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MEETINGHOUSE MONTHLY



Celebrate Advent and Christmas 2010

“Messiah” is Coming!



*See Page 4 for
information*

The Services of Advent

Sunday Worship at 10:00 am
November 28, December 5, 12, 19
See page 4 for Christmas Eve
Services

Christmas Dinner and Carol Sing

Sunday, December 12 at 6:00 pm
See page 6 for details

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Speaking Pastorally...

*The Babe in the manger's here again, driving out hate and fear again;
The Godhead is drawing near again, calling the peoples home again.*



As we respond to God's prompting presence at the beginning of Advent, it is time once again to "Celebrate the Gift." This is our Sermon Series theme and focal point as we use the vehicle of the common lectionary to connect to the sacred texts of the season.

Advent is the beginning of the Christian year and is a period of waiting and preparation. The purpose is to focus on the gift of God's incredible love coming into the world in vulnerable human flesh.

But by the time this newsletter is received you may well be on the way to being absorbed into "Christmas" (which technically follows Advent.) And by "Christmas" I mean the trimmings and trappings of the commercial and secular world.

Hopefully, this Advent season can be a time of preparation, which goes beyond preparing for parties, family visits, decorating and gift buying. Take time to prepare your heart and life for the mystery of God's incarnation and the indwelling of love's new birth. Take time to light Advent candles. Take time to read scripture. Take time to read devotional material.

And if you haven't discovered an online daily devotional offered by our United Church of Christ, let me commend it to you now. It is the Stillspeaking Daily Devotional written by UCC clergy across the country (several of whom are friends and colleagues of mine) and offers a brief scripture reading, message and prayer and can come into your inbox each morning. Simply go to the UCC website at: ucc.org and click on the "Feed Your Spirit" tab at the top of the page, then click on "Daily Devotional" and sign up – it's that easy and trust me, you'll be glad you did.

And amidst everything else in December do take time to simply be...and to know God's wondrous love in your life and in the world...and take time to share that love with others of God's children who are truly in need. That's when God's incarnation truly becomes real in the world (it's the best reality show of all – to show God's love to others...)

And plan to join in worship throughout Advent as together we "Celebrate the Gift!" In the words of song we will sing each Sunday:

*"Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown when thou camest to earth for me,
But in Bethlehem's home there was found no room for thy holy nativity.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for thee!"*

In Anticipation and Preparation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David D. Young".

From Reverend Susan Murtha:

Advent Dinners At Home



It's Advent. It's Sunday night. For me, that means an Advent dinner. A few gather at my house for a simple meal made special only by moving it to a different room. The living room coffee table is fun if there are four of us, the dining room for a larger group. At the center of the table is the Advent wreath. It is around this simple symbol of the growing light of the coming Christ child that our Advent dinners are centered. Here are my most treasured and meaningful memories with family and close friends.

On the first Sunday, the first candle is lit – the candle of “Hope.” As we eat, we each share some thoughts, feelings or reflections about hope. I usually offer an open-ended question to get us going, though everyone is welcome to wander with it. The question might be, “Who has brought you God’s hope recently?” or “What is God hoping for you, at this point in your life?” So much to eat, so much to consider, so much to share! Children sometimes say, “I have to think about that” and then jump in later saying, “Is it okay if I have two things to share?” Yes, of course! The meal is warm and rich no matter what food is put on the table. On the second Sunday night both the first and second candles are lit and our reflections center on the candle of Peace. “Where do you find God’s peace?” or “When did you feel God’s peace in this past year?” And so it goes each week as we make a space within ourselves for the Christ child to be born. With the third candle we might share ... “How did God’s love come to you in the last year?” With the fourth candle ... “Where could you bring God’s joy into the world right now?” The questions vary from year to year and in accordance with the ages of children who are with us. I find that it doesn’t really matter what we ask; somehow the Spirit always flows. At the end of the meal, the candles are blown out and as they are re-lit the next Sunday, a growing spiral of light emerges through the weeks.

This simple and beautiful Advent tradition creates intimacy with one another, with our own souls and with God. The tenderness that has been shared around the table over the 24 years of this tradition is more than dear to me. We laugh, we have tears of joy and heartache, we listen more attentively and we come to know each other on a level that is otherwise hidden. And as we stretch to put words to our feelings and experiences, we also grow a spiritual vocabulary that is otherwise dormant or missing.

