

MEETINGHOUSE MONTHLY

Homecoming 2011 September 18



Come to Homecoming...
 To Worship
 To Learn
 To Feast
 To Play

See inside front cover for details...

*Last Beach Service is Sunday, September 11
 at 8:00 am.*

Please plan to join us at Greenwich Point these last few
 Sunday mornings for worship (weather permitting).
 Communion is served.

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We Are Family At FCCOG!

“...though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other.”
Romans 12:5

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When?

Sunday, September 18, 2011

What Time?

10:00 am Worship, 11:30 am Celebration on the Lawn

How Much?

Donations (suggested \$5 per person/max. \$20 per family)
accepted at the food tables.

What Do I Bring to Share on the Buffet?

If your last name begins with letters A - P, salad or side.

If your last name begins with Q - Z, dessert.

Parish Life will provide the burgers, hot dogs and grilled chicken along with all of the fixings!

How Do I Sign Up?

Just call the Church Office (203-637-1791) and let us know you are coming
or sign up on the easel at Coffee Hour.



Speaking Pastorally...



When it rains, it pours!

How true it is. Hurricane Irene has come and gone – and with it a whole bunch of rain. I hope by the time this is received those of you who suffered power outages will have it restored. Fortunately, the church never lost power during the storm. For those who have had to deal with standing water in basements and other areas – I truly hope those issues have dissipated and that you are beginning to dry out. The size of Irene was incredible and from most predictions we were spared what could have been enormous damage. The call to cancel worship this past Sunday was not easy, but in retrospect it was a good decision as the town of Greenwich was in a state of emergency. Unfortunately, we missed worship and our last opportunity to hear Susan Murtha preach. If by chance this MHM reaches you by this Wednesday, August 31, please know that we are having a farewell reception for Susan from 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Memory Garden, weather permitting. If the weather does not cooperate, we will gather in the Lounge.

Susan's leaving is a sad transition in the life of our church. There were many hopes of a new and full team being in place and such an exciting prospect for the future of our congregation. Susan brought many wonderful gifts to our church and even though her time among us was very short-lived, we have been blessed in many, many ways. Her children's sermons, worship leadership, and preaching added a depth and dimension which enhanced our faith and life together. Her work with Rosemary and the church school was so helpful and engaging. Her enthusiasm across the life of the church was contagious and inspiring. And she will be missed. The sermon she would have preached this past Sunday will be in the sermon library on our website in the next few days, so please feel free to take a look at it at your convenience. While we would have liked more time with Susan, it is not to be – but we can be grateful to God for the time we have had and the many gifts she shared. Additionally, we can wish her well in whatever the next chapter brings for her – trusting that God will use her gifts to the greatest of her potential.

And now for the future here at First Congregational Church – what will it be? As the poet Robert Frost seems to know, we have "*miles to go before we sleep, miles to go before we sleep.*" There is some sorting out to do – and that will happen in the coming weeks and months as we better understand what has happened in our communal life this past year. Labor Day quickly approaches, signaling the ending of summer and the coming of fall and the school year. Very shortly we will commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with a town-wide remembrance (see page 14 for details). That day will also mark our last beach service. And then on September 18 we will celebrate our family of faith on Homecoming Sunday! And, so, we will begin again – remembering that the name Irene comes from the Greek meaning "peace." May peace be the final word that comes after all the storms of life. And may the peace of Christ keep your hearts and minds in trusting openness to his will and way in your life!

Blessings,

David D. Young

EMAIL AND ADDRESS UPDATES

Please let us know if your email and/or mailing address has changed or if you would like to receive the MHM via email.
Email barbaraw@fccog.org.

Environmental Mission Team:

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING IN GREENWICH HAS BEGUN

What Can Now Be Recycled?

Please rinse all containers, remove and recycle tops.

Do not include tissues, plastic wrap or food-contaminated items.

