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July/August 2013 Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Services – 10:00 a.m.

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Global Missions Opportunity Overnight Trip to Heifer Farm August 3-4th

We are looking into an overnight trip to the Heifer International Farm in Rutland, MA for August 3-4th. The trip will show participants just how hard it is to live in some areas of the world by living the way they do for the day. We will have limited resources, sleep in global housing such as yurts or huts, and will get the opportunity to learn and grow our understanding about hunger around the world. Children must be in 6th grade or older. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Sarah Mosure or contact Meghan Montana (meghan.montana1105@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

From the Interim Senior Pastor



*Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something
unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through
some stages of instability—
and that it may take a very long time.*

*And so I think it is with you;
your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on,
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances
acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.*

*Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.*

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955)
Jesuit priest, theologian, scientist

During my first week at Rocky Hill Congregational Church, I had a chance to share this reflection with both the church staff and the Church Council.

It's one of the things I return to again and again, when I want or need to remember what the nature of process is, what the character of transition is like. Or when I myself am feeling the impatience of which Teilhard speaks. To be reminded that the uncertainty of "intermediate stages" is God's work in us is to be reminded that the things that disrupt us are also the things that, potentially, deepen us. And so they are good.

This is the spiritual ground on which I see transitional ministry and transitional times for congregations. Yes, yes, I know that "we should like to skip the intermediate stages." We can't. I know we are possibly "impatient." It's normal. But I also know that "it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability" and that it takes time. Nothing I have experienced in many years of ministry would make me doubt the wisdom of this as applied to churches.

In the United Church of Christ, our process for the search and call of a new pastor takes time, because it takes preparation. It takes preparation because in our system, the congregation is highly involved and selects its own pastors, and so a formative and informative process is vital. While we will not want to take more time than is necessary for this work at RHCC, we will also want to allow enough time for good grounding and good process, so that the task can be completed well. I will be working with you as a congregation, and with your leaders, to discern the appropriate timing for the process before us.

Meanwhile, it's summer....which I hope affords all of us some experience of "Sabbath" that often belongs uniquely to this season. I look forward to getting to know you all, and am grateful for the opportunity to be part of the "intermediate stages" with you for a little while.

Faithfully,

Rev. Brenda



Services at 10:00 a.m. in air-conditioned Chapin Hall, through Sunday, September 1. Nursery care is available in Room 4.

Listed below are the several lectionary texts for each Sunday. The lectionary is a three-year cycle of Scripture readings shared in common by most major Christian denominations. (The preaching text for any given Sunday may or may not be taken from these.) Reading them and

looking for thematic connections is one way to do some Biblical exploration.

July 7 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka
Communion Sunday

Scripture: Isa. 66:10-14; Ps. 66:1-9, Gal. 6:7-16,
 Lk. 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka
 Scripture: Deut. 30:9-14; Ps. 25:1-10; Col. 1:1-14;
 Lk. 10:25-37

July 21 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka
 Scripture: Amos 8:1-12; Ps. 52; Col. 1:15-28; Lk. 10:38-42

July 28 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Meghan D. Young
 Scripture: Gen. 18:20-32; Ps. 138; Col. 2:6-15; Lk. 11:1-13

August 4 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka
Communion Sunday
 Scripture: Eccl. 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23; Ps. 49:1-12; Col. 3:1-11;
 Lk. 12:13-21

August 11 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka
 Scripture: Hebrews: Gen. 15:1-6; Ps. 33:12-22;
 Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Lk. 12:32-40

August 18 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Guest Tim Rose
 As a Global Missionary, Tim has served in Lebanon, France,
 Guadeloupe and Martinique.
 Scripture: Isa. 5:1-7; Ps. 80:1-2, 8-19; Heb. 11:29-12:2;
 Lk. 12:49-56

August 25 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Meghan D. Young
 Scripture: Isa. 58:9b-14; Ps. 103:1-8; Heb. 12:18-29;
 Lk. 13:10-17.