During this dizzying season of Christmas hustle and bustle, may you find Advent times – times set apart, times of deeper knowing, times of gentle preparation for the Christ child to be born within you.

Advent blessings,

Susan

“Messiah” is Coming!...*Continued from Page 1*

Our annual tradition of presenting the Christmas portion of Handel’s timeless masterpiece, *Messiah*, will be filling the Meetinghouse on the weekend before Christmas. Saturday, December 18, and Sunday, December 19, with performances at 4:00 p.m., often signals the start of the most magical time for many people. This year, we will have two of First Congregational Church’s family members as soloists. Carolyn Paulus will be the soprano soloist and her brother-in-law, Tom Woodman, will return to be our bass soloist. Two new faces will grace the stage this year as mezzo soprano Erika Hennings and tenor Neal Harrelson-Keyes bring their magnificent voices to our production. Be sure to invite your friends and families to this weekend of music.

There are still spots in the choir and if you’ve ever wanted to be part of this great work, why not give it a try this year? Attendance at 3 out of the 4 rehearsals is necessary. Rehearsals are December 7, 8, 14, 15 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Meetinghouse. Contact Dr. Craig Scott Symons for more information.



Celebrate the Joy of Christmas at First Congregational Church on Christmas Eve!

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| 10 AM | LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR OUR YOUNGEST FAMILIES
With White Gift* Offerings and Live Nativity |
| 4 PM | FAMILY SERVICE: “Once in Royal David’s City”
Children’s Choir Sings and Offering of White Gifts* |
| 5 PM | CAROL SING AROUND THE TREE |
| 8 PM | COMMUNION AND CAROLS |
| 11 PM | CANDLELIGHT LESSONS AND CAROLS |

* White Gifts are offerings of new clothing, toys, books or other useful items wrapped in white paper that are offered during our 10 am and 4 pm services on Christmas Eve. The white paper gives the illusion of snow under the trees in the Meetinghouse.. See next page (5) for more details.

Opportunities for Children and Family Participation on Christmas Eve:

If you and/or your children would like to read scripture, etc., or participate in the live nativities (children only at 4 PM), please let Susan or Rosemary know by Sunday, December 12.



*'Twas the night before Christmas
And all through the Meetinghouse
All the people were stirring,
...even the mouse.*

*Carrying white parcels up for the offering,
Navigating the crowd without even faltering.
Families placing their gifts under the tree;
The plentiful presents were quite a sight to see.*

*Gifts for boys and girls, young and old,
Toys and clothes to protect from the cold.
The candlelight shimmered on the objects below,
Together they appear as a blanket of snow.*

*Off to the children these goodies will fly,
Ready for giving with no need to buy.
Much happiness these gifts will bring in the year,
Giggles and smiles and maybe a tear.*

*So select a special item and wrap it up right,
Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.*

White Gifts are offerings of new clothing, toys, books or other useful items wrapped in white paper that are offered during our 10 am and 4 pm services on Christmas Eve. The white paper gives the illusion of snow under the trees in the Meetinghouse. The gifts will be sent to Covenant to Care for Children, which provides advocacy, mentoring, and direct assistance to children and youth who are neglected, abused or at risk. Warm clothes, coats, educational toys, family board games, and gift cards (for Target or Walmart for the teens) are particularly appreciated. Ribbon and bows are not necessary but **please attach a tag listing the contents including age, gender, & size.** (Hint: If you find yourself without white paper, some patterned papers reverse to white, or use white tissue paper.)

Christmas Dinner and Carol Sing

Many wonderful traditions have developed over the years here at FCCOG, not the least of which is our Annual Dinner and Carol Sing.

Join us on **December 12 at 6 pm** in the Auditorium for this wonderful event. We will gather, have dinner, enjoy some music from some of our choirs and share in a carol sing together!

Suggested donation for the meal is \$10 with a \$40 maximum per family. You can make your reservations at Coffee Hour on December 5 or by contacting the church office.



Mitten Tree

Throughout Advent the **Mitten Tree** is available in the Auditorium to accept gifts of mittens, hats, gloves and socks that will be delivered to St. Luke's Lifeworks to help warm the hands and hearts of those St. Luke's serves.