PLASTIC

- Bags (e.g. grocery)
- Boxes & bins
- Bottles
- Buckets & tubs
- Caps & lids
- CDs
- Egg cartons
- Jugs (e.g. milk, juice)
- Plastics #1 thru #7
- Rigid plastic (e.g. toys)
- Six-pack holders
- Styrofoam (plastic #6)



PAPER

- Blueprints
- Books (paperback & hardcover)
- Brown paper bags
- Cardboard (all types)
- Egg cartons
- Envelopes (any color)
- File folders
- Frozen food & ice cream boxes
- Frozen juice containers
- Junk mail, greeting cards, gift wrap
- Magazines & brochures
- Milk cartons & drink boxes
- Newspapers & inserts
- Office paper (any color)
- Phonebooks
- Pizza boxes (uncontaminated)
- Ream wrappers
- Shredded paper
- Stickers & address label sheets
- Sticky notes & index cards
- Take-out food containers (clean)
- Tyvek (overnight mail) envelopes
- Waxed paper

GLASS

- Bottles
- Ceramics
- Drinking glasses
- Jars
- Mirrors
- Plates & vases
- Pyrex
- Window panes

METAL

- Aerosol cans (empty)
- Aluminum foil
- Cans & lids
- Scrap metal (small items)
- Steel caps (e.g. beer bottle caps)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.greenwichct.org/recycle

From the Parish Nurse... *May I walk with you?*

By Sue Asselin, RN

As we begin another season of activity here at FCCOG, I look forward to seeing many old friends and meeting others for the first time. If you're not familiar with the role of your Parish Nurse, here are a few of the programs and services offered:



- blood pressure screenings and health consultations available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays in Room 203;
- convenient flu shots on select Sundays in the Fall;
- referrals to professionals and helpful community services;
- home visits for safety and/or home care needs assessments;
- a lending library of healing and self-help books and tapes;
- CPR classes;
- and educational events with guest speakers.

I'm here to offer information and encouragement for any healthy life style changes you are trying to make. So please, stop by Room 203 and allow me to walk with you on your journey toward greater well-being.

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### Wellness Committee

If you have an interest in helping others, consider working with the Wellness Committee. The mission of the Wellness Committee is to promote the health and well-being of the First Congregational Church parishioners and the surrounding community. This is done through a variety of programs and services, in cooperation with the staff, the congregants, and other community agencies.

The Wellness Committee acts as an advisory board to the Parish Nurse, meeting approximately every other month. Members offer ideas and insights, and assist with promotion and implementation of Wellness programs such as educational events, screening events, blood drives, and safety initiatives. Several members have a medical background, and assist with taking blood pressures on some Sundays when the Parish Nurse is not available.

We welcome anyone who has an interest in our mission to join us. A medical background sometimes leads people to us, but is not required. Varied talents will ensure our creativity and success. I invite anyone who feels called to promote the wellness of the congregation to join the Wellness Committee. Please contact me at extension 21 to become a member or to learn more.

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Red Cross Blood Drive

The FCCOG Wellness and Women's Fellowship Committees are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on *Saturday October 8*, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. We'll be looking for volunteers to make refreshments or play the piano, so look for sign-ups at coffee hours in September. And as always, blood donors are very much appreciated and appointments can be booked by calling 1-800-GIVE LIFE. Thank you for reaching out and being God's hands by helping others.



“Musical Notes”



First Music and Arts

As we enter the fall program season at First Congregational Church, a new concert series is about to be unveiled. In a name suggested by former assistant musician, Mark Swicegood, we present a full year of musical programming for “*First Music and Arts.*” Building on the successes of our *Messiah* performance, *Music for a Good Friday Evening*, and *Sunday Afternoon Live*, all these events will be included, and others will be added to create a full season of programming for the entire family and Greenwich community. In the future, we hope to include local visual artists in creative ways in association with our performing artists.

Shortly after Labor Day you will be receiving a brochure containing the entire season in more detail, and which you can share with your friends and neighbors who enjoy high quality performances.

