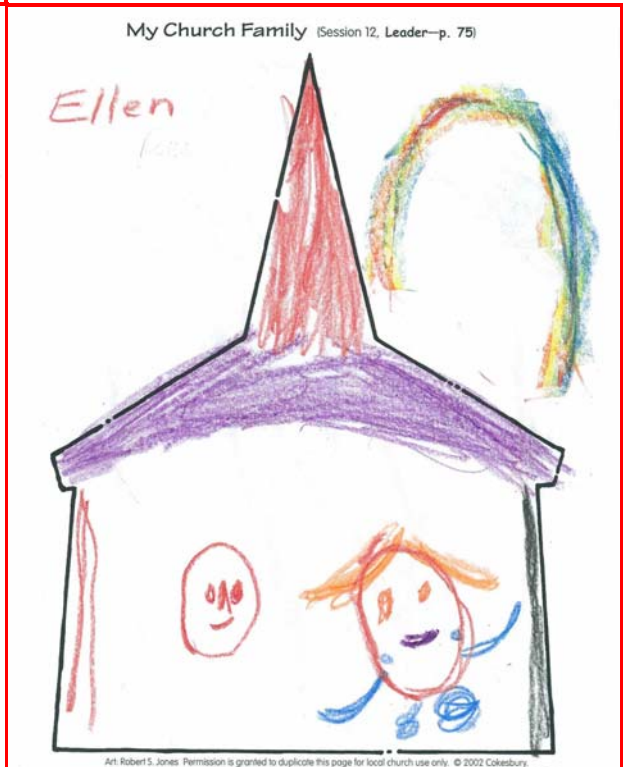
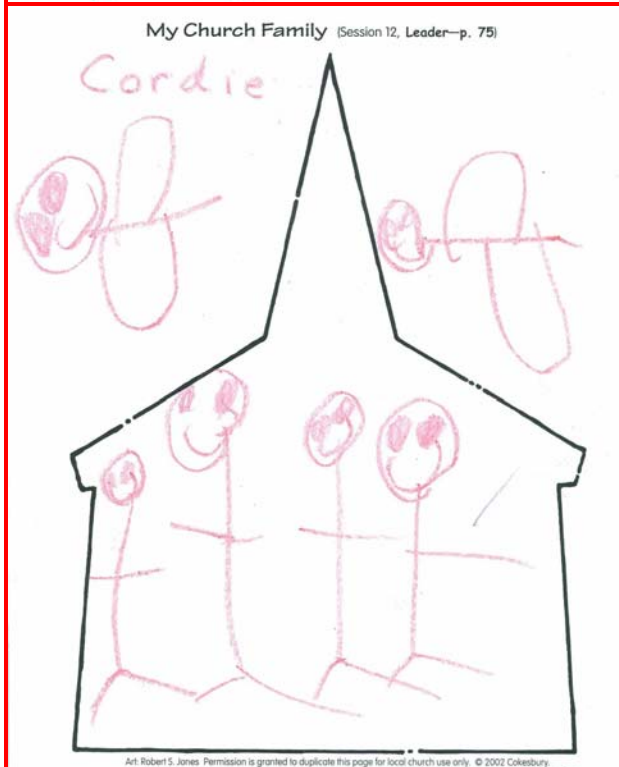




Second Sunday after Pentecost  
*Church School*  
*Recognition*

10 June 2012  
10 o'clock in the morning

*"We Are God's Family"*



Cover Credits: Darin Jacks, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Cordelia Pfund, age 3; Ellen Romano, age 5

Welcome to this Service of Worship at First Congregational Church as we invite children and adults, students and teachers to enter into a joyful, loving celebration of God on this Recognition Sunday. We hope this time of worship nourishes your spirit, inspires your faith and that you will be moved to worship with us often.

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### **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices.

\*All who are able please stand

‡Seating of latecomers

#### **PRELUDE**

*Music for Harpsichord and Flute*

*Dr. Craig Scott Symons, harpsichord  
Mary Fike, flute*

#### **CALL TO COMMUNITY**

*Please sign and pass the red book.*

*Rev. John W. Collins*

#### **MOMENT OF OPPORTUNITY**

*Church School Teachers, Fred Lorthioir and David Alfano*

### **PRAISING GOD**

#### **CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Saints Medley*

*The Cherub Choir  
Traditional*

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Children Representing each Grade*

Family by family, we come together. *Lara Olmsted*

God is with us today. *Tessa Laffan*

Together we are the people of God. *John Russell*

God embraces us every day. *Gracie Alfano*

May our hearts soak up God's wisdom and ways. *Emma Olmsted*

Today we affirm the love and grace of God. *Olivia Pfetsch*

We gather as the people of God, *Akintoye Ariyibi*

Filled with reverence and joy.

