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A Message from Jonathan

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change...*

It's perhaps not what you'd expect to read in a church's summer newsletter, but there it is: anxiety seems to be sharply on the increase all around us. There are habit-changing increases in the costs of gas, home heating oil and food, a housing crisis, a lengthy war, an intense presidential race, tomatoes with salmonella, heat waves and typhoons and flooding and earthquakes. We're not to the point of mountains tumbling into the sea as the psalmist describes, but there's a certain sense of general unease. Coupled with the very real individual stresses and circumstances with which many of you are coping, this feels a strenuous season.

I have been reading a fair amount of C.S. Lewis lately, the English writer and theologian. Lewis was a brilliant man, incredibly articulate, and came to be crystal clear about what he believed and how Christian disciples should live. But then his wife of three years, Joy, died, and all his intellectual understanding and carefully thought out theories crashed down, could not provide any comfort. In *A Grief Observed*, Lewis described how, when all seemed lost to him, it was only when he stopped trying to find an explanation, stopped wishing things were different, stopped blaming himself for not doing discipleship "right," that God's presence—constant all along, though out of his sight—helped him find his bearings once more.

The faith expressed in Psalm 46 is the antidote to the worry that creeps into life from time to time; the balm when events just don't make sense to us. God does not make the tumult to cease, doesn't lower gas prices or stop the rains, but makes the tumult *inside* to stop—if we will choose to step back and step into that refuge. Life may look and feel and, indeed, truly be chaotic, but calm *is* possible in the midst of trouble. God's calm is already within, but we experience it when we discipline ourselves to first recognize when worry is holding sway, and then choose to stop, count our blessings, make ourselves talk about what we see and how we feel with ones who will listen, pray to feel the strength, and then move forward once more—even as the waters continue "roar and foam" around us. The times are challenging, but disciples—even in summer—say, "Onward!"



- July 6**                    **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Communion Sunday**  
Scripture: Matthew 11:16-19  
Sermon: "Rest from the Labor"                    The Rev. Jonathan B. Lee
- July 13**                    **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
Sermon: "Sowing and Hearing"                    The Rev. Jonathan B. Lee
- July 20**                    **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Times**  
Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34  
Sermon: "Battling Brothers"                    The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio
- July 27**                    **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Scripture: Genesis 29:15-35, 30:22-24  
Sermon: "Struggling Sisters"                    The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio
- August 3**                    **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Scripture: Numbers 27:1-11  
Sermon: "Dissident Daughters"                    The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio
- August 10**                    **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33                    The Rev. Jonathan B. Lee  
Sermon: "Take Heart"
- August 17**                    **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Scripture: Exodus 1:8-2:10                    The Rev. Jonathan B. Lee  
Sermon: "Power Plays"
- August 24**                    **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Scripture: Romans 12:1-8  
Sermon: "A Living Sacrifice"                    The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio
- August 31**                    **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Scripture: Romans 12:9-21  
Sermon: "Holding on for Dear Life" The Rev. Donna K. Manocchio

## Greetings from the Board of Deacons



*“A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken”—James Dent*

Once again, I scratch my head and wonder where September through June went. My mother always warned me that as I got older, I would wish for time to slow down instead of speed up. Don't tell her she was right! The Diaconate had a busy program year. We spent numerous hours working and discussing our pastoral program, which you have read about in past Church Mouse articles. We have already implemented some components of our plan and will roll out the remaining components in September. Our Laity Sunday sub-committee will be busy this summer working on the details of our service so we are prepared when we meet with Board & Committee members in September to solicit volunteers. I already have heard from some folks who are interested in participating. That's GREAT! We also revised the way we evaluate ministers. By the time you read this, you would have already received the survey for Donna's evaluation and would have noticed the changes. We are moving away from a numerical evaluation system to one where we can gather your thoughts and opinions. We do appreciate you spending the time to answer these questions. These questions were developed in partnership with our ministers and your input means a lot of all of us. Members of the Diaconate evaluation committee will be meeting with Board & Committee members that work closely with Donna and Jonathan so we can gather feedback from them as well. The changes we made this year are only steps toward how we would like to see the ministry in our church evaluated. Stay tuned for more information as we continue to work toward an evaluation process that is beneficial to all.

I wish you all a peaceful summer.