A brief overview of the season:

Friday October 7: *Organ PLUS!*

Saturday/Sunday, December 17/18: 45th Annual *Messiah* Performance

Sunday Afternoon Live (held in the Auditorium):

Jan 8: Tod Hedrick Jazz Ensemble

Jan 22: David Browning, tenor, in an art song recital

Feb 12: Mark Nadler, cabaret piano/vocal program

Feb 26: Bryant Park Quartet, string quartet

Friday April 6: Theodore Dubois “*Seven Last Words of Christ*” Chancel Choir and Soloists, Mark Swicegood, organist

Friday May 4: Felix Mendelssohn “*Elijah*” First Congregational Church Festival Chorus and Orchestra

Friday May 11: Thomas Dahl, organist from Hamburg Germany

Our first program will be on *Friday evening, October 7* at 8:00 pm. Our Director of Music/Organist, Craig Scott Symons, will be performing a program entitled “*Organ PLUS!*”, which will feature music for organ and a variety of instruments, including piano, oboe, flute and others. You’ll be able to read more about this program in our October Meetinghouse Monthly.

First Music and Arts will be offered to the community free of charge, with a free-will offering received at each performance to support current and future performances in the series. Now is the time to start sharing this information with your friends so they can fill their calendars with our dates.

New Faces in the Chancel Choir!

This fall you will see a few new faces in the choir on Sunday mornings. This past summer, postings were made online to fill vacancies in our section leaders in the Chancel Choir. With nearly 25 responses, Director of Music, Craig Scott Symons met with over 20 qualified candidates over a period of four weeks. As a result, we are blessed to be moving our music ministry forward in new and exciting pathways in the coming year.

Because our choir typically sings all year long, and because we broadcast live on the radio each Sunday morning, it became clear that we need to have consistent leadership in all parts of the choir to ensure our choral presentations are the best we can offer in worship. Through the generosity of an anonymous congregation member, we are blessed to receive funding for an alto section leader for the coming season.

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The first of two new section leaders is mezzo soprano, Linnea Conley. In the coming months, you'll be reading more about both of them in greater detail. But for now, Linnea is married to Scott, they live in Stamford, and have a son, Michael, who is 2.5 years old. (You'll be seeing Michael on Sunday mornings after church). Linnea has a vast experience in operatic roles and was most recently in "Die Fledermaus" with the Troupers Light Opera this past April.

The second face you'll see is Christopher Pfund, who is our new tenor section leader. Chris is married to Lynette and his children are 7, 5, and 3. The oldest is Calvin, second is Warren and youngest is Cordelia. Chris and Lynette met at the Manhattan School of Music and had many an adventure during the ten years they lived in NYC. After spending the last six years up in the Hudson Valley area, they just moved, and are very excited to be living in Greenwich.

Both Linnea and Chris are excited about the opportunities to share in the ministry here at First Congregational Church. Looking to the future, there is a wide road ahead of us with many chances to enhance our worship experiences and offer our best to the God who so richly blesses each of us.

Another new musical opportunity!

Starting on *Sunday evening September 25*, we will offer a new chance to share music in the community. Conducted by Craig Scott Symons, the First Congregational Church Festival Chorus will be a large, symphonic choral organization, which has the Chancel Choir as the core group of singers, but that also includes singers from around lower Fairfield and Westchester Counties. We will rehearse once a month and culminate in our Spring Choral Festival performance on May 4 with a full performance of the epic oratorio, *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn, complete with full orchestra. Rehearsing from 7:00-9:30 pm in the Daniels Center, the Festival Chorus creates an exciting opportunity to present larger choral/orchestral works that might be out of reach for singers in smaller choirs. Carefully researching the schedules of other choirs in the area, Sunday night (and the concert date) was chosen to avoid conflicts with other community and church choir rehearsals/performances. A full rehearsal schedule will soon be available on our website.

Screams of help are heard from the Music Director's office...

Well, not really! But seriously, we are currently without an assistant musician and I am in need of some help in the administration part of the music ministry. As you have read earlier, we are expanding the opportunities to be involved in musical organizations. Some of the details needing attention are:

- Collecting personal information and managing a database of individuals (i.e. orchestra members, Festival Chorus members, etc);
- Communicating with the various groups within our organization;
- Coordinating volunteers to usher/receive offerings at concerts;
- Create mailings for publicity and posters around town;
- Maintain database of media for publicity to publicize concerts and other arts presentations here;
- Design programs for each concert and copy in the church office.