Let us worship God! *Ellen Romano*

#### **\*‡OPENING HYMN AND PROCESSIONAL**

*The Sixth Graders will lead the Procession with the Flower Cross*

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*New Century (black) Hymnal 31*

*Refrain:*

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,*

*All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,*

*God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.*

*Refrain*

*The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.  
Refrain*

*The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.  
Refrain*

#### OPENING PRAYER

*Second Grader, Kristin Riggs and her parents, Richard and Pamela Riggs*

*Leader: Loving God, we are a unique family. We are not bound by relationships that get charted on family trees. We cannot be identified by distinguishing family features of personality or physical appearance. We have not ever lived with one another. Yet, we are family nonetheless and for that we offer our grateful praise.*

*Leader: For the faith that bonds us together and for the spiritual heritage that has its roots in the person and work of Jesus Christ.*

**People:** We give thanks.

*Leader: For the sharing of a commitment to do your will, for the striving to act in love.*

**People:** We give thanks.

*Leader: For having in common a home in your creation and your eternal realm, for having a sense that all humanity is one family in your eyes.*

**People:** We give thanks.

**All:** In companionship with our sisters and brothers, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

#### CONFESSING TO GOD

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Fourth Grader, Grant Kuppenheimer*

Every day we see signs of God's gift of new life all around us, yet we shrink back in fear and cling to old ways. Let us confess the mistakes of the past with courage, and allow God's grace to appear in our lives.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Our Loving God, you have promised to receive us when we come to you. We admit that we have strayed from your ways, losing ourselves in the stress and anxiety of life. We have neglected those who need us most by neglecting our deep need for your graceful spirit. We have rushed past those who need us most and allowed our souls to be flattened by careless desire and greed. Help us to heal our broken spirits, O God. Allow the refreshing water of your love to come pouring into our hearts, that our days may be renewed by compassion and peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

*The First Graders and Kindergarteners*

*The children will lead the Lord's Prayer and the congregation  
will repeat the phrases as the children say them.*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

**\*‡ Congregational Response**

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Margaret Martin Lange*

*Thomas Henry Lange, son of Margaret M. and Christian H. Lange*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL AFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT**

We promise to support this family as they seek to fulfill their vows of baptism. May God bless us each on the journey as we remember our own baptismal promises and God's promises to support us. Amen.

**BAPTISMAL RESPONSE**

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (verse 1)*

New Century (black) Hymnal 325

*Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;  
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.*

**THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION**

**Senior Pastor:** The congregation of First Congregational Church of Greenwich is giving this Bible to you because we want it to be the most important book you own. It is the revelation of God for the people of God, filled with stories of ordinary people whose lives were transformed by the Spirit of God. If you read it, know it and live it, this record of God's love will strengthen you in difficult times and give your life hope and meaning. We give this Bible to you because it is a gift without equal and represents our deepest longing that you may come to know God's love, call and grace.

**Teachers:** Those of us who are your teachers promised to open this book and its truths to you. We reflected on its stories with you to help you come to a more complete understanding of its message.

**Parents:** We as parents want you to grow in knowledge of Jesus Christ and his love for you. We want to open its pages with you so you can learn its words of life.

**Senior Deacon:** The entire congregation is pleased to present these Bibles to you with the hope that they may be, over the years, worn with use. We will do all we can as a church to help you understand what is written on their pages.

**All:** The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ. We therefore commend to your reading and understanding the amazing story of God's love for us through his son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

### **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Pastor's Class Seventh and Eighth Graders*

#### **Matthew 19: 13-19**

**T**hen little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

Then someone came to him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

#### **SCRIPTURE ANTHEM**

*You Shall Have a Song*

*The Children's Choir*

*Harriet Ziegenhals*

*Mary Fike, flute; Vance Briceland, piano*

**MESSAGE:** *"At Play in the Kingdom Of God"*

*Rev. John W. Collins*

#### **\*‡HYMN**

*Jesus Loves Me*

New Century (black) Hymnal 327

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.*

*Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago.*

*Taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus loves me! Still today, walking with me on my way.  
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

## **RESPONDING TO GOD**

### **THANKSGIVING AND RECOGNITION**

*Rosemary Lamie and Margaret Phyfe*

*Leader: Today, we celebrate all of our Church School teachers, past and present. Through their dedication, they have influenced countless children in their faith and love of God.*