Your Brothers and Sisters of the Diaconate,

Deb Copes, Senior Deacon

Julie Dostie, Tom Fulda, Pat Howland, Cheryl Hummel, Bob Inderbitzen, Jean Palmer, Julia Pickett, Chris Sheehan, Andri Smith and Barry Wilcock



## Council Ends Program Year with a Visioning Session

We hope to give everyone the chance to participate in helping to craft an updated **vision** of who we want to be as a church. Read on.....

As we approach our “summer slowdown” before the beginning of a new program year, we realize that we are on the brink of a wonderful opportunity. At this time, we look forward to the completion of Chapin Hall and to the new energy and feeling that that renovated space will provide. At the same time, in September, we will look back 200 years (!!!) and celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our meeting house. This time of looking back at our rich history and looking forward to new possibilities, is an opportunity for us. What better time to reassess **who we are and who we want to be** as a church family! How do we intentionally live and worship and work together as a congregation in the way that God wants us to?

From time to time we all clean out our basement or our attic--just as we had to clear out everything that was stored in Chapin Hall. The hard part is deciding what to keep and what to toss. From time to time we try to do this in our lives also—we try to take time to reassess who we are and whether this is who we want to be. We would like to use this opportunity--of looking back and looking forward--to reassess who we are as a Christian community, and we look for God's guidance as we try to discern His will for us.

At our June meeting, the Council began a process of putting down our ideas on the following three questions:

- 1) What do we love about our church and want to preserve?
- 2) What would we like to leave behind?
- 3) How would we complete the following sentences:
  - a. I want to be part of a church where.....
  - b. I want to be part of a church that....

We had an interesting and stimulating meeting of sharing and discovery. As we move forward we want to offer opportunities for all members of the congregation to participate in this visioning process by answering these same three questions. Stay tuned for more about this later this summer or early fall.

We hope everyone will participate!!

Ruth Fitzgerald, Moderator



### **UCONN School of Dentistry Helps Out in Belize**

Dave & Brian Bell traveled to Belize in April as part of a Mission Trip with the UCONN School of Dentistry, where students and qualified dentists went from school to school providing dental care to local children, and some adults, too. It was a very successful trip!

### **House of Abraham**

#### **Board of Missions**

On June 22, a beautiful quilt was dedicated & blessed during our Sunday Service. On July 8, there will be a Dedication and Key Ceremony at 12:00 noon. We will present the quilt to the new homeowners, and several members of RHCC plan to attend. See Donna Manocchio for more information.

The planning committee for House of Abraham has decided to build another house! Habitat has a donation to begin work. More information to come on volunteer building opportunities.

### **Many Hands, Many Hearts**

On September 27 from 5-7pm at RHCC, The CT Conference Disaster Response is sponsoring a gathering of those who were part of work Teams in Biloxi, New Orleans & Florida. It will include sharing spirit, stories & future hopes. Volunteers needed to assist in worship (if needed), for set up, welcoming people, etc. Please see Donna Manocchio for more information.

### **Christian Activities Council**

On June 9, during the Annual Meeting, Donna Manocchio was appointed Council Member at Large.

The Christian Activities Council has experienced a serious shortfall in funding this year for their "Adventures in the City Program." This will make it difficult to achieve some of the work they had begun with Hartford area schools. See Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio for more information on how you can help.

### **Crop Walk**

There is going to be a Crop Walk in October as part of our renewed effort to work on the issue of Hunger. See Chris Palazzolo for more information on how you can participate.

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## **Fundraising for the 2009 Mission Trip to New Orleans**

We would like to thank members of the Bowling Group; Jayne Bishop, Denise Carberry, Todd and Caryn Doten, and Cheryl Hummel for the generous donation of \$300.00 that will go toward the funding of the next trip to the Gulf Coast. For more information on how you can support our next trip at your next gathering or event, please see Michael Bower (email [bobmike@cox.net](mailto:bobmike@cox.net), 257-1294).

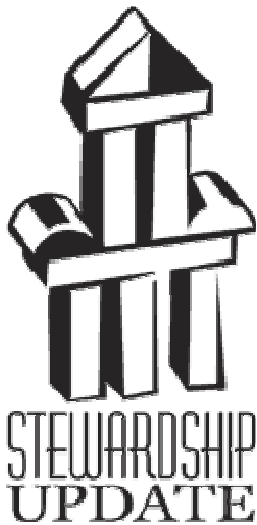
The 2009 RHCC Mission Trip to New Orleans will be from April 9 to April 15, 2009. Work will be done with the South Central Disaster Response Team. People of all skill levels are welcome - Must be at least 16 years of age. If you are interested, please contact someone from the Missions Board or one of our ministers. Details to come!