Giving Tree

There may still be gift tags available with wishes for gifts from our neighbors in Maine at H.O.M.E. and at Pilgrim Towers in Stamford. The Tree is in the Auditorium. There is a Log Book which you must sign next to the Name and Gift Tag Number of the tag(s) you take. PLEASE AFFIX THE ORIGINAL GIFT TAG TO THE PACKAGE. Deadline for returning your wrapped and tagged gift(s) is Sunday, December 12. The gifts will be delivered to Maine and to Pilgrim Towers that week.



Christmas Tree Sale

One of the ways that we increase the amount we are able to share through the Outreach budget of FCCOG is through our Annual Christmas Tree Sale. Our trees (and wreaths, garlands and kissing balls) arrived Saturday, November 27 and we began selling as soon as the truck was unloaded. Here's where you come in...**Buy trees and other items from us!!!** Sales will continue each weekend in December until trees are sold out.



Alone for Christmas?

If you or anyone you know is without a place to go on Christmas and would like to join with others from our congregation for the holiday, please let one of the pastors know.

Is there room at your table?

If you would like to host someone at your Christmas, please let one of the pastors know.

Church School

5th Graders Return to Pilgrim Towers:

In October, the Church School 5th grade class visited the residents of Pilgrim Towers, shared lunch, sang songs and started a pen pal exchange. Some of the Children's Choir members even sang an a cappella version of Cantate. Dr. John would have been so proud. The children and some of their parents will visit again on December 12 to share some holiday cheer!



Susan's Children's Message on Ingathering Sunday



*Harvest Sunday
November 21, 2010*



*2010 H.O.M.E.
Craft Show*



Flu Vaccines

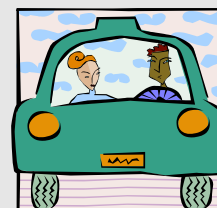
It's not too late to get the 2010-2011 seasonal flu shot. This year's vaccine includes protection against the H1N1 virus that wreaked havoc with young adults last year. The Wellness Committee will continue to offer flu shots in Room 203 on Sundays after Worship from 11:00 to 11:45 am while supplies last. Vaccines will be administered by a Registered Nurse on a first-come, first-serve basis to people 18 years of age or older who bring payment of \$30 cash or check (made out to FCCOG). We are unable to bill insurances, but we will happily provide a receipt. Individuals under 18 should see their primary physician for the vaccine.



Have a blessed and healthy Advent season.

Senior Transportation – Call-A-Ride

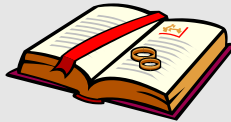
If you are over sixty and need a ride to doctors' appointments, the pharmacy, grocery stores, physical therapists, the library, the Senior Center or even to visit with friends, Call-A-Ride is ready to give you a free ride within Greenwich between the hours of 9:00am and 3:30pm. Our volunteer drivers are most happy to accommodate you. Just call our office to make an appointment. The First Congregational Church is one of the founding sponsors of this program and continues to participate through its Outreach program. Call-A-Ride: 203-661-6633



Bible Study

We finished the study of Exodus last month with dancing in front of the golden calf, an angry Moses having to come up with more tablets because he broke the originals (what would they have fetched on eBay?) and all sorts of other adventures. Then -- no rest for the weary -- it's time to begin reading Luke for a new Bible Study offering beginning the second Sunday of January 2011 (we meet Sundays at 11:15 am and Tuesdays at 7:30 pm). Sure, you can cheat a little bit with Christmas readings, but that is not going to let you off the hook.

Join us in the new year!



Environmental Mission Team Catalog Project

The Environmental Mission Team would like to help you stop delivery of all of those unwanted catalogs which use so much paper and clog your mailbox. Just tear off the back page of those unwanted catalogs and leave them in the Church office in the envelope marked "Environmental Mission Team Catalog Project." A member of the team will either call the catalog publisher or fax them a request to stop delivery of the unwanted catalog. If you prefer, you may request the cancellation yourself. It usually takes a month or two for the publishers to remove a name from their mailing list, but it's a good move toward saving natural resources.



Thanks for being a part of this endeavor!



Christmas Memory/Honor Flowers and Decorations

The Chancel Committee invites contributions for decorations for the Meetinghouse this Christmas. Any amount is welcome. Please deliver the completed form with your check to the Church Office (payable to the First Congregational Church Flower Fund) on or before Sunday, December 12. Thank you.

