vacation Bible School** program (mentioned by Pastor Del); that the three youth members of our church (**Deborah and Joshua Hickson, and Hannah Dancosse**) were able to attend camp the week of August 7th at Camp Wightman and had a good time; Altar Flowers were given in celebration of **Georgianna Booth's** 89th birthday (which was 07/24) by daughter, **Constance Booth, and her children** (mentioned by David Ignatowicz); that **Boyd Wood**, Organist/Choir Director, is back from vacation (08/07) (mentioned by Rosanne Parizek); **Shirley Ogozalek & family** are holding up well following a difficult loss and are being encouraged by God (mentioned by Gigi Booth); **Pat Dobbyn** extends her thanks to everyone for the support given to her daughter, **Alicia**, who flew to Costa Rica Friday, July 29; Greetings from **Catherine Bugbee** who is now living at Juniper Hill and finds it to her liking (mentioned by Dale Dyer).

ADULT CHOIR will resume following a summer break, Sunday, September 18. The first Choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 8, 7:00 PM, at the Clara Hall Elliott Memorial Church. New members are always welcome. *"O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" Psalm 95:1-2*

NOTICE: WE MOVE BACK TO THE CLARA HALL ELLIOTT MEMORIAL CHURCH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18! Worship & Sunday School - 10:00 AM.

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1)

Church Office Info:

Phone: 860-429-9911

Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

(office hours are also posted in the right-hand sidebar of the church website)

email: info@FedChurchWillington.org

website: www.FedChurchWillington.org

October Hill 'n' Dale Newsletter Deadline: Monday, September 19th.

**2011 RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH at 10am
HALL MEMORIAL CHURCH, SOUTH WILLINGTON**

**The Federated Church of Willington
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Ages 3-18

Bible Stories, Crafts, Games, Prayer, Music, Drama, Outreach, Christmas Pageant, Talent Show, Youth Program, and much more



Registration Form/Permission Slip/Medical Release

Student Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Do you need help with transportation on Sunday? Yes ____ No ____

Student Interests (circle those that apply):

Junior Choir Drama Youth Group Sports Crafts

On occasion, the students of the Sunday School will leave the immediate premises to take part in Sunday School activities. By signing below, the parent or guardian of the child acknowledges that their child will take part in such activities, the details of which will be made known as they occur.

Further, by signing below, the parent or guardian of the child gives permission for emergency medical treatment to be provided for their child in the event of illness or accident in a situation whereby the parent or guardian cannot be immediately contacted.

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Doctor's Name _____ Phone _____

Dentist's Name _____ Phone _____

Medical Conditions/Allergies _____

Mail/Turn in to the church office:

The Federated Church of Willington 132 River Rd. Willington, CT 06279

**Please Join Us And Bring Your Friends....Everyone Is Welcome!
Make Sunday Special!!!**

For more information, or to print out more forms, please visit www.FedChurchWillington.org