**People:** We give thanks to God for their time and talent.

*Leader: There is more to be done. Children do not learn the message of God's love and presence on their own, but like all things good and worthy, only learn through the patient and consistent words and actions of committed teachers.*

**People:** Thanks be to God for those who are willing to give of themselves through the gift of teaching.

*Leader: Nor is it teaching alone that communicates the love of God. Through caring gestures and kind words, laughter and gentle encouragement, children learn of God's love and the joy of a faith community.*

**All:** Praise be to God who calls people to lead and guide our children to a knowledge of faith in Jesus Christ. As a congregation, we pray God, by his Spirit, to give them both strength and inspiration in all that they do and say.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS**

#### **CALL TO OFFERING**

*A Fifth Grader*

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*We, the Lord's People*

*The Summer Choir  
Jeffrey Rickard*

#### **\*Doxology**

New Century (black) Hymnal 776

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen. Amen.*

#### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

#### **\*CLOSING HYMN AND RECESSIONAL**

*In Christ There Is No East or West  
(words on next page)*

New Century (black) Hymnal 394

*In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;  
But one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;  
God's service is the golden cord close-binding human-kind.*

*In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;  
For men and women live in God, and all are kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;  
One joyous, true community throughout the whole wide earth.*

## FAREWELL BLESSING

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

*Make a Joyful Noise*

Alan Viner

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The flowers in the Meetinghouse this morning are provided by the Chancel Committee. The Flower Cross is provided by the Church School Task Force.

The First Congregational Church of Greenwich declares itself to be open and affirming; open to all for participation, membership, leadership and employment, and affirming of all who wish to join us as children of God. We continue to give thanks for God's guidance in our journey of faith.

We have **child care for babies and toddlers** every Sunday. Your children are always welcome for the entire service or for a respite time if needed. Please see an usher if you need directions.

The 10:00 am Service is broadcast live each week on WGCH 1490 AM Radio. In addition, the service is available through the church's website, [www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org). A bulletin can be found there as well as a link to the live broadcast. Previous sermons may also be found there.

## *Calendar*

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### TODAY

#### Church School

Summer Church School begins next *Sunday, June 17*. Our children still need teachers beginning in September. Please prayerfully consider being part of a new era of Church School! Sign up at Coffee Hour today.

#### Bible Study

Today is the final installment of I Corinthians when we will consider Paul's teaching on the resurrection and answer the seemingly unanswerable question, "After all, why are people baptized for the dead?" If that doesn't get you to come... We'll finish off this roller coaster book with some of Paul's personal notes and consider our course ahead next September. Thanks to the many of you who participated this year -- one of our best years to date. So join us today at 11:20 am in the Lounge.

## October Retreat Volunteers Needed

The Faith Formation Committee is planning a terrific all-church retreat for *October 14* at the Audubon Society in north Greenwich. The theme for the day is *The Lord God Made Them All*. Plans are now coming together for matters such as food, activities, fun things and worship with members of Faith Formation heading up the effort. But we can't do it alone, **so please sign up to help in one of the categories on the poster in the auditorium during Coffee Hour today**. And watch carefully for the opportunity to sign up to come to the retreat, instructions for which will be forthcoming soon. You see, the one fly in the ointment for what promises to be a great social and family time together is that there will be limited places, so don't miss out. October 14, 12:30 - 6:00 pm, lunch provided, frogs provided, provided you come.



Sue Asselin, RN is available in Room 203 after the Worship Service. Stop in to have your blood pressure checked or discuss any health concerns.



Today at our 5:00 pm linc service we will look at the wonderful story of the feeding of the 5,000. Join us in the Auditorium. And then linc is sailing off to Tod's Point for the summer! That's right, beginning next week, June 17, linc will move to its summer home and summer time. Join us at 8:00 am each Sunday during the summer at the beach. It's a wonderful, casual time for worship, communion and community. Please be sure to join us.

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## NEXT WEEK

### Nights Off

Our *Nights Off* gathering from May has been rescheduled for *Monday, June 18* at 5:30 pm at Greenwich Point. Park at the first parking lot after the Old Greenwich Yacht Club and the Sailing School. We will gather at the first set of picnic tables as you walk up the path. Please bring an appetizer to share and whatever you would like to drink. All women of the church are welcome to join in. In case of inclement weather, please check the church website at [www.fccog.org](http://www.fccog.org) on the homepage under "News You Can Use" for possible alternative plans for the evening. Also, save the date for our summer pool party on July 16. More details to follow. For any questions, please contact Shirley Flierl at [FBTworld@aol.com](mailto:FBTworld@aol.com) (put "Nights Off" in the subject) or 203-629-4939.

