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# MEETINGHOUSE MONTHLY



A worship service using art, dance, drama, music and the spoken word to explore what it means to be faithful people.

Sundays at 5:00 pm

In the Auditorium of First Congregational Church of Greenwich  
108 Sound Beach Avenue, Old Greenwich

For all ages! Casual dress! Casual attitude!

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Check out photos from Homecoming!



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# Homecoming 2011



## *Speaking Pastorally...*



*Anyone can count the seeds in an apple,  
but only God can count the apples in a seed.* ~ Anonymous

That “seed” thought came to me shortly before I sat down to write this column. I had just been out in the car on a rainy day when I noticed the leaves were changing and thought to myself, “when did this happen?” Fall must be coming sooner than I would prefer, and, yet, it is coming. And my mind drifted back to prior autumns and the happy memories of apple picking as a family when our children were younger. I have such vivid images of beautiful, sunny days spent on the hillside of an orchard. It didn’t take long before I was imagining the warmth of the sun, the blue sky, the blustery breeze and the scent of autumn air. In a few brief moments, I was transported away from the noise and rush of the day – sensing the rhythms of nature and its growth and fruit time – to embrace once again the wonder and care of creation.

I could actually envision the different kinds of apples in the long rows of trees. Of course we had to do a lot of tasting as we filled the sacks. The varieties of sizes, shapes, colors and tastes were always amazing! And it was our tradition to top it all off with fresh cider and piping hot donuts – while sitting in the grass discussing which had been our favorite apples.

This coming Sunday is World Communion Sunday – a symbolic day in the life of the world – as Christians around the globe affirm their connectedness to Christ and one another. This fall we are exploring what wholeness as a church body means for us. This Sunday morning’s sermon will be “Tasting Completeness.” It will be a time of being together as a family of faith and, yet, sensing our wider context beyond our own walls both for community and service. It holds the potential of being a radiant worship service mingling the sometimes difficult and painful realities of life with the joy and love of faith.

We know how to count the number of bread pieces and juice cups which are prepared when we have communion. And we could count the number of pieces and cups that go unused – thus determining the number of people who participate. But, then, anyone could do that. Only God knows the amount of faith, hope, and love that is contained in our family of faith at First Congregational Church. Sunday morning we will not be counting bread cubes or cups – rather, we will be celebrating communion by intinction as we come forward to share in the Lord’s Supper.

The presence of Christ shared in communion is an incredible gift. In fact, it is the seed of life which grows and stretches into all our tomorrows and all our becomings. Our identity as the body of Christ can move toward greater and greater wholeness thanks to the wondrous grace and love of God. In the coming days, why not sink your teeth into life and the fullness of creation – and plan to join us for worship at 10:00 am or at 5:00 pm for LINC – or both.

In the Taste of Love,



## From the Parish Nurse... *Flu Vaccine Season*

By Sue Asselin, RN

Once again this year the Wellness Committee is pleased to offer flu vaccine clinics right here at church. Consider getting the influenza vaccine in order to protect yourself and your loved ones.

### Flu Vaccine Clinics at First Congregational Church:

Sundays, October 9, 16 and 23, while supplies last, after each Worship Service  
Sunday mornings 11:00 am - 12 Noon and Sunday evenings 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Room 203  
First-come, first-served to those who bring payment of \$30 cash or check to "FCCOG"

**WHY get vaccinated?** While for some of us the flu is uncomfortable and inconvenient, for others it can be life-threatening. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) offers these facts to encourage us to be immunized: Each year influenza results in over 200,000 hospitalizations and thousands of deaths in the United States, primarily in people under 2 years old or over 65 years old. If you fall somewhere in the middle of these age groups, consider getting immunized to protect others that you come in contact with.

**WHAT is the vaccine?** There are 2 types of influenza vaccines; an injectable "flu shot" and a nasal-spray vaccine. The flu shot is the most common form and is approved for most people over 6 months old. The nasal-spray vaccine is approved for a much more limited population. Each year the vaccine contains the three most common strains of flu for the year, determined by the CDC, the World Health Organization, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. We are offering the injectable vaccine at FCCOG.



**WHO should get vaccinated?** There is plenty of supply this year and the CDC is recommending that all people over 6 months old get vaccinated to avoid getting the flu, but it is especially important for the following people:

- Anyone with a chronic health condition, including heart disease, lung disease, asthma, diabetes, anemia, kidney disease, liver disease, cancer, HIV/AIDS.
- Women who will be pregnant during the flu season (November-May).
- Household contacts of children under 6 months or high risk people (listed above).
- Health care workers.
- Very few people should *not* get the flu vaccine. Speak to your doctor if you have had an allergic reaction to eggs or to a previous influenza vaccine, or if you have a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome. If you have a fever, postpone your immunization until you are well.