From the DEACONS

Graduations, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Children's Day have all been celebrated. We have welcomed Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka as our Interim Minister. The days are longer and warmer, and we finally have the opportunity to try new ideas, decide what to do with longer daylight hours, decide where to go, and find simple pleasures to enjoy. Summer is a wonderful opportunity to re-focus or re-energize our faith.

For as long as I can remember, summer has been an opportunity to read and read some more. I love books and never go anywhere without one in case I find myself with a few minutes to forget I am in the dentist office or an equally exciting place. Almost every Connecticut library has a summer reading program for all ages. You are encouraged to read with the hope of winning prizes, kick-off parties, and a grand finale party. The summer after first grade I joined my first library reading program. I was hooked and spent a portion of most summer days at the one-room library in Hartford, KY. That was the beginning of my fascination with libraries.

Are you joining a library summer reading program? Do you have a summer reading list? It is easy in the excitement of summer activities to let our time in God's word slip. So, why not put the Bible at the top of that reading list? You can develop a reading plan from front to back, by subject matter, or re-reading those wonderful Bible Stories of our childhood. Any approach is unique and satisfying, depending on your interest. The Word you are reading will impact your life.

Gail Tine

On behalf of the Diaconate

PS – Hope to see you at the library - I have joined reading programs at 3 so far.



S.P.I.R.I.T. Corner Check-in:

Church School

On Children's Worship Sunday, June 9th, the S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School planned, wrote, and led worship. With a service that focused on what it means to be disciples, we explored the gifts we have and how God calls us to use them. The Pre-K and K-1 Classes, greeted, ushered, and sent us out in peace with a beautiful benediction. The 2nd-3rd Grade class reminded us to be generous givers and beautifully called us to worship. The 4th-5th Grade class welcomed us with scripture, led us in prayer and creatively proclaimed the story of Philip and the Ethiopian official from Acts. Our 6th-8th graders led us in the prayers of the people, and shared from their hearts how they are unique and what makes each of us unique, inviting us to embrace and use our difference. Throughout the service Liz Reed-Swale, and the S.P.I.R.I.T. Church School led us in song, as we shared the music we sing in chapel. There was also time to give thanks for our passionate and seemingly tireless teachers and volunteers. What a joyous spirit filled worship!

Youth Group

Youth group had their last Youth Group night in of the church school year. Our picnic was rained out, so we stayed at the church, cooked dinner, relaxed, played games, and watched movies. Noah's Table continues to offer us space to check-in with each other, and discuss our faith. The Youth Group has decided they will continue to meet for Noah's Table throughout the summer as well as various mission projects.

Gatherings

Koinonia 2013 focused on celebrating God's creation over four nights of creative faith formation. It was great week of intergenerational sharing and learning, as we grew together in faith and fellowship. We explored what it means to be created in the image of God, what it means to be part of creation, and how we can be active disciples within the wonder, beauty, and mystery of God's creation. We shared our own stories of being created, and the struggles we encounter as disciples. Telling our stories through art, worship, mission, breaking bread, sharing, and learning, we experienced four nights of spirit filled faith formation!

S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Programming

There will be limited S.P.I.R.I.T. programming throughout the summer. We will be offering programming for PreK-5th graders during church on several Sundays. (See dates below). Through fun activities and engaging fellowship we will focus on the "Fruit of the Spirit".

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: Nursery Volunteers are needed for July and August. If you are interested in volunteering in the Nursery during Sunday morning worship, please contact a member of the Childcare Committee (Kari McCaw-Blaise, Liz Pulling, and Liz Reed-Swale) at RHCCchildcare@gmail.com for more information. You can also sign-up outside the Nursery.

S.P.I.R.I.T. Summer Volunteers – If you are interested in helping with any of our summer programming, whether it be teaching, baking, sharing a craft, telling a story, sharing music, assisting with the nursery, being a safe church volunteer, coordinating, or setting up, please email Meghan at meghan@rhccucc.org.