If you (this can be one or two persons) have computer skills and experience in MS Word, Excel or other computer applications (including graphic layout/design) and are willing to volunteer a few hours a week (some weeks less or not at all—like summer—some weeks more), please contact me at craigs@fccog.org or call 637-1791 ext 22.

See page 11 for more Music Opportunities...

Hunger Mission Team Update – Together We Can Make a Difference!!!

September Update

As the summer winds down, the Hunger Mission Team would like to thank the congregation for its continued support of our Mission. Below is an update of activities that occurred over the summer, as well as additional opportunities for making a difference. Please consider volunteering on September 17. See important paragraph highlighted below.

BEACH SERVICE COLLECTION

Thank you to all beach service attendees for donating food at the Beach Service over the summer months.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The food barrel will remain at the back of the Church for weekly donations. Contributions can be brought in any Sunday. When regular food shopping each week, please consider one of these items for Neighbor-To-Neighbor: CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT, DRIED BEANS, CANNED CORN, CANNED TOMATOES, CANNED MEAT, JELLY.



NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SEPTEMBER 17

The Hunger Mission Team is looking for 6 – 8 volunteers to help at Neighbor-to-Neighbor the morning of *Saturday, September 17*. This is a wonderful way to get introduced to the work that is done there – and engage with members of the Hunger Mission Team. We need help from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. A 2 hour shift is fine if you are unable to give 4 hours – 8:30 – 10:30 am, or 10:30 am – 12:30 pm. Please email Sheila Bennett at fccoghungermission@gmail.com if you can join the Team at Neighbor-to-Neighbor. Volunteers are what make it possible for Neighbor-to-Neighbor to serve OUR neighbors.

NOT AVAILABLE ON SEPTEMBER 17?

Neighbor-to-Neighbor has many opportunities for volunteering. In addition to Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, they are open on Saturdays year-round and are looking for help. If you are interested, please email Cathy Lynch at clyngh@n-to-n.org. This is a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with friends and family to do this important work.

FIRST MEETING OF THE HUNGER MISSION TEAM

Sunday, September 24. We have a very exciting project for the entire Congregation to impact: It is called *Mission:1*. From November 1 through November 11, 2011 we will join with the UCC as ONE UNITED CHURCH on a shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice. Please join us on September 24 following Coffee Hour.

International Mission Team—Second Annual Trip

What's First Congregational Church Doing in Guatemala?

Working with *Common Hope* to help kids stay in school.

In Guatemala, only 30% of children graduate from high school. Those that do finish high school are able to get jobs that elevate the standard of living of their entire extended families. Helping kids stay in school is a basic goal with a big ripple effect—one that the International Mission Team has been supporting for 2 years running.

Five volunteers from the Team traveled to Antigua, Guatemala last June to work to make a difference in a few children's lives. The surprise was in feeling the difference it made in *our* lives.

Not a total surprise, perhaps. A Team from FCCOG had been to Antigua in 2010 and reported that Common Hope was an impressive organization that knows how to make the most of eager volunteers. On both trips, Team members built simple homes, accompanied social workers on family visits, visited elementary schools, played with children, learned a lot about Guatemala and something about ourselves along the way.

Highlights of the June 2011 trip:

- With a small, but mighty, team of 5, we built a one-room house in a record 2 ½ days!
- We initiated a visit to the house that our team built in 2010. We were uplifted to see that a mother and 6 daughters had made the 2 room house a cozy home and turned a trash-strewn alley into a garden.
- Common Hope gratefully accepted the school supplies that our church donated. **Many thanks to each of you who donated and worked to assemble our contribution.**
- We observed at two public schools where Common Hope is making inroads in improving reading, first grade promotion rates, and teaching skills.
- We spent a morning teaching at the pre-school, including reading stories from the books that we donated in 2010.
- We participated in the Common Hope annual field day event. Our team won our kick-ball event and Dana Low ran the hurdles to the wild cheers of the stadium.
- As before, we worked together to be God's hands in transforming the lives of others and in doing so, we transformed our own. We personally experienced a profound experience of grace as we worked with our team at Common Hope. As a team member said in 2010, *working at Common Hope provides a sense of purpose—of doing the right thing at the right time.*