## **Pastoral Counseling Center**

The Pastoral Counseling Center is applying to the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving for possible funding.

***Our next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 2008***

Missions Board: Michael Bower, Linda Calcagni, Bob Carberry, Dave Edwards, Diana Gengenbach, Marge Murk, Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio, Chris Palazzolo and Steve Smith



## **STEWARDSHIP** **“An Ongoing Process”**

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all those who have pledged during the 2008-2009 campaign.

Although we are close to our goal, we are still short \$33,518 (\$26,713 local and \$6,805 missions).

We are appealing to those individuals who have not returned their pledge cards, even those who cannot pledge this year, to do so as soon as possible. Your pledge can help us achieve this year's campaign goal.

If we can close this year's campaign, we can move on to creating an environment within RHCC that Stewardship is “AN ONGOING PROCESS.” There will be more on this concept later.

The Stewardship Committee wishes everyone an enjoyable summer.

Stewardship Committee:

Jim Stevens – Chair  
Randy Pulling

Hilaire Leavitt  
Steve Smith

Al Diaz  
Bill Bartley

Feel the Power  
Of  
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\* New Friends \* Amazing Crafts \* Wacky Snacks\*  
\* Mind Blowing Bible Adventures \*  
\* Hyperspeed Games \* Incredible Music\*  
Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Canceled due to lack  
of participation.**



Get On Board for our Summer Program!



Let us love, not in word or speech,  
but in truth and action. 1 John 3:18

**Childcare will be provided.**

**Pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Beach Be-attitudes

**6<sup>th</sup> grade - 8<sup>th</sup> grade:** Ridin' the Waves

**Dates:** July 6, July 20, August 3, August 17, August 31<sup>st</sup> End of Summer Celebration

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## Summer Activities Program

Following our summer fun program, this program is for grades 6-12,

**Dates of the program: July 6, July 20, August 3, August 17**

- July 6<sup>th</sup>: Trip to UConn Dairy Barn
- July 20<sup>th</sup>: Hiking/Picnic at Sleeping Giant State Park
- August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Day of fun at the beach
- August 15<sup>th</sup>: Maroon 5 and The Counting Crows Concert 7pm



Youth Group

If you are interested in participating in any of these activities, please contact Stacie Damiana 860-529-4167 x 204.



## County Fair Committee

Thanks to all the folks who visited our refreshment stand at the Rocky Hill Memorial Day Parade. Sales of the goodies netted our church \$258.00.

A special thanks to all that helped especially Dick Webster who always does more than expected.

The Committee's emphasis is now focused on the Fall Country Fair, Saturday, October 18. Please mark your calendar. We have some major challenges to overcome. Volunteers are still needed for the Silent Auction Booth and someone to chair a Crafts Booth. The Silent Auction Booth generated \$2,585.00

last year and has always been one of our top money makers. If you would like to help with the Silent Auction, please contact Jim Stevens or Zelma Hughes. If we don't get some help we may not be able to have a Silent Auction Booth this year.

A flyer outlining specific needs for all booths and guidelines for our two new booths, Books and Tools, will be in the September Church Mouse.

If you would like to have a rewarding experience and help your church, please consider volunteering to help with the Country Fair. Members of the Fair Committee can provide you with specific details.

The Fair Committee wishes everyone a great summer. See you at the Country Fair.

**“WHEN YOU WANT SOMETHING YOU’VE NEVER HAD YOU’VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING YOU’VE NEVER DONE”.**

The Fair Committee

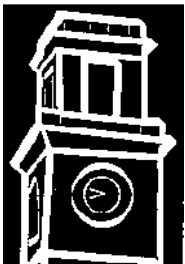
Jim Stevens – Chairman  
Annie Hokans-Doll  
Debbie Durgin

Bob Simmons  
Marsha Hoffman  
Lynn McKenna

Elaine Somes  
Paula Komar  
Phyllis Wilkey

PS: As part of the Country Fair we will have our traditional Roast Beef Dinner this year. Marsha Hoffman would love some of our newer members to join in the effort.