Here's What's Happening This Summer...

S.P.I.R.I.T Summer Sunday Programming: For Pre-K – 5th graders during the 10 AM Service.

Date	Scripture/Lesson
Sunday, June 30	Fruit of the Spirit: Patience
Sunday, July 14	Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness
Sunday, July 28	Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness
Sunday, August 11	Fruit of the Spirit: Joy
Sunday, August 25	Fruit of the Spirit: Responsibility

***Families are encouraged to join us for worship throughout the summer.**

Special children's programs will be provided.

Youth Group Calendar: July & August

Date	Fellowship Gatherings
Noah's Table (6 th -12 th Grade)	Noah's Table will meet throughout the summer, for faith discussion and fellowship, from 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Mission Projects	Youth Group will meet throughout the summer for various service projects in the greater Hartford area. <i>Stay tuned for more details.</i>



Rocky Hill Food Pantry Donations Needed

The Town of Rocky Hill Human Services Department is in need of donations for our food pantry which is maintained for our disadvantaged residents. Our food pantry has a variety of non-perishable food items that are available for

qualified residents. Donations from various churches, community groups and individuals provide the supply for the pantry but **our supply at this time is very low**. If you are interested in more information or would like to donate to the food pantry please drop off donations at the address below or call 860-258-2799 or 258-2724. Please be aware the expiration dates on donations as we cannot take any donations that are expired. Examples of items needed are: Canned Tuna/Chicken, Granola Bars, Cereal, Juice Boxes, Canned Fruit, Rice, Potatoes, Soup, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pasta & Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Kid Friendly Snacks, Paper Products or Sanitary Items (Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Baby Wipes, Laundry Detergent).

Human Services

699 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

From the MODERATOR...

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

Welcome Pastor Brenda!

Members of the Church Council welcomed The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka at our meeting on June 11, 2013. Pastor Brenda was called to our congregation as our Interim Senior Pastor following the faithful search-and-call completed by a group of the Deacons: Don Pagnucco, Candace Smith, Elaine Somes, and Gail Tine.

Pastor Brenda has much experience serving in congregations as both a settled pastor and as a transitional (interim) pastor. She joins our staff ministry team which includes Pastor Meghan Young--Acting Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, and Mary DeLibero--Minister of Music. And so, steadfast in our commitment to continue the ministry Christ began, our journey together continues--pastors and people--each of us servants of Christ and servants to one another.

Call for Search Committee Nominations

God is calling each of us to this time of interim ministry leading to a newly called Senior Pastor. The Ministerial Search Committee is a particular group charged with the specific work of seeking a new Senior Pastor. Our church has defined the make-up of this committee as one member of each Board (Diaconate, Missions, Trustees, and Faith Formation), one member of the Music Committee, one member of the Stewardship Committee and three members of the church who are not a member of a Board or either of the two represented Committees.

Perhaps you know of someone who might carefully and prayerfully serve on that committee. **The Church Council is accepting nominations for the Search Committee through August 31.** To make a nomination, or to volunteer your own name to serve on the Search Committee, please contact any member of the Church Council (listed below), or submit your nomination to the Moderator's church office mailbox. You can also email Bob Inderbitzen, **rinderbitzen@cox.net**. The Church Council will assemble a slate of candidates

from these nominations for Congregation's approval at a Special Meeting this fall.

You Can Help!

We enter this next season of our lives together NOT as a "temporary" time, but rather as a time to be intentional about defining who we are as a united church. Here are some ways you can help:

- **Come to church on Sunday.** Our gathering for worship on Sundays is pleasing to God. We take time-out to give thanks and praise to God—in word, in song, in prayer, and in gathering. Sunday worship brings us closer to being the church where "they may all be one" (John 17:21). If you're able to come to church...come, please.
- **Participate.** Christ's ministry requires participation. Each week, there are a variety of opportunities to participate in the ministry and mission of this community. Each of us, created in God's own image, has something to offer: time, talent, treasure. Come discover your gifts of discipleship. Come find your place!