Kathy Fraser and Meg Sherman

For more information about the International Mission Team, our trip and future plans, contact Kathy Fraser (kathyfraser1@gmail.com; 203-637-1060) OR Meg Sherman (mshermangd@yahoo.com; 203-637-4867).



First Congregational Church Preschool News



Interim Director

On behalf of the Preschool Board, I am pleased to announce that we have hired an Interim Director for our Preschool, Penny Gellmann. Penny is a well known and well respected member of the Greenwich Early Childhood Education Community, serving the community for the past thirty years in her various roles. She has served as a teacher and director at Christ Church Nursery School and Director of the Hilltop Preschool. She is currently the Coordinator of the Greenwich Early Childhood Council of the United Way, a role she has held for over ten years. Penny served as the Interim Director at First Congregational Church Preschool during the 2003-2004 school year, the first of three interim jobs she has undertaken. She is delighted to be back at First Congregational Church and officially began work on August 15. Please feel free to stop by the Preschool Office and welcome Penny.

Search for a Permanent Director

The eight member Search Committee has moved into the interview phase of our search. From the 70+ resumes submitted, a resume screening committee identified the top candidates. Our goal is to find the best candidate to meet the needs of our Preschool – children, families, and staff.

About Our Preschool

The First Congregational Church Preschool offers an active preschool experience for 3 and 4 year old children. The Preschool also offers a Connecting Program for children who are eligible for kindergarten but not quite ready to attend the public school program.



Teachers encourage the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth of each child in a warm and caring atmosphere. Creativity, self-confidence and curiosity are promoted through the daily classroom routine and activities. Friendships are fostered between children and teachers through respect, sharing, caring and a good sense of humor.

2012-2013 School Year

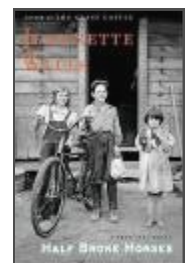
A 2012-2013 Enrollment Information Session for members of the First Congregational Church will be scheduled soon. Further information will be available in the next issue of The Meetinghouse Monthly and printed in the Sunday bulletin.

Caralliene Westbrook

Preschool Board Chair

“Hats Off” Book Study Group:

“Hats Off ” will begin again this fall on *Thursday, September 15* from 9:45-11:30 am. We will start with a quick read, *Half-Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls. Books will be available at our first meeting! Our members are encouraged to bring their ideas for our next selection to this first meeting on September 15. Any questions please call Debbie Berner at 203-629-1110.



First's Got Talent!

With a congregation as large and as diverse as First Congregational, we are certainly blessed with a talented group of musicians that enhance our worship. But with around 35 in the Chancel Choir (ages 18+), 20-25 in the Youth Choir (grades 7-12), 8-12 in the Children's Choir (grades 3-6), 5 in the Cherub Choir (kindergarten-2nd grade), plus 8 in our Palmer Handbell ensemble, and in a congregation of over 1200, there must be more musicians lurking around who will step forward and offer their talents to help grow our Music Ministry. Listed below is the schedule for our choirs and starting dates:

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: *Cherub Choir*
September 11: Sundays in room 104 11:15-11:45 a.m.

3rd Grade - 6th Grade: *Children's Choir*
September 14: Wednesdays in the Choir Room (3rd FL) 5:00-6:00 pm with a pizza dinner following rehearsal provided by the parents on a rotating schedule.

7th Grade - 12th Grade: *Youth Choir*
September 11: Sundays in the Choir Room 11:15 am-12:15 pm. (See more information about the Youth Choir to the right)

9th Grade and up: *Palmer Handbells*
September 15: Thursdays in the Meetinghouse 6:15-7:15 pm

Age 18 and up: *Chancel Choir*
September 8: Thursdays in the Choir Room 7:30-9:00 pm.