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## NEWS AND NOTICES

### Beach Services begin Next Sunday

Beach services are back starting *Sunday, June 17!* Join us at Greenwich Point on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am for worship (weather permitting). Communion is served every Sunday.

### Summer Choir

Join us any Sundays that you are available during the summer at 9:00 am in the Meetinghouse for a warm-up for the music being done that Sunday and to help lead the congregation in worship. Anyone is welcome. In addition, join us on the first Sunday of July and August for an extra rehearsal of the anthems for that month in the Choir Room at 11:15 am to get a jump-start on the upcoming anthems. No reservation is necessary!



The "Super Water Slide...Summer is Starting BONANZA" is coming on *Sunday, June 24*.



### News from The Rummage Room

**June 11 through June 16:** Next Sunday, June 17 is Father's Day. Come in and shop at The Rummage Room and take advantage of our selection of clothing and gifts for the Dads in your life. There are sport shirts and dress shirts, ties, sweaters, shorts, long pants, suits, sport coats, casual light jackets, golf equipment, books, plus humorous and more serious gifts.

**Manager Maria's Wish List:** Please continue to bring clothing and items for Father's Day. There is a great assortment now but things fly off the shelves and there is always a need for more. Summer clothing, shoes and handbags for the rest of the family would also be appreciated. Please give your closets one more clean-out. The manager always declares her three or four items on Monday morning which will be 50% off for the week. Thank you for shopping and donating with us. Your support is important to us.

*"Fear, hatred and suspicion narrows our minds - compassion opens it." - The Dalai Lama*

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### Third Graders Receiving Bibles

Grace F. Alfano  
Maximilian Edward Armstead  
Alexander Jordan Arnold  
Victoria M. Bradford  
Sarah Elizabeth Mickley  
Allison Poelmans Millspaugh  
Gavin Hawkins Molloy  
Jennie Andersen Olmsted  
John Thomas Romano  
Benjamin Ewing Schinto

### Church School Task Force/2011-2012

Margaret Phyfe and Deb Wheelock, Co-Chairs  
Donna Hascher  
Diane Jenkins  
Diane Kretschmann  
Paul Kretschmann  
Nanette Laffan  
Rosemary Lamie  
Jennifer Lepoutre  
Margaret Phyfe  
Laura Pugliese  
Lori Romano  
Lindsay Stafford  
Elaine Teeters  
Margo Teeters (YR)  
Sarah Thalheim  
Leslie VanDermeer

### Church School Teachers

(\*graduating seniors)

Colleen Alfano	Marjorie Glover	Colin Ingraham
David Alfano	James Graham	Trevor Ingraham
Charlie Baird*	Maddie Graham	Kristen Jacks
Jennifer Benoit	William Graham	Richard Jenkins
Duly Chiappetta	Olga Hartwell	Greg Kuppenheimer
Christine Collins	Olivia Hartwell	Fred Laffan
James DeFazio	Jenna Hascher	Nanette Laffan
Barbara Fortunato	Erlinda Haviland	Frederick Lorthioir
Lindy Freeman	Richard Haviland, Jr.	Cheryl Manos
Randy Freeman	Susan Heidere	Brian Mickley ( <i>cont.</i> )

Paula Mickley  
Mark Mohn  
Mark Montgomery  
Elizabeth Morris\*  
Mary Helen Morris  
Kellie Norrgard  
Cara Olmsted  
Anne Pfetsch  
Gwen Pfetsch\*

Melanie Pfetsch  
Kelly Phillips  
Jennifer Pratt  
Beth Press  
Pamela Riggs  
Richard Riggs  
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Lori Romano  
Sarah Schneider

Chris Schoen  
Elizabeth Schroe  
Dianne Shrier  
Michael Simko  
Shaw Speer  
Linnea Stenberg  
Peter Thalheim  
Connie Van Rhyn

## **Our Children Hope that You Will Want to Teach in September!**

Whether you have taught for several years or this has been your first, you know the rewards you gain. For those of you who have not experienced this unique process, we hope the following questions and answers will help you carefully and prayerfully consider this important opportunity.

**Am I Qualified?** Everyone is qualified in some way if only by your love of children and a willingness to share your faith. And you do not have to be a parent of a church school-aged child. The ability to hear our children's questions is important, but you don't have to have all the answers. You need a willingness to teach – but also be taught. Many of us were motivated to teach because our congregation asks each family to volunteer two years of your time for each of your children in the Church School. Once you do it, you realize the rewards far outweigh the risks.