### TOWER LIGHTING



**Light the Tower!** This is a special way to honor or memorialize your loved ones. The tower lights are on overnight and add to the electric bill. Your contribution of \$10 helps defray the cost. The names of your loved ones will be noted in the bulletin. While Chapin Hall renovations are being done the sign up list will be posted in the Fiorilli Room or you can email me at [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org) or call the church office at 529-4167 and I will write it on the signup sheet.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### in July

01	Russell Sheathelm	19	Amy Cooke
03	Dot Carlson		Barbara McKenna
	Ethel Bacon	20	Trevor Charamut
	Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio	21	Francis DiRenzo
	Max Rowe		Leila Sofiane
04	Nita Madden-Estra	23	Mark Genganbach
	Nelson Sousa		Michael Damiana
05	Frank Vann	24	Jean Palmer
	Del Buswell	25	Marianne Wainwright
	Janice Rousseau	26	Audrey Titcomb
07	Rusty Miller-Rich		Bill Pirre
	Barbara Moore		Stephen Murk
	Ray Gagnon	27	Albert Griswold III
	Brian Geddes		Merri-Lynn Moore
	Patience Coleman		Peter Hanson
08	Deb Halgas		Christopher Mason
	Amy MacNeil	28	Christopher Yorgensen
	Tom Rolfe		Jeremy Ross
09	Nancy Wilcock		Abigail Riberio
10	Ruth Jensen	30	Mark Biglow
	Sean Mullins		Chris Palazzolo
14	Gary Linklater		Jaclyn Elliot
15	Dave Sageman		Sarah McGowan
	Eddie Wine	31	Nanci Harvey
	Emily DiMartino		Laurie Yorgensen
	Scott DiMartino		Eric Jensen
	Alex Jutras		Douglas Graham
16	Doug Robbins		
	Jocelyn Harvey		
	Anne Vazquez		
	Maley Hunt		
18	Ted Dwyer		
	Kari Jensen		



### Arthur and Alice Weil

were married on  
**July 8, 1944**

### Arthur and Marge Murk

were married on  
**July 20, 1963**

### Ted and Pat Dwyer

were married on  
**July 26, 1963**

### Congratulations!



### Just Married in June

Daniel Patrick Tuohey  
and  
Laurie Beth Yorgensen

June 28, 2008

Congratulations  
Mr. and Mrs. Tuohey!



# 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00am <b>Quilters</b>
<b>6</b> 10:00am <b>Summer Fun</b> 11:30am <b>Youth Group</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Women's AA <b>Carol Off</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00am <b>Quilters</b> 10:30am <b>Elm Hill Svc</b>
<b>13</b> 11:30am <b>ONA Video</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00am <b>VBS-Canceled</b> 7:00pm Women's AA	<b>15</b> 9:00am <b>VBS-Canceled</b> 7:30pm <b>Baby Quilters</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00am <b>VBS-Canceled</b> 9:00am <b>Quilters</b>
<b>20</b> 10:00am <b>Summer Fun</b> 11:30am <b>Youth Group</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00pm Women's AA	<b>22</b> 7:00pm <b>ONA</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00am <b>Quilters</b>
<b>27</b> 11:30am <b>ONA Video</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00pm Women's AA	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:00am <b>Quilters</b>



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<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Women's AA	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00am <b>Quilters</b>
<b>17</b> 10:00am <b>Summer Fun</b> 11:30am <b>Youth Group</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Women's AA	<b>19</b> 7:30pm <b>Baby Quilters</b> <b>Jonathan on vacation</b> <b>From August 19 – Sept. 2</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00am <b>Quilters</b>
<b>24</b> 1:35pm <b>Rock Cats</b> <b>Baseball</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Women's AA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00pm <b>Quilters</b>
<b>31</b> 10:00am <b>Summer Fun</b>			



Will

July and August

Carol

July 31 – Aug. 5

Donna

August 6 – 18

Jonathan

August 19  
thru Sept. 2

While you are  
away this  
summer



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Keep track of  
Chapin Hall  
progress  
and much, much  
more!