Now is the time to look at the schedule above and see where you can lend your voice or ringing talents to make our music ministry even more vibrant than it already is.

Wanted - Teenagers For Youth Choir!

The Youth Choir at First Congregational Church is one of our many blessings. As we prepare for the fall, I'd like you to encourage your 7th - 12th Graders to participate in this dynamic group.

We know that scheduling is always a challenge. Although I prefer regular attendance, I'm aware that conflicts arise from time to time. We can work

around them. Starting *Sunday, September 11*, we will rehearse weekly from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm in the Choir Room. We will sing the following week on Homecoming Sunday, September 18, but will not have our after-church rehearsal due to the picnic. The Youth Choir sings in church monthly and for festival services.

An additional bonus is the community service aspect, which not only contributes to the life of the church and the congregation, but is taken into consideration when applying for the National Honor Society.

I look forward to a bright future for the Youth Choir, full of good fellowship and inspiring music making. If you have any questions or if your child wants to give choir a try, please contact me at 203-357-9661. Thank you for your consideration and support of our music program.

Peace,
Carolyn Paulus



Homecoming is Coming!

As we wind down our summer activities and get back to fall schedules, our Homecoming Service on September 18 will be extra special. Our worship service will contain many of our choirs, gathering together for the new season and lifting their voices in praise to God, complete with a combined anthem by Children's, Youth, and Chancel Choirs. To prepare for that Sunday, we will be having a special Children's Choir rehearsal on *Saturday, September 17* from 9:30-11:00 am in the Meetinghouse. ALL children in Grades 3-6 are welcome to attend, even if you can't make it on Wednesdays during the normal rehearsal time. Please send an email to Craig at craigs@fccog.org to let him know your young people will be attending.



NEWS FROM THE RUMMAGE ROOM

The 47th GRAND REOPENING of The Rummage Room took place on Monday, August 29.

As you can see from the photo to the right, it was the usual chaotic but wonderfully successful day for shoppers, but mostly for the women's and children's missions that receive the proceeds from our Rummage Room sales. Thanks to all those who shopped and donated merchandise so that this 47th Grand Reopening could be another "best day and best week" ever. Our supporters are the life blood of The Rummage Room operation and we are grateful for all who have made it possible to give away well over \$2 million in the past 15 years.



If you missed the Grand Reopening, remember that 'new' merchandise is put out EVERY SINGLE DAY. The Rummage Room has been accumulating fall and winter goods for more than 4 months, and, because it was closed during the month of August, donations are flying in the back door. If you have donations and/or want to shop for great things, come in and we will welcome you with open arms.

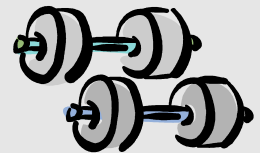
Shopping hours are 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Saturday. Donation hours are 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday, and 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Friday and Saturday. Please do not leave donations in the back or at the front door when The Rummage Room is closed. And please do not bring things that are unsalable. The test is...if you wouldn't buy it, The Rummage Room can't sell it. If we have to pay to have it hauled off, the cost comes directly out of our mission funds.

Barbara Norrgard, chair of The Rummage Room, The Rummage Room Committee, and Maria Drieghe, manager, wish to thank all of the volunteers who donated their time and talents to clean, restock, and decorate during the month of August. It takes many volunteers and many hours to perform these tasks each year. If you would consider becoming a volunteer for a couple of hours each week, please call Maria at 203-637-1875. Our newest volunteer, Doug Bloom, says he has never had so much fun!!!

And, remember, there is ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS something to be thankful for!

Faith Formation and the Spiritual Gym:

Starting *September 25*, Dan England will lead a three week study of the letters of John. Happily there are three of them. This three week course is designed for people who would like to try out the Spiritual Gym without making a long-term commitment up front.



(You know how it is, you realize your faith is a little flabby and you don't have as much spiritual stamina as you once had and you determine to do something about it. It's great for the first few weeks and then, well, you realize why you didn't want to do all this exercise in the first place or you feel so much better you want more).