Peace,
Bob Inderbitzen

2013/2014 Church Council

Moderator, Bob Inderbitzen

Clerk, Marsha Hoffman

Treasurer, Dave Hall

Diaconate, Don Pagnucco

Board of Trustees, Lynne Lataille

Board for Missions, Meghan Montana

Board for Faith Formation, Caryn Doten

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At-Large, Bob Carberry

At-Large, VACANT

Acting Associate Pastor for Faith Formation, Meghan Young

Interim Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-Faszczka

The next Council Meeting is July 9 at 7:00pm.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
	1 10:30am Apple Rehab 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	2	3 9:00am Quilters
7 10:00am Worship in Chapin Hall Communion	8 2:00 Lodge Service 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA 7:00pm RHCCNS Mtg	9 8:30am Breakfast Club 7:00pm Council	10 9:00am Quilters
14 10:00am Worship Chapin Hall	15 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	16	17 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Community Event
21 10:00am Worship Chapin Hall	22 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	23 10:00am Kaplan	24 9:00am Quilters
28 10:00am Worship Chapin Hall	29 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	30 9:00am 5 th Tues Event 10:00am Kaplan	31 9:00am Quilters

AUGUST 2013

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4 10:00am Worship Chapin Hall	5 5:30pm Yoga w/Lynn 7:00pm Women's AA	6 10:00am Kaplan	7 9:00am Quilters 10:30am Apple Rehab
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn
11 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 6:30pm Movie/Dinner
18 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn
25 10:00pm Kaplan 5:30pm TOPS 8:00pm Men's AA	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 8:30am Yoga w/Lynn 2:00pm Anniversary party

STAY IN THE LOOP!

During the summer months when you can't make it to church why don't you:

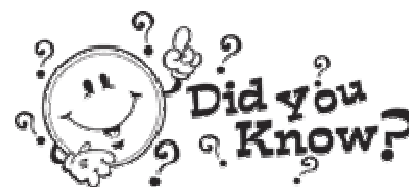


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You can:

Read Sermons
Look at pictures
Read Newsletters,
Listen to Music,
Read Worship Bulletins,
and much, much more!

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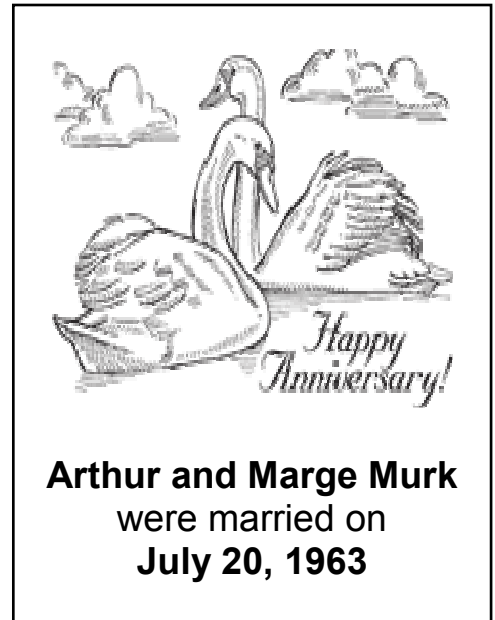
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July Birthdays