In Memory/Honor of

By

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____

Getting It Right

Since David's sermon kicking off our 2011 Stewardship campaign on October 17 we have, as of November 29, received 231 pledges of financial support for the programs and ministries of First Congregational Church in the coming year. We hope that those who have not yet made their commitment known will return their pledge card soon enough for us to report a number at least twice that size in the next Meetinghouse Monthly. Meanwhile, the Board of Trustees gratefully acknowledges pledges from the following members and friends, as well as those who wish to remain anonymous:

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Debbie Bocchino	Natalie & Billy Frenz	Greg & Kimberly Kuppenheimer	Joyce Nye
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Don & Ginny Breismeister	John Fryback	Fred & Nanette Laffan	Paul & Lynn O'Gorman
Janet Brooks	Barbara Gaulocher	Rosemary Lamie	Paul & Cara Olmsted
George & Jean Bruder	Pat Geismar	Frank & Carole Lang	Eleanore Olsen
Virginia Burgess	John & Jan Gelb	Tad & Pat Larrabee	Ken & Erna Olson
Jane Campbell	Paul & Lauren Ghaffari	Mary Leinbach	Ed & Barbara Oppedisano
Chris Cantwell	Richard & Susan Gilbert	Mary Lennon	Nancy Palamarcuik
J. Robert Carey	Lile Gibbons	Catherine Lepoutre	Dick Peebles & Doug Bloom
Judy Chapman	Justin & Roxanne Goh	Clem & Jenny Lepoutre	Bill & Mary Jane Penwell
Glen Chidsey	Ann Goodson	Ginge Liddel	Todd & Kelly Phillips
Mary Ann Chidsey	Al & Judy Gordon	Ruth Lindegren	Steve & Nancy Pierson
Carolyn Colegrove	Tony & Sally Graham	Bobbie Littlefield	Hans & Sandra Plickert
Sally Colegrove	Dale Greene	Chuck & Marcia Livingston	Patricia Pollack
Thelma Colegrove	Helen Grimm	Mario & Lilian Lotufo	Jack & Judy Provoost
Judy Coleman	George Handley	Robin Loughman	Frank & Marie Preucil
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Norman & Dolores Collins	Lorry & Barbara Hathaway	John & Mary Maarbjerg	Sandra Radosh
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 Dan Vandivort & Marie Pipitone
 Don & Connie Van Rhyn
 Cornelia Veith

Kurt & Story von Holzhausen
 Peter & Katharine Wall
 Connie Walton
 Jeff & Jean Watkins
 Mary Webster
 Robert & Nancy Weeks
 Arthur & Cathie Weigner
 Stephen Weigner
 Car Westbrook
 Chuck & Debbie Wheelock
 Lynn White Montanari
 Tom & Lori White
 Peggy Whitlock
 Betty Wiiken
 Susan Wilder

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 David & Ardith Williams
 Webb & Sally Williams
 Nancy Wolf
 Rick Woodman & Carolyn Paulus
 Chris & Pam Wurst
 Jane Yates
 Marge York
 David & Michelle Young
 Kirk & Karen Young
 Frank Zavattaro
 Xin Yun & Pei Fan Zhang
 John & Nancy Ziac
 Josh & Emily Ziac

The First Congregational Church Welcomes Our New Members...



Pamela & Richard Riggs
with Kristen



Kurt & Story von Holzhausen
with Jake and Abby



Mia & Jorn Simonsen
with Niklas



Reverend Susan Murtha



Chip & Kim Schenk
with Jackson

From the Parish Nurse... *'Tis the Season* By Sue Asselin, RN

Medicare part D

It's that time of year again...well, yes, Advent, but also time for those with Medicare to review and choose their Medicare part D prescription drug plan. Open enrollment period is November 15 through December 31. Some changes in the Medicare program for 2011 include: Brand name medications will be priced at 50% of retail rather than 100% of retail during the "donut hole" and next year 34 Medicare Part D plans will be offered in Connecticut – down from 48 in 2010. Don't know what a drug plan donut hole is? New to Medicare? Need help sorting through the choices? Fear not! Help is available. No-cost counseling is offered for Medicare Part D plans through the Town of Greenwich, and also here at FCCOG. Individual counseling sessions include internet navigation and comparison of plans. For an appointment with a Town of Greenwich counselor, call the Commission on Aging office at 203-862-6710. For an appointment with your parish nurse or our FCCOG volunteer insurance counselor, Art Robinson, call your Parish Nurse, Sue Asselin at extension 21.