**WHEN should I get vaccinated?** Vaccination is recommended from now through November, but it is still beneficial anytime during the flu season, which runs from November to May, and usually peaks in January or February. After vaccination, it takes about 2 weeks to develop immunity to the flu, which lasts up to a year.

**WHERE should I get vaccinated?** For Greenwich residents with Medicare insurance, the flu shot is offered at no charge to you at the Town of Greenwich clinics, beginning on September 27. Up-to-date information on the town clinic schedule is recorded on the Flu Information Line at 203-622-3774. Your doctor's office can also bill Medicare for the vaccination. Young people under the age of 18 should see their private physicians (or the town clinics, which will immunize ages 9 and up). Here at First Congregational Church, we will offer the vaccine to people at least 18 years of age for a fee of \$30. While any adults are welcome to attend our clinic, we are unable to bill Medicare or other insurances, and would be happy to provide a receipt.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I am in Room 203 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and many Sundays. With vaccines, prudent practices, and the grace of God, may we have a mild flu season.

*See Page 11 for information about Medicare D enrollment...*

## *“Musical Notes”*



### *First Music and Arts Concert Series opens its season on October 7*

In its inaugural season, our new concert series, *First Music and Arts*, will open with an organ recital by Dr. Craig Scott Symons, our Director of Music and Organist. *Organ PLUS!* will feature a program of music for organ and a variety of instruments. Included on the program will be Dorothy Darlington, oboe; Cliff Haynes, trombone; Mary Fike, flute; Vance Briceland, piano; Gunnar Sahlin, cello; Daren Wilkes, trumpet; and Linnea Conley, soprano.

In designing the program, Craig says “I’ve done similar programs back in Michigan which were very well received. These works aren’t simply compositions that *can* be played on the organ, but they were written specifically for the organ and the respective instrument. You get to hear the variety of colors that the composer envisioned.” As you might expect, the majority of works being performed were written in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Composers represented on the program will include Clifford Demarest (1874-1946), Jan Koetsier (1911-2006), Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984), Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921), Craig Phillips (b. 1961), Alan Hovhaness (1911-200), and Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911).

Admission to all the performances is free. A free-will offering will be received to ensure the continuation of the series. A donation of \$20 per person is suggested. Because our series is an outreach to the community, please invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy these outstanding performances, even if you can’t attend. There is no better way to share the love for your church family than to extend a welcome to your friends to join you at these concerts.

### *There’s still time to join a choir!*

We are off to a great start in the music ministry at First Congregational, but there’s still room for your voice or handbell ringing expertise! Listed below are the available organizations and their rehearsal days/times:

- **Cherub Choir:** Kindergarten - 2nd Grade; Sundays in Room 104, 11:15-11:45 a.m.
- **Children’s Choir:** 3rd Grade - 6th Grade; 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.
- **Youth Choir:** 7th Grade - 12th Grade; Sundays in the Choir Room, 11:15 am- 12:15 pm.
- **Palmer Handbells:** 9th Grade and up; Thursdays in the Meetinghouse, 6:15-7:15 pm
- **Chancel Choir:** Age 18 and up; Thursdays in the Choir Room, 7:30-9:00 pm.

If you play an instrument, your talents can be used on Sunday mornings and for other special services throughout the year. Let Craig know the instrument you play and your gifts will be used to enhance our worship services.

*Smiling Faces from Homecoming 2011...*



# Flower Donations



Flowers in the Meetinghouse on Sunday mornings are something we all enjoy. These flowers not only beautify our sanctuary, but are given to honor very special people and occasions in our lives. The reasons for donating flowers are many. In addition to remembering a loved one, you can give flowers in celebration of:

- Marriages
- Anniversaries
- Baptisms
- Birthdays
- To say “congratulations” or “thank you.”

Please know that donors can be an individual *or* a group. The Chancel Committee invites you to make a contribution(s) of flowers this year. Please consider a Sunday this year when you would like to thank God and honor a special person or memorable moment in your life with a gift of flowers. Just deliver this completed form with your check to the Church Office (payable to the First Congregational Church Flower Fund) and we’ll take care of the rest! In advance, thank you.

To Honor or Celebrate:\*

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

(Please print names legibly to minimize spelling errors.)