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b> 5:30pm TOPS	<b>4</b> Office Closed Independence Day	<b>5</b>
<b>10</b> 5:30pm TOPS	<b>11</b> Office Closed	<b>12</b>
<b>17</b> 9:00am VBS-Cancelled 5:30pm TOPS	<b>18</b> Office Closed 9:00am VBS-Cancelled 7:30pm Wedding Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 3:00pm Wedding
<b>24</b> 5:30pm TOPS 7:00pm ONA Video	<b>25</b> Office Closed	<b>26</b>
<b>31</b> 5:30pm TOPS Carol Off		



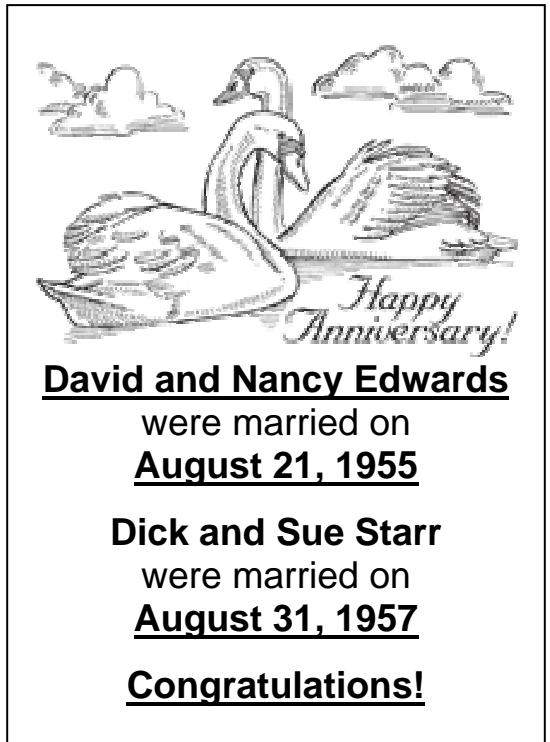
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<b>28</b> 5:30pm TOPS	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b>



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### in August

01	Jeannette Doane	17	Joyce Toft
02	Lynne Lataille		Denise Carberry
	Kathy Mosure		Brandon Knight
03	Jeffrey Glidden		Ryan Day
	Robert Durgin	18	Thelma Backe
	Jennifer Kelley	19	Bill Bartley
04	Keri Kemish		Jori Sparry
	Ryan Pipke	20	Wayne Pierson
05	Zachary Wainwright		Laura Pawlich
	Joseph Wainwright	22	Pat Raymond
06	Samantha Behlman	23	Emily McKenna
07	Linda Tokarski	24	David Edwards
	Rachel Hanson		Thompson Hunt
08	Betty Mooney	25	Lee Shippy
	Carol Harvey		Hailey Sousa
	David Peisach	26	Earl King, Jr.
	Richard Partynski		Michael Bower
09	Pat Dwyer	27	Cynthia Lupacchino
10	Peggy Adams		Michael Scribano
	Kelly Moore		Vanessa Sue Bighinatti
11	Julia Pickett	28	Paul Tine, Jr.
12	Deb Copes	29	Helen Boyd
	Kimberly Robbins		Larry Gilbert
13	Jean Holmes		Brian Sweet
	Stephanie Heneghan		Shannon Madsen
	Kim Walker	31	Lily Hill
	Gary King		Barry Wilcock
	Taylor McLean		Maryellen Szwez
14	Jim Stevens		Kathryn Knight
	Carol Baran		Doug Elliot
	Rhody Triblets		Sydney Scheirey
16	Val Scribano		
	Jacob Madsen		





# RHCC



## BOWLING LEAGUE

The 2007-2008 bowling season is over. The Holy Rollers won the first half of the year and the Pin Heads won the second half. The Holy Rollers were the overall champions. They donated their \$300 winners share to Heifer International. The Pin Heads donated their \$300 share to the 2009 New Orleans Mission Trip. The season ended with a buffet dinner at On the Border.

The 2008-2009 season will start on October 6th, 2008 when we set our averages for the year and conclude at the end of April. We meet every Monday night from 7:00 to around 9:30. We are always looking for anyone who is interested in joining the bowling league. It really doesn't matter how good you are. We have bowlers with averages in the 80's up to the 170's. Age doesn't matter either. Single, married, other; no problem. Don't have a ball or shoes? No problem either. Can't commit to every week? We may be able to pair you with a partner and you can alternate weeks.

Did you also know that the league is going to be slashing the cost of bowling this year? We're dropping the cost by nearly 15%. What a savings. If you are interested in joining, drop me a line, call me (874-9298), e-mail me [mbiglow@cox.net](mailto:mbiglow@cox.net)), talk to me in church.

Are you a returning bowler? Please let me know so I can make sure you end up on a team this year.

I plan on creating the teams in mid September, so let me know by then and I guarantee you'll have a good time.

Mark Biglow  
League President



Live outside Rocky Hill? Would you like to receive the Church Mouse by email?