1	Russell Sheathelm	16	Anne Vazquez
3	Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio	17	Brandon Knight
	Maxwell Rowe	18	Donovan Alferi
4	Nita Madden-Estra		Barbara Graves
	Anthony Marcucci		Kari Funk
5	Frank Vann	19	Amy Cooke
	Del Buswell		Lynn McKenna
	Fidie Lane		Anne Vazquez
	Janice Rousseau	20	Trevor Charamut
	Tom Reed-Swale	21	Francis DiRenzo, Jr.
7	Rusty Miller-Jean	23	Mark Gengenbach
	Ray Gagnon	24	Janet Hansen
	Brian Geddes	26	Audrey Titcomb
	Patience Coleman		Bill Pirre, Jr.
8	Glen Schultz	27	Albert Griswold, III
	Amy MacNeil		Merri-Lynn Moore
	Tom Rolfe		C J Mason
9	Nancy Wilcock	28	Christopher Yorgensen
10	Ruth Jensen		Jeremy Ross
	Sean Mullins		Kyle Decker
12	Paul Laporte	30	Mark Biglow
	Scott Benson		Chris Palazzolo
15	Dave Sageman		Jaclyn Elliot
	Heather Lizotte		Sarah McGowan
	Terry Wine	31	Nanci Harvey
	Scott DiMartino		Laurie Tuohey
	Emily DiMartino		Eric Jensen
	Alex Jutras		Douglas Graham
16	Doug Robbins		
	Jocelyn Harvey		
	Maley Hunt		

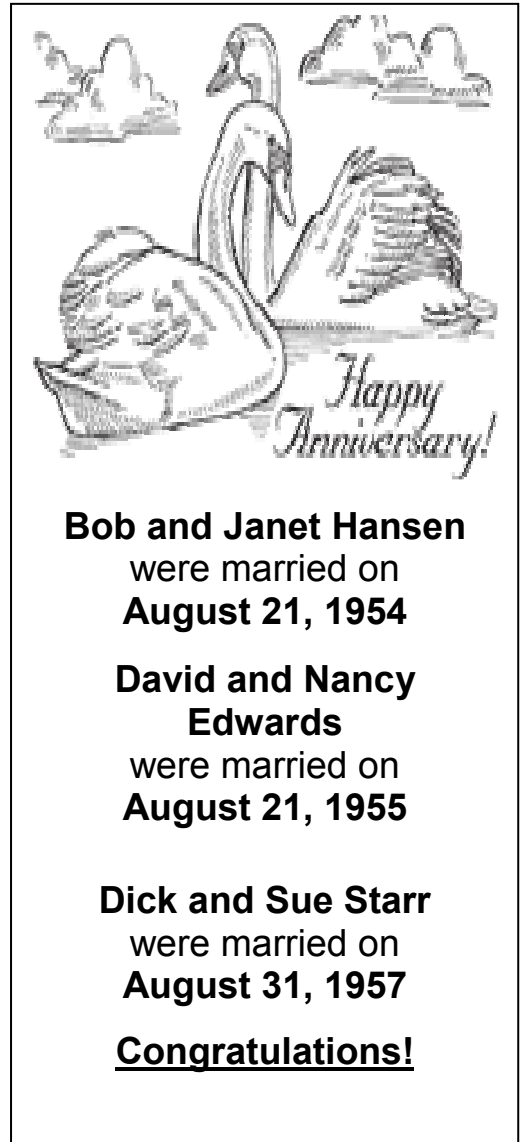


Don't Forget
Breakfast Club
 Tuesday
July 9 and August 13
 8:30 am
 Bob's Coffee Shop
 33 New Britain Avenue
 Rocky Hill
**Join us for coffee,
 conversation, and
 community**

Meghan Young, our Acting Associate Pastor, has moved her office from the second floor to the Associate Pastor's office across from the Fiorilli Room. Her new phone extension number is **203**.