\*After the morning worship has concluded, the blooms are often delivered to shut-ins, hospitals or other facilities bringing beauty, healing, and community to those who cannot be physically present in church. If, however, you prefer to keep the flowers you have donated, you are most welcome. Please let us know your preference.

## 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](mailto:barbaraw@fccog.org).

## IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL ...

### WE ARE HERE TO CARE FOR YOUR BABIES



Jenny Lepoutre and Mary Helen Morris



Michelle Young



Chris Collins

The adult caregivers in our Baby Nursery are: Mary Helen Morris, Michelle Young and Chris Collins. And they have three high school assistants: James DeFazio, Olivia Hartwell and Melanie Pfetsch. The three experienced moms have 8 children between them and are eager to cuddle, comfort, rock and just plain love your babies while you take a break to have some uninterrupted quiet time for worship and to refresh your spirit. So bring your babies and let us care for them for one hour on Sunday morning, please!



### CHURCH SCHOOL NEEDS A FEW MORE HELPERS!

Please see the chart of Church School Teachers on the next page and you will see that we still need a few more hearts and hands. Our greatest needs are in the second and sixth grades (just one more adult) and ideally we need six more high school assistants. Please contact Rosemary ASAP even if you can only assist one or two times a month!



### BIG EVENT

There are no regular Church School classes on October 9 -  
Columbus Day Weekend.

4 yr olds through 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join Rosemary  
and her team for a multi-age event in the Daniels Center.

6<sup>th</sup> graders and older are welcome to help!

# First Congregational Church of Greenwich Church School Teaching Teams 2011-2012

## **BABY NURSERY** *COMPLETE!*

1. Mary Helen Morris
2. Chris Collins
3. Michelle Young
4. (HS) James DeFazio
5. (HS) Olivia Hartwell
6. (HS) Melanie Pfetsch

## **TODDLER NURSERY**

- Duly Chiappetta - Supervisor
1. Dianne Shrier
  2. Larry Haviland
  3. Erlinda Haviland
  4. (HS) Colin Ingraham
  5. (HS) Trevor Ingraham

## **THREE-YEAR-OLDS**

1. Chris Schoen
2. Susan Heidere Simko
3. Jennifer Benoit
4. **OPEN**
5. (HS) Jessie Vissicchio
6. (HS) James Graham

## **FOUR-YEAR-OLDS**

1. Cheryl Manos
2. Jennifer McCue Pratt
3. Elizabeth Schrohe
4. Mike Simko
5. (HS) Maddie Graham
6. (HS) **OPEN**

## **KINDERGARTEN**

1. Peg Wentworth
2. Fred & Nanette Laffan
3. Kelly Phillips
4. **OPEN**
5. (HS) Jenn Whitehill
6. (HS) Jenna Hascher

## **FIRST GRADE**

1. Sarah Schneider
2. Connie VanRhyne
3. Greg Kuppenheimer
4. **OPEN**
5. (HS) **OPEN**
6. (HS) Shira Rieke

## **SECOND GRADE**

1. Pamela & Richard Riggs
2. Linnea Stenberg
3. **OPEN**
4. **OPEN**
5. (HS)Gwen Pfetsch
6. (HS)Liz Morris

## **THIRD GRADE** *COMPLETE!*

1. Colleen Alfano
2. David Alfano
3. Lori Romano
4. Cara Olmsted
5. (HS) Shaw Speer
6. (HS) Will Graham

## **FOURTH GRADE**

1. Emily Ziac
2. Marjorie Glover
3. Paula & Brian Mickley
4. Bert Pulitzer (after Nov 1)
5. (HS) Kim Rogers
6. (HS) **OPEN**  
(Kellie Norrgard ~January on)

## **FIFTH GRADE**

1. Lindy Freeman
2. Randy Freeman
3. Anne Pfetsch
4. Barbara Fortunato
5. (HS) **OPEN**
6. (HS) **OPEN**

## **SIXTH GRADE**

1. Beth Press & Mark Mohn
2. Peter Thalheim
3. **OPEN**
4. (HS) **OPEN**

## **SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE** *COMPLETE!*

1. Mark Montgomery
2. Fred Lorthioir
3. Olga Hartwell
5. (HS) Charlie Baird

As of September 20, 2011

## First Congregational Church Preschool Enrollment



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 are 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.

Children need to be three years of age by December 31, 2011 in order to be eligible for the 2012-2013 preschool programs. **Note:** Active members of our congregation are given 1st priority in their class selection if you have submitted your application and deposit by November 4.