Postal rates and regulations what they are, it turns out that there could be a significant savings to the church if our non-Rocky Hill church members received their newsletters by email. If you're willing, please let the office know and be sure to give us your email address. If you'd prefer to keep receiving the Mouse through the regular mail, we're happy to do that, too—but just wanted to offer the option. Thanks!

You can email the church office at: [office@rhccucc.org](mailto:office@rhccucc.org)

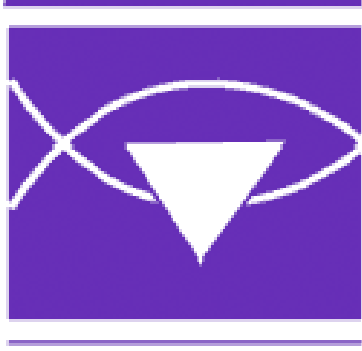


### VOICE MAIL INSTRUCTIONS

If you call the church and the Voice Mail answers, you do not have to listen to the entire message. Anytime during the message you can have the call transferred directly to the person you are trying to reach by simply keying in the following numbers:

Jonathan Lee, Sr. Minister	202	Stacie Damiana, Dir. of CE	204
Donna Manocchio, Assoc. Minister	203	Will Kanute, Dir. of Music	207
Carol Harvey, Office Secretary	201	Dick Webster, Sexton	205





## Open and Affirming Committee

Summer is a time of relaxation, reflection, and catching up. Your ONA Committee hopes that an Open and Affirming contemplation can be a part of your summer activities.

Our lending library has several books, articles, and DVDs to explore. The library is located outside the church office. Check it out. A recent addition is a DVD of the April 27 program offering by Dr. Wayne Rollins.

During July, we will continue to explore the topic of **“What is it like to be gay? How does it feel to be the object of discrimination? Personal stories from O and A churches and people we love.”** We will do so via small group discussions of video presentations. Our July schedule is as follows:

- ❖ Sunday, July 13th "Open and Affirming - A Journey of Faith" After Coffee Hour
- ❖ Tuesday, July 22nd "For the Bible Tells Me So" - 7 p.m.
- ❖ Thursday, July 24th "Open and Affirming - A Journey of Faith" - 7 p.m.
- ❖ Sunday, July 27th "For the Bible Tells Me So" - After Coffee Hour

The two videos that will be featured have been previewed by members of our committee and we believe that you will find them to be thought-provoking.

### *For the Bible Tells Me So*

Through the experiences of five very normal, Christian, American families - including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson - we discover how people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child or family member. Offering healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught between scripture and sexual identity, this landmark film boldly takes on a loaded topic and examines it both intellectually and emotionally.

Length: 98 minutes. Appropriate Age: Sr. High, Adult

### *Open and Affirming - A Journey of Faith*

Produced as a resource for congregations at the beginning point of considering whether or not to enter an Open and Affirming educational process. It is a valuable resource to churches for other reasons as well. ONA congregations will find the video helpful in further clarifying the significance of their actions. Congregations wishing to learn more about the experience of lesbian and gay Christians will find the video a good, non-threatening introduction to the topic.

Length: 60 min. Appropriate Age: Young Adult, Sr. High, Adult

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Please join us for one or more of these sessions as we explore this important issue in a more informal setting.

Michael Bower  
Laurel Cole  
Mary Dean  
Tim Dostie  
Gail Hall (chairperson)

Stephanie Heneghan  
Bill Hoffman  
Katie Hoffman-Fulda  
Pat Howland  
Bob Inderbitzen

Ron Robbins  
Tom Rolfe  
Steve Smith  
Wendy Ware

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I would like to personally thank Revs. Jonathan B. Lee and Donna K. Manocchio and church members who attended our Annual Awards Dinner to help me celebrate my Lay Person of the Year Award.

At our annual Meeting, on June 9, 2008, our own Rev. Donna Manocchio was elected as Member at Large to the CAC. I know Donna will do a great job.

On June 24, 2008 the newly converted apartments on 29 Edgewood St. were dedicated.

The Christian Activities Council annual summer educational program, Adventures in the City, will begin on June 23, 2008, for five weeks. This is an outstanding program that needs financial contributions to be able to continue to educate needy children in Hartford.

I wish everyone a happy and safe summer.

Yours in Faith,

Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio



Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank our church family for all the love and support you gave us on the death of Lenny on June.16<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you to Donna for the wonderful memorial service and to Jan LaCava and

the Reception Committee.