2011 Mission Trip and Fundraiser

Well, the Youth have spoken and the location for our 2011 Mission Trip is Belize. The details of our project will become more focused as we get closer to our trip (our project is determined by need at the time of our arrival) but will include components of working with children and youth and some hands-on labor. We will depart February 13 and return February 20. For those who will need to miss some days of school, please know that all area schools have been quite supportive of this project and have historically provided excused absences for the time you'll miss. For additional information on the trip, or to sign up, please contact Mark Montgomery at the church office.

To assist in funding the trip, we will have our first ever fundraiser to benefit the Youth Arts and Outreach programs of FCCOG. The Fundraiser, a Dinner Cabaret and Auction will take place on January 28. The encore performance will take place on the 29th (there will be no auction component on the 29th) To make this fundraiser a success, we need your help. Here's How:

- **Auditions:** Auditions for the cabaret will be on December 5 from 2:30 - 4:00 and on December 6 from 5:00-7:00. You do not need to sign up for an audition time slot, just show up with a prepared piece (accompaniment will be provided). Auditions are open to Senior High Youth and Adults.
- **Auction:** Would you be willing to donate a week's stay at your vacation home? How about a day on your sailboat? Free voice/piano/flute lessons? We will be collecting items to auction at the fundraising event. The auction will happen in two ways: a silent auction to take place leading up to the event with the winners of the items being announced on the 28th...and an actual verbal auction to take place on the evening of the 28th.
- **Volunteers:** We can use stage hands, cooks, artists and lots of other volunteers to pull this off! Want to be a part of it? Just let us know!!
- **Audience:** Finally, come to the shows in January....go ahead and mark your calendars now! Additional details will be available following our auditions and tickets will go on sale in January!

Hunger Mission Team Update for December



As we move beyond Thanksgiving and into Advent, I feel it is important to take a moment to count our blessings and give thanks to all who have contributed to the success of the Hunger Mission work.

Thank you to the Hunger Mission Team members for their enthusiasm and commitment to our mission.

Thank you to all who have contributed to our weekly food collection for Neighbor to Neighbor.

Thank you to our team that serves chili at the New Covenant House of Hospitality the first Monday of every month. The members of this committed team are:

- Bill and Mary Jane Penwell
- Cyndy Anderson
- Janet Sotzing
- Judy and Gary Miller

Thank you to the following for shopping and cooking the chili over the course of the past year:

January: David and Michelle Young and family

February: Hunger Mission Team members

March: The Assing family

April: The Mohn and Reynolds families

May: The Olsson family

June: Inge Thalheim and family

August: Tom Mahoney and Nancy Fountain

October: The Leidy and Ekernas families

November: Marilyn Derr and family

December: Nancy Fountain and Tom Mahoney

Thank you in advance to the following for signing up for the 2011 schedule:

January: The Bennett family

February: Church School 5th Grade

March: Meg Stewart – Girl Scouts

April: The Angel-Lalanne Family

If you are interested in learning more about what is involved in shopping and cooking for the New Covenant House for Hospitality, email Sheila Bennett at fccoghungermission@gmail.com. We are currently booked through April. This is a wonderful way to make a contribution to local hunger while engaging family, friends, your scout troop or Church School class.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/01 Wallace Jansen	12/07 Holly Hanbury-Brown	12/15 Alex Sibirzeff	12/25 Dale M Greene
12/01 Susan Cohen	12/07 Jillian Leigh	12/15 Ellie Dempsey	12/25 Kellie Norrgard
12/01 Kathy Fraser	12/07 Lucas Dell'Abate	12/16 Barbara Richmond	12/25 Mark Sproule
12/02 Frank Preucil	12/08 William Savage	12/16 Anne Sherrerd	12/25 Parker Bonnell
12/02 Barbara Luce	12/08 Edward Mendelsohn	12/16 Jennifer Breismeister	12/25 Grace Kim-E
12/02 Judith Chapman	12/09 Polly Koehler	12/16 Ashley Tufts	12/25 John Gabriel Freeman
12/02 William Sandberg	12/09 Joyce French	12/16 Emily Weir	12/26 Stephanie Hanbury-Brown
12/02 Ted Carter	12/09 Barbara Norrgard	12/16 James Willard	12/26 Tyler Sandberg
12/02 Abby Huth	12/09 Elizabeth Bonsal	12/17 Caralliene Westbrook	12/27 Julie Smith Koppenheffer
12/03 Elizabeth Janis	12/09 Cathy Sibirzeff	12/17 Patricia Mendelsohn	12/27 John Gordon
12/03 Lauren Bacon	12/09 Joshua Ziac	12/17 Lise McDonald	12/27 Philip Thalheim
12/04 Helen Ingraham	12/09 Peder Maarbjerg	12/17 Michael Provoost	12/28 Karen Robbins
12/04 Pamela Sheehy	12/09 Ivan Golodinskii	12/17 Alexander Ng-Yow	12/28 Louise Guy
12/04 Nicole Thompson	12/10 David Cowles	12/18 Jack Provoost	12/28 Linda Wilkinson
12/04 Andrew Sproule	12/10 Anne Stolley	12/18 Bobby Bailey	12/28 Suni Unger
12/04 Edward Sproule	12/10 Barbara Oppedisano	12/19 Sergio Roque	12/28 Jake Carlson
12/05 Niklas Simonsen	12/11 Mildred Wescott	12/19 Robert Luce	12/29 Diana Klingner
12/05 Dana Low	12/11 Terri Kutzen	12/19 Erin Kilmurray	12/29 Christian Burke
12/05 Fredirick Arndt	12/11 Justin Goh	12/19 Rachel Wolfe	12/29 Esther Hoekstra
12/05 Gail Halvorsen	12/11 Frank Osborn	12/19 Amanda Scopelliti	12/29 Trevor Kelly
12/05 Anne Strother	12/11 Olivia Gurciullo	12/20 Gerald Rigg	12/30 Karen McCalley
12/05 Robert Speer	12/11 Peter Gurciullo	12/21 Peter Janis	12/30 Stuart McCalley
12/05 Richard Ng-Yow	12/12 Sue Baker	12/22 Robert Burdick	12/30 Frederic Parker
12/05 Christina Pastore	12/12 Hannelore Moeckel-Rieke	12/22 John Fountain	12/30 Jeff Waggaman
12/05 Katherine Janis	12/13 Dr Ralph E Ahlberg	12/22 Drake Teeters	12/30 Benjamin Quick
12/05 Jacqueline Ryckman	12/13 Margaret York	12/22 Kristen Riggs	12/30 Jake Allen
12/06 Linnea Perelli-Minetti	12/13 Sarah Saviskas	12/23 Arthur Weigner	12/30 John Allen
12/06 John McCue	12/13 Rebecca Coleman	12/23 Will Speer	12/30 Thomas Hedrick
12/06 Paul Olmsted	12/14 Karen Pacent	12/23 Cassie Dunn	12/30 Charles Carnegie
12/06 Katherine Anderson	12/14 Alison Tierney	12/23 Lindsay Anibal	12/30 Andrew Sisley
12/07 Patricia Pollack	12/14 Sarah VanDermeer	12/24 Sandy Plickert	12/31 Adriana Seibert
12/07 Katharine Wall	12/14 Lila Jane Braddock	12/24 Andrew Schay	12/31 Jane Seel
12/07 Chris Cantwell	12/15 George Taylor	12/24 Christina Assing	12/31 William Simmons
12/07 Bonny Edwards	12/15 Theodore Allen	12/24 Wyatt Davis	12/31 Ciella Angel-Lalanne

Life Events:

Deaths:

Doris Neikirk -
November 13, 2010



*The Church Offices will be closed Monday,
December 27 for the Christmas Holiday and
Friday, December 31 for New Year's Eve.*

*The Church Offices will be open Friday,
December 24.*

The deadline for submitting material for the January Meetinghouse Monthly is December 15. Please email Barbara Wilkov, Director of Publications, at barbaraw@fccog.org or leave material in her mailbox in the Church Office.

The Meetinghouse Monthly is also available electronically. If you would like to help the church save on printing costs and reduce production time, please email Barbara to be added to a growing list of people who prefer this as an alternative to paper.



December '09



January '10



February '10



March '10



April '10



May '10



June '10



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Yesterday and Today - From Evening Guild to Nights Off



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