**How Can I Find the Time and Skills to Prepare and to Teach?** Our active Church School is possible because we work together. Our curriculum is very teacher-friendly, providing you with lesson plans, several possibilities from which to choose activities and a good biblical background each week. The lessons can be available via email which simplifies preparation. Our Task Force is here every Sunday to provide support as Sunday Supers and our Director, Rosemary Lamie, covers the Church School Office all week to help you prepare and take care of the administrative and communication tasks. Further, there is usually at least one Sunday every month that is not a Church School Sunday due to holidays, school vacations or special events.

**Where Do I Sign Up?** There is an easel at Coffee Hour with a signup board organized by age and grade level. If you would like to discuss this opportunity, please speak to Rosemary. Just stop by her office, call 203-637-1791, extension 20 or email [RosemaryL@fccog.org](mailto:RosemaryL@fccog.org).

### **Next Week at First Congregational Church**

#### **10:00 am Worship Service – Meetinghouse**

The Summer Choir: *Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart*, Bruce Saylor

*The Heavens Are Telling*, F.J. Haydn

*Comfort Ye and Every Valley* (from *Messiah*), G.F. Handel; Charlie Baird, tenor

**Rev. Avery Manchester, preaching**

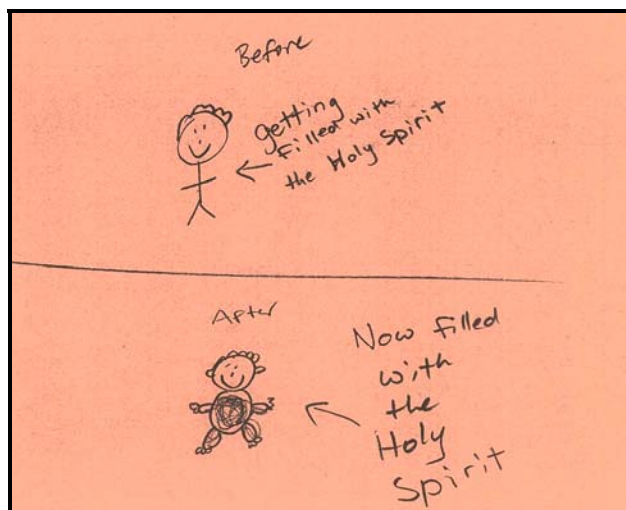
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#### **8:00 am linc Beach Service – Greenwich Point**

Beginning next **Sunday, June 17**, linc will move to its summer home and summer time. FCCOG's summer Beach Services are a wonderful, casual time for worship, communion and community. Please join us. 5:00 pm linc services will return in the fall!

# Church School Teaching Teams 2012-2013

<p><b>BABY NURSERY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chris Collins</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol> <p><b>TODDLER NURSERY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Duly Chiapetta - Supervisor</li> <li>2. Larry &amp; Erlinda Haviland</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol> <p><b>THREE-YEAR-OLDS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chris Schoen</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol> <p><b>FOUR-YEAR-OLDS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Susan Heidere (Simko)</li> <li>2. Jennifer Benoit</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol> <p>As of June 8, 2011</p>	<p><b>KINDERGARTEN</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lori Romano</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5. Olivia Hartwell</li> <li>6. Melanie Pfetsch</li> </ol> <p><b>FIRST GRADE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Peg Wentworth</li> <li>2. Kelly Phillips</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol> <p><b>SECOND GRADE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5. Gillian Woodman</li> <li>6.</li> </ol> <p><b>THIRD GRADE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pamela &amp; Richard Riggs</li> <li>2. Kristen Jacks</li> <li>3. Mike and Christina Russell</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5. Stephanie Woodman</li> <li>6. Peter Russell</li> </ol>	<p><b>FOURTH GRADE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cara Olmsted</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol> <p><b>FIFTH GRADE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Beth Press/Mark Mohn</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol> <p><b>SIXTH GRADE</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anne Pfetsch</li> <li>2.</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol> <p><b>SEVENTH &amp; EIGHTH GRADES</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fred Lorthoir</li> <li>2. Peter Thalheim</li> <li>3.</li> <li>4.</li> <li>5.</li> <li>6.</li> </ol>
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*The insights of a Sixth Grader!*

**Something NEW**  
**A Summer Wonderful Wednesday BBQ!**  
**Bring the Picnic to FCCOG!**



We have the grill - bring your own dogs, brats, burgers, etc.  
Bring a side dish to share.

We'll have dessert and Sunday morning lemonade for the kids.  
Bring anything else your family would like for their dinner.

On the lawn and the Memory Garden patio. Rain or shine - come anytime!  
Games for the kids. Visit with friends and meet new ones.

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**Wednesday July 11**

(Please note no alcoholic beverages can be consumed on church property)

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