Deep appreciation from Nita Madden-Estra and family



We honored **all graduates** on Baccalaureate Sunday, June 22. Congratulations to all!

Ryan Bengston  
Najhaee Davis  
Robert Durgin  
Julie Fell

Karen Jensen  
Jennifer Kelley  
Kathryn Lewis  
Brett Timrud

Joseph Wainwright  
Zachary Wainwright



**Kevin Hall** graduated from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animation. Kevin will be working for an animation production company in New York City.

**Ryan Painter** graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University with a **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science** and has accepted a position as a web developer at Ortronics Corp.



**Join the Women's Fellowship** as they make **ABC Quilts** on the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. All women are welcome. You may talk to Kim Batterson Biglow for more information.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!



Come join our church family at  
the third annual trip to watch the

New Britain Rock Cats  
Sunday, August 24, 2008  
1:35 PM

(gates open at 12:05)

\$5.00 per ticket  
reserved seats, adults and children

Call the church office or  
email Donna ([associate@rhccucc.org](mailto:associate@rhccucc.org)) to reserve a spot!

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Every Sunday, the coffee served after our church service supports The United Church of Christ Coffee Project. On third Sundays of the month the Inreach Committee has available for purchase in the Parlor:

Gourmet coffee (\$6.25/each), Tea (\$3/box), Hot cocoa mix (\$5/can)

Please consider making all of your coffee and tea purchases at church! And, offer a donation for the cup of coffee you enjoy every Sunday. Now that's really "good to the last drop!"



Stepney Guild, so known for its special and unique gifts to our church, is now taking a well-earned retirement from many of its activities. We honor their service over the years and feel committed to fill some pretty big shoes!!! Of most importance is providing a reception if requested by a family after memorial/funeral services. So we need your help.....

Please consider becoming part of The Heavenly Hosts! You can be an angel, or even an archangel (co-organizer for a scheduled three-month period). Your services will be most appreciated, so please put your halo around those areas in which you would be available to help when a reception is to be provided:

Set-up    Baking    Sandwiches    Fruits/Veggie platters    Serve Day-of    Clean-up

I am available: Weekdays: \_\_\_\_\_ Weekends only: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I can be an Archangel for a three-month term (teams of two invited to sign up together, if desired) \_\_\_\_\_ (At least one available weekdays)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

P.S.: Male angels are especially welcome, too!!!

Please return to the office, or for more information contact:

Jan LaCava (529-2192) ([janetyl@aol.com](mailto:janetyl@aol.com))

Joan Diaz (613-2889) ([BigRed0416@comcast.net](mailto:BigRed0416@comcast.net))

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[The listing of prayer concerns is omitted from the online version of the newsletter.]



## COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Rocky Hill  
Food Pantry**

**July 6 and August 3.**

Please continue your efforts in offering the donation of non-perishable food items on the first Sunday of each month. We thank Bill McKinney for his prompt response in delivering our donations.

**SAVE THE DATE!** – August 16, 2008 for North Guilford Congregational Church Country Fair. This is a wonderful, old-fashioned country Fair complete with a real auction and a real auctioneer! He's a fast talker so you have to watch what you bid for! Other booths include: plants (farmer's market), linens, food, quilt raffle, jewelry, petting zoo, homemade peach cobbler and more!

**Women of Faith 2008 Conference** will be held in Boston from July 25-26<sup>th</sup> at TD Banknorth Garden. For more information go to [www.womenoffaith.com](http://www.womenoffaith.com).

**The American Red Cross** – would like us to NOT forget to donate blood during the summer months when donations are low. Please support your local blood drives. For information you may call Matt White at (860) 284-7049.

**Summer Camp Assistance Donations** – The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department is seeking financial donations for the Summer Camp Assistance Fund. This fund is designed to provide partial financial aid to lower income Rocky Hill families in sending their child to summer camp. Each year needy families may apply for partial financial aid to provide a summer camp experience for their child. This assistance fund depends on community donations to assist families with summer camp costs. Please consider a donation to help bring some joy to disadvantaged Rocky Hill children. Contributions may be mailed to:

Town of Rocky Hill Human Services  
699 Old Main Street  
Rocky Hill CT 06067

If you have any questions, please call 860 258-2799 or 258-2724.



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No matter who you are,  
Or where you are on life's journey...  
You're welcome here.

**DEADLINE FOR  
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER  
AUGUST 15TH**



**ENJOY!**