Please contact Interim Preschool Director, Penny Gelman at 203-637-5430 or [pennyg@fccog.org](mailto:pennyg@fccog.org) for more information about enrolling your child for the 2012-2013 school year.

*Mark this Date on Your Calendar!*

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

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at FCCOG

Saturday, October 8, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Co-sponsored by the Wellness Committee and the Women's Fellowship, FCCOG-hosted blood drives are a favorite among blood drive connoisseurs. We are known for our attention to details like live piano music and homemade devilled eggs. Please consider helping by donating blood or refreshments.

One donated unit of blood can save up to three lives in our local hospitals. If you are 17 or older (no upper age limit) and in good health, you are probably eligible. To assure adequate staffing from the blood center in Farmington and to help with a smoother flow of donors, please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to make an appointment to donate.



If you can help by bringing prepared food, devilled eggs and finger sandwiches are particularly appreciated. To donate refreshments, please call Betsy Kreuter at 203-698-3016 or look for the sign-up board in Coffee Hour on Sundays or in the reception area on weekdays. Thank you in advance for being a blessing to our community and beyond.

## *Stephen Ministry News:*

I am honored to serve as FCCOG's new Stephen Ministry Leader.

Stephen Ministry was founded in 1975 by Dr. Kenneth Haugk, a Lutheran pastor in St. Louis, MO, and named after Stephen, the first layperson the Apostles asked to care for the needs of their congregation.



I attended the Stephen Ministry Leader Training July 10-16 in Dallas, TX. There were 330 leader trainees who attended, representing many different denominations. More than 11,000 churches have enrolled in the program. FCCOG was recognized as one of about 30 churches who have participated for 20 or more years.

In the next issue of *The Meetinghouse Monthly*, I will tell you more about FCCOG's Stephen Ministry Program.

*Linnea Stenberg*  
Stephen Ministry Leader



144th Fall Annual Meeting of the Connecticut  
Conference of the United Church of Christ  
*Saturday, October 22, 2011*  
First Congregational Church  
122 Broad Street, Guilford

8:00 AM Registration  
8:15 AM Hearings  
8:45 AM Opening Worship  
5:00 PM Adjourn

The Rev. Charles Wildman, Interim  
Conference Minister's address

Conference Minister Search Committee  
Listening Sessions  
Plenary & Business  
2012 Budget

The Living Waters Award—Marilyn Graham,  
Executive Director of HOPE, Inc. and a member of  
Mystic Congregational Church Resolution, Reports  
and Recognitions Mission: 1

<http://www.ctucc.org/annualmeeting/>

For more information contact:  
Sue Wilber at [suew@ctucc.org](mailto:suew@ctucc.org) or  
(860) 761-7114

## FCCOG VOLUNTEERED AT NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR AND WE CAN GO AGAIN!

On Saturday, September 17, Church School families and Hunger Mission Team members worked in both the Food Pantry and the Clothing "store" sides of Neighbor to Neighbor and really had a great time making a difference and being together! Mark your calendars for a morning of giving and outreach.



**Saturdays – October 29, January 28,  
March 10 and May 5.**

## Attention Medicare Enrollees:

The Medicare Part D prescription drug insurance open enrollment period is earlier this year. Open enrollment is **October 15 to December 7**. Call your Parish Nurse, Sue Asselin, at extension 21 if you have any questions or would like to receive counseling including navigating the Medicare website to determine your options.



## NEWS FROM THE RUMMAGE ROOM

**AUGUST** - The Rummage Room's total sales for the August 29, 47th Reopening Day, were \$11,321. The Reopening took place only one day after Hurricane Irene blew through Old Greenwich. The total for Reopening Week was \$27,052. That was an increase of \$1,321 (+4.8%) compared to last year's Reopening Week sales. Given the power outages, wind damage and threatening weather, results like this seemed miraculous. It certainly gives The Rummage Room another running start at fulfilling its mission of providing funds to support women's and children's causes.

**SEPTEMBER** - The Rummage Room is pleased to announce that on **September 16** our manager, Maria Dreighe, received her U.S. citizenship certificate. Maria was a school teacher in Belgium and speaks 5 languages. She recently received a plaque for her 15 years of service to The Rummage Room from The Rummage Room Committee and Volunteers, and The Women's Fellowship. Under Maria's leadership The Rummage Room has raised over \$2,000,000.