August Birthdays

1 Jeannette Doane	16 Val Scribano
2 Lynne Lataille	16 Jacob Madsen
Kathy Mosure	17 Joyce Toft
Taylor Ryan	Denise Carberry
3 Jennifer Kelley	Molly Morgan
4 Ryan Pipke	18 Thelma Backe
6 Samantha Behlman	19 Bill Bartley
7 Linda Tokarski	20 Wayne Pierson
Noah Dion	Laura Pawlich
8 Betty Mooney	23 Emily McKenna
Galen Deming	24 David Edwards
David Peisach	Thompson Hunt
David Rodriguez	25 Lee Shippy
10 Kelly Moore	26 Michael Bower
11 Julia Pickett	27 Cynthia Lupacchino
12 Madeline Cardello	Michael Scribano
Deb Copes	Vanessa Sue Bighinatti
Kimberly Robbins	Persephone Blaise
13 Jean Holmes	28 Charles Vassilopoulos
Stephanie Heneghan	Paul Tine Jr.
Kim Walker	29 Larry Gilbert
Gary King	Shannon Madsen
Taylor McLean	31 Lily Hill
14 Jim Stevens	Barry Wilcock
Carol Baran	Kathryn Knight
Rhody Triblets	Doug Elliot
15 Tia Sheathelm	



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:

Brenda Pelc-Faszczka	202	Mary DeLibero, Minister of Music	207
Interim Senior Pastor			
Meghan Young, Acting Associate	203	Custodian	205
Pastor for Faith Formation			
Office	201	RHCCNS (Nursery School)	208



Global and Local Mission

*"It's good to do uncomfortable things. It's weight training for life."
- Anne Lamott*

Summer is here! Flip flops, cookouts, fireworks, and lemonade abound as the faint sounds of the ice cream truck flow through our neighborhoods and our children's minds. For many of us, summer is a time of warm days and nights, vacations, and time spent with our families. As we enjoy these times, let us not forget that for many in our communities, summer is not a "break". Summer means no school lunches to help with hunger, no teachers to rely on for emotional support, and a strain to find child care for parents who have no choice but to work.

While you celebrate the warm weather this year, keep in your thoughts and prayers those who struggle. When you have cookouts, collect non-perishable food items...when you need something to do with the kids, volunteer to play Bingo at Peter's Retreat. Go out of your comfort zone just a bit to find new ways to give abundantly of your time and talents this summer. As you do, you will feel the warmth of God's grace wrap around your hearts as the sunshine wraps around your shoulders.

In Faith,
Meghan Montana
Chair – Board for Missions

Upcoming Events:

On August 18th we will be hosting Global Missionary Tim Rose...look for more information about his visit with us in the coming months!

New Programs:

In June, the Missions Board approved a \$1,000 donation to our fellow UCC church Amistad, UCC in Hartford in support of sending 5 of their youth to attend Synod this year in California. Amistad had done several fundraising efforts but were not able to reach their goal completely and had some outstanding funds needed for the trip. We were able to help with a portion of that need along with a few other UCC churches in the conference. We wish the youth of Amistad a safe trip and can't wait to hear about all they have experience at Synod!

Over the next two months, your generosity will help the following:

Operation Fuel	\$1,600
Christian Activities Council	\$2,000
Hands on Hartford	\$600
Inyana	\$1,000



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Sarah Mosure, valedictorian Cromwell High school

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Meghan Elaine Wilcock graduated Cum Laude from Roanoke College, with a Bachelors of Science in French

Maley W. Hunt graduated cum laude from the George Washington University, Washington, D.C., with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and a minor in Public Health

HARTFORD SEMINARY

Lisa Eleck earned a graduate certificate in Women's Leadership Institute.

Zulu Lemtur earned a certificate from the International Peacemakers Program.

2013-2014 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

A note from Trustees...The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that two of our congregation have been awarded scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year, **Sarah Mosure** and **Joe Malespini**. Sarah will be a freshman at UCONN in the Fall. Joe will be a sophomore at Penn State. We wish them the best in their efforts and thank them for their excellence.

Board of Directors Meeting:

On May 20, 2013, after a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Christian Activities Council would provide mortgages for qualified buyers for the Edgewood Street condominiums. As you well know, I've written extensively over the period of several years regarding these condos which continue to severely impact us financially.

Long Range Planning Committee:

We had a very productive meeting concerning our long range goals. The following are our five major goals through 2016.