So come join the throng for three Sundays and see how you like it. If you feel faith-fitter, then you can join us for the following six weeks as we delve into the Gospel of John. This is the only gym in town where we guarantee you'll gain weight -- in this case, spiritual gravitas.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09/01 Timothy Cleworth
 09/01 Warren Leibfried
 09/01 Eric Schless
 09/02 Gail Khosla
 09/02 Sarah Thalheim
 09/03 Cheryl Musgrave
 09/03 Emma Schneider
 09/04 June Freeman
 09/04 Genevieve Friend
 09/04 Grayson Lang
 09/04 Zachariah Pratt
 09/04 Heather Cook
 09/05 Wynne Delmhorst
 09/05 Nicholas Robbins
 09/05 Garyn Farn-Finz
 09/06 Phil Alexandre
 09/06 David Shrier
 09/06 Nicolas Tierney
 09/06 Jeffrey Aselin
 09/07 Dot Camp
 09/07 Todd Phillips
 09/07 Wilburn Bonnell
 09/08 Inge Thalheim
 09/08 Marilyn Ragland
 09/08 Mario Espinosa
 09/08 Christina Gregor
 09/08 Laura Miller
 09/09 Lenore Hill
 09/09 Charles Wheelock
 09/09 Robert Ingraham
 09/09 Marcus Zavattaro

09/09 Courtney Stewart
 09/09 Lindsay Olsson
 09/09 Avery Welch
 09/10 James Standish
 09/10 Sandy Burke
 09/10 Charlene Barnes Mackay
 09/10 Jane Finch
 09/10 Wells LaRiviere
 09/11 Barbara Huth
 09/11 Jason Bealer
 09/11 Yevgeniya Golodinskii
 09/12 Gerald Anderson
 09/12 Edward Oppedisano
 09/13 Meredith Sadler
 09/13 Kirsten Atkins
 09/13 Kelsey Norrgard
 09/13 Caitlin Brady
 09/14 Donna Kelly
 09/14 Debbie Osgood
 09/14 Gwen Pfetsch
 09/14 Andrew Beck
 09/15 Betsy Heberling
 09/15 Thomas Ng-Yow
 09/15 Megan Tedford
 09/15 Alison Tedford
 09/16 Ardith Williams
 09/16 Arlene Whitehill
 09/16 Donna Harrington
 09/16 Karen Baker
 09/17 A Brian Savin
 09/17 Mary Ranta

09/17 John Bates
 09/17 Amanda Young
 09/17 Christiana Lauridsen
 09/18 Gifford Reed
 09/18 Jean Serenbetz
 09/19 Nathaniel Gelb
 09/19 Gillian Wachsman
 09/19 Rebecca Kruger
 09/19 Jack Davidson
 09/20 Tina Birkic
 09/20 Phoebe Griffith
 09/20 Lauren Ghaffari
 09/20 Molly Silliphant
 09/20 William Pratt
 09/21 Patty Kolb
 09/21 John Bertuzzi
 09/21 David Stewart
 09/21 Daniel Erickson
 09/22 Elizabeth Perry
 09/22 Akintoye Ariyibi
 09/23 Hilda Cardwell
 09/23 Marc Merlin
 09/23 Jake Schinto
 09/23 Emma Pratt
 09/24 Charles McConnell
 09/24 Donna Gargagliano
 09/24 David Larrabee
 09/24 Nora Pollack
 09/24 Peter Russell
 09/24 Barbara Pagani
 09/24 Eliza Keller