**OCTOBER** - The "Best Little Halloween Shop in Old Greenwich" opens on **Monday, October 3** at 10:00 am with costumes and decorations for the entire family and home. Be sure and come see the award-winning Halloween windows decorated with all donated items...they are amazing!

**Shopping hours** at The Rummage Room are Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and on Saturday, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. **Donation hours** are Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm; and on Friday and Saturday, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please do **not** leave donations when The Rummage Room is closed.



**Manager Maria's Wish List:** Halloween costumes and decorations; bikes for all ages; small furniture; good handbags; and strollers.

**Motto of The Rummage Room Staff and Volunteers:** To love what we do and feel that it matters — how could anything be more fun?

*Our condolences to the family of Nan Snyder, a long-time member of FCCOG.  
Nan was a volunteer at The Rummage Room for over 45 years.*

### NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON!

Due to technical issues (for those techies out there, the server crashed!), the launch of FCCOG's newly redesigned website was delayed for a short time, but it should be launching later this month. Look for future announcements about it. Once it is up and running, we'll look forward to your thoughts and feedback.



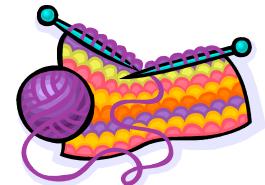


# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/01 James Dow	10/10 Theodore Hoster	10/16 Andy Taylor	10/22 Paige Costigan
10/01 Glendon Breismeister	10/10 Eileen Houseknecht	10/16 Elizabeth Mackell	10/22 Nicole Healy
10/02 Richard Hermance	10/10 Valerie McHugh	10/16 Max Dunn	10/22 Lisa Phyfe
10/02 Mary Maarbjerg	10/10 Ann Carey	10/16 Melanie Pfetsch	10/23 Paul Pacent
10/02 Shawn Asselin	10/10 Marcie Molloy	10/17 Benito Menegon	10/23 Maureen Liebowitz
10/02 Joe Bob Edwards	10/10 Kate Wilfert	10/17 Peter Flierl	10/23 Cristina Godoy
10/02 Thomas Kimberlin	10/10 Nicole Wheaton	10/17 John Gelb	10/23 Christopher Thomas
10/03 Anne Mallory	10/10 Kendall Schrohe	10/17 Jean Reed	10/24 Alison Clausi
10/03 Dean Zikria	10/11 Robert MacLea	10/17 Daniel Taylor	10/25 Randy Freeman
10/03 Jennifer Catanzaro	10/11 Robert Wolfe	10/18 Stephen Pierson	10/25 Morgan Bennett
10/03 Taylor Griffin	10/11 Barbara Van Buren	10/18 Jerry White	10/26 Robert Goodchild
10/04 Nicole Fossum Vardakas	10/11 Joyce Ferris	10/18 Colette Rogers	10/26 John Windels
10/05 James Richmond	10/11 Jan Gelb	10/18 Reed Brady	10/26 Terence Flanagan
10/05 Caroline Kelly	10/11 Christina Olson	10/18 Emmett Witmer	10/26 Owen White
10/06 Lynn White Montanari	10/11 Sara Davidson	10/19 Gerald Mulhall	10/27 Lois Berlin
10/06 Gary Riddell	10/11 Christian Montalvo	10/19 Paul Cioffari	10/27 Michael Servadio
10/06 Katie Riley	10/11 Charlie Teeters	10/19 Charles Leigh	10/27 Sara Baker
10/07 Hermine Brindak	10/11 James Perry	10/19 Matthew DeFusco	10/27 Sam Crihfield
10/07 Ann Gaulocher	10/11 Kieran Mackay	10/19 Thomas Hoffman	10/27 Brooke Cantwell
10/07 Lori White	10/11 Julia Shrier	10/20 Sue Asselin	10/27 Jackson Dell'Abate
10/07 David Platter	10/12 Monique Christensen	10/20 Kendrick Ng-Yow	10/27 Joshua Erickson
10/08 Nancy McLarnan	10/13 Kenneth Olson	10/21 George Handley	10/28 Kadria Sadik-Khan
10/08 Kevin Kimberlin	10/13 Luke Koppenheffer	10/21 Anne Mackell	10/28 Campbell Johnson
10/08 Virginia Rose	10/14 Meghan Brady Bok	10/21 Jos Shaver	10/28 Thomas Glover
10/08 Dan Mackell	10/14 Anne Wachsman	10/21 James Kendrick	10/29 Peter Kutzen
10/08 Allison Coleman	10/14 Lesly Merlin	10/21 Elizabeth Kruger	10/30 Eamon McHugh
10/08 Frederick Lorthioir	10/14 Casey Crawford	10/21 Hope Hicks	10/30 William Mackay
10/09 Donald Freeman III	10/15 Rex Howland	10/22 Deborah Bonnell	10/31 Cal Jacobs
10/09 Andrea Woodman	10/15 Jennie Olmsted	10/22 Patricia Schay	
10/10 Eileen Medvey	10/16 Marcia Livingston	10/22 Alec Berman	
10/10 Mary Ferry	10/16 Anne Low	10/22 Jorn Simonsen	
10/10 Yanna Saari	10/16 Gunnar Klintberg	10/22 David Condon	