1. Goal one: Be an empowering presence and a catalytic force committed to addressing the ravages of poverty and improving the lives of the poor and downtrodden in Greater Hartford.
2. Goal two: Expand efforts to address disparities in and remove systemic barriers to housing, health care, education, and employment in the Greater Hartford region.
3. Goal three: Leverage existing and build new strategic alliances to advance goals relating to community stabilization and neighborhood revitalization.
4. Goal four: Expand and fortify the CAC's reputation for leadership in urban ministry as an advocate for the poor, a prophetic voice for social justice, and a builder of coalitions to address issues of common good.
5. Goal five: Build sustainable organizational capacity – human, financial, and physical resources – that supports attainment of CAC's goals and enhances its value-adding impact in the community.

Adventure In The City:

Very soon this outstanding summer school program will begin. Reverend Edwin Ayala, our Executive Director, and the entire Christian Activities Council are deeply thankful for Rocky Hill Congregational Church's financial contribution of \$3,500. We will enrich the lives of hundreds of children and make their future brighter.

Volunteers:

As always, we at the Christian Activities Council are asking for volunteers from our supporting churches. If you have expertise in computers, financials, minor construction, Adventures in the City, or maybe gardening, please contact myself at 860-257-81787, or our Executive Director, Reverend Edwin Ayala, at the CAC's office – 860-527-9860.

God Bless.

Rich Pawlich-Pagliccio

Delegate, Member Board of Directors

News from your Fair Committee

We would like to thank all of you who came out to our Memorial Day Refreshment Stand. We were once again "in luck with a buck" and made \$300 !! We were blessed with a beautiful day and were able to cheer on many of the younger members of the congregation who participated in the parade.

The dog days of summer are approaching and what better time to start to think about the Country Fair! Saturday, October 19th is in the not too distant future and we want to provide you with our "wish list" of things we need

The Silent Auction would love for you to think of them when purchasing your Scripture gift cards - why not pick up an "extra" one to donate? If you have a vacation home you would like to offer or goods and services (i.e. landscaping, handyman for a day etc.) that is also a very popular item to auction. If you are a frequent shopper or client of a particular salon, consider asking the establishment for a donation to our fair.

The Jewelry Boutique is looking for women's, children's and men's jewelry, as well as purses, scarves, and hats.

The Bakery is going to have cookie jars available for members of the congregation to pick up in advance and "fill-up" with homemade cookies.

The Toy Booth is looking for gently-used toys, games, and puzzles.

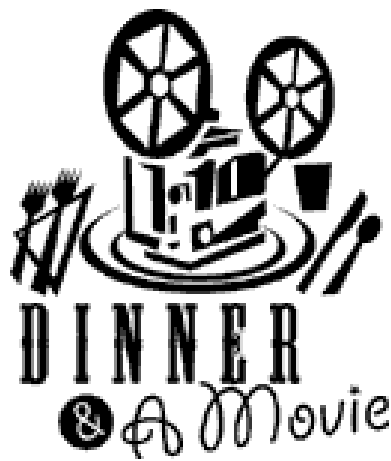
Do you have an idea for a booth? We have a room available if you would like to set-up something. We are always looking for new ways to generate interest in our fair.

If you would like to help with the fair, please contact any of our committee members.

The committee would also like to thank Jean Goff and her family who stepped up and offered to chair the Diner. We cannot have a fair without the participation of the congregation and we want to express our gratitude to everyone who helps us, so that we can extend an extravagant welcome to members of the community, as well as support our church.

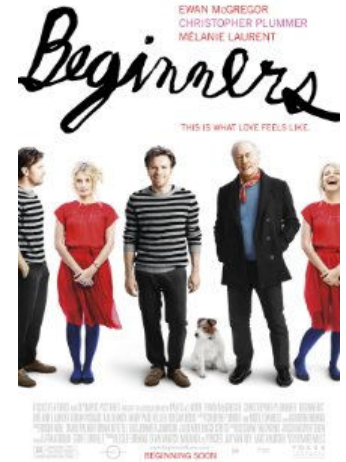
Phyllis Wilkey, James Stevens, Elaine Somes, Candy Smith, Lynn McKenna, Neal Cox, Don Pagnucco, Polly Pagnucco, Deb Copes, Nancy Flynn, Marsha Hoffman.

"Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections, some literally give their life's blood, but everyone has something to give"

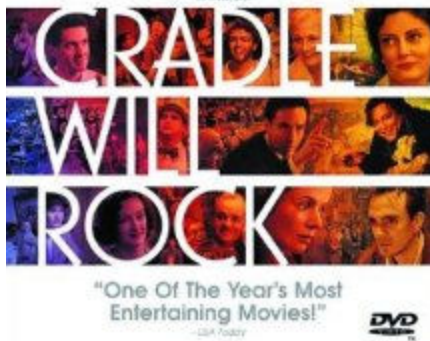


**Come and Join us
for a Pot Luck Dinner and a Movie**
on Saturday, July 13th at 6:00 PM.
The film showing is *Beginners*.

"A revelation about modern love." Golden Globe nominee Ewan McGregor, Academy Award winner Christopher Plummer and Melanie Laurent star in *Beginners*, an uplifting comedy about how funny and transformative life can be. When graphic designer Oliver (McGregor) meets free spirited Anna (Laurent) shortly after his father (Plummer) has passed away, Oliver realizes just how much of a beginner he is when it comes to long-lasting romantic love. Memories of his father, who, following the death of his wife of 45 years, came out of the closet at age 75 to live a full, energized and wonderfully tumultuous gay life, encourage Oliver to open himself up to the potential of a true relationship. Inspired by writer/director Mike Mills' own father, it's an original love story that critics cheer is smart, poignant and often hilarious!



**Come and Join us
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on Saturday, August 10th at 6:00 PM.
The film showing is *Cradle Will Rock*.

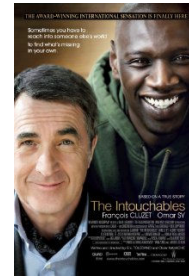


Powerful and sweeping, the critically acclaimed *Cradle Will Rock*, starring Hank Azaria, Joan Cusack, John Cusack, Bill Murray and Susan Sarandon, takes a kaleidoscopic look at the extraordinary events of the 1930s America. From high society to life on the streets, director Tim Robbins brings Depression-era New York City to vivid life. A time when the Vincis are given to millionaires who help fund the Mussolini war effort. And Nelson Rockefeller commissions Mexican artist Diego

Rivera to paint the lobby of Rockefeller Center. A time when a young Orson Welles and a troupe of passionate actors risk everything to perform the infamous musical "The Cradle Will Rock". As threats to their freedom and livelihood loom larger, they refuse to give in to censorship. Based on actual events *Cradle Will Rock* will move you.

Come and join us!
Sneak preview for September

The Intouchables



Thanks to all who have generously given books for the people of the Cheyenne River in South Dakota.

My sister, Carol Farley, and two of her grandchildren are there now for two weeks teaching summer camp reading to the children of Eagle Butte. Your donations are truly a wonderful thing!

Joan Tennyson

Congratulations to Douglas M. Sudell and Sally J. Hayes who were married on June 8 2013 by Doug's uncle, William Newell. Doug is the son of Martin and Jean Sudell.

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Silver Lake Retreat Center
Leader: Rev. Lee Ireland**



Add this to your summer reading list
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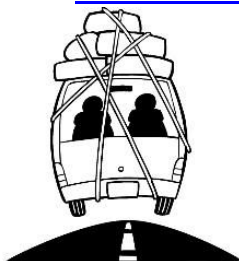
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STAFF VACATIONS

Brenda will be away from July 22 – 28 and August 19 – 25.

Meghan is on vacation from July 3 – 14 and August 5 – 11.

Mary is on vacation from June 30 – July 10 and August 11 – 24.