09/25 William Penwell
 09/25 Christine Reynolds
 09/25 Courtney Chapman
 09/25 Martell Simpson
 09/25 Jennifer Wheaton
 09/25 Sara Anibal
 09/26 Julia Andrews
 09/26 Robert Starr
 09/26 Lorna LaRiviere
 09/26 Lisa Hudson
 09/26 MD Espinosa
 09/26 Daniel Maxwell
 09/27 Linda Hoster
 09/27 Carey Witmer
 09/27 Christopher Ziac
 09/27 Zachary Therrier
 09/28 Jean Jankovich
 09/28 Brad Hanson
 09/29 Thelma Colegrove
 09/29 Gary Miller
 09/29 Walter Jewett
 09/29 Jon Hunt
 09/29 Tyler Davis
 09/29 Beth Press
 09/30 Angela Stevens
 09/30 Erin Kelly
 09/30 Anne Savage
 09/30 Keith Inness
 09/30 Georgia Leigh
 09/30 Grace Leigh

FCCOG Preschool

Dates to Save:

Binney Park Photo Fundraiser
September 17, 18, 25

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Holiday Boutique
and Silent Auction
November 2 from
1:00 -9:00 pm

LOOK FOR FCCOG'S NEW WEBSITE!

Coming *Monday, September 19*, FCCOG will be launching a newly redesigned website...



beautiful new look and easier to navigate. Please take some time to check it out at www.fccog.org.

Please direct any feedback about the website, including corrections or adjustments to Dan England at dengland@optonline.net.

Life Events:

Baptism:

Nate Robert Braddock, son of Carrie & Derek Braddock - July 31, 2011

Deaths:

Helen Grimm - July 12, 2011
Nan Snyder - August 27, 2011

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS HOMECOMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18!

This year's theme is "We Are Family"

*In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ,
and individually we belong to each other. Romans 12:5*



Children begin in worship with their families.

6th and 7th Graders in Pastors' Class.

8th Graders can join Pastors' Class.

Stewardship and Mission will be an emphasis for all.

Register online at www.fccog.org.

Still need teachers!!!

3's, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 4th!!

You do not have to be a parent of a child in the grade to teach.
There are several spots for High School student assistants, too.

Contact Rosemary Lamie ASAP if you are interested.

Teacher training dates

Wednesday, September 7: 6:30-8:30 pm, includes dinner and child care

Sunday, September 11: 11:30 am-1:30 pm, includes lunch and child care

CHOOSE ONE and contact Rosemary to sign-up (rosemaryl@fccog.org)



*September 11th 10-Year Anniversary
Memorial Service*

6:30 pm in front of Greenwich Town Hall.
Co-sponsored by the Town of Greenwich and
the Greenwich Fellowship of Clergy

A special offering will be dedicated to the American Red Cross.



**CHILD CARE
DURING
SEPTEMBER**

Sept 4 & 11: Preschool Blue Door Classroom
Starting Sept 18: Baby Nursery in the Orange Door
Toddlers in the Blue Door

Founders' Day 2011



Lesley Schless, Senior Deacon (L);
Betsy Moore, Chair of Board of Trustees; (R)



Mary Ferry and Pat Larrabee in Colonial Garb



Find us on Facebook!

Have you heard? FCCOG is now on Facebook! Check out our page by going through fccog.org or search for "First Congregational Church of Greenwich" on Facebook. Be sure to "like" us and stay up-to-date with all the exciting happenings here at FCCOG! Tell all your friends too. It's the place to be!

FCCOG Family Volunteer Opportunity Saturday, September 17

8:30 am to 10:30 am OR 10:30 am to 12:30 am at

OPEN FOR DONATIONS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY
AND MOST SATURDAYS
8:30AM TO 12:30PM



DROP OFF DONATIONS:

CHRIST CHURCH ANNEX
248 EAST PUTNAM AVE.
GREENWICH, CT

Clothing Room

Volunteers in the Clothing Room greet donors and clients. They sort, organize and merchandise the donated clothing prior to helping our clients make their selections.

Food Pantry

Volunteers in the Food Pantry greet clients and provide them with the shopping guidelines to help the clients through our grocery store type setting. Volunteers sort and organize the donated and purchased food items and stock the shelves for our clients to make their selections. The volunteers check-out the clients and bag their groceries.

Contact Rosemary (203-637-1791 or rosemaryl@fccog.org) to join our team.

*Regular Church Office Hours, 9:00 am—400 pm, Monday—Friday,
begin Tuesday, September 6.*

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