## Prayer Shawl Knitters:

Some of you have been knitting in spite of summer heat. As the days are getting cooler now, there is no excuse not to finish that shawl you started months ago or to start a new one. We will have a "Knit In" on Wednesday, October 5 from 7:00-9:00 pm to get us in the right mood. New knitters are welcome. We will meet at Inge Thalheim's home at 11 Meadow Place, Old Greenwich, CT 06870; 203-637-9614. Light refreshments will be served, but only those that will keep your fingers free to knit and your mouths free to talk. If you know of people who could be comforted by receiving one of our prayer shawls, please let us know.



Angela Stevens and Inge Thalheim

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## **get connected!**

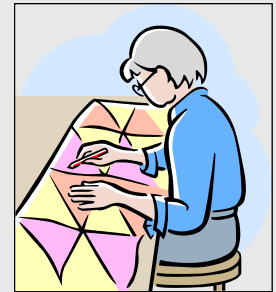
Wow! Wow! Wow! Thank you so much to those of you who came out to be a part of the very first LINC! It was a glitch-filled, spirit-filled, compassion-filled and food-filled evening. Each and every part of it was exciting and wonderful and we are eager to continue growing, improving and moving in the direction God would have this go! We could not have felt the joy that we did were it not for you and your enthusiastic participation. So, again, thank you!

The next few weeks of LINC have lots of things in store. We will continue to enjoy music that is both familiar and new. Visual art and installations will enhance our images of scripture. The spoken, acted and danced word will inform us, inspire us, and encourage us on this journey of faith! We hope that you will come to LINC again, come for the first time, and/or invite some people to come along with you.

God has great things in store for FCCOG, and LINC is just one part of that! In whatever way you find to be connected to this community, may God bless us all and reveal to us the wonder that is awaiting!

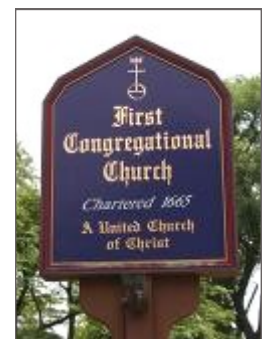
### **The Kettle Quilters: One More Quilt:**

Hurrah!... The "Ocean Waves" raffle quilt for 2012 is all done. It was to be our last project. We planned to go out of business: The number of our regular quilters has dwindled to 5, of which 3 have passed 80 and have trouble seeing to thread their needles. But we are obsessed with quilting and cannot let it go. So we will start on a white-on-white quilt in October and invite anybody who wants to learn about design, quilting and finishing to join us *Mondays from 9:00 am to 11:30 am* in Room 203. This may really be your last chance! See you there!



### *Interested in Learning about Joining the Church?*

Our next *New Member Class* will be held on *Sunday, October 23, 2011* at 11:15 am in the Lounge. It will last approximately two hours and will include lunch. (Child care will be provided.) During the class, prospective new members will have the opportunity to hear about the history and faith of our denomination, the United Church of Christ, and to learn more about our church and meet the clergy as well as staff. Attending does not obligate you to join but we hope that this time together will strengthen you on the journey of faith. Please feel welcome to join us. We will receive new members on Sunday, November 6 during the 10:00 am Worship Service. For questions or to indicate your interest in attending, please contact David Young at [dyoung@fccog.org](mailto:dyoung@fccog.org) or Ginny Breismeister at [ginnyb@fccog.org](mailto:ginnyb@fccog.org).



## September 11, 2011—10 Year Remembrance Services



### Find us on Facebook—Have you “liked” us yet?

Be sure to check out the FCCOG Facebook page by going through [fccog.org](http://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!

## *"We Are Family!"*



### *The First Congregational Church of Greenwich*

Ministers: The Members of The First Congregational Church of Greenwich

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